

Dublin's Morris Bank to merge with Pinnacle

By KYLE DOMINY
Staff Reporter

Morris Bank has announced that it will merge with Pinnacle Bank. The holding companies for the two financial institutions, Pinnacle Financial Corporation and Morris State Bancshares Inc., released the plan on Nov. 20. Together the two banks control about \$3.8 billion in assets and operate 35 branches across Georgia. The deal is expected to close next year. "Our leadership teams have weathered all types of economic cycles, including the Great Financial Crisis, often conferring and callab-

orating along the way, which has strengthened both of our organizations," said Spence Mullis, president and CEO of Morris Bank in a statement announcing the merger. "I am truly excited to now to bring our two teams together under one new name and brand solidifying our shared values and long-standing relationship. Together, we'll be a leading Georgia community bank the entire state can be proud to call its own." Currently headquartered in downtown Dublin, Morris Bank has nine locations serving central and southeastern Georgia. Pinnacle has 26 branches in north-east and eastern portions

of the state, including locations in Athens and Augusta. That company is based in Elberton, Georgia, a rural community along the South Carolina state line. The new company, whose name and logo will be announced later, will be based in Elberton. The new bank will be helmed by Pinnacle CEO Jackson McConnell, who will chair the new company's governing board. Pinnacle President David Voyles will be the new CEO. Morris Bank's Leonard Blount will be lead independent director. Mullis will serve as president.



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Morris Bank says its merger with Pinnacle Financing will be finalized next year. Together, the banks will operate 35 locations across Georgia/KYLE DOMINY

Flame on! DFD shows how not to fry a turkey

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

Late Wednesday morning, two men prepared to lower a frozen turkey into a fryer of hot oil. Not long after the bird touched the liquid, it began to smoke before quickly bursting into bright orange flames. Thankfully, this was all done Wednesday morning as a demonstration of what not to do when it comes to frying a turkey, with the "cooks" dressed in full firefighter gear. Dublin Fire Chief Matthew Cutler received a call from Elizabeth Green, marketing director at Fairview Park Hospital, asking if firefighters could participate in this type of demonstration. "We see a lot of things come through, but we know that house fires are tripled during the holiday season," Green said. "We thought it would be great to do a little bit of safety education. We know in the South, fried turkeys have become very popular, and you can very innocently make some mistakes that could be life threatening and your life." Cutler said Green sent him some videos where other fire departments partnered with hospitals to do a



Firefighters lower a frozen turkey into a fryer, causing the cooking oil to overflow and ignite/PAYTON TOWNS III



demonstration around the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. The Dublin Fire Department set up a turkey-frying scenario that goes wrong. "I love frying turkey," Cutler said. "That's the only way I ever want turkey. A lot of people are going to be frying turkeys this Thanksgiving and potentially Christmas. We want to make sure they will be doing this the proper way." The first misstep by the firefighters was not doing a water test, or bouncy test, of the turkey. Instead of putting oil in there, they should have started with water in the pot, then added the turkey and marked the full line. "That pot actually has a minimum and maximum fill line," Cutler said. "We are well over the maximum line." The second wrong step was not

thawing the turkey. "Before you fry a turkey, you should thaw it out," Cutler said. "It's like we didn't plan for Thanksgiving, and we just went to the store and we're about to fry it. We've got a fully frozen turkey, and what we expect to happen once we get the oil in the red zone, there is going to be a reaction." That was an understatement. The firefighters donned their turnout gear and made sure to have their hose and fire extinguisher ready. "When the frozen juices on that turkey are immediately being converted into liquid," Cutler said. "Water is heavier than oil, and oil floats on top of the water and the water goes to the bottom and it makes a violent reaction and the pot overflows. Once the grease overflows and it comes in contact with the flame, because we have it on top of a burner,

and we will have a fire." The only thing the firefighters did right was place the fryer in the middle of a field away from structures. It is advised not to fry a turkey, or anything else, on a back porch or in a garage. "Normally, when firefighters arrive to a fire like this, the whole porch or deck and other items are on fire," Cutler said. "I would advise to talk with people who have previously fried a turkey before doing this for the first time." When it comes to frying a turkey, people need to make sure it is thawed out first. They need to pat it dry so that there is no residual water left on the outside of the bird. Place the fryer on a flat, non-combustible surface at least 15 feet from

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Contract OK'd for Springdale Park project

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

A major goal during the last four years has been to revitalize Dublin's parks, with the full renovations of Pritchett Street Park, Hilburn Park and Gary Johnson Park. The city has also worked at Riverview Golf Course and completed the renovation of the Oconee Gym, with improvements around it. Next up is Springdale Park. During Thursday's noon meeting, the council took a step forward to begin work on Springdale by awarding the contract for improvements to Dublin Construction Co. This will be paid for from the 2024 SPLOST account. "Springdale Park is a very ambitious project," said Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight. "It will take a little bit of time. It will have three different sections to it with a nature area in the back with a wetland trail and a fishing pond. In the

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TLC CASA celebrates its 30th anniversary

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

TLC CASA recently turned 30 years old. The organization celebrated the occasion with a luncheon in the DuBose Porter Center on the campus of Oconee Fall Line Technical College. "We are here to celebrate three decades, thousand of stories and yet one mission," said Jared Middleton, who welcomed everyone to the event. "When a movement starts, you don't think about data and stats. It was just a group of people who wanted to help which is what makes Laurens County and the surrounding counties in the TLC area such a great place to live." Middleton said approximately 4,041 children have been served by TLC CASA during the last 30 years

with more than 230 CASA volunteers appointed to advocate for the best interest for abused children. Sherri Howard, TLC CASA executive director, talked about the history of the organization. She said TLC CASA was made possible because of a foster parent Diana Waters who imagine the idea of starting a local program. "Thanks to the dedication and commitment of the small group of community volunteers that she helped pull together, the Laurens County Court Appointed Special Advocates program was born," Howard said. "Our first class was trained and sworn in by then Juvenile Judge Stan Smith in 1995." The need was seen for more CASA advocates,



State Rep. Matt Hatchett was a speaker during the 30th anniversary for TLC CASA/PAYTON TOWNS III

causing them to expand to other counties. Currently they serve abused and neglected children in 15 counties in the Dublin, Middle and Oconee Judicial Circuit (Laurens, Bleckley, Johnson, Montgomery, Treutlen, Twiggs, Wheeler, Washing-

ton, Dodge, Jefferson, Candler, Emanuel, Pulaski, Telfair and Toombs Counties). They offer five supervised visitation centers located throughout their service area. "At the heart of their CASA program is both the abuse and neglected children that we serve," Howard said. "Every one of our CASA volunteers, realize that a caring person can really make a difference in the life of a child. I want to say thank you to those who are CASA volunteer and for standing up for an abuse

child. Thank you for showing up month after month and court hearing after court hearing. Without you, we would not be here to be celebrating 30 years." Larry Shiver shared words from Waters, who was unable to attend the ceremony. In the summer of 1993, children had been removed from their home and their case went to trial. Waters was a foster parents for these children. "With my own eyes, I had seen the damage that left to

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Motorcyclist seriously hurt in suspected DUI accident

STAFF REPORTS

A Dublin man is in serious condition after his motorcycle was struck by a drunk driver Thursday night, the Georgia State Patrol said. At around 9:45 p.m. state troopers responded to a two-vehicle crash at U.S. 441 and U.S. 80. A dark blue Harley Davidson motorcycle, driven by Woodfin Sprayberry, was struck by a Toyota Rav4, driven by Marissa Kinsey. Sprayberry was stopped at the red light when he was struck from behind by the Toyota, which failed to stop at the intersection. He sustained serious injuries and was transported to Navicent Atrium hospital via AirEvac. Kinsey was taken to Fairview Park Hospital by Laurens County emergency personnel. During the course of the investigation troopers determined that Kinsey was driving under the influence of alcohol. Northbound traffic on U.S. 441 was closed for about two hours.



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OBITUARIES



Katie Mae Edenfield Butler

Katie Mae Edenfield Butler, passed away peacefully on Nov. 19, 2025, in Dublin, Ga., at the age of 91. Born on Sept. 4, 1934, in Wayne County, Ga., Katie was a beacon of love and faith throughout her life, touching the hearts of all who knew her.

Katie was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 61 years, Charles Vernon Butler; her loving parents, Calvin and Alma Edenfield; her siblings, LC, Louise, Margaret, Willow Dean, Edward "Bo" and Marlene Edenfield; and two daughters-in-law, Georgia Butler and Trisha Butler.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion, survived by her cherished children, Patricia "Patty" Butler, Charles C. "Buddy" Butler (Karen), Forrest Butler and Jay Butler (Barbara); her grandchildren, Josh Wright (Casey), Katie Wright, Daniel Butler (Brittney), Kyle Brookins (Josh), Amber Yascavage and Charles "CJ" Butler; along with her 10 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and cousins, who will forever hold her memory in their hearts.

Katie's work ethic was as strong as her spirit. She dedicated 29 years of service to JP Stevens/Forstman & Co., where she retired. Her commitment to her community was evident through her involvement with the American Legion Post 17 Women's Auxiliary and her membership at the former Springdale Baptist Church. Katie's Christian faith was the cornerstone of her life, guiding her actions and providing comfort and strength to her and those around her.

A woman of many talents, Katie's passion for gardening and cooking brought joy to her family and friends. Her biscuits were legendary, and her thin layer chocolate cake was a cherished treat at family gatherings. Katie's grandchildren were the center of her world, and she poured her love into every moment spent with them.

Katie's life was a testament to the virtues of love, faith and selflessness. Her unwavering support and nurturing nature were the foundation upon which her family thrived.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, in the Mary Whitaker Townsend Memorial Chapel.

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 23
Rev. Dr. Frederick & Melissa Williams

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 22
Bonnie Coney
Amigene Wright

Nov. 23
Bonnie Coney
Bethany Salter
Devaughn Salter Jr.
Trenton Snell
Lucianna Wright

Nov. 24
Andrew Hall
Maya Jordan

morial Chapel. Burial will follow at Dublin Memorial Gardens. Rev. Paul Wilkes will officiate.

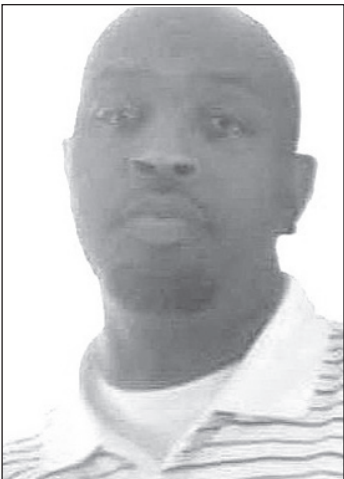
The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the service hour on Monday at Townsend Brothers Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Josh Wright, Daniel Butler, Josh Brookins, CJ Butler, Cliff Butler and Rick Layfield.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions in memory of Katie, be made to Gideon's International, PO box 27, Dublin, Georgia 31040.

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

Townsend Brothers Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements.



Robert Lee Tate

Funeral services for Mr. Robert Lee Tate, of Dublin, Georgia, will be held on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025, at 3 p.m. at the C.D. Dudley Memorial Chapel at the Dudley Funeral Home, 617 East Jackson Street in Dublin. Interment will follow in the Dudley Memorial Cemetery.

Robert Tate was born on Wednesday, June 26, 1968, to the late Silas Tate Sr. and Mary Tate. His life reflected strength, loyalty, humor and quiet leadership.

He worked faithfully for Forstmann and Company and later YKK, known as dependable, hardworking, and respected.

Robert loved grilling, storytelling, fixing things, taking pride in his yard, and cheering for the Alabama Crimson Tide. His steady presence and humor left a lasting impact.

A protector, provider, and problem solver, his passing leaves a space that cannot be filled. His spirit will live on through the memories and love he shared.

He did not wear a cape but everyone knew he had one. He will be deeply missed and always remembered.

Robert Lee Tate, lovingly known as "Robe" and "Superman," passed away on Sunday, November 16, 2025, in Dublin, Georgia. He was preceded in death by brothers Silas (Carol) Tate Jr. of Houston, Texas, John Lee Tate of Lower of Peachtree, Alabama, and Emma Tate of Lower Peachtree, Alabama.

He is survived by sisters, Linda (Ndyabagye) Kamukama of Augusta, Georgia, and Mary Louise Tate of Thomasville, Alabama, and brothers, Cleo Tate of Thomasville, Alabama, Bobby Tate of Lower Peachtree, Alabama, and Lester Frye of Mobile, Alabama. Though Georgia became home, he always carried his Alabama roots with him.

Robert married the love of his life, Latanya Coney Tate of Dublin, Georgia. He leaves behind daughters, Whitney Tate of Manning, South Carolina, and Myona Clemons of Eastman, Georgia, bonus daughter, Quarcia Coney of Dublin, Georgia, sons, Ke'Alex Tate and

J'Quarius Tate of Dublin, Georgia, and grandchildren, Dream Footman, Darius Chatman Jr., Journee Oliver, Light Ellis and Aubrey Clark, along with many relatives and friends.

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

Services by Dudley Funeral Home of Dublin.



Dianne Knight Bass

Dianne Knight Bass, 78, of Cadwell, passed away on Nov. 19, 2025.

Mrs. Bass was born in Laurens County, Georgia on April 12, 1947, to the late Authur and Cora Coleman Knight. She was a homemaker and loved flowers and antiques. She was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses Church and was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her sister-in-law, Mary Gail Knight.

Dianne is survived by her devoted husband of 57 years, Sonny Bass of Cadwell; her children, Sunny Dyes (Stevie) of Dexter, Chris Bass (Amy) of Rentz, and Paige Floyd (Randy) of McRae; brothers, Gary Knight (Vicki) and Waymon Knight; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services for Mrs. Bass will be held at a later date.

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



Pablo Santos

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Mr. Pablo Santos, 42, a devoted husband, loving father and faithful servant of the Lord. Pablo lived his life with a hardworking spirit, always striving to provide for his family and give them the very best of himself. His dedication was matched only by the kindness he showed others and the gentle strength he carried into every part of his life. Mr. Santos passed away Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025.

Pablo found joy in the simple, beautiful things—quiet mornings on the water with a fishing rod in hand, the peacefulness of nature, and the animals he loved so deeply. He could never get enough fresh fruit or ice-cold water, and he cherished time spent with the people who mattered most. Whether gathered with family or laughing with friends, Pablo's presence brought warmth, generosity and an

unmistakable light.

Those who knew him will remember him as a true giver — selfless, compassionate and always ready to help anyone in need. As a husband, he was devoted and tender. As a father, he was patient and proud. And above all, Pablo was a man who loved Jesus with his whole heart and was a member of Dexter Baptist Church. His faith shaped the way he lived and the way he loved.

Though our hearts are broken, we take comfort in knowing that Pablo is now whole, healed and in the arms of his Savior. His legacy of love, faith and kindness will live on in all who were blessed to know him.

Forever in our hearts, until we meet again.

Pablo leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife, Lynda Santos; two sons, Jose Luis Santos and Pablo Santos Jr.; his mother, Fransisca Santos; many brothers and sisters; his heart-child, Lynnox Hope Lake and his in-laws, Maria Saucedo, Gertrudis Saucedo and Paloma Saucedo.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m., Monday, Nov. 24, 2025 at Dexter Baptist Church with Rev. Jeremiah Sluss and Moises Sanchez officiating. Burial will follow at the Dexter Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m., Monday at Dexter Baptist Church.

Pallbearers will be Matt Lake, Bennett Lake, Keaton Lake, William Ramirez, Scott Johnson, Joel Sluss and Michael Mahalik.

Please visit www.townsendfuneralhome.com to sign the online memorial register.

Townsend Brothers Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements.



Timothy Derail Ashley

Celebration of Life Services for Mr. Timothy Derail Ashley will be held Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025, at 11 a.m. Location: New Vision Missionary Baptist Church 951 Field Street – Dudley, Georgia. Pastor Horace Austin will serve as eulogist. Interment will follow at New Vision Memorial Gardens.

Timothy Derail Ashley was born Sept. 25, 1976, to Walter and Elaine Ashley of Montrose, Georgia. He graduated from West Laurens High School, Class of 1995.

He leaves to cherish his memories his parents, Walter and Elaine Ashley of Montrose, Georgia; one son, Jaelyn Wright of Tallahassee, Florida; one daughter,

Ty'Asia Ashley of Eastman, Georgia; one grandson, J'Lon Wright of Tallahassee, Florida; two sisters, Tandra (Phillip) Jones of Fort Myers, Florida and Tamika Hall of Dublin, Georgia; aunts, Eudell Sleighmon of Dublin, Georgia, Dr. Diane Moorman and Eva Carswell of Montrose, Georgia; uncles, Allen (Mary) Ashley, Garrick Edmond, Rev. Ellis (Dorothy) Carswell all of Montrose, Georgia, Ronald (Sharon) Carswell of Snellville, Georgia; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, friends and other relatives who will carry his memories with them always.

Public viewing was held Friday, Nov. 21, 2025, from 10 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Serenity Funeral Home – Dublin has charge of arrangements.

Curtis Buford Atkinson

Curtis Buford Atkinson, 78, of Eastman, Ga., died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Southerland Funeral Chapel, with interment in Cottondale Cemetery.

Curtis is survived by his wife – Cathy Nutt Atkinson; sons –Jason Atkinson (Dina) and Trey Atkinson; grandsons – Carter and Hunter; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law – Janice Edge Atkinson Driggers (Eddie), William Michael Nutt, Michelle Urban and Pat Nutt.

The family will receive friends in Southerland Funeral Chapel from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22.

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

Leda Michal Bloodworth

Leda Michal Bloodworth, 87, of Eastman, Ga., died on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025.

A celebration of life service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at St. Mark Catholic Church.

Leda is survived by her daughter – Cynthia Hilliard (David); son – Edward Bloodworth (Victoria); grandchildren – Clayton, Jessie, Samuel, Jimmy and Paige; sisters – Margaret Michal and Marie Ferguson.

The family will receive friends in St. Mark Catholic Church following the celebration of life service on Monday, Nov. 24.

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OBITUARIES



Tallie Freeman Daniel

Funeral services for Mr. Tallie Freeman Daniel, of Atlanta, Georgia, will be held on Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, at 1 p.m. at the Greater Macedonia Baptist Church, 1824 Claxton Dairy Road in Dublin. Interment will follow in the Dudley Memorial Cemetery.

Tallie Daniel was born on Monday, Nov. 27, 1944, in Dublin, Georgia, to the late Idellar Brown Daniel and Jessie Daniel. Tallie was more than a son of Laurens County — he was the heart of his family, a pillar of strength and a man whose presence made life feel safe and steady. After completing his education in the Laurens County Public School System, he bravely answered the call to serve his country. In 1964, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, beginning a remarkable 26-year journey of dedication and sacrifice. He rose to the esteemed rank of Master Sergeant and retired with honor from Robins Air Force Base. Those who served with him knew him as dependable, hardworking and deeply committed — but to his family, he was a hero long before the uniform.

Tallie shared 38 beautiful years of marriage with his loving wife, Mrs. Rebecca Daniel. Their bond was one of mutual respect, laughter and unwavering love. Together they built a home where faith, family and togetherness were the foundation. He was her rock, and she was his constant — a partnership that inspired everyone who witnessed it.

On Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, surrounded by love, he peacefully entered eternal rest. He was preceded in death by his parents, Idellar and Jessie Daniel, and his dear sister, Lillie Mae Corbett — all of whom welcomed him home with loving arms.

Tallie's greatest pride and joy were his children, each of whom carried a piece of his heart: Natasha Daniel, Jerone Daniel (Claudia Daniel), Tyrone Daniel and Destiny Daniel. He was blessed with 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, who adored him and lit up his world. To them, he was "papa, grandad" gentle, funny, loving and always happy to share a story, a smile or a word of encouragement.

Tallie was deeply loved by a large circle of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family, all of whom admired his steady spirit, kind heart, and quiet strength. He never met a stranger, and if he loved you, you felt it - in his actions, in his words, and in the way he showed up for the people he cared about.

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

Services by Dudley Funeral Home of Dublin.

Donald Lee "Don" Huff

Donald Lee "Don" Huff, 78, of Eastman, Ga., died on Monday, Nov. 17, 2025.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 21, at Southerland Funeral Chapel, with interment in Giddens-Harrell Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife — Annette Sheffield Huff; daughter — Debbie Huff; son — Robbie Huff; mother — Thelma Lee Whigham

Huff; sister — Gail Tarpley; brother — Chris Huff (Sandy); brother-in-law — Deron Brown; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends in Southerland Funeral Chapel from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20.

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



De'vauoris Lewis

Funeral services for Mr. De'vauoris Lewis of Dublin, Georgia, will be held on Friday, Nov. 21, 2025, at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus, 1265 US Hwy 319 North in East Dublin. Bishop H. B. Turnley Jr. will deliver the eulogy. Interment will follow in the Church of Jesus Cemetery.

Mr. De'vauoris Lewis was born Dec. 17, 2007, to the parentage of Felica Lewis and Lavinskine Floyd. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Mamie Mason and Teleah Floyd; great-grandmother, Tressie Mae Lewis; brother, Logan Floyd' aunts, Angela Linder, Kwanna Floyd, Janice Coley; uncles, Elroy Floyd and Patrick Lewis.

De'vauoris Lewis affectionately called Debo was loved by many. He loved to dance and rap. He had a smile that would brighten your day. He was tragically taken away from us at the age of 17 years old.

He departed this life on Nov. 9, 2025.

De'vauoris leaves to cherish his memories to his mother, Felicia Lewis; father, Lavinskine (Sherlissa) Floyd; grandfather, Elroy Rozier; great grandmother, Annie Floyd; brothers, Jmarcus Ny'lege, Kobi, Dayton, Hunter, Major, Lagen, Chance; sisters, Quanasia, Unique, Khalil, Zoey, Lauryn; niece, Ja'nahvi Lewis, J'Viyon Wilbur; aunties, Juli Lewis, Marquita Floyd; uncles, Roderick (Latoya) Lewis, Jerome Mason, Tevin Tobridge, Chorrey Wells, Rashad Wells; special and loving aunt, Carolyn O'Neal and a host of other relatives and friends.

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

Services by Dudley Funeral Home of Dublin.

Charles Earnest Hall

Charles Earnest Hall, 85, of Kathleen, Ga., Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025, at Eastman First Baptist Church, with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife — Jeanette Melvin Hall; sons — Randy Hall (Kimberly) and Robert Hall (Rhonda); nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; brother — Morris Hall (Sylvia); and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends in Southerland Funeral Chapel from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 21.

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

Thelma Pauldo

Ms. Thelma Pauldo of Dublin, Georgia passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

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John Clifton Conaway

A celebration of life for Mr. John Clifton Conaway, of Glenwood, Georgia, will be held at the Saint Paul AME Church, 7th Ave., Glenwood, Georgia, on Friday, Nov. 21, 2025, at 2 p.m.

Born on Friday, Feb. 20, 1959, in Glenwood, Georgia, John was the son of the late Jim and Jessie Mae Tobler Conaway. He graduated from Wheeler County High School in 1978 and enlisted in the United States Army where he served eight years and obtained the rank of Sergeant. He was stationed at several domestic U.S. posts as well as two tours of duty in Germany. After leaving the Army, John began his truck driving career with J.B. Hunt and retired after 25 years with Walmart Transportation.

John's greatest accomplishment and pride was his family. He had a heart for children and deeply loved his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He reveled in their accomplishments and cherished the moments he shared with them. John was a giant in their eyes. Losing John is immense, but his impact on them is immeasurable.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Jessie Conaway and his beloved son, Donte Conaway. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Conaway, his children, Courtney Stanley, Shane Stanley, Charmane Conaway and Michael Powell, his thirteen grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He is also survived by his seven siblings, Mazell (Wallace) Spencer, Maxine (Marvin) Hall, James (Eva) Conaway, Johnnie Mae Conaway, Serita Conaway, Teresa Riggins

and Clara Conaway, his sisters-in-law, Polly Mackey, Ameda Walls and brother-in-law, Billy (Lula) Bess and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mr. John Clifton Conaway completed his earthly journey on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025, after an extended illness. His unwavering faith in God ensures that he is now resting in the presence of his Heavenly Father.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Saint Paul AME Church, John C. Conaway Scholarship Fund.

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

Services by Dudley Funeral Home of Dublin.

Patricia Ann Page Porter

Funeral services for Patricia Ann Page Porter, 85, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, in the Chan Stanley Memorial Chapel with interment to follow at Dublin Memorial Gardens. Rev. Tommy Veal will officiate.

Mrs. Porter was born April 10, 1940, in Harrison, Georgia. She was the daughter of the late Johnnie D. Page Sr. and Mabel Page Glaze. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Bennie Porter Sr.; two sisters Frances Harrell and Joyce Morris; and two brothers, Johnnie D. Page Jr., and William Page. Mrs. Porter passed away Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025 at Washington County Extended Care in Sandersville.

Mrs. Porter is survived by her two sons, Jeffrey Porter of Dublin and Bennie Charles Porter Jr. of East Dublin; three daughters, Amelia Fordham of East Dublin, Tanya Tarpley of Dublin, and Angel Kelly of Dublin, two sisters, Carolyn Reilly of Winder and Sara Hall of Atlanta; 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory in Dublin, Ga.

Pallbearers will be Evan Portwood, Jay Mimbs, Jimmy Garner, Kyle Porter, Bo Wynn and Glenn Fordham.

Feds nab Chinese citizen accused in drug operation

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — An alleged international drug king pin from China accused of trafficking cocaine and fentanyl in Atlanta using operations based in Mexico was arraigned in a federal courthouse in Brooklyn Wednesday, where he was accused of a host of crimes that could land him in prison for life.

Zhi Dong Zhang, 38, was extradited from Mexico last month, where the U.S. Department of Justice accused him of working on behalf of major cartels.

"Zhang's transnational network was allegedly intricate, well-coordinated, and well-funded," said Theodore S. Hertzberg, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.

U.S. Deputy Attorney General Todd W. Blanche said Zhang is accused of running a global enterprise that pumped "massive quantities" of cocaine, fentanyl and methamphetamine into American communities, causing addiction, violence and death.

The indictment against Zhang in Georgia accuses him of negotiating and coordinating delivery of 11

kilograms of cocaine and one kilogram of fentanyl to Atlanta for distribution in 2022. It says he oversaw stash houses in Georgia and California where drug money was held before being deposited in banks, with 150 companies, 170 bank accounts and about \$20 million in proceeds involved.

The indictment against Zhang in the Eastern District of New York traced seizures of 46 kilograms of cocaine, 58 kilograms of methamphetamine, and nearly 7 kilograms of fentanyl to the organization he allegedly ran.

It says he laundered \$77 million through more than 100 shell companies with bank accounts opened by recruits called "banqueros." They were allegedly supervised from Mexico, where coordinators booked their travel and provided fake Social Security Numbers.

"This arrest represents a critical milestone in a long-running investigation into an alleged high-level narcotics trafficker with international reach," said Robert J. Murphy, Special Agent in Charge in Atlanta for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

The family will receive guests at the home of Angel Kelly, located at 219 Huntington Drive, Dublin, GA, 31021.

Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory/Dublin Chapel has charge of funeral arrangements. To sign the Online Register Book please visit www.stanleyfuneral-home.com.



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Raking pine straw and other things to be thankful for

I’ve shook out my fair share of bales of pine straw. Shook out? Shaken? Let’s go with spread. I’ve spread out my fair share of bales of pine straw, especially at this time of year.

With the onset of the holiday season, many people spruce up their front yards to impress the neighbors and family members they don’t like. Nothing tells your spouse’s family “I’m doing pretty good for myself these days. Who’s the loser now?” like paying someone to clean up the flower beds. For many years this subdivision vanity lined my pockets with cash just in time for Christmas.

Of course, as a young man, while working in other people’s yards, I daydreamed about having my own house and the disposable income to pay someone to labor for me. Such is the ignorance of youth. Now that I’ve learned a thing or two about life, I miss those days, and, sometimes, that line of work, though my back may feel otherwise. Though it can’t be worse than being hunched over a keyboard at a desk in my windowless dungeon day after day.

Sweat equity means to improve the value of your property by the work of your own two hands, and I try to relive my glorious manual labor days with projects around my own home. Now instead of wishing I could afford to hire

Now tryptophan free!



THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD

By KYLE DOMINY

someone to do it for me, I relish a long to-do list and am thankful I’m healthy enough to tackle it and have people to call on if I need assistance (Dad, I could use some help

fixing a shower when you can spare a couple of hours). Yes, this comes with occasional frustrations and sometimes a minor injury or two, even a torrent of words you can’t, or at least shouldn’t, say in church.

Once a year I even get to shake out, or rather spread, pine straw again. There are enough pine trees around the house that I don’t have to buy straw, another thing I’m thankful for. A few minutes with the rake and I have more than enough to give my home a little holiday curb appeal, though no one can see it but my family and deer that cross my front yard each night. Living in the woods is something to be thankful for. Having a family to live in the woods with ranks high on the thankful list, way above the deer, which I could take or leave. Big rats are all they are, and I hope many Thanksgiving tables are set with venison.

I pile my pine straw on a big tarp and drag it around the property. My back is still a little sore, and I’m thankful for that, too. A little pain is a good reminder that I’m still alive.

Wherever you find yourself, I hope it is a home, big or small, full of family, and maybe some fresh pine straw across the front, even if just for yourself.

Happy Thanksgiving.

DIVA ON A DIME

Easy (and cheap) Thanksgiving sides

By PATTI DIAMOND

King Features

Thanksgiving has somehow earned a reputation as the culinary Olympics -- all pressure, no podium and plenty of sweating. Every year, home cooks everywhere find themselves elbow-deep in peeling, chopping and timing six different dishes to finish at exactly the same moment, as though Gordon Ramsay is about to burst through the door with a camera crew and a stopwatch. Let's release ourselves from that, shall we?

You don't have to spend a paycheck on side dishes. You don't have to spend three days prepping. And you absolutely don't need a sous-chef to pull off a beautiful, abundant Thanksgiving table.

What you do need is a handful of sides that are inexpensive, unfussy and wonderfully reliable -- the kind that come together quickly, don't require fancy ingredients, yet still make everyone at the table feel cared for.

This year, consider this your pre-holiday pep talk from me: Keep it simple, keep it affordable and let your sides work smarter, not harder.

We're leaning on some frozen vegetables that are budget friendly, with minimal prep and oven temps that play nicely together. In fact, all three roasted vegetable sides below cook at the same temperature and for the same amount of time.

If you're hosting a small gathering, you can roast 1 pound of each recipe (half) all together on one sheet pan, giving you three col-

orful, delicious sides for the time and effort of one.

HONEY GLAZED CARROTS

Yield: 6-8 servings

Total Time: 35 mins.

2 pounds carrots

1/4 cup honey or brown sugar

2 garlic cloves, minced

2 tablespoons melted butter

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil or parchment. Slice carrots on a diagonal into 1/2-inch pieces. In a mixing bowl, stir together honey, garlic, butter, oil and spices and toss the carrots to coat. Spread on a sheet pan; roast 20 minutes, tossing halfway. Serve warm.

To make Honey Glazed Cauliflower, substitute 2 pounds of frozen and thawed cauliflower for the carrots in the recipe (or fresh cauliflower cut into small florets and blanched).

ROASTED GARLIC GREEN BEANS

Yield: 6-8 servings

Total Time: 25 mins.

2 pounds frozen green beans, thawed and well-drained

1/4 cup olive oil

2 cloves garlic, minced

Salt and pepper, to taste

Heat oven to 425 F and line a sheet pan with parchment. In a large bowl, toss the green beans with olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper.

Spread in a single layer and roast 15-20 minutes, until tender-crisp and lightly golden around the edges. Taste and adjust seasoning. Serve warm.

One more! Garlic Sautéed Spinach transforms bundles of fresh spinach into an easy, healthy, flavorful side dish in just 10 minutes.

GARLIC SAUTEED SPINACH

Yield: 4 servings

Total Time: 10 mins.

1 (12 to 16 ounce) bag fresh spinach

2 tablespoons olive oil

3 garlic cloves, minced

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high. Add garlic and saute for 30 seconds -- don't let it brown. Add all the spinach at once. Toss with tongs to coat in garlic and oil. Cover for 1 minute to steam, stir, repeat until wilted, about 5 minutes. Season and serve immediately.

Thanksgiving isn't a performance; it's a gathering. Simplify where you can. Let these budget-friendly sides lighten your load. Go forth and feast. You've got this.

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

The Ten Commandments

Are the Ten Commandments really obsolete?

Are these guidelines for living still relevant?

Are these divine principles out-of-date for our modern, face-paced world?

Have these rules been rescinded or cancelled?

Have they been superseded by man's standards?

This chaplain happens to be old-fashioned enough to believe that the Ten Commandments, these time-tested standards of right living given to man by God Almighty through Moses a few thousand years ago, are still relevant for you and me and for all mankind. They are recorded in Exodus 20:1-17. Here they are.

1. You shall have no other Gods before me (love the only true God).

2. You shall not make yourself an idol (worship God in spirit and truth).

3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God (reverence God's name and its use).

4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy (honor every day as God's special day).

5. Honor your father and your mother (honor the ones who gave us life)

6. You shall not murder (honor the sacredness of life).

7. You shall not commit adultery (honor the marriage relationship).

8. You shall not steal (respect the person and property of others).

9. You shall not give false testimony (be a person of truth).

10. You shall not covet (be content and grateful with what you have).

Man is unable to improve upon these God-taught and time-tested moral standards for right living. They were given for our good so that we might avoid needless trouble, heartache and disaster. They will always exceed our grasp, but we must make the attempt to live by them. God help us. Peace!



By JACK BROWN



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Dublin Police Department

- Xavier Patrick Zaequan Strachan, 26, was charged with theft by shoplifting and giving false name, address or birthdate to law enforcement at Dollar General on South Jefferson Street around 4:52 p.m. on Oct. 17.

Police responded to the location in reference to a shoplifting. An officer talked with an employee who said Strachan entered the store and grabbed a box of Dove Mens Care shampoo and left the store. The employee followed the man and asked him to give back the items. He threw the box at her and ran towards the traffic light before turning right and running down Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Officers reviewed the camera footage from the store and saw what happened. The total amount of the product taken was \$74.52. Another officer

made contact with Strachan on East Gaines Street. He gave a name of Xeaviar Davis. Later, he gave his name as Xavier Cochran. Both were wrong. He then gave his real name. Strachan was transported to the sheriff's office detention center.

- On Oct. 17, around 4:37 p.m., an officer responded to Telfair Street in response to a shoplifting at Zmart 2.

An officer met with an employee who said a man wearing a blue shirt took candy worth \$5.44 and a \$25 hat. The man was sitting at a slot machine in the back of the store.

The man told the officer that he had paid for the items and the employee stepped up and said he had not. The man, later identified as Kenneth Lyndsey, 44, began to yell and cuss.

Lyndsey was arrested. During a search, four pocket knives and a crack pipe were found. He also made threats while being arrested. The

POLICE BEAT...

man was charged with theft by shoplifting, obstruction of law enforcement officers and possession and use of drug-related objects.

- Jocelyn Rachel D. Carter, 34, was charged with criminal trespass around 9:15 a.m. on Oct. 17.

Officers responded to a report of a broken window and \$20 being stolen. An investigation led to Carter's arrest.

- On Oct. 18, around 3:30 p.m., an officer saw a seat belt violation at the intersection of North Jefferson Street and High Street and made a traffic stop on a white Nissan Rogue.

The officer contacted the driver and told him the rea-

son for the stop. The man, who was identified as Mickell Carter, told the officer that his license was suspended for child support. The officer received word from dispatch that Carter's license was suspended due to child support obligation and failure to appear.

Carter was transported to the police department where he was fingerprinted for the violation of driving while license suspended and cited for seat belt violation.

Laurens County Sheriff's Office

- A deputy attempted to make a traffic stop on a silver Nissan for a traffic vio-

lation who was going 83 in a 55 mph zone on Springhaven Road.

- Around 8 a.m. on Nov. 3, a deputy met with a man in reference to a theft that happened at Black Bird Lane in East Dublin.

- A deputy met with a man in reference to identity fraud that happened on Buckeye Road between Jan. 1, 2022, and Oct. 31, 2025.

- A deputy investigated a trespass that happened on Roundtree Drive around 10:37 a.m. on Nov. 4.

- On Oct. 31, a deputy met with a complainant about his money order that was stolen from an office on Bellevue Avenue.

- A theft occurred on New Buckeye Road between Aug. 15 and Oct. 25.

- A deputy responded to

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

Hughston Clinic partners with Commure

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California – Commure, a leading healthcare technology company, today announced a partnership with Hughston Clinic, one of the nation's largest private orthopedic groups. Hughston will roll out Commure's comprehensive AI platform, including RCM, Ambient AI, and AI Agents, to streamline patient access, improve clinical documentation, and strengthen revenue performance across its network.

Hughston Clinic will leverage Commure's enterprise technology to streamline patient access and throughput, enhance clinical documentation, and optimize revenue performance. By integrating across Athenahealth, Medhost, and Surgical Information Systems (SIS), the deployment highlights Commure's interoperable infrastructure that unifies data and workflows across diverse EHR environments.

"This partnership positions Hughston Clinic at the forefront of technology-enabled orthopedic care," said Mark Baker, Chief Executive Officer of Hughston Clinic. "Commure's platform allows us to integrate intelligent automation into every facet of our operations to redefine efficiency, patient engagement, and physician satisfaction across our entire network."

Commure's end-to-end RCM platform will power intelligent Agents for prior authorization, patient check-in and check-out, and follow-up coordination. Ambient AI clinical docu-

mentation will further reduce the administrative burden and enable clinicians to focus more fully on patient care. Intelligent nudges will enrich documentation and surface real-time insights that support clinical decision-making, improve quality scores, and drive downstream revenue optimization.

"Hughston Clinic's forward-thinking approach and commitment to clinical excellence make them an

ideal partner," said Tanay Tandon, Chief Executive Officer of Commure. "Together, we're proving what's possible when technology serves as an extension of the care team."

With this deployment, Hughston Clinic will become one of the first large-scale orthopedic groups in the nation to integrate AI-driven workflows across both clinical and revenue operations. The collaboration underscores Commure's

leadership in developing scalable, EHR-agnostic infrastructure that empowers providers to deliver exceptional care with greater efficiency, accuracy, and financial strength.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Dublin is considering amending the Code of Ordinances to provide for the establishment of administrative variances, changes to the R-5 district development standards, and changes to the area, yard, and height requirements for all districts.

Notice is also hereby given that the Thuthuy Nguyen is initiating a rezoning for 1521 Rice Avenue, Dublin, GA, .38 acres more or less. The parcel is currently zoned as R1 (Single Family Residential) and is being considered for rezoning as P (Professional). Proposed use is a daycare facility.

The Mayor and Council will hold the *Public Hearings* in the Council Chambers of the Dublin City Hall in Dublin, Georgia on Thursday, **December 11, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.**

All interested persons are invited to attend.



POSTING DATE NOVEMBER 22, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF DUBLIN IS CONSIDERING AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCES, AND FOR CHANGES TO THE R-5 DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, AND FOR CHANGES TO THE AREA, YARD, AND HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL DISTRICTS. A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 9, 2025 AT 5:30 P. M. IN THE HENRY "BUD" HICKS JR MEMORIAL CHAMBERS, LOCATED IN CITY HALL AT 100 S. CHURCH STREET IN DUBLIN GEORGIA.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Sharon Eveland, City Planner

If you should have any questions, please call (478) 277-5070.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Post Award Hearing

Laurens County Board of Commissioners will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on December 2, 2025, at 5:30 PM at the Laurens County Board of Commissioners Office, 117 East Jackson Street, Dublin, GA 31040, for the purpose of discussing the approved activities of the County's Community Development Block Grant. On October 6, 2025, the County was awarded a \$1,000,000 grant to renovate the Laurens County Senior Center at 112 Nathaniel Dr, East Dublin, GA 31027.

The items to be discussed at the hearing include:

- The amount of funds received and a description of the activities
- The amount of funds available for each activity and the amount of funds that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons
- The plan, if applicable, to minimize or prevent the displacement of persons, and the plan to assist persons who may be displaced
- Fair Housing laws and the County's plan to further Fair Housing

The Public is invited to this Hearing to learn about the project activities.

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LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the Laurens County Board of Commissioners' "**Highway 257 Rail Served Site Driveway Improvements**" project (the "**Project**") in Dublin, Georgia, will be received by the Laurens County Board of Commissioners (the "**County**"), at the County Commissioners' Office, 117 East Jackson St. Suite B, Dublin, GA 31040, **until 10:00 am, local time, on December 02, 2025.**

This Invitation to Bid is issued pursuant to and is subject to the Georgia Local Government Public Works Construction Law, O.C.G.A. § 36-91-1 et seq. (the "**Construction Law**"), and bidders must comply with all requirements of the Construction Law. Any capitalized terms used but not defined herein but which are defined in the Construction Law or the below-referenced Bidding Documents shall have the same meaning herein as therein.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Bryan Rogers, County Administrator, at 117 East Jackson St. Suite B, Dublin, GA 31040. Electronic and facsimile submission will not be accepted. Bids received after 10:00 am local time on December 02, 2025, will not be considered. Each sealed envelope containing a bid must be plainly marked on the outside as "Bid for Laurens County Board of Commissioners' Highway 257 Rail Served Site Driveway Improvements Project" and must include the bidder's name, address and contact information. All bids must be on the required bid form.

Bids will be opened publicly at 10:00 am local time on December 02, 2025, at the office of the Laurens County Board of Commissioners, 117 East Jackson St., Dublin, Georgia. The County will award the bid by 11:59 pm local time on December 09, 2025.

The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. If the bid from the lowest responsive, responsible bidder is more than the Project budget, the County may negotiate with that bidder to obtain a price within budget.

The successful bidder will be required to pay sales and use tax on materials purchased or used on this project. Bidders must comply with O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-14-8-2 regarding a Georgia utility contractor's license to the extent such license is required to perform the contract.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 60 days after the date of the bid opening. The County reserves the right to reject all bids or any bid that is non-responsive or not responsible, to waive technicalities or informalities, and to issue change orders altering the original scope of work to address changes or unforeseen conditions necessary for the Project completion.

A bid bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid must accompany each bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. A payment and performance bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract Price, shall be required of the successful bidder. Each bond shall be in the form prescribed by the Bidding Documents and shall be accompanied by a "Power of Attorney" authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond. The surety must be authorized to do business in Georgia by the Commissioner of Insurance.

The Project work is defined by the Bidding Documents and includes but is not limited to the following: driveway improvements to serve the industrial site known as the Highway 257 Rail Served Site. The Work includes demolition of existing driveways, construction of a new driveway and right-turn lane, within the State Route 257 right-of-way. Although shown in the Plans, no water or sanitary sewer will be included.

These terms and conditions apply to this Invitation to Bid:

- All responses and supporting materials as well as correspondence relating to this Invitation to Bid will become property of the County when received. All expenses for preparing and submitting responses are the sole cost of the party submitting the response. The County is not obligated to any party to reimburse such expenses. Labeling information provided in submittals "proprietary" or "confidential" or any other designation of restricted use will not protect the information from public view. Submittals are subject to the provisions of the Georgia "Open Records Act," O.C.G.A. §50-18-70, *et seq.*
- All applicable Federal and State of Georgia laws, Laurens County ordinances, and license requirements and regulations of all agencies having jurisdiction shall apply to the bidders throughout and are incorporated herein.
- Any person or entity that (i) is in arrears to Laurens County with respect to any debt, or (ii) is in default with respect to any obligation to the County, is considered, without limitation, to be not responsible and no bid shall be accepted from, and no contract will be awarded to, any such person or entity.
- Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §13-10-91, qualifying contractors and subcontractors performing work within the State of Georgia on a contract with the County must register and participate in a federal work authorization program. A certification form verifying participation in such a program will be required of all bidders in addition to the S.A.V.E. Program Affidavit required by the County in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-36-1. A non-collusion affidavit must be completed and submitted with the bid.
- All contracts are subject to Federal, State, and local contract provisions; locally owned firms, small businesses and minority-owned businesses are encouraged to respond.

A pre-bid meeting will not be held.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:
Hussey Gay Bell
Attention: Evan Bennett
329 Commercial Drive
Savannah, GA 31406
[**ebennett@husseygaybell.com**](mailto:ebennett@husseygaybell.com)

Prospective bidders may obtain or examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM local time **and** may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

- Electronic copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained at *no charge* from the Issuing Office by sending an email request to Hussey Gay Bell at [**ebennett@husseygaybell.com**](mailto:ebennett@husseygaybell.com).
- Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office by paying a non-refundable amount of *\$150.00* for each set.
- All questions should be submitted to the Issuing Office by email to [**ebennett@husseygaybell.com**](mailto:ebennett@husseygaybell.com).

The conditions and requirements of bidding on this Project are summarized in this Invitation to Bid, but this Invitation to Bid is qualified in its entirety by the complete package of Bidding Documents.

Stratford stops Trinity streak in girls' home debut; Crusaders split Thursday in Pinehurst

By JEREMY PAYNE
Correspondent

Trinity's girls basketball team continued its season, while its boys tipped theirs off, with games this past Tuesday and Thursday. The Lady Crusaders split a pair of games, suffering their first loss on Tuesday as they fell to Stratford, 61-42. But they would rebound with a huge 71-16 win over Fullington on Thursday in the Wonder Five Centennial Tipoff.

The boys also played their first game of the year in the same tournament, and fell 70-48 to Citizens Christian.

Stratford traveled to Trinity on Tuesday in a girls-only game, with most of its boys hoops team still gearing up to play in the state football championship on Saturday. The Eaglettes, who went 23-3 last season, used a huge third quarter to break open a close game and run away with the win.

It was back-and-forth early on as Trinity trailed 15-13 after a quarter. Stratford would outscore the Lady Crusaders 17-11 in the second, but the deficit was still manageable, 32-24, at the half.

Unlike the first two games in which Trinity came out of the locker room on fire, this time the Lady Crusaders started the second half cold and turned the ball over too much against Stratford pressure.

They would be outscored 18-7 in the third to make the score 50-31. Both teams put up 11 over the final eight minutes.

Brinley Vinson led Trinity with 17 and M.G. Alligood added 16.

Camiyah Hudson led Stratford with 18. Dalaila Lowe finished with 13 and Hayden Craddock added 10.

Thursday's game was much different as Trinity played the host team in the event, and raced out to a 25-5 lead after one quarter.

The Lady Crusaders were never tested, leading 45-9 at the half and 59-13 after three on the way to the victory in a huge rebound game.

All nine Trinity players scored at least three points in the contest, and they would connect on nine 3-pointers.

Maddy George hit four of them



SOFT LAUNCH: Chloe Rozier (2, left) breaks up the court off of a steal and Maddie-Grace Alligood (24, right) takes her shot after getting some Stratford defenders to clear the way on plays during Tuesday's game, in which the Trinity girls had the home stage to themselves in a first look for fans at a defending AA state runner-up squad that's off to a 3-1 start through a week and a half of action/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



UNDER THE LIGHTS: Their scheduled season opener vs. Stratford had to be postponed, but Trinity's boys took advantage of the opportunity to get some work in with a few fans still in the seats as they followed Tuesday's girls game with a short practice. Left: Forward Jamarion Ricks gets ready to go to the basket off a power dribble. Right: Kolbi Grooms lays one up on the end of a fast-break drill. The official start of a second head coaching stint for Dr. John Williams, shown (below) chatting with assistants Robby Foskey and Jacob Lunsford, was tabled for Thursday night and Trinity's first of two games in a tournament at Fullington Academy/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



score was 36-21.

The third quarter was another stalemate, and Trinity still trailed by 15 going into the fourth, when the Patriots got hot again to pull even further away.

Jag George led the Crusaders with 22 and Will Foskey added 12. Trinity made nine 3-pointers.

Gray McLean led four Patriots in double digits with 19. Blake Bryant had 16 while Landon Tanner and Thomas Gentry added 12 each.

Trinity was set to return to Pinehurst for two more Friday night, the boys against Fullington and girls vs. CCA.



Onside glory, and an unforgettable weekend in Athens...

It is a good thing that Georgia is not engaged with a tough Southeastern Conference football encounter this weekend. It would be difficult for the coaching staff to get the team focused, following the euphoria that came with the spanking of Texas, 35-10, last Saturday.

Tennessee's Robert Neyland, who perhaps had the greatest influence on college football in the 20th century—certainly that was the view of Texas's coach Darrell Royal—was the master scheduler of all time. Neyland never scheduled two tough games back-to-back.

It was his opinion that you can't get your team up for a peak performance more than once, perhaps twice, in a season. Wonder what he would say about the game today when in the SEC you are challenged to get your team ready every weekend. With Neyland, tough games should be followed by a weak sister opponent.

If you assess Nick Saban's career at Alabama, he won a lot of games with superior talent. That is why he gave such great emphasis to recruiting, bringing to his campus a roster of exceptional depth. You are likely to have an off day in the course of a long season. Saban could beat you when



By **LORAN SMITH**

his teams had an off day by having more talent. The advent of the portal surely hastened his departure from the coaching ranks.

As the week began, I recalled the 1976 game between the hedges with Alabama. As it was with Texas, Georgia dominated the game from the start, winning 21-0.

The chapel bell rang past midnight. The students not only partied 'round the clock, but classes were also canceled on Monday. Many on Tuesday, too. Traffic on Milledge Avenue came to a stop. In my recollection, there was never a campus celebration to match that.

All of that was fun for Vince Dooley. Shutting out Bear Bryant was almost unheard of in that era. Being an Auburn graduate, the circumstances had to bemuse Dooley; but they also wor-

ried him.

He enjoyed the celebration but knew that it would be difficult to get his team's attention for the next game, which was with Ole Miss in Oxford. In those days—for games in Oxford—the Bulldogs bussed to the Atlanta Airport, flew to Memphis, and then bussed to a hotel near the Ole Miss campus, usually Tupelo. Then they bussed to the game on Saturday. It was an exhausting travel routine.

Ole Miss had record of 3-2 at that point but would finish 5-6 while Georgia went on the win the SEC championship. The Bulldogs lost to Ole Miss, 21-17. The bus ride to Memphis, the flight to Atlanta, and the bus trip to Athens made that one of the most forgettable weekends in Georgia football history.

The victory over Texas,

the centerpiece of the melodramatic weekend, has gotten the most attention for a Georgia game in some time. A win over a quality opponent that fielded some very talented players linked with a program, which has over-the-top tradition and image, added to the aura that Athens awakened to Sunday morning.

The national media just couldn't get enough of the way Georgia managed victory, highlighted by the onsidess kick—because it worked. Kirby was the first to note how likely he would

have been castigated if it had not gone his way.

On the field at the end of the game as victory was secure, his mother, Sharon, said, "What would Sonny Smart [Kirby's late father] say about that? 'Son, have you lost your mind?'"

The Bulldog coach is far from a riverboat gambler, but with seasoning, he has a feel for the timing to pull off such a caper that has been the talk of the state this week.

Calm and measured on the sideline, kicker Peyton Woodring was basking

in the glory that permeated Dooley Field Saturday night. He was as relaxed as he could be leading up to his performance, which will go down in Bulldog history as one of the biggest plays ever between the hedges.

He had his poker face on; he was prudent and purposeful. He had practiced the kick all week. He was up for the memorable moment. We should bronze his shoe.

And while we are at it, maybe we should bronze this haunting and momentous weekend.

SCOREBOARD

GIRLS HOOPS
Thursday
Trinity 71, Fullington 16

BOYS HOOPS
Thursday
CCA 70, Trinity 48

PREP SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL
Friday
Brooks Co. at Johnson Co.
Fitzgerald at Dublin
Oconee Co. at West Laurens
Warren Co. at Wheeler Co.
Bleckley Co. at Worth Co.
/7:30 p.m.

Saturday
GIAA Final (at Mercer)
Brentwood vs.
Southwest Georgia/3 p.m.

BASKETBALL
Friday
Trinity (girls) vs. CCA
/6:30 p.m.
Trinity (boys) at Fullington
/8 p.m.

Saturday
WL (girls) at Vidalia/5 p.m.
WL (boys) vs. Toombs Co.
(at Jeff Davis)/11:30 a.m.

Monday
WL (boys) vs. Bacon Co.
(at Jeff Davis)/2:30 p.m.
Westfield at Trinity/6 p.m.

Tuesday
WL (girls) vs. Screven Co.
/4 p.m.
Piedmont at Trinity (girls)
/5:30 p.m.

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Legals

25-543
NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to Code of Georgia - Title 10 Commerce and Trade (Chs. 1-15) Chapter 4 Warehousemen (Arts. 1-5) Article 5 Self-Service Storage Facilities (10-4-210 - 10-4-218), there will be a public sale by **Storage Of Dublin, LLC**, located at **102 Hillcrest Parkway, Dublin, GA 31021**. The sale will officially start **NOVEMBER 22, 2025** and end at **12:00pm, DECEMBER 6, 2025**. The auction will go live November 22nd on **STORAGEAUCTIONS.com**. The proceeds of said sale will be used to satisfy the storage past due rent & fees in the delivered lien letter, forward rent & fee balances for the duration of the auction process and other expenses of the auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale.
Unit: **I15** Tenant: **CARLIA MONTEFORD**-(Household Goods)
Unit: **M30** Tenant: **JASON BELL** (Household Goods)
Unit: **A9** Tenant: **JASON CRABB** (Household Goods)
Unit: **D11** Tenant: **LATONYA RAY** (Household Goods)
Unit: **M25** Tenant: **LAKEESHA EVERSON** (Household Goods)
Unit: **I5** Tenant: **MERCEDES CUYLER** (Household Goods)
Unit: **I6** Tenant: **MERCEDES CUYLER** (Household Goods)
Unit: **I5** Tenant: **PATRICK HUGGINS** (Household Goods)
Unit: **N9** Tenant: **TOSHARA TIGNER** (Household Goods)
November 22, 29, 2025

25-526
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF JUNE DELORES WRIGHT, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-246
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
To: whom it may concern:
WESLEY KELSON WRIGHT has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the Estate of JUNE DELORES WRIGHT, deceased, of said county.(The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before DECEMBER 1, 2025.
Be Notified Further: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-528
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF DORETHA DAVIS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO.25-253
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: ROBIN DAVIS AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
KIMBERLY SINKFIELD has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of DORETHA DAVIS, deceased, of Laurens County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. Section 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before December 1, 2025.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
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Dublin, GA 31040
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November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-534
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the Estate of Patricia S. Cochran late of Laurens County, 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 15th day of November, 2025.
Name: Joshua Buffa, Esq.
Title: Attorney for Executors
Address: 1100 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 690, Atlanta, GA 30309
November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2025

25-521
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF BUNNIE NANNETTE DOMINY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Bunnie Nannette Dominy deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This 27th day of October, 2025.
Emily F. Kight
Attorney for the Estate of Bunnie Nannette Dominy
Kight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 2056
Dublin, GA 31040
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-516
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from JOHN EPPS, SR. to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR URBAN FINANCIAL GROUP INC., dated September 26, 2011, recorded October 19, 2011, in Deed Book 2296, Page 254, Laurens County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Sixty-One Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$61,500.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GV Trust 2025-1, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Laurens County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the **first Tuesday in December, 2025**, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: 0.33 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN BY A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY BILLY FLANDERS, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED OCTOBER 10, 1995, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 826, PAGE 91, IN THE RECORDS OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. THE ANGLES, DISTANCES, AND DIMENSIONS AS SHOWN BY SAID PLAT ARE INCORPORATED IN THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE THERETO. A ONE-STORY FRAME DWELLING IS LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY WHICH IS FURTHER IDENTIFIED AS LOT 7, BLOCK "B", HILLCREST SUBDIVISION.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **109 HILLCREST DR, DUBLIN, GA 31021**.

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is JOHN EPPS, SR., ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF JOHN EPPS SR., or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: GITSIT Solutions, LLC f/k/a Kondaur Capital, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 333 South Anita Drive Suite 400, Orange, CA 92868, Telephone Number: 888-566-3287. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1
as Attorney in Fact for
JOHN EPPS, SR.

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

Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992
Case No. KCP-25-04520-1
Ad Run Dates 11/08/2025, 11/15/2025, 11/22/2025, 11/29/2025

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25-529
State of Georgia
County of Laurens.
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the Estate of George Addison Hogan, 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 to me.
This 29th day of October, 2025.
Estate of George Addison Hogan
Lucy Gwen Cramer, Executor
93704 Newmarket Lane
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
Margaret Greer Evans
Attorney at Law
State Bar No. 488189
478-272-2885
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-541
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY

IN RE: ESTATE OF BONNIE JACKSON WILKINSON
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
All creditors of the estate of **BONNIE JACKSON WILKINSON** 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 17th day of November, 2025.
Emily F. Kight
Attorney for the Estate of **BONNIE JACKSON WILKINSON**
Kight Law, LLC
P.O Box 2056
Dublin, GA 31040
November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 2025

25-514
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
LAURENS COUNTY
WHEREAS, Tisha McDonald, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Lender which was dated 7/22/2016, and recorded on 7/22/2016, in Instrument No.: Deed Book 2712, Page 232, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$81,645.00 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 1/6/2026 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash Before the Courthouse door of the Laurens County Courthouse, 101 N Jefferson Street, Duplin, Georgia 31040 of Laurens, the following described property situated in Laurens County, Georgia, to wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 3 OF A REARRANGEMENT OF BLOCK "C" OF GARDENDALE ESTATES SUBDIVISION AND FORMERLY PARTS OF LOTS 2 AND 3 OF BLOCK "C" OF SAID SUBDIVISION BEING RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 184, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF LAURENS SUPERIOR COURT. THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN THAT IS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH MARGIN OF CAMELLIA DRIVE 120 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF CAMELLIA DRIVE AND LANCASTER STREET; THENCE RUNNING ALONG THE SOUTH MARGIN OF CAMELLIA DRIVE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION 100 FEET TO AN IRON PIN THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION 112.83 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION 100 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION 118.66 FEET BACK TO THE SOUTH MARGIN OF CAMELLIA DRIVE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PROPERTY IS IMPROVED BY A RESIDENCE KNOWN AS 1502 CAMELLIA DRIVE, IS SHOWN ON A PLAT PREPARED BY J.D. CLOVER, SURVEYOR, DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1966, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 246, PAGE 477, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF LAURENS SUPERIOR COURT, AND SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. SAID PROPERTY IS FURTHER IDENTIFIED BY THE LAURENS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR AS 1502 CAMELLIA DRIVE, DUBLIN, GA 31021, MAP/PARCEL: D10F/187
SUBJECT TO COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD. Tax Parcel ID: D10F-187
Being real property commonly known as **1502 CAMELLIA DR DUBLIN, GA 31021**

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 Tisha McDonald
Attorney Contact:
Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC
3000 Langford Road, Building 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Phone: 404-793-1447
Fax: 404-738-1558
TS # 25-34150

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025
January 3, 2026

25-544
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF JERRY DOUGLAS WRIGHT, DECEASED, LATE OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA.
All creditors of the estate of JERRY DOUGLAS WRIGHT, 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 me.
This 17th day of November, 2025.
Emily F. Kight
Attorney for the Estate of JERRY DOUGLAS WRIGHT
Kight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 2056
Dublin, GA 31040
November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 2025

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: Estate of Tommie Ruth Powell, 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.
Donald Rotton, Executor of Tommie Ruth Powell, deceased 6539 GA Hwy 199, Soperton, GA 30457.
November 22, 29 December 6, 13, 2025

25-536
CITATION
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
1) Initials: KTP, Sex: M, DOB: 04/28/2016, Case Number 25J-0192
2) Initials: MAP, Jr., Sex: M, DOB: 08/03/2013, Case Number 25J-0190
3) Initials: MJP, Sex: M, DOB: 10/21/2014, Case Number 25J-0191
Children Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, MARLONAREARON PARRIS, SR., UNKNOWN ADDRESS, and anyone claiming to have a parental interest in the minor children named above. The mother of said children is Kimberly K. Parris.
You are hereby notified that the dependency actions for the above-named children were filed in said Court on July 18, 2025, by Petitioner Linda McClain.
The purpose of these actions is to determine the dependency status of the minor children under the laws of the State of Georgia.
These actions have been initiated pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-161, which governs notices on dependency proceedings in the State of Georgia. The Petitioner alleges that the minor children are dependent and seeks the Court's intervention to ensure the safety and welfare of the children.
A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for December 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Juvenile Court of Laurens County, Georgia. The hearing is for the purpose of a determination of dependency for the minor children and any other relief deemed appropriate by the Court.
You are required to appear at the hearing to respond to the allegations in the petition. Failure to appear may result in the Court proceeding in your absence and making a determination regarding the dependency of the minor children based on the evidence presented.
J. Jackson Dixon
Attorney for Petitioner Linda McClain
205 N. Franklin Street
Dublin, GA 31021
478-304-1451
November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2025

25-546
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LAURENS
All creditors of the estate of Robert Chapell, 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 19th day of November 2025.
Ralph N. Jackson, Attorney
November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 2025

25-522
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: OSCAR LAMAR RODRIGUEZ
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 25-CD-0858-WT
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, Laurens County
Notice is hereby given that Oscar Lamar Rodriguez, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 21st day of October, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from OSCAR LAMAR RODRIGUEZ to CALEB LAMAR RODRIGUEZ. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested of affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.
This 21st day of October, 2025.
/s/ Oscar Lamar Rodriguez
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-538
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, December 3, 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.
#257 Jessica Vickers
#297 Tishanda Lewis
#71 ConstaneBlash
November 15, 22, 2025

25-510
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF PAUL DEWAYNE HOBBS, SR., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-232
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: Whom It May Concern:
PAUL DEWAYNE HOBBS, JR. has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of PAUL DEWAYNE HOBBS, SR. 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 OCGA 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. 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: Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-547
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LAURENS
All creditors of the estate of Jerry Douglas Wright, 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 me.
This 17th day of November, 2025.
Emily F. Kight
Attorney for the Estate of JERRY DOUGLAS WRIGHT
Kight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 2056
Dublin, GA 31040
November 22, 29 December 6, 13, 2025

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 19th day of November 2025.
Ralph N. Jackson, Attorney
November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 2025

25-542
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF CONNIE JOY COTTLE
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

All creditors of the Estate of CONNIE JOY COTTLE, 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.

Henry B. Cottle, III, Executor

JOSEPH C. SUMNER, JR., LLC
Post Office Drawer 248
Dublin, Georgia 31040
(478-272-7933)
November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 2025

25-509
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from JOHN B. GETTYS, SR. and TONYA D. GETTYS to J. WYATT AND ASSOCIATES, dated December 18, 1995, recorded December 22, 1995, in Deed Book 00836, Page 0052, Laurens County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Fifty-Six Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$56,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2019-3, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Laurens County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the **first Tuesday in December, 2025**, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING ALL OF LOT 70 AND THE WESTERNMOST 50 FEET OF LOT 69 OF GREEN ACRES SUBDIVISION EXTENSION IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING BOUNDED NOW OR FORMERLY AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTHEAST BY THE REMAINING PORTION OF LOT 69 IN SAID SUBDIVISION; ON THE SOUTHEAST BY LOT 175 AND LOT 72 OF SAID SUBDIVISION; ON THE SOUTHWEST BY LOT 71 AND LOT 72 OF SAID SUBDIVISION; AND ON THE NORTHWEST BY THE SOUTHEASTERN MARGIN OF GREENWOOD DRIVE. SAID LAND IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY MARVIN D. CLEMENTS, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED SEPTEMBER 23, 1991, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 630, PAGE 266, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF.
THIS IS THE SAME LAND AS DESCRIBED IN THE SURVIVORSHIP WARRANTY DEED FROM JOHN B. GETTYS, ALSO KNOWN AS JOHN B. GETTYS, SR., TO JOHN B. GETTYS AND TONYA D. GETTYS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 630, PAGE 269, IN SAID CLERK'S OFFICE.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **508 GREENWOOD DRIVE, DUBLIN, GA 31021**.

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is JOHN B. GETTYS, SR., TONYA D. GETTYS, or tenants(s).

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

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

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED LOANS STRUCTURED TRANSACTION TRUST, SERIES 2019-3
as Attorney in Fact for
JOHN B. GETTYS, SR., TONYA D. GETTYS

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

Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992
Case No. SPS-22-02253-10

Ad Run Dates 11/08/2025, 11/15/2025, 11/22/2025, 11/29/2025

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25-537
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Georgia, Laurens County
All creditors of the Estate of Dennis T. Lau, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 6th day of November, 2025.
Deeanne Lau Casey, Executrix of the Estate of Dennis T. Lau, deceased c/o J. Jackson Dixon
Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC
205 N. Franklin Street
Dublin, GA 31021
November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2025

25-525
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF OSSIE LEE WRIGHT, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-247
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE

To: whom it may concern:
WESLEY KELSON WRIGHT has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the Estate of OSSIE LEE WRIGHT, deceased, of said county.(The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before DECEMBER 1, 2025.
Be Notified Further: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

25-540
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
Rebecca Brooks, Plaintiff
vs.
Robert Brandon Webb, Defendant
Civil Action File No. 56250235

NOTICE OF SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: Robert Brandon Webb, Defendant
Named Above:
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking total sum of child support arrears pain in full (state the relief sought) was filed against you in said court on August 19, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on October 23, 2025, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Rebecca Brooks, plaintiff, whose address is 516 Cobblestone Circle Bloomingdale, GA 31302, an answer to the complaint within sixty (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 Bennett, Judge of said Court.
This 5 day of Nov, 2025.
Clerk of Superior Court
Effingham County
November 22, 29 December 6, 13, 2025

25-512
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated September 26, 2023, from Charlene Fry and Mark Fry to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, recorded on December 11, 2023 in Deed Book 3439 at Page 71 Laurens County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to NaTionstar Mortgage LLC by Assignment and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated September 26, 2023, in the amount of \$143,010.00, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Laurens County, Georgia, on December 2, 2025 the following described

Dublin File: DW GNC  
FARM & GARDEN
 803 E. Jackson St.,
 Dublin
 478-272-3340

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

PARENTS SEEM TO PUT OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AHEAD OF SINGLE SON

DEAR ABBY: I am 40 and single, with no children and no girlfriend. For many years, it has become increasingly difficult to get my parents to come to my home for dinner. They live only 45 minutes away. Both are retired and healthy. As anyone who knows me can attest, my home is always clean, smells great and I love to cook.

Abby, it's a miracle and an act of God when they finally agree to a date and time to visit. I invite them for dinner at least three times a week (because they decline the first or second time), and it's months before they actually accept. It appears they just don't have the desire and it's hurtful. I have spoken to them about this, but it has gone nowhere.

Two weeks ago, they finally agreed to come after a month or two. I was happy and excited, only to have them cancel midday. They seem to have no issue picking up one or both of my nieces once or twice a week, going to yoga, attending concerts or festivities, coming into the city twice a week, taking trips, etc. It feels like it's expected of me to go to their place and, if I refuse, it's always, "Oh, why?"

I have been the black sheep for 25 years, and I wonder if I were married and had kids, would Mom and Dad come over as they do with my brother and sister-in-law? What is your advice? -- HOME ALONE IN NEW YORK

DEAR HOME ALONE: If your parents are keeping up the travel schedule you have described, they are living full, busy lives. It may make more sense (in their view) for you to come to them. I detect a smidge of sibling rivalry in your letter. Because you can't force other adults to change their behavior, it might make sense for you to change your attitude about the family dynamic if that's possible.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 19. My father's mother has never been a grandmother figure in my life. No healthy relationship was ever formed. My dad says it was her fault, but she has implied that the fault lies with my mother. Dad's mother accepts close to zero responsibility for the situation.

I recently, by accident, referred to her by her first name, and my aunt (Dad's sister) thought it was disrespectful. How can I politely make her understand that I wasn't being disrespectful because there is NO RELATIONSHIP? I don't think anyone sees this from my point of view. There's an overwhelming consensus that I need to forgive and forget because she is technically my grandmother. I don't share this feeling. Any thoughts? -- TECHNICALLY THE GRANDDAUGHTER

DEAR GRANDDAUGHTER: You do not have to forgive and forget a grandmother who never tried to have a relationship with you. However, in order to keep peace in the family, you DO have to treat the woman with respect. A way to do that would be to use her honorific and refer to her as "Grandma."

SUDOKU

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7						5		
			4					3

Level: Advanced

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

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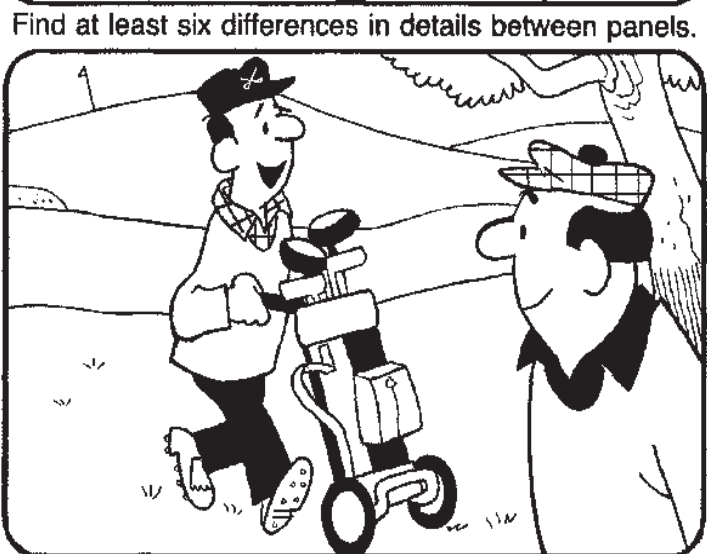
ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

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

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Differences: 1. Club is missing. 2. Man has less hair. 3. Cap is different. 4. Nose is different. 5. Shoe is different. 6. Golf bag strap is different.

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- Telephones
- Corn on the ____
- NCAA basketball powerhouse, for short
- So far: 2 wds.
- Have bills to pay
- ____ del Carmen, Mexico
- Upside-down cake fruit
- Leaf-clearing tools
- Jazz instrument, for short
- Have a go at
- Part of a house
- Boston ____ Party
- Goalie's protective gear
- Open a crack
- Tequila cocktail
- Immature insect
- Actor Esparza
- Increased in size
- Map out
- Pre-finals tournament round
- 1958 Leslie Caron musical
- TV shooting locations
- Follow closely
- Villainous
- Bagel topping
- Take a break
- Great ____ of China
- Stomach muscles
- Regrets
- Had a meal
- Close pal: Abbr.
- ____ Witch Trials
- Huge spider
- Unaccompanied
- Fit for the occasion
- Digestive tract part
- Phone messages
- "Sure!"
- Assists

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Created by Stella Zawistowski

8/20/25

DOWN

- Baseball hats
- Nepal's continent
- Wildcat with a mottled coat
- Gymnast Sunisa
- Wyoming or Maine
- Duplicate
- Barn bird
- Brewski
- Commotion
- Capri-like pants
- Furniture
- hardwood
- "Bill ____ The Science Guy"
- "Illmatic" rapper
- Baby carriage
- Iridescent gems
- See-through
- Work hard
- Computer programs
- Minty cocktail
- Director Judd
- Regions
- Natural fiber

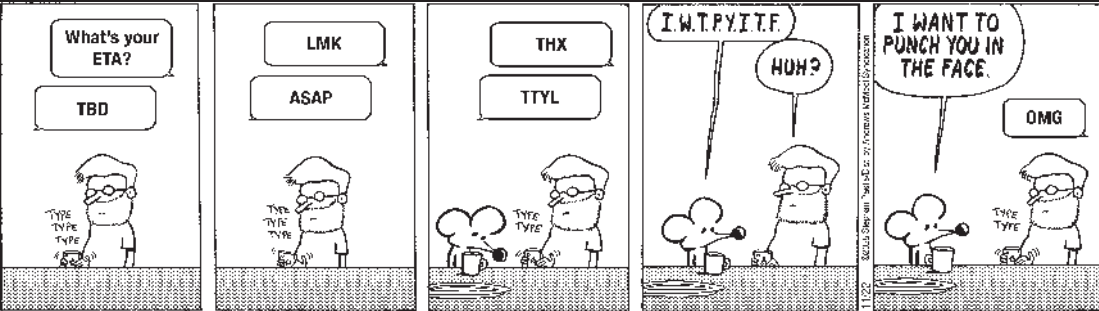
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- Crafty deceit
- Official protection
- Chamberlain of basketball
- Fashion sense
- Fancy feathers
- Facts and figures
- Seat in a dugout
- Remain
- Martial ____
- Male bovine
- Box-office bomb
- Sports lovers
- Went unused
- The "A" in IPA
- Smoked salmon
- Gibbon or gorilla
- ____ the line

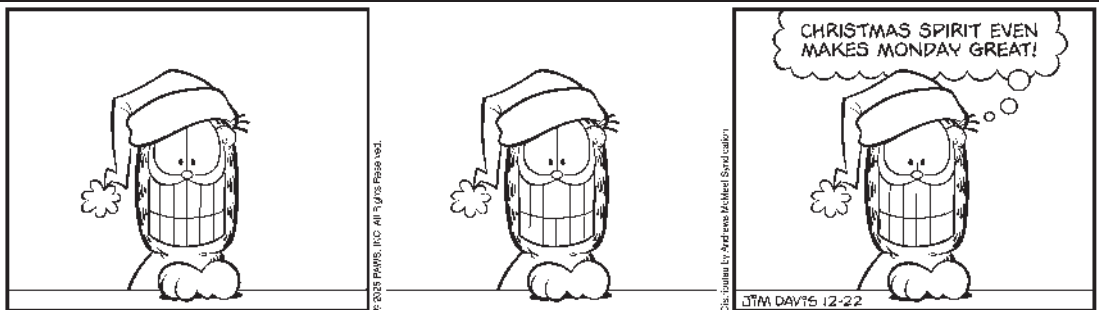
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



OVERBOARD

BY CHIP DUNHAM



DEFLOCKED

BY JEFF CORRIEVEAU





Theophrastus (c. 372–c.287 BC) was a Greek philosopher who is regarded as **the founder of botany.**

In his two ancient works, *Enquiry into Plants* and *On the Causes of Plants*, he covered the descriptions, classifications, distribution, propagation, germination, and cultivation of more than 500 species and varieties of plants. - Brenda Weaver

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Saturday, November 22, 2025

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

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

♠ A 10 5 ♥ A K ♦ Q 9 8 6 ♣ A J 7 4

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♦ 1♠ Dbl* Pass

*Negative
What call would you make?

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

♠ J 9 ♥ 4 ♦ K 4 2 ♣ K Q 10 8 7 6 3

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
3♣ Pass 3♠ Pass

?
What call would you make?

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

♠ J 8 5 4 2 ♥ Void ♦ A J 9 8 6 4 ♣ J 7

Right-hand opponent opens 1C.
What call would you make?

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

♠ K 7 ♥ A 6 4 ♦ J 9 6 3 ♣ 10 7 6 5

Partner opens 1NT, 15-17, and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

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

♠ A K 10 3 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ K 7 4 ♣ A 10 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1NT Pass 2♥* Pass

*Transfer to spades
What call would you make?

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

♠ A Q J 7 ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ 7 6 ♣ A Q 7 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♣ 1♦ 1♠ 2♠*
?
*Diamond fit, at least invitational values
What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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

TELL IT!

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The Dublin City school board chair is really blaming others and not holding himself/other members accountable? He used poor grammar too. The city board/superintendent are responsible for the money being gone!

Only the elite want IGA open. My child was in the gifted program. I will guarantee her education was better than what the IGA are doing. And yes she did graduate from DHS. Gifted kids need socialization.

Well who told the board they did not have a deficit but was in the black? I bet my money that Fred did and they all asked for no proof because they voted yes on everything Fred presented to them. Kenny quit blaming everyone. No one is to blame but Fred and the board.

The citizens of Dublin deserve some answers about the missing money from Dublin City Schools. The entire city school board needs to resign.

I'm calling about this mess that the Dublin City School System has. And it is a mess. And I cannot understand why the GBI is not involved with this and finding the crooks. There are people losing their jobs and their insurance because of the people on the board. Where is the money? Where did it go? It is a shame what the board of education has done and nobody is doing anything. Every one of them should be fired and they should elect some new ones. Have a nice day. I'm sick of it!

The city finally paved Madison Street and they wanted to celebrate. During the party the mayor, city council may want to remember the city has no school system, taxpayers who are left are facing another tax hike and the only businesses left in town are vape shops, liquor stores and Friendly Gus. All we get from city leaders is apathy and finger pointing. By all means, celebrate the paving of a piece of street.

Ya'll need to give Chairman Walters a break! I'm sure he's exhausted from blaming everyone but himself and the rest of the school board for the mess that DCS is in right now.

I'm amazed: There are professional actors that can't play the victim as well as Kenny Walters. Maybe he should be chairman of the Board for an acting school somewhere!

I don't know Kenny Walters personally, but I bet I can guess his political leaning. Let's see...blame

everyone except those responsible...it's like the DNC sent an advisor down just for him.

Mr. Walters, I assure you there is no one affiliated with Laurens County Schools that wants to see consolidation. Much less, actively trying to make it a reality.

I wonder just how lit this years Christmas parade is gonna be? I'm thankful for everyone that commits to making floats, and for every sparkling bulb!

America's birthday coming up...a big one! We should have a hot dog eating contest, water parade in Madison Street, old fashioned picnic and bluegrass bands...good ol' American fun! I'll make an apple pie.

Kenny Walters, your blaming the city and county for your incompetence only proves you have learned nothing from the disaster caused by your board and superintendent. Really check: There is no city school system left to consolidate with anything. What happened to the \$13 million Kenny? The city and county didn't take it. This train wreck is all yours.

In response to Thursday's Dublin paper article, please correct the grammar used by the Dublin School Board chairman when you quote him next time. Do him a favor.

Lordy, Lordy, Lordy! That goal post sure keeps moving around. Maybe you ought to dig a hole and put it in the ground so that it won't move no more.

When will Kenny blame President Trump for the mess that the Dublin City School board is in? He has blamed the city, county, development authority and the tax office for their problems. He is now saying individuals are trying to consolidate the school. It was the interim school superintendent and their attorney who brought up consolidation when they went to the commissioners to bail them out.

What in tarnation are they doing downtown? Putting flower stuff in the middle of the road. I love flowers as much as the next person but it is in the way. It has messed up the whole block.

That goes to show you how greedy Dublin is. They think they can spend their way out of inflation by taking more money, COVID money that is. That is what caused most of this problem. Besides, all of the grants and COVID funds, and whatever they can get their hands on, they don't realize there are other county schools in this

state who got a lot less. But that just shows how greedy they are.

Here is one for the board and Kenny Walters, "What we have here is a failure to communicate."

Watch out county. You are heading toward the Dublin School System where they keep raising our taxes. We don't have kids in school, but we are steadily paying taxes. Why not add another penny to SPLOST so we could do away with school taxes?

You really need to do some research on the damage that balloon releases do to wildlife and the environment. There are other ways to do something to honor the person who died. This is not to slam the person who died, but balloons do such terrible damage.

You say they keep moving the goal post, but you have not found the pot of gold yet.

Hey Towns man you've gone from gambling man to a preacher man.

I hope Matt Hatchett and the state board chairman Woods will get to see the story in the paper from the Dublin City Board chairman said about his actions. I hope they will see what the taxpayers are having to deal with. The board needs to be replaced and the school needs to be consolidated.

Thanks a lot Laurens County School Board. I don't have a child in school, but I'm paying for somebody.

Is there any particular reason the Christmas banners down town are green and orange instead of red? It's especially ugly with the red bows on the poles to show the contrast.

Dear Kenny Walters: here's a thought: Fire the worthless central office and keep the teachers. That'll save more than \$2 million. Why is there a central office left? They should have been the first to go.

I rode down Madison Street today. It is nice. And the brick roadway is beautiful. But there's no shopping. No stores to browse in. So much time and money spent on an area that doesn't have much to give. I sincerely hope some businesses will

want to move or open up something new soon.

So they have done some paper shuffling and completed an audit due 2 years ago. I don't see anything showing where the \$13 million went. No explanation. No indictments. They cut teachers and not central office so we're still overstuffed. They haven't scratched the surface of \$13 million. But we still have coaches and athletics. The only answer they have is give us more money after the 25% tax increase. Not another dime. Fire and arrest the whole system.

So, the clowns waited for the ESPLOST to renew before going to the "candy jar" for a 3.5% max-out of property taxation. Nothing should be given to keep the city schools alive. Give it to the county!

It is apparent that the city cannot operate a school system. The board members are not qualified to handle business in an efficient manner in the best interest of the students, teachers & taxpayers!

Please, give the entire public school system to the Laurens County Board to run. They, too, spend way too much, but are qualified to run a system on budget and can (and will) tell you where the \$\$ went!

Has anybody thought about the coach's salary? That needs to be looked into.

If the school board is accepting private money from donors, they can be bought.

Let's keep up with the math, if private donors fund position for the Dublin City Board of Education, what happens one year from now?

If the private donor is contributing to the IGA, and the other students and teachers don't benefit from this, this is not right.

How long will it be before the bricks on Madison Street look like the bricks on the sidewalk of Bellevue Avenue?

On Nov. 18, someone mentioned that we should build murder prevention facilities. What is that? I have never heard of that before. I would think that recreation facilities would help to curve the crime rate. But I read in the next post that we have more than ever and we are still having murders. What's the answer? I say, if possible, having two God-fearing parents in a home who teach their children right from wrong. That's where we should all start - in the home.

Please stop doing balloon releases. What goes up must come down and balloons are a threat to many animals who commonly mistake them for food or get entangled in the ribbons which can lead to starvation, injury or death. They also contribute to our disgusting litter problem.

Watch out for the penny for your thoughts, inflation strikes again with the cessation of minting the penny. A nickel for your thoughts, or how about a dime? The cost for your thoughts is going up.

The Tell It! claims 'poverty' doesn't cause crime, crime causes poverty' is not only categorically false, but shows how uneducated Dublin-Laurens citizens are. Go read a book. Try the library, it's free!

Citizens of Dublin, the Katherine Gray center is open daily. Food, clothing, and other activities for all races. Stop by and see for yourself without a spirit of fear. God is with you always there.

Challenging all sports departments in Laurens County. Coaches get your teams to clean up on the weekend venues they like to frequent. Help clean up private property parking lots or your neighbors yard.

This penny tax will soon be a nickel tax. Now, there is no longer a making of that penny.

All of you voters need to reconsider the way you vote. Vote these clowns out during the next election cycle.

Somebody gave the city of Dublin a bunch of money and wanted to be known as anonymous. Boy that seems awful funny to me.

It's TIME TO SEND IN YOUR SANTA LETTERS!

tchsanta@gmail.com

Deadline to submit Santa Letters:
Dec 8th, by 5 pm.

ALL SANTA LETTERS MUST BE EMAILED TO
tchsanta@gmail.com

Letters will print in the Christmas Eve edition.

The Laurens County Library is looking for a full-time Library Assistant for the Children's & Youth Services Department.

Some Saturday and evening hours required. Candidates must have at least a high school diploma or equivalent and be comfortable working with large groups of children. For more information, see the job description at: <https://ocrl.org/employment> .

Benefits include State Health Insurance, Flexible Benefits, Annual Leave, and enrollment in the Teachers' Retirement System of Georgia. Please send a resume, cover letter, and three work-related references to the Director of the Oconee Regional Library System at PO Box 100, Dublin, GA 31040, or email them to employment@ocrl.org .

Town of Dexter's CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 6, 2025

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In Georgia's digital gold rush, data centers are the new frontier

By EVELYN DAVIDSON
Georgia Trust for Local News

A new “gold rush” is on in the U.S., experts say, and the Peach State is at the top of the mining efforts.

This time, the mines are rural land — areas that are ripe for the development of data centers. These vast warehouses, which store everything from emails, digital photos and Netflix hits, are needed in this digital age and especially as the popularity of artificial intelligence services increase, said Kembley Lingelbach, an information systems security professor at Middle Georgia State University in Macon.

Property developers are on the hunt for “gold” — fresh acreage — across the nation, she said, a prospect that excites officials hungry for economic development wins. On the other hand, some residents — horrified after hearing tales of environmental woes linked to these operations — shiver at the thought of data centers.

Lingelbach said warehouses storing electronic data aren't a new innovation, but they're receiving more attention due to ramped-up building efforts. Companies once housed data in on-premise server rooms, she said, but consolidated data storage — a centralized location for multiple data sources — became the norm as organizations moved to cloud-based storage.

The professor, who worked in a data center at Robins Air Force Base in Houston County for 30 years, said cloud-based storage isn't somewhere high above our heads; rather, it's located in data centers like the one recently pitched in Twiggs County. In September, officials there approved

rezoning nearly 300 acres of land for such a center. Eagle Rock Partners, based in North Carolina, is the project's developer.

The data center, which comes with a multibillion-dollar price tag, will be built in the county's Dry Branch community. Representatives from the developer — and the county — have promised the project will bring 600 jobs to the rural area, but residents are skeptical of the center's promised benefits, higher electricity bills and environmental impacts, a subsequent loss of farmland, and the county government's perceived rush to approve the build.

The environmental concerns can be traced to stories coming from areas like Mansfield, Georgia, located in the northcentral portion of the state. Meta, the social media giant, is building a massive data center there, and construction site neighbors have complained of adverse effects like murky well water.

Mansfield resident Beverly Morris said in a BBC interview that she is afraid of drinking her water since the Meta project started construction. Meta, for its part, commissioned a study to check if construction had caused groundwater contamination. The study said the construction had caused no adverse effects to the area's water.

After Twiggs County officials approved that data center project, some county residents — including Lingelbach — banded together and sued the commission. Their lawsuit alleges that county officials failed to follow their own rezoning procedures while also skipping out on a state survey of the center's multi-county im-

pact.

Lingelbach said technological innovations — recent AI advancements, the growth of cloud storage services and the rise of cryptocurrency, a form of decentralized virtual money — are behind the push to develop “hyperscale” data centers, or warehouses that are massive in size, efficient in scope and have mostly automated operations.

She said she knows these innovations require support — including infrastructure to power them — but added that regulation of those bases are needed.

“You don't want to lock things down so that you can't be innovative, but you do have to regulate them,” she said.

Balancing innovation and impact

To develop those regulations, policymakers need to zoom out and look at the long-term impacts of data centers, said Adaline Buerck, an assistant professor of environmental engineering at Mercer University in Macon.

She said she teaches her students about the triple bottom line, a business framework that measures impacts in three areas — people, planet and prosperity. In her opinion, sustainable developments should enhance the social, environmental and economic aspects of a community.

Buerck said local officials should press data center developers on sustainability details. Policymakers need to know where developers plan to build and why they picked that location, if they choose to use abandoned buildings or occupy green spaces, the proximity of the project to other buildings, and what types of energy

will power the data center, she said.

If officials fail to ask those questions — or take the answers seriously — Buerck warned new data centers could upset the balance between a community's social, environmental and economic well-being.

Billions invested, benefits close to home

The economic benefits associated with new data centers outweigh possible negative impacts, said Chris Clark, CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

The head of the state's economic development agency said data center companies invested \$40 billion in the state in 2025, making Georgia the nation's No. 2 destination for data center investment, behind Virginia.

He predicts the Peach State will remain as one of the nation's Top 5 data center host states.

“These data centers wouldn't be here if there wasn't consumer demand,” he said.

Clark said that, if Georgians and Americans in general turn away data centers, they will have to rely on overseas operations. He said data centers are “not huge job creators,” but they do generate some high-paying jobs in fields like engineering while also boosting property tax revenues.

He said he believes data centers have minimal impacts on roads and bridges — especially when compared to an industrial site or shopping center — and that concerns about rising electricity bills have been addressed.

Clark said officials have made it clear that data centers must shoulder their

own energy bills, which is another concern aired by residents throughout the state.

“They have to pay their own way now in Georgia. That's a very, very important point that seems to get lost out there,” he said.

He predicts other concerns — including environmental impacts — will lessen as data center developers become better stewards of their resources and more involved community partners.

Joshua Wilson contributed to this report. Wilson and reporter Evelyn Davidson are employees of the Georgia Trust for Local News. This report was originally published in the Georgia Trust's Macon publication, The Macon Melody.

Editor's note: Professor Kembley Lingelbach, who is among the plaintiffs in a lawsuit against Twiggs County related to the proposed data center, was interviewed for this story only to provide regional context and background on data center operations. She had no editorial role or influence in this publication's reporting on the lawsuit.

RELIGION DIGEST

The Rose Hill Baptist Church will be sponsoring a youth rally for Christ at noon on Nov. 23. Everyone is invited.

The First Rehoboth Baptist Association will hold its Annual Candlelight Service on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Carl Rollins, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Stapleton, Ga. and Blount Chapel of Vidette, Ga. Pastor Rollins also serves as moderator of the Walker Baptist Association and vice president of the Eastern Region of the General Missionary Baptist Convention. Missionaries' Attire: red with a silver corsage. Layman's Attire: black with a red tie. The service will be held at the Rehoboth Center, 811 First Rehoboth Baptist Road. Montrose, Ga. Everyone is welcome.

The Rose Hill Baptist Church will hold its pastor's 19th anniversary at noon on Dec. 14 with Pastor Gregory Jons and Laurens Hill Baptist Church in charge of the service. Everyone is invited.

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By HARRIETT CLAXTON

A part of the million cans of mixed vegetables which three chain stores have contracted for with Georgia farmers were delivered today by Mr. and Mrs. Ches Flanders of near Kite, who

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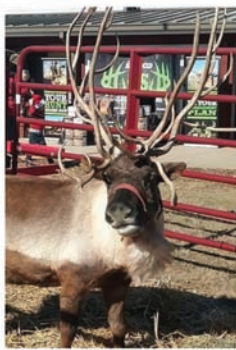
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CITY COUNCIL

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middle will be the ballfields which will be fully renovated.”

An area including pickleball courts, tennis courts and multipurpose field which can be used for different purposes.

“The concept design part looked fantastic,” Kight said. “We want to bring Dublin Construction Co. in an early stage so they can find ways to make the project as cost effective as possible. They will start working immediately with our engineers and landscape architects to get a timely plan for the park that is buildable and then we want to break ground and get this thing going.”

A group of four finalists were selected to be interviewed based on their qualifications. Following the interviews, each one submitted their fee schedule proposal for this project. The evaluation committee recommended Dublin Construction because they have significant construction experience, there will a number of specialty subcontractors that will be used and their fee was the lowest.

To start the meeting, the council heard some good news from Daniel Gaddis, Department of Community Affairs-planning program coordinator, who presented the mayor and council with its PlanFirst Designation for 2026-2028.

“You are being recognized with this for a fourth time, which is a record,” Gaddis said. “This application period was competitive as we received 22 applications and over 50 local governments around the state checked their eligibility.”

This designation will last for three years, beginning on Jan. 1, 2026. The designation recognizes the hard work of local governments in successful comprehensive plan implementation.

“It acknowledges your community’s commitment to identifying opportunities and setting goals to move your community forward,” Gaddis said. “Since the PlanFirst program in 2015, the Department of Community Affairs have established a way of highlighting exemplary communities work on specifically the comprehensive plan and engaging their public.”

The comprehensive plan is a guiding long-range document that communities use to ensure future development will happen where, when and how the community desires.

Council approved a resolution for TEFRA (Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982) approval, allowing CurePoint Cancer Center to go from a for-profit busi-

ness to a non-profit. The loan will be issued through TEFRA which will allow for the interest on the note to be federally tax exempt, Kight said.

“To do a tax exempt bond under TEFRA, you have to have the approval of every city that hosts a cancer clinic that is converting to a non-profit,” he said. “The bond is being issued out of Wisconsin and it’s for a large number of cancer centers and one of those is CurePoint. The federal law says if you are going to use (TEFRA) to get your federal tax exempt bonds, then you’ve got to get approval from the host city. This is not any of the city’s money and there’s no obligation of the city. They just want to make sure that the people of Dublin had an opportunity to know what is happening and make comments on it. From the council’s point of view, this is positive because it makes sure radiation oncology is available within Dublin so people don’t have to travel to get that cancer treatment.”

In other business, the council:

- Approved a storm drain replacement contract for Cypress Drive to Total Earth Services for \$40,936. The city replaced a section of storm drain pipe that ran across Cypress Drive in 2023. A section further up this line towards Cordelia Drive is failing and needs to be replaced.

Money left in the 2006 SPLOST will be used since it was within one of the projects listed on the referendum.

- Approved a resolution to establish a schedule of fees to include the addition of park and special events. These will be minor changes that are either putting into writing the fees the city has been changing or adjusting through the years.

- Heard the first reading of ordinance #25-17 to rezone parcel from single family residential to professional at 1521 Rice Ave. The proposed use is for a child day care.

- Heard the first reading of ordinance #25-18 to establish administrative variances.

- Heard the first reading of ordinance #25-19 to revise zoning regarding area, yard, height requirements to help clean up some discrepancies in the city’s zoning code. The second reading and public hearing on all of these ordinances will be held during the Dec. 11 meeting at 5:30 p.m.

“We had these ordinances with the purpose of all of these to cut red tape and allow for business and housing development,” Kight said. “One of the main objections we hear about in building housing is red tape. A lot of things in the cost of housing we

can’t control. We can control red tape.

“Our goal is to work with our city planner Sharon Eveland to find every place that we can to cut the red tape and allow developers to come in and build new housing or renovate existing housing within the city limits of Dublin. I expect that we will continue to have zoning and planning ordinances at each of our council meetings going forward. We want developers, and people who are interested in renovating houses or interested in building houses in the city to come to us and tell us where they are seeing a problem in the ordinances. We want to change those so that we will have a more favorable environment in the city.”

- Kight presented the election results from last Nov. 4 election.

MORRIS BANK

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On Thursday, Morris Bank’s website had information telling customers that there would be no disruption of services and to continue conducting business as usual as the merger is finalized.

“As we united our two institutions, we strengthen our ability to serve people and businesses in communities across the state of Georgia,” McConnell said in a statement. “After years of knowing one another and working together on industry issues, we are thrilled to bring our teams together. More than ever before, this partnership allows us to focus on continued growth by sharing our core banking services with more community customers.”



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the house or other structures. And test the oil level by filling the fryer with water first and putting the turkey in to see how high the water rises toward the brim of the fryer. This will let people know how much oil they need and will keep it from overflowing.

The chance of a house fire is more than three times the daily average on Thanksgiving Day. Cutler said cooking is the main cause of house fires on that day.

“It accounts for more than 73 percent of the blazes,” the chief said.

Other common cooking-related issues includes unattended cooking because peo-

ple are easily distracted because more people are in the house at one time. It is easy to lose track of cooking times.

“People need to stay in the kitchen while they are cooking,” Cutler said. “Let the family know that until the food is done cooking and the equipment is turned off, do not leave the kitchen. We want everyone to have a safe Thanksgiving.”

Green wants people to remember that Fairview Park Hospital’s emergency room is open 24/7 every day of the year.

“We have medical and healthcare professionals ready to serve,” she said. “We just want to remind everybody to be safe during the holidays.”

TLC CASA

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them to overcome,” Shiver read. “Two months later, the trial was over and the judge was ruled for the children to be returned to the parents with no oversight. I could not believe the ruling.”

This led Waters to get more involved, leading her to Georgia CASA.

“I advocated that these children deserved better, and we as a community, have the power to make it happen,” Shiver read. “Everyone who carried this program through 30 years matters. There will always be challenges before us, but without a doubt, you have moved the bar and have made a difference.”

Sherry Carnes, a CASA volunteer, thought about many things when asked to speak. She said there is no greater joy than to be a CASA volunteer.

“Each time they called me about a case, or I heard about a child placed in foster care, I think - who am I not to go,” Carnes said. “I know how to advocate and fight for children. ... It’s not easy. It’s a challenge but it’s worth it. To see the children at first be afraid and don’t know what to say, but I keep showing up. I tell them if there is something I can do,

I will help. I keep showing up, loving the children and never giving up. If I can say anything about CASA, job well done.”

Dana and Blaine Oxford shared their story. The couple have been foster parents and have never told TLC CASA no. They have three children they adopted through foster care.

“I believe God puts you where you are meant to be,” Dana said. “Throughout our journey, I have seen it over and over.”

Dana talked about their journey, adopting three in 2017.

“CASA played a vital road, but because of them, I was in the right place at the right time,” Dana said. “Because of CASA we had the support and knowledge to say yes when it mattered most. Because of CASA, we have the family we were always meant to have. What (CASA) does change lives and our family is proof of that.”

State Rep. Matt Hatchett acknowledge the CASA volunteers who daily fight for the children who have no one to fight for them.

“You are taking care of the most vulnerable,” Hatchett said. “It is incredible to be serving in all 15 counties. Thank you all for your time.”



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