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Porter transitioning into emeritus role

National search under way for new GTLN executive director

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

The Georgia Trust for Local News was created to prevent news deserts and stimulate creative solutions to build sustainable journalism in Middle Georgia. Those aims have been met, with the Georgia Trust now boasting a portfolio of 20 community titles, ranging from some of the state's oldest newspapers to the startup The Macon Melody.

The National Trust for Local News's successful launch of the Georgia Trust wouldn't have been possible without DuBose Porter, a 40-year veteran of newspaper publishing who has



PORTER

served as executive director since the National Trust for Local News established the state subsidiary in 2024. Having set the Georgia Trust on a path for enduring success, Porter will retire as executive director on Feb. 2 and take on a publisher

emeritus role focused on fundraising, partnerships and acquisitions.

With Porter's transition, the National Trust has launched a nationwide search for his successor. This new executive director will be charged with leading and advancing the Georgia Trust's general operations and business partnerships, while driving editorial, audience and advertising strategy; product innovation; and revenue growth. Danyale Starley, currently serving as controller for the Georgia Trust, will step into the role of interim executive director beginning Feb. 2 and until a new leader is selected.

"This transition reflects

the widening scope of both our statewide mission and our ambitions for transformational reach," said Tom Wiley, CEO of the National Trust for Local News. "Our next stage of growth at the Georgia Trust requires an energized operational leader paired with a dedicated statewide ambassador who can deepen philanthropic investment and cultivate new market opportunities. We're pleased DuBose Porter, a longtime leading force in the community, will remain with us as we transition the Georgia Trust to its new phase of development and innovation."

A longtime news publisher and public servant, Porter

serves on the board of directors for the Georgia Press Association, of which he's past president, and the Georgia First Amendment Foundation. He brought his deep knowledge of the strengths and challenges facing rural newspapers to his work with the Georgia Trust as he led the organization through its founding years.

Under Porter's tenure, the Georgia Trust for Local News publications earned 17 awards from the Georgia Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest, including the Newspaper of Excellence Award for The Courier Herald and The Albany Herald.

of their publishing company. Following another expansion between 2021 and 2023, the company grew to own 18 newspapers prior to its acquisition by the Georgia Trust in 2024.

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"We have a strong history of impactful, quality journalism here in the

PORTER
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Old Christmas trees sit in a roll-off bin in the Home Depot parking lot before they're put in the chipper/PAYTON TOWNS III

Bring One for the Chipper kicks off big year for KDLB

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The warm weather made for a nice day during the Bring One for the Chipper event last weekend. In fact, it felt more like a summer morning than the second week in January.

"The weather is always interesting," said Chip Wilson with Keep Dublin-Laurens Beautiful. "We can always count on people showing up out here. We can't always count on the weather to be good."

In fact, the weather

the previous Saturday was rainy, sometimes pouring down heavily on the old Christmas trees that had been left in a roll-off bin since the day after Christmas.

"There must have been at least 80 trees in that thing last week," Wilson said. "They all disappeared overnight."

Which meant people came by and took them out, most likely to take to their pond or a body of water.

CHIPPER

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A member of Boy Scout Troup 56 takes an old Christmas tree to the pile to be shredded/PAYTON TOWNS III

Bell uses laughter to get point across at Celebrate Recovery

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

Christian comedian Mickey Bell stood in front of a group of people attending Celebrate Recovery and had them laughing about life. Then he hit them with the revelation that he is battling depression.

"I kind of know where you are coming from," Bell said. "I've been there and still fight it. We have to let people know, especially inside the church. There are some churches where you can't admit you have a problem. They will tell you that

you are not spiritual enough, Christian enough, you're not praying enough and you don't have enough faith and that's not the case. We have to start helping these people instead of beating them up and let them realize that this is something you have to deal with and you have to deal with it on a daily basis."

Bell was the guest speaker at the event held at Dudley Baptist Church on Jan. 12. Russ Falk and James Giddens have been leading Celebrate Recovery for 16 years, bouncing around to different churches and locations. The meetings are now being held at Dudley Baptist Church, 1425 Second St.

"The biggest problem we've had is having help," Falk said. "The staff at Dudley Baptist Church has bent over backwards and that makes it nice."

Falk said they received an email from Bell wanting to come speak to the local Celebrate Recovery group.

"We didn't go public with it because we are supposed to have anonymity in the CR," Falk said. "We are a 12-step program similar to AA and NA, but the higher



Christian comedian Mickey Bell speaks at a Celebrate Recovery meeting held at Dudley Baptist Church on Monday/PAYTON TOWNS III

power is Jesus Christ. We teach what Jesus taught to help you with hurts, habits and hangups. The answers are the same, but it's all about knowing Jesus, trusting Jesus and having faith in Jesus. People have not been exposed to this and people have such dysfunctional families when growing up. Their stories are horrendous. To offer an answer

and come along side of them is what we try to do."

Bell has spoken at more than 120 Celebrate Recovery meetings in 2025.

"CR covers all different types of people," Bell said. "Grief, overeating, abandonment issues and all sorts of stuff that they deal with. I've been dedicating my time to go in and do these Celebrate Recovery meetings. It's my

way of giving back. I go in, provide a little laughter and share my story with them and just leave them with some encouragement."

Bell knows that those in CR need encouragement.

"When you go to a Celebrate Recovery meeting, or any type of meeting where

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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OBITUARIES



**Hazel G. Smith
Thompson**

Mrs. Hazel G. Smith Thompson, 84, beloved wife of Billy Thompson of Adrian passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, Jan. 6, 2026 at Fairview Park Hospital in Dublin.

A native and lifelong resident of the Scott Community, she was the youngest of three children born to the late Jim Smith and Velma Toler Smith. Being raised on a farm, at an early age she became accustomed to work; whether it was in the cotton field, tobacco field or any of the many other chores needing to be done. She attended the Scott School, and while there she caught the eye of Billy Thompson, whom would become her husband in 1959. Mrs. Thompson had worked at various textile and garment factories in the community before working as a Parapro at the Adrian School. She later accepted employment with the Laurens County School System, working in the cafeteria at East Laurens Primary School for 20 years until retiring in 2003. While there she became famous for her rolls and pimento cheese. While working other full time jobs she helped her husband at the family store in Scott, Billy's Superette and Grocery. While the store was open, the U. S. Post Office closed their then present location and moved into the Superette, making Mrs. Thompson the unofficial Post Mistress.

She enjoyed yardwork, tending her flowers and cutting grass.

Mrs. Thompson was quiet, genuine and possessed a godly spirit of concern for others. She and her husband have been lifelong members at the Mt. Olive Church of the Nazarene in Wrightsville.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a brother, Carlos Smith and a son in law, Rev. Brent Danielson.

Mrs. Thompson leaves behind, her husband of 67 years, Billy Thompson, their children, Patricia Danielson, Dublin, Ga., Matthew Bill Thompson, Adrian, Ga., her only surviving sibling, Mildred Knight, two grandchildren, Jennifer Lambdin, Rebekah Danielson, four great grandchildren, Emma Danielson, Weston Malott, Owen Pucel, Ayden Beaudry and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 10, 2026 at Mt. Olive Church of the Nazarene in Wrightsville with Pastor

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Jan.17

Alphenia Foreman

Jan.18

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Jimmy Wright officiating. Mrs. Thompson was laid to rest in the Mt. Olive Church Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were: Tyler Stone, Kenny Wilcher, Chris Knight, Jim Smith, Russ Cherry and Dee Wilkerson.

Her family received friends on Friday, at the church, from 1:30 p.m. until the hour of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her memory may be made, in her memory, to the Widows Oil Ministry Inc., c/o Pam Ott, 725 Manning Dr., Dublin, GA 31027 or VENMO @ widowsoilministry

Please share a memory, leave a condolence message and sign the online guest register at www.sammonsfuneralhome.com.

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Rhonda Neal Harrell

Funeral services for Rhonda Neal Harrell, 74, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, 2026, in the Chan Stanley Memorial Chapel of Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory, with interment to follow at Dublin Memorial Gardens. Rev. Charlie Hodges will officiate.

Mrs. Harrell was born Nov. 17, 1951, in Alamo, Georgia. She was the daughter of the late Brooks Neal and Martha White Neal. She was of the Baptist Faith. She retired from Belk Department Store. Mrs. Harrell passed away Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026, at her residence surrounded by family.

Mrs. Harrell is survived by her husband, Billy Gene Harrell of Alamo; daughter; Anna Viellete of Savannah; three stepsons, Wesley Harrell of Atlanta, Billy Harrell, Jr. of Eatonton, and Ben Harrell of Eatonton; a brother, Monty Neal of Macon; six grandchildren, Camille, Skylar, Ezabelle, Mia, Max, and Serenity; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Amos Vinson, Randy Campbell, Billy Harrell, Jr., Wesley Harrell, Tyler McClain, and Seth Morton.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, 2026,

NEWS DIGEST

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners meeting will be held at noon on Jan. 20. The agenda follows:

- Call to order
- Invocation
- Approval meeting minutes for Jan. 6
- Other business
- Citizen comments
- Adjourn

The Dublin-Laurens Land Bank board meeting will be held in the city hall international board room at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 20. The agenda follows:

- Meeting called to order
- Invocation
- Approval of Dec. 16, 2025 minutes and treasurer's report

- Welcome of guests

- Welcome and acknowledgement of board members

- Presentation of GICH
- Old business
- New business
- Property updates
- Executive session

- Executive session

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



Myrtice "Myrt" Estelle Colley Young

Mrs. Myrtice "Myrt" Estelle Colley Young, age 97, beloved wife of the late Ellie J. Young, of the Rockledge Community, passed away on Wednesday morning, Jan. 14, 2026 at Scott Health and Rehabilitation Center in Scott, Ga.

Born in Blackshear, Georgia, she was the second oldest of four children born to the late Gordon Franklin Colley and Ora Lee Cornelius Colley. She grew up in Blackshear and was a graduate of Pierce County High School. After high school she married Edward Elliott Altman with whom she had three children. She had worked in the cafeteria within the Laurens County School System, the East Dublin Pharmacy and was a volunteer with Meals on Wheels. Her husband passed away in 1998. She later married Mr. Ellie J. Young, who passed away in 2012.

Mrs. Young had been a longtime member of Union Baptist Church and was presently the oldest living member.

In addition to her husbands, she is preceded in death by her daughter, Carol Altman Powell, a son, Paul Altman, daughter in

- Meeting adjourned

The Laurens County Board of Education will hold a called work session at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20. The agenda follows:

- Call to order
- Invocation
- Pledge
- Approval of agenda
- Discussion: Construction Professional to perform CM at Rick Services for East Laurens Elementary School and East Laurens Middle School Athletic Complex

- Executive session

- Personnel
- FY 27 certified personnel
- List A or List B
- Adjourn

The Laurens County Board of Education will hold a called meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22. The agenda follows:

- Call to order
- Invocation
- Pledge
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of the Con-

Kemp budget about affordability

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Gov. Brian Kemp's last budget proposal would stockpile billions for any rough economy one of his successors might encounter while also asking lawmakers to return over \$1 billion to taxpayers.

In his eighth and final state of the state address Thursday, Kemp said his budget proposal to the Georgia General Assembly will give average rebates of \$250 per individual taxpayer plus a fifth of a percentage point reduction to the state income tax rate, lowering it to 4.99%.

Like perhaps every other politician, Kemp nodded to what is shaping up to be a dominant issue in the upcoming elections: affordability.

"The reality is too many of our citizens are still struggling to make ends meet each and every day because costs are still too high," he said, speaking

law, Margaret Altman and siblings, Lewis Colley and Frances McCullars.

She leaves behind, one son, Ronnie Altman, Magnolia, Texas, a sister, Shirley Stalvey, Callahan, Fla., 10 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, one great-great-grand-daughter and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2026 at the Union Baptist Church in the Rockledge Community with Pastors Barron Powell and Jordy Barwick officiating.

Mrs. Young will be laid to rest beside her daughter in the Thigpen Cemetery, Rockledge.

Her family will receive friends on Sunday, from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the church.

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from the well of the Georgia House. "Groceries, rent, insurance, clothes for the kids, it all adds up to more than it used to."

He said if lawmakers approve his rebate his administration will have returned over \$7.5 billion in surplus funds over the past four years. Yet, the state would retain \$10 billion in reserves, enough to run government for three months.

Kemp's budget proposal spends money, too, on roads, on pay supplements, on retirement benefits and, for the first time in state history, on needs-based scholarships for higher education.

But there were no big gestures about the rising cost of health care at a time when many in the state are poised to lose their insurance as federal premium tax credits expire for policies under the Affordable Care Act, or ACA.

"We have been talking about expanding Medicaid year after year. And we know that the ACA subsidies have expired," Rep. Carolyn Hugley, D-Columbus, said after Kemp's speech.

"There are cuts to Medicaid coming down to us from the federal government. That's a real challenge, and I'm surprised that it was not mentioned."

Hugley, who is the House minority leader, also said Kemp's rebates would do little to help struggling families.

"They're thinking about child care. They're thinking about paying rent," she said. "But a one-time 250 or a one-time 500, what is that really going to do?"

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Laurens County

Invitation to Bid

Sealed Bids will be accepted on the resurfacing of various city streets and county roads until 10:00 A.M., Friday, January 30, 2026 and will be opened at the Public Bid Opening to be held in the Commissioner's Office located at 117 East Jackson Street Dublin, Georgia. A complete set of specifications can be obtained at the Laurens County Commissioner's Office or by going to the County website at LaurensCoGa.org. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. All bids shall include providing all labor, equipment, grading, striping and materials or other things necessary to complete the projects.

PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE BASED ON QUANTITIES IN PLACE. BID SHOULD STATE UNIT PRICE.

ALL WORK SHALL MEET THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ASPHALT RESURFACING.

All roadway intersections that intersect with road being resurfaced shall have properly tapered 6-foot apron to allow for smooth transition. All residential driveways will have tapered apron for smooth transition onto roadway.

Contractor is responsible for all traffic control and the posting of appropriate construction signs as required by MUTCD

The successful bidder will submit certificate of workers comp., liability insurance and E-Verify compliance when the bid is awarded. Payment and performance bond will also be required.

The Contractor shall be responsible for completing the projects by July 1, 2026.

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27 men called to report after draft

Dublin Courier -Herald, Dispatch, and Press

Clerk Walter Daniells of Draft Board No. Two announced a list of 27 men today who are being ordered to report for physical examination next Monday.

The examination will take place at 7 p.m. at the office of Dr. O.H. Cheek here.

Men called to take the examination are:

John Francis Currie - Glenwood, Route 2

Henry Nelms - Alamo, Route 1

George Griffin Hogan - Dexter

James Lamar Waldrep - Dublin, Route 5

James Charley Kelly - Cadwell, Route 1

O.C.Brown - Dudley, Route 1

James Gordon - Chauncy, Route 1

M.C. Kemp - Montrose, RFD

Palmer Lee Rozier - Montrose, RFD

J.D. Smith - Dudley

Hester Edward Warren - Dublin, Route 5

Larther Dupree - Montrose

Murrell Dean Collins - Cadwell, Route 1

Hudson Thomas Hall - Dublin, Route 2

James Thomas - Montrose, Route 1

Anthony Macee Rozar - Dublin, Route 4

Carolyn James Smith - Dudley

Willie Davis Burch - Cadwell

Thomas Mark Scott - Dublin, Route 5

James Oliver Vaughn - Dublin, Route 5

Cleo Butler - Dublin, Route 3

Norman Kellar- Rentz, Route 1

Roy Carlton Ward - Dexter, Route 1

U.A. (Jack) Morgan - Cadwell, Route 1

Thomas Judson Windham - Glenwood, RFD

Dr. E.B. Claxton, medical examiner for Board 2, has requested Drs. William C. Thompson, C.A. Hodges, O.H. Cheek, and C.G. Moye to assist in these examinations.

CADWELL SUPT. LEAVING

Cadwell High School Superintendent Wilkins Smith has tendered his resignation to Laurens County School Superintendent Elbert Mullis, effective January 24 in order that he may accept a position offered to him by Jordon High School officials of Columbus.

Superintendent Smith has been at Cadwell for the past two years and has established a fine record since assuming the Superintendency.

The Cadwell school has

been on the State Accredited list for the past two years and has gained recognition throughout the Sixth District scholastically as well as athletically.

Superintendent Smith is one of the youngest men in administrative work in the state and has established records at the various institutions where he has worked, having previously taught at Blackshear and at Pavo.

In joining the Jordon faculty, he will join in one of the largest high schools in the state, a newly established school with growing recognition in the state.

He will be connected with the Science Department.

DEXTER HONOR PUPILS

Jane Jolley, reporter from Dexter High School, has submitted the following list of honor students:

First Grade:

Billy Garrett

Nellie Mullis

C.F. Green

Katherine Horne

Delano Butler

LaVerne Kitchens

Vivian Hobbs

Faye Warren

Second Grade:

Helen Patisaul

Russell Brown

Carolyn Lord

Imogene Lord

Julian Davis

Franklyn Fennell

Lucille Woodard

Prangle Garnto

Third Grade:

Mary Nell Garrett

Fourth Grade:

Faye Clark

Mabeline Knight

Virginia Patisaul

Bobby Daniels

Eugene McCant

Cora Lee Warren

Royce Lord

Betty Jean Brown

Joyce Witherington

Dorothy Jolly

Lynara Dylees

Fifth Grade:

Gerald Lord

Muriel Dozier

John Williams

Warren White

Lois White

Sixth Grade:

James Brown

Jeanette Lord

Jewel Patisaul

Seventh Grade:

Robbie Nell Graham

Prentice Gilbert

Nontine Gilbert

Sara Kitchens

Christine Ezell

Lawrence Warren

Earl Thomas

Howard Warren

Mildred Ward

Laura Nell Dykes

Eighth Grade:

Edsel Silas

Nell Brown

Bessie Mullis

Ninth Grade:

J.B.Thomas

Joyce Waites

Tenth Grade:
Grace Edwards
James Reese
Mary Lee Reese
Emory Collins
Eleventh Grade:
Callie Mae Bass

COLORED NEWS

WPA Program

The program at Mt. Morris Baptist Church was a success on Monday night.

A full house with both white and colored present.

Following the recital of the adult students, many of the white people spoke words encouraging to both teacher and pupils. We had present some of the white WPA teachers who also spoke on the program. The white people were interested in the program; each one made a donation to help buy wood and fuel to carry on such wonderful work.

We don't find a pastor more interested in WPA program than Rev. J.G. Hogan and his good people who are very much pleased with the class in this section of the city - Christine Driskell, WPA teacher.

Jackson Street Chapel C.M.E.

To the members and friends of Jackson Chapel, you are cordially invited to be present to hear Rev. Wilson, the Presiding Elder of the Savannah District at 11:00 on Sunday morning and at 8:00 on Sunday night.

I am asking all leaders to be present with a round report. All boards have a written report.

J.D. Hill, PC.

Rev. J.W. Wilson, P.E.

Personals

Mr. James Thomas, senior, and family left for Savannah on December 26th, where they will make their home for some time.

Mr. Thomas has been a well known farmer of Laurens County for the past 34 years and much success is wished for him in his new occupation.

IRISH WIN GAME

By Barney Price

Dublin High Irishmen drove home another victory last night in the Hargrove Gym when they downed the Sandersville cagers 43-20.

With Albert Clark taking the lead for the Irishmen, the Sandersville boys faded away in the first quarter, never to overcome the 12 points lead. With Clark cracking the basket in the first half for the locals, the Irishmen held an 18 point lead at the half.

In the second half the Sandersville cagers came back to make 14 points, but the Irish worked the ball under the basket for 21 points.

Clark was the big noise for the locals last night. He

sank 22 of the 43 points for the Irish. Thompson, who is playing first string basket ball this year, showed up very good last night against the visitors.

The game was more or less one-sided for the Dublin Irishmen.

The Dublin line-up:

Braddy
Bryans
Clark
Thompson
Smalley
Subs: Mills, Kersey,
Bradshaw, Hancock

DIXON HEADS MASON

O.M. Dixon was elected Worshipful Master of the Thaggard Lodge No. 460 F. & A.M. of Rentz at a recent meeting for election of officers.

He is serving his third year as Master of the Lodge.

Other officers to serve with him this year are the following:

L.H. Currie -Senior Warden
Oscar Rowe - Junior Warden

W.W. Register - Secretary

Homer Faircloth - Senior Deacon

A.B. Fountain - Junior Deacon

Claxton Rowe - Senior Steward

R.L. Collins - Treasurer

G.W. Woodard - Tyler

This past year has meant very much to the lodge and members, one of the officers said today, and all members are looking forward to the new year for greater fellowship and happiness.

LAURENS 4-H BOY HONORED

James Lowery, Route 7, Dublin, was recently awarded a gold medal for winning the 4-H Club General Excellence Contest in Laurens County.

"Each year the outstanding Club boy in each county is determined by his previous records and activities," said Laurens County Agent H.A. Edge.

"He is judged on his demonstrated leadership and his farming and livestock abilities.

"The records of each of the county winners are compared in the State office of the Agricultural Extension. The boy with the outstanding record has the honor of being one of the two boys sent from Georgia to the National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D.C., and the boys with next highest accomplishments are included among Georgia's representatives at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Illinois."

LOOKING BACK...
85 YEARS AGO
JANUARY 17, 1941



By HARRIETT CLAXTON

CADWELL TRUSTEES NAMED

At an organizational meeting in Cadwell, trustees for the Cadwell Consolidated School were named, as follows:

Chairman - Walter Daniel

Secretary and Treasurer - L.K. Smith

Members - H.B. Graham, N.J. Stuckey, Freeman Mullis

Mr. Graham and Mr. Mullis are new members of the Board.

PROFESSOR ENTERTAINS BAND

By Barney Price

Dublin Senior High School Band members enjoyed a band dance given them last night in the senior high school cafeteria by Professor Jack Powell, who is the high school band director.

The dance started at 8:30 last night and lasted until 11:30. Refreshments were served all throughout the dance, and everybody had a swell time. Music was furnished by a nickelodian.

Those attending the dance were

Billy Bryans

Ruth Baggett

Rowe Beacham

Mazie Spivey

Cliff Prince

Floyd Horton

George Powell

Milo Smith

Olan Kersey

Robert Thompson

Albert Clark

Betty Page

Grumpy dentists, tele-orthodontistry and excess floss

I have a dentist appointment coming up, and like most people, I'm not looking forward to it.

Don't get me wrong, I have a meticulous dental hygiene routine. My days are bookended with vigorous brushing sessions, floss (one must always floss) and medicated mouthwash. Even so, the dentist is sure to find something wrong, one tiny spot of weak enamel or a tooth not getting as much attention as its neighbors, and they will let me know what a terrible job I'm doing taking care of myself, all for a nominal fee.

Dentists tend to be very grumpy, but if I had to spend my days wrist deep in other people's mouths I'd be a little cranky too. Especially banking on the fact that most people lie about their flossing habits. But at least they drive home in nice cars.

I bet a lot of floss is sold in January. It has to rank up there with gym memberships. Good-intentioned folks make New Year's resolutions to take better care of themselves, purchase a whole bunch of floss, typically in the form of some expensive gadget supposed to make the chore easier, and then give up after a couple of days of spitting blood into the bathroom sink. All that floss ends up in the landfill, trapping birds and other wildlife. Birds love floss apparently, but, sadly, they don't have teeth or hands to use it with.

A new law in the great state of Georgia allows for

DIVA ON A DIME: A POT OF VEGETABLE SOUP

By PATTI DIAMOND
King Features

Does last week already feel like a month ago? We often begin the new year with the best of intentions, and the trick is making them sustainable. I've learned that real life rarely responds well to extremes, but it does respond to support.

The gentlest and most effective reset doesn't come from cutting things out; it comes from putting the right things in. A pot of nourishing soup simmering on the stove is a simple, steady way to care for yourself and the people you love, one meal at a time.

A colorful, vegetable-rich soup offers more than comfort. Different colors provide different plant compounds that reduce inflammation, support immunity and overall well-being, which is why "eating the rainbow" matters. Plant-forward meals also give digestion a welcome break from heavier animal proteins, allowing the gut to settle after a season of indulgence.

My trick for deeply flavorful vegetable soup is building layers of flavor before adding any liquid. I start with a classic mirepoix of onion, carrot and celery, sautéed slowly until soft and lightly browned. That browning brings out the vegetables' natural sweetness. Once the base is fragrant and sweet, I add the remaining vegetables and sauté them too.

To help everything brown and boost flavor,

I toss the vegetables with seasoned vegetable soup base (Better Than Bouillon) loosened with a tablespoon of olive oil. This coats the vegetables, deepens the flavor and replaces the need for cartons of vegetable broth. It's an ingredient that costs more upfront but saves money over time, making it a smart, frugal staple in my kitchen.

Seasonal Vegetables

This is a flexible, clean-out-the-crisper soup. Use whatever vegetables are in season, ripe in your garden or priced to move at the store. In spring, think peas, asparagus or leeks. Summer welcomes corn, tomatoes and bell peppers. Fall is perfect for squash and cabbage. In winter, use sturdy vegetables like potatoes, peppers and kale. The method stays the same. The vegetables change with the season and the sales.

GENTLE RESET VEGETABLE SOUP

*Yield: 16 cups
Total Time: 1 hour*

4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
1 large, sweet or white onion, chopped
3 carrots, peeled and chopped
3 celery stalks, chopped
2 tablespoons vegetable soup base (like Better Than Bouillon)
4 cups seasonal vegetables, chopped
4 cloves garlic, pressed or minced
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1 large can (28 ounces)

diced tomatoes
8 cups water
1 (15.5 ounce) can great northern beans, drained
2 cups leafy greens like kale, chopped (thick ribs removed)

1/2 teaspoon sea salt, more to taste
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Heat 3 tablespoons olive oil in a large soup pot over medium heat. Add the onion, carrot and celery and cook, stirring, until the onion is translucent, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, mix the vegetable soup base with 1 tablespoon olive oil.

Add the seasonal vegetables to the pot, followed by the soup base mixture, stirring to coat. Add the garlic and thyme and sauté until the vegetables are lightly browned and fragrant, 8 to 10 minutes.

Stir in the diced tomatoes with their juices and the water, scraping up any flavorful bits from the bottom of the pot. Bring to a boil, then partially cover, reduce heat and simmer gently for about 15 minutes.

Uncover and add the beans and chopped greens. Simmer until the greens are tender, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in the vinegar and season generously with black pepper and salt to taste. Serve hot with crusty bread.

Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com
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THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

tele-dentistry. I'm not sure how that's supposed to work. Turn the camera to selfie mode, open wide and put the lens in your mouth. Don't forget to turn on the flashlight. I'm sure the doctor will still find something to fuss about. At

least you can hang up on him.

I've invested a tidy sum of money in teeth over the past decade. Kids grow them and lose them at an alarming rate. I'm pretty sure my daughter is part shark. We gave up the tooth fairy charade in my house fairly early in her life because I was going broke.

Speaking of growing broke, all of my offspring needed orthodontist work, so I'm paying a lot of people to poke around their mouths. I wonder how long before that line of work goes remote? Just mail me a spool of wire and solder, poorly translated instructions and a good luck note.

I have a small chip in one of my front teeth. I got it playing a jaw harp, you know of those metal framed instruments you put in the mouth that makes that "boing, boing" sound? The box warns you that it could mess your teeth up, but I heeded not their warning.

You cannot trust someone with perfect teeth though. If you see someone with a complete set of pearly whites, perfectly aligned, they bought them. There again, too few teeth come across poorly, too. A normal person is expected to have some coffee stains, a gap here or there and at least one broken tooth.

Even so, I think I'll go floss one more time before I head to the dentist's office.

Rosa Parks: 'Faith, Courage, Dignity'

By JACK
BROWN

The modern civil rights movement in America was quietly launched by Rosa Parks of Montgomery, Alabama, on December 1, 1955. The spark that ignited this movement to end racial discrimination in America's public life began that date on a public bus as this 42-year-old seamstress made her way home from work. All of the white seats on the bus were filled, and she was instructed by the driver to give up her seat for a white man. She refused and was then arrested, charged with violating the law, convicted and then fined. On the day she went to court some 42,000 black residents of Montgomery, "virtually the entire black ridership of Montgomery, Alabama," began a boycott of the bus system that lasted for 381 days! This protest over the injustice of such a segregated system of injustice was soon led by a young 26-year-old minister named Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Rosa Parks and her husband Raymond soon lost

courage, dignity and determination.

Rosa Parks has been honored in many ways, to include: in 1979, she received the Spingarn Award, the NAACP's highest honor for civil rights; in 1996, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest U.S. civilian honor; and, in 1999, she received the Congressional Gold Medal. She also received more than 40 honorary degrees, and there are streets, parks, libraries and schools across the United States named for her.

Scripture states: ". . . in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength . . ." (Isaiah 30:15). Rosa Parks embodied this biblical truth in her long life of 92 years. She is remembered in honor. What a fine American citizen she was, one whose major contribution to mankind began with her quiet act of courage on a public bus in the city of Montgomery, Alabama. Thank you, Rosa Parks. Thank you!

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Legals

Legals

25-594
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Security Deed dated October 2, 2002, from Iva Jean Lattimore and Marcia Lattimore to Mortgage Electronic Registrations Systems, Inc. as nominee for Taylor, Bear & Whitaker Mortgage Corp, recorded on October 8, 2002 in Deed Book 1339 at Page 98 Laurens County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned transferred and conveyed to Nationalstar Mortgage LLC by Assignment and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated October 2, 2002, in the amount of \$71,600.00 said note being modified by Loan Modification agreement and recorded on October 7, 2014 in OR Book 2567 OR Page 8 in the real property records of Laurens County, Georgia, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Laurens County, Georgia on February 3, 2026 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"):

ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND IN LAND LOT 48 OF THE SECOND LAND DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 1.11 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING PART OF LOT 11 AND PART OF LOT 12 OF TOWSON PLACE SUBDIVISION AND BEING SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY BY LARRY C. JONES, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED MARCH 18, 1998 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1032, PAGE 120, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS BY THIS REFERENCE INCORPORATED. SAID LOT FRONTS 100 FEET ON THE NORTHEASTERLY MARGIN OF TOWSON DRIVE. THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS CONVEYED SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE COVENANTS FOR TOWSON PLACE, DATED DECEMBER 1, 1995, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 834, PAGE 274, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH COVENANTS ARE BY THIS REFERENCE INCORPORATED.

The debt secured by the Security Deed and evidenced by the Note and has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed, accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorney's fees. Notice of intention to collect attorney's fees has been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in possession of the property is/are Iva Jean Lattimore and Marcia Lattimore. The property, being commonly known as 1045 Towson Dr, Montrose, GA, 31065 in Laurens County, will be sold as the property of Iva Jean Lattimore and Marcia Lattimore, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above described mortgage is as follows: Nationalstar Mortgage LLC dba Mr. Cooper, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, 888-480-2432. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

Albertelli Law
Attorney for Nationalstar Mortgage LLC as Attorney in Fact for Iva Jean Lattimore and Marcia Lattimore
100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1000 Atlanta, GA 30339

Phone: (770) 373-4242
THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

.25-011799
December 27, 2025, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

26-022
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
C&F FINANCE COMPANY VS.
Malik Linder
639 Ed Beckham Rd
East Dublin, GA 31027, DEFENDANT
CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 25-CG-0404-JH
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: MALIK LINDER
Defendant Named Above:

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action was filed in said court on May 21, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on January 6, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Alexandria Capers, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Lefkoff, Rubin, Gleason, Russo & Smith, P.C., 5555 Glenridge Connector, Suite 900, Atlanta, Georgia 30324, an answer within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication and shall bear teste in the name of the Judge and shall be signed by the Clerk of Court.

Witness the Honorable Jon F. Helton, Superior Court Judge.

Thi the 6th day of January, 2026.

Rhonda Spires
CLERK OF COURT
SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY

Prepared and presented by:

The Law Office of LEFKOFF, RUBIN, GLEASON, RUSSO & SMITH, P.C.

Attorney for Plaintiff

By: Alexandria Capers

Georgia State Bar No. 808823

5555 Glenridge Connector, Suite 900

Atlanta, Georgia 30342

January 17, 24, 31, 2026, February 7, 2026

26-006

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Tommy Ricks III to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Ameris Bank, its successors and assigns dated March 23, 2018, recorded in Deed Book 2859, Page 210, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Ameris Bank by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3557, Page 162, Laurens County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$47,200.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2026, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

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

Ameris Bank is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Ameris Bank, 1 Corporate Drive, Suite 360, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, 8475507300.

Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Tommy Ricks, III or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 201 Coleman Ave, East Dublin, GA 31027. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

Ameris Bank
as Attorney in Fact for

Tommy Ricks III

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP

1544 Old Alabama Rd

Roswell, GA 30076

www.foreclosurehotline.net

EXHIBIT "A"

Tract I: Those tracts or parcels of land, lying and being in Smith District (52nd District G.M.) and being known as Lots No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block "E" of survey of Lakehurst Subdivision made by E. K. Hatten, in July of 1947, plat of which said survey is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 62, Clerk's Office, Superior Court, Laurens County, Georgia, and to which reference is made for further description of the real estate conveyed. Each of said Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 fronting on Coleman Avenue (formerly known as Darien Street) 50 feet, and extending southwesterly with a uniform width of 250 feet, the total frontage on Coleman Avenue (formerly known as Darien Street), being 200 feet.

This is also the same property described in a Warranty Deed from J. Thomas to Annie Catherine Lake Thomas and recorded in Deed Book 267, Page 410, on April 10, 1969, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County.

Tract II: All that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the 52nd District G.M. of Laurens County, Georgia, and being a part of Tract No. 23 of Block "E" of Lakehurst Subdivision, plat of which Subdivision is recorded in Deed Book 2, Page 62, Clerk's Office, Laurens County, Georgia, and further described as: BEGINNING at a point on the southeast side of Poplar Street a distance of 250 feet from the south corner of intersection of Poplar Street and Darien Street (now known as Coleman Avenue) and running thence in a southwesterly direction along Poplar Street a distance of 87 feet to property of Ned Z. Collins; thence in a southeasterly direction a distance of 175 feet to property of R. D. Brown; thence in a northeasterly direction a distance of 87 feet to Lake property; thence in a northwesterly direction a distance of 175 feet to the point of beginning, said tract being bounded on the northwest by Poplar Street; on the northeast by Lake property; on the southeast by R. D. Brown and on the southwest by property of Ned Z. Collins.

This is also the same property described in an Executor's Deed of Assent from Jim Zenus Thomas to Catherine Thomas and recorded in Deed Book 1608, Page 276, on December 15, 2004, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County.

Tract III: All that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the 52nd District G.M. of Laurens County, Georgia, and being a part of Tract No. 23 of Block "E" of Lakehurst Subdivision, plat of which Subdivision is recorded in Deed Book 2, Page 62, Clerk's Office, Laurens County, Georgia, and further described as: BEGINNING at a point on the southeast side of Poplar Street a distance of 250 feet from the south corner of intersection of Poplar Street and Darien Street (now known as Coleman Avenue) and running thence in a southwesterly direction along Poplar Street a distance of 87 feet to property of Ned Z. Collins; thence in a southeasterly direction a distance of 175 feet to property of R. D. Brown; thence in a northeasterly direction a distance of 87 feet to Lake property; thence in a northwesterly direction a distance of 175 feet to the point of beginning, said tract being bounded on the northwest by Poplar Street; on the northeast by Lake property; on the southeast by R. D. Brown and on the southwest by property of Ned Z. Collins.

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26-010

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2017, KYUNG HOON CHUNG did execute and deliver to PRICE FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLLP, a certain Deed to Secure Debt to the hereinafter described land to secure the payment of a certain Note of even date of \$230,000.00 principal plus interest as specified in the Note, all as shown by the record of said Deed to Secure Debt in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, recorded in Deed Book 2804, Page 290; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payments provided for in said note held by

said PRICE FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLLP, and said PRICE FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLLP, as the owner and holder of said

Deed to Secure Debt and Note, has elected to declare the entire unpaid

indebtedness described in and secured by

said Deed to Secure Debt due and

payable, and the same has not been paid;

and

The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given) NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to and in exercise of the power of sale contained in said Deed to Secure Debt, and for the purpose of collecting the indebtedness due thereby, there will be sold at public outcry, before the Courthouse door in Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in February, 2026, to wit: February 3, 2026 within the legal hours of sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, and containing 0.84 acres, designated as Parcel A on a plat of survey prepared by Billy Flanders, Surveyor, dated May 5, 1988 and recorded in Plat Book 6, page 73, Laurens County Records, he courses and distances of said plat are incorporated into and made a part of this description by reference.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property are KYUNG HOON CHUNG, and is known as 902 HILLCREST DRIVE, DUBLIN, GEORGIA, 31021

Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172-1; and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172-1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided within 30 days of the date of sale. Final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph may not be rendered prior to the expiration of this 30-day period. A delivery of the Deed Under Power earlier than 30 days after the foreclosure sale date specified hereinabove will be subject to the direct approval of the holder of the Security Deed.

Scott B. Thompson, Sr. P.C. PRICE FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLLP

P.O. Box 1586, as attorney in fact for

Dublin, Georgia 31040 KYUNG HOON CHUNG.

January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

26-007

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE NOTICE OF
SALE UNDER POWER CONTAINED IN
SECURITY DEED STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF LAURENS Pursuant to a
power of sale contained in a certain
security deed executed by WILLIE M
LOCKE AKA MAUDE LOCKE, hereinafter
referred to as Grantor, to The United
States of America acting through the Rural
Housing Service or successor agency,
United States Department of Agriculture,
its successors and assigns, dated October
22, 1993, and recorded on October 22,
1993 in Deed Book 00726, beginning at
page 0341, of the deed records of the
Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens
County, Georgia, and by virtue of a default
under the terms of said security deed, and
the related note, the undersigned
attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor
(which attorney-in-fact is the present
holder of said security deed and note
secured thereby) will sell at public outcry
before the door of the courthouse in
Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place
as has or may be lawfully designated as
an alternative location, within the legal
hours of sale, for cash, to the highest
bidder on the first Tuesday in February,
2026, all property described in said
security deed including but not limited to
the following described property: ALL
THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND
LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 51 OF
THE 17TH LAND DISTRICT OF
LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA,
CONTAINING 1.81 ACRES, MORE OR
LESS, AND BEING MORE
PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON A PLAT OF
SURVEY PREPARED BY BILLY
FLANDERS, SURVEYOR, DATED
MARCH 5, 1993, AND RECORDED IN
DEED BOOK 726 PAGE 334, LAURENS
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AND DISTANCES OF SAID PLAT ARE
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PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY
REFERENCE. SAID PROPERTY IS
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NORTHWEST BY LOCKE, NORTHEAST
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SOUTH BY CONNER AND IS
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EASEMENTS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY
PURPOSES AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT
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commonly be known as 2527 SNOW HILL
CHURCH RD, CADWELL, GA 31009 Said
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recourse against the above-named or the
undersigned. The sale will be subject to
the following items which may affect the
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(including taxes which are a lien but not
yet due and payable); any matters which
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and inspection of the property; any
assessments, liens, encumbrances,
zoning ordinances, restrictions, and all
other matters of record superior to the said
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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. Dawson
Management is the entity with full authority
to negotiate, amend and modify the terms
of the Note and Security Deed, and it may
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770-962-4981 To the best of the
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party in possession of the property is
believed to be WILLIE M LOCKE AKA
MAUDE LOCKE, or tenant(s). United
States of America, acting through the
Rural Housing Service, its successors and
assigns, United States Department of
Agriculture, as Transferee, Assignee, and
Secured Creditor As attorney-in-fact for
the aforesaid Grantor Please note that if
any borrower or obligor has received a
discharge in a bankruptcy case filed under
Title 11 of the United States Code, no
personal liability will arise from this
foreclosure action against that individual.
This foreclosure action is being pursued
solely against the real property to enforce
the lien created by the Security Instrument.
Respectfully, Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
16415 Addison Road, Suite 725 Addison,
TX 75001 (401) 234-9200 (401) 398-2594

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE
ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR,
UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY
INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE
USED FOR THAT PURPOSE A-4861763

January 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

26-019

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA,
ANNOTATED SECTION 10-4-210, ET SEQ., THERE
WILL BE A PUBLIC SALE BY CARDINAL
STOW-A-WAY, 1048 OAK STREET, DUDLEY,
GA, 31022 ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026,
STARTING AT 10:00AM. THE PROCEEDS OF SAID
SALE WILL BE USED TO FIRST SATISFY THE STORAGE
FEE AND OTHER EXPENSES OF THE AUCTION. ANY
OTHER PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO SATISFY SUCH
CREDITORS AS PRESENT THEIR CLAIMS IN
ADVANCE OF SALE.

UNIT #22 KAION WILLIAMS

UNIT #98 TASHA BIMBS

UNIT #105 JOEY MILLWOOD

January 17, 24, 2026

26-580

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
LAURENS COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
DAVID WILLIAMS

DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 25-276

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINIS-
TRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:

VICKI WILLIAMS has petitioned for to be
appointed administrator(s) of the estate of

DAVID WILLIAMS 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 such objections, and

must be filed with the Court on or before

Feb. 2, 2026.

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.

Genoa L. Jackson

Judge of the Probate Court

By: CW Warren

Clerk of the Probate Court

PO BOX 2098

DUBLIN, GA 31040

478-272-2566

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

26-003

TANYA ROGERS, CLERK
LAURENS COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

PERSONNALLY APPEARED
THE UNDERSIGNED WHO ON
OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS

THAT: Eternal Oaks Wood

Floors CO, LLC

108 Vernon Street, Dublin, GA

31021

478-278-7654

IS/ARE DOING BUSINESS IN

LAURENS COUNTY, GA.,

UNDER THE NAME OF:

TRADE NAME: ETERNAL

EPOXY

ADDRESS: 108 VERNON

STREET DUBLIN, GA 31021

AND THAT THE NATURE OF THE
BUSINESS TO BE

CARRIED ON AT SUCH

ADDRESS IS: Concrete

Preparation and Epoxy

Coatings.

SWORN TO AND

SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS 30 DAY OF DEC, 2025.

CYNTHIA STRANGE

NOTARY PUBLIC

January 10, 17, 2026

26-024

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND
CREDITORS

Georgia, Laurens County

IN RE: ESTATE OF ARTIS FRAZIER,

deceased, late of Laurens County,

Georgia, are hereby notified to render their

demands to the undersigned according to

law, and all persons indebted to said

Estate are required to make immediate

payment to the undersigned.

JOHNNY HAL HALL

Executor of the Estate of

JEWEL R. HALL

C/O Edward B. Claxton III

Attorney for Executor

P.O. Box 16459

Dublin, Georgia 31040

January 17, 24, 31, 2026, February 7,

2026

26-600

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF LAURENS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID
STATE AND COUNTY

IN RE: ESTATE OF DELORES
WHITTINGTON

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND
DEBTORS

All creditors of the estate of DELORES

WHITTINGTON 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 the undersigned.

Alligood hits 1K in Trinity split with CCA

Lady Falcons score 84 in rout, Makaya's miracle shot at buzzer keys OT win for EL boys on unforgettable night at Jefferson Co.

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

Everybody who'd been tasked with secrecy managed to keep an upcoming milestone for Trinity's Maddie Grace Alligood on the down-low, in accordance with a her team's recent tradition of withholding news of players' 1,000th career point as a surprise for the moment it happens.

The all-region forward had, for some time, been closing in on the achievement, though delays tied to scheduling and an injury drug out the wait from mid-December until the Lady Crusaders' return to the court for Monday's game against Citizens Christian, which she entered in need of five.

Alligood remained in the dark right up until moments before tipoff, when she was tipped off to the news by – of all people – a game official who didn't realize he was supposed to keep the piece of info under his hat, and made casual mention of the fact during the crew's customary pregame chat with players of both teams.

"When we were in the captain's speech, the ref actually said, 'Isn't somebody hitting 1,000 tonight?' And I was like, I guess so. I don't know," Alligood said. "He was the one that spilled the beans, but I would've had no clue."

The reaction of the Clyde Evans Fieldhouse crowd, which exploded with cheers as an impressive number of handmade congratulatory posters popped up throughout the seats with her third basket of the night to take the total to 1,001, made evident that she would have been the only one in the building outside the loop.

After sinking the point-blank jumper, Alligood stepped directly into the embrace of teammate Brinley Vinson, who'd reached this point herself earlier in the season, followed by the rest of Trinity's starting five.

She acknowledged the long ovation, and was presented the game ball as a keepsake of the moment, which highlighted another dominant performance for the Trinity girls on their way to a third-straight win, 74-48, in Monday's split with the Patriots.

The Crusaders' short-handed boys came up on the losing end, 82-46, in their re-start to the season marking a final tune-up before the start of region play Tuesday on the road.

To the surprise of no one...

This moment, and similar 1,000-point celebrations for Vinson along with classmate Maddy George that have come within the past year, seemed like only a matter of time when each of the three players first broke onto the scene as difference-making freshmen back in 2022.

The development and maturation of that core, which also includes an equally instrumental fourth senior in Addie Kendrick, has been the overarching theme of a four-year run for the Lady Crusaders (including more than 50 wins, two region titles, two Final Fours and one state championship game berth last year) as successful as any in the 15-year tenure of head coach Lacey Shepherd.

The "dynamic" group's accomplishments, individual and collective, now include an all-time first for the program, which has never had more than two in the same class of players to become 1,000-point scorers.

"I think it just shows how outstanding they really are," Shepherd said. "They've



MG 1K: Teammates Maddy George, Addie Kendrick, Brinley Vinson and Chloe Rozier move in for a group hug after Maddie Grace Alligood (24) scored her 1,000th career point Monday night/CLAY REYNOLDS

worked hard in the off-season, which has been able to get them where they are, and they continue to work hard. They, of course, are pushing for a state championship, and had a taste of it last year. I really think that they're just an incredible group of girls on and off the court. So it's so fun to watch them cheer on one another."

From their early playing days, the group has been marked by versatility, evident in box scores that never seem to have one player in the scoring lead of more than about two games in a row, as well as the distinct sense of chemistry underlying their fluid style of play on both ends of the court.

"We've been playing together since fifth grade, and we're all best friends on the outside," Vinson said. "I think just playing with your friends something really special. We're not selfish. We just want the best for each other, and I think that's just special."

Shepherd attributes their success to not only complimentary personalities, but the experience that's come as a product of the early baptism by fire into varsity competition they experienced in ninth grade. The lofty expectations that were placed on their shoulders way back in that first season, looking back, never turned out to be too big.

"They have played so long together, and we haven't had a lot of seniors ahead of them, so they've gotten a lot of playing time from an early age," Shepherd said. "It's been really neat to watch them develop over just the last four years. But they're not just basketball players. They're so special. Off the court, it's really like having four extra daughters for (assistant coach Jay Shepherd) and I. It's fun to be able to push them and make them better and then, you know, love them when you're on the court and off the court."

George, who coincidentally hit quadruple digits this same time a year ago as the Lady Crusaders returned from their extended January break, was first to get there midway through her junior year.

Vinson, finishing up last March in the high 900s, didn't need long into a first game back this season to do the same. As a matter of fact, the big moment came in the very first minute of the new campaign with her's and Trinity's first points of opening night at FPD, where a great turnout of Trinity fans made it just as special an occasion.

"It was awesome," Vinson said. "I loved every moment of it. I love being a part of this team, too. They always celebrate us. So it was fun."

Monday night carried a special sense of emotion for Alligood, whose completion of that 1,000-point mission was no guarantee going into a senior season clouded by the uncertainty of a torn ACL she suffered during the

summer.

But the moderate severity of the injury allowed her to play through it, and fortunately so for the Trinity softball team, which probably wouldn't have made it back to the state tournament without her pitching.

"I tore it in June, so I didn't really know if I was gonna be able to even play sports at all," Alligood said. "But thankfully I have. I got through softball with no problem. It was just fine. Basketball is a little bit more of a gamble, you know, because you've got to pivot."

A brief setback in December, which thankfully cleared up with some time off to rest, has been the only issue she's run into since shifting to hoops with the hope of finally reaching this moment.

Though there were far too many signs to read in a single glance, one of the dozens visible in the stands as Alligood soaked in the achievement had to stand out with its especially poignant message: "You only need on ACL to spell miracle."

Getting back to work...

The Trinity girls were, not surprisingly, a bit rusty in the first few minutes of Monday's re-start, on the heels of a 10-day layoff.

The gap in the schedule – a fixture for the past handful of seasons – coincides with a schoolwide service and missions emphasis that dedicates students' first week back from the holidays to various local projects and international trips.

A hot-shooting CCA put the ball in the basket several possessions in a row to jump out to a quick lead as the Lady Crusaders tried to get back in their rhythm. But they'd rediscover that groove by early in the second quarter, at which point both Alligood and Vinson had more than carved out a foothold inside.

"After service week, normally you would think you would come back and have to work out a few kinks, but tonight, I feel like we came back pretty strong and didn't have much of a problem," Alligood said.

She had 22 points, and Vinson 19, to power an interior machine that CCA couldn't defend, or rival with a 27-point night from its frontcourt leader Arabelle Roberts.

The Lady Crusaders' mixture of defenses, and full-court pressure picking on some younger guards tasked with getting her the ball, seemed to wear the Lady Patriots down as the night went on.

Their 17-14 lead after the first quarter grew by eight in the second and nine in the third as George delivered an additional 15 points, and Chloe Rozier eight, to the balanced effort.

George was responsible for half of the team's six 3-pointers on a somewhat modest night from outside.

The success rate, for a



SUPER BOWLES: Hayden Bowles knocked down seven 3-pointers (this one his second of back-to-back in the first quarter) to score the equivalent of seven touchdowns as the Crusader points leader in Monday's big game/CLAY REYNOLDS

lot of teams, would be nothing to sneeze at. But it was still a bit off the pace Trinity has set in recent games, and for much of this season.

"I think we struggled a little bit shooting tonight, coming off of that many days of no in-game practice," Shepherd said, emphasizing that being just as tough to defend in both areas of the floor on a consistent basis is what will make the Lady Crusaders a team to be reckoned with when the postseason rolls around late next month.

"We've all got to be hitting on our best. We've got to have our post game, solid, strong, stay out of foul trouble, and then we've got to have our shooters," she said. "We have, you know, those five that start, and all shoot 3s. And so, I think, on a night when they try to stop us inside and they can hit those 3s, they're gonna be unstoppable."

The absence of center Jamario Ricks down front put Trinity's boys at a major disadvantage in the rematch with a well-rounded CCA team they lost to by 22 earlier in the season.

That void inside, rather than the simple growing pains of a young lineup still gaining its confidence back in November, was the source of the Crusaders' struggles on the offensive end, where 6-foot-5 center Blake Bryant (the Pats' flamethrowing Clemson baseball commit) was once again a defensive obstacle that made attacking the middle impractical, and rebounds tough to get at around either basket.

A tag team of Carter Lee and Alston Bryan did its best to keep him out of the paint, off the boards and to only five first-half points.

But cooling off the Patriots' outside shooters was a much different story.

CCA hit 13 as a team, and Landon Tanner three out of its six before the half, to put Trinity under some constant pressure to stay on the brisk pace.

Nine points by Jagger George and two 3s in a row by Hayden Bowles kept the Crusaders within three after the first eight minutes, but a dearth of answers in their five-point second period created a double-digit gap as the Patriots put up 14 on their way into the break.

Trinity's own long-range game, which produced more 3-point field goals (10) than 2s (only six) on the night, would be its only real offense as things picked back up in the second half... but for both teams.

CCA's Bryant, throwing down a second rafter-rattling dunk of the night while knocking down three triples in a 14-point third quarter, and Gray McLean, who hit a second and third 3-pointer on his way to eight in the fourth, kept the RPs up to outscore the Crusaders by 12 in both stanzas.

Bowles canned four 3s in the last to finish with seven, good for all of his team-leading 21. George added two

from deep, and all but one of Trinity's 2s (Bryan was credited with the lone other on a third-quarter putback) to finish with 17.

Bryant (with 25) Tanner (sinking four 3s to reach 18), McLean (15) and Miller Hutchinson (a fourth in double figures with 12) combined to lead the Patriots.

East Laurens girls 84, Jefferson Co. 7

Deanna Lowther (16 points, 12 rebounds, six steals and three blocks), Garyunna Mitchell (15 points, 13 boards and seven steals), Amari Kellam (13 points) and Zahmaria Robinson (11 points, five steals) accumulated some impressive numbers, though there were plenty of stats left in all columns to account for some other strong performances on the part of D'Nya Rozier, Jameria Bing, Layla Tanner, Quean Washington and Miyah Smith, who each offered an additional 4-7 points to a scoring total that appears to be the Lady Falcons' highest in a game since Nov. 20, 2018 (when they dropped 85 on Harlem in a first of that season's three 80-plus point efforts).

East Laurens (11-3, 5-1) gave up Jefferson County's lone field goal of the first half in between its early runs of 16 and 14 unanswered points, before scattering another 17 around a couple of isolated free throws over the rest of the 47-4 first half.

East Laurens boys 62, Jefferson Co. 60

A desperate 3-pointer that Braylon Bryan released – off of one foot from over 26 feet out – with no more than half a second remaining on the clock swished at the horn to force overtime, and the Falcons made the most of the miracle finish by outscoring Jefferson County 10-8 from there to pull off their sixth-straight win Tuesday night in Louisville.

East trailed by six with 1:43 to go in regulation of the back-and-forth game, and was still down to its last hopes as the deficit lingered at four with about 13 remaining. But Jeremiah Rozier saved one from out of bounds for a Bryson Hazley basket that made it a two-point game, and the Warriors broke their streak of seven-straight missed free throws with the second of a pair to lead by three as the Falcons geared up for their last chance.

Hazley got the inbound, and narrowly avoided a mishap as he double-clutched a pass and gave up control of his dribble. Rozier had to come to his rescue in the backcourt, but got the ball to Makaya deep on the right wing with just enough time left for the catch-and-shoot that found bullseye.

Jefferson County, after a stop denied Keyshaun Lee's go-ahead attempt and Rozier stretched the Falcons' lead to the final two at the foul line, was called for a

PREP SCHEDULE

BASKETBALL

Friday

Trinity at Brentwood
Howard at West Laurens
Washington Co. at Dublin
/6 p.m.

Dodge Co. at East Laurens
/7 p.m.

Saturday

EL at Treutlen/5 p.m.
Dublin at Johnson Co.
/6 p.m.

Tuesday

Central Fellowship at Trinity
Dublin at Dodge Co.
EL at Brentwood
WL at Aquinas/6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 23

Dublin at EL
Gatewood at Trinity
Hephzibah at WL/6 p.m.

backbreaking double dribble as it tried to advance the ball for one more opportunity as East ran out the clock at the end of OT.

Zion Dixon and Major Floyd had 10 each for the Eastside scoring lead. Makaya finished with eight.

West Laurens girls 71, Westside Augusta 46

Brooklyn Jackson (26 points) and Maddie Ridgway (23) stayed hot, and Ja'Halee Snead put up an additional 12, as the Lady Raiders pulled away late to claim their second-straight win.

Westside, amazingly, managed to tie the score back up at 17s early in the second quarter after West Laurens raced out to a 13-1 lead from the tip. The cycle repeated as the Lady Raiders rattled off 12 unanswered, for a 30-22 lead at the half, but hit another lull midway through the third quarter.

They'd finally put the Patriots away as the lead swelled back to double digits (13) by the end of the period, scoring 24 against their 11 in the fourth to ride off into the sunset.

Westside 79, West Laurens boys 74

The Raiders (3-14, 1-9 region 4-AAA) were well within striking distance of a second region win as they made their move, after playing from an average of 2-4 points back since halftime, to tie and take the lead at the end of the third quarter.

Westside, though, would surge back in front with a run to start the fourth, and led by too big a number as West Laurens made a few late stabs – narrowing the gap to five on a Brandon Stephens 3-pointer with 2:40 to go, and to four later at the foul line – but never got back within one possession.

Dublin girls 64, Toombs Co. 59

A 17-9 third quarter gave the Lady Irish (6-7, 2-3 region 2-High A) an upper hand late, and Khalil Madox scored the final six points (with a 3, a 2 and a free throw) to preserve their four-point lead.

Toombs Co. 56, Dublin boys 47

A combined 10-point shortfall for the Irish (3-9, 0-5 region 2-High A) in quarters 2 and 3 was their undoing as the Bulldogs stayed just out of reach, and hung on to split Tuesday's non-region set in Lyons.

Jaydon McRae went off for 22 points, and Jakarian Jones had seven rebounds and three steals. But Toombs, led by Parker Stanley's 19 points, eight rebounds and four blocked shots, relied on a narrow defensive edge to overcome its negative disparity in turnovers, field goal and free throw percentage.



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: To help out his parents, I pick up my grandson from day care two days a week. I recently started taking him to a local park for about 45 minutes before I take him home. I'm physically active and climb the slides, chase him around and play with him. He loves our time together.

Over the last two weeks, there has been a little 6-year-old girl at the park who seems to be on her own. Her parents, I assume, are in the parking lot. They are not in the park play area.

The time we are there is the same time school gets out, so I'm sure she goes there every day after school. She has attached herself to us and wants me to go down the slide with her, push her on the swings and chase her constantly, and she asks me to watch her do this or that. Whatever we are doing, she is right there.

She is cute and sweet, but she is taking my time away from my grandson. Also, my grandson is annoyed at someone else demanding my time which also distracts me from keeping a close eye on him. There isn't another park we can go to that is nearby, and he loves this particular one. The girl is always there when we go. At first, I tried to include her in our play but that made it worse because she wanted more attention.

I am a retired teacher, so I understand she is craving attention from an adult, but she's really impeding on our play time together. How do I politely ask her to leave us alone? -- DISTRACTED GRANDMA IN FLORIDA

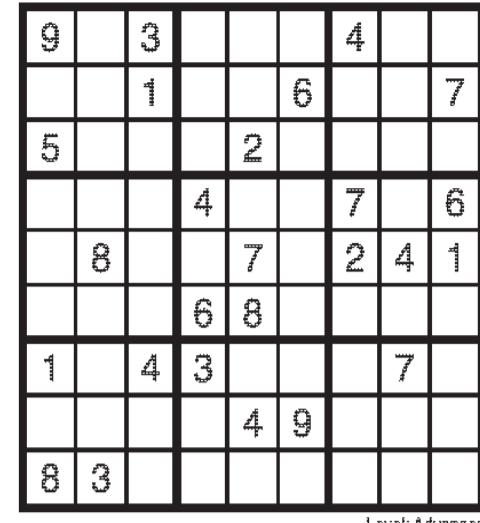
DEAR GRANDMA: You are assuming that the little girl HAS a parent in the parking lot. The next time you see her, ask her who is there with her -- mom, dad, aunt, caregiver? If you do, you can either meet the person and explain the problem or realize that no responsible adult is looking after her. If this is the case, for heaven's sake, report it to the school or CPS because leaving her all alone is child endangerment.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 66-year-old woman who has worked full time for 47 years, in addition to raising two children and maintaining a home. I will be retiring in three months because, honestly, I'm tired of the rat race.

I'm single and don't have a boyfriend. I have plenty of friends and family, but I'm increasingly nervous about what I'll do with my spare time. I know I should feel happy and grateful that I'm able to retire, but at the same time, I'm having anxiety over this freedom. Have you any suggestions to offer? -- STOPPING SOON IN TEXAS

DEAR STOPPING: Start making a list of what your interests are. Your retirement years could offer you the chance to travel and see the wonders this country has to offer. You could take adult education classes at a nearby college or university. You might like to volunteer some time on projects or charities in your community. Or you could just hang out with friends. How you choose to spend your free time is entirely up to you and limited only by your imagination.

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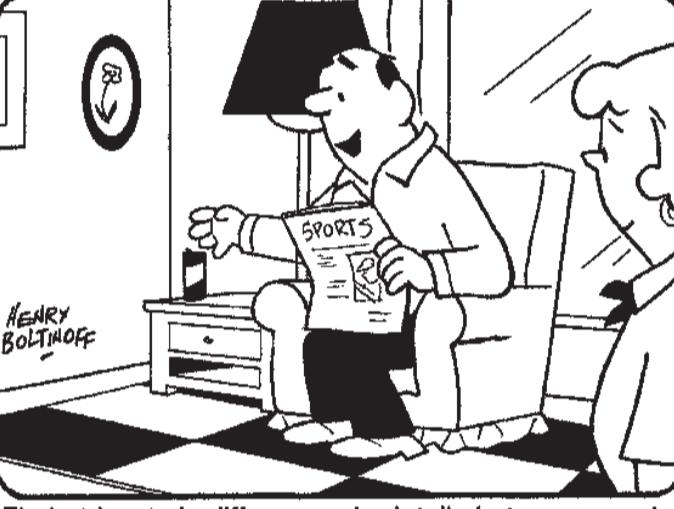
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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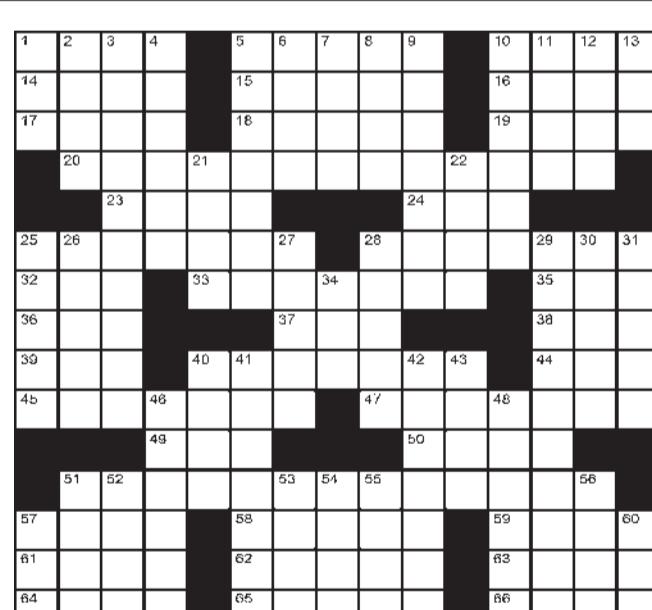
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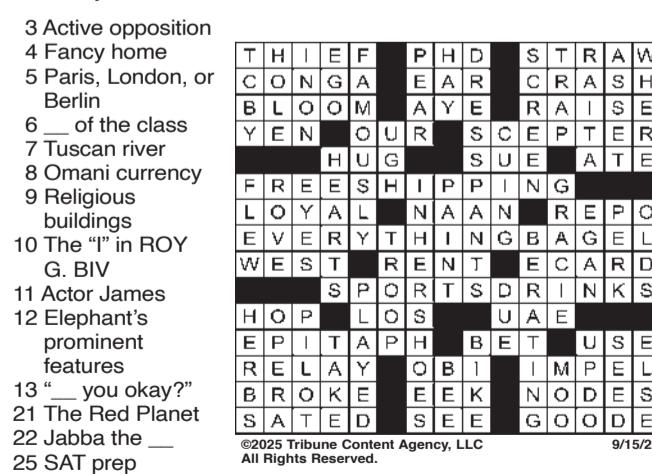
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The Garden Bug

The importance of snow



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As snowflakes form in the clouds and fall to the earth, they collect nitrogen and other particulates like sulfur from the atmosphere. These nutrients will serve as natural fertilizers later on. As these flakes collect on the ground and form thick, mounded heaps of snow, this provides excellent insulation and shelter for the vulnerable garden beds beneath. The soil, the organisms in the soil and root systems are now protected from severe temperature fluctuations and icy winds. As the months become warmer, the melting snow gently releases moisture and nutrients into the soil. - Brenda Weaver

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GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

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

♠ A K 10 ♦ J 8 6 5 ♦ A Q 7 ♣ A 7 6

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

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

♠ K 10 9 4 ♦ A K Q 6 4 ♦ Void ♣ J 7 6 5 ♣ K 7

As dealer, what call would you make?

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ Pass 2NT* Pass

?

*Game-forcing heart raise, at least four trumps

As dealer, what call would you make?

♠ 7 ♦ 10 7 6 ♦ K Q 10 5 ♣ A K 6 5 4

As dealer, what call would you make?

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

♠ K Q 10 7 5 ♦ K J 7 ♦ 3 ♣ A K Q 9

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♦ 2♦ Pass Pass

?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this paper.)

PORTER

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heart of Georgia," said Porter. "Expanding the essential work of these newspapers strengthens communities and fosters local engagement. I believe strongly in the power of independent, community news and

I'm looking forward to continuing to build investment and support for the vibrancy of our publications in Georgia's rural communities."

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DUBLIN BAND

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The board also was asked to consider a contract with O'Malley Music, and former West Laurens band director Michael Dukes, to continue as educational rep, providing repairs and rental instruments. The contract was not the lowest bid, but as a local resident Dukes can provide repairs and replacement instruments much quicker than an out-of-town rep.

"Over five years, he's probably given us \$10,000 to \$15,000," Rayner said of Dukes. "We've got to give back to the people who have been giving and floating us for years."

Lanier asked Rayner to provide the oth-

er bids for comparison.

"That's information that the board needs to see," he said.

Rayner's pitch seemed to strike a chord with the board. Member JoAnna Glover thanked students for attending in support of the band and encouraged them to continue pursuing their passion.

"Showing up now shows they are concerned about what is going on at the school," Glover said. "Performing is an art. It shows your talent. It shows who you are."

"What you put out when you breathe into your instrument ... that's a part of you that you're putting out there to the world, saying, 'Listen.' And we hear you."

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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you are having to work on yourself or you are having to overcome some bad decisions and downfalls in your life, you need somebody to come along and pick you up."

He said those who usually attend the meetings already have their heads down because they are embarrassed and some do not know about hope. Bell comes in the room and kicks everything off with laughter.

"I want them to realize they are OK," Bell said. "I'm hoping to change the atmosphere of their recovery. I want them to stop beating themselves up and start picking themselves up. We're not trying to guilt people into coming clean or getting healed. There is a way you can do that with a smile on your face. We want to show people that they can get the healing and not be in the dumps all the time."

And laughter is a good way to do that.

"Laughter tears down walls," Bell said. "Whenever

you start laughing, you start tearing down a wall, and we are then able to put encouragement in purpose inside of you. We are using what God created in the form of laughter and we're using it to help people who need it the most. Coming in to a meeting like this gives us an opportunity to love on them and give them hope. It's a night where they are not getting beat up or trampled on. It's just a new way of looking at recovery and a new way of looking at healing."

Bell wants to continue to go to Celebrate Recovery meetings between his comedy tours. Bell was no stranger to Laurens County, performing with Jason Crabb at Theatre Dublin in 2021. He can be found on social media.

"We have started seeing a definite increase in followers and views," Bell said. "People start recognizing you when you go out from the videos. We can use social media to encourage people we may never see."

Bell's shows are clean. He said he had to choose which way he wanted to go. But because he is a Christian, he de-

cided to keep his act clean.

"That, and also, my mother is still alive," Bell said. "I didn't want to die before I was supposed to. But when you do clean comedy, that allows you to be able to entertain the entire family and not just the older segment of the family. It is always a good thing when the whole family can come out and enjoy a clean comedy show."

Bell has written several books and starred in three films last year, all in the editing process.

"They will hopefully be coming out later this year," Bell said.

One of those films is called "The Holy One," from JCFilms, which stars Kevin Sorbo. Bell said it is about a golfer who gets involved with the Las Vegas mob.

Celebrate Recovery meets every Monday at DBC, starting at 6:45 p.m.

"We have testimonies every other week," Falk said. "People who have been through it and they are called by Jesus Christ. When they start talking, those testimonies are really powerful."



FIRE FROM ON HIGH

Last week, the Dublin Fire Department provided some spectacular aerial photos of a blaze that destroyed a building off East Jackson Street. Here's another shot from the man at the drone's controls, Nicholas Lassiter, showing firefighters working to control the blaze/NICHOLAS LASSITER, Special Photo

CHIPPER

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ter for a fishing habitat.

"I had told folks to do that," Wilson said. "And they did."

Bring One for the Chipper, held in the Home Depot shopping center, was the first event in 2026. It will not be the last.

"This is going to be a big year for Keep America Beautiful, Keep Georgia Beautiful, and by proxy, Keep Dublin-Laurens Beautiful," Wilson said. "We've got the 250th anniversary of our country coming up."

Boy Scout Troup No. 65 and Asplundh, who is contractor for Georgia Power, was on site to chip up the trees. Besides the trees, KDLB was also taking up old electronics.

"We want everybody to know that electronics can be taken over to 505 Broad Street in East Dublin any time, Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.," Wilson said. "They'll accept your cardboard, they'll accept your single stream recycling and your electronics. That's a great resource. I just wish people would use it more. Some people are surprised about it. It is a well-kept secret we wish was not well-kept."

Wilson knows and understands that people get in a hurry and do not notice the trash on the sides of the

roads in the city and county.

"When you take the time to look, instead of thinking about the time getting to your destination, it will almost make you sick to see the trash on the side of the road," he said. "It is terrible."

There is a section of Antioch Church Road where trash is picked up every quarter.

"Within five weeks, it looks like we haven't even been there," Wilson said. "Trash is everywhere. I don't understand. There just seems to be certain roads in our counties that seem to just draw litter. I've said it before that litter begets litter. What we want to do is clean our country up. We have a beautiful country here, and I don't think we really give it the respect it deserves."

Wilson said they have started the Great American Cleanup and it will run through July 4.

"I'd like to encourage everybody to get out and clean up," he said. "People, churches or civic organizations can give me a call and we will bring out all of the tools they will need to do the cleanup. Maybe we'll bring a little bit of muscle along, too. We'd like to do as many cleanups as we can between now and our country's birthday. Perhaps, it'll be something that will stick."

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The first month of the year is special for a number of reasons, including the opportunity for a fresh start, as millions of people make New Year's resolutions in an effort to turn the page on the previous year.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is nestled in the middle of January and is another day of contemplation and celebration. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American Baptist minister, activist, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and one of the most prominent leaders of the civil rights movement. His leadership was fundamental throughout the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. King promoted non-

violent tactics that included the March on Washington in 1963.

The third Monday of January is widely celebrated as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (or MLK Day), and is a federal holiday to honor the life and legacy of this great man. The day presents an opportunity to celebrate and honor Dr. King in notable ways. Here are some of the many ways to celebrate Dr. King and serve in his name.

- Give what you can. Donate money or goods to a nearby charitable organization. This can include donating to a food pantry or dropping off clothing at a homeless shelter.
- Donate time. Dr. King's legacy is a testament to cooperation. When people

work together and support one another, the world becomes a better place for future generations. Volunteering time at a local non-profit organization is a start.

- Watch the "I Have a Dream" speech. Dr. King was a skilled orator, and this speech is about 17 minutes long. Many people know of this speech but may not have listened to it in its entirety, nor have fully absorbed its message. MLK Day is an ideal time to listen to the speech from start to finish.

- Promote equality initiatives. Racism, segregation and inequality remain a problem even today. Use MLK Day as a catalyst for change aimed at promoting equality among all people.
- Spearhead mixers and

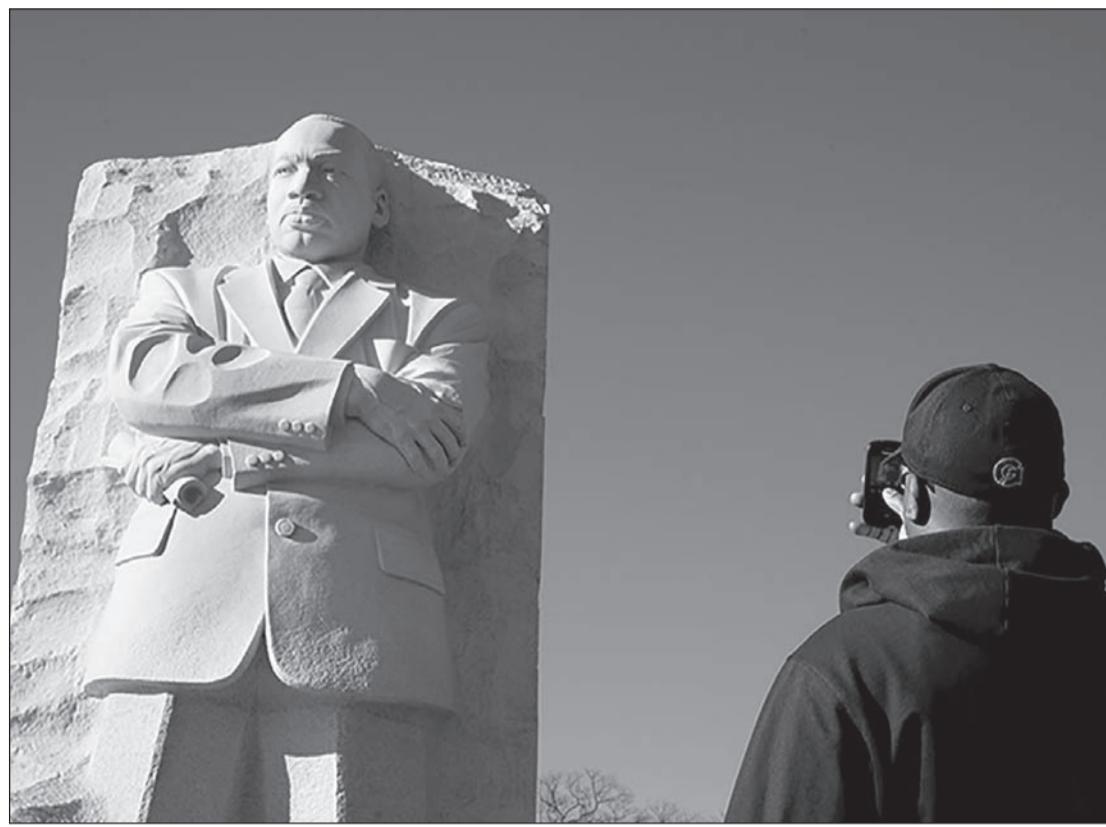
other friendly socials. Dr. King espoused a message of kindness and respect for others. By bringing people together from different backgrounds, individuals can learn that they likely have more in common than they realize. Host special social gatherings that can take place on or around MLK Day.

- Plant a tree or another enduring symbol. A Greek proverb says, "A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit." It means that planting trees represents actions that will benefit future generations, even if the person planting them will not live long enough to reap the benefits. Dr. King facilitated greater racial harmony and peace even though he was not able to enjoy it more fully. Planting a tree in his name will benefit future generations.

- Learn more about Dr.

King. Visit a cultural center that is offering a special MLK Day exhibit; otherwise, read biographies or watch a movie about Dr. King's life and work.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a celebration of a man who did great things that continue to benefit generations of people who came after him.



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MLK Jr.'s impact around the globe

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Americans pay homage to Martin Luther King, Jr. every January. While King was a renowned leader for his role in the American civil rights movement, his legacy extends beyond American borders. King began to speak about global issues after receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, visiting countries in west Africa and toured the South America. King also spent a month

in India, where he was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's use of nonviolence when protesting British rule. King spoke out against apartheid in South Africa and condemned the use of nuclear weapons against Japan during World War II. He also was a critic of the Vietnam War. As a Christian minister, King's first priority was to promote the teachings of Jesus Christ, and King felt an obligation to do God's work around the world.

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