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Fast-moving storm leaves damage in Laurens



Willie Jackson looks over the damage at his home following Thursday morning's storm, which also took down trees and power lines/RODNEY MANLEY

Wind lifts roof off mobile home, takes down trees and power lines

By RODNEY MANLEY & PAYTON TOWNS III
Staff

Willie Jackson was stirred from his sleep Thursday morning by the sounds of storm winds whipping outside his mobile home.

"I looked outside and everything was orange," Jackson said. "I thought Iran was here, and we were at war."

Then, in an instant, Jackson's roof was gone.

"It was like, 'poof!' It sounded like somebody blew out a candle."

The roof was crumpled in his front yard, and insulation strewn in trees nearby.

Jackson's home, off U.S. 80 east, near the East Laurens school complex, was the most visible sign of damage, though tornado warnings had students there and other residents across the county scrambling

for cover.

Bill Laird, director of Laurens County Emergency Management Agency, said the powerful storm downed trees and power lines along several roadways.

"We had about a dozen in Dublin, just south of the interstate, and one or two in Dexter and several down in the Cedar Grove area," he said.

It was a fast-moving storm that brought heavy rain and strong winds into the area, leaving several hundred homes without power. Traffic signals went from their normal positions to almost parallel to the road while signs and banners flapped in the air.

"It did move fairly fast," Laird said, adding that he had not heard of any serious injuries.

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'Have faith:' NASCAR Live host encourages Irish Breakfast crowd

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

A Trinity Christian graduate and NASCAR Live host encouraged people attending the Irish Chamber Breakfast to lean on God while taking zero credit for the blessings he showers on them.

Carla Metts, who was the guest speaker for the event, gained a green jacket following her speech at the DuBose Porter Center last Tuesday morning. When she took the stage, Metts admitted that she is used to appearing in front of millions of viewers on TV, but being in front of a crowd like the one at the breakfast was "a little more intimidating."

"I look across the room and I see friends and family," Metts said. "I want to thank you if you helped make Dublin-Laurens County a better place to live."

She grew up raised by two educators. She and her brother were influenced by their



NASCAR Live's Carla Metts, a Trinity graduate, thanked the members of the breakfast crowd who had helped make Dublin and Laurens County a 'better place to live'/CLAY REYNOLDS

parents, Doug and Wanda Metts. She had two dreams — become a college cheerleader and a sports journalist.

In sixth grade, Metts was told that she would be bumped from the competi-

tion cheer team to become an alternate. Her parents did not grumble. Instead, her father took her out in the backyard and worked to improve her skills.

"What I learned was what



Breakfast-goers work their way down the buffett line/CLAY REYNOLDS

you put in is what you get out of it," Metts said. "God delights in leading us, and we can take zero credit for it."

Metts graduated from Trinity and became a cheerleader at Georgia Southern in Statesboro.

"I was so focused on cheerleading that I didn't focus on broadcasting," she said. "But God contin-

ued to lead me."

After graduating, she moved to South Dakota. She was able to get into a station and worked what she called one of her best jobs. She then moved to Charlotte, N.C. She applied for jobs but never heard back from anyone.

"I had this peace that God was going to do something," Metts said.

She wound up taking a job with NASCAR working in their archives in 2019.

"I had never watched a full NASCAR race," Metts said.

She lost her job during the COVID pandemic. In July 2020, she had been off the air for the previ-

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LEPRECHAUNS TAKE OVER THE EMERALD CITY

The annual St. Patrick's Leprechaun Contest, held by Leadership Dublin-Laurens, brought out first- through third-graders from local schools in an attempt to impress the judges. While gold was not handed out, emcee Jason Keyton announced each participant and the crowd went wild as their favorite leprechauns walked out on the stage at Dublin High School last Monday/PAYTON TOWNS III



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Man sentenced to life without parole for 2020 fatal shooting

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

A Sandersville man received a sentence of life in prison without parole in the fatal 2020 shooting of a Mississippi man.

Jeremiah Salter, who was 19 when he was arrested, was sentenced by Laurens County Judge Jud Green at the courthouse Thursday morning, weeks after a jury found him guilty of two counts of felony murder and one count of malice murder in the death of Sherman Radcliff, 23, of Collins, Mississippi.

The jury also found Salter guilty of armed robbery, four counts of

aggravated assault and one count of possession of a firearm, but not guilty of a count of armed robbery.

"I'm grateful to the jury because their verdict showed that they took their oath seriously," said Chief Assistant District Attorney Kelly Weathers. "They listened to the facts and found them as they found them to be. It was a circumstantial case, and when you have a circumstantial case, you have to eliminate all reasonable hypotheses of innocence. The evidence was so loud that you just couldn't (eliminate) it."

One piece of evidence was Salter's cellphone that had been left at the crime scene, Weathers said.

"The communications in the phone showed that he set up the encounter," she said.

Around 11:02 p.m. on Nov. 27, 2020, an ambulance was flagged down by another man from Mississippi. They discovered the victim and took him to Fairview Park Hospital where he pronounced dead at 12:35 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28, by Laurens County Deputy Coroner Nathan Stanley. The investigation led police to identify Salter and Jeremiah Fripp as suspects. Both were later arrested in Columbia, S.C.

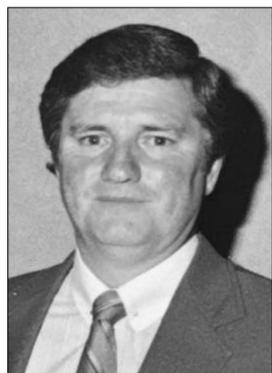
According to police, both men from Mississippi were in Laurens County to conduct a firearms transaction, which turned into a robbery.

Fripp was convicted by a jury a few years ago, and his conviction was affirmed on appeal. Weathers said Fripp received life without parole.

Weathers thanked Maj. Eric Roland and detectives Rico Parks and Lee Washburn.

"They took me out to the crime scene five years later to recreate things for me," said Weathers, who also thanked Dawn Rhodes and Laray Avery, from the DA's office, who drove out to Mississippi to bring the victim's mother to the trial. "They got her and brought her here. It's an eight-hour drive one way, and it was important for his mother to be here."

OBITUARIES



Billy Pierce Holton

Mr. Billy Pierce Holton, 79, beloved husband of Wynoka Braddy Holton of Soperton passed away on Monday afternoon, March 2, 2026 at Community Hospice in Vidalia, Georgia.

Born in Treutlen County, he was the youngest and last living of five children born to the late Pierce and Bertchie Mae Phillips Holton. At the age of 13, a young Treutlen County native, Cora Wynoka Braddy caught his attention and remained the "Apple of his Eye" until agreeing to become his wife, at the age of 19, in 1966. Billy attended Brewton Parker College in Mt. Vernon and Georgia Southern University in Statesboro where he earned his Associates and Bachelors Degrees in Business Administration before climbing the ladder to becoming a self-made successful businessman. He began his journey working and learning the freight distribution and logistics industry in Augusta and Macon. During the 1970s, he rapidly rose to and became the Manager of Distribution for Yellow Freight Lines in Macon and Calhoun, Georgia. In the early 1990s in Dalton, Georgia, Billy founded "The Pillow Company," of which he has continued to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer. In the ensuing years, he founded and has continued to lead a second business, Emerald Wholesale Inc.

Affectionately referred to as "Big Daddy," he was avidly spontaneous and enjoyed showering others with his caring and giving spirit. He enjoyed time on the golf course, time at the lake house, entertaining others, the Georgia Bulldogs, and in his younger years; taking Wynoka out for a night of square dancing and doing the jitterbug. Most recently he enjoyed military action films and watching old westerns with Wynoka.

Billy was a lifelong member of Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his siblings, Annette Henry

(Buddy), Glynece Lumley (Junior), Lanell Posey (Norwood) and Ronald Holton (Grace).

Billy leaves behind, his wife of 60 years, Wynoka Braddy Holton, Soperton, Ga.; their children, Brandon Scott Holton, Dalton, Ga., Shannon Holton McFee (Brian), Charleston, S.C., Brandi Holton West (Chris), Hattiesburg, Miss., Amy Holton Tanner (Dexter), Milledgeville, Ga.; his grandchildren, Emerald Brooke "Emmie" Holton (Roland Barrick), Caroline Pierce West, Camille Summer Tanner, Charlotte Mae Tanner; great grandchildren, Jolie Brooke Strickland, Cora Layne Rosen; his Yorkie traveling companion and office partner, Chloe; numerous nieces and nephews and many coveted coworkers and business partners that will miss his leadership, friendship and generosity.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 3 p.m. from the graveside in the Boiling Springs Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Conway Jones and Pastor Gilbert Posey officiating.

Mr. Billy was laid to rest adjacent to his parents in the Boiling Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

His family received friends on Saturday, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church.

If so desired, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 3572 Boiling Springs Church Rd., Soperton, GA 30457

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

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Alan Rudolph Denson

Funeral services for Mr. Alan Rudolph Denson, of Dublin, Georgia, were held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 10 a.m. in the C.D. Dudley Memorial Chapel at the Dudley Funeral Home, 617 East Jackson Street in Dublin. Interment followed in the Dudley Memorial

Cemetery.

Alan Denson was born on Sunday, June 20, 1965, to his parents, Catherine and Bennie Rozier. His grandparents were Iviellen and Lonnie Denson.

His hobbies were watching television, sports and spending time with his family. He worked at Kroger for many years.

Mr. Denson passed away on Thursday, March 5, 2026. He was preceded in death by Bennie Rozier, Catherine Rozier, Tony Rozier and Angela Coney.

He leaves to cherish his wife of 39 years, Betty Denson, a son, Johnathan (Tiffany) Denson, and a daughter, Patrice (Wayne) Lewis, three grandchildren, Azariya Lewis, Xavier Lewis, and Tyeson Denson, and one sister Cynthia (Wayne) Coney, and a niece, host of nephews, aunts and an uncle.

Please post your condolences at ServicesbyDudley.com.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.



Prentis "Papa" Williams

Services for Mr. Prentis "Papa" Williams, of East Dublin, Georgia, will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 1 p.m. at the Holly Spring Baptist Church, 705 Buckeye Road in East Dublin. Interment will follow in the Holly Spring Baptist Church Cemetery.

Prentis Williams was born on Friday, March 8, 1935, to Tom and Florence Williams. Prentis was raised by his stepfather, Wyman Wells. He joined the Williams Chapel Baptist Church at an early age and was in the Male Choir.

Mr. Prentis Williams passed away on Monday, March 3, 2026. He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Florence Williams, stepfather, Wyman Wells, his siblings, Willie Williams, Julian Williams, Nelson Williams, Nathaniel Williams, Oscar Williams, and his sister, Tommy Lee Stanley.

Prentis leaves to cherish his memories to his wife of 70 years, Mrs. Ruby Lee Williams, his sons, Rufus Williams, and Melvin Williams, his daughters, Gloria Bostic, and JoAnn (John) Tolbert, his grandchildren, Latonya (Richengra), Carla (Darnell) Smith, Rachal Jackson, Damien Williams, Leah Hodges, John Tolbert, Kendra Tolbert, Brianna Hall, eight great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at 301 Daley Street in East Dublin. Please post your condolences online at ServicesbyDudley.com.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.

Big changes coming to General Assembly in 2026 elections as lawmakers leave office

By MARK NIESSE
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — With legislators running for higher office, longtime lawmakers retiring, and many challenges to incumbents, the Georgia General Assembly is set for high turnover after this year's elections.

Control of the state House and Senate is at stake as Republicans are defending the majorities they've held in both chambers for over 20 years.

Eighteen senators and representatives signed up to run for higher offices before candidate qualifying ended last week, leaving behind districts where they would have been incumbents seeking reelection. In the contest for lieutenant governor alone, five senators are competing against each other.

And many new challengers entered the fray. A total of 537 candidates are running for 236 seats in the General Assembly.

To take control of the House, Democrats need to flip 10 seats. Republicans currently hold a 99-77 advantage, with four Democratic-leaning seats vacant. Democrats have already secured two of those seats because no Republicans are running.

"The wave is building, and Georgia can feel it," said House Minority Leader Carolyn Hugley, D-Columbus. "We are within striking distance of the majority, and this qualifying period has made one thing absolutely clear: House Democrats are not just competing — we are coming to win."

Republicans hold firmer control of the

Senate, where they have a 32-23 advantage, with one GOP-leaning seat vacant.

Republican Party Chair Josh McKoon said Georgia remains a center-right state, but no election can be taken for granted.

"Republicans have been great stewards of the public trust. When you look at the Republican record, it's really striking how they've made Georgia such an engine of economic growth," McKoon said. "Voters will continue to reward Republicans for that record."

Despite the flood of candidates, some incumbents lack any challengers, especially in deeply conservative or liberal districts.

There are 54 seats where only one candidate filed to run for election, effectively winning their races before a vote is cast.

Besides candidates running for higher office, retirements and resignations also created openings.

The nine retiring legislators include House Speaker Pro Tem Jan Jones, R-Milton; House Natural Resources Chair Lynn Smith, R-Newnan; Sen. Ed Harbison, D-Columbus; and Sen. Elena Parent, D-Decatur.

Three Democrats left the House after facing federal charges for COVID-19 unemployment fraud. Reps. Karen Bennett, D-Stone Mountain, and Dexter Sharper, D-Valdosta, resigned from office. Rep. Sharon Henderson, D-Covington, was suspended from the House by Gov. Brian Kemp, and she's running for state Senate.

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH...

Estradiol treatment comes with FDA-boxed warning

By KEITH ROACH
King Features

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 70-year-old woman who has suffered with vaginal dryness ever since I went through menopause. My doctor has prescribed estradiol 0.01% hormone cream to help with the symptoms. The side effects and warnings are worrisome, even though my doctor assures me that it's safe to use. I value your opinion and would appreciate your thoughts. -- K.C.

ANSWER: The Food and Drug Administration requires boxed warnings, which are the highest level of concern, on systemic estrogen like pills. Until November 2025, the same warnings existed on topical treatments like creams and gels. In my opinion, the risks of estrogen cream like the estradiol that you have been prescribed are low. I agree with removing the boxed warning since it can scare women from using these helpful, low-risk treatments for their symptoms of low estrogen, including vaginal dryness or painful sex.

As always, I do recommend that anyone who is prescribed estrogen and has a history of an estrogen-sensitive tumor (such as breast cancer) should

discuss this treatment with their oncologist prior to starting it. For most healthy menopausal women, topical estradiol is an excellent and very safe choice.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I've read that millions of people have parasites and aren't even aware of it. How do I cleanse myself safely? I'm hesitant to use animal medications like fenbendazole or ivermectin. I drink clove tea daily, but I don't believe that it's sufficient because it doesn't cross the blood-brain barrier. What are your thoughts since this is one of your fields of study? -- R.R.

ANSWER: It is probably true that millions of people in the United States alone have undiagnosed parasitic infections. The most common of these are intestinal parasites, such as Blastocystis or Strongyloides. While it may be unpleasant to think about intestinal parasites, we generally don't recommend treatment in asymptomatic people, even if it's been diagnosed.

Microorganisms are categorized into three groups: beneficial ones, like the healthy bacteria that are found in our intestines by the trillions; harmful (pathogenic) ones that cause disease; and commensals, which neither help nor hurt us much. For most people, protozoans like Blastocystis are commensals, so there is no need to treat them. There are

very few instances of when an asymptomatic parasite needs to be treated, and it is quite rare among people who are born in the U.S.

Clove tea is a traditional herbal medicine to treat some parasites, but it is not particularly effective; I don't recommend it as a treatment.

The most common symptoms of intestinal parasites are diarrhea, abdominal pain, bloating, gas, anal itching and weight loss. Parasites are not a common cause of these symptoms in the U.S., but persistent symptoms deserve a thorough evaluation, not home remedies and certainly not powerful antiparasitic medicine -- unless it's been prescribed after a firm diagnosis.

Ivermectin is used in both animals and humans for parasitic infections. Although fenbendazole isn't approved for humans, similar medicines like albendazole can be used for humans in cases where a parasite is in need of treatment. Infectious disease doctors are the experts in the treatment of parasitic infections.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Interest grows in Georgia Jackson Day dinner

Dublin Courier - Herald, Dispatch, and Press

Local interest in the Georgia Jackson Day Dinner to be held at 7 p.m. at the Henry Grady Hotel in Atlanta has been materially stimulated by the announcement of County Chairman James W.E. Allen that a complimentary dinner will be given the local committee formerly appointed by him on Wednesday, March 26, at 8 p.m. at the New Dublin otel.

Allen was named the Laurens County Chairman by Ryburn G. Clay, Chairman of the State Committee, who declared:

"The troubled condition of the world today makes it imperative that the Democratic Party keep its own organization intact and strengthen its forces so that it can continue to administer the affairs of this nation through this troubled era.

"It is necessary that every county in Georgia do its part and that is why we feel so fortunate in the acceptance of Mr. Allen to head the campaign in Laurens County. We know that the county under his direction will do a splendid job."

Mr. Clay further pointed out that any Georgia Democrat who contributes \$25 or more to the campaign will be invited to attend a Party dinner in Atlanta on March 29.

Governor Eugene Talmadge, one of more loyal backers of this movement, in a statement today lending his usual enthusiastic co-operation to the meet, stated that the keynote of the Jackson Day Dinner this year is party harmony with an intra-party faction within the state cooperating to see that Georgia leads all states in properly backing the Democratic Party."

Highlight of the Atlanta dinner will be the opportunity to hear former Governor O. Max Gardner of North Carolina as principal speaker. Gardner is one of the nation's outstanding Democratic leaders and is known far and wide for his ability as a speaker and his grasp of National and International affairs.

All members of the committee appointed by Chairman James E. Allen are invited to attend the dinner on Wednesday evening, March 26, at the New Dublin Hotel at 8:00 p.m.

SENATE HEARING CITY EXTENSION BILL
Dublin City Council again heard arguments from a delegation opposed to extension of the city limits at last night's session but took no further action on the matter.

Meantime, a public hearing is scheduled for tomorrow before the state senate, where a bill authorizing the proposed expansion is up for passage after hurdling through the House.

The delegation appearing before the Council included W. Pat Roche, Cecil E. Carroll, W.R. Werden, E.W. Oatts, and W.W. Larsen.

Mr. Roche indicated today that he might also appear at the Senate hearing, and it is believed that the others will also attend.

Mayor Dee Sessions himself leaves for Atlanta today on personal business but says that he has no plans to attend the hearing.

"So far as the city is concerned, we are just letting nature take its course," the Mayor stated. "City Council asked our two representatives to pass a bill enabling us to expand the city limits but that is as far as we are to go. We are not planing to

make a fight for it, and it is entirely up to the legislature to do whatever it sees fit."

FIRMS WARNED OF COST

"There were a few business concerns that did not avail themselves of the 10% discount offered to those who paid their business licenses by March 1st," Dublin City Clerk R.A. Rogers said today.

"This is a notice to them, that licenses which are not paid before April 10th that in addition to this 10% they did not avail themselves of will be faced with the necessity of paying costs, after cases made in the Recorder's Court, which will add even more to the cost of doing business in Dublin.

"The city would very much prefer not having to go to the trouble of making cases and placing those delinquent in the embarrassment position of having a case made against them.

"But attention is called to the fact that anyone doing business after licenses are due in January and not having paid are committing an offense against the city of Dublin," Clerk Roberts concluded.

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS GET MORE MONEY

Accredited schools of the Laurens County system will be operated this year for the full nine-months term and other white schools of the system for eight months from funds supplied by the Board of Education for the first time in their history.

"Heretofore, Laurens County Superintendent of Schools Elbert Mullis explained, "funds have been available for only seven months' operation by the county board with the exception of last year, when the accredited schools were assisted in part to carry on a full term.

"In most instances, local boards managed to keep their schools operating for an extra month after funds from the county board stopped."

CHURCH NEWS

Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church

Dr. Ralph Gilliam, Pastor of Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church, desires to announce that the hour of services will be changed from 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This applies to both the Wednesday night and the Sunday night meetings. "This has been the custom in the churches of the city to change the hour at this season of the year," the minister says.

NEW BETHEL WMU

The New Bethel Baptist Womens Missionary Union members held a program at the New Bethel Baptist Church this week in observance of Home Missions. The devotional was led by Mrs. J.B. Burch, and Rev. J.E. Townsend spoke on the subject, "I Am A Debtor."

The afternoon program was led by Mrs. E.N. Achord, the theme being "I Am Debtor to Christ Who Called Me to be One of That Great Company of Laborers Together with God."

The meeting was closed by a chain of prayers led by Mrs. John Cauthen and Mrs. I.W. Edwards.

CATHOLIC CHURCH PUBLICATION

Announcement was made in all the Catholic Churches of the state that on Sunday, March 16, a special publication would be distributed at all the Masses.

LOOKING BACK... 85 YEARS AGO

MARCH 14, 1941



By HARRIETT CLAXTON

This publication will graphically portray especially by means of photographs what the Church was enabled to do in Georgia by reason of the funds that were raised three years ago by the Bishop's Confraternity of the Laity. This edition will show also the amount pledged by the people of the diocese and the actual sum realized.

Attention was called to the projects begun and completed and those projects begun and not as yet completed and also the need for steps to be taken for a still greater growth of religion in the state.

In order to assure to the diocese a steady source of income that will make possible further progress and greater advancement, there is to be formed in this diocese a Bureau to be known as Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Savannah and Atlanta.

FIRST METHODIST USHERS

Blakely Parrott, Vice Chairman of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church, announces that the following men will serve as ushers for the next four Sundays beginning with Sunday, the 9th instant:

Morning Services:
R.F. Deese
E.F. Moxley
Sam Swinson
Vincent Simmons
B.H. Samples
Evening Services:
Ed Harpe
Tommy Jones
Hugh Hoyt
R.F. Deese
Edison Brinson

Mr. Parrott requests that the ushers be at their stations promptly at all services.

MARIE NEW

By Mrs. H.E. Hobbs
Rev. W.F. Willingham was the guest speaker at the church on Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour and at the seven-thirty service in the evening.

Rev. Smith of Adrian will speak at the services on Sunday, March 16th.

The regular church conference and a call conference were held on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoke Holmes and Curtis Perry have returned to Cocoa, Florida. Mrs. Holmes will come back soon to visit with her relatives in this community.

Congratulations to Miss Maggie Pearl Wyatt whose birthday anniversary was last week.

Friends in this community of Mrs. Bill Turner of Macon regret that she is ill. Her mother, Mrs. I.C. Bobbitt from here and her sister, Mrs. Herman Kennedy of Vidalia will visit her some time this week.

SCHOOL LEADERS MEET AT BREWTON

Brewton Consolidated accredited school trustees will be hosts to trustees and officials of Lovett, Pine Grove, and Dominy schools, and Laurens County School Superintendent Elbert Mullis at a good-will get-to-

gether of neighbors this evening at 7:00, according to Dr. C.G. Moye, who is a member of the Brewton trustees and a member of the Laurens County Board of Education.

An oyster supper and a barbecue will be on the menu for the visitors.

Those invited, which included their wives are

Trustees of Lovett School:

B.B. Kight
Walter Lovett
H.M. Morgan
Frank Walker
R.H. Kyzer

Trustees of Dominy School:

Earl Lake
E.A. Dominy
Brigham Dominy
Gordon Register
Ben Maddox

Trustees of Pine Grove School:

H.M. Stewart
M.D. Snipes
H.S. Kaney
G.A. Lewis
J.T. Chipley

Trustees of Brewton School:

B.C. Keen
L.G. Durden
Dr. C.G. Moye
F.W. Watson
W.D. Maddox

Mr. Maddox is Chairman of the Brewton School Board, which has, incidentally, just elected W.E. Love as superintendent for the next three years.

Brewton, which is one of the leading schools in Laurens County, has outlined a three-year program of expansion and improvements, which was announced.

SOFTBALL PLAY OPENS APRIL 29

Opening date for play in the newly organized Dublin Softball League has been set for April 29, Brigham M. White, League Chairman, announced today.

The fields, now under construction at the Dublin Fair Grounds, will be lighted at that time. Games will be played at night.

Meantime, the eight teams of the League are expected to start practice shortly in order to be ready for the season.

JOYOUS '39 CLASS REUNION

"School days - dear old golden school days" called members of the Dublin High School Class of '39 to a reunion last evening, and fifty members of the class and a

group of teachers gathered for the joyous occasion.

Dressed in "school day" clothes, the young ladies and young men gathered in the halls of the Senior High building and at the sound of the bell reported to their former home room. Miss Alice Jepeway, class president, brought greetings and presented Dublin School Superintendent A.J. Hargrove who heartily welcomed the former students of Dublin High.

Jon Barnett and Shelor Rodgers, class officers, also spoke. (Tommy Baldwin was the only officer absent.)

Songs that were sung in high school days were sung, and Misses Annette Daniel, Mavis Scarborough, and Mildred Hancock were heard in solo numbers. Miss Sybil Lindsey gave a humorous reading, and the class entered into a spirited quiz program which featured incidents of their senior year. Miss Maybelle Stith led the singing, and Professor Jack Powell was the accompanist of Seniors"

Bucky O'Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman O'Neal, the Mascot of the Class of '39, again led the procession of seniors as they lined up, but this time they went to the cafeteria for a delicious repast after the program.

A green and white color motif was artistically carried out in the banquet table appointments with beautiful spring blossoms and clusters of gay balloons lending an even more festive note.

After the banquet was enjoyed, dancing and games were enjoyed until a late hour.

Faculty member attending were Miss Lillian Beddingfield and Miss Frances Fordham. Other guests were Superintendent and Mrs. A.J. Hargrove, Bucky O'Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman O'Neal, Miss Maybelle Stith, and Professor Jack Powell.

Fifty members of the class which graduated with class of 195 were present for this occasion. They were the following:

Sidney Adams
Martha Aiken
John Barnett
Nell Battle
Roy Beddingfield
Ramona Bennet
Martha Brantley
Frances Brown
Emma Claire Chavous
Doris Crabb
Thomas Curry
Annette Daniell
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Lila Tanner
Earl Towns
Frances Walker
Nina Pearl Walker
Lewellyn Weaver
Aline Webb
Myrtle Willis
J.T. Wilkinson
Stanley Witherington
Charles White
Frances Wood

PUBLIC TO HEAR MUSIC ENTRIES

By Barney Price

The Dublin Senior High School auditorium will be packed with fun and enjoyment tonight when the vocal and instrumental soloists will "blast away" with their entries in the Sixth District Music Festival held in Forsyth on Saturday, March 8.

Mrs. J.R. Laney, Miss Maybelle Stith, and Professor Jack Powell are in charge of the recital. The purpose is to give those entering the festival a chance to adapt themselves to public playing.

Mrs. Laney's piano students who will play tonight are Iris Mackey, Helena Adams, Caroline Brigham, Carolyn Brown, and Mae Hightower.

Vocal soloists will be Jerry Calhoun, Sara Veal, and Louise Rountree.

Instrumental players will be

Moffett Kendrick - trombone

Clifford Etheridge - clarinet

Lamar Hatcher - clarinet

Billy Scarborough - alto saxophone

Billy Black - tenor saxophone

Archie Shipes - tenor saxophone

Barney Price - snare drum

The recital will be free, and the public is invited. The program will begin at 8:30 p.m.

ROCKLEDGE NEWS

By Mrs. Tom Wynn

Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Wood and family attended prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M.D. Meeks on Saturday.

Claude Graham and William Graham were visitors near Savannah on Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie M. Wynn visited Mr. and Mrs. Leland Graham recently.

Friends regret the illness of John Wood and wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Elaine Peace was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wynn.

H.N. Bussell was the Sunday guest of Mrs. Hubert Wynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Graham and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Graham.

Mrs. Leona Wynn and Erbia Wynn visited Mrs. J.E. Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Joiner recently.

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The Louvre Heist: Working on a museum theft

On Oct. 19, 2025, a team of intrepid thieves donned the guise of humble construction workers and pulled off one of the greatest heists in human history.

At about 9:30 in the morning the apparent work crew parked a furniture lift against the wall of Paris' famed Louvre Museum. Using the vehicle to gain access to a balcony, the bandits used a disc cutter to enter the historic structure through a window. The alarm was triggered, but people outside suspected nothing, just another day on the busy streets of the City of Lights. Inside, however, unsuspecting guards were held at bay with power tools while several pieces of the French crown jewels, over \$100 million worth, were pilfered by the poachers.

The criminals left the same way they got in, and, again, no one thought anything of the work team that left the scene just as fast as they arrived. The whole event lasted less than eight minutes. It took authorities about a week to track down the suspects. Eleven people were arrested in connection with the heist, and so far, only five folks have been officially charged for the crime.

The crown jewels, however, remain at large. Crimes like this always garner a lot of attention, with the lore behind the events reaching mythic proportions and the perpetrators often being granted hero status. Pop culture glorifies a good heist, with countless books and movies depicting them in fantastic fashion.

I love it when a plan comes together

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

Now it's time for me to plan my own. I have become aware of an artifact in need of deliverance, and I cannot rest until it is liberated from its climate controlled archival safe glass enclosure.

Nestled near the Pagan River in southern Virginia is the Isle of Wight County Museum. In the quaint structure housing the history of one of our nation's oldest communities is believed to be the world oldest ham.

This slab of still-edible meat is believed to be about 120 years old. It is a "Smithfield Ham," cut was the carcass of a peanut-fed hog slayed, cured, treated and smoked in the town of Smithfield, a small town east of Norfolk, Va. and just south of the legendary Chesapeake Bay.

I must eat that ham. But freeing it from the eyes of the public will be no easy task. It is under constant supervision, in the form of a 24-hour livestream called the Ham Cam. A recent study of the footage doesn't reveal a lot of foot traffic near the exhibit. Being the home to the world's oldest ham probably does not bring as many visitors to Smithfield as it used to. In fact, production of genuine Smithfield Hams ceased not too long ago, in 2024, due to reduced consumer demand.

So, replicating the livestream online will be a simple task. AI can help me with that now. Taking care of the guards could be more difficult, but the video shows little surveillance outside the webcam.

On second thought, this job might just be a piece of cake, or rather, ham.

I'll have it out in time for Easter.

Louis S. Zamperini: Olympian, P.O.W and redemption

Louis (Louie) Zamperini was born the son of Italian immigrants in New York in 1917. Due to Louie's medical needs, the family physician recommended a warmer climate for him and his family, and the Zamperini family moved to Torrence, California. Permit me to share the highlights of his life:

* Louie was filled with mischief and was a trouble-maker during his boyhood.

* Thankfully he turned to sports in school and became a distance runner on the track team.

* He set California high school records in running, and was chosen to run in the 1936 Berlin Olympics at age 19 and roomed in the same cottage as Jesse Owens, Olympic gold medalist. Although an impressive young runner, Louie won no medals.

* While in Germany he witnessed anti-Semitism against the Jewish people as World War II approached.

* He attended the University of Southern California and ran track for USC, setting NCAA records as he prepared for the 1940

Olympics.

* WWII interrupted his college education, and he entered the Army Air Corps and trained as a bomber on the B-24 bomber.

* He served in the Pacific theater, and one of his missions his plane ran out of fuel and was ditched in the ocean.

* Only three of the seven-man crew survived, and during their 47 days adrift another crew member died, leaving Louie and Phil, the pilot, as the lone survivors.

* Sighted and picked up by the Japanese and placed

in several P.O.W camps for the next 27 months, he and Phil enduring brutal treatment and starvation, and felt robbed of their dignity.

* At war's end, he and thousands of other American P.O.Ws returned home to begin life again.

* Louie met and married Cynthia Applewhite, but their marriage was troubled due to Louie's PTSD. With hatred toward his former captors, he turned to alcohol, and caused embarrassment to his wife, family and friends.

* The Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade came to Los Angeles in 1949, and both he and his wife made life-changing decisions for Christ during the event. Louie forgave his former captor and their marriage was renewed.

By JACK BROWN



* Louie opened Victory Boy's Camp for lost and troubled boys in 1954.

* He, Cynthia and their two children, Cissy and Luke, belonged to the First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, California.

* Louie received many honors and awards and was selected to carry the Olympic Torch five times, notably in the 1998 Japan Olympics.

* Cynthia died of cancer

in 2001, and Louie died in 2014 at the age of 97. Louie Zamperini was an American hero and is remembered in honor. God had changed his life, and God continues to change lives.

Peace!

Writer's note: An excellent biography of Louis S. Zamperini by Laura Hillenbrand was published in 2010.

MOMENTS IN TIME

* On March 23, 1983, Barney Clark died of varied complications 112 days after becoming the world's first person to receive a permanent artificial heart. The last four months of his life had been spent in a hospital bed at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, where he was attached to a 350-pound console that pumped air in and out of the implant through a system of hoses.

* On March 24, 1943, G.I. Joe, one of military history's most decorated homing pigeons, was hatched. During World War II, he flew 20 miles in 20 minutes, just in time to save a battalion from being bombed, and was credited with saving some 1,000 British troops.

* On March 25, 1957, the U.S. Customs Department confiscated 520 copies of Allen Ginsberg's book "Howl." Poet and bookstore owner Lawrence Ferlinghetti had published it the previous fall, leading to his arrest on obscenity charges. But he was found not guilty after nine literary experts testified at his trial that the poem was not in fact obscene.

* On March 26, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson decided to convene a nine-man panel of retired presidential advisors

after Defense Secretary Clark Clifford told him that the Vietnam War was "a real loser." The group became known as the Wise Men and included generals, members of the State Department and McGeorge Bundy, National Security Advisor to both John F. Kennedy's and Johnson's administrations.

* On March 27, 1998, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the use of the drug Viagra, an oral medication to treat male impotence, which was originally studied for its effects on hypertension and angina pectoris.

* On March 28, 2006, Duke University officials suspended its men's lacrosse team for two games following allegations that team members had sexually assaulted a stripper hired to perform at a party. The following spring all charges were dropped for lack of evidence, and nearly two decades later the accuser admitted her story was false.

* On March 29, 1865, the final campaign of the Civil War began in Virginia when Union troops under General Ulysses S. Grant moved against the Confederate trenches around Petersburg.

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Moment of Inspiration

Don't Get Stuck in Your Past

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." — Philippians 3:13

It's easy to replay yesterday's mistakes, regrets, or even past successes. But God never calls us to live in reverse. He calls us to move forward in faith.

When we hold tightly to the past, we miss what God is doing today. In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and given a future. The enemy wants you trapped in what was—but God invites you into what can be. Let go of yesterday. Reach forward. Trust that the same God who forgave you is guiding you ahead.

Prayer: Lord, help me release my past into Your hands and walk confidently into the future You have prepared for me. Amen.

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

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Dublin Police Department

- Michael Charles Paschall, 50, was charged with possession of methamphetamine on East Jackson Street around 5:07 p.m. on March 2.

An officer assigned to the Crime Suppression Unit stopped a Ford Expedition EL for failing to maintain lane control on South Washington Street. An officer stopped the vehicle at the car wash store and explained to the driver the reason for the traffic stop. Paschall was trying to avoid the railroad tracks when he left his lane of travel.

Paschall told the officer that he had been locked up for meth in the past few months. The officer deployed a K-9 and received an alert on the driver's door. The officer searched Paschall's pockets and found suspected meth in his left pants and a broken glass pipe commonly used for narcotics.

He was arrested and

transported to the county jail. The officer field-tested the meth with positive results.

- On March 2, around 6:44 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Fairview Park Hospital on Industrial Boulevard in reference to a report on a person attempting to fight people in the front parking lot.

Upon arriving, an officer saw a man matching the description provided by Laurens County 911 standing in the parking lot of Citizens Bank, located on Hillcrest Parkway. The officer met with the man, identified as Cecil Dewayne Stribling, 40. Stribling eventually said he had been involved in a heated argument outside the hospital and admitted to picking up and throwing a trash can, but said it did not make contact with any vehicle.

Stribling refused to give identification, saying he did not have to provide identification because he had done nothing wrong. Stribling



POLICE BEAT...

was detained and transported to FPH for further investigation.

A witness at the hospital said Stribling had become upset, picked up a smokestack and threw it into a black pickup truck causing damage. The officer made contact with the owner of the truck, who was inside the hospital attending to the death of a family member. The owner was made aware of the damage.

Stribling was charged with criminal trespass and damage to property. He was transported to the sheriff's office.

- William Charles Cook, 59, was charged with criminal and pedestrian under the influence of alcohol or

others if he was to leave the property.

He was transported to the Laurens County Jail and turned over to staff.

Laurens County Sheriff's Office

- Sarice Phamilleon N. Brinson, 23, was charged with possession of schedule I or II drugs around 12:01 p.m. on Feb. 27 after a deputy pulled over a black Infiniti Q 50 in reference to a seat belt violation at I-16 at mile marker 40.

- On Feb. 26, around 11:50 a.m., a deputy was dispatched to Bradley Court in reference to property damage.

- On March 3, around 12:31 p.m., a deputy was dispatched to U.S. Highway 441 North in reference to a meeting with someone about an incident.

- A deputy responded to a location on Highway 441 Bypass to assist a Georgia State Patrol on a traffic stop on Jan. 10.

- On Feb. 27, deputies

responded to Highway 80 west at request of patrol in reference to a burglary around 8:03 p.m.

- Amanda Watson, 41, of Hawkinsville, was charged with theft by taking around 10:02 a.m. on Feb. 14 at the intersection of Highway 257 and Springhaven Road in Dexter. The deputy conducted a traffic stop on an alleged stolen vehicle.

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

I enjoyed Jack Brown's articles on God's attributes that are found in Psalm. It was a very good explanation.

Just watched the City of Dublin street sweeper clean Hillcrest and it looks great. These behind-the-scenes jobs don't get enough appreciation. Thank you for what you do — be sure to thank them.

I wanted to speak about Chaplain Jack Brown's piece God's attribute found in Psalm. I enjoyed that reading. God is love and he is definitely peace.

I noticed in a recent Courier Herald article that the city officials have made street safety a priority. Speed limits and sidewalks seem to be our biggest problem, not public safety or the collapse of city schools or the stolen \$13 million in tax dollars. No. Street safety is the problem. Are these the same



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people who thought solar panels graft at DCS, paying Fred Williams hundreds of thousands and then giving him a \$60k raise, or hiring a consulting firm for thousands to tell the city to get rid of shamrocks and Kelly green to improve the city image was a good idea?

Why hasn't The Courier Herald mentioned anything about the school tax exemptions in the paper? The deadline is coming soon. Please explain why are they waiting.

Editor's note: Stories were written through the entire process.

For months I watch on South Church Street a squatter transform a vacant

house into a homeless shelter for he and others. He pays no taxes, no garbage removal, so I ask why should I?

It's voting time again at the capitol and here in Laurens County. Laurens County is grateful for Mr O.J. Hall. But what about Dublin City Schools? The Irish need a "pot of gold." Where is the love?

Editor's note: City school board members are not up for election this year. They are elected during odd number years.

If you see campaign signs in front of a rich person's mansion, it's a good bet those candidates aren't going to be looking out for

the little guy.

There is a semantic problem with the name of the Black History Festival: Dublin-Laurens County Black History Festival Community Committee. Dublin-Laurens, County, and Community are redundant because they all mean the same thing. What a wordy mouthful!

The subject of Dublin City School system has been beaten to death and here I go again. My acquaintance with DCS started in 1958 and carried through for 40-plus years. First as a student then as an employee and my own children going through the system.

I take offense of Kyle **Dominy** insinuating that people on the eastside are more economically challenged.

As the news outlet for Dublin, why hasn't The Courier Herald interviewed/in-

vestigated the DA, GBI, city council, mayor, Dublin City School, to find who stole the \$13 million and why it's being covered up? Those answers are more important than how many pancakes were cooked St. Patrick's week.

Editor's note: The Courier Herald reported the financial crisis, the \$13 million projected deficit and other developments. Otherwise, there is an ongoing criminal investigation that we are all waiting to hear back about — and see pancakes on page 11.

LCBOE close all schools on Friday or go half day. Y'all don't think Westside wants to support Eastside? I will not support any more sports Laurens County. You claim Laurens County is one family but actions are different.

Editor's note: For once the Westside is jealous of the Eastside.

Youth and mobility-impaired hunters get jump on turkey season

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

Youth and mobility-impaired hunters get an early start to turkey season on March 21-22, 2026. This special opportunity gives youth and mobility-impaired hunters a chance to harvest a gobbler on private lands before the statewide turkey season opens, according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division.

This early weekend hunt opportunity is available on private lands and is only for youth 16 years of age and younger, or hunters that are mobility impaired (i.e. confined to a wheelchair, hemiplegia, monoplegia, paraplegia, or single-leg amputation above the knee). Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older) who may call for turkey but may not take or attempt to take a turkey. The season bag limit for turkeys is one gobbler (male turkey) per hunter per day, and a season

total of two gobblers. All turkey hunters, including those under 16 years of age, landowners, honorary, lifetime, and sportsman license holders, must obtain a free harvest record each season. Before moving a harvested turkey, hunters are required to immediately enter the date and county on the harvest record, and within 24 hours, must complete the reporting pro-

cess through Georgia Game Check. Resident youth hunters under age 16 do not need a license. Hunters ages 16 years or older (including those accompanying youth or others) will need a hunting license and a big game license unless hunting on their own private land. Get your license at GoOutdoors-Ga.com, at a retail license vendor or by phone at 1-800-366-2661.

Local 7-day Forecast:

The next 48 hours:

	SATURDAY: 80° Pleasant with plenty of sun. Sunrise: 7:44 a.m.
	SATURDAY NIGHT: 54° Clear to partly cloudy. Sunset: 7:39 p.m.
	SUNDAY: 79° Sunshine and some clouds. Sunrise: 7:42 a.m.
	SUNDAY NIGHT: 60° Mostly cloudy; a shower in spots in the evening followed by a thunderstorm. Sunset: 7:40 p.m.

Monday 3/16 HIGH/LOW 71/34 Breezy in the morning. Sunrise: 7:41 a.m. Sunset: 7:40 p.m.	Tuesday 3/17 HIGH/LOW 54/29 Cooler with times of clouds and sun. Sunrise: 7:40 a.m. Sunset: 7:41 p.m.	Wednesday 3/18 HIGH/LOW 60/38 Partly sunny. Sunrise: 7:38 a.m. Sunset: 7:42 p.m.	Thursday 3/19 HIGH/LOW 68/43 Plenty of sunshine. Sunrise: 7:37 a.m. Sunset: 7:43 p.m.	Friday 3/20 HIGH/LOW 75/53 Mostly cloudy. Sunrise: 7:36 a.m. Sunset: 7:43 p.m.

River levels...
Oconee (at Dublin) 7.56'
Ocmulgee (at Macon) 12.74'

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Laurens County Democratic Committee will meet Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at Our Place, 114 E. Johnson St.

NEWS DIGEST

THE LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS will meet at noon on Tuesday, March 17. The agenda:

- Call to order
- Invocation
- Approve meeting minutes for March 3, 2026
- Other business
- Citizen comments
- Adjourn

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SANITATION SUPERINTENDENT

The City of Dublin is accepting applications for a Sanitation Superintendent. The candidate will perform responsible supervisory and administrative work in planning and directing refuse collection and disposal for the City's sanitation operations. Work involves planning, organizing, training, and supervising employees engaged in refuse collection, hauling and disposal. Responsible for organizing work crews to prescribed schedules and assuring that all routes are covered adequately. Work involves the supervision of a number of crews who are engaged in laboring and equipment operation and entails extensive public contact, often under trying circumstances that require considerable tact and diplomacy. Work is performed under the general direction of the Public Works Director and is reviewed largely through conversation, inspection of operating records and evaluation of public comments. Applicants must have a valid Georgia commercial drivers license, high school diploma or General Equivalency Diploma (GED), and four (4) years of related work experience in supervising laboring crews and sanitation organizations and operations. Successful applicant must pass a drug screen. Salary range is from \$54,904.31 - \$85,101.69 and will be based on experience. An extensive fringe benefit package including health, dental and life insurance is also offered. Applicants may apply online through our www.cityofdublin.org website until position is filled. The City of Dublin is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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March 7, 14, 2026

26-117
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF Linda Joyce Faulk, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Linda Joyce Faulk, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. Bruce Michael Faulk Administrator of Linda Joyce Faulk, deceased 116 North Jenkins Drive Eatonton, GA 31024. O.C.G.A 53-7-41 states: "...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four week ins in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."
March 7, 14, 21, April 4 2026

26-113
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF PRISCILLA ANN WRIGHT, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-31
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern: FRANCES WRIGHT AND ANDY WRIGHT has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of PRISCILLA ANN WRIGHT deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 6, 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. Genola O. Jackson Judge of the Probate Court By: CWarren Clerk of the Probate Court PO BOX 2098 DUBLIN, GA 31040 478-272-2566
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-112
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: CHRISTOPHER STEVEN BROOKS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-35
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The petition of Scarlet Edwards Brooks, deceased, for a Year's Support from the estate of Christopher Steven Brooks, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to, show cause, if any they have, on or before April 6, 2026, why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. Genola O. Jackson Judge of the Probate Court By: CWarren Clerk of the Probate Court PO BOX 2098 Dublin GA 31040 478-272-2566
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-116
NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE STATE OF GEORGIA
RE: WILLIE M LOCKE AKA MAUDE LOCKE Property Address: 2527 SNOW HILL CHURCH RD, CADWELL, GA 31009 Security Deed Recorded: Book 726, Page 341 County: Laurens PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foreclosure sale scheduled pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Security Deed from WILLIE M LOCKE AKA MAUDE LOCKE to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, as assigned to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE which sale was previously advertised to occur on February 03, 2026, between the legal hours of sale before the courthouse door in Laurens County, Georgia, has been POSTPONED. The secured creditor, through its authorized agent, announced at the time and place of the scheduled sale that the foreclosure sale is postponed and continued to: NEW SALE DATE: April 07, 2026 LOCATION: Before the door of the courthouse in Laurens County, Georgia All terms and conditions of the original Notice of Sale Under Power remain unchanged except as to the postponement of the sale date. This postponement is made pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed and applicable Georgia law, including O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162 et seq. This 25th day of February, 2026 Respectfully, Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 3400 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 649 Lenox Towers North Atlanta, GA 30326 Phone: (401) 234-9200 Fax: 972-331-5240 Send Mail to: Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 16415 Addison Road, Suite 725 Addison, TX 75001 A-4867278
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

26-097
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF Lucille Stanley Turner, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Lucille Stanley Turner, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. Brenda Webb Administrator of Lucille Stanley Turner, deceased 215 Mullis Street Dexter, GA 31019. O.C.G.A 53-7-41 states: "...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four week ins in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2026

26-081
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN SECURITY DEED
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY. By virtue of the power of sale contained in the SECURITY DEED given by **JIM CLINE FULLER to ATLANTIC SOUTH BANK** dated December 20, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 2920, Page 139 and re-recorded in Deed Book 2931, page 96, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Ga., conveying the below-described property, to secure that certain Promissory Note given by Jim Cline Fuller to Atlantic South Bank in the original principal amount of \$108,000.00 with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder before the Courthouse Door at Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in April, 2026, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT A ATTACHED **THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 1210 WYNN ROAD, EAST DUBLIN, GA 31027** To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the person or persons who may be in the possession of such property is Jim Cline Fuller. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make payments in accordance with the terms of said Promissory Note. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees.

Said property will be sold subject to all outstanding ad valorem taxes and/or assessments and/or restrictions and/or zoning ordinances and/or covenants; matters that may be disclosed by an accurate survey and/or inspection of the property; and matters of record superior to the Security Deed. Notice has been given of intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the Promissory Note secured by the property. Additionally, this sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U. S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. **THIS LAW FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Security Deed is Dave Davidson, Senior Credit Analyst, SunMark Community Bank, 1005 Northside Drive, Perry, Georgia 31069, Ph. No. 478-292-5881. Atlantic South Bank Attorney-in-Fact for Jim Cline Fuller
Edward B. Claxton III Attorney at Law P. O. Box 16459 Dublin, Georgia 31040 478-272-9965 ebcatty@bellsouth.net
March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

26-111
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LAURENS
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from STACEY N BRACEWELL to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR COLONY BANK, dated November 5, 2021 and recorded on November 10, 2021 in Deed Book 3228, Page 200, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 00/100 dollars (\$166,666.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to SERVBANK, N.A., recorded in Deed Book 03639, Page 0153, aforesaid records, 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 has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 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 LOCATED AT SOUTHERN CORNER OF INTERSECTION OF PINETUCKY ROAD IN LAND LOT 65 OF THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN LOCATED AT THE SOUTHERN CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF WAY OF PINEHILL ROAD AND PINETUCKY ROAD, AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES EAST ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERN MARGIN OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF PINEHILL ROAD 184.7 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES WEST A DISTANCE OF 189 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES WEST A DISTANCE OF 184.7 FEET TO AN IRON PIN LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST MARGIN OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF PINETUCKY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES EAST ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERN MARGIN OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF PINETUCKY ROAD A DISTANCE OF 189 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING Said property may more commonly be known as **903 Pinehill Road, Dublin, GA 31021.** The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is Servbank, N.A., 3138 E. Elwood St. Phoenix, AZ 85034, 1-877-867-0330. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which may be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Stacy N Bracewell and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Servbank, N.A. as Attorney-in-Fact for STACEY N BRACEWELL Contact: Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520
March 14, 12, 28, April 4, 2026

26-109
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Therlon W. May , DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-28
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern: Johnny L. May has petitioned for to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Therlon W. May, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 6, 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. Genola O. Jackson Judge of the Probate Court By: CWarren Clerk of the Probate Court PO BOX 2098 DUBLIN, GA 31040 478-272-2566
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-073
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS IN RE: ESTATE OF MARION DURDEN All creditors and debtors of the Estate of MARION DURDEN, 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. This the 12th day of February, 2026. JOEL WENDELL DURDEN 4029 Jaybird Springs Rd Helena, GA 31037
February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2026

26-110
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Leola Waters Ellington , DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-33
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: Richard Ellington Jr. and whom it may concern: Tasha Ellington Whitehead has petitioned for to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Leola Waters Ellington, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 6, 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. Genola O. Jackson Judge of the Probate Court By: CWarren Clerk of the Probate Court PO BOX 2098 Dublin GA 31040 478-272-2566
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-099
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARGARET THOMAS PIPPIN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
All creditors of the estate of **MARGARET THOMAS PIPPIN**, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This 27th Day of February, 2026 Emily F. Kight Attorney for the Estate of **MARGARET THOMAS PIPPIN** Kight Law, LLC P.O. Box 2056 Dublin, Ga. 31040
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-073
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March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-102
State of Georgia County of Laurens. **Notice to Debtors and Creditors** All creditors of the Estate of Jerry Ellis Mims, late of Laurens County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 27th day of February, 2026. Estate of Jerry Ellis Mims Jared Paul Mims, Executor 1109 David Mullis Road Rentz, GA 31075
Margaret Greer Evans Attorney at Law State Bar No. 488189 (478) 272-2885
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-099
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARGARET THOMAS PIPPIN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
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March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-092
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF LAURENS STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF W.F. BELOTE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-26
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: to whom it may concern: W.M. Belote has petitioned for to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of W. F. Belote, deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 6, 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. GENOLA O. JACKSON, Judge of the Probate Court By: Warren Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the Probate Court Laurens County Probate Court P. O. Box 2098 Dublin, GA 31040 478-272-2566
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26-109
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ESTATE NO. 26-28
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern: Johnny L. May has petitioned for to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Therlon W. May, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 6, 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. Genola O. Jackson Judge of the Probate Court By: CWarren Clerk of the Probate Court PO BOX 2098 DUBLIN, GA 31040 478-272-2566
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COUNTY OF LAURENS
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26-083
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF SHAUN ANTHONY TAIT
All creditors of the estate of **SHAUN ANTHONY TAIT**, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Administrator, Aiana Loveridge. This 23rd day of February, 2025. **ALANA LOVERIDGE** Administrator of the Estate of **SHAUN ANTHONY TAIT** Tampa, Florida 33619 S. Ryan Dixon
Nelson & Dixon, LLC 125 North Franklin Street Dublin, Georgia 31021 478-272-3545
Dublin, Georgia 31021
8711 Serene Retreat Lane 478-272-3545
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2026

26-083
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
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March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-115
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF JUDY SMITH JOHNSON GARRETT
All creditors of the estate of **JUDY SMITH JOHNSON GARRETT**, 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 Executrix, Amber Marie Akins. This 6th day of March, 2026. **AMBER MARIE AKINS** Executrix of the Estate of **JUDY SMITH JOHNSON GARRETT** 58 Towns Road McRae, Georgia 31055
S. Ryan Dixon
Nelson & Dixon, LLC 125 North Franklin Street Dublin, Georgia 31021 478-272-3545
Dublin, Georgia 31021
8711 Serene Retreat Lane 478-272-3545
February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2026

26-083
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF SHAUN ANTHONY TAIT
All creditors of the estate of **SHAUN ANTHONY TAIT**, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Administrator, Aiana Loveridge. This 23rd day of February, 2025. **ALANA LOVERIDGE** Administrator of the Estate of **SHAUN ANTHONY TAIT** Tampa, Florida 33619 S. Ryan Dixon
Nelson & Dixon, LLC 125 North Franklin Street Dublin, Georgia 31021 478-272-3545
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District of Laurens County, Georgia, containing 1.34 acre tract of land shown as Lot No. 16B of Eagle Creek Subdivision, Phase 1, as shown on that Plat of Survey by Billy Flanders, Registered Land Surveyor, dated November 27, 1990, and recorded in Plat Book 7, Page 2, Deed Records of Laurens County, Georgia, said Plat of Survey is incorporated into this description by reference and reference is made hereto for a more accurate description of this property. Together with that certain 2023 CMH Manufactured Home with Vehicle Identification Numbers of CAP041366TNABAC located thereupon.

Said legal description is controlling but the property is commonly known as 419 Cardinal Lane, East Dublin, Georgia 31027.

Tax and Parcel ID Number: 202A-078
The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed and Note, including, but not limited to, the nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees and other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed and Note. Said property will be sold subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; and all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Alicia Callaway Thomas AKA **Alicia Marie Callaway** and/or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the United States Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. **VANDEBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.** and its counsel are acting as debt collectors. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

VANDEBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as Attorney-in-Fact for Alicia Callaway Thomas AKA Alicia Marie Callaway. For information on modifying or altering the loan or acquiring further information about this Security Deed:

Contact:
Jason Godwin Godwin Law Group
3985 Steve Reynolds Blvd, Bldg D Norcross, GA 30093
Phone: 470-427-2683
Email: jgodwin@godwinlawgroup.com
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-100
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF ANTHONY KEWOA JOHNSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-283
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
BARBARAJEAN JOHNSON has petitioned for to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of ANTHONY KEWOA JOHNSON deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before APRIL 6, 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.

Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 2098
DUBLIN, GA 31040
478-272-2566
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-096
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Shelley Lynn Smith, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-20
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Any Unknown Heirs and to whom it may concern:
M.L. Knight has petitioned for Ryan Dixon, Esq. to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Shelley Lynn Smith deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 6 2026.

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26-094
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES ALLEN GREEN, SR., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-27
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:

FROM THE RECORD

Marriages: Danta Khary Hall to Javetta Dionne Horne; Payton Keith Cliatt to Taylor Nicole Tucker; Caleb Scott Gray to Hanna Elizabeth Meacham

Complaint for divorce: Jonathan Revels v. Frances Revels; Nicole Weeks v. Dustin Weeks; Tina Brown v. Jonathan Brown; Melina Hargis v. Arthur Hargis

Divorce: Me'Asha H. Belk v. Devonn A. Belk

Contempt: Faith Elbert v. Jerry Washington Jr.

Connie Green has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **JAMES ALLEN GREEN, SR.** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 6, 2026.

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March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-093
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIE FRANK CASSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24-25
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Jeannie Thompson Casson, Chudnie Casson, Yvette Gamble, Dion Cason, Michelle Shepard and to whom it may concern: Mary Elizabeth Casson has petitioned for to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Willie Frank Casson, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 6, 2026.

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Clerk of the Probate Court
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March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-101
State of Georgia
County of Laurens.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the Estate of Mitzi Karen Taylor Studstill, late of Laurens County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 27th day of February, 2026.
Estate of Mitzi Karen Taylor Studstill
James Enoch Studstill, Jr., Executor
201 Saint Andrews Drive
Dublin, GA 31021

Margaret Greer Evans
Attorney at Law

State Bar No. 488189
(478) 272-2885
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-119
NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated Section 10-4-210, et. Seq. there will be a public sale at the location listed below, the proceeds of said sale will be used first to satisfy the storage fee and other expenses of this auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale. The sale will be held as follows:

- a15 Darrell Mitchell
- a32 Peggy Oneal
- a49 Andre Manning
- b35 LaShaundria Wright
- b41 Raven Whitfield
- c47 Deborah Woodfork

Name and address of storage facility:
ORR SELF STORAGE 1705 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD DUBLIN GA 31021
Time and date of sale: Tuesday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m.
Place of sale: ORR SELF STORAGE 1705 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD DUBLIN GA 31021
March 14, 21, 2026

Contract: Republic Finance v. Elaine Carswell; Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc. v. George Mitchell Fulford; JPMorgan Chase Bank v. Karl Schranz

Legitimation: Andrew T. Stakes v. Alexia C. Atkins

Petition for modification of custody: Rhonda Anderson v. Jennifer Mad-den & Daniel Jerrell

Appeal from magistrate - petition for review: Sandra Coney v. ECS Realty

Automobile tort: Tiffany Farthing v. Dana & Richard Kinzler; Kemya Bryant v. Chad Cox & Terry Moye

Petition for review: Consweila Spikes v. Oak Creek

Complaint for inverse condemnation/trespass: Thomas Wheeler v. Joshua Kight, mayor, city of Dublin

Affidavit of continuing garnishment: Troy Capital v. Brittany Chism & Max Brown Pharmacy; IThink Financial Credit Union v. Helen McDonald & Veteran Administration Medical Center

Affidavit of garnishment: LVNV Funding v. Lance Hines & Farmers State Bank

Petition for writ of possession: Graceland Properties LLC v. Connelly & Berthia Whitehead

Contempt - child support: Ga DHS ex rel Aniyah Sanford et al v. Craig Sanford; Ga DHS ex rel Jackeyonna McMillan v. Darick Freshley; Ga DHS ex rel Londyn Davis v. Tye'Heem Legerme; Ga DHS ex rel Elijah Sanford v. Craig Sanford; Ga DHS ex rel Harold H. Evans v. Julian Evans; Ga DHS ex rel Nala Brown v. Tyreese Brown; Ga DHS ex rel Adrian Edwards et al v. Adrian Edwards; Ga DHS ex rel Senyavian Holsey v. John Bellamy; Ga DHS ex rel Nolan Nelson v. Jaquez Christian

Liens: Authur Loyd to Laurens County Tax Commissioner; Beulah Loyd to Laurens County Tax Commissioner; Rebecca Loyd to Laurens County Tax Commissioner; Roger Moxley to Laurens County Tax Commissioner; Corey Purvis to Laurens County Tax

Commissioner; Thomas Enterprises LLC to Laurens County Tax Commissioner; Stanley Neil Thomas to Robins Financial Credit Union; Kimberly Ramirez to Fairview Park Hospital; Tosha L. Beauford to Credit Acceptance Corp; Sherrett Stanley to Absolute Resolution Investments LLC; Ayesha Stanley to Absolute Resolution Investments LLC; Skipper D. Barber to Capital One NA; Jamon Morris to Capital One NA; Stephen Cox to Capital One NA; Janet Groce to Capital One NA; Joyce Taylor to Capital One NA; The Jerk Shop LLC to Georgia Department of Revenue; Tykaria Cannon to NCB Management Services Inc.

Security deed: Cynthia Stanley to First Laurens Bank; Jamarte Mobley to First Laurens Bank; 96 West 2nd LLC to Farmers State Bank; Denise E. Dobbins and Denise C. Dobbins to Community Bank of Dublin-Laurens County; Tommy Inman Jr. and Yashica Inman to Freedom Mortgage Corporation; Javier J. Creuz and Carloe Campisi Cruz to Capital City Home Loans LLC; Terry G. Pullen to Wells Fargo Bank; Ber- rick Wadley and Kayla Alton to Guild Mortgage Company LLC; Jerry Shannon Claxton and Linda Claxton to Robins Financial Credit Union; E.C.S. Realty LLC to Morris Bank; 4 Guys Holding LLC to Sunmark Community Bank x2; Barbara Watkins to First Laurens Bank; NK24 Investments LLC to Citizens Bank of The South x2; Teena Faircloth to Inspire Home Loans Inc.; Bruce H. Rozar to West Capital Lending Inc.; Justin Clark Hilliard to Country Lots LLC; Rochelle Brantley and William D. Brantley to Robins Financial Credit Union; Bradley Wallace and Jennifer Wallace to Guild Mortgage Company LLC; Leigh Ann Williams and Jimmie Roger Williams Jr. to Rocket Mortgage LLC; Kight Properties LLC and Flipping House LLC to Mickey Steven Jarrard; Dana Christian Gibbs and Joshua Ray Gibbs; Scottie Hightower to Farmers State Bank x3; Dylan A. Christian to Union Home Mortgage Corp; Joshua Thomas to Rocket Mortgage LLC; Kayla Richanna Laperriere and Derek Adam Laperriere to Georgia United Credit Union; Hollis Herman Adams Jr. to Morris Bank; Suzie Michel Charite to Statewide Mortgage LLC; Timoy David Ellis and Marsha

Alicia Ellis-Wong to Rocket Mortgage LLC; Kenneth Jones to Nations Mortgage LLC; Kellam Road Properties LLC to Mr. DSTP 2 LLC; Jimmy Rogers Constructions Company Inc. to Bank of Dudley; James Keith Hogan and James Benton Hogan to Farmers State Bank; Marcus H. Warren and Tiffany Warren fka Tiffany A. Rath to First Laurens Bank; West Dolores Properties LLC to Georgia First Bank; Clinton Allen Whiddon Jr. and Dawn Rochelle Walker to First Laurens Bank; David Lee Saunders and Christina Lynn Saunders to Georgia First Bank; Richard E. Hunter and Sylvia E. Hunter to Capital City Home Loans LLC; Angie Nicole Eberling to Morris Bank; Lear Leasing Inc to Colony Bank; John Eric Loyd and Kara A. Loyd to Robins Financial Credit Union; Marth A Dixon to Thomas D. Dixon to Robins Financial Credit Union; Rhonda S. Johnson to Planet Home Lending LLC; Dale Fulghum and Tonya Michelle Fulghum to First Laurens Bank; Ian B. Smith and Shannon Smith to Bank of Dudley; Hergert Enterprises to Morris Bank; Clique Properties to Farmers State Bank; Christopher Dana Workman to First Laurens Bank; Benjamin Hodges and Gywana L. Hodge to Top Flight Financial Inc. dba Haven Home Equity; Chantel Latease Butler to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Levi Holland to Imperium Lending LLC; Carol J. Sailem to City of Dublin; Joseph E. Wilkes and Laura Wilkes to Citizens Bank of Laurens County; Robert Lee. Sawyer and Melinda H. Sawyer aka Melinda A. Hayslip Sawyer to Bank of Dudley; JJ Southern Investments LLC to Community Bank of Dublin-Laurens County; James Patrick O'Neil as trustee of the O'Neil Family trust to American Financial Network Inc. dba Orion Lending; Ernest Perry to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

Warranty deed: Jeanette Dinkheller to Jamarte Mobley; Julia Ann F. White to Marie F. Harvill; Millier Lafave Realty LLC to 96 West 2nd LLC; Proline Commercial Services Inc. to Javier Cruz and Carole Campisi Cruz; Adrian Housing Corporation to Wilkes Fraser and Melissa Fraser; Adrian Housing Corporation to Micheal Windham and Edith Windham; Jerry Saylor to Berrick Wadley

and Kayla Alton; Rachel V. Brown to Red Cap Properties LLC; William Rocky Dalton to Jason Lee Dalton and Stacy Lynn Dalton; WJH LLC to Teena Fairclough; WJH LLC to Catalina Nava Gonzalez and Jorge Obispo; Country Lots LLC fka Little House Investments LLC to Justice Clark Hilliard; Brian Deporzio and Nicole Deporzio to Rochelle Brantley and William D. Brantley; Oconee Holdings Company to Rochelle Ann Brantley and William Brantley; WJH LLC to Atif Ray Sr. Randall G. Reese and Ann S. Reese to Jimmie Rogers Williams Jr. and Leigh Ann Williams; James Warren to Marcus Warren; Marcus Warren to Kight Properties LLC, Flipping House LLC and Mickey Jarrard; Jane E. Houck to Johnson Kellie Dawn; Christopher Durrell Woodard, Christopher Kyle Woodard and Matthew Wayne Davis to Roger Deonarine Maharaj and Kelly Jo Maharaj; Superior Pools LLC to Scottie Hightower; Derek T. Warren to Dylan A. Christian; Benjamin Wheeler and Jessica Leilani Wheeler to Joshua Thomas; Derek T. Warren to Dylan A. Christian; Modern Living Property Group LLC to Hollis Herman Adams Jr.; Ronald Walden to Edwin Pierce; Jacob Thomas Dean and Caitlin Elizabeth Dean as trustees of the Dean Family revocable living trust; Joette Hobbs Warnock and James K. Warnock to M. Goss LLC; Sheila Daniel Mullis and William to Paul Jonathan Allen and Robert Marshall O'Dell; M Goss LLC to Brit-tany B. Mathis; Hinesville Home Center LLC to Rhonda S. Johnson; James W. Price and Cutlimbs Properties to Ian B. Smith and Shannon P. Smith; Ian B. Smith and Shannon Smith to Crappie Real Estate LLC; Jason Martin and Amber Lynne Martin to Noah Ahol-elei; Helios Investments LLC to Georgia Power Company; Joel Blackburn to Leland Murray Weaver; Timothy W. Mathis, trustee for Timothy Luke Mathis and Timothy Luke Mathis to Gerad F. Mathis; Peace-wood Properties LLC to JJ Southern Investments LLC; Brett L. Ward and Angela W. Moxley to Ward living trust; Brett Ward and Angela Moxley to Angela Moxley; Brett Ward and Angela Moxley to Joseph White and Megan White

RELIGION DIGEST

William Grove Baptist Church will hold its annual Men and Women's Day program at 11:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 15. The speaker is Deacon Kerry L. Smith, a native of Laurens County who is a devoted member of the Greater Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. The theme for the program is God's Grace. William Grove invites all shades of blue observance for this occasion on behalf of Pastor Jonathan Lewis, Lady Monique Lewis and the entire William Grove family.

The First Rehoboth Baptist Association of Montrose will have their Adjourned Session on the third Saturday, March 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. The topic of discussion will be a devotional period with Rev. Leon Ward, informational session with Rev. Jonathan King, business period. All of the Rehoboth Association Churches are expected to attend and all other churches that would like to be a part of this session are invited. Everyone is invited.

The Mount Tilla Baptist

Church Family will honor Pastor Harold J. and Lady Brenda Banks on March 22 in Celebration of his 10th pastoral anniversary. The theme will be "Look At What the Lord Has Done." Psalm 118:23. There will be no Sunday School and the service will begin at 11:30 a.m. The afternoon service will start at 1:30 p.m. The speaker will be I.E. Mack, from Unionville Missionary Baptist Church in Macon. Dinner will be served and everyone is welcomed.

Mt. Cilla Springs Baptist

Church will hold a first anniversary for Pastor James Pittman at 2:30 p.m. on March 22. Bishop Tim Chatman, from Impact Church in Glenwood, will be the special guest.

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

Could gold be used as currency in Ga? Gold bill passed senate

By MARK NIESSE
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Forget paper money. Georgia senators want to legalize using gold and silver for everyday purchases.

The Senate passed a bill last week that would set up a system for Georgians to buy gold, store it in a depository, and use a debit card

to spend it on items such as fast food or milkshakes.

Senators are selling gold as a hedge against inflation of the U.S. dollar, but skeptics say gold doesn't necessarily protect hard-earned cash from rising prices.

Sen. Marty Harbin, R-Tyrone, the sponsor of Senate Bill 424, said making gold legal tender will bring

"financial freedom" to Georgians.

"It's really true money, because paper money is currency that we have the faith of the government in it," Harbin said. "This is hard currency that we can own."

The bill passed on a bipartisan 29-21 vote Friday and now advances to the House.

Under the legislation, a politically appointed "Bullion Depository Commission" would contract with a private company, such as Brinks, to provide vault and electronic payment systems for gold and silver.

Critics say the idea doesn't make financial sense.

Gatewood grinds back to beat Crusaders

By JEREMY PAYNE
Correspondent

The Trinity Crusaders opened their region schedule on Tuesday against three-time defending state champion Gatewood, the team that has eliminated them from the playoffs the last two seasons.

Early on, it looked like Trinity may finally get the best of the Gators, but the visitors scored eight times in the final three innings to hand the Crusaders their second loss of the season 11-7.

Jayden Moss, who blasted four of his nine homers last season against Trinity, picked up right where he left off with a solo bomb in the top of the first to give Gatewood an early lead.

Moss was not nearly as effective on the mound as Trinity erupted for five runs off of him in the home half of the frame. Jakob Sahli walked to lead off the inning and Asher Evans followed with a single. After Sahli scored on a fielder choice, Carter Lee would single to give Trinity the lead, 2-1.

A single by Tayt Evans would advance the runners to set up back-to-back RBI hits from Kolbi Grooms and Blake Sims, making the score 4-1. Later in the inning,



PITCHING OUT OF IT: Trinity starter Kolbi Grooms slings one in the third just before getting a pop fly to end the inning/CLAY REYNOLDS

Sahli would walk yet again to bring the score to 5-1.

That would hold until the fourth when Wesley Lavigne drilled a two-run homer for the Gators to make the score 5-3.

Trinity got both of those runs back in the home half of the fourth. A bases-loaded walk by Tayt Evans would plate the sixth run and an error would make the

score 7-3.

Moss struck again for Gateood in the fifth with a two-run double to make it 7-5. Lawson Moore drove him home with another hit to make it 7-6. The Gators would tie the score on a double steal attempt where the runner stayed in a run down long enough to knot the score at 7-7.

It remained tied until the sev-



GATORS GOING YARD: After the solo shot of Jayden Moss got Gatewood on the board in the first, Wesley Lavigne took his turn hitting one to U.S. 441 in the fourth to cut Trinity's early lead in half/CLAY REYNOLDS

enth, when Gatewood got a single and a walk to lead off the inning. Following an out, the Gators got another hit, but a perfect relay nailed Moss at the plate for the second out of the inning and keep the game tied.

Unfortunately for Trinity, the next four batters would get hits to drive home four more runs to make the score 11-7, and that

would be the final.

Asher Evans led the Crusader offense with two hits. Lee, Sims, Grooms, Tayt Evans, and Alston Bryan also hit safely.

After the opening inning, Trinity managed just three hits and struck out 14 times against two Gator relievers.

Trinity will face Gatewood again on Friday in Eatonton.

Monday loss to Johnson County only hiccup for Irish in successful two-week stretch of games

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

A stub of the toe against Johnson County this past Monday night was the only outlier in a Dublin unbeaten streak that otherwise covered eight games in a two-week span through Wednesday, when the Irish swept a doubleheader with Jefferson County to get back in the win column and remain perfect in region play.

Since completing a series sweep by a 17-1 final at Southwest Monday March 2, Dublin compiled an impressive 11-4 win to open its series at Washington County, and a 9-8 walk-off in extra innings the following Friday night to sweep it. The Irish also defeated Swainsboro for a second time, 7-1, on March 5.

This past week started on the sour note Monday, as some clutch hitting and pitching from Chance Wombles helped lift JoCo to the 3-2 upset win at Bush Perry Field.

But the Irish rebounded Wednesday in Jeffersonville, playing a total of seven innings in two routs of Jefferson County, 20-3 and 17-2.

Dublin, still tied three ways with Bleckley County and ACE Charter atop the 2-High A standings, goes back to work in another series with Northeast Macon next Tuesday on the road.

They will visit GMC in the sandwich game Wednesday before returning home on Friday.

Wombles had two hits and represented Johnson



SHOUTING MATCH: Pitchers on both sides of Monday's battle let out some loud emotions after key inning-ending outs. Right: Dublin's Morgan Davis (right) yells toward his dugout after getting a batter looking to end the top of the sixth. Johnson County starter Chance Wombles (left) did the same after this final out to seal the 3-2 Trojan win in the seventh, as well as the strikeout and pop fly that ended the fifth and sixth/CLAY REYNOLDS

County's go-ahead run after a single in the seventh, on top of a complete-game effort on the mound in Monday's determined effort to help the Trojans to their first of back-to-back victories.

The sophomore worked efficiently, firing only 81 pitches total, with only roughly 60 through five innings – a number Dublin head coach Brian Brown was clearly a little taken back to learn was so low upon checking in on the count as his team prepared to go to the plate for the bottom of the sixth.

The Irish (11-3, 8-0 region 2-High A) couldn't do much to take him out of his zone, connecting for only

five hits – Will Wallace led the way with two – and drawing a single walk, plus two HBPs, though Ryland Yates and C.J. Stubbs both struck for the RBIs that cashed in early scoring opportunities to get up by a count of 2-0 after three.

But what little early momentum they had going would fade out as the game wore on, and JoCo – as Brown also observed – gained a bit of an emotional edge as it seized several key offensive and defensive moments in a row to take it over, and battle back to tie the score at two runs apiece.

Jeremiah Taylor delivered an RBI single with one his two hits in the top of the fourth to cut it to a one-run



with a third walk.

Morgan Davis took over and quickly got out of the jam as he centered a nasty curve to get Turberville looking for a strikeout to end the inning, and the Irish took their turn exiting the field with a roar.

He'd punch out two more in a row to start the seventh, but trouble crept up as Wombles got a pitch he was looking for and punched it into the left center gap.

An errant pickoff throw sent his courtesy runner to scoring position, and the Trojans' only partially-identified next hitter singled immediately to bring him in for their 3-2 lead.

A chance to respond for Dublin fell through in its last chance at-bat after Wallace beat out a hurried play on a ground ball for an infield single.

Wombles was close to picking him off a couple of times on bang-bang calls at first that got the JoCo faithful howling. To their amusement, a twist of fate would get Wallace doubled up at first after a sacrifice bunt attempt was popped straight back to Wombles on the mound.

The deflating setback led to a relatively quick third out via ground ball to end the game.

Dublin 17, Southwest Macon 1

The Irish once again had little trouble putting away the Patriots, out-hitting them 11-1 over just three innings March 2 in Macon.

Southwest also commit-

ted 10 errors to help out a Dublin lineup that was led by three hits from Yates, and two each by Stubbs and Tal Duke.

Jeff Davis struck out five and walked one for the Irish on the mound, giving up a single Southwest hit and run in the bottom of the first.

Dublin, which stole 14 bases, scored 14 unanswered runs after finishing that initial inning with a 3-1 lead.

Dublin 11, Washington Co. 4

This one was pretty tight until the Irish exploded for six runs in the sixth inning, and four in the seventh, to run away with it.

The score was 1-1, with WACO up after a run in the first before Dublin tied with its first in the fourth.

The Hawks were able to score only three in response over the two-inning stretch.

They were held to only two hits early by Yates, who struck out eight and walked eight in his five innings of work.

Duke and Wallace both pitched a no-hit inning each in relief, combining to walk four and strike out one.

Xavier Reese was 3-for-3 with two RBIs to lead Dublin at the plate. Both Davis brothers, CJ Stubbs, Bennett Lake, Duke and Wallace all added single hits to the tally.

WACO also walked eight Irish hitters.

IRISH
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ST. PATRICK'S SCRAMBLE: EASTERSEALS GOLF CLASSIC HITS LINKS FOR 22ND YEAR

Dublin Country Club welcomed 144 golfers who participated in Middle Georgia Easterseals' 22nd Golf Classic last Friday. The annual four-man scramble is a fundraiser for the vocational rehabilitation agency, which serves residents and workers with disabilities across its multi-county district. Left: Casey Price tees off on No. 1. Center: Will Curry hits an approach on No. 18, with teammates Will Jarrard, Josh Knight and Bill Middlebrooks looking on. Right: Alex Peebles pitches one from the sand to the putting surface on No. 9/CLAY REYNOLDS

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL
Tuesday
 East Laurens 9, Dodge Co. 0
 Gatewood 11, Trinity 7
 West Laurens 16,
 Westside Augusta 0

Wednesday
 Dublin 20, Jefferson Co. 3
 Dublin 17, Jefferson Co. 2

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday
 Trinity 7, Windsor 0
 EL 4, Dublin 2

BOYS SOCCER
Tuesday
 Dodge Co. 4, Dublin 1

Thursday
 Bulloch 3, Trinity 1
 EL 3, Dublin 2

PREP
 SCHEDULE

BASKETBALL
Friday
GHSA Finals
 (Macon Coliseum)
 East Laurens (girls) vs.
 Elbert Co./1 p.m.

BASEBALL
Friday
 Westside Augusta
 at West Laurens/5:30 p.m.
 Dodge Co. at EL
 Trinity at Gatewood/6 p.m.

Monday
 WL at Morgan Co./5:30 p.m.
 Tattall Co. at EL/6 p.m.

Tuesday
 Dublin at Northeast Macon
 /4:30 p.m.
 ACE Charter at EL
 Trinity at Windsor/6 p.m.

Wednesday
 Bleckley Co. at WL
 Dublin at GMC/6 p.m.

Thursday
 EL at Tattall Co.
 WL at Washington Co.
 /6 p.m.

Friday, March 20
 EL at ACE Charter
 Northeast at Dublin
 Windsor at Trinity/6 p.m.

SOCCER
Friday
 Westside Augusta at WL
 /5 p.m.

Monday
 WL at Aquinas/5 p.m.

Tuesday
 Dublin at Swainsboro
 EL at Treutlen
 WL at Howard/5 p.m.
 Covenant at Trinity
 /5:30 p.m.

Wednesday
 EL at Northeast Macon
 /5 p.m.

Friday, March 20
 Dodge Co. at EL
 Trinity at WL/5 p.m.

TENNIS
Friday
 Trinity at Gatewood
 /3:30 p.m.

Monday
 Robert Toombs at Trinity
 /4 p.m.

Tuesday
 WL at Aquinas/4 p.m.

Thursday
 Trinity at Central
 Fellowship and Covenant
 /3:30

Friday, March 20
 WL at Harlem/4 p.m.

GOLF
Monday
 WL at Stratford Invitational
 (Idle Hour CC, Macon)
 /2 p.m.
 Gatewood at Trinity (DCC)
 /2:30 p.m.

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RACING THIS WEEK...

O'REILLY RECAP

• Saturday's GOVX 200, Phoenix Raceway



WINNER: JUSTIN ALLGAIER

JR Motorsports driver Justin Allgaier pushed forward when it mattered most, his No. 7 Chevrolet leading only the last 11 laps of Saturday night's GOVX 200 at Phoenix Raceway to claim his third win at the 1-mile Arizona oval and take over the championship lead in the O'Reilly Auto Parts Series.

Allgaier had to pass the night's most dominant driver, Richard Childress Racing's Jesse Love, to earn the trophy. Love came into the race with the best average finish in the last four Phoenix races and again proved how good he is in the desert, leading a race-best 114 of the 200 laps.

There were no caution periods in the opening two stages of the race — the first stage won by Allgaier's teammate Sammy Smith and the second stage won by Love.

Two late-race yellow flags, however, bunched the field on restarts and allowed Allgaier's team to rally from a slow pit stop earlier in the night. The two former champions went door-to-door following the final restart with 15 laps to go, the 2024 series champ Allgaier ultimately besting the 2025 champ Love with a daring move on the outside and then holding him off by .449-seconds at the finish line to earn JR Motorsports' 107th victory.

"So proud of this team," said Allgaier, praising the team for overcoming a poor stop early. "It wasn't for lack of adversity and it seems like those are the ones that are big for us. I cannot say enough about this team."

"It never gets old winning," added Allgaier, who has now won at least one race for a record 10 consecutive seasons. "This team rallied and never gave up."

As encouraging as the night was — a stage win and fourth consecutive top-10 finish on the season for Love, the 21-year-old was understandably frustrated to finish runner-up after such a dominant showing.

"The car tightening up there at the beginning of stage three put us behind, so just frustrated," said Love, noting that he refused to just walk away happy with a runner-up showing after such a strong effort.

"Obviously not why I'm here [to finish second]. Just beyond frustrated with myself. I don't know what else to say, just upset, upset with myself."

The top finishing 14 cars were Chevrolets. Allgaier's JR Motorsports teammate, Carson Kvapil, who looked strong mid-race and led 22 laps, finished third, followed by Haas Factory Team drivers Sheldon Creed and Sam Mayer.

Sammy Smith, Jeb Burton, Rajah Caruth, Corey Day and Anthony Alfredo rounded out the top 10. It's the third top 10 of the season for both Smith and Day.

The championship standings now mirror Saturday's outcome with Allgaier holding a three-point advantage over Love as the series heads to the 1.5-mile Las Vegas Motor Speedway for next week's The LiUNA! (5:30 p.m. ET, The CW, PRN Radio, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio). Allgaier is the defending winner of that race.

STRAIGHT TALK WIRELESS 500

A pair of pit stop issues put Ryan Blaney at the rear of the field twice early at Phoenix, but the 2023 series champion rallied and took the lead for good with 10 laps remaining.



Ryan Blaney, driver of the #12 Dent Wizard Ford, crosses the finish line to win the Cup Series Straight Talk Wireless 500 at Phoenix Raceway on Sunday. (Sean Gardner/Getty)

Blaney puts on rally cap for Phoenix win

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Ryan Blaney completed a hard-earned Team Penske sweep at the famed Phoenix Raceway in Sunday's Straight Talk Wireless 500 — recovering from multiple early race setbacks to claim his first Cup Series trophy of the 2026 season and answer his Penske organization's Saturday IndyCar win at the track with a spectacular and popular stock car victory a day later.

A pair of pit stop issues — including a penalty for pitting outside his box — put Blaney at the rear of the field twice early in the race, but the 2023 series champion was not to be denied, rallying back in his No. 12 Team Penske Ford and taking the lead for good with 10 laps remaining.

Blaney's team took tires on a final stop on a caution with 12 laps remaining and made his way forward after restarting on the second row.

He got around then-race leader Ty Gibbs with 10 to go and then held off No. 54's Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Christopher Bell, who led the most laps — 176 of 312 — but faced a huge task, moving up from an eighth-place position on the final restart as the first car to take four tires. With the fresh Goodyear rubber, Bell at least kept Blaney honest, cutting into the lead with each lap, but ultimately landed .399 seconds short.

"Just perseverance," Blaney conceded of his afternoon. "I mean, everybody on the 12 group persevered all day. We had a couple mistakes that we learned from, got better, had to come from the back a couple times."

"Obviously, the 20 [Bell] was the best car. But Jonathan [Hassler, No. 12 crew chief] made a great call to take two [on last stop]. We were able to get the lead. Hold them off. I don't know how many more laps I could have held them off."

"Really proud of everybody at Team Penske. We swept the weekend with [Josef] Newgarden winning yesterday (in the NTT IndyCar Series race), us winning today. Can't wait to see Roger [Penske, team owner]. ... Can't say enough about the 12 guys for keeping their head down and doing what they do, and Jonathan again for making a good call at the end."

Bright sun and temperatures near 90 degrees welcomed a huge crowd for

Sunday's second half of the well-received racing doubleheader weekend with both IndyCar and NASCAR marquee events. Many of the open-wheel racers stayed at the track and found spots atop team pit stands to watch the stock cars compete.

And the Penske team made the most of the unique doubleheader opportunity.

It marks the 32-year-old Blaney's 18th career victory and second at Phoenix, which vaults him to second place in the championship standings — now 60 points behind 23XI Racing's Tyler Reddick, who saw his historic three-race winning streak to start the season end with in eighth place.

Reddick ran among the top 10 throughout but never truly challenged for the victory.

"We kind of just hovered around fifth all day," conceded Reddick, whose 23XI Racing team co-owner Michael Jordan was again trackside in support of the organization's record-setting 2026 season start.

Bell, defending race winner, whose own three-race winning streak last season included this Phoenix race, was disappointed to finish runner-up after leading the most laps. The upside, however, is that his No. 20 JGR team dramatically moved up from 24th in the championship standings before the race to now sixth place heading to Las Vegas next week. He and Blaney each won a stage on Sunday.

Blaney and Bell, reigning series champion Hendrick Motorsports' Kyle Larson finished third, followed by Bell's JGR teammates Gibbs, who now has back-to-back fourth-place finishes on the season, and Denny Hamlin.

Reddick's teammate, Bubba Wallace, was sixth, followed by Hendrick's William Byron, Reddick, Spire Motorsports' Michael McDowell and Legacy Motor Club's Erik Jones. Popular driver Shane Van Gisbergen — the series road racing ace — rallied to an 11th-place showing even after being involved in multiple incidents on the day.

The race's 12 cautions tied the track record for yellow flags. There were eight leaders and 23 lead changes.

Anthony Alfredo, who was subbing for Hendrick Motorsports driver Alex Bowman, finished 33rd in the No. 48 Chevrolet, collected in a multi-car crash with just under than 100 laps remaining.

IRISH

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Dublin 7, Swainsboro 1

Stubbs drove in one run on his team-high three hits, and Reese and Duke added two each of the 10 for the Irish to key their win at Swainsboro to complete a season sweep.

The Tigers produced only three in response against Reese, who walked three and struck out nine in a complete game. Their only run came in the bottom of the fifth.

Dublin's lead was only two runs into the last inning, before Reese and Jeff Davis both came through with two-RBI singles in the seventh that heavily insured it.

Dublin 9, Washington Co. 8

The series finale back at Bush Perry went to ex-



TROJANS TAKE THE LEAD: The Johnson County dugout reacts after its go-ahead run scored to break Monday's 2-2 deadlock in the top of the seventh inning/CLAY REYNOLDS

tras, with a tie of eight runs outlasting regulation, and nearly one extra inning, but a Yates single in the bottom of the eighth won it to finish off Dublin's 4-0 week.

Duke had three hits and one RBI to lead the lineup. Jeff Davis, Reese and Yates had two more each, with Yates and Jeff Davis picking up a pair of RBIs.

The Irish stole 11 bases, and overcame six errors in the field, as the Davis brothers, Duke (picking up the win with a couple strikeouts in two innings of work) and Wallace all appeared on the mound, combining to strike out and walk a total of 10.

After WACO took its first lead, Dublin snatched it back in the fourth, as Yates and Duke followed Reese's bases-loaded walk with RBI singles

The Irish did the same in the fifth, when a Jeff Davis RBI single tied it back up

Dublin 20, Jefferson Co. 3

A six-run second and 10-run fourth secured Wednesday's early run-rule victory, with Yates (four RBIs on three hits) a leader at the plate.

Reese earned the win in four innings, allowing five hits and three runs (two earned) with six strikeouts

and one walk.

Morgan Davis and Yates had four RBIs each. Wallace, Reese, Stubbs and Duke had multiple hits.

The Irish stole 19 bases.

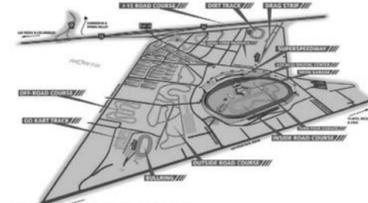
Dublin 17, Jefferson Co. 2

The Irish responded to an early Jefferson County run with a six-hit, seven-run bottom of the first (Morgan Davis' two-RBI single was the biggest hit of the key inning) that put them well on their way to the series sweep in the second of two. Eight runs followed in the third to spell the early ending.

Wallace got the win in an inning and a half with three strikeouts.

Morgan Davis, Stubbs, Yates and Duke all had two hits apiece out of a dozen total, which mirrored the team count of steals. Curt Norris also picked up two RBIs.

NEXT: PENNZOIL 400



Las Vegas Motor Speedway

4 p.m. ET Sunday, FS1

- **Location:** 7000 North Las Vegas Boulevard Las Vegas, Nevada
- **Capacity:** 80,000
- **Owner:** Speedway Motorsports (1999-present)
- **Opened:** May 1971
- **Course:** Tri-oval intermediate speedway
- **Surface:** Asphalt
- **Length:** 1.500 miles (2.414 km)
- **Banking:** Turns, 20°; Frontstretch, 9°; Backstretch, 9°
- **Foreigner** will perform the national anthem
- **First Cup race:** March 1, 1998 — Inaugural Las Vegas 400, won by Mark Martin



Josh Berry won last year's Pennzoil 400 at Las Vegas. GETTY

2026 CUP SERIES STANDINGS

Top 30 as of March 8

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Tyler Reddick #45	225	16 Brad Keselowski #6	100
2 Ryan Blaney #12	165	17 Daniel Suárez #7	98
3 Bubba Wallace #23	153	18 Ryan Preece #60	92
4 Chase Elliott #9	128	19 Zane Smith #38	85
5 Shane v Gisbergen #97	116	20 Kyle Busch #8	81
6 Christopher Bell #20	113	21 Ty Dillon #10	76
7 Joey Logano #22	113	22 J.H. Nemechek #42	75
8 Michael McDowell #71	111	23 Ross Chastain #1	74
9 Chris Buescher #17	111	24 Riley Herbst #35	72
10 Kyle Larson #5	109	25 Noah Gragson #4	66
11 William Byron #24	108	26 Todd Gilliland #34	65
12 Denny Hamlin #11	107	27 Ricky Stenhouse Jr #47	64
13 AJ Allmendinger #16	104	28 Erik Jones #43	59
14 Carson Hocevar #77	103	29 Austin Dillon #3	56
15 Ty Gibbs #54	101	30 Austin Cindric #2	52

2026 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS STANDINGS

Top 20 as of March 7

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Justin Allgaier #7	184	11 Brandon Jones #20	95
2 Jesse Love #2	180	12 Jeb Burton #27	94
3 Austin Hill #21	179	13 Taylor Gray #54	94
4 Carson Kvapil #91	146	14 Brennan Poole #44	80
5 Sheldon Creed #00	143	15 Anthony Alfredo #96	79
6 Sammy Smith #8	132	16 Ryan Sieg #39	77
7 Rajah Caruth #32	119	17 Patrick Staropoli #18	67
8 Corey Day #17	118	18 William Wallace #10	61
9 Sam Mayer #41	110	19 Blaine Perkins #31	66
10 Parker Retzlaff #99	104	20 Brent Crews #19	59

NEXT RACE: THE LIUNA!, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 5:30 p.m. ET Saturday, CW

2026 CRAFTSMAN TRUCK STANDINGS

Top 20 as of February 28

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Chandler Smith #38	152	11 Brenden Queen #12	66
2 Ben Rhodes #99	118	12 Tyler Ankrum #18	64
3 Ty Majeski #88	102	13 Daniel Dye #10	64
4 Giovanni Ruggiero #17	98	14 Jake Garcia #98	58
5 Layne Riggs #34	96	15 Cole Butcher #13	52
6 Kaden Honeycutt #11	87	16 Kris Wright #81	49
7 A. Perez De Lara #44	85	17 Tanner Gray #15	48
8 Stewart Friesen #52	70	18 Landon Lewis #45	47
9 Christian Eckes #91	69	19 Daniel Hemic #19	46
10 Justin Haley #16	67	20 Mini Tyrrell #14	45

NEXT RACE: BUCKLE UP SOUTH CAROLINA 200, Darlington, 7:30 p.m. ET Friday, March 20, FS1



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: My 29-year-old son, "Earl," has an MBA. He started drinking and doing drugs at the age of 16. Earl is highly intelligent, and he successfully hid his addiction from me. When I realized its existence, just before he left for college, it was too late for me to do anything. I offered to send him to rehab, but he refused.

I am a single mom. I tried to tell his father, but he was of no help. Earl lives in a different state now but visits me every few months. I recently realized that every time Earl visits, he buys drugs before he leaves for the airport. He has them in his carry-on bag. I am afraid Earl may be selling them. He says he stopped doing marijuana, but I can smell it on him. I'm worried something will happen to him. What can I do? -- POWERLESS IN TEXAS

DEAR POWERLESS: Your fears are well-grounded. I'm surprised that when Earl's carry-on bag is scanned at the airport, the drugs haven't been spotted. I'm also surprised that if he has the drugs on him (reeking of marijuana) he hasn't encountered a drug-sniffing canine, which would also lead to an arrest. You ask what you can do about this sorry situation; the answer is nothing. Your son is an adult who may have to accept the consequences for taking the risks he has.

DEAR ABBY: I just passed my 10th anniversary at the hospital where I am employed. This occasion is normally celebrated at a monthly 30-person meeting of managers and directors with a cake, photo, certificate and a small gift. The meeting came, but there was no cake, no photo, no certificate, etc. Just before the meeting ended, my supervisor said, "Oh, by the way, this month is 'Janet's 10th anniversary.'" Everyone clapped, and that was it. It was obvious that they had forgotten, and he only remembered at the last minute.

I went to the person who normally arranges these types of things and asked if they had forgotten. She stuttered and had a bunch of excuses -- the CEO wasn't around to sign the certificate, the gift was hung up due to tariffs, etc. I said "OK" and went back to my office. NOW my boss wants to make it a big deal. He and the COO are going to take me to lunch, and a surprise party with cake is being planned that I'm not supposed to know about.

Abby, I just don't want any of it. It feels like over-compensation and an afterthought. It is water under the bridge at this point, and it's embarrassing to me for them to do it now, like I had to ask. This is going to be forced on me. How can I stay polite and yet firm about turning this all down? -- FORGOTTEN BIRTHDAY GIRL

DEAR GIRL: OK. Someone dropped the ball; they screwed up, and it hurt your feelings. Your employers are trying to make it up to you because they like, respect and care about you. Save your wounded ego and do not pout. This may be over-compensation on their part, but be a good sport and let them make the effort. You deserve it. To do otherwise could cause ill will, and you don't want to do that just because somebody made a mistake.

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

SUDOKU

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

Level: Advanced

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hat is larger. 2. Bottom of lamp is not showing. 3. Ear is different. 4. Book cover is different. 5. Glasses are missing. 6. Ribbon is moved.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



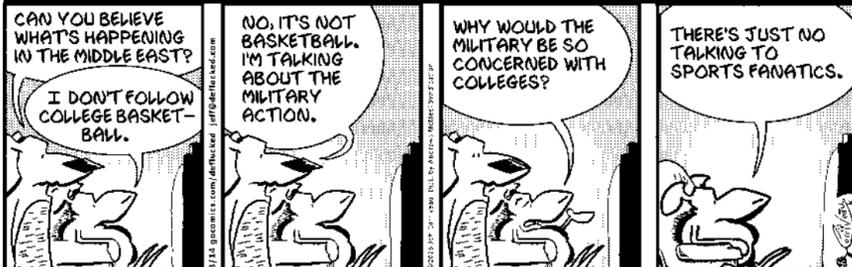
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BY JEFF CORRIVEAU



Herbals

Many of the earliest medical writings were known as "herbals." They were books that described plants and how they might be used to heal illnesses. Most began as traditional oral information, written down so they could be shared more widely. These collections also included other natural materials in the environment which were thought to be useful as medicines, such as milk, salt, honey, and even gemstones.

- Brenda Weaver
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At left: "Gladiolus bulbs with leaves and flowers" from *De Historia Plantarum* (1644).

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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Fish-hook attachment
- 5 Grumpy people
- 10 Staircase part
- 14 Actress Pataky
- 15 mignon
- 16 Singer Guthrie
- 17 "Whirlybird" aircraft
- 19 Like skyscrapers
- 20 St. Teresa of
- 21 Not an imitation
- 23 Took a rest
- 26 Skillet
- 27 "Window" (Hitchcock movie)
- 28 Affirmative answer
- 29 Young boy
- 32 Not as much
- 35 Crunchy red veggie
- 37 "You too much!"
- 38 Ingest
- 39 "Annabel Lee" poet
- 40 Earl Grey, for example
- 41 Hush-hush group: Abbr.
- 42 ___ and deals
- 45 Brunch or dinner
- 46 Fox's hideout
- 47 Owned
- 48 Actress Delany
- 50 Dull in color
- 52 Remaining
- 56 Desire to achieve
- 80 Skincare product
- 61 Tandoori-baked bread
- 62 Romantic vacation: 3 wds.
- 65 Sound of a watch
- 66 Stage performer
- 67 Master of ___
- 68 Tattoo liquids
- 69 Yummy
- 70 Opposite of profit

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Created by Stella Zawistowski

- 5 Money exec: Abbr.
- 6 Tear
- 7 Middle voice part
- 8 Lager or pilsner
- 9 Stars and ___
- 10 Evening-gown fabric
- 11 Express in another language
- 12 Spanish pronoun
- 13 Opinion survey
- 18 Pillow covering
- 22 Long, deep cut
- 24 Listening organ
- 25 Loosely hung
- 28 Gives way
- 30 Square footage
- 31 Business agreement
- 32 Loan
- 33 Make simpler
- 34 "Don't come closer!": 2 wds.
- 36 Female deer
- 42 "___ do you mean?": 2 wds.
- 43 Animal's surroundings

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- 44 Rode the bench
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- 49 32-nation alliance: Abbr.
- 51 Skating venues
- 53 Beginner's course
- 54 Small salamanders
- 55 lcky
- 56 Opposed to
- 57 Most important
- 58 Black-and-white whale
- 59 Baby lice
- 63 Soup vessel
- 64 Cook in hot oil

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WHICH GAME?

North-South vulnerable, West deals

NORTH
 ♠ 6 4 3
 ♥ A Q 10 8 4 3 2
 ♦ J 10 7
 ♣ Void

WEST
 ♠ A Q J 9 7 5
 ♥ K
 ♦ 9 6
 ♣ A 8 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ K 2
 ♥ J 5
 ♦ A Q 5 3
 ♣ Q J 10 9 6

The bidding:
WEST 1♠ **NORTH** 3♥ **EAST** Pass **SOUTH** 3NT

Opening lead: ?

Look at only the South hand for the moment. What call would you make if partner opened three hearts and right-hand opponent passed? You might pass, of course, as it is not clear that this hand is worth a bid after a pre-empt. If you do choose to bid a game, would you raise to four hearts or bid three no trump to protect

your king of spades on opening lead? When this deal was played in a recent top-level team match, that was the problem faced by both South players. Both decided to bid a game, which is the normal aggressive decision you would expect in a team match. One bid four hearts and watched the defense take the first two tricks when East led a spade through his king. Partner took all the rest, however, and they made five for a score of plus 650.

At the other table, South bid three no trump. This might have worked had West led the queen of spades – a lead that would appeal to many players. West was Australian expert Sartaj Hans, who found the brilliant lead of the ace of clubs! His partner encouraged in clubs so Hans continued with the eight of clubs. East won and shifted to the 10 of spades and the defense took six spade tricks for down four and a score of minus 400 for North-South. It is not common for a close decision like this to swing over 1000 points!

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

A FLIPPIN' GOOD TIME: EXCHANGE CLUB PANCAKE SUPPER



Hundreds of people, young and old, came out to the Pancake Supper Thursday afternoon. The annual event, a fundraiser for the local Exchange Club, is a St. Patrick's Festival tradition and a crowd favorite. Thousands of flap jacks, an untold amount of grits and countless pounds of sausage and bacon were served to the hungry crowd that gathered at Dublin Middle School to either grab a to-go plate or dine in the school cafeteria or gym/**KYLE DOMINY**



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STORM DAMAGE
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He was glad to see news outlets warning people to take their time in getting to work or school.

“People needed that storm to pass before getting out,” Laird said. “The biggest thing is people need to be able to receive weather alerts.”

Laird encouraged Laurens County residents to sign up for Hyper-Reach, a state-of-the-art notification service provided by the county.

“There is no cost for this service,” Laird said. “You will not believe the number of people who have called my cellphone this morning and asked if the weather was going to be bad, what’s going on and when is it going to be over? If they had received the alerts, they would have been informed about the severe thunderstorm warning, tornado watch and tornado warnings that were issued. I got them all.”

The first warning Thursday was issued around 7:25 a.m. and informed callers that severe weather warnings had been issued until 8:15 a.m.

“I was worried about people trying to get to schools and to work,” Laird said. “With the weather being like that, I hoped if I was somebody’s boss and I knew what it was going to be like, I’d be OK with (employees) to come in a little later.”

He said people need to understand that a severe thunderstorm watch means that conditions are favorable for producing a severe thunderstorm. A thunderstorm warning means they have one on radar that is capable of producing winds over 58 mph.

“It is the same thing with a tornado watch, which means conditions are favorable while a tornado warning means one has been indicated on radar or actually observed,” Laird said.

Laird had no reports from officials Thursday of anything that indicated a tornado here.

“The (National) Weather Service has not called me,” he said. “Usually, if we have a type of rotation that could have been a tornado or if they see any debris aloft, they’ll give us a call. If I had to guess, it was more like straight-line winds.”

The weather for the rest of the week has been predicted to be nice.

“It should be sun shining and some mild temperatures,” Laird said. “That would be wonderful.”

To sign up for the county’s Hyper-Reach visit laurensco.ga.org.

Two arrested in weekend shooting

STAFF REPORTS

Local law enforcement arrested two teens – an 18-year-old and 16-year-old juvenile – for their roles in last weekend’s shooting on Zenith Street.

Jacari Page, 18, was charged with party to the crime of armed robbery, while the juvenile was charged with three counts of aggravated assault and one count of armed robbery, said Dublin Police

Chief Keith Moon.

According to Moon, officers responded to the area of Highland Avenue around 12:15 a.m. Saturday, March 7 following a Flock Gun Shot Detection alert. Two people were found injured from the shooting and were transported to Fairview Park Hospital, where they were treated and released.

It was determined that the incident happened at 109 Zenith Street.

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ous two and half years. She was pregnant with her second child and her then-husband lost his job. That is when she received a call from a TV station.

“I started at the bottom of the totem pole,” Metts said.

By 2024, Metts had been named the Fox Sports director in Charlotte, N.C. “That was really cool,” she said.

By that summer, Metts had a tryout with NASCAR. She thought it went well initially. After a followup phone call, she felt differently. Six months went by without any word from NASCAR. She was stressed after moving into a new home, and she wanted to spend more time with her children.

Metts recalled going into her prayer closet one day and praying to God for a change. By that evening, at 5 p.m., she received an email from NASCAR offering her the job she currently has with NASCAR Live.

“God works things out and gives you dreams for a reason,” Metts said. “You have plans, but they hardly go like things turn out. Just give God the glory. God is going to come through and show you the answer to ev-

erything.”

Metts said many people spend life worrying.

“God is asking us to have faith,” she said. “All these things worked out for me, but it came with a lot of pain and grief. If you are waiting on something, I want to encourage you to have faith in that next step. Ask God 1,000 times because he wants to do something special. Don’t be surprised if he does it in a way where you take zero credit for it.”

Marcia Dixon, interim president/CEO of the Dublin-Laurens County Chamber of Commerce, presented Metts with the traditional St. Patrick’s Festival green jacket, asking her if she would tell her TV audience “she is from Dublin, Georgia.”

“It is good to have people return to share their stories,” Dixon said.

Earlier in the event, Dixon said she was happy to see all of the green in the room as she welcomed everyone to the 42nd Irish Breakfast, sponsored by Morris Bank.

“It’s a day to celebrate our Irish roots,” Dixon said. “When I look out all I see is a sea of green. It’s not about what clothes we are wearing today. It’s about our community.”

ST. PAT'S SNAPSHOTS: MORE LEPRECHAUN CONTEST



Georgia lawmakers debate legalizing silencers as gun safety bills stall

By **MARK NIESE**
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ATLANTA — Georgia has some of the loosest gun laws in the nation, but a bill to remove the state’s restriction on silencers tested lawmakers’ limits.

The gun silencer bill fell four votes short in the House on Friday, a rare defeat for pro-gun proposals in Georgia.

Other bills that expand protec-

tions for gun owners advanced, including legislation strengthening Georgia’s “stand your ground” law and a measure banning cities from passing local gun storage laws.

Meanwhile, a proposal to provide Georgians a tax credit worth up to \$300 for the purchase of gun safes stalled in the Senate this year.

The latest version of House Bill 79 creates a tax holiday for the purchase of firearms and only allows

the tax credit to pay for gun safety classes, not for gun safes.

“They’re very much ignoring the problem” of gun violence, said Heather Hallett, director for Georgia Majority for Gun Safety. “They haven’t adjusted to this reality where we know the majority of people support our principles. They can vote on gun safety.”

Georgia Majority for Gun Safety supports universal background checks for gun purchases, secure

storage requirements, red flag laws that take guns from those whom a judge deems to be a threat, and funding for secure storage education.

Gun rights advocates said they’re disappointed the bill lifting Georgia’s limits on silencers fell short in the House. A similar bill passed the Senate.

State law bans possessing silencers unless Georgians pass a federal background check.



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