

## Turning 50 ...

### Easter Seals Middle Georgia celebrates half a century

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**  
Senior Reporter

A local organization recently celebrated its 50th anniversary as it continues to be the oldest and largest non-profit providing services to those with disabilities.

Official with Easter Seals Middle Georgia recently honored this occasion with a proclamation and photo at Dublin City Hall and Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight.

"We have been providing vocation and rehabilitation for individual with disabilities," said Joel Prawucki, Easter Seals Middle Georgia president-CEO. "For a non-profit, turning 50 is good. We are very fortunate that we have some great

economic partners in the community."

They work with local businesses and also help the Army and Air Force with various jobs.

"We do anything we can to create a job for an individual," Prawucki said. "Our first jobs we actually had was sorting pecans and painting dumpsters for the city of Dublin. We have grown since then."

The local Easter Seals serves approximately 125 people in two locations in Dublin, one in Soperton and one in Eastman. They also have two apartments in Dublin.

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### ST. PATRICK'S SNAPSHOTS: FESTIVAL QUILT SHOW

Local quilters displayed their handiwork during the annual St. Patrick's Festival Quilt Show held in the Dublin First Methodist sanctuary on Super Saturday. Local artisans displayed their vintage quilts of different colors and sizes/PAYTON TOWNS III



Easter Seals Middle Georgia celebrated its 50-year milestone with its St. Patrick's parade float/PAYTON TOWNS III

## Remembering AJ: Pre-schoolers raise money to honor Stuckeys

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**  
Senior Reporter

Children and teachers donned their favorite superhero capes, masks and outfits as they donated money to a local organization in honor of a former student.

Pine Forest Preschool gathered in the sanctuary to honor former student A.J. Stuckey, whose favorite hero was Spider-Man. It is something the school began doing a year after Stuckey, who was 3 when he and his parents - Dublin High School principal JaRoy Stuckey, 32, and Elysea Stuckey, 34 - and his unborn sister, Eva, passed away in a wreck on I-16 on March 14, 2021.

A.J. would have turned 9 this September.

This year, the students were encouraged to bring in change on the 100th day

of school. Preschool Director Linda Hodges presented a \$500 check to Dr. Bob Shuman, who was representing the J.O.Y. (Jesus. Others. Yourself.) Health Clinics.

"This will help us," Shuman said. Hodges reminded the students about A.J.

"AJ was a superhero when he came through our doors," she said. "He is a hero, along with God. They are walking hand in hand in heaven now."

The preschool raises money each year, donating it to a local organization.

"Thanks for raising the money," Hodges said. "This will provide free medical, dental and eye care."

Stuckey's family was also in attendance. They thanked the school for continuing to remember A.J.

At the end of the program, they presented Hodges with a \$500 check.



Pine Forest preschoolers, most dressed as superheroes, raised money for the J.O.Y. Clinic /PAYTON TOWNS III

## Salvation Army volunteers honored for work in 2025

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**  
Senior Reporter

The Salvation Army Dublin Service Center thanked its volunteers for continuing to find ways of helping others in the community during 2025.

In 2025, the local Salvation Army served 3,696 people. It provided grocery orders for 374, along with housing assistance for 24 people. Clothing items were distributed to 830 people, with 43 receiving energy assistance and 2,000 school supply donations.

Thanksgiving food bags were given to 288 people,

while 1,140 Christmas toys were given to children in the community. The local Salvation Army provided disaster assistance to 150 people and financial assistance in the amount of \$39,018.

"Our volunteers are the glue that holds it together," said Charika Todd, director of The Salvation Army Service Center, during an award celebration in the Fellowship Center of Henry Memorial Presbyterian Church recently. "Your passion and dedication doesn't go unnoticed. Let's take this energy into the next year."

She thanked the following businesses for allowing



Sam White received the award for top volunteer bell ringer /PAYTON TOWNS III

them to ring bells: Belk, Cloverleaf, Friendly Gus, Golden Corral, Kroger, Piggly Wiggly, Tractor Supply, Walgreen and Walmart.

The following bell ring-



Senyavian Hosley received the top place for the Laurens County Transitional Showcase Program/PAYTON TOWNS III

ers were honored: Bleckley County 4-H, Bush family, Dublin Civitan Club, Dublin Pilot Club, Dublin Board of Realtors, Dublin Rotary Club, Dublin Service League, ELHS FCCLA, Lewis family, Laurens County 4H, Allen family, Barfoot family, Jordan Moorman, Hand family, Sam White, Mullis family, Parker Aerospace, Promise of Hope, Ward family, WLHS Anchor Club, WLHS FBLA and

Smith's Jewelry, Gayco, Dairy Queen, Dublin Mall, Ollies, Orr Insurance, Best Buy, Browning Co. and OFTC Sandersville.

Food drives were held by NWLE Beta Club and Cricket Wireless. Todd thanked Paul Williams, Heather Smith, John Gregory and Terrell Nichols. Williams also picked up the James

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**OBITUARIES**



**Annette Mimbs**

Annette Mimbs, 64, passed away March 17, 2026, in her hometown of Dublin, Georgia.

Born on April 7, 1961 in Dublin, Georgia, she was preceded in death by her parents, the late Olan Matthew 'Oke' Mimbs and Ethel Guynell Mathis Mimbs; her siblings, Sara Nell Mimbs, Gail Stoll; and Charlie Olan Mimbs.

Annette is survived by her brother, Robbie Dell Mimbs; nieces and nephews, Kristie (Barry) Shepherd, Stephanie (Wally Johnson) Register and Wanda Hart; great-nieces and nephews, Iris (Rusty "Russell" Gibson) Martin, Erika Register, Derek (Lauryn) Register, Brandi (Elfido) Lopez, Wayne Hart and Dylan Turner; great-great-nieces and nephews, Tinsley Martin, Lakelynn Gibson, Cash Gibson, Bradyn Gibson, Rustyn Gibson, Hudson Register, Cooper Register, Landon Lopez and Elvia Lopez and Cheverleigh Gibson. She is also survived by her best friends, Mary Ethel Simpson, Linda Register and Lisa Hart.

Annette's work ethic was exemplified through her dedicated years as a line worker at Bassett Furniture Company. Her commitment to her craft was matched by her involvement with Easter Seals, where she contributed her time and energy to make a difference in her community.

Known for her love of a good cup of coffee, Annette could often be found in the kitchen, cooking up her family's favorite dishes, including her fried chicken, butter beans, potato salad and fried lacy cornbread. Her culinary skills were a testament to her love for her family, and the meals she prepared were more than just food; they were an expression of her heart. She was also an avid fan of the Georgia Bulldogs.

Annette's weekends were often spent in pursuit of hidden treasures at Saturday morning yard sales and Smiley's Flea Market. Her keen eye for deals was only matched by her joy in the hunt. Her spirited and feisty

soul shone through in every aspect of her life. She stood her ground with grace and tenacity, making her a formidable presence to those who knew her well.

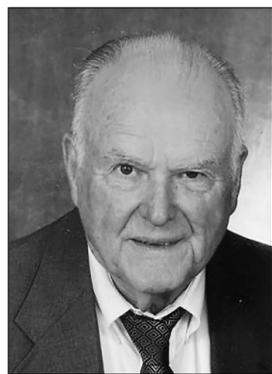
A fan of the iconic music legends Prince, Michael Jackson and Ozzy Osbourne, Annette's taste in music reflected her own life—a blend of boldness, rhythm and flair.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 20, 2026 in the Mary Whitaker Townsend Chapel of Townsend Brothers Funeral Home with burial to follow at Snowhill Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 10 a.m. until service hour at the funeral home.

Pallbearers were Barry Shepherd, Wally Johnson, Rusty Gibson, Rustyn Gibson, Bradyn Gibson and Wayne Hart.

Please visit [www.townsendfuneralhome.com](http://www.townsendfuneralhome.com) to sign the online memorial register.

Townsend Brothers Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements.



**Samuel A. Williams**

Samuel A. Williams, 89, passed away peacefully at home on March 19, 2026. He lived a long life marked by love for his family, strong faith, and a legacy that will continue for generations.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Wilene (Ward) Williams; and his sons, David Williams and Allen Williams.

Samuel was a devoted member of Minter Baptist Church, where he faithfully served as a deacon and led Sunday School for many years. His faith was the foundation of his life, and he instilled those values deeply within his family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia Wilkes Williams; his son, Greg (Lisa) Williams; two step sons, David (Alicia) Wilkes, and Stan (Wendy) Wilkes; his daughter-in-law, Vicky Williams and his cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Sheree (Perry) Rogers and their children, Luke, Jake, and Logan, of Wrightsville; April (Michael) Henderson and their children, Jaden, Gabby, and Gage, of Dublin;

**Operation Wrong Exit leads to several arrests in Twiggs**

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY GTLN

Operation Wrong Exit took place over the holiday weekend in Twiggs County, seeing several arrests and citations over the two-day operation.

Operation Wrong Exit is an annual event hosted by the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office. Over the span of two days, local law enforcement band together to perform a DUI checkpoint off of I16 East heading towards Savannah. The goal - getting impaired drivers off the road.

"Simple thing is, we're trying to deter impaired drivers," said Captain Lee Smith with the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office. "We have a lot of crashes, a lot of crashes. Obviously, everybody sees it, and we're trying to do something about it."

During the operation, law enforcement officials set up a sign on the side of I16 warning upcoming motorists of a DUI checkpoint ahead. Drivers who might want to evade law enforcement, take the next exit in Danville with the belief they're avoiding a checkpoint on the interstate. In reality, the checkpoint is the Danville exit.

Once on the offramp, officials screen drivers for signs of impairment. If dep-

uties believe the driver may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, they bring in drug recognition experts for further assessment. Sometimes, they even bring out Pali, a drug-tracking K9 who can detect if drugs are in the vehicle.

This led to several arrests over the weekend. As of March 17, officials are still tallying the data.

One such arrest was for Royjeri McClendon.

According to the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office, McClendon was behind the wheel of a black GMC Denali on Saturday afternoon when he entered the DUI checkpoint on Exit 27. While driving through the checkpoint, McClendon avoided multiple signs from law enforcement to stop.

Dash cam footage posted to social media reveals the Denali drove straight through the exit, onto the onramp, and back onto the interstate. Officials say he nearly hit multiple deputies in the process. The footage shows deputies following the Denali onto the interstate, with speeds exceeding 100 mph as the vehicle swerved through traffic.

According to a release by the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office, it is believed McClendon pulled a gun and fired one shot toward a

police vehicle. Shortly after, deputies performed a successful PIT maneuver, ending the pursuit. McClendon was arrested shortly after.

"During the pursuit, McClendon showed no regard for the safety of the motoring public, nearly striking other vehicles and even attempting to ram the lead pursuit patrol car," said the release. The release also shared that a handgun and multiple pounds of marijuana were recovered inside the vehicle.

Upon further investigation, law enforcement discovered McClendon had multiple outstanding warrants across Georgia and an extradition warrant out of Missouri. Charges cited in the warrants include armed robbery, hit and run involving serious injury or death, failure to appear and multiple other felony offenses.

Officials say the investigation into McClendon and his actions on Saturday is still ongoing but additional charges are expected.

"This is a great effort," said Captain Smith. "We couldn't do it by ourselves."

According to Smith, this is the 23rd year of Operation Wrong Exit. Each year since, with the exception of 2020, law enforcement agencies have worked together on this program

to deter impaired drivers ahead of St. Patrick's Day.

This year, about 15 agencies were involved including multiple police departments in central Georgia and the Georgia State Patrol, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Department of Corrections, Department of Community Supervision and the District Attorney's Office.

"We're all working for the same common goal to make the roadways safer," said Smith.

In addition to checking for impaired drivers, officers also check the safety of children in vehicles. Citations were handed out to parents for children who weren't properly buckled-in, and the sheriff's office distributed car seats free of charge.

"Realistically we're not the biggest agency, but we try to do the best we can do," Smith added, emphasizing the importance of community support in keeping operations like these possible.

Smith also highlighted the importance of vehicle safety in preventing fatalities on the road. "If you're going on vacation, be safe and party there but not behind the wheel of a car... Please put the cellphones down, buckle up, and slow down."

Dusty (Jenna) Williams and their children, Cam and Avery, of Rincon; and Madison (Chase) Dent of Dublin.

He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins, all of whom he loved dearly.

Samuel will be remembered for his unwavering faith, his devotion to his family, and the steady, loving presence he was to all who knew him. His life was a testament to faith, resilience and enduring love.

His memory will be forever treasured by all who had the blessing of knowing him.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2026, in the Mary Whitaker Townsend Memorial Chapel at Townsend Brothers Funeral Home with burial to follow at Northview Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Monday from 1 p.m. until service hour at the funeral home.

The family will be receiving family and friends at 1759 S Hwy 29, in East Dublin.

Please visit [www.townsendfuneralhome.com](http://www.townsendfuneralhome.com) for service updates and to sign the online memorial register.

**Ruby Knight**

Ruby Knight, of Rentz, Ga., passed away on March 19, 2026. Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced later.

Please visit [www.townsendfuneralhome.com](http://www.townsendfuneralhome.com) to sign the online memorial register and for updated service information.

**TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH**

**Taking vitamin K2, although safe, doesn't prevent osteoporosis**

By DR. KEITH ROACH King Features

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 68-year-old female who is in good health. I currently take vitamin D3, and the only prescription that I'm on is rosuvastatin. It has been brought to my attention by my cousin, who is a devout vegan, that taking vitamin D3 with K2 is much better than just taking D3 alone. If this is true, I'm wondering why my doctor hasn't recommended it.

When I mentioned this to my friends, they had never heard of D3 and K2 either. Do you see an advantage to switching over to this supplement? I had a

bone density test done this past year, and the doctor said that there were no problems. -- W.R.

ANSWER: In my opinion, supplements can be a way of treating symptoms and some medical conditions. But there are very few situations in which a supplement is proven to be effective at preventing problems for a person who feels well.

Vitamin D3 may be one exception as it is important to prevent and treat osteoporosis for those who are at risk. While I often hear that vitamin K2 is effective for osteoporosis (probably

based on a Japanese study), several studies in the United States failed to show any significant benefit of it over a placebo. So, I do not recommend vitamin K2 for people with osteoporosis, nor do I recommend K2 to prevent it. Since you don't have osteoporosis based on your bone density test, you would be taking it for prevention.

Vitamin K2 is being evaluated for helping to reduce heart disease risk, but the evidence isn't strong enough to recommend it yet. Vitamin K2 is very safe, and I don't object to people using it, although they are likely wasting money.

*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](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu). (c) 2026 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved*

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Tammy Coney  
Robbie Latimore*

Mar. 22  
*Leah Mathis  
Stan Rozar Sr.*

Mar. 23  
*Traci Knight Best  
Tommy Craft  
Ronnie Moore*

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Mar. 21  
*Scott & Kelly Knight  
Leon & Arnetta Wilcher*

Mar. 22  
*Sean & Toi Harrison*

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of East Dublin Zoning Board will hold a meeting on March 24, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Terrie E Drew Council Chambers located at the East Dublin City Hall. The meeting will be held for the purpose of discussion and approval of the proposed rezoning application of Alison Stinson and Cricket Ussery property located at 102 Circle Drive, East Dublin, GA from R-2 to B-1.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

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# Draft board calls for speed up

Dublin Courier-Herald, Dispatch, And Press

Calls for men was stepped up sharply today on the Laurens County Draft boards, and it was learned that additional questionnaires are being prepared for mailing from both local boards.

It was also pointed out that those receiving questionnaires should be careful to make any claims for deferment when they receive the questionnaire.

"Claims for deferment presented late, or after classification, may place the local Board in such a position that they may be unable to give consideration to such late claims.

Therefore, the importance of placing in the questionnaires all facts necessary for proper classification is stressed."

In short, this means that if a man believes he has evidence which will cause him to be deferred he must state it when he answers the questionnaire and not wait until he has been classified.

By an odd coincidence both Laurens Boards are mailing out questionnaires today to all registrants with order numbers below 582.

## NEW PASTOR AT DUBLIN FBC

Reverend Grover F. Tyner, who has accepted the pastorate of Dublin First Baptist Church, will speak for the first time here on Sunday, when he will formally accept the call to the church.

Rev. Tyner comes from Crawford Avenue Baptist Church in Augusta and is not expected to take up regular duties here before April 27 at which time his resignation at the big Augusta church is effective.

Rev. Tyner's family will not move to Dublin until the spring school term in Augusta ends since they have four children in school. They are Grover Tyner, Jr, Ray Edwin Tyner, Nell Elizabeth Tyner, and Thera Jennings Tyner.

During Rev. Tyner's services at Crawford Avenue during the past four years, the congregation has increased from 762 members to 1,777 members, and the church is out of debt.

Rev. Tyner succeeds Dr. C.D. Graves who recently resigned after many years of successful labor.

## NEW TRAFFIC RULES HERE

Dublin City Council has agreed to adopt traffic recommendations made by

the Georgia State Highway Department which are intended to improve traffic conditions here, especially around the Court House Square.

The recommendations include making one way streets out of the drives around the Courthouse. (This is Jackson Street.)

Other details will be given out by the police department later.

Council had a brief session last Monday night, the traffic regulations comprising the main business transacted.

## DISCOUNT PLAN SUCCESSFUL

City Council's discount plan for collection of business licenses which was instituted this year brought good results, figures made public today by City Clerk M.A. Rogers showed.

Under the plan, \$5,222.99 more had been collected through March 1, the deadline for claiming the discount, than on the same date last year.

All business licenses were increased approximately 11 per cent the first of this year, with the provision that ten per cent discount would be allowed if paid by March 1.

Total collections through Saturday ran to \$16,767.77 as compared with \$11,544.78 on March 1, 1940.

Between four and five thousand dollars remain to be collected as compared with more than twice that amount at the same time last year.

None of the remaining unpaid licenses will be subject to the discount under the new plan.

## MD&S STRIKE SETTLED

Engineers, firemen and trainmen of the Macon, Dublin, and Savannah railway returned to work today, ending a 4-day strike which had interrupted all rail services on the line, including trains to Camp Wheeler, the nine million dollar army post under construction near Macon.

J.W. Sexton, general manager of the road, said in Macon that the Railroad Brotherhood had agreed on the men returning to work after the company granted "certain concessions," which included wage increases.

Sexton declined to give out other details of the settlement.

The strike began last Thursday after negotia-

tions and mediation failed to bring about an agreement on the workers' demands for more pay, claiming that the road is now classified as a mainline road.

Trainmen returned to work at 12:01 this morning.

## CHURCH NEWS Centenary Methodist Church

Rev. J.A. Wiggins, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church, gave a most inspirational talk on "Life of Christ" at the monthly meeting of the women's society of the Church which was held in the church on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Tripp conducted the business session, and assisting her was Mrs. Wiggins, who acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Oliver Bennett.

Reports were given by Mrs. John Lanier, Mrs. Neal Young, Mrs. L.H. Harville, and Mrs. Agnes Huffman, who also gave the closing prayer.

## Jefferson Street Baptist Church

Misses Carolyn and Margaret Hall entertained members of the Young Woman's Auxiliary of Jefferson Street Baptist Church in their home near the city, an a large number of the group was present.

Mrs. Grace Donaldson, President, conducted the business session, and Miss Annie Kate Henderson, Secretary, assisted.

The Personal Service Report was made by Mrs. B.F. Currie before the program, "Trail of the Seed," was presented by Mrs. Bennett Carroll.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, assisted by Miss Sybil Hoffman.

## Christian Church

Mrs. J.J. Jordan conducted the program for the meeting of the Christian Woman's Missionary Union meeting in the church on Monday afternoon with Mrs. M.A. Shewmake assisting, in the absence of Mrs. Reese Hodges.

Making impressive talks on the program were Mrs. J.M. Page, Mrs. Claud Jones, and Mrs. Jordan.

## GINGER ROGERS' DILEMMA OF LOVE IN "KITTY FOYLE"

"Today versus Tomorrow"

"Ecstatic happiness now or secure quiet"

The choice of the one she wants makes the gripping basis of "Kitty Foyle," RKO Radio's new starring vehicle for Ginger Rogers next week at the Ritz Theatre.

Taken from Christopher Morley's best-selling novel which has achieved wide popularity for its frankness and honesty in portraying the life of today's "white collar girls," the picture is said to give the talented star her first opportunity, and a new technique in filming transfers the realistic first-person viewpoint of the book intact to the screen.

The action begins in the year of depression, with Kitty leaving a secretarial school to get a job with a dilettante society man who is starting a new magazine. The magazine is short lived, but the friendship between the two ripens into marriage - which too is short lived, for Kitty realizes it can never be successful under her husband's family influence and dictation.

Getting an annulment and a job in New York, she set about carving out her own future. But she finds that she is going to have a baby, and this complicates matters, as does the attentions she receives from a young doctor whom she likes, but does not love.

How Kitty solves her various problems for a time only to face a quick decision between running away with her ex-husband as his mistress or marrying the doctor makes for the gripping climax of this realistic picture.

Dennis Morgan as the socialite and James Craig as the doctor head the supporting cast of the production.

Ginger Rogers' performance in the title role won for her the Academy Award for the best performance by an actress during 1940. The story is a compelling study of a spirited working girl and her colorful career.

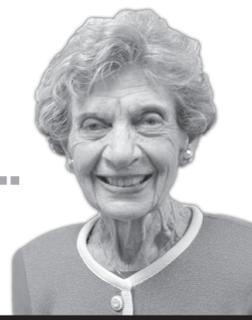
To carry out the intimate first person style of Christopher Morley's book in the picture version, the film storytelling is done in a brand-new manner with the highlights of Kitty's adventurous existence passing in review before her eyes as well as those of the audience.

Scores of familiar Philadelphia and New York settings have been faithfully reproduced to add realism in an usually human and natural picture.

## SAXON HEIGHTS' PTA

At the March meeting of the Saxon Heights Elementary School P.T.A., officers were elected for the follow-

LOOKING BACK...  
85 YEARS AGO  
MARCH 21, 1941



## By HARRIETT CLAXTON

ing the lunch room in the school, having begun this project recently. Surplus commodities furnished by the WPA and donations by various friends and businesses of the school enable all children to have a hot plate lunch every day.

On each table is an arrangement of flowers, and it is a pleasure to see the children seated around the tables and enjoying a well-balanced lunch.

Although many individuals have planned and worked for this, three efficient ladies in charge, Mrs. E.G. Faucett, Mrs. J.A. Merritt, and Mrs. Mary G. Lee, are particularly to be a recognized.

Visitors are welcome during the lunch room hours of 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

## BLUE SPRINGS NEWS

By Mrs. C.B. Hester

Mrs. Pearl Drew Spivey of Dublin was the Wednesday guest of her mother, Mrs. Nancy Drew.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett Hilburn and son, John, and Mrs. Isom Harden and son, Billy, of Dublin spent Sunday with Mrs. Leila Wilkes.

Miss Doris Thigpen was the week end guest of Miss Ann Maddox of Rockledge.

Dr. M.D. Vickers, Dewey Johnson, and Rufus Ricks have returned from Lakeland, Florida, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilkes have returned after spending some time in Cocoa, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Smith had as their recent guests Misses Rosalyn and Maxine Graham of Dublin, Route 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Spivey have returned after a pleasant trip to Florida.

Mrs. Hazel Drew, Mrs. Grady Hester, Jewel Hester, and Mrs. Laura Hester spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Bush of Dublin, Route 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Scott

8:00 P.M. Hugh Perry will be the "bride" and Oliver Lord, the "groom."

Others in the play of amazing and amusing characters will be Doyle Bedingfield, Charles King, Hunter Bryant, Jerry Duggan, J.L. Whitaker, Ramsey Ware, W.P. Perry, Jr. Ben Haskins, Anthony Walke and Olaf Thomas.

## DUBLIN BAND RATED SUPERIOR

Dublin High School Band received a rating of "One Plus," which is the highest rating that could be attained by a band and is classed as "Superior," at the recent Sixth District Festival at Forsyth.

The band played so well that the people of Forsyth and visitors at the meet requested a concert at the close of the Festival program.

"Regal Overture" and "Opera Gems" were played by the band.

The Band did not enter the Festival this year as a Marching Band and was not required to march or to play as a Marching Band.

Band members are Blanche Coleman Robert Thompson Lester Porter Cliff Prince George Powell Gene Scarboro Vivian Weaver Mazie Spivey Moffett Kendrick James Lowery Bluford Page Barney Price James Hutchinson Jane Chapman Robert Windham Clifford Etheridge Lamar Hatcher Caroline Brigham Maria Waldron Trabue Daley Iris MacKey Newton Morris Billy Black Archie Shipes Millie Roche David Walters

## Moment of Inspiration

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God." — Isaiah 41:10

Fear often creeps into our hearts when life feels uncertain. We worry about tomorrow, our struggles, and things beyond our control. But God speaks a powerful reminder in His Word: "Fear thou not." Why? Because we are not facing life alone. God promises His presence, His strength, and His help. When fear begins to rise, we can remember that the Lord is walking with us through every challenge. No matter what today brings, you can rest in this truth: the God who created heaven and earth is with you. And when God is with you, there is no need to fear.

Prayer: Lord, when fear tries to take hold of my heart, remind me that You are with me. Strengthen my faith and help me trust in Your promises. Amen

TO FEAR

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

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# A haunting picture: Apparitions and strange vibrations

The picture looked innocent enough. It was old, portraying a gray image of a young man in a suit, clean cut, hair neatly combed, on thick paper yellowed with age.

But the electromagnetic field meter, pointed at the innocuous portrait, was reading through the roof. Could this brittle, decaying photograph, tucked away in the attic of the office that is my windowless dungeon (where I hammer away at a keyboard crafting awe-inspiring sentences) be the source of other worldly occurrences? It would explain the strange noises, creaks and bumps often heard with no explanation.

This adventure had started as a lark one recent afternoon. At lunch a friend and colleague of mine commented on seeing an EMF meter, commonly used in ghost hunting, at a discount shop. No need to buy anything, I told him, and with a few clicks on my smart device, I was equipped to investigate the paranormal. Yes, there is an app for everything.

Back in the office, I put my telephone/spirit detecting device to work. At first everything appeared normal. Pointing the device upward, however, caused a great disturbance on the machine. The screen turned a bloody red color and indicated a reading related to the paranormal.

Assembling a small team, we mounted the old stair into the building's attic. The meter led us around stacks of boxes

## Who you gonna call?

### THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By **KYLE DOMINY**

es, old furniture and the discarded tools of the newspaper trade, everything from ancient typewriters to old computer monitors, straight to the photo in question.

A haunted picture is nothing new in the events of human history. There are countless tales of supernatural happen-

ings tied to great works or art and unexplainable images that have been captured on film.

One such masterpiece is "The Dead Mother" by Edvard Munch. The chilling work, painted in 1899, shows a small child, hands to her ears as if in a state of shock, standing before the lifeless body of her parent. The work has been in the collection of the Kunsthalle Bremen in Germany since 1918. The owners of the piece, current and past, report that the child is always watching. The eyes follow people nearby. The sounds of rustling sheets and footsteps emanate from the canvas. Some have reported looking up to the artwork and the girl is gone altogether.

Back in the attic, we examined the portrait of the young man. He looked innocent enough; nothing in his appearance hinted at anything sinister. But looking closer, there was another picture underneath. We moved the young man aside and discovered another portrait.

On crumbling paper, blackened around the edges, was the photo of an old man. His hair was disheveled, pointing from his balding head in every direction, his chin was adorned with a long beard and his eyes were wild, rife with what looked like a peer of pure hatred.

The EMF reader, still pointed at the previous picture, returned to normal. I moved it toward the old man and the screen turned blood red ...

# Seven state constitutions: The acknowledgment of God

America's Christian/religious heritage is addressed in the constitutions of all 13 original states (formerly the English colonies) that comprised the young United States of America. Thus, from the very beginning of our nation, God has been acknowledged. It was politically correct to do so then, and it is politically correct to do so today. It is hard to argue with the very words of our state constitutions. Here are those initial statements from seven of our original 13 states with the dates their constitution were approved:

**Pennsylvania (1776):** "We, the people of Pennsylvania, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, and humbly invoking His guidance, do ordain and estab-

lish this Constitution ..."

**Connecticut (1776):** "The People of this State ... by the Providence of God ... hath the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves as a free, sovereign, and independent State ... and for as much as the free fruition of such liberties and privileges as humanity, civility, and Christianity call for, as is due to every man in

his place and proportion ... hath ever been, and will be the tranquility and stability of Churches and Commonwealth: and the denial thereof, the disturbances, if not the ruin of both."

**Virginia (1776):** "Article XVI, Virginia Bill of Rights: That Religion, or the Duty which we owe our Creator, and the Manner of discharging it, can be di-

rected only by Reason and Convictions, not by Force or Violence; and therefore all Men are equally entitled to the free exercise of Religion, according to the Dictates of Conscience; and that is the mutual Duty of all to practice Christian Forbearance, Love and Charity towards each other."

**Maryland (1776):** "We, the people of the state of Maryland, grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious liberty ..."

**Georgia (1777):** "We, the people of Georgia, relying upon protection and guidance of Almighty God, do ordain and establish this Constitution."

**South Carolina (1778):** "We, the people of the State of South Carolina, grateful to God for our liberties, do

ordain and establish this Constitution."

**Massachusetts (1780):** "We, therefore, the people of Massachusetts, acknowledging, with grateful hearts, the goodness of the great Legislator of the universe, in affording us, in the course of His providence (an opportunity to form a compact) ... and devoutly imploring His direction in so interesting a design ..., (establish this Constitution)."

This, then, is our American heritage, our Christian/religious heritage. God has blessed America from her very beginning, and His blessings are clearly acknowledged in the constitutions of America's first 13 states represented by seven of those states. Praise be unto God!

Peace!

## BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Tamar (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. 2 Kings 19 and which other book's chapter are almost alike word for word? Deuteronomy 7, Isaiah 37, Jeremiah 50, Job 16
3. From Genesis 29, which of Jacob's wives was first to bear children? Leah, Naomi, Bilhah, Zilpah
4. Of these, who stole idols from her father? Elisabeth, Martha, Rachel, Deborah
5. In Acts 22, what famous rabbi was Paul's teacher? Hillel, Turkel, Zakkai, Gamaliel
6. From Genesis 4, who invented farming? Adam, Cain, Abel, Jubal

ANSWERS: (1) Neither, (2) Isaiah 37, (3) Leah, (4) Rachel, (5) Gamaliel, (6) Cain

By **JACK BROWN**



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**Dublin Police Department**

- Tamargo Wells, 33, was charged with driving under the influence and seat belt violation on East Jackson Street around 4:38 a.m. on March 15.

An officer saw a vehicle that had a collision with the South Central Health Districts' brick wall. The officer could not see the driver's side window due to the tint being too dark. The officer waited for backup. While waiting, the officer was notified that the vehicle was registered to Wells.

Once backup arrived, officers were able to make contact with the driver, who was passed out behind the wheel. Officers were able to wake the driver, who was identified as Wells, the registered owner. Officers saw that the man was not wearing his seat belt.

An investigation led to his arrest. Wells was transported to Fairview Park Hospital for a blood draw. Wells impeded the medical staff from being able to do the blood draw, and refused to cooperate with the medical staff.

He was transported to the Laurens County Detention Center and released to the jail staff.

- Demori Axson, 20, was charged with driving while license suspended or revoked, at the intersection of Highway 80 West and Taco Bell around 2:27 a.m. on March 15.

While an officer was traveling east on Highway 80, he saw a red Nissan Altima heading west with the passenger side rear taillight not functioning. The driver, identified as Axson, did not have her driver's license on her but provided the officer



**POLICE BEAT...**

with her name and date of birth. It was later revealed that her license was suspended due to a failure to appear offense.

She was arrested and transported to the police department to be fingerprinted. She was released on summons from the police department, while the Nissan was released to Axson's mother.

- Catherine Jeanae Young, 34, was charged with possession of amphetamine at Title Bucks on North Jefferson Street on March 6 around 5:52 p.m.

An officer was patrolling

the area when he saw a woman riding a bicycle on the sidewalk.

**Laurens County Sheriff's Office**

- On March 1, around 7:15 p.m., a deputy made a traffic stop on Highway 338 near Whittle Road. This led to Kaitlyn Diane Bennett, 33, being charged with possession of schedule IV drugs.

- On Feb. 27, a deputy met with a person at the sheriff's office in reference to filing a report about an incident that happened on New Buckeye Road around

9 a.m.  
- On Feb. 27, around 8 a.m., at the sheriff's office, a deputy interviewed a woman about identity theft.  
- A deputy responded to Stewarts Mill Road about an incident that happened around 4:56 p.m. on March 3.

- Property was damaged on Highway 80 East around 6 p.m. on Feb. 26.

- A deputy responded to Pamela Drive in reference to a remove subject call around 8 p.m. on March 2.

- John Wesley Lowe, 44, of Macon, was charged with two counts of trafficking in cocaine. On Feb. 25, around 11:40 a.m., a deputies initiated a traffic stop on a Chevrolet Colorado for expired registration on I-16 at mile marker 43 in Dudley.

- On Feb. 25, a deputy was patrolling the area of Highway 29 and Oak-

wood Drive when he saw a red Honda Civic pass an 18-wheeler in a no-passing zone. This led to the arrest of Dandre Kalik Jackson, 25, of East Dublin. He was charged with fleeing and attempting to elude officer.

*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.*



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**I ask everybody to** realize that people who are homeless are still human. They are somebody's child, brother, aunt and sister. When they ask for somewhere to eat or go any where to get something, please try to help them and don't turn them away.

**Uncle Tell It! master,** I've been getting radiation treatment right down the road at the VA. At the corner of Middle Georgia University at the red light, they have a bad mess there. They put a new fire hydrant up and you can see the raw dirt where they put it down. It's caving in and I think it's sinking ... somebody needs to do something about this. I'm tired of going around the ditch.

**Charlie Brown teaches us** that (makes a noise like the adults speaking on the tv show). Do you know what that says? When all else fails, read page 14 pancakes.

**Where is the law** when I hear all of these Dodge Chargers running up and down the city streets endangering people's lives.

**I can't imagine a** roundabout on the bypass would be approved. *Editor's note: GDOT is currently working on a round about on the 441 bypass in Wilkenson County.*

**The kids from Wayne Road** in Dudley has started tearing up Bobbitt Farm Road. When it rains, they ride four wheelers through the puddles and making new ones, spinning round and round and making deep holes. People live on this road and the road is in terrible, terrible shape. Something needs to be done about this.

**Sounds like the Dublin City Schools** are afraid of competition in denying the new charter school. A charter school cannot pick and choose students as some

speculate. *Editor's note: Typically charter schools use a lottery system.* Hopefully the state will grant the charter school permission to proceed. Maybe their first order of business is to hire away Matt Taylor who has done a great job at IGA but only have 254 students and does not have a lot of room to expand. We need a school that can attract at least 1,800 students like ACE in Macon, which has grown to and eventually teacher pre-k through 12th grade. This school could also compete with the county school as well as evidenced by the Irish Gifted Academy who is out performing the county schools.

**Since the Dublin City schools** have great flexibility being a charter system, to help with discipline and teach respect for authority, maybe require all high school students to take JROTC. The Department of Defense subsidizes instructors salary and provides uni-

forms, equipment and textbooks. This also opens up a world of future employment for the students as well. I would be willing to bet attendance and schools grades and achievements greatly improves if they did.

**The City of Dublin needs** to do something about people driving across the grass to get from Veterans to Rice Avenue. Every single day I see people 40 feet from the driveway cut across the grass instead!

**I'm surprised the schools** didn't call Peachtree City and determine it was too cold for kids to travel safely to school Tuesday morning.

**Do you know how the weather stations** make money? Ratings. Do you know how you get ratings? Emotions. Boring doesn't get ratings. Words like severe, elevated and life-threatening. Wake up people!

**If the shoe was on the**

other foot, and the other county schools were in the same dilemma Dublin is in, how much would the city help them? I say zero. Y'all need to figure another way of doing stuff. The city of Dublin is sitting on 20 years of SPLOST but they couldn't give the city schools money to get them out of debt.

**I would like to know** who was the person who brought up the \$1.6 million round about to the city council in Dublin, Ga.?

**The misleading ads** that insurance companies use, to trick seniors into dropping their medicare and rolling into medicare advantage should be criminal. And the companies and media who run their ads should be in prison.

**I would like to give a** shoutout to the city's sanitation department. On Saturday, after the parade, they were awesome. They cleaned up very well. Let's all give them a shoutout!

**What a fabulous week-end** we've just had! Weather was perfect! Everything went off without a hitch. So much fun! Seeing friends that we had not seen since last Super Saturday! And it all started on Friday when the East Laurens girls Basketball team won their first ever State Championship! Congratulations to the team and their coach. We are so proud of you!

**Congratulations to the players and coach** of the East Laurens High School basketball team. Awesome season and a great victory for the championship. You were a huge part of the Saint Patrick's celebration. We are so proud of you.

**If I remember** correctly it was Sue that took Rob's curly fries.

**I can't believe the Irish Gifted Academy** is accepting applications for next year. Educate them with all the rest.

**PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

**Design and Construction of a Firefighter Training Burn Building**

**1. Introduction**

Laurens County is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms for the **design, engineering, and construction** of a **burn building** to support live-fire and all-hazards training for firefighters. The facility will serve as a critical component of the department's training program, enabling realistic, NFPA-compliant training scenarios. Proposals must be submitted to the Laurens County Commissioners Office located at 117 East Jackson Street, Dublin, Georgia no later than 10:00 A.M. Monday, April 6, 2026, at which time the bids will be opened. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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

**Laurens County Invitation to Bid**

Sealed Bids will be accepted on resurfacing approximately 13.92 miles of various county-maintained roads until 10:00 A.M., Thursday, April 2, 2026 and will be opened at the Public Bid Opening to be held in the Commissioner's Office located at 117 East Jackson Street Dublin, Georgia. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. All bids shall include providing all labor, equipment, grading, striping and materials or other things necessary to complete the projects.

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**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 Scarlett 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.

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March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

**26-106**  
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**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY**  
Under and by virtue of Power of Sale contained in the Security Deed from Alicia Callaway Thomas AKA Alicia Marie Callaway, to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., dated September 13, 2023, filed for record September 18, 2023, recorded at Deed Book 3420, Page 91, Laurens County, Georgia Records, in the original principal amount of \$164,756.23, aforesaid records together with a Promissory Note of equal date and value, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold, by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse Door, or designated area at **LAURENS COUNTY, Georgia**, or designated area, within the legal hours of sale on the first **TUESDAY** in April 2026, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying, being and situate in the 52nd G.M.D. Land 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.**

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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. **VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.**, and its counsel are acting as debt collectors. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**VANDERBILT 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:  
James Godwin Godwin Law Group  
3985 Steve Reynolds Blvd, Bldg D Norcross, GA 30093  
Phone: 470-427-2683  
Email: [jgodwin@godwinlawgroup.com](mailto:jgodwin@godwinlawgroup.com)  
March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

**26-124**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF LAURENS**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF Ernest Russell, DECEASED**

All creditors of the Estate of Ernest Russell, 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.  
Steve Russell  
Executor of Ernest Russell, deceased  
309 Old Pine Road  
Dudley, GA 31022  
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 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2026

**26-118**  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**

In Re: Kimora Laila-Lei Tillman  
Civil Action File No. 26-CD-0203-WT  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

GEORGIA, LAURENS County  
Notice is hereby given that Kimora Laila-Lei Tillman, the undersigned, filed petition to the Superior Court of LAURENS County, Georgia on the 18 day of February, 2026, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Kimora Laila-Lei Tillman to Gabriella Yarqarah Tillman. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 18 day of February, 2026.  
Kimora Laila-Lei Tillman  
Petitioner

March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 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, Alana 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

8711 Serene Retreat Lane  
478-272-3545

February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 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: 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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**26-117**  
**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:

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"...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

**26-101**  
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

**26-089**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF RICKEY TROY BEAUFERD RENTZ, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 26-24**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**

TO: whom it may concern: SANDRA RENTZ has petitioned for to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of RICKEY TROY BEAUFERD RENTZ 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 of the Probate Court  
PO BOX 2098  
DUBLIN, GA 31040  
478-272-2566

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  
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Dublin, GA 31040  
478-272-2566

March 7, 14, 21, 28, 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

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**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:  
Tosha 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.  
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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

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**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:  
Tosha 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

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**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 would 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

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**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

**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

**26-094**  
**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: 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. **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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**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: BARBARA JEAN 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

**26-095**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF Yadira Benita Castro, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 26-23**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**

TO: whom it may concern; Aylin Kasandra Delgado has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Yadira Benita Castro, 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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**26-093**  
**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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Genola O. Jackson  
 Judge of the Probate Court  
 By: CWarren  
 Clerk of the Probate Court  
 P.O. Box 2098  
 Dublin, GA 31040  
 478-272-2566  
 March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

**26-120**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF William E. Preston, DECEASED**

All creditors of the Estate of William E. Preston, 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.

Sue A. Preston  
 Executor of William E. Preston, deceased  
 114 Ovid Dr Dublin, GA 31021.

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 21, 28, April 4, 11, 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

**26-102**  
 State of Georgia  
 County of Laurens.

**Notice to Debtors and Creditors**  
 All creditors of the Estate of Jerry Ellis Mimbs, 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 Mimbs  
 Jared Paul Mimbs., Executor  
 1109 David Mullis Road

Rentz, GA 31075  
 Attorney at Law

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

**26-125**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 Pursuant to Code of Georgia - Title 10 Commerce and Trade (Chs. 1-15) Chapter 4 Warehousemen (Arts. 1-5) Article 5 Self-Service Storage Facilities (10-4-210 and end at 12:00pm, APRIL 4, 2026. The sale will officially start **MARCH 21, 2026** and end at 12:00pm, APRIL 4, 2026. The auction will go live March 21st on **STORAGEAUCTIONS.COM**. The proceeds of said sale will be used to satisfy the storage past due rent & fees in the delivered lien letter, forward rent & fee balances for the duration of the auction process and other expenses of the auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale.

- Unit: **O7** Tenant: **ALICIA O'NEAL** (Household Goods)
- Unit: **F10** Tenant: **BRANDY MERRELL** (Household Goods)
- Unit: **M18** Tenant: **BRIAN HICKS** (Household Goods)
- Unit: **F7** Tenant: **BRITTANY LOFTIN** (Household Goods)
- Unit: **I9** Tenant: **ERIC WILLIAMS** (Household Goods)
- Unit: **O12** Tenant: **JASMINE SPIKES** (Household Goods)
- Unit: **M25** Tenant: **LAKEESHA EVERSON** (Household Goods)
- Unit: **O13** Tenant: **LATAVIOR SMITH** (Household Goods)
- Unit: **F6** Tenant: **SHIRLEY SCOTT** (Household Goods)
- Unit: **N13** Tenant: **VONTRESSA MONT-FORD** (Household Goods)

**26-126**  
 State of Georgia  
 County of Laurens  
**Notice to Debtors and Creditors**  
 All creditors of the Estate of Mary Ellen Hall, 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 17th day of March, 2026.  
 Estate of Mary Ellen Hall

Robin Marie Hall Pfannkuche, Executor 301 Arrowhead Trail Warner Robins, GA 31021 Margaret Greer Evans Attorney at Law State Bar No. 488189 (478) 272-2885  
 March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 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

**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 re-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  
 ebcatt@bellsouth.net  
 March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2026

**26-121**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

**GEORGIA Laurens County**  
 Notice is hereby given that Jerry Perry Cummings, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, on the day of March, 2026, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Jerry Perry Cummings to Nathan Nathaniel Cummings.  
 Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.  
 This the 13 day of March, 2026.  
 RALPH N. JACKSON  
 Attorney for Petitioner  
 State Bar No. 387629  
 The Jackson Law Firm  
 212-H West Jackson Street  
 Dublin, GA 31021  
 Phone (478) 272-7607  
 Fax: (478) 272-0946  
 ralph@ga-laws.com  
 March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2026

**26-130**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS**  
**ORS**  
 GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY D. HARTMAN  
 TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
 All creditors of the Estate of Dorothy D. Hartman, 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.  
 Pamela Lynn Hartman Bedingfield  
 Executors of the Estate of Dorothy D. Hartman  
 C/O Edward B. Claxton III  
 Attorney for Executors  
 P. O. Box 16459  
 Dublin, Georgia 31040  
 March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

**26-105**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF**

**FROM THE RECORD**

**Complaint for divorce:** Isaiah Jones v. Barbara Jones; Mary Green v. Tyler Green

**Divorce:** Antonio Parker v. Ursula Bloodsaw

**Petition for name change:** Nicamerah Johnson

**Modification:** Jennifer Graham v. Gary Graham

**Automobile tort:** I'Leiria Clayton v. Chad Cox & Terry Moye; Brihanna Jordan v. Chad Cox & Terry Moye; Helen Edmond v. Progressive Insurance et al; Korbyn Dupree v. Time Dispatch Services, Prime Ins. Co., CDS Transportation et al; Annie Hutchinson-CARRIER v. Aiden Davis; Joshua Weinrobe v. Kiley Gordon & Christian Lineberger

**General tort:** Karen Profit v. Warehouse Home Furnishing Distributors Inc., XYZ Corp

**Petition:** Department of Transportation v. Eleazar Martinez x 2

**Petition for review:** Dexter Broadus v. Dublin Veterans Affairs

**Petition to partition:** William Drake v. Ronnie Drake Lynn Beringer & Amanda Harvey

**Affidavit for garnishment:** Capital One v. Steven Carter & Warehouse Home Furnishings; Deere Credit Inc. v. Kalie Beth

& Murray Smith & Morris Bank

**Affidavit of continuing garnishment:** Midland Credit v. Arigon Jones & JM Industrial Services

**Contract:** Wells Fargo Bank NA v. Rodney Jacob; Anna-Marie Lugo v. City of Dublin School District

**Contempt - child support:** Ga DHS ex rel Kiyara Lanier v. Roderick Lanier; Ga DHS ex rel Cheyenne Little v. Melinda Little; Ga DHS ex rel Carly Brinson et al v. Virgil Brinson; Ga DHS ex rel Anthony R. Lovelady v. Gary Hugh Lovelady; Ga DHS ex rel Dillion Evans et al v. Julian Evans; Ga DHS ex rel Zatoria Plummer v. Roderick Lanier; Ga DHS ex rel Macey Cummings Jr. v. Macey Cummings; Ga DHS ex rel Darick Freshley et al v. Darick Freshley

**Complaint - child support:** Ga DHS ex rel Kahmari Strickland et al v. Malik Jones; Ga DHS ex rel Za;riyah Dollar v. Shemar Dollar; Ga DHS ex rel Sebastian Martin v. Jamie Martin; Ga DHS ex rel Jaidah Whitley et al v. Joshua K. Whitley; Ga DHS ex rel Jathan Johnson v. Leonard Johnson

**Liens:** Kevin Arline to Capital One, NA; Danny Parks to Fairview Park Hospital; Malissa R. Park to Fairview Park Hospital; Brontavious D. Childs to First Laurens Financial; Javon Tyrek Blackshear

to Fairview Park Hospital; Jadarius Nyjavon Street to Fairview Park Hospital; Crystal Silas to Synchrony Bank; City of Hope and Vascular Center LLC to Georgia Department of Revenue (x2); Frank Drakes to The Security State Bank; Angel Kemp to Midland Credit Management Inc. Shanarica Park to Warehouse Home Furnishings

**Warranty deeds:** Sonny D. Wilkes to Sonny Wilkes and Joanie Wilkes; Gerald Lee Pierce and Judy A. Pierce to Elvis Dupree Pierce, Billie O'Connor/Shawn O'Connor; Stonewalk Dublin to KCATL21 LLC; Alesia G. Wilbur to RMR Quality Homes LLC; John Mullis to Steven J. Ussery; Alex Garnto, Holly Garnto and Michelle Garnto to Franklin B. Rawls; Tim P. Lentile and Leslie Lentile to Roy Wallace Padgett; Christopher Durell Woodward and Christopher Kyle Woodard to Keith Carr and Kelly Carr; P2 construction LLC to Caroline Elizabeth Leonard and Clay Phillips Spicer; Stonewalk Dublin RMPM LLC to Pinehill Land Company LLC; Sandra K. Allen, Genevieve Jackson nka Genevieve Howell to Patrick Stewart; Valerie Herndon to Kalina Fowler; George Russell Lane to William Nolan Terry; Thomas Byrum as trustee of the Thomas Byrum living trust to Nancy Sohn and Danny Sohn; ECS Realty LLC to Charles Brown and Johnnitra Reynolds; Arthur Johnson to Winfred Kellam; J&K

Investments to 2437 US 80 LLC; John D. Simpson aka John D. Simpson Sr by his attorney to Quantum investment Partners LLC; Talmadge Earl Marsh aka Earl Marsh by his attorney to Mark Baggett; City of Dublin and County of Laurens County Development Authority to Coca-Cola Bottling Company

**Security deeds:** Kristopher Bjorkman to First Laurens Bank; Daniel Melvin King and Twana Evans King to Georgia First Bank; Caroline Elizabeth Leonard and Clay Phillips Spicer to Morris Bank; Purple Dog Properties to Bank of Dudley; Kalina Rachel Fowler to Guild Mortgage Company LLC; Horseshoe Rentals LLC to Morris Bank; Jeffery Washington to Citizen Bank of Laurens County; Charles Brown and Johnnitra Reynolds to Planet Home Lending LLC; Winfred Kellam to Mortgage Research Center LLC dba Veterans United Homes Loans; John Earl Rice Jr. and Jessica Lynn Rice to Amerihome Mortgage Company LLC; Quantum Investment Partners to Community Bank of Dublin-Laurens County; Universal Maintenance Plus Inc to First Laurens Bank; Rhonda Lynn Barron aka Lynn Barron to Robins Financial Credit Union; Scott Richard Wernecke and Jessica Lynn Wernecke to Rocket Mortgage LLC; Timothy Redding Redding and Christen Law Redding to Georgia First Bank

**NEWS DIGEST**

The Laurens County Solid Waste Management Authority will hold its regular quarterly meeting at the commissioner's office at 8 a.m. on March 20. The agenda follows:  
 - Call to order

- Invocation
- Approval of minutes
- Director's report
- Old business
- New business
- Recognition of citizens
- Adjourn

The Town of Cadwell will hold its next council meeting on Monday, April 13 at the Cadwell Town Hall. The agenda follows:  
 - Call meeting to order  
 - Invocation  
 - Approval of minutes

- Approval of financial statement
- Old business
- New business
- Comments
- Acknowledge visitors
- Adjourn

**RELIGION DIGEST**

A gospel music night featuring the music groups Driven and Common Garments will be held at Faith Christian Assembly, 1252 Snellbridge Road in East Dublin, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 21. Doors open at 5 p.m. Admission is free but a love offering will be taken.

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.

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 Pastor I.E. Mack, from Unionville Missionary Baptist Church in Macon. Dinner will be served and everyone is welcomed.

Free Vision Deliverance Outreach Ministry Church (540 Charles W. Manning Sr. Way) will hold its 30th church anniversary at 11:30 a.m. on April 19. The guest speaker will be Overseer Prophet Mary Austin. The church anniversary theme is Pressing into Divine purpose.

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.

Free Vision Deliverance Outreach Ministry Church (540 Charles W. Manning Sr. Way) family and Chief Apostle Shirley Parker invites everyone to come out to a community fellowship on their 30th church anniversary at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 3. The guest speaker will be Pastor Mary Paschal from His Mercy Ministry in Milledgeville.  
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*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.*

**Georgia lawmakers zero in on legislation against some forms of discrimination in education**

By TY TAGAMI  
 Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Students in Georgia schools and colleges who face certain types of discrimination could soon have a path for redress that need not involve the federal government.

Both the state House and Senate have passed a measure that would establish a Georgia-based process for investigating complaints of discrimination involving race, ethnicity, national origin or religion.

The version of Senate Bill 523 that passed the House unanimously Wednesday had been stripped of language that would have required public schools to treat harassment or discrimination motivated by antisemitism the same as religious discrimination.

Even so, Rep. Esther Panitch, D-Sandy Springs, praised the measure, citing instances of Jewish parents who felt powerless when their children were subjected to harassment.

"These families had no real recourse short of going to the media or filing a federal complaint," said Panitch, the only Jewish member of the Georgia General Assembly.

In its current form, the measure would require that the Georgia Department of Education employ a state-wide coordinator of Title VI, the part of the federal Civil Rights Act that prohibits its discrimination based on

race, color or national origin.

Sen. Russ Goodman, R-Cogdell, said he was moved to introduce the bill because of a family trip to Israel. They happened to be there the day Hamas attacked in 2023.

"There are extremes on both ends of the political spectrum that in today's climate condone antisemitism," he said at a House committee hearing on his measure last week. "History has shown us what happens when we allow antisemitism to take root in our society."

He referenced the slaughter of World War II unleashed by Nazi Germany and the Americans who died "before we got the genie back into the bottle."

**Bobby Baker , DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 26-21**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**  
 TO: whom it may concern:  
 Crystal Tamiko Martin & Tshombe Imani Baler has petitioned for to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Bobby Baker, 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

**NOTICE OF 2ND DUI CONVICTION**  
**Offender:**  
**BRANDON EDMOND**  
**Address:** 315 WABASH ST  
**DUBLIN, GA 31021**  
**Arrest Date and Time:**  
 01/11/2022 @ 10:48 PM  
**Disposition Date:**  
 11/10/2025  
**Disposition of Case:** Plead of Guilty, Probation: 12 Months; Jail Time: 66 hours; Fine Amount: \$1285.00; Community Service: 240 hours; Clinical Evaluation for Drug/Alcohol Abuse; Served notice of license suspension; Attended DUI/Risk Reduction School; Subject to Drug & Alcohol Screens; \$25 fee for booking photo and publication photo in legal organ  
**LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: My daughter "Kate" is 22 and just recently graduated from college. She has been dating her boyfriend for five years. I love this young man like he was my own.

The problem is, I just found out Kate has been seeing someone on the side. He is her boss, and he's 54 years old! I'm sworn to secrecy because her older sister told me about this. To say the least, I am disgusted, but I can't say anything because it would destroy the trust between the two sisters. Any advice? -- DISGUSTED MOM IN THE EAST

DEAR MOM: Yes. My advice is to step back and let the situation evolve. The truth will eventually come out. Either the boss's wife will find out and Kate will have to find another job, or her boyfriend will catch on and end their relationship so he can find a woman who is capable of being faithful. Sometimes people have to learn these life lessons the hard way, and Kate is no exception.

DEAR ABBY: Our adult grandson is planning a guys trip with three of his friends. We know only one of them well. They'll be visiting us at our lake home and doing all the lake activities. My husband will drive the boat as none of them has any experience.

I want to tell them I will turn the kitchen over to them and ask them to bring their own groceries and beverages. My husband thinks I should provide the groceries and meals, and have them bring their own drinks and help with cleaning up. This has caused a lot of arguments between us. How should we resolve this issue? -- FRUSTRATED GRANDMA

DEAR GRANDMA: Here's how: Tell your husband you do not plan on shouldering the entire responsibility of feeding five adult males for the duration of their stay. Offer to cook a "welcome dinner" for them, but if he feels they need more hospitality, HE should prepare the rest.

DEAR ABBY: I frequent a small local restaurant. The owner is also the server. I believe her husband (or son) is the chef. We're on friendly terms, and I sometimes get a "free" dessert. When the bill arrives, I am asked on the receipt for a tip, which I have been leaving. But, lately, I feel I'm paying extra for my meal or paying for that "free" dessert -- and then some. I mean, who am I tipping? It's not like the server is a hired employee. I need to know, must I leave a tip? What is proper when it comes to tipping the owner who is also the server? -- CONFOUNDED IN FLORIDA

DEAR CONFOUNDED: You state that this is a "small" local restaurant. Restaurants operate on a narrow margin. If the welcome is warm and you enjoy the food and atmosphere, you shouldn't quibble about rewarding the owner(s) with a tip. I don't think the message would be on the bill if a tip was not expected. The amount is up to you.

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

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

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Level: Advanced

ANSWER:

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



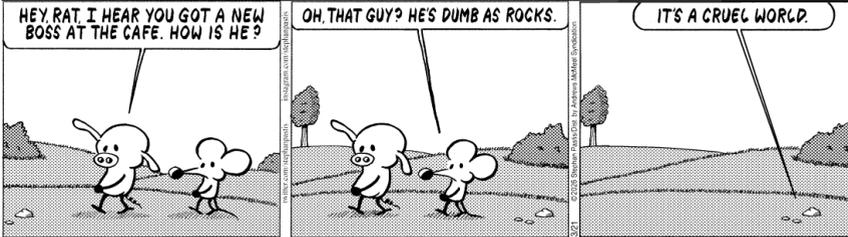
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Briefcase is different. 3. Vest is missing. 4. Elbow patch is added. 5. Newspaper is larger. 6. Bush is moved.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



OVERBOARD

BY CHIP DUNHAM



DEFLOCKED

BY JEFF CORRIVEAU



### Ox-eye daisy

When in bloom, it's easy to see why this European native was introduced in the U.S. as a garden and florist ornamental in the 1800s.

It now threatens as an invasive species in the wild. It is commonly found along roadways or spread across fields, meadows and lakeshores. Once established, it can spread rapidly by means of roots and seeds, crowding out native plants. The end result is of use to few wildlife species.

Source: www.nps.gov — Brenda Weaver

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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

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- Created by Stella Zawistowski
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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Equipment</p> <p>5 Stinging insect</p> <p>9 Fast</p> <p>14 Grandmother's nickname</p> <p>15 Opposite of good</p> <p>16 Remove pencil marks from</p> <p>17 Bible book after John</p> <p>18 For takeout: 2 wds.</p> <p>19 Pork fast-food sandwich</p> <p>20 Dr. Seuss classic: 5 wds.</p> <p>23 Matured</p> <p>24 "Smooth Operator" singer</p> <p>25 Ship's crew member</p> <p>28 Senior Catholic clergyman</p> <p>32 "Big Blue" company: Abbr.</p> <p>33 Count ___ (jazz legend)</p> <p>36 Director Aster</p> <p>37 Number-one</p> <p>38 Clothes-storage spots</p> <p>40 Feeling sick</p> <p>41 Broad street: Abbr.</p> <p>42 Type of yoga</p> <p>43 ___ the line (obey)</p> <p>44 Leaned (on)</p> <p>46 Springtime birds</p> <p>49 Actor ___ Garcia Bernal</p> <p>51 Be fond of</p> <p>52 Bill Withers hit: 3 wds.</p> <p>58 "Tomorrow" musical</p> <p>59 Moral crimes</p> <p>60 High cards</p> <p>61 ___ llych Tchaikovsky</p> <p>62 Boundary</p> <p>63 Big jump</p> <p>64 Window parts</p> <p>65 Peach pit, e.g.</p> <p>66 Plant with fronds</p> | <p>3 Before: Prefix</p> <p>4 Scamp</p> <p>5 Having more rain</p> <p>6 Steer clear of</p> <p>7 Omen</p> <p>8 Storylines</p> <p>9 Medical treatments</p> <p>10 Curved parts of feet</p> <p>11 Prefix with -legal</p> <p>12 "___ just me?": 2 wds.</p> <p>13 Former Cabinet member Haaland</p> <p>21 In the past</p> <p>22 Usual practice</p> <p>25 Indian instrument</p> <p>26 Over</p> <p>27 Push forward</p> <p>29 Dominican Republic neighbor</p> <p>30 Synthetic fiber</p> <p>31 Heaps (representing)</p> <p>33 AI program</p> <p>34 Hardwood tree</p> <p>35 Mediterranean ___</p> <p>38 Two-timers</p> <p>39 Loaded down</p> | <table border="1" style="font-size: x-small;"> <tr><td>R</td><td>A</td><td>P</td><td>T</td><td>S</td><td>A</td><td>B</td><td>R</td><td>A</td><td>M</td><td>A</td><td>S</td><td>H</td></tr> <tr><td>A</td><td>C</td><td>L</td><td>U</td><td>T</td><td>R</td><td>A</td><td>I</td><td>L</td><td>A</td><td>U</td><td>T</td><td>O</td></tr> 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Saturday, March 21, 2026

GOREN BRIDGE

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q 1 - Not vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
 ♠ A K J 10 8 5 3 ♥ J 4 7 ♣ A J 9  
 The bidding has proceeded:  
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
 1♥ 2♣ 2♥ Pass  
 ?  
 What action would you take?
- Q 2 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
 ♠ 9 6 4 ♥ A J 8 2 ♦ Q 5 2 ♣ 5 3 2  
 With the opponents silent, partner opens 2NT. How do you proceed?
- Q 3 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
 ♠ K 10 ♥ 9 8 3 ♦ 10 9 8 7 5 ♣ A J 3  
 Partner opens 1S, you bid 1NT and partner jumps to 3S. Are you a man or a mouse?
- Q 4 - Neither vulnerable, as North, you hold:  
 ♠ A 9 5 4 ♥ A K 9 6 5 ♦ K Q 5 ♣ 4  
 The bidding has proceeded:  
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass  
 2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass  
 2NT Pass ?  
 Pass or raise? What is your choice?
- Look for answers on Monday.  
 (Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this paper.)

# Trinity, WL golf teams fare well in latest events

From STAFF REPORTS

Trinity Christian and West Laurens boys golf teams continued their strong early-season play over the past two weeks, the Crusaders picking up wins in home matches of nine and 18 holes in length, and the Raiders with strong showings at a home match and three different stroke play events around the area.

After soundly defeating Westminster (by a final score of 154-219) to improve its record to 3-0 Thursday March 5, Trinity took advantage of the added daylight with its first full round of the campaign this past Wednesday, and pulled out an impressive four-stroke win over Gatewood back at

Dublin Country Club.

Low man John Brantley, who shot a 74 to lead the 15-man field, was backed by the 83 of Charlie Maffett, 89 of Hayden Bowles and 93 of Cole Johnson to give the Crusaders a 339-343 advantage over the Gators, led by the 78 of Mikey Padula.

Trinity will continue its homestand against Vidalia Monday, March 23.

West Laurens' top golfers were put through the wringer at a set of tournaments featuring some of the state's best, beginning with a GSGA showcase March 9-10 in Columbus.

The Raiders faced "a tough course and tough competition" during the two-day event made up of 12 high school teams: nine



A SUPER SATURDAY IN WAYNESBORO: Raider golfers were runners-up at the Taylor Made Invitational, at Waynesboro Country Club, last Saturday, March 14/SPECIAL PHOTO

defending state champs and the other three runners-up in 2025.

West (+35) finished seventh as a team, with Brace-

ton Beasley pacing its delegation with rounds of 75 and 73 for fifth place overall.

Brody Graham (81-75), Will Tribble (79-82) and Jake

Harden (77-85) also placed top 30 individually.

Last Thursday, both the Raiders' teams matched up with Stratford Academy at

Dublin Country Club.

The boys (led by Beasley's 34, Tribble and Harden's 36 and Graham's 37) won 143-191. The Eagles eeked out the narrow victory on the girls' side by a final of 100-101. West's Bailey Jean Logan shot a 47, and Stratford's Ora Smith a 46, for the teams' respective top scores.

Saturday, the Raider boys traveled to Waynesboro for the Taylor Made Invitational, and were runner-up to Aquinas by four strokes with a team score of 293. Brody Graham and Wade Martin both shot rounds of 72 to tie for the team lead, and fifth overall individually.

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## Back-to-back gems for Bleckley's Boatright, WACO's May keep Raiders' bats flustered

By CLAY REYNOLDS  
Sports Editor

West Laurens had little luck against a couple of region 2-High A's top hurlers as it dropped back-to-back non-region games in the throes of a nasty hitting slump this past week.

Despite some early success at the plate, the Raiders were shut down by Walker Boatright and Bleckley County over the back half of an 8-4 loss Wednesday at home.

Fortunes worsened Thursday in Sandersville as Washington County's Mack May held them to just one hit in another complete-gamer, this time for a 2-0 shutout, to get the Golden Hawks their third-straight victory and hand West Laurens its third frustrating loss in four games.

The Raiders, between blow-out region wins over Westside of Augusta (by a combined score of 33-0) the week prior, got the wrong end of a potent Morgan County lineup that homered twice to overpower them 14-3 in six innings March 11.

They'll have four games next

week to work out their offensive woes ahead of a keystone region series with Harlem, as a Monday pickup at GMC leads into a first of two with 4-AAA rival Howard Tuesday, then a rematch with Bleckley in Cochran Wednesday night.

Bright spots during the five-game stretch were concentrated to the Westside wins, 16-0 in Augusta March 10 and 17-0 back in Dexter on Friday. West Laurens had no trouble running up a combined hit total of 19 against a set of three Patriot pitchers, two of which appeared in both games, in the seven innings that made up the series.

Grant Baker, who would extend his hitting streak to a 15th-straight of the Raiders' 16 games this season on Wednesday, drove in a total of four runs over the set of games to keep going a similar pattern of consecutive games with an RBI that also ended at six at WACO.

Tripp Mascaro was 2-for-4 in game 1, while Nathan Hester (2-for-2 with an RBI), Buck Shepherd (2-for-2 with four driven in) and J.J. Giles (2-for-



ROWING UPSTREAM: West Laurens hitters had a tough time solving Bleckley's Walker Boatright, who held them hitless after allowing a couple each in the first and third innings Wednesday night. He recorded the last four of his seven strikeouts in a 1-2-3 sixth and seventh that sunk the Raiders' comeback chances //JANICE BALLARD

2 with two RBIs) logged multi-hit efforts in the finale.

Mascaro struck out four in as many one-hit innings to get the win on the mound Tuesday. Westside was also held to a single hit by Cohen Cardwell, who struck out one on Friday.

Morgan County's boppers bopped, leaving the yard with a pair of home runs out of their 13 hits, in Wednesday's visit to Dexter.

Both big flies (two out of seven hit in their four wins over the course of the week) keyed a powerful start that got the Bulldogs out to an early lead of 7-0 in the first two innings.

Caylem Richardson, after blasting two in the third inning of a 15-0 win over Westside Macon the night before, took one into the right field trees for a grand slam in the first inning.

Troy signee Hudson Reed hit his seventh of the year on

a solo shot to open up the second.

West Laurens, despite nine hits of its own, wouldn't be able to put much of a dent in the big number as it scratched out a pair in the third inning (when Giles and J.D. Hogan scored on the same wild pitch to briefly make it a five-run game) and one more on Baker's second hit in the bottom of the fifth.

Morgan County – a favorite of many to win the AA state championship – would put up seven more runs in the last three innings to get its lead past the run-rule threshold.

Kolby Clark didn't have his command early, and was lifted after eight batters came to the plate in the first. Brycen Milton took over, picked off a man, struck out four as he fired 85 pitches in a little more than

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## Crusaders get back in win column to open new region series at Windsor

By JEREMY PAYNE  
Correspondent

After blowing a couple of leads to Gatewood last week, the Trinity Crusaders looked to get back on the winning track on Tuesday against Windsor.

The Crusaders were able to do just that as they got a great pitching performance and took advantage of some Knight miscues to come away with a solid 8-2 win in Macon.

Trinity would get on the board in the top of the first. Jakob Sahli singled to lead off the contest and eventually scored on a wild pitch to make the score 1-0.

The Crusaders would tack on to the lead in the third.

Asher Evans was hit with a pitch with one out, and Brayden Underwood would follow with a walk. After a second out was recorded, Tayt Evans ripped a hard grounder to short. The ball couldn't be fielded cleanly, leading to a two-base error and two runs to make the score 3-0.

Kolbi Grooms came up next and also reached on an error by the shortstop to push the advantage to 4-0.

Blake Sims would single to lead off the fourth for Trinity and Sahli would follow with a one out single. Underwood later drove them both home with a two-out hit make the score 6-0.

The Crusaders would get another run in the fifth when they loaded the bases with two outs on two errors and a walk. Andrew Helton came home on a wild pitch to make the score 7-0.

Windsor got on the board in the sixth with a pair of unearned runs to cut the Crusader advantage to 7-2.

In the seventh, Helton walked and Sims would be hit by a pitch to put two on with nobody out. After Alston Bryan bunted them both over, Sahli would come through with a sac fly for the final run to make it 8-2.

Sahli and Underwood led the offense with two hits each. Helton and Sims also had hits for Trinity.

Grooms needed just 59 pitches to earn the complete-game victory, as he allowed just two hits and no earned runs. He walked one and struck out four.

Trinity (4-3, 1-2 region) was set to return to action Friday as it rematches with Windsor, this time in Dublin.

The Crusaders will host Stratford on Monday before beginning their next region series against Central Fellowship next week.



DIVING EFFORT: J.J. Giles stretched out to try and rob a hit on this liner to left field, but couldn't quite keep the ball from the bat of BC's Casey Finch from getting down for a fifth-inning hit that aided the Royals in tying the game//JANICE BALLARD

## WL XC's Dailey signs with Georgia College

By CLAY REYNOLDS  
Sports Editor

As an athlete, you're often at your best when you've got a chip on your shoulder.

And for West Laurens High School's Levi Dailey, there was a bit of a point to prove as he took to the Carrollton High School course for the last time at last November's GHSA state championship race.

"MileSplit released an article predicting their top 5 and how they thought it was going to go, and they left me out of that," he said. "I just kind of wanted to prove somebody wrong, so getting that done, it meant a lot to me."

Thanks in part to the extra boost of motivation, Dailey ran a time of 17:21.17 to conclude his remarkable senior season with a third-overall finish, beating one more set of the projections that he'd exceeded right and left throughout the fall.

And it was a fitting way to cap off a high school career that, in a picture of dedication and perse-

verance, saw a steady progression from year 1 through 4.

After finishing 80th at state as a freshman, Dailey worked his way up to 60th as a sophomore, then into the top 20 – 18th overall – as a junior. Early in his senior season, he'd elevate a personal target in the race's top 10 up to the top five as his times – good enough to break school two-mile and 5K records – began to really take off in in September and October.

"It's perhaps one of the best individual seasons of any runner I've had," said West Laurens head coach Danny Johnson. "Capping it off with a third-place finish at state, winning region before that, he placed second at our state sectional meet, stayed healthy. It was just a great overall year for him."

"He kind of finished on a strong note; he ran his best race at the end of the season."

With his focus at the time on races still at hand, Dailey was unsure back in the fall about his intended next steps once another

senior season, running distance events for the Raiders' track and field squad wraps up this spring.

But after some time to think things over between the end of one and the start of the next, he settled on a decision he'd long kept in mind to continue running cross country at the next level. Dailey made it official early last month as he signed with Georgia College Feb. 12.

He'd had eyes on the Bobcats since some early conversations with head coach Alexander Bruno began some time ago, but a visit to campus back during the fall was what confirmed the NAA Division II school was the right fit. "I did a tour just to kind of see what it was like, and I really loved the campus," Dailey said. "It's big enough to have that college feel, but also small enough to where you get to know everybody and

meet your professors and have that home feel."

He also hit it off really well with his future teammates.

"They were all really encouraging and really uplifting, and just a great group of people to be around, and the coach was super encouraging," he added "I just felt like it's a great place that I could grow."

And there's a definite feeling that Dailey has a lot more potential to explore after picking up this craft fairly late in life, as he only began to run seriously late in middle school.

When considering all his

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RUNNING WITH THE BOBCATS: West Laurens cross country speedster Levi Dailey signed Feb. 12 to continue his career at Georgia College//CLAY REYNOLDS



**SILVER MEDALIST:** Braceton Beasley, shooting 73 to match the top score of the Eagles' Will Fruitticher, was runner-up by regression at last week's Stratford Invite/SPECIAL PHOTO

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West Laurens was the only team to have all six of its golfers shoot in the 70s. Harden (73) was 10th and Tribble (76) 14th, with Keith Howell and Lane Neal (77) tying for 16th.

This past Monday, the Raider boys endured some "brutal weather" at Macon's Idle Hour Country Club to finish third out of 10 teams at the Stratford Invitational.

Beasley's 73 was good to tie for the tournament's top score, though the Ea-

gles' Will Fruitticher took low-medalist honors on regression.

Graham and Harden had a 78 and Tribble a 79, to round out West's 308 – which was a couple strokes back of Stratford's 306 on the final leaderboard. Brookstone, also with a 308, took second via tiebreaker – in what head coach Whitney Allgood called "a really solid day of playing for everyone in some terrible conditions."

West Laurens was set to play another home match against FPD Thursday at Green Acres.

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options for the future, he felt it important to make the most of the uncommon gifts he has the chance to continue to maximize.

"That's something a lot of people don't get to do, having that ability to run and do those things," Dailey said. "I thought that I had that God-given talent, and that I shouldn't waste it, that I should take it as far as I can and do the best to my ability to do that."

And if the trajectory of his high school career is any indication, there will be a lot of good strides – both athletic and personal – ahead of him in Milledgeville.

"He'll be one of our top three runners of all time in school history," Johnson said. "And to top that all off, he's a great kid, a great student-athlete. Georgia College is getting a great individual student, a great individual person and their campus is better off for him going there."

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five innings to get the game to the sixth. Gunner Coleman took over to get the final two outs.

Hits weren't at a shortage. West Laurens had nine of them with Hogan, Baker and Cardwell contributing two apiece.

Reed, a triple from the cycle, was 4-for-5 with two RBIs.

Gavin Hunt, Drew Ainslie and Richardson also had two hits apiece for the 'Dogs.

Boatright took a big bite out of the Raiders' confidence at the plate with seven strikeouts in seven efficient, fast-paced innings this past Wednesday.

Though his outing finished better than it started, the senior's command and assurance on the mound was unshakable once he got a feel for the strike zone, and a lead on the scoreboard when Bleckley broke in front for the first time with its three runs in the sixth inning.

West Laurens couldn't get a feel for his hard-to-square fastball or curve after picking up two each of its four hits – and all three runs – in the first and third.

Baker drove home Hogan, after his leadoff lobs was stretched into a double, for the opening run, and had one of the two singles that set the table for a second and third two frames later on the RBI of Cardwell and a wild pitch.

But Bleckley, which Clark held to a single Jay Johnson hit in the same timespan, would ultimately get things going at the plate, and reverse the momentum entirely by pounding out nine of its 10 hits from the fourth inning on.

The Royals also scored eight of the last nine runs as Clark (with three strikeouts, plus one walk and four hits given up in a bounce-back) gave way to Coleman in the sixth.

A passed ball scored their first run to begin chip-



**HUSTLE DOUBLE:** A short flare that split a gap in shallow left center would have been a single for anyone besides J.D. Hogan, who always digs hard out of the box, and stretched it into this two-base hit to lead off Wednesday's game/JANICE BALLARD

ping away in the fourth. They tied it with two more in the fifth on an RBI single by Boatright and a sacrifice fly by Brody Fleming.

The Raiders answered to re-take the lead, capitalizing on two errors and a hit batter to take a 4-3 lead in the fifth, but Bleckley responded with five unanswered in the last two innings, as Boatright became unhittable... striking out four of his total seven to set West Laurens down in order in the sixth and seventh.

The Royals loaded them up on Jay Johnson's lead-off double, then a walk and bunt single before a passed ball tied the score back at 4 each, then Caleb Foskey came through with a game-swinging double to put Bleckley on top 6-4.

In the seventh, Fleming and Johnson reached on singles, and both scored as Noah Woodard ripped a double up the right field line for two more RBIs.

Johnson was 3-for-4 and Woodard 2-for-4. Baker had West's only two-hit night.

J.J. Giles' single in the third inning was the Raiders' only hit against May, who struck out nine in a second-straight opposing gemstone Thursday on his home mound. Just one other man – Baker drawing a walk in the first – reached base against the senior who'd get the side 1-2-3 in

the other five innings.

Offense was just as scant for WACO, which mustered only four base hits against West's two-man staff, and only scored thanks to two bases-loaded walks in a hitless second inning for Milton. Cardwell came on in relief starting with the third, and pitched around the home team's three remaining hits to keep the 2-0 score where it was.

He'd punch out the final two Hawks to strand a couple of runners after a heated start to the bottom of the sixth inning, with a bang-bang out call that was overturned by umpires.

May had been seemingly tagged out on the shoulder by Clark, on the recovery from a throw that brought him away from the bag, as he legged out a grounder to first.

But the home plate official, after denying West Laurens head coach Parker Gordon the opportunity to appeal on a nearly identical play that had been ruled an out in the top half of the inning, was suddenly more receptive as WACO's Kevin Mobley came across the infield urging his partner to request a second opinion.

The group, sure enough, needed a mere moment after getting together to deem May safe on the play, bringing Gordon out of the dugout with reasonable indignation that would quickly get him ejected.

**SCOREBOARD**

**BASEBALL**  
Wednesday  
Bleckley Co. 8,  
West Laurens 4  
Dublin 17, GMC 2  
East Laurens 6,  
Tattnall Co. 2  
Trinity 8, Windsor 2

**Thursday**  
Tattnall Co. 10, EL 2  
Washington Co. 2, WL 0

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Wednesday  
EL 1, Northeast Macon 0

**BOYS SOCCER**  
Wednesday  
EL 1, Northeast Macon 0

**PREP SCHEDULE**

**BASEBALL**  
Friday  
Northeast at Dublin (doubleheader)/4 p.m.  
East Laurens at ACE Charter  
Windsor at Trinity/6 p.m.

**Monday**  
EL at Montgomery Co. /5:30 p.m.  
West Laurens at GMC  
Stratford at Trinity/6 p.m.

**SOCCER**  
Friday  
Dodge Co. at EL  
Trinity at WL/5 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Trinity at Vidalia Heritage  
WL at Harlem/5 p.m.  
Washington Co. at  
Dublin (boys)/7:30 p.m.

**TENNIS**  
Friday  
WL at Harlem/4 p.m.

**Monday**  
Trinity at Windsor /3:30 p.m.  
Tift Co. at WL/4 p.m.

**GOLF**  
Monday  
Vidalia at Trinity/3 p.m.

# Congratulations East Laurens Lady Falcons 2026 Girls A-D1 Basketball State Champions!



The 76-84 ELHS Alumni Planning Committee proudly salutes our **East Laurens Lady Falcons, Coach Danielle Lowther and coaching staff**, on capturing the **2026 Girls A-D1 Basketball Championship!** Your victory is more than a title – it is a shining reflection of your hard work, heart, and relentless determination.

You played with courage.  
You led with unity.  
You inspired an entire community.

From the opening tip-off to the final buzzer, you showed the world what it means to carry the spirit of East Laurens: **excellence, perseverance, teamwork, and pride.** Your achievement reminds us all that greatness is built through discipline, character, and belief in one another.

As alumni, we celebrate not just the win, but the legacy you are building for future Lady Falcons who will follow in your footsteps. You have made history – and we couldn't be more proud.

**Congratulations, Champions!**  
Your Falcon Family is cheering you on today and always.

– The 76-84 ELHS Alumni Planning Committee

**EASTER SEALS**

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“We do community-living supports,” Prawucki said. “We help the individuals to be independent, give them reminders and make sure they take their medicine. We’ll go to the grocery store with them and teach them how to use coupons, how to save money, how to comparative shop and how to budget. We provide necessary support. Everybody needs a little bit of help.”

Clients are transported to their doctor’s appointments, stores and places of employment. The bulk of the money for fundraisers goes toward transportation.

“Last year we provided a little more than 17,000 rides to and from work for individuals who were not able to do so,” Prawucki said. “That is for all four of our locations. We try to get them employed, and one of the hurdles is transportation. We have a lot of people who want to work but don’t have transportation to get to work.”

They appreciate the partnerships they have with Mohawk, YKK, Briggs & Stratton and more.

“They provide the opportunities for the individu-



A Southeastern Pro Rodeo bull rider hangs on during last years Easter Seals rodeo at Southern Pines/RODNEY MANLEY

als to work plus it supports us,” Prawucki said. “We are pretty much self-supporting. We are not out begging for money or fundraising all of the time. Our biggest expense is for transportation, but that’s the cost of business.”

There are many community partners, Prawucki said. In fact, too many to list, he added.

“We have a lot who will

take individuals who have come through our training program and at least offer them a part-time position or a job,” Prawucki said. “Everybody can do something. Our job is to find out what they can do and what they like to do.”

Easter Seals Middle Georgia finds out what clients like to do and try to match those skills with jobs.

“It could be as easy as

bagging groceries, stocking shelves or working at ParkerAerospace,” Prawucki said. “We have people who have worked at Piggly Wiggly and Kroger. They just need a place to work. Hopefully, we can teach them the skills to be successful. Our whole mission is to find people employment.”

As for goals, they would like to expand to Eastman and Soperton with apart-

ments.

“Those areas are pretty rural,” Prawucki said. “We’d like to give them a place. Residents who have moved into our apartments (in Dublin) have made a complete 180. An opportunity to live a meaningful life makes a big difference. Everybody should have that opportunity.”

Prawucki has worked for 12 years with Easter Seals Middle Georgia, which held its 22nd golf tournament on March 6. The organization also has a Friendly Gus hang tag campaign.

“Those have been very successful for us,” he said. “This past year we did a car wash fundraiser at Tidal Wave. We are always looking for opportunities to get our name out there so that people will know more about what we do to help support our cause.”

But the biggest fundraiser they are involved in is the rodeo. This year will be the ninth event held at the Southern Pines Expo. Easter Seals Middle Georgia’s rodeo recently received a honor from the competitors who attended in 2025.

“We were voted, by the contestants, the No. 1 indoor arena in the Southeast

for the Southeastern Pro Rodeo,” Prawucki said. “A couple of years ago we had the third best rodeo. This is a tribute to the community. Southern Pines has a beautiful complex for us to have our rodeo out there.”

The rodeo is for a good cause and gives a show displaying “good, clean family fun,” Prawucki said.

“Really, it is probably one of the biggest events in Laurens County,” he added. “I had people call me the other day wanting to know when the next rodeo is because they want to be a vendor. They want to make sure we have their name so that they can come back.”

The next rodeo will be held on Friday, Nov. 6 and Saturday, Nov. 7. They not only get a good local crowd and from around the county, but from other states as well.

“We’ve had people come Florida and California a couple of years ago,” Prawucki said. “We have even had people from as far away as Illinois. That makes you feel good. People come to Dublin and have places to stay and eat nearby. It’s just an economic boost for Dublin and Laurens County.”

**SALVATION ARMY**

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Hudson of Volunteer of the Year.

Todd also thanked The Courier Herald, Market Place and Laurens Now.

The final salute went to Johnny Chappell, as he received a Lifetime Advisory Board Member honor. His daughter, Ansley Ellington, accepted it for her father.

“He has loved and cherished his time with The Salvation Army,” Ellington said. “We are really grateful for The Salvation Army and what you have done for him and my family.”

O.J. Hall, a member of the advisory board member, thanked the volunteers for all they did the past year.

“It is when we experience (a tragedy) when we quickly understand what it is like,” Hall said. “A moment like a house fire when you have lost everything. All that you know is gone, including things we take for granted. There are so many things that even insurance can’t help replace. But those are the moments when The Salvation Army can come through, in a moment like that.”

The Salvation Army also helps provide for Christmas.

“In reality, the moments of stress in that season is



Paul Williams picked up the James Hudson Volunteer of the Year award/PAYTON TOWNS III

filled with grief,” Hall said. “I think this is one of the best opportunities for us to smile and show that Jesus is the reason for the season. Throughout the year, The Salvation Army gives somebody access to help. When something shocking happens, The Salvation Army can step in and help. We want people to see Jesus in us, and that may be the light they need.”

Jim Marrow, service extension director for The Salvation Army, told the audience, “I see a room full of award winners.”

Guest speaker Capt. Bryan Farrington asked the crowd why people volunteer for organizations like The Salvation Army.

“I’ve heard it’s to help support and shape the community,” he said. “It does help people get back up. It gives them joy to help someone else. Some do it to be a source of encouragement and to help others thrive.”

If nothing else, it’s a ministry, he added.

“On behalf of The Salvation Army, the Georgia Leadership team, Dublin Salvation Army and God, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for a job well done,” Farrington said. “We salute you for your efforts.”

He told a story of a little girl picking up starfish on the beach on throwing them in the ocean. There were many starfish on the sand,

but that did not stop the girl from throwing them. The girl was asked why she was doing that.

“After thinking for a minute, (the girl) picked up another one and slung it way out in the ocean,” Farrington said. “The girl

told them, ‘For that one, it made all the difference in the world.’ The next thing the girl knew, others were throwing starfish back in the water.”

“We have thrown a lot of starfish in the ocean by helping many,” he added.

ed. “That is what it means to make a difference. God cares for each of us as individuals. God shows who he is and how he operates. For God so loved the world, he gave his only son. He invites us to go into the community and share this with them.”

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
HEART OF GEORGIA ALTAMAHA REGIONAL COMMISSION  
REGIONAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT**

A public hearing will be held virtually at 4:30 p.m. on March 30, 2026 to present the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Plan Annual Report, which includes the Regional Work Program Report of Accomplishments and any update to the Regional Work Program.

The purpose of this hearing is to present progress made on accomplishing the vision and goals of the regional plan. In addition, this gives the public an opportunity to provide feedback. All persons are invited to attend.

To join the Zoom Online Public Hearing by computer/tablet/smartphone, please use the following link: <https://bit.ly/417BnpZ>

For telephone participants dial 309-205-3325 and enter the information below. Please use Password 568307 after entering Meeting ID. (Carrier charges may occur-Phone line is not toll free)

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Persons with special needs relating to disability access or foreign language should contact the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission’s Office at 912-367-3648. Persons with hearing disabilities may consider using the Georgia Relay Service at 1-800-255-0135.

All persons are invited to attend the public hearing. If you would like more information, or have difficulty accessing the virtual meeting, please contact Anna Weaver at the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, 912-367-3648 or [aweaver@hogarc.org](mailto:aweaver@hogarc.org).



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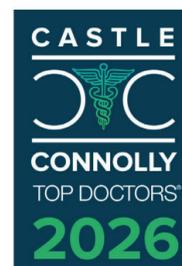


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**ST. PAT'S SNAPSHOTS:**  
MISS EMERALD CITY  
PAGEANT WINNERS

Almost 1,000 people attended the St. Patrick's Festival's Baby Erin Go Bragh, Miss Dublin and Miss Emerald City pageants. Winners were Baby Erin Go Bragh winners are: McCoy David Scott, Baby King - 0-11 months; Sadie Hunter Thompson, Itty Bitty Baby Queen 0-6 months; Hattie (Jo) Knight Baby, Queen - 7-11 months; Willow (Bea) Prescott, Teeny Queen - 12-16 months; Nora Eve Price, Tiny Queen - 17-23 months; Korbin (Jeremiah) Gaaney, Little King - 0-2 years; Garden Moore, Little Queen - 2 years. Miss Emerald City 2026 Queens: Fallon Jade Bearden, Wee Miss - 3 years; Annie Ruth Pope, Tiny Miss - 4 years; Elvia Isabella Lopez, Little Miss - 5-6 years; Fynlee Jade Savant, Mini Miss - 7 years; Reagan Grace Tapley, Petite Miss - 8 years; Aubreigh Rhae Knight Young Miss - 9-10 years; Alysah Grace Dimmen, Preteen Miss - 11-12 years; Allie Renee Long, Junior Miss - 13-15 years; Jlynn Brooke Hicks, Miss - 16-19 years. Miss Dublin 2026 Queens: Sunny Kate Brown, Wee Miss - 3 years; Annie Kate Loyd, Tiny Miss - 4 years; Ella Rose Ramirez, Little Miss - 5-6 years; Southerlyn Blake Simmons, Mini Miss - 7 years; Kimber Gray Little, Petite Miss - 8 years; Maeleigh Paige Register, Young Miss - 9-10 years; Clara Beth Loyd, Preteen Miss - 11-12 years; Charlee Faith Brinson, Junior Miss - 13-15 years; Austyn Nicole Miller, Miss - 16-19 years; Gracie Upshaw - Senior Miss Dublin. People's Choice Overall Winners: Huxley Thomas Payne; Adeline Faye Jordan; and Willow Kate Bracewell/SPECIAL PHOTOS



**Kemp expected to sign fuel tax suspension bill**

By TY TAGAMI  
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia drivers should soon see relief at the pump after the Georgia General Assembly sent a temporary gasoline tax suspension to Gov. Brian Kemp.

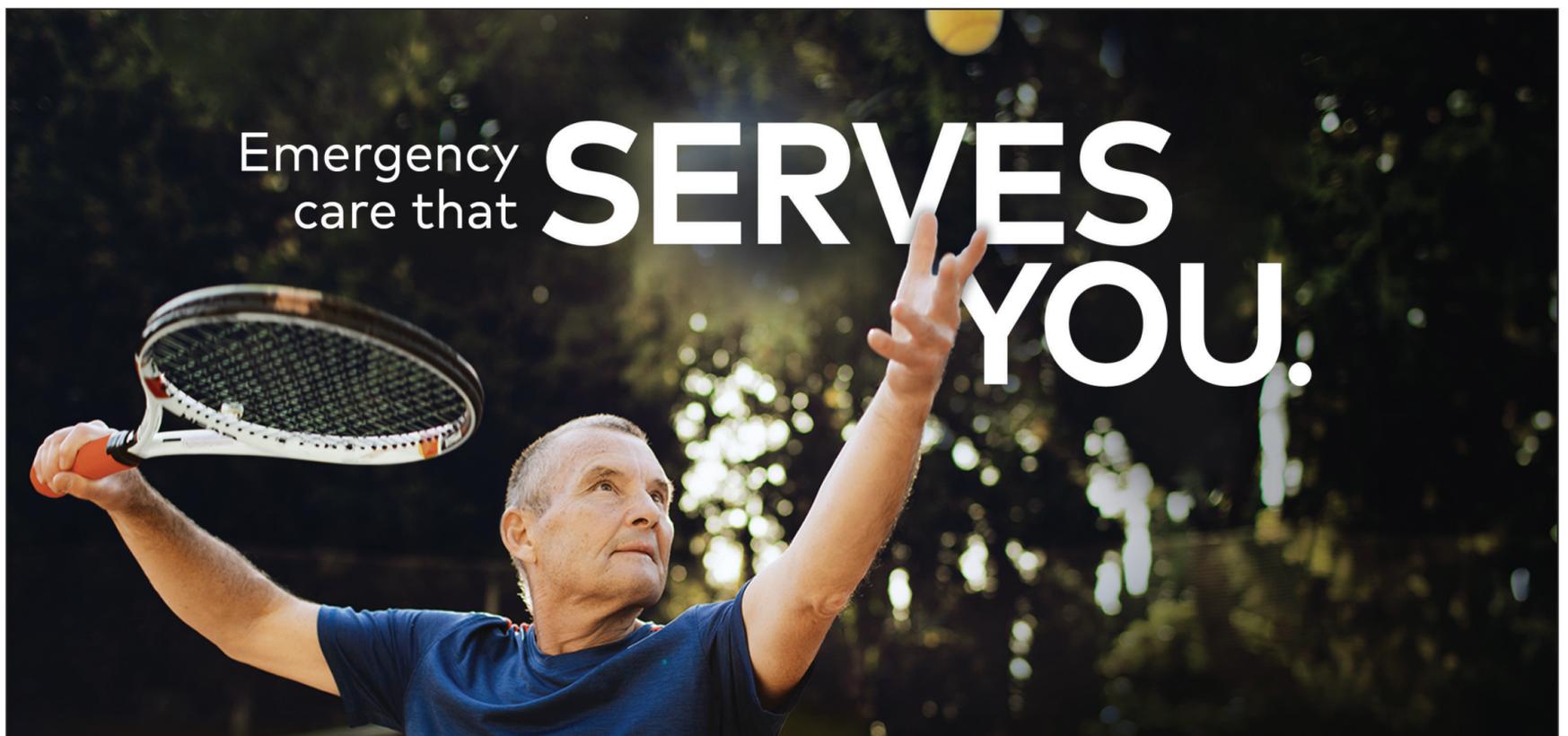
The 60-day suspension of the state excise tax would save drivers just over 33 cents a gallon for gasoline and 37 cents a gallon for diesel. It would cost the state treasury an estimated \$200 million a month.

The measure comes after the U.S. attack on Iran triggered a spike in fuel prices.

**NEWS DIGEST**

THE DUBLIN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the board office, 207 Shamrock Drive. The agenda:

- Invocation/pledge to flag
- Approval of agenda/minutes (March 9, 2026)
- DCS board norm/protocol
- Board code of ethics
- Public comments
- Superintendent comments/announcements
- General administration
  - School spotlight
  - Band- end-of-the-year trip approval
  - FY27 calendar
  - Financials
  - February financials
  - Salary scale and supplement scale approval
  - Tentative FY27 budget
  - FY27 contracts
  - \$2000 one-time supplement from the Governor's Office
  - Board member comments
  - Executive session
  - Discussion of personnel
  - Discussion of real estate
  - Discussion of litigation
  - Return to regular session
  - Approval of personnel



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