

## County OKs tougher rules for solar farms

By RODNEY MANLEY  
Staff Reporter

The Laurens County Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday to tighten its regulations on solar farms. One change is that each solar farm will be required

to have a local agent – a licensed engineer or electrician – who can ensure that the facilities are maintained and operational.

"We have a lot of problems with them keeping the sites maintained," said County Administrator Bryan Rogers.

Several solar farms were installed before the county adopted any type of permitting ordinance. Rogers shared a problematic instance involving a solar farm off Walke Dairy Road,

owned by a company in Utah.

"They weren't cutting the grass and it was about waist-high. Fire just swept through there and destroyed a lot of stuff," he said.

Repeated efforts to reach the owners failed until the county had Georgia Power Co. get in touch with them.

The commission approved a solar farm ordinance in 2024, addressing mostly requirements such as fencing and property buf-

fers while also allowing the county to declare as abandoned any solar farm not in use for 180 consecutive days. It later added a permitting fee of \$15 per acre, with a minimum of \$500.

Rogers said state law now gives more teeth to local ordinances, allowing them to require solar farm owners provide financial assurance at least equal to the estimated cost of removing solar arrays and returning the property to its natural

state.

Rogers told the commissioners "three or four" applicants are currently pursuing solar farm permits, with another recently having been approved. The ordinance was amended to require that solar farmers provide financial assurance bonds to the county – or private landowner – to cover the cost of cleanup once a farm is decommissioned.

Under the ordinance, the county will issue an initial

construction permit. Once the project is completed, an engineer must sign off on the work – and the assurance bond provided – before an operational permit is granted. Those permits will be reviewed every five years, with an engineer required to inspect the farms and adjust the assurance bond amounts accordingly.

Solar farm companies

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Emmi Ruth Savage with a 200-lb. bear harvested in North Carolina. The 8-year-old Laurens County girl – battling neuroblastoma, a type of childhood cancer – is an avid hunter and harvested the animal on a trip through the Outdoor Dream Foundation/SPECIAL PHOTO

## Small, but mighty ... Local kid, cancer patient claims big bear on North Carolina hunt

By KYLE DOMINY  
Staff Reporter

The team of hunters walked through the thick brush of the North Carolina forest, following the lead of a pack of dogs. They'd been at it for over an hour and a half, the canines, but by the sounds of their barks reverberating through the woods, their target was cornered and they were getting close.

"It was one of the most exciting hunts I'd ever been on. I didn't know what to expect, but we had a great team," said Laurens County native Justin Savage. "We were walking through the thick woods and suddenly there was a bear hanging from a limb in a tree."

The hunting party quickly sprang into action, preparing a special apparatus for the primary shooter, Savage's daughter, Emmi Ruth Savage, to safely take a shot at the animal, while a secondary shooter

took aim as a precaution. Within a few moments two shots rang out, the first from Emmi's rifle and the second from the spotter's gun and the bear lay dead on the forest floor. Upon inspection, only the first shot was needed.

"She put a perfect heart shot on the bear," Savage said of his daughter's marksmanship.

At only 8 years old Emmi is an accomplished hunter, and fisher, too. Her trophies range from beautiful trout to massive wild hogs. The black bear, weighing in at about 200 pounds, is just the latest. But tracking and harvesting wild game seems an easy task compared to a challenge she faces every day – childhood cancer.

At age 3, Emmi was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a type of cancer that presents as a tumor in infants and children.

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## Search underway for next chamber of commerce president

By KYLE DOMINY  
Staff Reporter

The search for the next president of the Dublin-Laurens County Chamber of Commerce is underway with applications beginning to be narrowed down as soon as this week.

The deadline to apply for the chamber's president and CEO position was set at last Friday after being posted on several career sites and disseminated by executive search firm The Chason Group. The seat was vacated earlier this year by Heath Taylor, who held the position for about a decade, after he took a position with another Georgia county chamber of commerce.

"There has been high interest in this position from locals and from afar," said O.J. Hall, who chairs the chamber's governing board. "We are looking for someone who has the ability to build strong community relationships."

The ideal candidate, Hall said, is someone who could

continue to grow existing chamber initiatives while expanding membership and building the group's sphere of influence beyond the city limits of Dublin.

"We've done really well in our county seat," he said. "But Laurens County is made up of a lot of small communities and we're looking for someone who can build bridges and expand it even further."

The work of Dublin-Laurens Chamber of Commerce goes beyond promoting area businesses. The organization partners with local schools to promote literacy efforts for younger students and job training opportunities for those preparing to enter the workforce. The chamber operates a robust shop local campaign, helping market area small businesses; helps recruit larger employers to the area; and has been active working in campaigns to improve local access to childcare.

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Chairman O.J. Hall and the chamber board of directors have started the search to replace former president/CEO Heath Taylor/FILE PHOTO

## Community choir to celebrate country's 250th birthday with patriotic music

By PAYTON TOWNS III  
Senior Reporter

America will celebrate its 250th birthday in a few months, but before then community members will gather for a big patriotic concert in honor of this occasion.

"America, The Beautiful: Celebrating 250 Years" will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, at Theatre Dublin. The event is free, but attendees will need to pick up tickets at Bubba's Tire Center, Citizens Bank on Hillcrest, First Baptist Church and Visit Dublin.

"We need a head count for who is coming and we want to adequately prepare," said Jonathan Peacock, the artistic director and conductor for the event. "We are expecting it to be completely sold out, even



Singers rehearse for "America, The Beautiful: Celebrating 250 Years," at Theatre Dublin on Sunday, May 3/SPECIAL PHOTO

though it is free. Once Theatre Dublin is at capacity, we will offer a simulcast location in the sanctuary at

First Baptist. "I don't want anybody to miss out on this and the celebration and experienc-

ing this event for those who really want to see it. If the theater is at capacity, they'll be able to go see it on the

screen at First Baptist." David Wilson will be a conductor, while Michael Dukes will serve as a program coordinator and conductor.

"This show comes from the heart," Dukes said. "We are trying to share with the community the love of America through songs and patriotism; just trying to make sure that people remember that freedom is not free. We have put the music together, the orchestration and all of the arrangements are going to prick the heart. It is really wonderful. When we heard the choir after the first rehearsal, we thought 'Wow!' It has really come together and it has been fun."

"We are excited about

**PATRIOTIC CONCERT**  
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**OBITUARIES**



**Fleata George**

Funeral services for Ms. Fleata George, of East Dublin, Georgia, will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Williams Chapel Baptist Church Hwy 29 East Dublin, GA. Interment will follow in Royal Spring Mission Cemetery. Rev. Michael Kirkland will deliver the eulogy.

Fleata Mae George was born on Dec. 11, 1928, to the late Drafton and Hattie Mae Gainey. From her earliest days, she grew into a woman whose presence brought comfort, guidance and warmth to all who were blessed to know her.

On March 4, 1950, she was united in holy matrimony to Richard Lee George.

Fleata Mae dedicated 17 years of loyal and diligent service to Mohawk Commercial Carpet Factory, from which she retired in December 1990. Her strong work ethic and quiet perseverance were evident in all she did.

At a young age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and remained steadfast in her faith throughout her life. She was a devoted and active member of Williams Chapel Baptist Church, where she faithfully served as a deaconess and a member of the Mothers' Board, offering wisdom, encouragement and spiritual guidance to many.

Fleata Mae was the beloved matriarch of her family—a woman of grace, unwavering faith and deep devotion to those she loved. She found joy in gardening and spending time outdoors, nurturing both the earth and the people around her. Her gentle spirit and generous heart left an indelible mark on all who knew her.

On Thursday, April 2, 2026, she peacefully transitioned from this earthly life to her eternal home. While her presence will be deeply missed, her legacy of love, strength, resilience and faith will continue to live on through the many lives she touched.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rich-

ard Lee George; her sister, Mae Will Spivey; and her mother, Hattie Mae Gainey.

Fleata Mae leaves to cherish her loving daughter Mary Lee Thomas and her granddaughters, Tovia Knight (Stevie) of Delaware and Chelsea Thomas of Dublin. She also leaves behind a large and devoted extended family, including her nieces and nephews: Shirley Spivey, Barbara Henderson, Mary Williams, Dianne Spivey, Cynthia Spivey, Leephor Spivey Jr., Sheila Spivey, LaTonya Carter, Jeraldine Ricks, Patricia Ricks of Jacksonville, Florida, Tammy Streetman (Terrence) of Augusta, Georgia, Timothy Ricks (Doretha) of Schertz, Texas, Johnny Ricks (Shirl) of Byron, Georgia, Gregory Ricks (Rebecca) of Greenville, South Carolina, Jeffrey Walker (Juanita) and Essie Coney (Shine), Bobbie Lee (Jackie) of Dublin. She is also remembered with love by a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and special friends who were more like family, each carrying a piece of her beautiful spirit.

Her family celebrates a life well lived—one defined by kindness, generosity, unwavering faith, and a deep, abiding love for God and family. Her legacy will continue to guide and inspire generations to come.

The family received friends from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026 at the Dudley Funeral Home. servicesbydudley.com.



**James Cecil Linn**

Funeral services for James Cecil Linn, 81, were held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 10, 2026, at Garden of Prayer Church with Rev. Bobby Miller officiating. Burial will follow in Warnock Camphouse Family Cemetery.

Mr. Linn was born on March 4, 1945, in McCondy, Mississippi to the late, Edward and Claire Miller Linn. He was a member of Garden of Prayer. James was a hardworking, Ford-loving man of God. Whether working on cars or appliances, he always had a project (or 20) going on. He was a devoted and loving father, husband, "Papa James," and friend. If

you knew him, you definitely have a funny story to tell that involves him. There was never a dull moment.

He lived a full life and is now healed and at peace with all the dear loved ones that have gone before him to be with our Lord and Savior. James passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at Doctor's Hospital of Augusta surrounded by his family under the care of Georgia Hospice.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Craig Linn of East Dublin; daughters, Robin Warnock and Rachel Johnson (Jason) of East Dublin; son, Jamie Linn of East Dublin; daughter-in-law, Janet Linn of East Dublin; stepdaughters, Charika, Beverly (Chelsea), and Regina (Ranaya); grandchildren, Chris Linn, Reanna Osburn (Blake), Josh Linn and Shelby Rowland (Hunter); and great-grandchildren, Aubree, Weston, Rowan, Lenon aka "Bird", Hurricane Hattie and Emma aka "Bug".

Pallbearers will be David Upshaw, Gordon Thigpen, David Warnock, Alvin Johnson, James (Dale) Crabb, and James (Louie) Crabb. Honorary pallbearers will be Randall Warnock and Robert Linn.

The family received friends from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. on Friday, at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Georgia Hospice Care.

Galatians 6:9 - Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory/Dublin Chapel has charge of the funeral arrangements. To sign the Online Register Book please visit [www.stanleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.stanleyfuneralhome.com).



**Sylvia Johnson Hall**

Mrs. Sylvia Johnson Hall, 86, of Eastman, Ga., died on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

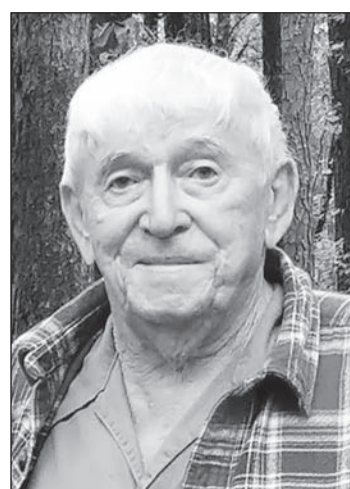
Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Southerland Funeral Chapel, followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery.

She is survived by her son, Clay Hall (Carol); daughter, Tamra Holt (Webster); grandson, Caleb Holt; sisters, Bettye Gilman (Fleming) and Linda Day; brother, Hugh Johnson (Diane); sister-in-law, Jeanette Hall.

The family received friends in Southerland Fu-

neral Chapel from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, April 10.

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



**Tommy Harrison Daniel**

Graveside funeral services for Tommy Harrison Daniel, 88, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2026, at Evergreen Methodist Church Cemetery. Rev. Tyler Daniel will officiate.

Mr. Daniel was born Nov. 22, 1937, in Dublin, Georgia. He was the son of the late Clarence Daniel and Gladys Graham Daniel. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Freda Lee Harden Daniel, a son, Tommy Harrison "Tom" Daniel Jr., and a sister, Mary Jeanna Daniel. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was the owner and operator of Daniel Texaco. He was a former Laurens County Commissioner. He was a member of Evergreen Methodist Church. Mr. Daniel passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at his residence.

Mr. Daniel is survived by his two grandsons, Tyler Daniel (Jessica) and Cameron Daniel; and three great-grandchildren, Elliana Daniel, Knox Daniel and Rosalie Daniel.

The family will receive

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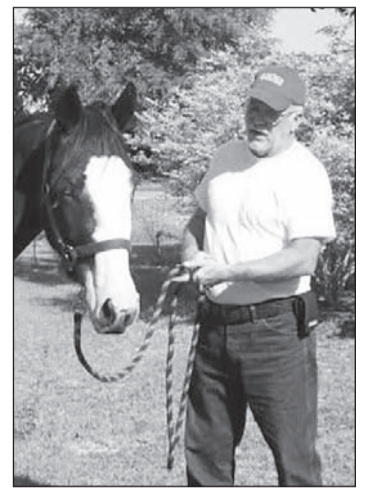
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**Ella Mae O'Neal**  
**Mattie Page**  
**James Weaver**

April 12  
**Benny Davis**  
**Chase Derriso**  
**Alexis Orange Thomas**  
**Sabastian Williams**

April 13  
**Nigel Carswell**  
**Irma Crafton**  
**Olivia Craft**  
**Kenny Hester**  
**Cedric Rozar**  
**Herman Robinson**

friends from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 2026, at the funeral home.

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**Dwight Luther Currie**

Memorial services for Dwight Luther Currie, 75, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11, 2026, in the Chan Stanley Memorial Chapel of Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory.

Mr. Currie was born on June 23, 1950, in Dublin, Georgia. He was a salesman for Geico Insurance Company. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mal-

colm H. Currie and Nora Elizabeth Walker Currie. Mr. Currie passed away on Sunday, April 5, 2026, at his residence.

He is survived by his lifelong love, Kathy Currie of Rentz; daughters, Heather Currie-Martinez (Tara) of California, Lori McGowan (Joni) of Dublin and Anna McGowan of Ladson, S.C.; son, Eric Currie of Bradenton, Fla.; sister, Beth Spinks of Alamo; brother, H.M. Currie of Shreveport, La.; grandchildren, Isabell Currie Martinez, Jasmine Shepard, Kathlyn Prophitt, Layla Prophitt, Makenna McGowan and Jordan McGowan, and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory/Dublin Chapel has charge of the arrangements. To sign the Online Register Book please visit [www.stanleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.stanleyfuneralhome.com).



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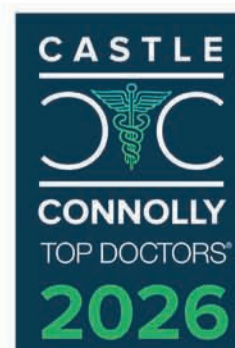
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# More on getting older and living in science fiction world

Nothing has saved people more time than computers. Whether performing tasks at work or doing some cursory research at home, it's hard to discredit the benefit that technology has had on human civilization. In that same vein though, nothing has wasted more time than computers, whether whiling away the hours with computer solitaire or doom scrolling at work.

Not that wasting a little time at the office is a bad thing. I'm just old enough to have experienced water cooler conversations and sidewalk smoke breaks. Smoking is a terrible habit, but cigarettes don't get enough credit for preventing people from acting irrationally. There's a comedian with a great bit about smoking. You can see it on TikTok; just don't watch it on the clock.

Technology just may well be more addictive than nicotine. A smartphone will tell you exactly how much time you have spent on it, then suggested ways to squander more of your precious minutes. Advancements in computers have long been connected with the lofty ambition of immortality, but what's the point if the future is just looking at terrible AI-generated images on social media?

Living forever sounds very lonely and downright terrible. The Bible says "for dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return." If it's good enough for everyone who has ever lived so far, it's good enough for me.

About three decades ago Austrian computer scientist

Hans Moravec predicted computers would surpass human brain function in processing speed and calculating ability. He has lived long enough to see that he was kind of right.

Moravec also predicted that a biological consciousness will one day be able to be uploaded to a computer. This digital existence could be backed up, stored indefinitely and downloaded as many times as needed, therefore achieving that immortality people have sought after for time immemorial. Digital longevity makes more sense than cryogenics. What if you die a long way from the freezer?

The fountain of youth won't come in a spring of water deep in the brush, but a blank robot stored in a closet like those floppy disks some of you are still holding on to.

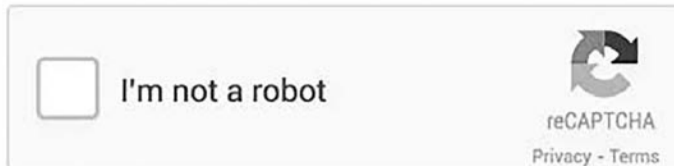
My organizational skills when it comes to computer files leaves a lot to be desired. I can barely find my kids' baby pictures. I would hate to know I was in charge of storing someone's very life. I can barely get the internet reliable enough to stream the latest episode of "Rooster" on HBO. How am I supposed to backup my brain on the cloud? Just my luck there would be an outage, and I would lose half my memories. Now there's an idea for a science fiction novel.

Getting older does not bother me. The thought of one day dying doesn't scare me. But the thought of wasting time that could have been spent with the people I love does. And there's no computer or robot that can replace that.

## THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By **KYLE DOMINY**



## DIVA ON A DIME

### Big flavor, small budget: Coconut Dal with clever twist

By **PATTI DIAMOND**  
King Features

International dishes have a way of sounding more complicated than they really are. Long ingredients lists, unfamiliar ingredients and the idea that you'll need a special trip across town just to get started can make a simple, nourishing meal feel out of reach.

But here's the truth: Some of the most comforting, flavorful dishes in the world are built from common, humble ingredients.

This Golden Coconut Dal is exactly that kind of meal. It's warm, creamy and deeply satisfying, made with everyday ingredients you can find just about anywhere: onion, garlic, ginger, a can of coconut milk and a handful of fresh vegetables. No specialty store required.

The "clever twist" comes from an unexpected addition: apple. It melts into the lentils as they cook, adding a subtle sweetness that balances the warmth of ginger, turmeric and spices without needing to add sugar. It's the kind of little twist that makes the dish feel just a little more special.

A few handfuls of spinach and bell pepper bring color, texture and extra nutrition, turning this into a true one-pot meal. Finished with a squeeze of lime, a sprinkle of fresh cilantro and a dollop of plain yogurt, the flavors come into perfect balance -- bright, creamy and comforting all at once.

#### Golden Coconut Dal with Apple, Ginger and Lime

Yield: 4 servings  
Total time: 45 minutes



Fresh ginger and turmeric bring warmth, color and depth to this Golden Coconut Dal with apple and lime/SPECIAL PHOTO

- 2 tablespoons coconut oil
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1 medium sweet onion, finely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 orange or yellow bell pepper, finely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh ginger, peeled and grated or minced (or 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger)
- 2 teaspoons fresh turmeric, peeled and grated or minced (or 1/2 teaspoon ground turmeric)
- 1 large Granny Smith apple, unpeeled, grated on the large holes of a box grater
- 1 1/2 cups red lentils, rinsed
- 1 (13.5-ounce) can coconut milk
- 3 cups vegetable broth or water
- 2 cups fresh spinach,

roughly chopped  
Zest and juice of 1 lime  
Kosher salt, to taste  
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
4 cups cooked white or brown rice

*For serving:* plain yogurt, cilantro leaves, lime wedges

*Diva Tip:* Have all your ingredients prepped and ready before you begin. This recipe moves quickly once it starts.

Heat coconut oil in a large pot over medium-low heat. Add curry powder, cumin, black pepper and cayenne (if using). Cook, stirring constantly, for about 2 minutes, until fragrant.

Add the onion and cook for 5-7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until softened and just beginning to caramelize. Stir in the bell pepper, garlic, ginger and turmeric, and cook for another 2-3 minutes, until fragrant and slightly softened.

Add the grated apple and lentils, stirring to coat everything in the spices. Pour in the coconut milk and vegetable broth. Increase heat and bring to a gentle boil.

Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 20-25 minutes, until the lentils are very tender and the dal is thick and creamy.

Stir in the spinach, lime zest and lime juice. Cook for another 1-2 minutes, until the spinach is wilted. Season with salt and additional black pepper to taste.

Serve warm with rice and top with yogurt, cilantro and a squeeze of fresh lime.

This kind of meal proves a larger point: Good cooking isn't about more ingredients or more money. It's about using simple things and letting them shine. Enjoy!

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## William McKinley: A patriotic man of faith

By **JACK BROWN**



William McKinley (1843-1901) was born in Niles, Ohio, and raised in the Methodist faith.

He served in the Union Army during the Civil War, entering as a private from Ohio and was promoted through the ranks to the rank of major at war's end in 1865. He then studied law and was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1867. In 1871, he married Ida Saxton. Then he served as a U.S. congressman from Ohio, was then elected governor of Ohio, and in 1897, was elected America's 25th president.

In 1901, after his second inauguration, he went to Buffalo, New York, to visit the Pan-American Exposition.

On March 6, while making a speech during that visit, he was shot twice in the stomach by an assassin. There were medical complications that set in as the president struggled for survival, and on Sept. 14, 1901, President McKinley died from those wounds.

His wife was by his side as he uttered his final words: "God's will be done, not ours."

His favorite hymn was "Nearer My God to Thee." He and his wife are buried in Canton, Ohio, and one of the memorials named for him is Mt. McKinley in Alaska, the tallest mountain in North America.

What about this president's faith? He expressed his faith in words on numerous occasions. For example, in his first inaugural address on March 4, 1897, he began by saying: "Let me repeat the oath administered by the Chief Justice: I will faithfully administer the office of the President of the United States ... This is the obligation I have reverently taken before the Lord this day. To keep it will be my single purpose and my prayer ... Our faith teaches that there is no safer reliance than upon the God of our fathers ... who will not forsake us so long as we obey His commandments and walk humbly in His footsteps."

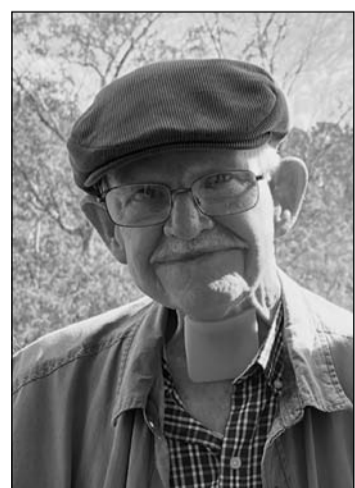
Concerning the Bible and his respect for God's Word, President McKinley said on another occasion: "The more profoundly we study this wonderful Book, and the more closely we observe its divine precepts, the better citizens we will become and the higher will be our destiny as a nation."

In closing this biographical sketch, let us all remember that America was founded on the teachings of the Bible. Our laws, historic documents, state constitutions, monuments, patriotic songs, speeches, gravestone epitaphs, etc., all give unmistakable evidence to the teachings of the Good Book.

God's Word is "a lamp for our feet and light for our path" (Psalm 119:105) lest we forget.

Peace!

## OBITUARIES



### Michael S. Manning

Mr. Michael S. Manning, 82, passed away Thursday, April 9, 2026, at Fairview Park Hospital surrounded by family and loved ones.

Mr. Manning was born on May 28, 1943, in Athens, Georgia. He was the son of the late Troy Lee Manning and Maude Lamar Manning. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was the owner of

Manning Country Store.

Mr. Manning is survived by his four children, Laura Hudson of West Palm Beach, Fla., John Manning of Pembroke Pines, FL, Denise Bandini of Gainesville, Ga., and Michael Manning of Wilmington, N.C.; grandchildren, Sarah Jade, Janie Grace, Lola Gena, Dylan Michael, Macy Kate, Luca and Caterina; a brother, Buster Manning (JoAnn) of Dudley; and a sister, LeeAnn Nash (Billy) of Dublin, and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Mr. Manning's Life will be held at a later date.

Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory/Dublin Chapel has charge of the funeral arrangements. To sign the Online Register Book please visit [www.stanleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.stanleyfuneralhome.com).



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# WL defeats Trinity in crosstown match



TOP ROUNDS: Trinity's John Brantley (left) had the low score of 33, but West Laurens took the overall victory with Will Tribble (right, as the Crusaders' Hayden Bowles looks on) among its four to shoot 37 or better in last Thursday's match at Dublin Country Club/JANICE BALLARD

**From STAFF REPORTS**

Trinity and West Laurens golf teams met at a shared home course of Dublin Country Club last Thursday.

The Crusaders' John Brantley was the low scorer for the afternoon, but the Raiders swept the overall wins in both their nine-hole matches, the boys by a score of 147-162 and girls 101-123.

Brantley carded a 33, and was joined in the 30s by teammate Charlie Maffett, at 38. The 43 of Cole Johnson and 48 of Hayden Bowles (with Jonathan Rozier also shooting 50) rounded things out for the Trinity boys.

Keith Howell led the West Laurens delegation with a 36. Braceton Beasley, Brody Graham and Will Tribble all shot 37s to complete the Raiders' top four. Jake Harden also shot a 38, and Wade Martin a 39.

Aubrie Paul hit the clubhouse with

a 50, and Bailey Jean Logan a 52 to anchor the low team score for the West Laurens girls, whose Bailey Jean Logan and Leigh Paul added a 52 and 58 respectively.

Acie Carter shot 61 and Eden Rowe 62 to lead the Lady Crusaders.

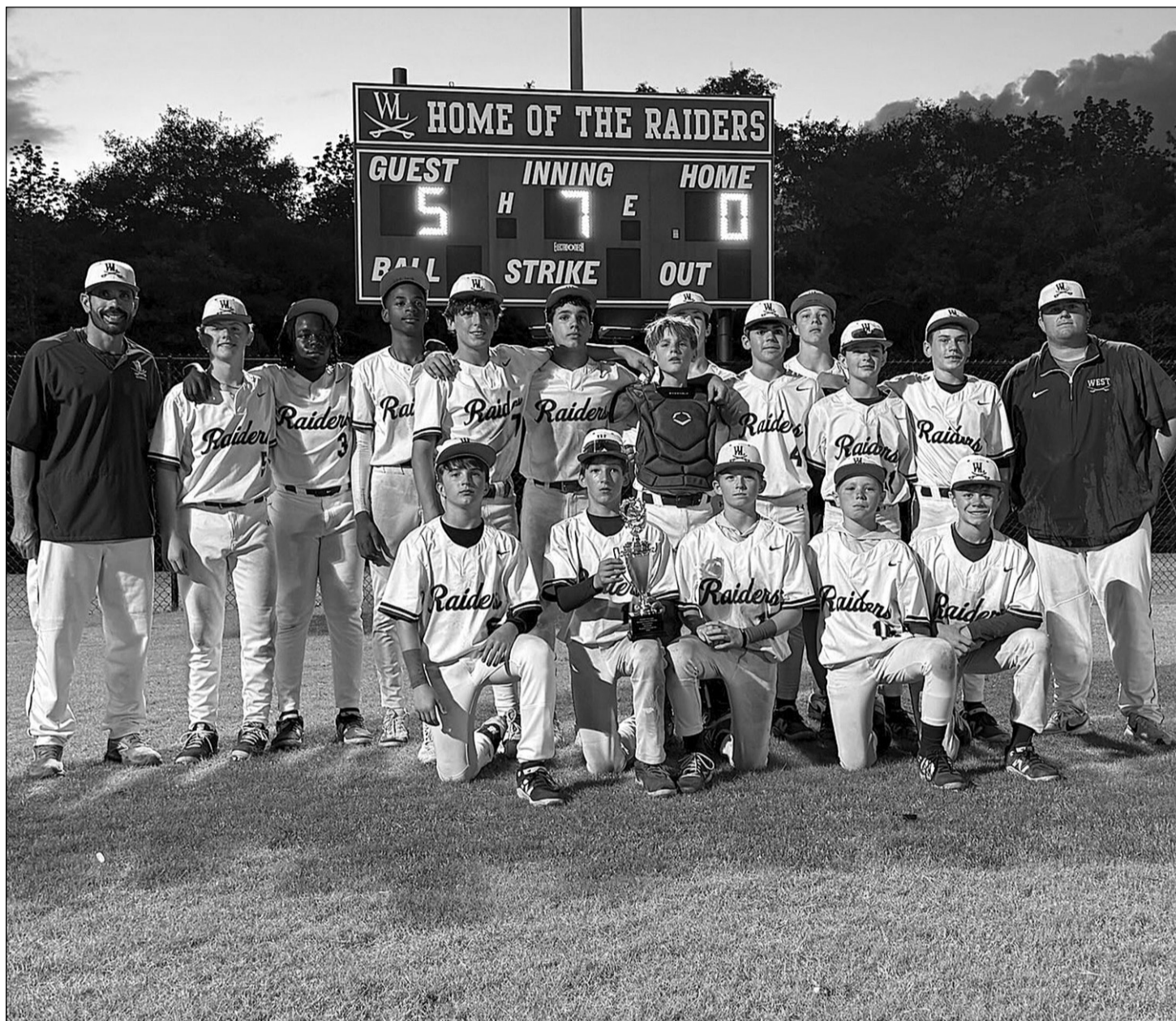
In other recent high school golf events, West Laurens returned to River North (site of its match against FPD and Covenant the previous week) for the FPD invitational last Monday.

The Raiders' top team shot a 292, with Howell's 68 leading the way.

Beasley followed with a 74, Harden and Graham with 75s and Tribble with a 79.

West Laurens placed behind FPD for second out of 14 total teams.

Trinity was also scheduled to play at Gatewood on Tuesday, and host Robert Toombs on Monday, but results from the matches were not available.



# WLMS Raiders go back-to-back as MGMSAA region baseball champs

After defeating Jeff Davis twice in the regular season, the West Laurens Middle School baseball team did it twice more late last week in a set of back-to-back wins that made them back-to-back MGMSAA region champions. The Raiders took down Bleckley County Tuesday in a one-game semifinal, before sweeping the Yellow Jackets Thursday in both a high- and low-scoring affair on their home field. Canon Mallette had four RBIs on three hits (he was a triple from the cycle) to lead the offensive charge in their 16-5 game 1 victory, as Graham Lastinger struck out six and held BCMS to just eight hits in a five-inning complete game. A.J. Dixon also joined with three hits, one of them in the 14-run fourth that broke the game open. Mallette and Cale Crawford combined for the shutout by a 5-0 final in game 2, the former striking out 12 and holding Bleckley to just three hits in six and two thirds. Crawford, who came on in relief to finish the game with a strikeout, opened the scoring on a two-RBI single. Dixon also drove in a run, and Bently Williams was 2-for-3 to help out at the plate. WLMS finishes its 2026 season with a 22-2 overall record. The Raiders were 14-1 against region competition. "I told them how proud I was of them for coming out and playing two really solid baseball games against a quality opponent," said Raiders head coach Jacob Floyd. "It's hard to beat a good baseball team four games in a season, and that's what they did, going 4-0 against Jeff Davis in the regular season and playoffs. We got down early in the first game right from the jump, but they stayed the course, never quit, and got the job done. This is a special group to coach" /SPECIAL PHOTO

# Raiders leave 19 on as missed chances pile up in losses vs. LaGrange, WACO

**By CLAY REYNOLDS**  
Sports Editor

Missed opportunities plagued West Laurens across 14 innings of a short spring break week as it suffered a pair of setback losses against two battle-tested clubs in LaGrange and Washington County.

The Raiders would leave seven runners on base as the Grangers came from a run behind to snub them 2-1 Monday night on the road. A dozen more were stranded over the course of an even

more frustrating afternoon back at home Wednesday, when Rylan Jenkins and the Golden Hawks got the best of them 9-5 to complete a season sweep.

West Laurens (16-7, 12-0 region) will begin its final week of regular season play Monday night at Appling County. It's set to go on the road to Pine-wood Christian Wednesday in between games of a final region series with Baldwin

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# Bleckley makes best of two big innings in sweep of Irish

**From STAFF REPORTS**

After an 0-for-4 week and a half to wind down the month of March, Dublin's recent dry spell lingered on a few more games as it came up empty in a couple against region rival Bleckley County last week.

The Irish held leads early in both games, but stumbled hard over a colossal inning in each that lifted the Royals to the wins, by a final of 7-3 Tuesday at Bush Perry Field, then 8-4 to complete the sweep Thursday in Cochran.

They managed to cut down on their total of walks from 11-plus in the ACE series to a single digit, eight in the lead game to open the week. But those tough-to-

overcome free passes were still a theme running alongside several clutch hits that played into the six-run outbursts in Tuesday's sixth inning and Thursday's second that put Bleckley over the top.

The Royals scored all seven of their runs unanswered in the last two frames of the opener to flip a 3-0 Dublin lead through five, and eventually build up an 8-6 advantage in the hit column.

Bleckley pounded out a few in the first five innings, but couldn't come up with a key RBI despite plenty of contact against Irish starting pitcher Xavier Reese,

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# Crusaders claim one of three games at Hanahan Invitational

**By JEREMY PAYNE**  
Correspondent

The Trinity Crusaders had a busy spring break as they traveled to Charleston to play in the Hanahan Invitational Tournament.

They lost 15-4 to Chesapeake, Virginia's Greenbrier Christian on Monday, defeated Ambassador Christian (of Huntersville, N.C.) 7-2 on Tuesday, and fell again to South Carolina's Georgetown High 8-3 on Wednesday.

In the opener against GCA, which is the 12th-ranked team across all classifications in the state of Virginia, the Crusaders built an early lead, but couldn't hold on.

The Gators went up first with an RBI groundout in the top of the first, but Trin-

ity was able to answer in the second.

Brayden Underwood led off the second with a double and Tayt Evans followed with an infield single. After a sacrifice bunt advanced both runners, a grounder to short resulted in a late throw to the plate to knot the score at 1-1.

Jake Johnson came to the plate next and delivered a sacrifice fly to put the Crusaders up 2-1. Asher Evans followed him up with an RBI double to make it 3-1.

The lead was short-lived as Greenbrier loaded the bases in the third on three-straight hit batters. A Trinity error followed to plate two runs and tie the score at 3-3. The Gators would score two more runs in the frame on a pair of doubles to take

a 5-3 lead.

Greenbrier added a couple more runs in the fourth on an error and a sac fly to extend its lead to 8-3, and scored two more runs in the fifth following a pair of errors to go up 10-3.

They would break the game open in the sixth as they loaded the bases again without a hit thanks to another Trinity error and a pair of walks.

After an RBI single made it 11-3, another Trinity error scored two more to make it 13-3. Two more singles pushed the advantage to 15-3.

Trinity got a single from Jasper Dean, another double from Asher Evans and

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PANTHER PLEDGE: Trinity senior Kolbi Grooms made his vow to play baseball at the next level last month. The Crusaders' infielder and pitcher, shown with parents Chuck and Kristen, finalized his commitment to join Illinois-based Greenville University (a private Methodist-affiliated school competing in the NCAA's Division III) during a celebration on March 20/SPECIAL PHOTO

# Georgia alum Bill Griffin an Augusta National exemplary...

AUGUSTA — As the Masters gets underway, you see a contingent of Augusta National members in their traditional green jackets scurrying about, tending to their assignments, socializing and enjoying themselves.

They form an exclusive club, much akin to the U. S. Senate. However, Augusta members are seen and not heard. Character is considered when someone is evaluated for membership. And for sure, they maintain exemplary conduct in their daily lives.

You might not have your membership revoked for a D.U.I. arrest, but have you ever heard of an Augusta National member experiencing such a citation? Some say that there have been members who became non-members by allowing an unsavory character to play the golf course as a

guest.

While there are rich men who are members, wealth is not required to join Augusta. Billionaires cannot buy their way in. Ordinary folk have become members over the years.

Whatever the criteria is for membership, nobody knows, the guess here is that it helps to love the game of golf and enjoy a reputation for being a gentleman.

One of my favorite Augusta members is Bill Griffin, who grew up in Rutledge, which is 103 miles west of Augusta and learned to play golf at the Monroe Country Club.

He became a good player and one of his favorite places to play was the Athens Country Club which he played while a student at the University of Georgia where he was graduated in 1972 with a degree from the



By **LORAN SMITH**

Terry College of business.

It is doubtful that any graduate of UGA has made more friends in life than this Morgan County native who has played rounds with many of the great names in golf, including Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, among others.

In his prime years, he maintained a scratch handicap. All in his circle of

friends wanted to partner with him. And nobody was more fun to play with. He always underscored the principles of good sportsmanship and forever honored that long-standing rule of calling a penalty on himself if a rules violation occurred, such as his ball moving as he initiated his backswing. He would never improve his lie in the rough or elsewhere even if no one

could see him.

Naturally, growing up a hundred miles from Augusta, he became a Masters fan by the time he entered high school. While a student enrolled at Georgia, he and several of his friends, including Wayne Tamplin, Whitey Hunt, and Edward Hudson made the Masters a "must" every April.

With an austere budget, they would sleep in the car at the Piggly Wiggly shopping center across the street from the golf course. They would "freshen up" in the morning at the Texaco station nearby and head to the golf course, following Arnold Palmer in the King's prime years.

Little did he know that someday he would become friends with Arnie and was able to play several rounds with him when Bill became a member of Oakmont.

Eventually, he rose to the presidency of Oakmont and kept that job for eight consecutive years. That is unheard of for those upper echelon private clubs of America. Such presidents, like with Rotary clubs, serve for one year.

Bill is highly regarded by the hierarchy of the United States Golf Association. Owing to his USGA and Oakmont affiliation, and using golf as an asset in business, he has played all the highest rated golf courses in the country.

His greatest love, outside his family and golf, however, is the University of Georgia. He can't do enough for his alma mater. He has helped raise millions of dollars for UGA including the business school, the Honors

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who got just one of his 16 outs on strikes.

But the Royals' frustration ran its course in the sixth, when some of the nagging sort reared its ugly head for the Irish.

Multiple walks, a wild pitch, a balk and an error were included along with a double by Noah Woodard and RBI single by Thomas Evans as Reese (relieved after getting an out, but on the hook for four runs, all earned, via seven Bleckley hits) got the first out of the inning, then Morgan Davis, Tal Duke and Will Wallace faced 12 more batters (walking five, and striking out two with just one additional hit) in search of the game's last five.

Another run walked home as Bleckley added on a bit of insurance in the seventh, while Dublin could not make any progress on a

potential comeback against Walker Boatright, who struck out four, walked none and hit one in a complete game.

The Irish put some pressure on him in the early innings, capitalizing on some two-out trouble for their first run in the bottom of the second as Will Wallace drew a hit-by-pitch, advanced on a wild one then scored on the RBI single of Morgan Davis.

Davis would drive in another via fielder's choice in the fourth when the same group got in on a two-spot. Yates, Duke and Wallace singled back-to-back-to-back, and Dublin made it 3-0 on the Davis groundout that claimed Wallace on a force-out at second, and a Bennett Lake ground ball that was misplayed for an error.

Reese and C.J. Stubbs also had Irish singles.

Friday, singles by Yates and Wallace, sandwiched by a Duke sacrifice bunt, set the table for

a run-scoring error to put Dublin first on the board in Cochran. But the slender number was all the Irish could get out of the opportunity, the rest of which was squashed by an inning-ending strikeout from J.D. Holloway.

Bleckley would bite off another six runs in its half of the second inning, with Jay Johnson and Woodard singling in succession to tie the score.

The Royals proceeded to load the bases for Caleb Foskey, whose two-RBI single made it 3-1.

Boatright, Fleming and Cole added hits to bring in the remaining three.

Dublin chipped away a little in the fourth to make it 6-2, as Jeff Davis singled and scored on an error.

But Bleckley got the run back immediately in the fourth.

The Irish loaded the bases again in the top of the fifth, but could only capitalize for one run

on a C.J. Stubbs sacrifice fly. Two more in the air ended the inning with the score 7-3.

Dublin scratched out one more in the sixth with the help of singles by Wallace and Yates to make it a three-run game. But once again, Bleckley answered in the bottom of the inning, and Johnson would retire the side routinely in the seventh.

Gavin Cole and Boatright both had two hits and two RBIs for the Royals.

Yates pitched into the sixth before maxing out his pitch count and giving way to Brayden Moore. Bleckley got its final run on a passed ball.

The Irish weren't able to take the field, but registered a couple more wins to stop the streak at six on Monday afternoon as Central Macon called to forfeit both games of a scheduled doubleheader, giving Dublin (16-9, 12-4 region 2-High A) a full week off for

spring break

The Irish will play a two-game series against Dodge County, starting Tuesday at home and finishing on Friday in Eastman, then celebrate senior night on Thursday against GMC, as they conclude the regular season.

Bleckley County, meanwhile, had two with ACE this week in what's shaping up as a de-facto region championship series.

The Gryphons took a thrilling opener that went to extra innings on its home field Tuesday night, as Sebastian Falduti (whose walk-off hit broke the hearts of Dublin in a similar situation the week before) once again delivered with the bases loaded to win it 5-4 in the bottom of the ninth. The Royals, who now trail first by a game, will have a chance to even the series and initiate a first-place tie with a week's schedule still to go as they host the finale in Cochran Thursday night.

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(Tuesday's at home marking their senior night, before a regular season finale Thursday in Milledgeville).

Both losses sent the Raiders on a slide from sixth down to ninth in the GHSA Post Season Ratings, which will determine their seeding among the region champions positioned at the top of the bracket in the AAA state tournament.

Monday's trip to Granger Park was on track to yield a tight victory as the Raiders out-hit the home team 5-2 in total, and carried a 1-0 lead through five and a half.

Opportunities presented for both teams, but West Laurens could only capitalize once as Tripp Mascaro's sacrifice fly brought in Chase Devaney to convert Kolby Clark's leadoff single in the second.

LaGrange starting pitcher Cason McGill worked his way around the remaining action, which besides the back-to-back singles of Grant Baker and Clark (who were both 2-for-3) in the third, was minimal. West Laurens couldn't do much with a runner each that got aboard in the fourth, fifth or sixth — the last erased on a 6-4-3 double play.

It was shaping up as a similar day offensively for the Grangers against Clark, who stranded a handful of early baserunners before setting down a string of nine in a row between the third and fifth.

The streak was broken up as he issued his first walk to sixth-inning leadoff man Riley Cockrell, who'd steal second and then run himself out of a pickle — with the help of a dropped throw — between second and third after Clark caught him off base on a comebacker.

The runners-at-the-corners situation put the Grangers in position to cause some havoc, with West Laurens now forced to play the infield in and effectively concede second base to Burns' courtesy runner Matthew Skinner.

Both wound up scoring as Mason Calhoun clubbed out an RBI single to tie the game at 1, and a breaking ball in the dirt got away for Skinner to put LaGrange up 2-1. But Clark punched out his fifth in a string of three-straight outs from there that would retire the side without any additional issue.

The Raiders had more bad luck as they attempted to extend the game with a last chance at-bat in the seventh.

Despite back-to-back dropped throws at first that allowed Cason Pollock and J.J. Giles to get aboard, they had one of the potential runs erased on a stolen base attempt as Sam Burns threw out pinch runner Gunner Coleman at second. Giles gave it another try moments later, and drew a toss down that was off the mark shortly before moving up to third on the tag from a deeply-hit J.D. Hogan flyout.

But the key RBI was once again elusive as three tough strike calls on the outside edge of the zone — the last a down-and-away slider that appeared nowhere close to the corner — rung up Nathan Hester for McGill's seventh strikeout.

WACO had seven hits — Jenkins was 3-for-4 with three of them — to slightly out-produce West Laurens Wednesday in a much higher-scoring rematch of the teams' pitching-dominated first game in Sandersville back on March 19.

But the visitors' seven walks and four errors gave the Raiders frequent and abundant traffic on the basepaths that they didn't take full advantage of.

Jenkins, who did not play against West Laurens the first time around, made an impact with his bat,

speed and glove in multiple momentum-changing situations that swung the pendulum of scoring in both directions. The sophomore singled for the two RBIs that put the Golden Hawks ahead 4-2 in the second, after a bases-loaded walk and sacrifice fly earlier in the inning to mirror West's first two runs of the game, then went on to take part in another two-run addition in the fourth by banging an RBI triple off the right field fence and scoring on an immediate wild pitch to increase their lead to 6-2.

West Laurens would cut that number down to two with single runs in consecutive innings — though his great catch in center field robbed them of a surefire chance to do more in the fourth — before a three-run explosion by Jenkins and the top of the order in the sixth put a late comeback out of reach.

Colton Brown drew a leadoff walk, Jenkins flew up the line to first for a bunt single, then to second on a throwing error, and Trey Cannida crashed a double for two RBIs that scored both. A dropped fly ball would bring home the third and make WACO's lead 9-4 before the Raiders finally retired the side.

They faced the same pitcher in Mack May who'd shut them down — allowing only two runners via hit and walk, with nine strikeouts — over a complete game back in March.

West Laurens applied much more offensive pressure this time, primarily by working seven walks, through the hits were somewhat few and far between.

Mascaro drove in two early runs with a single to capitalize on an error and May's first two walks in the opening inning. The Raiders were hitless from there until the fourth, when Giles singled to help along a scoring opportunity that Nathan Hester would convert on a sacrifice fly, though his well-hit drive into the left center gap had a chance to do more significant damage than Jenkins thwarted with his diving grab from more than 30 yards away.

May got the third out on strikes shortly after to keep the score 6-3.

Jeremiah Baker succeeded in getting one by him and down into the same part of the outfield with an RBI double in the fifth that made it 6-4. But after that, West Laurens would leave the bases loaded despite another great shot to tie or take the lead. The Hawks' Clark

Trussell cut down a run on a force at the plate and May coaxed a flyout to center that would spoil perhaps the most golden of Raider chances all afternoon.

Two more reached base on singles, but were stranded without a run in the sixth.

In the seventh, a fourth WACO error allowed Buck Shepherd's RBI to bring in a run and get West Laurens closer before two balls on the ground led to the final outs.

Duggan Malone, making just his second appearance since a return from injury in the Harlem series, turned in four innings of work in the start, giving up five hits and the first six runs with one walk and a strikeout.

Brycen Milton took over in relief for the next two and a third, allowing two hits and three runs with three walks and strikeouts. Cohen Cardwell came on to put out the flames in the last of the seventh with one strikeout to aid in retiring the only two batters he faced.

WACO's May struck out two, and gave way in the sixth to Jenkins, who recorded the game's last six outs with three hits and no earned runs allowed. He had no walks or strikeouts.

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a Kolbi Grooms walk to load the bases in the bottom of the sixth. Carter Lee drove home a run with a sac fly to make it 15-4 but the Crusaders would get no closer, and the game was called due to the run rule.

Tayt Evans led Trinity with three hits and Asher Evans added two. Lee, Underwood, Dean and Johnson all had hits as well. The defense committed seven errors in the contest, leading to seven unearned runs.

The Crusaders' second game against Ambassador Christian saw much better pitching and defense.

After nobody scored for the

first two innings, Trinity looked to get something going in the third.

The Crusaders would load the bases on a pair of errors and a single by Lee. Underwood drove home the first run of the game with a sac fly and Tayt Evans plated another one with a single to make it 2-0.

Ambassador would respond with a sac fly of its own in the home half of the third to make it 2-1.

That score would hold until the sixth when a two-out single from the Lions would knot the score at 2-2.

Trinity broke the game open in the seventh. Blake Sims reached on an error to lead off the inning, and Asher Evans followed with a bunt single. Alston Bryan,

who was pinch running for Sims, would score the go-ahead run on a wild pitch to make it 3-2.

After a Grooms single, Lee singled to plate Evans and make the score 4-2. Tayt Evans and Jakob Sahli then both doubled to score a couple more runs and make it 6-2.

Sahli scored the final run on a wild pitch to make it 7-2, and that would be the final.

The Crusaders pounded out 13 hits in the contest with Lee, Sahli, and Tayt Evans delivering three each. Asher Evans had a pair of hits, while Grooms and Johnson also hit safely.

Grooms got another win on the hill with the complete-game victory. He scattered seven hits while allowing two earned runs. He waked three and struck out

three.

In the third game against Georgetown, the Crusaders started off well, but the defense let them down again.

Trinity got things started in the home half of the first as Grooms got hit by a pitch with one out to get the first runner on. Lee followed with a single and Tayt Evans would plate the first run with a groundout to make it 1-0. Underwood followed with an RBI single to make it 2-0.

The top of the second saw Trinity make a pair of errors in the first three batters of the frame. A two-out single would make the score 2-1 and a hit batter followed to make it 2-2. Another Crusader error allowed Georgetown to score two more and another RBI

single made it 5-2.

Underwood would drive in another run with in the third to make the score 5-3.

Georgetown added single runs in the fourth, sixth and seventh to pull away for the 8-3 victory.

Underwood led the way offensively with two hits. Lee, Dean, and Johnson also hit safely in the contest.

Asher Evans was the tough luck loser as he allowed seven hits in his five and two-thirds innings. He gave up seven runs, but none were earned, while striking out three and walking one.

Trinity is now 10-6 on the season, and will play a couple next week against Macon-based CGAA Tuesday and Thursday.

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 West Laurens 5

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 SCHEDULE

**BASEBALL**  
**Monday**  
 West Laurens at  
 Appling Co./6 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
 East Laurens at Northeast  
 Macon/4:30 p.m.  
 Baldwin at WL  
 Dodge Co. at Dublin  
 /5:30 p.m.  
 Trinity at CGAA/6 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
 Montgomery Co. at EL  
 WL at Pinewood/6 p.m.

**Thursday**  
 CGAA at Trinity  
 WL at Baldwin/5 p.m.  
 GMC at Dublin/5:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 17**  
 Dublin at Dodge Co.  
 /5:30 p.m.  
 Northeast Macon at EL  
 /6 p.m.

**SOCCER**  
**Monday**  
 Trinity at Robert Toombs  
 /5 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
 Dublin at Vidalia  
 Fitzgerald at EL  
 Hepzibah at WL  
 Trinity at Covenant/5 p.m.

**Thursday**  
 EL at Vidalia/5 p.m.  
 Dublin at ACE Charter  
 WL at Aquinas/5:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 17**  
 Trinity at  
 Central Fellowship/5 p.m.

**TENNIS**  
**Monday**  
 WL at Bleckley Co./4 p.m.  
 Trinity at Region 6-AA  
 Tournament (Milledgeville)  
 /9 a.m.

**Thursday**  
 WL at Region 4-AAA  
 Tournament (Augusta)  
 /10:30 a.m.

**GOLF**  
**Monday**  
 WL at Neil Graham  
 Invitational (Douglas CC)  
 /1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
 EL at WL/3:30 p.m.

**Thursday**  
 Trinity at Region 6-AA  
 Tournament  
 Veterans and Vidalia at  
 WL/3:30 p.m.

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 College, and the Athletic  
 Association.

He has given countless hours and generously of his own resources to the work of Steve Stice who has done extensive research in the field of human stem cells and exosomes and has made considerable progress toward the rehabilitation of strokes.

His love and loyalty for UGA can be best be characterized by paraphrasing John F. Kennedy at his inauguration in 1961: "Ask not my fellow alumni, what your university can do for you, ask what you can do for your university."

The Augusta National Golf Club should be as proud to have him as a member as much as he is honored to wear a green jacket.



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RACING THIS WEEK...

TRUCKS RECAP

• Friday's BLACK'S TIRE 200, Rockingham Speedway



WINNER: COREY HEIM

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. — Even as a part-time driver, Corey Heim proved he can still dominate—until the final four laps of Friday's Black's Tire 200 at Rockingham Speedway, that is.

Heim led a personal-best 178 laps in winning his second Truck Series race of the season and the 25th of his career—fifth most all-time.

In the closing laps, however, he had to overcome skewed steering and chattering tires in his No. 1 Toyota to fend off a determined charge from Tricon Garage teammate Kaden Honeycutt's No. 11 Tundra.

Heim won last year's series title in the No. 11, but he's not defending this season as he explores opportunities in all three of NASCAR's national series.

Nevertheless, Heim swept the first two stages of a race for the 13th time in his career. His two stage wins on Friday were his 44th and 45th.

Heim is the first driver this season to score maximum points in a race in any of the top three series, winning both stages and turning the fastest lap—22.965 seconds on Lap 174. He earned 76 points in the victory.

What's more, Heim won his second straight race in the Triple Truck Challenge—good for a \$100,000 bonus—and will race for \$500,000 Saturday at Bristol Motor Speedway. That bonus is available to a driver who can win all three races in "The Trip."

"Yeah, it means a lot," Heim said of the potential payday. "I don't really think about it in the truck, but being able to reflect on it, it would be cool to be the first person to sweep all three if we are able to do it. There is a lot of motivation for these guys in the 1 camp with (sponsor) Celsius as our primary next week, so excited about that."

All statistics aside, Heim had to use his full arsenal of race craft over the final four laps to hold off Honeycutt, who was seeking his first victory. Experiencing a vibration similar to that of a tire losing air, Heim adroitly worked traffic as the race near its end.

Honeycutt got to Heim's bumper with three laps left and actually nosed ahead to lead the white-flag lap, but Heim drove aggressively into Turn 1, using teammate Tanner Gray to block Honeycutt's progress.

Exiting Turn 4 on the final circuit, Heim held a slight lead and arrived at the finish line 0.090 seconds ahead of the car he drove to last year's championship.

"I felt like I didn't push it any harder than any previous run or do any more damage to the right front, but it was like all of a sudden with four to go, my truck started just... I had to turn more right down the straightaway to keep it straight," Heim said.

Front Row Motorsports teammates Layne Riggs and Smith finished third and fourth, but Smith's No. 38 Ford was disqualified in post-race inspection for a ride-height infraction. That elevated Stewart Friesen to fourth, followed by Grant Enfinger, Tyler Ankrum (last year's Rockingham winner), Corey Lajoie and Ty Majeski.

Pole winner Jake Garcia finished ninth, one lap down, and Cole Butcher was 10th.

N.C. EDUCATION LOTTERY 250

William Sawalich pulled away to win Saturday at Rockingham. The victory was the first in the O'Reilly Series for the 19-year-old Sawalich, the youngest driver to win at the 0.94-mile track in any of NASCAR's top three series.



William Sawalich, driver of the #18 Soundgear Toyota, takes the checkered flag to win the O'Reilly Auto Parts Series North Carolina Education Lottery 250 Presented by Black's Tire at Rockingham Speedway on Saturday. (James Gilbert/Getty)

Super run for Sawalich's Supra at Rockingham

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. — Grabbing the lead and control of the race after a restart on Lap 172, William Sawalich pulled away over the final 79 laps to win Saturday's North Carolina Education Lottery 250 Presented by Black's Tire at Rockingham Speedway.

The victory was the first in the NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series for the 19-year-old Sawalich, the youngest driver to win at the 0.94-mile track in any of NASCAR's top three series.

Sawalich, who led 80 laps, crossed the finish line 0.863 seconds ahead of Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Brandon Jones to end the five-race winning streak of JR Motorsports and preserve the series record of six straight victories for JGR.

"It means everything," said Sawalich, who gained three positions to 11th in the series standings. "Honestly, it was a tough year last year and a tough start to the year this year. Gosh, it feels good to get it done here at Rockingham in front of an awesome crowd."

"Our Supra was on rails today, obviously. Good in Stage 1 (fifth), Stage 2 (second) and obviously amazing in clean air. Lapped traffic took me out last year (in a 25th-place finish), so that was running through my head a little bit, but, man, I just studied the race last year, calmed down—and everything's fine."

With the win, Sawalich earned eligibility for the first Dash 4 Cash race next Saturday at Bristol Motor Speedway. The top four finishers at Rockingham—Sawalich, Jones and third- and fourth-place finishers Justin Allgaier and Rajah Caruth—will compete for a \$100,000 bonus in that event, with the top finisher among them claiming the prize.

Caruth, in fact, made a spectacular three-wide pass of both Sheldon Creed and Carson Kvapil with nine laps left to grab the last Dash 4 Cash position. Kvapil finished fifth and Creed sixth, followed by Taylor Gray, Parker Retzlaff, Ryan Sieg and pole winner Corey Day.

For the first half of the race, Day appeared to have the dominant car. The 20-year-old led a race-high 118 of the 250 laps and swept the first two stages—the first stage wins of his career.

But Day lost five positions on a slow pit stop during the second stage break and never recovered. On Lap 174, he pitted out of sequence for a loose lug nut and charged from 24th over the final 70 laps to post his seventh straight top 10.

"We had a couple of bad pit stops," Day said. "We got behind there, and it was hard to dig ourselves out of the hole."

Jones was pleased with the progress his runner-up finish represents.

"I left Martinsville a little frustrated at myself last week (after finishing 18th)," Jones said. "We weren't quite aggressive enough at times, so today, I was super adamant on being super aggressive. I am going to take all of the runs I can get. I'm going to put people in bad situations, if I can, and just move forward."

"I think we did a really good job of it. We kept fighting both sides of it with balance today. Sam (McAuley, crew chief) did a great job taking all of my feedback and making a car, I think, capable of winning. It was just a matter of trying to get some track position, and he (Sawalich) got such a big restart on that last restart (after the seventh caution on Lap 206) that it was hard to catch him."

Allgaier had the consolation of leaving Rockingham with a lead of 126 points over second-place Jesse Love in the O'Reilly Auto Parts standings. Love hit the outside wall after a shove from Caruth, lost track position on a subsequent unscheduled pit stop on Lap 153 and finished 27th, two laps down.

Off note

• Sawalich is the first Minnesota-born driver to win a race in any of NASCAR's top three national series.

• Caruth's fourth-place finish in the No. 88 JRM Chevrolet was a career-best. He'll be driving the No. 32 Jordan Anderson Racing Chevrolet at Bristol while Kyle Larson takes a turn in the No. 88 Camaro.

• JR Motorsports put three drivers (Allgaier, Caruth and Kvapil) in the top 10, extending the organization's streak of at least one driver in the top 10 to 65 races—second in the series all-time to Roush Fenway Keselowski Racing (79 straight top 10s).

O'REILLY WINNER QUOTE

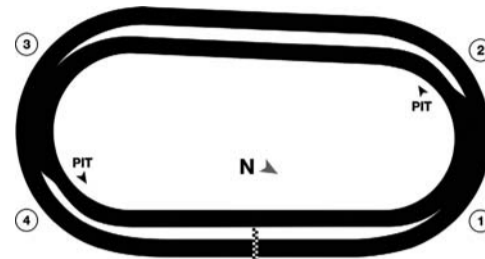
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— William Sawalich, who bested Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Brandon Jones to win Saturday's NC Education Lottery 250



William Sawalich and crew celebrate in Victory Lane Saturday at Rockingham. MEG OLIPHANT/GETTY

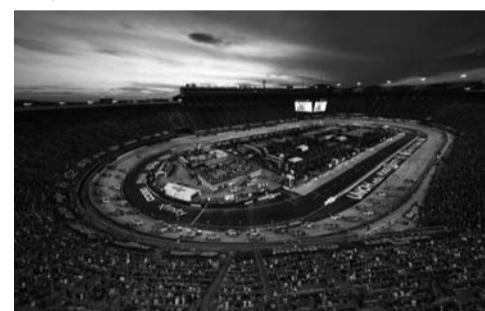
NEXT: FOOD CITY 500



Bristol Motor Speedway

3 p.m. ET Sunday, FS1

- Location: 151 Speedway Boulevard, Bristol, Tennessee
- Capacity: 146,000
- Owner: Speedway Motorsports (January 1996–present)
- Opened: July 23, 1961
- Course: Oval (1961–present)
- Surface: Concrete
- Length: 0.533 mi (0.858 km)
- Turns: 4
- Banking: Turns, 24–28°; Straights, 4–8°
- Fastest Cup lap: 0:14.945; Kyle Larson, Chevrolet SS, 2018
- Nicknames: World's Fastest Half-Mile, The Last Great Colosseum, Thunder Valley, Holy Grail of Short Tracks



Kyle Larson won last year's Food City 500 at Bristol. GETTY

2026 CUP SERIES STANDINGS

Top 30 as of March 29

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Tyler Reddick 23X1	353	16 Daniel Suárez Spire	167
2 Ryan Blaney Penske	271	17 M. McDowell Spire	158
3 Denny Hamlin Gibbs	259	18 Austin Cindric Penske	149
4 Chase Elliott Hendrick	249	19 Ross Chastain Track	136
5 William Byron Hendrick	238	20 AJ Allmendinger Kaulig	134
6 Ty Gibbs Gibbs	222	21 Chase Briscoe Gibbs	131
7 Christopher Bell Gibbs	212	22 Zane Smith Front Row	126
8 Brad Keselowski RFK	206	23 Erik Jones LEGACY	119
9 Kyle Larson Hendrick	206	24 Kyle Busch Cheddar	119
10 Chris Buescher RFK	206	25 Josh Berry Wood Bros.	112
11 Bubba Wallace 23X1	206	26 J. Nemechek LEGACY	109
12 Joey Logano Penske	185	27 Austin Dillon Childress	105
13 Ryan Preece RFK	180	28 Todd Gilliland Fr. Row	96
14 S. V. Gisbergen Track	174	29 Noah Gragson Fr. Row	93
15 Carson Hocevar Spire	171	30 Riley Herbst 23X1	90

2026 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS STANDINGS

Top 20 as of April 4

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Justin Allgaier #7	422	11 William Sawalich #18	214
2 Jesse Love #2	296	12 Taylor Gray #54	203
3 Sheldon Creed #00	291	13 Sam Mayer #41	173
4 Austin Hill #21	277	14 Ryan Sieg #39	168
5 Corey Day #17	272	15 Brennan Poole #44	162
6 Carson Kvapil #1	267	16 Anthony Alfredo #96	157
7 Sammy Smith #8	260	17 Jeb Burton #27	142
8 Brandon Jones #20	247	18 Blaine Perkins #31	122
9 Parker Retzlaff #99	229	19 Patrick Staropoli #48	119
10 Rajah Caruth #88	215	20 Brent Crews #19	114

NEXT RACE: SUBURBAN PROPANE 300, Bristol Motor Speedway, 7:30 p.m. ET Saturday, CW

2026 CRAFTSMAN TRUCK STANDINGS

Top 20 as of April 3

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Corey Heim #1	190	11 Tyler Ankrum #18	113
2 Kaden Honeycutt #11	190	12 Grant Enfinger #9	109
3 Layne Riggs #34	179	13 Jake Garcia #98	107
4 Chandler Smith #38	173	14 Tanner Gray #15	106
5 Ty Majeski #88	168	15 A. Perez De Lara #44	95
6 Giovanni Ruggiero #17	149	16 Cole Butcher #13	95
7 Christian Eckes #91	143	17 Brenden Queen #12	93
8 Ben Rhodes #99	138	18 Daniel Hemric #19	91
9 Stewart Friesen #52	119	19 Landen Lewis #45	71
10 Justin Haley #16	114	20 Kris Wright #81	71

NEXT RACE: TENNESSEE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD 250, Bristol, 7:30 p.m. ET Friday, FS1

2026 CUP SCHEDULE & WINNERS

**FEB. 4, 3 PM, FOX:** Cook Out Clash at BOWMAN GRAY (R. Preece)  
**FEB. 12, 7 PM, FS1:** America 250 Florida Duel 1 at DAYTONA (J. Logano)  
**FEB. 12, 8:45 PM, FS1:** America 250 Florida Duel 2 at DAYTONA (C. Elliott)  
**FEB. 15, 2:30 PM, FOX:** DAYTONA 500 (T. Reddick)  
**FEB. 22, 3 PM FOX:** Autotrader 400 at ECHOPARK ATLANTA (T. Reddick)  
**MARCH 1, 3:30 PM, FOX:** Duramax Grand Prix at COTA (TX) (T. Reddick)  
**MARCH 8, 3:30 PM, FS1:** Straight Talk Wireless 500 at PHOENIX (R. Blaney)  
**MARCH 15, 4 PM, FS1:** Pennzoil 400 at LAS VEGAS (D. Hamlin)

**MARCH 22, 3 PM, FS1:** Goodyear 400 at DARLINGTON (T. Reddick)  
**MARCH 29, 3:30 PM, FS1:** Cook Out 400 at MARTINSVILLE (C. Elliott)  
**APRIL 12, 3 PM, FS1:** Food City 500 at BRISTOL (K. Larson)  
**APRIL 19, 2 PM, FOX:** AdventHealth 400 at KANSAS (K. Larson)  
**APRIL 26, 3 PM, FOX:** Jack Link's 500 at TALLADEGA (A. Cindric)  
**MAY 3, 3:30 PM, FS1:** Würth 400 at TEXAS (J. Logano)  
**MAY 10, 3 PM, FS1:** Go Bowling at the Glen at WATKINS GLEN (S. V. Gisbergen)  
**MAY 17, 3 PM, FS1:** NASCAR All-Star Race at DOVER (C. Bell)  
**MAY 24, 6 PM, PRIME:** Coca-Cola 600 at CHARLOTTE (R. Chastain)  
**MAY 31, 7 PM, PRIME:** Cracker Barrel 400 at NASHVILLE (R. Blaney)  
**JUNE 7, 3 PM, PRIME:** FireKeepers Casino 400 at MICHIGAN (D. Hamlin)

**JUNE 14, 3 PM, PRIME:** Cup Race at POCONO (C. Briscoe)  
**JUNE 21, 4 PM, PRIME:** Anduril 250 at NAVAL BASE CORONADO (New)  
**JUNE 28, 3:30 PM, TNT:** Toyota/Save Mart 350 at SONOMA (S. V. Gisbergen)  
**JULY 5, 6 PM, TNT:** Cup Race at CHICAGOLAND SPEEDWAY (New)  
**JULY 12, 7 PM, TNT:** Quaker State 400 at ECHOPARK ATLANTA (C. Elliott)  
**JULY 19, 7 PM, TNT:** Window World 400 at NORTH WILKESBORO (New)  
**JULY 26, 2 PM, TNT:** Brickyard 400 at INDIANAPOLIS (B. Wallace)  
**AUG. 9, 3:30 PM, USA:** Iowa Corn 350 at IOWA (W. Byron)  
**AUG. 15, 7 PM, USA:** Cook Out 400 at RICHMOND (A. Dillon)  
**AUG. 23, 3 PM, USA:** Cup Race at NEW HAMPSHIRE (R. Blaney-Playoffs)  
**AUG. 29, 7:30 PM, NBC:** Coke Zero Sugar 400 at DAYTONA (R. Blaney)

**PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 16**  
**SEPT. 6, 5 PM, USA:** Southern 500 at DARLINGTON (C. Briscoe)  
**SEPT. 13, 3 PM, USA:** Enjoy Illinois 300 at WORLD WIDE TECH (D. Hamlin)  
**SEPT. 19, 7:30 PM, USA:** Bass Pro Shops Night Race at BRISTOL (C. Bell)  
**PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 12**  
**SEPT. 27, 3 PM, USA:** Hollywood Casino 400 at LAS VEGAS (C. Elliott)  
**OCT. 4, 5:30 PM, USA:** South Point 400 at LAS VEGAS (D. Hamlin)  
**OCT. 11, 3 PM, USA:** BoFA ROVAL 400 at CHARLOTTE (S. V. Gisbergen)  
**PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 8**  
**OCT. 18, 3 PM, USA:** Freeway Insurance 500 at PHOENIX (New)  
**OCT. 25, 2 PM, NBC:** YellaWood 500 at TALLADEGA (C. Briscoe)  
**NOV. 1, 2 PM, NBC:** Xfinity 500 at MARTINSVILLE (W. Byron)  
**PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIP 4**  
**NOV. 8, 3 PM, NBC:** Championship at MIAMI (K. Larson title; R. Blaney race)

2025 winners in parenthesis; 2026 winners in bold as the schedule unfolds; times ET

BONUS TRUCKS PIC



Corey Heim, driver of the #1 Robinhood Toyota, celebrates with the Triple Truck Challenge \$100,000 check in Victory Lane after winning Friday's Black's Tire 200 at Rockingham (NC) Speedway. J. Gilbert/Getty

**Dublin Police Department**

- Around 12:15 p.m. on April 1, an officer responded to South Church Street in reference to a criminal trespass.

The officer was informed before arriving that no one was supposed to be on or at the property and residence.

The officer arrived and found a man sitting on the porch in a chair.

The officer approached the man, who was later identified as Howard Lee Mitchell, 46.

He was told that no one was to be on that property, but Mitchell advised he was allowed on the property and that he had already spoken to law enforcement about being there.

The officer informed Mitchell that he was issued a criminal trespass warning already from the police department on March 23. When the officer attempted to place the man under arrest, Mitchell started to



**POLICE BEAT...**

physically fight officers on scene which resulted in officers physically placing Mitchell on the ground. Mitchell was attempting to pull his wrist away from officers which appeared to them that he may have been attempting to pull something from his pants.

Mitchell refused to allow officers to place him in handcuffs and physically resisted which resulted in officers having to have back up to help subdue the man. Mitchell was eventually arrested and transported to the Laurens County Jail where he was charged with criminal trespass and obstruction.

- Richard Cornelius, 50,

was charged with driving while unlicensed around 10:26 a.m. on March 30 on Highway 19.

An officer responded to a motor vehicle accident with no reported injuries. The officer met with drivers from both vehicles.

One was operated by Cornelius. The man driving the other vehicle involved told the officer he was stopped at a red light when Cornelius' vehicle hit from behind.

Cornelius said he was unable to stop in time after the other vehicle came to a stop when the traffic signal changed to yellow, resulting in the collision.

Both drivers reported no

injuries.

Cornelius was arrested for operating a vehicle without a valid driver's license. He was transported to police department where he received a citation and released on summons.

**Laurens County Sheriff's Office**

- On March 31, around 2:43 p.m., a deputy met with a person at the sheriff's office in reference to an identity fraud. The incident happened on Flucker Maddox Road between March 23 and March 31.

- A deputy responded to Kenneth Hilburn Circle regarding a welfare check around 7:49 p.m. The investigation led to Darrian Turner, 30, of East Dublin, being charged with possession of firearm or knife during commission of or attempt to commit certain crimes, possession of methamphetamine and possession of schedule I or II drugs.

- A deputy talked with a man at the sheriff's office in reference to a counterfeit check around 8:40 a.m. on March 30.

- On March 31, around 11:09 a.m., a deputy talked with a person at the sheriff's office in reference to identity theft that happened on March 27 on Holliday Road.

- A fraud that happened on Feb. 24 on Ed Beckham Road was reported around 4:30 p.m. on March 31.

- On March 26, around 10:30 a.m., a deputy was approached by a woman at the Laurens County Courthouse in reference to a report about her brother changing vehicle tags to his name.

- Around 12:45 p.m. on March 27, a deputy responded to Southern Pines Road in reference to a walk in about an incident that happened on Dublin Eastman Road in Dexter.

- On March 29, a deputy talked with the Laurens County IT specialist in ref-

erence to a Laurens County 911 email being hacked.

- Around 6 a.m. on March 26, a deputy met with a man at the exit 42 rideshare off ramp near I-16 and Highway 338 in regards to an incident that happened on the roadway near Second Street in Dudley.

*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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ways felt superior to the county schools. Let's stop that because it ain't going to

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tity, one direction and one future for everyone who calls the community home.

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**QR codes will soon be illegal for tallying election results**

By TY TAGAMI  
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — When Georgia lawmakers went home on Friday, they left the state on a collision course with their own self-imposed deadline to change the way residents vote.

In 2024, they banned the use of QR codes to tally election results starting July 1. Despite lengthy hearings on the problem before the legislative session last year and during it this winter, they walked away without establishing a replacement system.

Election officials are equipped to use hand-marked ballots instead, but they say that system is only for isolated emergencies and they question the reliability for statewide use during the Nov. 3 midterm elections.

"We shouldn't plan to have an emergency in November," said Joseph Kirk, the election supervisor in Bartow County and the president of the Georgia Association of Voter Registration & Election Officials.

Beyond the logistics, the

use of the backup system outside of an emergency may not be legal.

State law says election officials must let voters use an electronic ballot-marking system like the one in use now unless conditions make that "impossible" or "impracticable."

The Legislature has not defined those words, but election officials have been interpreting them to mean situations like a power outage or a computer bootup failure.

The State Election Board, which interprets election-related law, considered amending its rules in a way that would have effectively allowed the paper-based backup systems to be used in other kinds of emergencies, like a legal one.

Critics, including President Donald Trump, contend Georgia's voting system violates federal and state law.

Reasons range from lack of required secrecy — the touchscreen kiosks voters use to enter their selections are barely private — to the inability of voters to confirm

that their vote was accurately recorded by the "Quick Response" (QR) code on the ballot they turn in after making their selections.

The computer system spits out a record of the vote on paper, in human readable text as required by law. But the system relies on an included translation into a machine-readable data format — the QR code — to tabulate the official tally.

The state election board declined to write a definition of "impossible" or "impracticable" into its rules. During a vote in December, the members tied 2-2, with two Republicans in favor and a Democrat and a Republican opposed. The Republican who voted against the measure said it was the Legislature's duty to define the words it had written into law.

With the legislative session over, it is too late for lawmakers to do that before this year's midterm elections, unless Gov. Brian Kemp calls them back to the Capitol for a special session.

But lawmakers failed to address the issue during their legislative session last

year and during the three months that they were in Atlanta this year.

"If they couldn't do it in two years, how are they going to do it in a few weeks? I have no confidence left in the legislators that are trying to decide what to do with elections," said Anne Dover, the election director in Cherokee County.

She said she is worried about the midterms like never before in her 18-year career.

The current computer-

ized system automatically deals with a logistical headache in polling places where people converge from different neighborhoods represented by different combinations of districts for city council, county commission, school board, the Legislature and Congress.

There are 90 ballot "styles" in Cherokee alone, she said, with as many as five at one of her precincts.

Dover said her biggest fear is that a poll worker accidentally gives a voter the

wrong paper ballot. She said the odds of that go up as her veteran poll workers, many in their mid-70s, throw up their hands and say they are done with the job due to the uncertainty and risk. She said some have expressed concern about prosecution by a State Election Board that has become more zealous about election integrity since Trump lost the presidency in 2020.

The prospect of November "is a little bit frightening," Dover said.

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So the question for us is simple: Now that Easter is over, what will we do with the risen Savior? Will we return to old habits, or will we walk daily in the new life Christ gives?

Because Jesus lives, we are called to live differently—with hope, faith, and a heart that follows Him every day. For Christians every week should be a Holy Week.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the resurrection. Help me not just to celebrate Easter, but to live each day in the power and hope of the risen Christ. Amen.

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

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# Library to close next week for HVAC replacement

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**  
Senior Reporter

The Laurens County Library will close for three to five days next week to install new HVAC units. Library Director Beverly Brown said workers will cut some of the power to complete the task of putting in the new heating

and air conditioning units, which will begin on Monday. "They will be using cranes, and they want us to be safe," Brown said. "We wouldn't be able to work if they cut the power. We hope this will only affect us for three days, but we will be closed until they get it done. We have several

units that need to be replaced because they are not working properly." Officials decided to go ahead and have those HVAC units replaced while the crane was available. "Especially before it gets too hot," Brown said. "If we can open sooner next week, we'll let the public know on our web-

site or voicemail." Patrons can enjoy eBook, eAudiobooks and eMagazines and more at anytime. They can visit [ocrl.org/lc-resources](http://ocrl.org/lc-resources). "The book drops outside will be open," Brown said. "Patrons can go online and renew their books. They can also access all of our online resources."

## COUNTY COMMISSION

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can claim credit for recyclable equipment. Rogers said one applicant tried to assure him that a profit could be made off recycling the equipment.

"That was kind of an insult, and I sort of stopped the meeting right there." Commissioner Trae Kemp compared the cleanup at a solar farm to an old landfill. He admitted to being "a little bit leery of these projects to begin" and said the hope is that the county and private landowners are not left with just a percentage of the funding needed to restore properties.

"That would be a disaster," Kemp said.

Also Tuesday, the commission awarded a \$1.7 million contract to the Scruggs Co. to resurface 15 miles of county roads.

"It's a little bit over budget, but with the Iran conflict I expected it to be a lot more," Rogers said.

Scruggs' low bid was about \$49,000 more than the county budgeted for the work, but Rogers called it "an exceptionally good bid under the circumstances."

"I don't see it going down anytime soon."

Scheduled for resurfacing are: Robertson Church Road; Butler Road; Walt Watson Road; Jimmy Stevens Road; Evergreen Road; Lee Graham Road; and St. Paul/Vernon Woodard Road.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved a bid from Dublin Construction Co. to serve as construction manager for the renovation of the county's senior citizen center in East Dublin.

The upcoming \$1 million project will include general renovations, the resurfacing and restriping of the parking lot, new paint, new floors,

kitchen improvements, updated security equipment and other improvements.

The county received a \$1 million grant and will chip in \$129,781 for its local share.

The Nathaniel Drive location was a warehouse/storage building until the senior center moved there in 2011. The center's main function is to feed seniors, and it serves about 130 daily meals through the Meals on Wheels program.

Dublin Construction came in with a low bid of \$261,000 for the construction manager's role, about \$20,000 below a bid from another local company, Garbutt Construction.

Work is expected to begin in about six months.

- Voted to close Henry Thigpen Road. A public hearing was held during the meeting, but no one spoke for or against the closing.

"We're having problems with people parking there. There are no houses on that road," said Commissioner Kevin Tanner.

- Voted to continue an agreement with Titan Aviation Fuels to provide fuel at the W.H. "Bud" Barron Airport for an additional five years. Titan also plans to provide a jet fuel truck for use at the airport.

As a result, the board voted to declare its old fuel truck – a 1987 Ford F-700 – as surplus property to be sold to another airport.

- Heard an update from UGA Archway Partnership professional Valeri Dixon on the program's achievements during its first year partnering with Laurens County.

Dixon also talked briefly about the second year, saying a public infrastructure work group meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. at Dublin City Hall. "The purpose of this meeting specifically is to take our requests for engineering projects for next year," Dixon said.

## KID HUNTER

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Emmi's tumor appeared in her stomach and grew as large as a cantaloupe her father said.

"If you met her you wouldn't know it," Savage said of her resilience. "She goes through a lot, but she doesn't let it slow her down."

She has gone through six rounds of chemotherapy. On the positive side, the cancerous cells of the tumor turn benign; however, the growth cannot be surgically removed and affects her liver. Emmi has had stints placed and requires medical procedures every three months to make sure her other organs remain healthy.

Doctors are currently using cryotherapy to shrink to tumor.

Emmi's love of hunting and the great outdoors began by watching her family prepare for hunts.

"I've always hunted and her brother hunts," Savage said. "It has always interested her and as she got older she started going out



Emmi Ruth Savage with Tony, a volunteer with the Outdoor Dream Foundation. The group helps organize hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities for children with chronic or terminal illnesses/SPECIAL PHOTO

with us."

She is small in stature, so she uses special equipment to hold, stabilize and sight her rifle.

Emmi's hunting endeavors have been expanded through organizations like Hunting for the Cure, Kou-

rageous Outdoor Kids and the Outdoor Dream Foundation. Each group, which operates locally or has Georgia chapters, works to support families with children facing chronic or terminal medical conditions by building support com-

munities and coordinating hunting and fishing trips and other outdoor activities for the patients. The North Carolina bear hunt was organized by an Outdoor Dream Foundation volunteer guide named Tony, who met Emmi during a North Georgia trout fishing excursion.

"I love what these groups do for the kids," Savage said. "You get to see your kid be a kid. They're not in the hospital being poked and prodded on. You get to meet other families going through the same thing and you build a support system."

Currently, Emmi is mid-treatment and is waiting for an MRI to check the cryotherapy's effectiveness. Early CT scans are promising. Her next hunting trip is set for early May, with a voyage to Wyoming for a turkey hunt.

In the meantime, though, with Georgia's turkey season in full swing, she can look forward to some local outings with her dad and brother.

## CHAMBER SEARCH

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"It goes into everything," Hall said. "It's about being a bridge builder to the various components of our community."

Candidates will be vetted

with a multi-stage screening process, which will include multiple interviews as well as written components.

Hall said he hoped the field was narrowed down by mid- to late May with a finalist named by June. He thanked Marcia Dixon for

serving as the chamber's interim president during the search.

"It can be a little

tricky," he said. "But we are committed to getting this process complete in a timely manner."

## PATRIOTIC CONCERT

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this," he added. "We want the community to come be a part. Let's come out and celebrate the country together."

Each conductor will lead different parts of the program. While not 250 years in the making, Peacock said the idea for this concert began about a year ago.

"I spoke with Michael Dukes about an idea about putting together a community choir and an orchestra to celebrate America's 250th," Peacock said. "We started talking and dreaming about what it would be."

"Reaching this milestone is a big deal. It would be a mistake if we didn't celebrate it. It was about a year of discussions and got all of the details finally locked together in January. That is when we sent out to invitations for people to join the choir. It has been incredible to see the response, especially as far as the choir goes."

There are 115 members forming the Celebrate Community Choir, with at least 12 churches represented. There are some members from Eastman, Warner Robins and Vidalia.

"It has been a really good to see so many people coming together to celebrate such a tremendous occasion in the life of our nation," Peacock said. "This concert would not be possible if it wasn't for those participating in the choir, children chorus and the wind symphony. They are bringing their gifts and talents to make this special for our community."

Approximately 50 children from the Northwest Laurens Elementary School Melody Makers, Southwest Laurens Elementary School

chorus and the First Baptist Church children's choir will also perform.

"They will have a featured song on the program," Peacock said.

And there will be a wind symphony to provide the music.

"Most of these members are all from our area," Dukes said. "We had a few call us and wanted to be a part of this."

Some of the favorites to be performed will include "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "This Is My Country," "Your A Grand Old Flag," "Star Spangled Banner," "God of Our Fathers" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

"It's going to be a phenomenal concert," Peacock said.

There will also be a part during the show where those in the military will be recognized.

"We are not only celebrating the 250 years that God has blessed us with here in America where we get to celebrate all of the freedom we enjoy here, but it is also a time where we honor those who have served and sacrificed for this great country," Peacock said. "We will do the Armed Forces medley and those who have or are serving will be invited to stand when their song is played."

Later on in the concert, there will be a time where those who have lost a loved one in the military will be asked to stand while the band will play an arrangement of "Taps."

"We definitely want to take time to give thanks for those who have served and sacrificed," Peacock said. "Without them, we wouldn't enjoy the freedoms that we have today. We don't want to miss out on recognizing them."



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**Legals**

**Bids**

**26-168  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR  
CONSTRUCTION OF  
SEWERAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS  
FOR THE  
CITY OF DUDLEY, GEORGIA**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Dudley, Georgia at the City of Dudley City Hall, 1108 Main Street, Dudley, Georgia 31022 until 2:00 P.M. local time, Thursday, May 7, 2026 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. No submitted bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days. All Bidders must have a State of Georgia Utility Contractors License and must employ a state "Utility Manager" certificate holder who will have oversight of all the work.

The work to be done consists of furnishing all materials, equipment and labor for the construction of:  
Rehabilitation of 3,700 L.F. of 8-inch sanitary sewer using trenchless pipe replacement, including cleaning, pre and post video, rehabilitating 15 existing manholes, dig and replace 33 service connections, by-pass pumping, and appurtenances. Time allotted for construction is 270 consecutive calendar days.

Proposals for the complete work in one general contract shall be made on the proposal form provided and shall contain prices in words and figures for the work bid on.

The City of Dudley, Georgia is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education, and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability or age.

All proposals shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond drawn in favor of City of Dudley, Georgia, in the amount of at least 5% of the lump sum bid for the complete work; such Bid Bond representing that the Bidder, if awarded the contract, will promptly enter into a contract and furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond as provided by law and approved by the Attorney for City of Warrenton, Georgia. Each bond shall be equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. The Bid Bond shall be forfeited to City of Dudley, Georgia as liquidated damages if the Bidder fails to execute the contract and provide Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract.

Drawings and Specifications are open to public inspection at the office of the City of Dudley; at the office of Turnipseed Engineers, in Augusta and Atlanta, Georgia and the Atlanta Builders Exchange in Atlanta, Georgia. Plans and specifications must be obtained at <https://turnipseed.com/current-projects/out-for-bid/>. One (1) digital copy of the plans and specifications and one (1) printed copy of the specifications (bid book) will be provided upon receipt of \$250.00. Upon request, one (1) printed full or reduced size set of drawings is available at no additional charge.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. CITY OF DUDLEY, GEORGIA  
By: Jason Locke, Mayor

April 11, 18, 2026

**Legals**

**26-127  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF LAURENS  
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated August 11, 2022, from Arthur Davis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC, recorded on August 23, 2022 in Deed Book 3322 at Page 1 Laurens County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by Assignment and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated August 11, 2022, in the amount of \$85,000.00, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Laurens County, Georgia, on May 5, 2026 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"):  
**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 10 OF BLOCK "B" OF BELLEVUE HEIGHTS, A PLAT OF SAID BELLEVUE HEIGHTS BEING RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 295, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF LAURENS SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PROPERTY IS IMPROVED BY A ONE-STORY RESIDENCE KNOWN AS 208 COMER DRIVE AND IS SHOWN ON A PLAT PREPARED BY JACK C. BRANTLEY, SURVEYOR, DATED JUNE 2, 1952.**

The debt secured by the Security Deed and evidenced by the Note has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining is in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed, accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees. Notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees has been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in possession of the property is/are Arthur Davis.

The property, being commonly known as **208 Comer Dr, Dublin, GA, 31021** in Laurens County, will be sold as the property of Arthur Davis, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, 888-480-2432. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

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

Albertelli Law  
Attorney for Lakeview Loan Servicing,  
LLC as Attorney in Fact for Arthur Davis  
100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1000  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
Phone: (770) 373-4242

THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
- 25-017410  
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2026

**26-134  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY. All creditors of the Estate of David Williams, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the Administrator of his Estate according to law, and all persons indebted to the Estate of David Williams are required to make immediate payment to the Administrator. This 19th day of March, 2026.

Vicki Williams  
Administrator of the Estate of David Williams  
Francis M. Lewis  
Attorney for the Estate  
1808 Bellevue Road  
Dublin, GA 31021  
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

**26-147  
Case No. 26-CG-0253-WT  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY  
GEORGIA**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION vs.  
0.297 acres of land; and Eleazar Martinez individually

TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY:  
The petition of the Department of Transportation, acting for and on behalf of the State of Georgia, shows:

1. Petitioner brings this action under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, to acquire by condemnation fee simple title to a right of way for a certain state aid road laid out by petitioner as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known as Project No.0013578 said highway being located as shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. The date of the approval of the original location of the highway project is December 29, 2023.  
2. The following paragraph is not applicable to this action:  
Petitioner also seeks to acquire by condemnation such easements as are necessary for the construction and maintenance of said State-aid road or highway as are fully described in this petition.  
3. The following two paragraphs are not applicable to this action:  
Said highway being a limited access highway, as provided for under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-6-110 through 32-6-119, there is no necessity of condemning rights of access to said highway except at such points as where the design of the limited access highway may require the acquisition of access rights to existing parallel or intersecting roads, streets, or highways.  
The rights of access, as provided for in said statute, which are condemned in this proceeding, are shown on the plats hereto attached and made a part hereof; and, except as so shown, no rights of access are condemned.  
4. Petitioner stands ready to pay just and adequate compensation for said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof and has deposited in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto, the estimated just compensation ascertained in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19.  
5. Said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in said Declaration of Taking are for State-aid public highway purposes upon, across and over the tract of land in said county, also fully described in Exhibit "A".  
6. Petitioner alleges upon information and belief that the owners of said tract of land are: See page 2-A.  
Said owners are named defendants to this action. Eleazar Martinez 623 Melts Street Dublin, Ga 31021.  
7. The taxing authorities of this County and the State of Georgia may have some claim against said lands on account of unpaid State and County taxes.  
8. The said owners generally and alienors and all and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to said lands and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across and over said land, are made parties defendant to this action to the end that they may come into Court and make claim to such interest or ownership or other rights they may have in the same and to the proceeds thereof.  
WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:

(a) For an order condemning in fee simple the property described herein and in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to the use of petitioner, together with the rights described herein and in the Declaration of Taking, while preserving to those persons entitled by law to do so the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia;  
(b) For an order requiring all persons in possession of such property, as well as the named condemnees, to surrender said right-of-way, easements and access rights, if any, to petitioner on a day not later than 30 days from the filing of this petition and Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A"), unless petitioner, in its sole discretion, grants a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession;  
(c) For an order for the service, publication and posting of this petition and the Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A");  
(d) For an order requiring the Clerk of this Court to hold the funds deposited by petitioner subject to the orders and judgments of the Courts;  
e) For such further orders and judgments as may be necessary in the premises.  
Respectfully submitted,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION vs.  
0.297 acres of land; and Eleazar Martinez individually

**DECLARATION OF TAKING**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation has made and entered an order finding that the circumstances in connection with acquiring right of way to construct Project No./ 0013578 are such that it is necessary to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands as fully described in said order, a certified copy of which is attached to this Declaration identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit 11A11 and made a part hereof, under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and

WHEREAS, said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, are for public highway purposes upon, across, and over the tract of land in said county, as fully described in the attachment hereto identified as Appendix 11811 to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has caused an investigation and report to be made by a competent land appraiser, upon which to estimate the sum of money to be deposited in the Court as just and adequate compensation for the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, above referred to, a copy of the appraiser's sworn statement being attached hereto identified as Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A11 and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, in consequence of the sworn statement, Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A", the Department of Transportation estimates \$11,400.00 as the just and adequate compensation to be paid for said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as fully described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and now deposited said sum in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, the premises considered, the Department of Transportation, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, hereby declares that the property or interest therein as described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached to and a part of this Declaration, is taken for State-aid road purposes.

This 20 day of February, 2026.  
Russell R. McMurry, P.E  
Commissioner of the D of Transportation

APPENDIX "A" TO EXHIBIT "A"  
ORDER  
OF THE  
COMMISSIONER OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has laid out and determined to construct a certain State-aid road or highway as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known and designated as Project No./ 0013578 in Laurens County being a project for SR 31 FM S Poplar Springs Church Rd to S of SR 117-PH 11-TIA and being more fully shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the projected schedule of road construction of the Department of Transportation, it is necessary that the right of way, and other rights, if any, for the construction of said project be acquired without delay; and

WHEREAS, the parcel(s) of right of way and other rights as herein described and as listed below, shown of record as owned by the person named herein, all as described and shown in the annexes to this order hereinafter enumerated, all of said annexes, being by reference made a part of this order, are essential for the construction of said project:  
Required R/W: 0.297 acres of land; and Appendix "A" - Annex 1 - Legal Description Annex 1-A - Plat Owners: Eleazar Martinez

NOW, THEREFORE, it is found by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation that the circumstances are such that it is necessary that the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as described in annexes to this order be acquired by condemnation under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and IT IS ORDERED that the Department of Transportation proceed to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands hereinafter described in annexes to this order by condemnation under the provisions of said Code, and the Attorney General of Georgia as well as his duly authorized Assistant Attorneys General, are authorized and directed to file condemnation proceedings, including a Declaration of Taking, to acquire said title, estate or interest in said lands and to deposit in the Court the sum estimated as just compensation, all in accordance with the provisions of said Code.

Done at the office of the Commissioner in Atlanta, Georgia, this 20 day of February, 2026.

/S/ RUSSELL R. MCMURRY, P.E.  
Commissioner of the Department of Transportation  
ATTEST:  
/S/ ANGELA WHITWORTH  
Treasurer  
Department of Transportation  
PROJECT NO. Right of Way of Proposed SR 31 FM S Poplar Springs Church Rd to S of SR 117-PH 11-TIA  
P.I. NO: 0013578  
PARCEL NO: 43  
COUNTY: Laurens  
REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY: 0.297 Acres of land  
DATE OF R/W PLANS: December 29, 2023  
REVISION DATE: Sheet No. 60-0029 Nov 21, 2025  
Sheet 60-0030 August 15, 2025  
PROPERTY OWNER: Eleazar Martinez  
REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 187 of the 17 Land District and/or N/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 100.00 feet right of and opposite Station 576+19.33 on the construction centerline of SR 31 / US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence N 87°44'43.911" W a distance of 78.76 feet to a point 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 576+30.23 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence N 5°41'41.6" W a distance of 170.05 feet to a point

22.00 feet right of and opposite station 578+00.28 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 81°33'45.9" Ea distance of 80.43 feet to a point 100.00 feet right of and opposite station 577+80.64 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 5°41'42.1" E a distance of 161.31 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.297 acres more or less.

PLAT  
PROJECT NO:/ 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY  
RECORD OWNERS: Eleazar Martinez  
GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY  
I, Angela Whitworth, do hereby certify that I am Treasurer of the Department of Transportation. I further certify that the foregoing 7 pages constitute a true and correct exact copy of an Order of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, entered on the 20 day of February, 2026 a s same applies to the tract or parcel of land described in said 7 pages; and the original of said Order is on file at my office at 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. Given under my hand and the Seal of the Department of Transportation, this 20 day of February, 2026.  
Angela Whitworth  
Treasurer  
Department of Transportation

APPENDIX " B " TO  
EXHIBIT " A "  
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY FROM WHICH RIGHT OF WAY IS TAKEN PROJECT NO./0013578 LAURENS COUNTY  
Record Owners:  
Eleazar Martinez individually  
Said right of way as described on Appendix "A" is for a State-aid road, as defined by law across and over certain tracts of land located in Land Lot 187 of the 17 Land District of said County, said tracts of land and consisting of approximately 0.997 + acres.

APPENDIX "C" TO EXHIBIT "A"  
GEORGIA, Fulton County  
Personally known, Matthew K. Gottschalk, residing at 13902 Tree Loft Road, Milton, GA 30004.

1. Affiant was employed by The Department of Transportation to appraise Parcel No. 43 of the right of way rights required for construction of P# CO13578 Laurens County Georgia for said department and makes this sworn statement to be used in connection with condemnation proceedings under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, for the acquisition of said parcel.

2. Affiant is familiar with real estate values in said county and in the vicinity where said parcel is located. Affiant has personally inspected the property or right condemned and in appraising said parcel affiant took into consideration the Fair Market Value of said parcel, as well as any consequential damages to remaining property of the Condemnees by reason of the taking and use of said parcel and other rights for the constructions of said project, and any consequential benefits which may result to such remaining property by reason of such taking and use (consequential benefits not, however, considered except as offsetting consequential damages.) After said investigation and research, affiant has thus estimated that the just and adequate compensation for said parcel, and any consequential damages or benefits considered, is in the amount of \$11,400.00.

Matthew K. Gottschalk  
Sworn to and subscribed before me.  
This 7th day of January, 2026  
Caroline Hargrove  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission expires: 11/12/2029  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS.  
0.297 acres of land; and Eleazar Martinez individually  
Civil Action No. 26-CG-0253-WT  
ORDER AND JUDGMENT

The petition in the above stated case with Declaration of Taking attached, and the certificate of the Clerk showing the filing of such petition and Declaration and deposit into Court of the sum of money estimated as just compensation for the property taken, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, it is Considered, Ordered, and Adjudged:  
1) That the property described in the petition of the Department of Transportation and in the Declaration of Taking filed currently therewith being shown to be within the bounds of the required right of way of Georgia Highway Project/ 0013578 is hereby condemned in fee simple to the use of the Department of Transportation, together with such rights as described in such petition and such Declaration, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the Department of Transportation and its successors are hereby vested with full, complete, and unencumbered title to such property and rights for the purposes described in said petition and Declaration; but nothing herein contained is to be construed as depriving the named defendant, or any person having an interest in, title to, or claim against said property of the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation to a jury in this Court, or of the right to petition the Court for an interlocutory hearing and the appointment of assessors to review and determine the correctness of the amount of estimated compensation, as so deposited, or of the right to petition the Court to vacate and set aside said Declaration and this Judgment; but this Judgment shall be construed only as vested title and the right of possession in the Plaintiff-Condemnor, as contemplated by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;

2) Department of Transportation having applied to me for possession, not later than 30 days of said property, and it being provided in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, that "... the Court shall have power to fix the time, the same to be not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the declaration of taking, as provided in Code Section 32-3-6, within which and the terms upon which the parties in possession shall be required to surrender possession to the petitioner", let all persons in possession of such property, as well as named condemnees, be served with a copy of said petition and Declaration of Taking, and this Order, and they are hereby directed to surrender possession of the property to the Department of Transportation not later than 30 days from the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking;  
3) It be further ordered that the Department of Transportation is authorized to grant a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession, and this decision shall be in sole discretion of the Department and shall be effective upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Department;

4) It is further ordered and directed that the petition, together with said Declaration of Taking, be served in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Official Code of Georgia Annotated; that, where shown by the petition, there are nonresidents of the State of Georgia, who have title to, Claims against, or any interest in said property, whose names and addresses are known, the Clerk provide for the service of such parties by United States Registered mail, with return card requested, as provided for in said Official Code, and certify such service to the Court, as part of the record in the case;

5) That second originals of this petition, including all orders and proceedings in connection therewith, as well as the Declaration of Taking, be issued by the Clerk for service upon the following named non-residents of this County; (See 2A)

6) It is further ordered that a copy of this petition and of said Declaration be served upon the tax collecting authorities of said County;

7) It being the purpose of this Order, to make certain, so far as is possible that all persons having title to, or interest in, or claims against the described property be given notice of the pendency of this proceeding; it is further ordered that such additional service be made as may be called for by the allegations of the petition, together with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for such service; and, further that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall cause a citation to be issued and published in the official newspaper of said County, entitled in this cause, describing the property condemned in this proceeding, reciting also the filing of the Declaration of Taking by condemnor, setting forth the names of the persons known or believed to be owners, or having an interest in, or claims against said property and citing such persons, as well as all others claiming any title to or interest in said property, or in said fund on deposit with the Clerk which amount shall be set out in such citation, to appear in this Court and make known their claims; and let such citation be published in such newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, beginning with the issue of April 4, 2026 and April 11, 2026.

Let this Order be filed as part of the record in this case. This 27 day of March, 2026.  
JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT DUBLIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
Judge William D. Taylor

April 4, 11, 2026

**26-161  
NOTICE OF INCORPORATION**

Notice is hereby given that articles of incorporation which incorporate Gayco North Holdings, Inc., have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Corporation Code § 14-2-202. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 507 Industrial Blvd., Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, 31021, and its initial registered agent at such address is Jerry Bent Gay, Jr.

April 11, 18, 2026

**26-161  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF  
LAURENS COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWIN L. HIGGS JR., DECEASED  
ESTATE NO. 26-41  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:  
CARLA DOLLAR HIGGS has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of EDWIN L. HIGGS JR. (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 May 4, 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: C. Warren  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
PO Box 2142  
Dublin, GA 31040  
478 272-2566

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

**26-158  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF  
LAURENS COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: ESTATE OF Jerry B. Daniel Jr, DECEASED  
ESTATE NO. 26-48  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:  
SHAKRISTIN ANYIAH WILLIAMS has petitioned to be administrator of the estate of Jerry B. Daniel Jr 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-9-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 May 4, 2026.

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April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

**26-158  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF  
LAURENS COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: ESTATE OF Jerry B. Daniel Jr, DECEASE

April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2026

26-079 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from WAYNE STEVENS and ZYCHERIA STEVENS to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR CITYWORTH MORTGAGE LLC, dated April 16, 2024, recorded May 9, 2024, in Deed Book 03477, Page 00043-00058, Laurens County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Six Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$206,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT LLC, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Laurens County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in May, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE NORTH DUBLIN DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND IN THE FIRST (1ST) LAND DISTRICT, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY BY MARVIN D. CLEMENTS, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED 10/22/75, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 333, PAGE 542, RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PROPERTY IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ACCORDING TO SAID PLAT AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN LOCATED 340.58 FEET ON THE EASTERNMOST SIDE OF MAPLE DRIVE FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERNMOST SIDE OF LASSITER ROAD, THENCE RUNNING NORTH 14 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 15 FEET ALONG MAPLE DRIVE TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 11 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 85.0 FEET ALONG MAPLE DRIVE TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 84 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 225.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 12 DEGREES 48 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 126.7 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 76 DEGREES 58 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 225.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PLAT AND THE DESCRIPTION THEREON ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED AS PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 101 MAPLE DR, DUBLIN, GA 31021.

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is WAYNE STEVENS, ZYCHERIA STEVENS, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Village Capital & Investment, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 2460 Paseo Verde Parkway Suite 110, Henderson, NV 89074, Telephone Number: 1-800-919-0068. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT LLC as Attorney in Fact for WAYNE STEVENS, ZYCHERIA STEVENS THE BELOW LAW FIRM BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. VCI-25-05417-3 rlselaw.com/property-listing April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2026

26-152 Case No. 26-CG-0256-JH IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION vs. 0.319 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez individually TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

The petition of the Department of Transportation, acting for and on behalf of the State of Georgia, shows:

1. Petitioner brings this action under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, to acquire by condemnation fee simple title to a right of way for a certain state aid road laid out by petitioner as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known as Project No.0013578 said highway being located as shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. The date of the approval of the original location of the highway project is December 29, 2023.

2. The following paragraph is applicable to this action: Petitioner also seeks to acquire by condemnation such easements as are necessary for the construction and maintenance of said State-aid road or highway as are fully described in this petition.

3. The following two paragraphs are not applicable to this action: Said highway being a limited access highway, as provided for under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-6-110 through 32-6-119, there is no necessity of condemning rights of access to said highway except at such points as where the design of the limited access highway may require the acquisition of access rights to existing parallel or intersecting roads, streets, or highways.

The rights of access, as provided for in said statute, which are condemned in this proceeding, are shown on the plats hereto attached and made a part hereof; and, except as so shown, no rights of access are condemned. 4. Petitioner stands ready to pay just and adequate compensation for said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof and has deposited in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto, the estimated just compensation ascertained in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19.

5. Said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in said Declaration of Taking are for State-aid public highway purposes upon, across and over the tract of land in said county, also fully described in Exhibit "A". 6. Petitioner alleges upon information and belief that the owners of said tract of land are: See page 2-A. Said owners are named defendants to this action. Eleazar Martinez 623 Metts Street Dublin, GA 31021

7. The taxing authorities of this County and the State of Georgia may have some claim against said lands on account of unpaid State and County taxes. 8. The said owners generally and alienors and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to said lands and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across and over said land, are made parties defendant to this action to the end that they may come into Court and make claim to such interest or ownership or other rights they may have in the same and to the proceeds thereof.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays: For an order condemning in fee simple the property described herein and in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to the use of petitioner, together with the rights described herein and in the Declaration of Taking, while preserving to those persons entitled by law to do so the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia;

For an order requiring all persons in possession of such property, as well as the named condemnees, to surrender said right-of-way, easements and access rights, if any, to petitioner on a day not later than 60 days from the filing of this petition and Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A"), unless petitioner, in its sole discretion, grants a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession;

For an order for the service, publication and posting of this petition and the Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A"); For an order requiring the Clerk of this Court to hold the funds deposited by petitioner subject to the orders and judgments of the Courts; e) For such further orders and judgments as may be necessary in the premises. Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTOPHER M. CARR Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 112505

LOGAN B. WINKLES Deputy Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 136906

Ronald J. Stay Senior Assistant Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 621732

FIRM NAME

By: Ralph N. Jackson SAAG NAME Special Assistant Attorney General Ga. State Bar No. 6091432

N/A ASSOCIATE'S NAME (NO TITLE)

Please Address All Communications to: The Jackson Law Firm 212-H West Jackson St. Dublin, GA 31021

SAAG ADDRESS 478-353-4444 SAAG TELEPHONE Attorneys for \_Plaintiffs

EXHIBIT "A" IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION vs.

0.319 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez individually DECLARATION OF TAKING

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation has made and entered an order finding that the circumstances in connection with acquiring right of way to construct Project No./ 0013578 are such that it is necessary to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands as fully described in said order, a certified copy of which is attached to this Declaration identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and WHEREAS, said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, are for public highway purposes upon, across, and over the tract of land in said county, as fully described in the attachment hereto identified as Appendix "B" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has caused an investigation and report to be made by a competent land appraiser, upon which to estimate the sum of money to be deposited in the Court as just and adequate compensation for the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, above referred to, a copy of the appraiser's sworn statement being attached hereto identified as Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and WHEREAS, in consequence of the sworn statement, Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A", the Department of Transportation estimates \$11,600.00 as the just and adequate compensation to be paid for said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as fully described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and now deposited said sum in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, the premises considered, the Department of Transportation, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, hereby declares that the property or interest therein as described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached to and a part of this Declaration, is taken for State-aid road purposes. This the 9 day of March, 2026. Russell R. McMurry, P.E. Commissioner of the Department of Transportation

APPENDIX "A" TO EXHIBIT "A" ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has laid out and determined to construct a certain State-aid road or highway as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known and designated as Project No./ 0013578 in Laurens County being a project for SR 31 FM S Poplar Springs Church Rd to S of SR 117-PH 11 - TIA and being more fully shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia; and WHEREAS, in order to maintain the projected schedule of road construction of the Department of Transportation, it is necessary that the right of way, and other rights, if any, for the construction of said project be acquired without delay; and WHEREAS, the parcel(s) of right of way and other rights as herein described and as listed below, shown of record as owned by the person named herein, all as described and shown in the annexes to this order hereinafter enumerated, all of said annexes, being by reference made a part of this order, are essential for the construction of said project:

Required R/W: 0.319 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Appendix "A" - Annex 1 - Legal Description Annex 1-A - Plat Owners: Eleazar Martinez NOW, THEREFORE, it is found by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation that the circumstances are such that it is necessary that the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as described in annexes to this order be acquired by condemnation under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32 3-4 through 32 3-19, for the acquisition of said parcel.

1. Affiant was employed by The Department of Transportation to appraise Parcel No. 42 of the right of way rights required for construction of P# 0013578 Laurens County Georgia for said department and makes this sworn statement to be used in connection with condemnation proceedings under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32 3-4 through 32 3-19, for the acquisition of said parcel.

2. Affiant is familiar with real estate values in said county and in the vicinity where said parcel is located. Affiant has personally inspected the property or right condemned and in appraising said parcel affiant took into consideration the Fair Market Value of said parcel, as well as any consequential damages to remaining property of the Condemnees by reason of the taking and use of said parcel and other rights for the constructions of said project, and any consequential benefits which may result from such remaining property by reason of such taking and use (consequential benefits not, however, considered except as offsetting consequential damages.)

After said investigation and research, affiant has thus estimated that the just and adequate compensation for said parcel, and any consequential damages or benefits considered, is in the amount of \$11600.00

Matthew K. Gottschalk Sworn to and subscribed before me. This 12th day of January, 2026

Caroline Hargrove NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission expires: 11/12/2029 Parcel No. 42

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION vs. 0.319 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez Individually Civil Action No. 26-CG-0256-JH

ORDER AND JUDGMENT

The petition in the above stated case with Declaration of Taking attached, and the certificate of the Clerk showing the filing of such petition and Declaration and deposit into Court of the sum of money estimated as Just compensation for the property taken, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, it is Considered, Ordered, and Adjudged:

1) That the property described in the petition of the Department of Transportation and in the Declaration of Taking filed currently therewith being shown to be within the bounds of the required right of way of Georgia Highway Project/ 0013578 is hereby condemned in fee simple to the use of the Department of Transportation, together with such rights as described in such petition and such Declaration, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the Department of Transportation and its successors are hereby vested with full, complete, and unencumbered title to such property and rights for the purposes described in said petition and Declaration; but nothing herein contained is to be construed as depriving the named defendant, or any person having an interest in, title to, or claim against said property of the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation to a Jury in this Court, or of the right to petition the Court for the appointment of assessors to review and determine the correctness of the amount of estimated compensation, as so deposited, or of the right to petition the Court to vacate and set aside said Declaration and this Judgment; but this Judgment shall be construed only as vested title and the right of possession in the Plaintiff-Condempnor, as contemplated by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;

2) Department of Transportation having applied to me for possession, not later than 60 days of said property, and it being provided in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, that "... the court shall have power to fix the time, the same to be not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the declaration of taking, as provided in Code Section 32-3-6, within which and the terms upon which the parties in possession shall be required to surrender possession to the petitioner," let all persons in possession of such property, as well as named condemnees, be served with a copy of said petition and Declaration of Taking, and this Order, and they are hereby directed to surrender possession of the property to the Department of Transportation not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking;

3) It be further ordered that the Department of Transportation is authorized to grant a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession, and this decision shall be in sole discretion of the Department and shall be effective upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Department

4) It is further ordered and directed that the petition, together with said Declaration of Taking, be served in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Official Code of Georgia Annotated; that, where shown by the petition, there are nonresidents of the State of Georgia, who have title to, Claims against, or any interest in said property, whose names and addresses are known, the Clerk provide for the service of such parties by United States Registered mail, with return card requested, as provided for in said Official Code, and certify such service to the Court, as part of the record in the case;

5) That second originals of this petition, including all orders and proceedings in connection therewith, as well as the Declaration of Taking, be issued by the Clerk for service upon the following named non-residents of this County: (See 2A) 6) It is further ordered that a copy of this petition and of said Declaration be served upon the tax collecting authorities of said County:

PROJECT NO.: 0013578 -Being a project for widening and reconstruction on SR 31 FM S POPLAR SPRINGS CHURCH RD TO S OF SR 117-PH II-TIA P.I. NO.: 0013578 PARCEL NO.: 42 COUNTY: Laurens

REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY: 0.319 Acres of Land; and certain easement rights DATE OF R/W PLANS: December 29, 2023 REVISION DATE: September 15, 2025, as to Sheet 60-0026, July 3, 2025, as to Sheet 60-0028, and November 21, 2025 as to Sheet 60-0029

PROPERTY OWNER: Eleazar Martinez REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 187 of the 17 Land District and/or N/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 30.00 feet left of and opposite Station 2501+36.00 on the construction centerline of SR 31/ US & Hilltop Circle 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence S 84°20'16.7" W a distance of 114.02 feet to a point 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 574+60.08 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence N 5°41'42.1" W a distance of 170.15 feet to a point 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 576+30.23 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 87°44'43.9" E a distance of 78.76 feet to a point 100.00 feet right of and opposite station 576+19.33 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 5°41'38.3" E a distance of 114.33 feet to a point 100.00 feet right of and opposite station 575+05.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 50°45'01.6" E a distance of 35.36 feet to a point 50.00 feet left of and opposite station 2501+25.00 on said construction centerline laid out for Hilltop Circle; thence N 84°20'16.7" Ea distance of 11.00 feet to a point 50.00 feet left of and opposite station 2501+36.00 on said construction centerline laid out for Hilltop Circle; thence S 5°39'43.3" E a distance of 20.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.319 acres more or less.

TEMPORARY FENCE EASEMENT: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 187 of the 17 Land District and/or N/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 40.00 feet left of and opposite Station 2501+36.00 on the construction centerline of SR 31/ US 441 & Hilltop Circle on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence N 5°39'43.311" W a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 50.00 feet left of and opposite station 2501+36.00 on said construction centerline laid out for Hilltop Circle; thence S 84°20'16.7" W a distance of 11.00 feet to a point 50.00 feet left of and opposite station 2501+25.00 on said construction centerline laid out for Hilltop Circle; thence N 50°44'00.2" W a distance of 21.24 feet to a point 65.00 feet left of and opposite station 2501+09.96 on said construction centerline laid out for Hilltop Circle; thence N 84°20'16.7" Ea distance of 36.04 feet to a point 65.00 feet left of and opposite station 2501+46.00 on said construction centerline laid out for Hilltop Circle; thence S 5°39'43.3" E a distance of 25.00 feet to a point 40.00 feet left of and opposite station 2501+46.00 on said construction centerline laid out for Hilltop Circle; thence S 84°20'16.7" W a distance of 10.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.012 acres more or less.

Also condemned is the right to enter upon the subject property for the purpose of removal of a building or improvement within the easement area shown on the attached plats marked Annex 1-A. Said easement will expire 24 months from the date of the filing of the petition of said project by the Department of Transportation.

PLAT PROJECT NO./ 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY RECORD OWNERS: Eleazar Martinez

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY I, Angela Whitworth, do hereby certify that I am Treasurer of the Department of Transportation. I further certify that the foregoing 10 pages constitute a true and correct exact copy of an Order of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, entered on the 9 day of March, 2026, as same applies to the tract or parcel of land described in said 10 pages; and the original of said Order is on file at my office at 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Department of Transportation, this 9 day of March, 2026. Angela Whitworth Treasurer Department of Transportation

APPENDIX "B" TO EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY FROM WHICH RIGHT OF WAY IS TAKEN PROJECT NO./0013578 LAURENS COUNTY Record Owners: Eleazar Martinez individually Said right of way as described on Appendix "A" is for a State-aid road, as defined by law across and over certain tracts of land located in Land Lot 187 of the 17 Land District of said County, said tracts of land consisting of approximately 0.999 ± acres.

APPENDIX "C" TO EXHIBIT "A" GEORGIA, Fulton County

Personally comes, Matthew K. Gottschalk, residing at 13902 Tree Loft Road, Milton, GA 30004.

1. Affiant was employed by The Department of Transportation to appraise Parcel No. 42 of the right of way rights required for construction of P# 0013578 Laurens County Georgia for said department and makes this sworn statement to be used in connection with condemnation proceedings under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32 3-4 through 32 3-19, for the acquisition of said parcel.

2. Affiant is familiar with real estate values in said county and in the vicinity where said parcel is located. Affiant has personally inspected the property or right condemned and in appraising said parcel affiant took into consideration the Fair Market Value of said parcel, as well as any consequential damages to remaining property of the Condemnees by reason of the taking and use of said parcel and other rights for the constructions of said project, and any consequential benefits which may result from such remaining property by reason of such taking and use (consequential benefits not, however, considered except as offsetting consequential damages.)

After said investigation and research, affiant has thus estimated that the just and adequate compensation for said parcel, and any consequential damages or benefits considered, is in the amount of \$11600.00

Matthew K. Gottschalk Sworn to and subscribed before me. This 12th day of January, 2026

Caroline Hargrove NOTARY PUBLIC My Commission expires: 11/12/2029 Parcel No. 42

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION vs. 0.319 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez Individually Civil Action No. 26-CG-0256-JH

ORDER AND JUDGMENT

The petition in the above stated case with Declaration of Taking attached, and the certificate of the Clerk showing the filing of such petition and Declaration and deposit into Court of the sum of money estimated as Just compensation for the property taken, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, it is Considered, Ordered, and Adjudged:

1) That the property described in the petition of the Department of Transportation and in the Declaration of Taking filed currently therewith being shown to be within the bounds of the required right of way of Georgia Highway Project/ 0013578 is hereby condemned in fee simple to the use of the Department of Transportation, together with such rights as described in such petition and such Declaration, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the Department of Transportation and its successors are hereby vested with full, complete, and unencumbered title to such property and rights for the purposes described in said petition and Declaration; but nothing herein contained is to be construed as depriving the named defendant, or any person having an interest in, title to, or claim against said property of the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation to a Jury in this Court, or of the right to petition the Court for the appointment of assessors to review and determine the correctness of the amount of estimated compensation, as so deposited, or of the right to petition the Court to vacate and set aside said Declaration and this Judgment; but this Judgment shall be construed only as vested title and the right of possession in the Plaintiff-Condempnor, as contemplated by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;

2) Department of Transportation having applied to me for possession, not later than 60 days of said property, and it being provided in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, that "... the court shall have power to fix the time, the same to be not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the declaration of taking, as provided in Code Section 32-3-6, within which and the terms upon which the parties in possession shall be required to surrender possession to the petitioner," let all persons in possession of such property, as well as named condemnees, be served with a copy of said petition and Declaration of Taking, and this Order, and they are hereby directed to surrender possession of the property to the Department of Transportation not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking;

3) It be further ordered that the Department of Transportation is authorized to grant a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession, and this decision shall be in sole discretion of the Department and shall be effective upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Department

4) It is further ordered and directed that the petition, together with said Declaration of Taking, be served in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Official Code of Georgia Annotated; that, where shown by the petition, there are nonresidents of the State of Georgia, who have title to, Claims against, or any interest in said property, whose names and addresses are known, the Clerk provide for the service of such parties by United States Registered mail, with return card requested, as provided for in said Official Code, and certify such service to the Court, as part of the record in the case;

5) That second originals of this petition, including all orders and proceedings in connection therewith, as well as the Declaration of Taking, be issued by the Clerk for service upon the following named non-residents of this County: (See 2A) 6) It is further ordered that a copy of this petition and of said Declaration be served upon the tax collecting authorities of said County:

7) It being the purpose of this Order, to make certain, so far as is possible that all persons having title to, or interest in, or claims against the described property be given notice of the pendency of this proceeding; It is further ordered that such additional service be made as may be called for by the allegations of the petition, together with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for such service; and, further that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall cause a citation to be issued and published in the official newspaper of said County, entitled in this cause, describing the property condemned in this proceeding, reciting also the filing of the Declaration of Taking by condemnor, setting forth the names of the persons known or believed to be owners, or having an interest in, or claims against said property and citing such persons, as well as all others claiming any title to or interest in said property, or in said fund on deposit with the Clerk which amount shall be set out in such citation, to appear in this Court and make known their claims; and let such citation be published in this newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, beginning with the issue of April 4, 2026 - April 11, 2026.

Let this Order be filed as part of the record in this case. This 30th day of March, 2026. Judge Jon Helton

April 4, 11, 2026

26-159 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA LAURENS COUNTY

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of the power of sale contained in that certain security deed dated July 29, 2025, executed and delivered by MARCI THARPE MULKEY to BANK OF WRIGHTSVILLE, and re-recorded July 30, 2025 in Book 03605, Pages 0069-0073 in the Office of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia records (the "Deed to Secure Debt"), conveying the after-described property to secure that certain promissory note (as amended, modified, extended, and/or renewed, the "Note") from MARCI THARPE MULKEY to BANK OF WRIGHTSVILLE dated July 29, 2025, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand One Hundred Fifty and 75/100ths Dollars (\$117,150.75), CENTURY BANK AND TRUST, successor by merger to BANK OF WRIGHTSVILLE, being the current owner and holder of the Note, with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be a sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on May 5, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month), the following described property commonly known as 618 North Peachtree Road, East Dublin, GA 31027 (the "Property");

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 1309th G.M. District of Laurens County, Georgia, containing 1.0 acres, more or less, as more particularly shown and described on a plat of survey prepared on Oct. 10, 2006, by Larry C. Ones, RLS, and recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 101A, Laurens County Records. The courses and distances of said plat are incorporated into and made a part of this description by reference.

Said tract is designated as Map/Parcel No.: 222A 048 A, by the Laurens County Tax Assessor's office.

Together with all buildings, structures, and improvements now or hereafter situated on the Property and all air conditioning units, heating, plumbing (including heaters and tanks), lighting fixtures, and appliances, now or hereafter attached to or used in connection with improvement on said Property, and all rights, easements, appurtenances, and rents that may now, or at any time in the future, be part of the Property, as more fully described in the Deed to Secure Debt. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note, Deed to Secure Debt, and related loan documents. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying same and, additionally, all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including without limitation attorney fees (the statutory notice of intent to collect attorney fees having been served).

The Property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes that are a lien, but not yet due and payable); any matters that might be disclosed by an accurate survey and/or inspection of the Property; any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, and covenants; and matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt. 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 Deed to Secure Debt.

Notice to the debtor as required by O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 has been given. CENTURY BANK AND TRUST, located at the business address of 141 S Wayne St, Milledgeville, Georgia 31061, is the entity that has the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt and related loan documents and may be contacted through the following representative:

Brian Robinson Century Bank and Trust 141 S Wayne Street Milledgeville, GA 31061 Tel: (478) 453-3571

CENTURY BANK AND TRUST, successor by merger to BANK OF WRIGHTSVILLE, as Attorney-in-Fact for MARCI THARPE MULKEY Erin S. Woodside, Esq. James-Bates-Brannan-Groover-LLP 1 Press Place Suite 200 Athens, Georgia 30601 (706) 215-8325

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2026

26-139 STATE BOARD MEMBER TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING April 20, 2026

Mayor Matt Donaldson to Host State Board of Education Twelfth District Public Hearing

The State Board of Education will hold a public hearing for citizens in the Twelfth Congressional District on Monday, April 20, 2026. The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Warren County Schools, Career Academy, 115 Gibson Hwy., Warrenton, GA 30828.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments from interested citizens and educators within the congressional district regarding the performance and problems of public education. People wishing to speak should sign in upon arrival.

The Georgia Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. Individuals who need assistance or auxiliary aids for participation in this public forum are invited to make their needs known to Geraldine Price at gprice@doe.k12.ga.us no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.

April 4, 11, 2026

26-144 IN THE PROBATE

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

- A13 Linton, Angelette N
- a15 Darrell Mitchell
- A18 Walker, Cherre
- B01 Young, Melissa
- B21 Wright, Dayton
- B32 Smith, Tytanna
- C10 Tanjanikia Smith, Robert Ross
- C40 Wright, Dayton
- C44 Elrod, Lori
- D09 Tanjanikia Smith, Robert Ross
- D19 Wright, Dayton
- D20 Revel, Patrick
- D37 Blackshear, Jeremy
- D40 Austin, Anthony

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

April 4, 11, 2026

**26-167**  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LAURENS** Pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain security deed executed by ESTATE OF DOROTHY C PIERCE and ESTATE OF EDWARD R PIERCE, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated June 19, 2009, and recorded on August 10, 2009 in Deed Book 2124, beginning at page 126, of the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, and by virtue of a default under the terms of said security deed, and the related note, the undersigned attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor (which attorney-in-fact is the present holder of said security deed and note secured thereby) will sell at public outcry before the door of the courthouse in Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale, for cash, to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in May, 2026, all property described in said security deed including but not limited to the following described property: THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SITUATED IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LAURENS, CITY OF DUBLIN, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL THAT TRACT, LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 264, FIRST LAND DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AS LOT TWO (2) OF RAWLS SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT OF SAME MADE BY JACK C. BRANTLEY, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED MAY 22, 1956, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 79 CLERK'S OFFICE, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN ON THE NORTHWESTERN MARGIN OF THE COUNTRY CLUB ROAD A DISTANCE OF 131.8 FEET SOUTHWESTERLY FROM AN OLD FENCE AND PROPERTY LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION; THENCE RUNNING IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 252 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUNNING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 158.9 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUNNING IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 265 FEET TO AN IRON PIN LOCATED ON THE NORTHWESTERN MARGIN OF THE COUNTRY CLUB ROAD; THENCE RUNNING IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE NORTHWESTERN MARGIN OF SAID COUNTRY CLUB ROAD, A DISTANCE OF 134.7 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Said property may more commonly be known as 498 COUNTRY CLUB RD, DUBLIN, GA 31021 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 be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable); any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, and all other matters of record superior to the said Security Deed. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. & BSI Financial Services is the entity with full authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the Note and Security Deed, and it may be contacted at: Address: 7500 Old Georgetown Road, Suite 1350, Bethesda, MD 20814 Phone: 866-581-4498 To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be ESTATE OF DOROTHY C PIERCE and ESTATE OF EDWARD R PIERCE, or tenant(s). TIKVA 2024 LLC, as Transferee, Assignee, and Secured Creditor As attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor Please note that if any borrower or obligor has received a discharge in a bankruptcy case filed under Title 11 of the United States Code, no personal liability will arise from this foreclosure action against that individual. This foreclosure action is being pursued solely against the real property to enforce the lien created by the Security Instrument. Respectfully, Marinocsi Law Group, P.C. 16415 Addison Road, Suite 725 Addison, TX 75001 (401) 234-9200 (401) 398-2594 THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE A-4869716

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**26-157**  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY**  
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Benjamin Rice to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC., its successors and assigns dated May 5, 2025, recorded in Deed Book 3579, Page 102, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC D/B/A MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS FINANCIAL by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3679, Page 178, Laurens County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$238,797.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in May, 2026, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF  
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default having been made of the terms of the Note and Security Deed. The terms remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the total debt, including all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law which includes, but is not limited to, attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).  
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Prospective bidders must perform their own due diligence.  
MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC D/B/A MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS FINANCIAL is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.  
The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Mortgage Solutions Financial Servicing, a division of Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC, 7450 Campus Dr. Suite 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80920, 1-866-552-6118.  
Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.  
Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as **112 Camelot Dr, Dublin, GA 31021**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.  
ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including some that go beyond the typical one-to-four family residence) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. If applicable, as part of this Rule, buyers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable.\* This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.  
\*The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.  
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.  
MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC D/B/A MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS FINANCIAL as Attorney in Fact for Benjamin Rice  
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP  
1544 Old Alabama Rd  
Roswell, GA 30076  
www.foreclosurehotline.net  
EXHIBIT "A"  
THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF LAURENS, STATE OF GEORGIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 0.41 ACRES AND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 242 OF THE 1ST LAND DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, AND KNOWN AS LOT 15 OF THE KINGSWOOD SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY BILLY FLANDERS & ASSOCIATES SURVEYOR, DATED APRIL 10, 1992 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 656, PAGE 20, LAURENS COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF BEING INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN IN AID OF THIS DESCRIPTION. SAID TRACT IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHWESTERLY MARGIN OF KINGS ROAD WITH THE SOUTHWESTERLY MARGIN OF CAMELOT DRIVE AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, RUN THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF CAMELOT DRIVE A DISTANCE OF 240 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THUS ESTABLISHED, RUN THENCE SOUTH 42 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 149.97 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN NORTH 46 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 119.94 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN NORTH 42 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN SOUTH 46 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 120.01 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THERE IS A ONE-STORY FRAME RESIDENCE LOCATED ON THE DESCRIBED TRACT.  
TITLE TO THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROPERTY CONVEYED TO BENJAMIN RICE FROM VICTORIA HORNICK NOW KNOWN AS VICTORIA BAUSCH AND MATT BAUSCH AND RECORDED ON OCTOBER 3, 2024 IN BOOK: 03514 AND PAGE: 00262.  
Parcel ID: OD8F-037

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Property Commonly Known as: 112 CAMELOT Drive, Dublin, GA 31021  
MR / JD May 5, 2026  
Our file no. 26-21293GA-FT17  
26-21293GA  
April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2026

**26-141**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF Joseph Monroe, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 25-45**  
**NOTICE**  
The petition of Temporary Administrator for leave to sell property in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed, TO: Joseph B Monroe, Chayla Monroe, Joshua Monroe, Andre Chatman, Chiyoka Nicole Herman, Joshua Thomas  
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before May 4, 2026.  
**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections must 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  
P.O. Box 2098  
Dublin, GA 31040  
478-272-2566  
April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

**26-130**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS**  
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

**26-121**  
**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  
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March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2026

State of Georgia  
County of Laurens  
Notice is hereby given that the property of each and all persons listed below will be sold at public auction, separately and individually, on Monday, April 20, 2026 starting at 10 AM. In case of inclement weather, sale will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 10 AM.  
1. Josh Brown, Unit X-13;  
2. Darrell Mitchell, Unit Z-31;  
3. Dolphus Wells, Unit W-09.

Property is located at Garner's U. Store, Incorporated, 1321 North Jefferson Street, and 1687 Highway 441 North, Dublin, Georgia, 31021. Each unit, starting first at 1321 N Jefferson Street, will be sold at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash at 10AM on above date at the above premises. All contents of each and every person and every unit will be sold as a unit. The contents are personal items such as, but not necessarily limited to household items, personal items, furniture, and other items. You may call 478-272-3724 for more detailed information.  
April 11, 18, 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

**26-126**  
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  
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March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2026

**26-142**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**

**COUNTY OF LAURENS**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF REMUS EARL MORGAN.**  
**Estate No. 26-39**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS**  
All creditors of the estate of **REMUS EARL MORGAN**, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.  
This 23 Day of March, 2026  
Jordan Bracewell  
Attorney for the Estate of Remus Earl Morgan Kight Law, LLC  
P.O. Box 816  
Dublin, Ga. 31040  
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

**26-143**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF LAURENS**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF Lillian R. Jones, DECEASED**  
All creditors of the Estate of Lillian R. Jones, 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.  
Melanie Newman and Sue Ellen Flury  
Executor of Lillian R. Jones, deceased  
453 Ga Hwy 338 Dublin, GA 31021  
542 Blackshear Ferry Road West 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 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

**26-155**  
Case No. 26-CG-0210-JG  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY**  
**GEORGIA**  
DEPARTM ENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS.  
.797 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez, individually

**TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY:**  
The petition of the Department of Transportation, acting for and on behalf of the State of Georgia, shows:  
1. Petitioner brings this action under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, to acquire by condemnation fee simple title to a right of way for a certain state aid road laid out by petitioner as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known as prject No./P.I. 0013578 said highway being located as shown on a map drawing on file in the office of Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. The date of the approval of the original location of the highway project is September 21, 2023.  
2. The following paragraph is applicable to this action:  
Petitioner also seeks to acquire by condemnation such easements as are necessary for the construction and maintenance of said State-aid road or highway as are fully described in this petition.  
3. The following two paragraphs are not applicable to this action:  
Said highway being a limited access highway, as provided for under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-6-110 through 32-6-119, there is no necessity of condemning rights of access to said highway except at such points as where the design of the limited access highway may require the acquisition of access rights to existing parallel or intersecting roads, streets, or highways. The rights of access, as provided for in said statute, which are condemned in this proceeding, are shown on the plats hereto attached an made a part hereof; and except as so shown, no rights of access are condemned.  
4. Petitioner stands ready to pay just and adequate compensation for said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof and has deposited in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto, the estimated just compensation ascertained in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19.  
5. Said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in said Declaration of Taking are for State-aid public highway purposes upon, across and over the tract of land in said county, also fully described in Exhibit "A".  
6. Petitioner alleged upon information and belief that the owner of said tract of land is: See page 2-A. Said owner is named as defendant to this action. Eleazar Martinez 623 Metts St. Dublin, GA 31021.  
7. The taxing authorities of this County and the State of Georgia may have some claim against said lands on account of unpaid State and County taxes.  
8. The said owners generally and alienors and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to said lands and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across and over said land, are made parties defendant to the action to the end that they may come into Court and make claim to such interest or ownership or other rights they may have in the same and to the proceeds thereof.  
WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:  
(a) For an order condemning in fee simple the property described herein and in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to the use of petitioner, together with the rights described herein and in the Declaration of Taking, while preserving to those persons entitled by law to do so the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia;  
(b) For an order requiring all persons in possession of such property, as well as the named condemnees, to surrender said right-of-way, easements and access rights, if any, to petitioner on a day not later than 30 days from the filing of this petition and Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A"), unless petitioner, in its sole discretion, grants a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession;  
(c) For an order for the service, publication and posting of this petition and the Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A");  
(d) For an order requiring the Clerk of this Court to hold the funds deposited by petitioner subject to the orders and judgments of the Courts;  
(e) For such further orders and judgments as may be necessary in the premises.  
Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTOPHER M. CARR  
Attorney General  
Ga State Bar No 119805

LOGAN B WINKLES

Deputy Attorney General  
Ga State Bar No 136906

RONALD J. STAY  
Senior Assistant Attorney General  
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EXHIBIT "A"  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION vs.  
0.797 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez, individually.  
DECLARATION OF TAKING  
WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation has made and entered an order finding that the circumstances in connection with acquiring right of way to construct Project No./0013578 are such that it is necessary to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands as fully described in said order, a certified copy of which is attached to this Declaration identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and WHEREAS, said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, are for public highway purposes upon, across, and over the tract of land in said county, as fully described in the attachment hereto identified as Appendix "B" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has caused an investigation and report to be made by a competent land appraiser, upon which to estimate the sum of money to be deposited in the Court as just and adequate compensation for the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, above referred to, a copy of the appraiser's sworn statement being attached hereto identified as Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A" and made part hereof; and WHEREAS, in consequence of the sworn statement, Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A", the Department of Transportation estimates \$7,900.00 as the just and adequate compensation to be paid for said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as fully described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and now deposited said sum in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled hereto; NOW, THEREFORE, the premises considered, the Department of Transportation, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, hereby declares that the property or interest therein as described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached to and a part of this Declaration, is taken for State-aid road purposes.  
This the 4 day of March, 2026.  
Russell R. McMurry, P.E  
Commissioner of the Department of Transportation  
APPENDIX "A" TO EXHIBIT "A"  
ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has laid out and determined to construct a certain State-aid road or highway as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known and designated as Project No./ P.I. 0013578 Laurens County. Being a project for Right of Way proposed on SR 31 from S. Poplar Springs Church Rd. to S. of S.R. 117-PH 11-TIA and being more fully shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia; and WHEREAS, in order to maintain the projected schedule of road construction of the Department of Transportation, it is necessary that the right of way, and other rights, if any, for the construction of said project be acquired without delay; and WHEREAS, the parcel(s) of right of way and other rights as herein described and as listed below, shown of record as owned by the person named herein, all as described and shown in the annexes to this order hereinafter enumerated, all of said annexes, being by reference made a part of this order, are essential for the construction of said project:  
Required R/W: 0.797 acres of land; and certain easement rights  
Appendix "A" - Annex 1 – Legal Description Annex 1-A - Plat  
Owners: Eleazar Martinez, individually  
NOW, THEREFORE, it is found by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation that the circumstances are such that it is necessary that the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as described in annexes to this order be acquired by condemnation under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and IT IS ORDERED that the Department of Transportation proceed to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands hereinafter described in annexes to this order by condemnation under the provisions of said Code, and the Attorney General of Georgia as well as his duly authorized Assistant Attorneys General, are authorized and directed to file condemnation proceedings, including a Declaration of Taking, to acquire said title, estate or interest in said lands and to deposit in the Court the sum estimated as just compensation, all in accordance with the provisions of said Code.  
Done at the office of the Commissioner in Atlanta, Georgia, this 4 day of March, 2026. /S/ RUSSELL R. MCMURRY, P.E.  
Commissioner of the Department of Transportation  
ATTEST:  
/S/ ANGELA WHITWORTH  
Treasurer  
Department of Transportation  
PROJECT NO.: 0013578 - Being a project for widening and reconstruction on SR 31 FM S POPLAR SPRINGS CHURCH RD TO S OF SR 117-PH 11-TIA  
P.I. NO: 0013578  
PARCEL NO: 37  
COUNTY: Laurens  
REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY: 0.797 Acres of land; and certain easement rights  
DATE OF R/W PLANS: December 29, 2023  
REVISION DATE: For Drawing No. 60-0026, September 15, 2025; For Drawing No. 60-0027, September 15, 2025  
PROPERTY OWNER: Eleazar Martinez  
**PARCEL 37 REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY:**  
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 186, 187, of the 17 Land District and/or n/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 120.00 feet right of and opposite Station 567+ 55.93 on the construction centerline of SR 31 / U S 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence S 49°28'56.0" W a distance of 82.83 feet to a point 52.00 feet right of and opposite station 567+ 08.63 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / U S 441; thence N 5°41'42.1" W a distance of 26.96 feet to a point 52.00 feet right of and opposite station 567+ 35.59 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / U S 441; thence S 84°18'17.9" W a distance of 30.00 feet to a point 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 567+ 35.59 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence N 5°41'42.1" W a distance of 364.37 feet to a point 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+ 99.96 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / U S 441; thence N 84° 21'47.4" E a distance of 78.00 feet to a point 100.00 feet right and opposite station 570+ 99.98 on said construction centerline laid our for SR 31 / U S 441; thence S 5° 41'42.1" E a distance of 59.88 feet to a point 100.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+ 40.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / U S 441; thence N 84° 18'17.9" E a distance of 20.00 feet to a point 120.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+ 40.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / U S 441; thence S 5° 41'42.1" W a distance of 284.07 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.797 acres more or less.  
**PARCEL 37 TEMPORARY DRIVEWAY EASEMENT:**  
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 186, 187 of the 17 Land District and/or n/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:  
Beginning at a point 100.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+50.00 on the construction centerline of SR 31/US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence N 5°41'42.1W a distance of 34.00 feet to a point 100.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+84.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/ US 441; thence N 84°18'17.9" E a distance of 15.00 feet to a point 115.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+84.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/ US 441, thence S5°41'42.1 E a distance of 34.00 feet to a point 115.00 feet right of and opposite station 570+50.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/ US 441; thence S84°18'17.9 W a distance of 15.00 feet back to the point of the beginning. Containing 0.012 acres more or less. Also, granted is the right to an easement for the construction of a driveway as shown on the attached plat.  
This Temporary Driveway Easement becomes effective at the beginning of construction of the above numbered project and will continue for five (5) years or until completion and final acceptance of said project by the Department of Transportation.  
PLAT  
PROJECT NO./P.I No 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY  
RECORD OWNER: Eleazar Martinez, individually.  
I, Angela Whitworth, do hereby certify that I am Treasurer of the Department of Transportation. I further certify that the foregoing 9 pages constitute a true and correct exact copy of an Order of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, entered on the 4 day of March, 2026 as same applies to the tract or parcel of land described in said 9 pages; and the original of said Order is on file at my office at 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia.  
Given under my hand and the Seal of the Department of Transportation, this 4 day of March, 2026.  
Angela Whitworth  
Treasurer  
Department of Transportation  
APPENDIX "B"  
TO EXHIBIT "A"  
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY FROM WHICH RIGHT OF WAY IS TAKEN PROJECT NO./P.I 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY Record Owners: Eleazar Martinez, individually  
Said right of way as described on Appendix "A" is for a State-aid road, as defined by law across and over certain tracts of land located in Land Lots 186 and 187 of the 17 Land District of said County, said tracts of land consisting of approximately 2.097+ acres.  
**APPENDIX "C" TO EXHIBIT "A"**  
GEORGIA, Fulton County  
Personally comes, Matthew K. Gottschalk, residing at 13902 Tree Loft Road, Milton, GA 30004.  
1. Affiant was employed by The Department of Transportation to appraise Parcel No. 37 of the right of way rights required for construction of P# 0013578 Laurens County Georgia for said department and makes this sworn statement to be used in connection with condemnation proceedings under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, for the acquisition of said parcel.  
2. Affiant is familiar with real estate values in said county and in the vicinity where said parcel is located. Affiant has personally inspected the property or right condemned and in appraising said parcel affiant took into consideration the Fair Market Value of said parcel, as well as any consequential damages to remaining property of the condemnees by reason of the taking and use of said parcel and other rights for the constructions of said project, and any consequential benefits which may result to such remaining property by reason of such taking and use (consequential benefits not, however, considered except as offsetting consequential damages.) After said investigation and research, affiant has thus estimated that the just and adequate compensation for said parcel, and any consequential damages or benefits considered, is in the amount of \$7,900.00.  
Matthew K. Gottschalk  
Sworn to and subscribed before me. This 9th day of January, 2026.  
Caroline Hargrove  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission expires: 11/12/2029  
Parcel No. 37

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS.  
0.797 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez, individually.  
DECLARATION OF TAKING  
WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation has made and entered an order finding that the circumstances in connection with acquiring right of way to construct Project No./0013578 are such that it is necessary to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands as fully described in said order, a certified copy of which is attached to this Declaration identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and WHEREAS, said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, are for public highway purposes upon, across, and over the tract of land in said county, as fully described in the attachment hereto identified as Appendix "B" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has caused an investigation and report to be made by a competent land appraiser, upon which to estimate the sum of money to be deposited in the Court as just and adequate compensation for the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, above referred to, a copy of the appraiser's sworn statement being attached hereto identified as Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A" and made part hereof; and WHEREAS, in consequence of the sworn statement, Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A", the Department of Transportation estimates \$7,900.00 as the just and adequate compensation to be paid for said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as fully described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and now deposited said sum in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled hereto; NOW, THEREFORE, the premises considered, the Department of Transportation, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, hereby declares that the property or interest therein as described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached to and a part of this Declaration, is taken for State-aid road purposes.  
This the 4 day of March, 2026.  
Russell R. McMurry, P.E  
Commissioner of the Department of Transportation  
APPENDIX "A" TO EXHIBIT "A"  
ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has laid out and determined to construct a certain State-aid road or highway as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known and designated as Project No./ P.I. 0013578 Laurens County. Being a project for Right of Way proposed on SR 31 from S. Poplar Springs Church Rd. to S. of S.R. 117-PH 11-TIA and being more fully shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia; and WHEREAS, in order to maintain the projected schedule of road construction of the Department of Transportation, it is necessary that the right of way, and other rights, if any, for the construction of said project be acquired without delay; and WHEREAS, the parcel(s) of right of way and other rights as herein described and as listed below, shown of record as owned by the person named herein, all as described and shown in the annexes to this order hereinafter enumerated, all of said annexes, being by reference made a part of this order, are essential for the construction of said project:  
Required R/W: 0.797 acres of land; and certain easement rights  
Appendix "A" - Annex 1 – Legal Description Annex 1-A - Plat  
Owners: Eleazar Martinez, individually  
NOW, THEREFORE, it is found by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation that the circumstances are such that it is necessary that the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as described in annexes to this order be acquired by condemnation under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and IT IS ORDERED that the Department of Transportation proceed to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands hereina

1) That the property described in the petition of the Department of Transportation and in the Declaration of Taking filed currently therewith being shown to be within the bounds of the required right of way of Georgia Highway Project/ P1 0013578 is hereby condemned in fee simple to the use of the Department of Transportation, together with such rights as described in such petition and such Declaration, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the Department of Transportation and its successors are hereby vested with full, complete, and unencumbered title to such property and rights for the purposes described in said petition and Declaration; but nothing herein contained is to be construed as depriving the named defendant, or any person having an interest in, title to, or claim against said property of the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation to a jury in this Court, or of the right to petition the Court for an interlocutory hearing and the appointment of assessors to review and determine the correctness of the amount of estimated compensation, as so deposited, or of the right to petition the Court to vacate and set aside said Declaration and this Judgment; but this Judgment shall be construed only as vested title and the right of possession in the Plaintiff-Condennor, as contemplated by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;

2) Department of Transportation having applied to me for possession, not later than 30 days of said property, and it being provided in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, that "... the court shall have power to fix the time, the same to be not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the declaration of taking, as provided in Code Section 32-3-6, within which and the terms upon which the parties in possession shall be required to surrender possession to the petitioner", let all persons in possession of such property, as well as named condemnees, be served with a copy of said petition and Declaration of Taking, and this Order, and they are hereby directed to surrender possession of the property to the Department of Transportation not later than 30 days from the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking;

3) It is further ordered that the Department of Transportation is authorized to grant a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession, and this decision shall be in sole discretion of the Department and shall be effective upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Department;

4) It is further ordered and directed that the petition, together with said Declaration of Taking, be served in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Official Code of Georgia Annotated; that, where shown by the petition, there are nonresidents of the State of Georgia, who have title to, Claims against, or any interest in said property, whose names and addresses are known, the Clerk provide for the service of such parties by United States Registered mail, with return card requested, as provided for in said Official Code, and certify such service to the Court, as part of the record in the case;

5) That second originals of this petition, including all orders and proceedings in connection therewith, as well as the Declaration of Taking, be issued by the Clerk for service upon the following named non-residents of this County: (See 2A)

6) It is further ordered that a copy of this petition and of said Declaration be served upon the tax collecting authorities of said County;

7) It being the purpose of this Order, to make certain, so far as is possible that all persons having title to, or interest in, or claims against the described property be given notice of the pendency of this proceeding; it is further ordered that such additional service be made as may be called for by the allegations of the petition, together with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for such service; and, further that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall cause a citation to be issued and published in the official newspaper of said County, entitled in this cause, describing the property condemned in this proceeding, reciting also the filing of the Declaration of Taking by condemnor, setting forth the names of the persons known or believed to be owners, or having an interest in, or claims against said property and citing such persons, as well as all others claiming any title to or interest in said property, or in said fund on deposit with the Clerk which amount shall be set out in such citation, to appear in this Court and make known their claims; and let such citation be published in such newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, beginning as soon as practical after the issuance of this Order.

Let this Order be filed as part of the record in this case. This 26th day of March, 2026. Judge Jud L. Green

JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT DUBLIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

April 4, 11, 2026

**26-155**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF CARNELL CURRY, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 25-71**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**

TO: BRENDASHLEY CURRY and CARNELLAGNEW and to whom it may concern: Stella Adhisurya, Esq., has petitioned for a county administrator for the sole purpose of a lawsuit to be appointed administrator of the estate of Carnell Curry 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-9-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 May 4, 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  
101 N. Jefferson Street  
Dublin, GA 31021  
478/272-2566

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

**26-131**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF BILLY HAZLEY, SR., DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 26-38**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**

TO: Paul Hazley, Maurice Washington, Cornelius Hazley, Cassandra Hunter, Jennifer Hazley, Billy Hazley, Jr. and to whom it may concern: Julia Hazley has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of BILLY HAZLEY, 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. 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 2142  
Dublin, GA 31040  
478 272-2566

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

**26-129**  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY**

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Thurian Wright to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Central Pacific Mortgage Company, A California Corporation., its successors and assigns dated July 18, 2002, recorded in Deed Book 1310, Page 222, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to NewRez LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3685, Page 214, Laurens County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$62,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth herein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in May, 2026, the following described property:  
**SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF**

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

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

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

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: NewRez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Suite 300, Greenville, SC 29601, (800) 365-7107.

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

Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as **428 Shannon Drive, East Dublin, GA 31027**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.

**ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:** On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, will go into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sales transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicious Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258.

NewRez LLC  
as Attorney in Fact for  
Thurian Wright  
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP  
1544 Old Alabama Rd  
Roswell, GA 30076  
www.foreclosurehotline.net  
EXHIBIT "A"  
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 86th G.M. District of Laurens County, Georgia, containing 2.0 acres, more or less, and being more particularly shown and described as Lot A-4 of Big Creek Estates as shown on a plat of survey prepared by Billy Flanders, Surveyor, dated July 2, 1993, and recorded in Deed Book 7, Page 111, Laurens County Records. The courses and distances of said plat are incorporated into and made a part of this description by this reference.

This is that same property conveyed to Thurian Wright by Warranty Deed of Don Thompson and James O. Garrett dated February 24, 1994 and recorded in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 746, Page 38. SUBJECT TO:  
1) All easements of record; and

2) Building set-back lines, general utility easements and other matters as may be disclosed on plats of record. There is or will be located on the property hereinabove described and conveyed a manufactured home more particularly described as a 2002 Horton Homes, 27 x 66, Serial Number H177154GL&R, and by agreement of the parties hereto, is affixed to the above described land in such a manner as to constitute a fixture pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-1-6(a), as amended, and has as of the date hereof become a part of the real property herein described. Accordingly, said home is to be treated and taxed as an improvement to real property for ad valorem tax purposes and the owner thereof agrees to apply for homestead exemption or take other applicable steps to ensure taxation of said home as real property at the earliest possible date under the laws of the State of Georgia. It being the unconditional and absolute intention that the manufactured housing as last described shall remain permanently attached in its place on the realty as hereinabove described.  
MR / MA / May 5, 2026  
Our file no. 26-21688GA-FT18  
26-21688GA  
March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2026

**26-160**  
**LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT TRADE NAME REGISTRATION PERSONALLY APPEARED THE UNDERSIGNED WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT: Lentile Construction Company, 2115 Academy Ave. Extension, Dublin, GA 31021, IS/ARE DOING BUSINESS IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA., UNDER THE NAME OF: TRADE NAME: Lentile Garbutt, P.O. Box 758, Dublin, GA 31040, AND THAT THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE CARRIED ON AT SUCH ADDRESS IS: Construction SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 2nd DAY OF April, 2026**

Joanna Alligood  
NOTARY PUBLIC OR DEPUTY CLERK  
April 11, 18, 2026

**26-151**  
Case No. 26-CG-0078-JG  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION vs.  
0.387 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and James M. Woodward and Wylene K. Woodward  
TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY:  
The petition of the Department of Transportation, acting for and on behalf of the State of Georgia, shows:  
1. Petitioner brings this action under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, to acquire by condemnation fee simple title to a right of way for a certain state aid road laid out by petitioner as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known as Project No. P.1. 0019465 said highway being located as shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. The date of the approval of the original location of the highway project is the 20th of June, 2026.  
2. The following paragraph is not applicable to this action:  
Petitioner also seeks to acquire by condemnation such easements as are necessary for the construction and maintenance of said State-aid road or highway as are fully described in this petition.  
3. The following two paragraphs are not applicable to this action:  
Said highway being a limited access highway, as provided for under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-6-110 through 32-6-119, there is no necessity of condemning rights of access to said highway except at such points as where the design of the limited access highway may require the acquisition of access rights to existing parallel or intersecting roads, streets, or highways.  
The rights of access, as provided for in said statute, which are condemned in this proceeding, are shown on the plats hereto attached and made a part hereof; and, except as so shown, no rights of access are condemned.  
4. Petitioner stands ready to pay just and adequate compensation for said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof and has deposited in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto, the estimated just compensation ascertained in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19.  
5. Said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in said Declaration of Taking are for State-aid public highway purposes upon, across and over the tract of land in said county, also fully described in Exhibit "A".  
6. Petitioner alleges upon information and belief that the owners of said tract of land are: See page 2-A. Said owners are named defendants to this action.  
James M Woodward  
2029 S. Poplar Springs Church Rd.  
Rentz, GA 31075  
Wylene K. Woodward  
2029 S. Poplar Springs Church Rd.  
Rentz, GA 31075  
7. The taxing authorities of this County and the State of Georgia may have some claim against said lands on account of unpaid State and County taxes.  
8. The said owners generally and alienors and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to said lands and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across and over said land, are made parties defendant to this action to the end that they may come into Court and make claim to such interest or ownership or other rights they may have in the same and to the proceeds thereof.  
WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:  
(a) For an order condemning in fee simple the property described herein and in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to the use of petitioner, together with the rights described herein and in the Declaration of Taking, while preserving to those persons entitled by law to do so the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia;  
(b) For an order requiring all persons in possession of such property, as well as the named condemnees, to surrender said right-of-way, easements and access rights, if any, to petitioner on a day not later than 60 days from the filing of this petition and Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A"), unless petitioner, in its sole discretion, grants a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession;  
(c) For an order for the service, publication and posting of this petition and the Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A");  
(d) For an order requiring the Clerk of this Court to hold the funds deposited by petitioner subject to the orders and judgments of the Courts;

e) For such further orders and judgments as may be necessary in the premises. Respectfully submitted,  
  
CHRISTOPHER M. CARR  
Attorney General  
Ga State Bar No 112505  
  
LOGAN B WINKLES  
Deputy Attorney General  
Ga State Bar No 136906  
  
RONALD J. STAY  
Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Ga State Bar N o 621732  
  
THE JACKSON LAW FIRM  
By: RALPH N. JACKSON  
SAAG NAME  
Special Assistant Attorney General  
Ga State Bar No 387629  
  
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ASSOCIATES NAME ( NO TITLE)  
  
Please Address All Communications to: The Jackson Law Firm  
212-H West Jackson Street Dublin, Ga 31201  
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478-353-4444  
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Attorneys for Plaintiffs  
  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION vs.  
0.387 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and James M. Woodward and Wylene K. Woodward individually  
DECLARATION OF TAKING  
WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation has made and entered an order finding that the circumstances in connection with acquiring right of way to construct Project No./ 0019465 are such that it is necessary to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands as fully described in said order, a certified copy of which is attached to this Declaration identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and  
WHEREAS, said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, are for public highway purposes upon, across, and over the tract of land in said county, as fully described in the attachment hereto identified as Appendix "B" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and  
WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has caused an investigation and report to be made by a competent land appraiser, upon which to estimate the sum of money to be deposited in the Court as just and adequate compensation for the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, above referred to, a copy of the appraiser's sworn statement being attached hereto identified as Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and  
WHEREAS, in consequence of the sworn statement, Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A", the Department of Transportation estimates \$39,700 as the just and adequate compensation to be paid for said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as fully described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and now deposited said sum in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled hereto;  
NOW, THEREFORE, the premises considered, the Department of Transportation, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, hereby declares that the property or interest therein as described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached to and a part of this Declaration, is taken for State-aid road purposes.  
This the 20 day of January, 2026.  
Russell R. McMurry, PE  
Commissioner of the D of Transportation

APPENDIX "A" TO EXHIBIT "A"  
ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has laid out and determined to construct a certain State-aid road or highway as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known and designated as Project No./ P.1. 0019465 LAURENS COUNTY. Being a project for Right of Way of Proposed SR 31 FM S of SR 46 to N of S Poplar Springs Church Rd - Ph1 and being more fully shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia; and  
WHEREAS, in order to maintain the projected schedule of road construction of the Department of Transportation, it is necessary that the right of way, and other rights, if any, for the construction of said project be acquired without delay; and  
WHEREAS, the parcel(s) of right of way and other rights as herein described and as listed below, shown of record as owned by the person named herein, all as described and shown in the annexes to this order hereinafter enumerated, all of said annexes, being by reference made a part of this order, are essential for the construction of said project:  
Required R/W: 0.387 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and  
Appendix "A" - Annex 1 – Legal Description  
Annex 1-A - Plat  
Owners: James M. Woodward; and Wylene K. Woodward  
NOW, THEREFORE, it is found by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation that the circumstances are such that it is necessary that the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as described in annexes to this order be acquired by condemnation under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and IT IS ORDERED that the Department of Transportation proceed to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands herein-after described in annexes to this order by condemnation under the provisions of said Code, and the Attorney General of Georgia as well as his duly authorized Assistant Attorneys General, are authorized and directed to file condemnation proceedings, including a Declaration of Taking, to acquire said title, estate or interest in said lands and to deposit in the Court the sum estimated as just compensation, all in accordance with the provisions of said Code. Done at the office of the Commissioner in Atlanta, Georgia, this 20 day of January, 2026.  
/S/ RUSSELL R. MCMURRY, P.E.  
Commissioner of the Department of Transportation  
ATTEST:  
/S/ ANGELA WHITWORTH  
Treasurer  
Department of Transportation  
EXHIBIT "A"  
P.I. NO.: 0019465  
PARCEL NO.: 59  
COUNTY: Laurens  
REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY: 0.387 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and James M. Woodward and Wylene K. Woodward individually  
DATE OF R/W PLANS: July 26, 2023

REVISION DATE: Sheet Numbers 55 and 56, April 25, 2025  
  
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 149 of the 17 Land District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:  
Beginning at a point 105.00 feet right of and opposite Station 404+99.23 on the construction centerline of SR 31/US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No.0019465; running thence S 81° 07'02.3" W a distance of 83.01 feet to a point 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 405+00.50 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence N 9°45'44.9" W a distance of 213.92 feet to a point 22.00 feet right of and opposite station 407+14.42 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence S 9°45'44.9" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 105.00 feet right of and opposite station 406+00.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence N 80°14'15.1" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 105.00 feet right of and opposite station 407+15.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence S 9°45'44.9" E a distance of 34.00 feet to a point 95.00 feet right of and opposite station 406+81.00 on said construction centerline of SR 31/US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No.0019465; running thence S 80°14'15.1" W a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 95.00 feet right of and opposite station 406+81.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence N 9°45'44.9" W a distance of 34.00 feet to a point 95.00 feet right of and opposite station 407+15.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence N 80°14'15.1" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 105.00 feet right of and opposite station 407+15.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31/US 441; thence S 9°45'44.9" E a distance of 34.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.008 acres more or less.

P. I. NO.: 0019465  
PARCEL NO. : 59 COUNTY: Laurens  
DATE OF R/W PLANS: July 26, 2026  
REVISION DATE:Sheet numbers 55 and 56, April 25, 2025  
  
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PLAT  
PROJECT NO./P.I.No. 0019465 LAURENS COUNTY  
RECORD OWNERS: James M. Woodward; and Wylene K. Woodward  
  
I, Angela Whitworth, do hereby certify that I am Treasurer of the Department of Transportation. I further certify that the foregoing 10 pages constitute a true and correct exact copy of an Order of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, entered on the 20 day of January, 2026 as same applies to the tract or parcel of land described in said 10 pages; and the original of said Order is on file at my office at 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. Given under my hand and the Seal of the Department of Transportation, this 20 day of January, 2026.  
Angela Whitworth  
Treasurer  
Department of Transportation

APPENDIX " B "  
TO EXHIBIT "A"  
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY FROM WHICH RIGHT OF WAY IS TAKEN PROJECT NO./P.I. 0019465 LAURENS COUNTY Record Owners: James M. Woodward; and Wylene K. Woodward  
Said right of way as described on Appendix "A" is for a State-aid road, as defined by law across and over certain tracts of land located in Land Lot 149 of the 17 Land District of said County, said tracts of 1 and consisting of approximately 0.997+ acres.  
  
APPENDIX "C" TO EXHIBIT "A"  
GEORGIA, Fulton County  
Personally comes, Matthew K. Gottschalk, residing at 13902 Tree Loft Road, Milton, GA 30004.  
1. Affiant was employed by The Department of Transportation to appraise Parcel No. 59 of the right of way rights required for construction of PI# 0019465 Laurens County Georgia for said department and makes this sworn statement to be used in connection with condemnation proceedings under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32 3-4 through 32 3-19, for the acquisition of said parcel.  
2. Affiant is familiar with real estate values in said county and in the vicinity where said parcel is located. Affiant has personally inspected the property or right condemned and in appraising said parcel affiant took into consideration the Fair Market Value of said parcel, as well as any consequential damages to remaining property of the Condemnees by reason of the taking and use of said parcel and other rights for the constructions of said project, and any consequential benefits which may result to such remaining property by reason of such taking and use (consequential benefits not, however, considered except as offsetting consequential damages.) After said investigation and research, affiant has thus estimated that the just and adequate compensation for said parcel, and any consequential damages or benefits considered, is in the amount of \$39700.00.  
Matthew K. Gottschalk  
Sworn to and subscribed before me. This 12th day of January, 2026.  
Caroline Hargrove  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission expires: 11/12/2029

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS.  
0.387 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and James M. Woodward; and Wylene K. Woodward individually  
**ORDER AND JUDGMENT**  
The petition in the above stated case with Declaration of Taking attached, and the certificate of the Clerk showing the filing of such petition and Declaration and deposit into Court of the sum of money estimated as just compensation for the property taken, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, it is Considered, Ordered, and Adjudged:  
1) That the property described in the petition of the Department of Transportation and in the Declaration of Taking filed currently therewith being shown to be within the bounds of the required right of way of Georgia Highway Project/ P.1 No 0019465 is hereby condemned in fee simple to the use of the Department of Transportation, together with such rights as described in such petition and such Declaration, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the Department of Transportation and its successors are hereby vested with full, complete, and unencumbered title to such property and rights for the purposes described in said petition and Declaration; but nothing herein contained is to be construed as depriving the named defendant, or any person having an interest in, title to, or claim against said property of the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation to a jury in this Court, or of the right to petition the Court for an interlocutory hearing and the appointment of assessors to review and determine the correctness of the amount of estimated compensation, as so deposited, or of the right to petition the Court to vacate and set aside said Declaration and this Judgment; but this Judgment shall be construed only as vested title and the right of possession in the Plaintiff-Condennor, as contemplated by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated;

2) Department of Transportation having applied to me for possession, not later than 60 days of said property, and it being provided in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, that "... the court shall have power to fix the time, the same to be not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the declaration of taking, as provided in Code Section 32-3-6, within which and the terms upon which the parties in possession shall be required to surrender possession to the petitioner", let all persons in possession of such property, as well as named condemnees, be served with a copy of said petition and Declaration of Taking, and this Order, and they are hereby directed to surrender possession of the property to the Department of Transportation not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking;

3) It is further ordered that the Department of Transportation is authorized to grant a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession, and this decision shall be in sole discretion of the Department and shall be effective upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Department;

4) It is further ordered and directed that the petition, together with said Declaration of Taking, be served in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Official Code of Georgia Annotated; that, where shown by the petition, there are nonresidents of the State of Georgia, who have title to, Claims against, or any interest in said property, whose names and addresses are known, the Clerk provide for the service of such parties by United States Registered mail, with return card requested, as provided for in said Official Code, and certify such service to the Court, as part of the record in the case;

5) That second originals of this petition, including all orders and proceedings in connection therewith, as well as the Declaration of Taking, be issued by the Clerk for service upon the following named non-residents of this County: (See 2A)

6) It is further ordered that a copy of this petition and of said Declaration be served upon the tax collecting authorities of said County;

7) It being the purpose of this Order, to make certain, so far as is possible that all persons having title to, or interest in, or claims against the described property be given notice of the pendency of this proceeding; it is further ordered that such additional service be made as may be called for by the allegations of the petition, together with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for such service; and, further that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall cause a citation to be issued and published in the official newspaper of said County, entitled in this cause, describing the property condemned in this proceeding, reciting also the filing of the Declaration of Taking by condemnor, setting forth the names of the persons known or believed to be owners, or having an interest in, or claims against said property and citing such persons, as well as all others claiming any title to or interest in said property, or in said fund on deposit with the Clerk which amount shall be set out in such citation, to appear in this Court and make known their claims; and let such citation be published in such newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, beginning with the issue of April 4, 2026 through April 11, 2026. Let this Order be filed as part of the record in this case. This 26th day of March, 2026. JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT DUBLIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
Judge Jud L. Green

April 4, 11, 2026

**26-153**  
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2. The following paragraph is applicable to this action:

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA

Petitioner also seeks to acquire by condemnation such easements as are necessary for the construction and maintenance of said State-aid road or highway as are fully described in this petition.

3. The following two paragraphs are not applicable to this action:

Said highway being a limited access highway, as provided for under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-6-110 through 32-6-119, there is no necessity of condemning rights of access to said highway except at such points as where the design of the limited access highway may require the acquisition of access rights to existing parallel or intersecting roads, streets, or highways. The rights of access, as provided for in said statute, which are condemned in this proceeding, are shown on the plats hereto attached and made a part hereof; and, except as so shown, no rights of access are condemned.

4.

Petitioner stands ready to pay just and adequate compensation for said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof and has deposited in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto, the estimated just compensation ascertained in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19.

5.

Said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in said Declaration of Taking are for State-aid public highway purposes upon, across and over the tract of land in said county, also fully described in Exhibit "A".

6.

Petitioner alleges upon information and belief that the owner of said tract of land is: See page 2-A.

Said owner is named as defendant to this action.

Eleazar Martinez  
623 Metts St.  
Dublin, GA 31021

7.

The taxing authorities of this County and the State of Georgia may have some claim against said lands on account of unpaid State and County taxes.

8.

The said owners generally and aliens and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to said lands and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across and over said land, are made parties defendant to this action to the end that they may come into Court and make claim to such interest or ownership or other rights they may have in the same and to the proceeds thereof.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:

(a) For an order condemning in fee simple the property described herein and in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" to the use of petitioner, together with the rights described herein and in the Declaration of Taking, while preserving to those persons entitled by law to do so the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia;

(b) For an order requiring all persons in possession of such property, as well as the named condemnees, to surrender said right-of-way, easements and access rights, if any, to petitioner on a day not later than 30 days from the filing of this petition and Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A"), unless petitioner, in its sole discretion, grants a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession;

(c) For an order for the service, publication and posting of this petition and the Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A");

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EXHIBIT "A"  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
LAURENS COUNTY  
GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
VS.  
0.064 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez, individually,

DOCKET NO. ---  
**DECLARATION OF TAKING**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation has made and entered an order finding that the circumstances in connection with acquiring right of way to construct Project No./ P.I. 0013578 are such that it is necessary to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands as fully described in said order, a certified copy of which is attached to this Declaration identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and

WHEREAS, said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, are for public highway purposes upon, across, and over the tract of land in said county, as fully described in the attachment hereto identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has caused an investigation and report to be made by a competent land appraiser, upon which to estimate the sum of money to be deposited in the Court as just and adequate compensation for the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, above referred to, a copy of the appraiser's sworn statement being attached hereto identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A" and made part hereof; and

WHEREAS, in consequence of the sworn statement, Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", the Department of Transportation estimates \$49,100.00 as the just and adequate compensation to be paid for said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as fully described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached hereto, and now deposited said sum in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, the premises considered, the Department of Transportation, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, hereby declares that the property or interest therein as described in Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A", attached to and a part of this Declaration, is taken for State-aid road purposes.

This the 4th day of March, 2026.  
/s/ Russell R. McMurry, P.E.  
Commissioner of the Department of Transportation

APPENDIX "A" TO EXHIBIT "A"  
ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has laid out and determined to construct a certain State-aid road or highway as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known and designated as Project No./P.I. 0013578 Laurens County, Being a project for Right of Way proposed on SR 31 from S. Poplar Springs Church Rd. to S. of S. R. 117-PH 11-TIA and being more fully shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the projected schedule of road construction of the Department of Transportation, it is necessary that the right of way, and other rights, if any, for the construction of said project be acquired without delay; and

WHEREAS, the parcel(s) of right of way and other rights as herein described and as listed below, shown of record as owned by the person named herein, all as described and shown in the annexes to this order hereinafter enumerated, all of said annexes, being by reference made a part of this order, are essential for the construction of said project:

Required R/W: 0.064 acres of land; and certain easement rights  
Appendix "A" - Annex 1 - Legal Description Annex 1-A - Plat  
Owners: Eleazar Martinez, individually

NOW, THEREFORE, it is found by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation that the circumstances are such that it is necessary that the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, as described in annexes to this order be acquired by condemnation under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and

IT IS ORDERED that the Department of Transportation proceed to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands hereinafter described in annexes to this order by condemnation under the provisions of said Code, and the Attorney General of Georgia as well as his duly authorized Assistant Attorneys General, are authorized and directed to file condemnation proceedings, including a Declaration of Taking, to acquire said title,

estate or interest in said lands and to deposit in the Court the sum estimated as just compensation, all in accordance with the provisions of said Code.

Done at the office of the Commissioner in Atlanta, Georgia, this 4th day of March, 2026.

/S/ RUSSELL R. MCMURRY, P.E.  
Commissioner of the Department of Transportation  
/S/ ANGELA WHITWORTH  
Treasurer  
Department of Transportation

PROJECT NO. 0013578 - Being a project for widening and reconstruction on SR 31 FM S POPLAR SPRINGS CHURCH RD TO S OF SR 117=PH II-TIA

P.I. NO. 0013578

PARCEL NO.: 74

COUNTY: LAURENS

REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY: 0.064 Acres of land; and certain easement rights  
DATE OF R/W PLANS: December 29, 2023

REVISION DATE: For Drawing No. 60-0038, July 3, 2025; For Drawing No. 60-0039, July 3, 2025

PROPERTY OWNER: Eleazar Martinez, individually

**PARCEL 74 REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY:**  
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 17 Land District and/or N/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 90.00 feet left of and opposite Station 630+16.79 on the construction centerline of SR 31 / US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence N 7°52' 19.8" W a distance of 183.21 feet to a point 90.00 feet left of and opposite station 632+00.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence N 7°52' 21.0" W a distance of 26.79 feet to a point 100.00 feet left of and opposite station 632+26.79 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence N 82°07'39.0" E a distance of 22.00 feet to a point 78.00 feet left of and opposite station 632+26.79 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence S 7°52' 21.0" E a distance of 210.00 feet to a point 78.00 feet left of and opposite station 630+16.79 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence S 82°07'39.0" W a distance of 12.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.064 acres more or less.

**PARCEL 74 TEMPORARY DRIVEWAY EASEMENT:**  
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 17 Land District and/or N/A Georgia Militia District of Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 110.00 feet left of and opposite Station 631+61.00 on the construction centerline of SR 31 / US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence N 7°52' 21.0" W a distance of 39.00 feet to a point 110.00 feet left of and opposite station 632+00.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence N 82°08'02.1" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 100.00 feet left of and opposite station 632+00.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441; thence N 82°07'15.1" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 90.00 feet left of and opposite station 632+00.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 7°52' 15.1" E a distance of 39.00 feet to a point 90.00 feet left of and opposite station 631+61.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 82°07'39.0" W a distance of 20.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.018 acres more or less. Also, granted is the right to an easement for the construction of a driveway as shown on the attached plat. This Temporary Driveway Easement becomes effective at the beginning of construction of the above numbered project and will continue for five (5) years or until completion and final acceptance of said project by the Department of Transportation.

PLAT

PROJECT NO./ P.I. No. 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY

RECORD OWNER:  
Eleazar Martinez, individually

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY

I, Angela Whitworth, do hereby certify that I am Treasurer of the Department of Transportation. I further certify that the foregoing 9 pages constitute a true and correct exact copy of an Order of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, entered on the 4th day of March, 2026, as same applies to the tract or parcel of land described in said 9 pages; and the original of said Order is on file at my office at 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. Given under my hand and the Seal of the Department of Transportation, this 4th day of March, 2026.  
/s/ Angela O Whitworth  
Angela Whitworth  
Treasurer  
Department of Transportation

APPENDIX "B"  
TO  
EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY FROM WHICH RIGHT OF WAY IS TAKEN

PROJECT NO./ P.I. 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY

Record Owner:  
Eleazar Martinez, individually

Said right of way as described on Appendix "A"; is for a State-aid road, as defined by law across and over certain tracts of land located in Land Lot 203 of the 17th Land District of said County, said tracts of land consisting of approximately 1.014 ± acres.

APPENDIX "C" TO EXHIBIT "A"

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY  
Personally comes, Matthew K. Gottschalk, residing at 13902 Tree Loft Road, Milton, GA 30004.

1. Affiant was employed by the Dept of Transportation to appraise Parcel No. 74 of the right of way and rights required for construction of P# 0013578 Laurens County Georgia for said department and makes his sworn statement to be used in connection with condemnation proceedings under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, for the acquisition of said parcel.

2. Affiant is familiar with real estate values in said county and in the vicinity where said parcel is located. Affiant has personally inspected the property or right condemned and in appraising said parcel affiant took into consideration the Fair Market Value of said parcel, as well as any consequential damages to remaining property of the Condemnees by reason of the taking and use of said parcel and other rights for the construction of said project, and any consequential benefits which may result to such remaining property by reason of such taking and use (consequential benefits not, however, considered except as offsetting consequential damages). After said investigation and research, affiant has thus estimated that the just and adequate compensation for said parcel, and any consequential damages or benefits considered, is the amount of \$49,100.00.

/s/ Matthew K. Gottschalk  
Sworn to and subscribed before me, This 9th day of January, 2026.  
/s/ Caroline Hargrove  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My commission expires: 11-12-29

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA  
DOCKET NO. Civil No 26-CG-0209-JH

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS.

0.064 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Eleazar Martinez, individually

**ORDER AND JUDGMENT**

The petition in the above stated case with Declaration of Taking attached, and the certificate of the Clerk showing the filing of such petition and Declaration and deposit into Court of the sum of money estimated as just compensation for the property taken, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, it is Considered, Ordered, and Adjudged:

1) That the property described in the petition of the Department of Transportation and in the Declaration of Taking filed currently therewith being shown to be within the bounds of the required right of way of Georgia Highway Project/P.I. 0013578 is hereby condemned in fee simple to the use of the Department of Transportation, together with such rights as described in such petition and such Declaration, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the Department of Transportation and its successors are hereby

vested with full, complete, and unencumbered title to such property and rights for the purposes described in said petition and Declaration; but nothing herein contained is to be construed as depriving the named defendant, or any person having an interest in, title to, or claim against said property of the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation to a jury in this Court, or of the right to petition the Court for an interlocutory hearing and the appointment of assessors to review and determine the correctness of the amount of estimated compensation, as so deposited, or of the right to petition the Court to vacate and set aside said Declaration and this Judgment; but this Judgment shall be construed only as vested title and right of possession in the Plaintiff-Condempnor, as contemplated by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. 2) Department of Transportation having applied to me for possession, not later than 30 days of said property, and it being provided in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated that, "... the court shall have power to fix the time, the same to be not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking, as provided in Code section 32-3-6, within which and the terms upon which the parties in possession shall be required to surrender possession to the petitioner", let all persons in possession of such property, as well as named condemnees, be served with a copy of said petition and Declaration of Taking, and this Order, and they are hereby directed to surrender possession of the property to the Department of Transportation not later than 30 days from the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking; 3) It be further ordered that the Department of Transportation is authorized to grant a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession, and this decision shall be in sole discretion of the Department and shall be effective upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Department; 4) It is further ordered and directed that the petition, together with said Declaration of Taking, be served in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Official Code of Georgia Annotated; that, where shown by the petition, there are nonresidents of the State of Georgia, who have title to, claims against, or any interest in said property, whose names and address are known, the Clerk provide for the service of such parties by United States Registered mail, with return card requested, as provided for in said Official Code, and certify such service to the Court, as part of the record in the case; 5) That second originals of this petition, including all orders and proceedings in connection therewith, as well as the Declaration of Taking, be issued by the Clerk for service upon the following named non-residents of this County: (See 2A) 6) It is further ordered that a copy of this petition and of said Declaration be served upon the tax collections authorities of said County; 7) It being the purpose of this Order, to make certain, so far as possible that all persons having title to, or interest in, or claims against the described property be given notice of the pendency of this proceeding; it is further ordered that such additional service be made as may be called for by the allegations of the petition, together with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for such service.; and, further that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall cause a citation to be issued and published in the official newspaper of said County, entitled in this cause, describing the property condemned in this proceeding, reciting also the filing of the Declaration of Taking by condempnor, setting forth the names of the persons known or believed to be owners, or having an interest in, or claims against said property and citing such persons, as well as all others claiming any title to or interest in said property, or in said fund on deposit with the Clerk which amount shall be set out in such citation, to appear in this Court and make known their claims, and let such citation be published in such newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, beginning as soon as practical after the issuance of this Order.

Let this Order be filed as part of the record in this case.

This 30th day of March, 2026.  
/s/ Judge Jon Helton  
Judge Superior Court  
Dublin Judicial Circuit

April 4, 11, 2026

26-136  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF LAURENS  
IN RE: ESTATE OF Carlton C. Dollar Jr, DECEASED

All creditors of the Estate of Carlton C. Dollar Jr, 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. Carla Dollar Higgs  
Administrator of Carlton C. Dollar Jr, deceased  
803 Curl Rd. East Dublin, GA 31027.  
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 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2026

26-148  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.

All creditors of the Estate of Linda Joyce McCullars, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the Executor of her Estate according to law, and all persons indebted to the Estate of Linda Joyce McCullars are required to make immediate payment to the Executor. This 30th day of March, 2026.  
Charles McCullars  
Executor of the Estate of Linda McCullars  
Francis M. Lewis  
Attorney for the Estate  
1808 Bellevue Road  
Dublin, GA 31021

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-146  
**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Foreign-Trade Zones Board  
[S-152-2026]**

**Foreign-Trade Zone 104; Application for Subzone; Supreme International LLC dba Perry Ellis International; Dublin, Georgia**  
An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board by the World Trade Center Savannah, LLC grantee of FTZ 104, requesting subzone status for the facility of Supreme International LLC dba Perry Ellis International, located in Dublin, Georgia. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the

Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally docketed on March 19, 2026.

The proposed subzone (133.35 acres) is located at 125 Old Valambrosia Road, Dublin, Georgia. No authorization for production activity has been requested at this time. The proposed subzone would be subject to the existing activation limit of FTZ 104. In accordance with the FTZ Board's regulations, Juanita Chen of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to review the application and make recommendations to the Executive Secretary. Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the FTZ Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: [ftz@trade.gov](mailto:ftz@trade.gov). The closing period for their receipt is May 4, 2026. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted through May 18, 2026. A copy of the application will be available for public inspection in the "Online FTZ Information Section" section of the FTZ Board's website, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

For further information, contact Juanita Chen at [juanita.chen@trade.gov](mailto:juanita.chen@trade.gov). Dated: March 19, 2026. Elizabeth Whiteman, *Executive Secretary*. [FR Doc. 2026-05736 Filed 3-23-26; 8:45 am]

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April 4, 11, 18, 2026

26-154A  
Case No. 25-CG-0815-JG  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VS.

0.214 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Fleming Chapel, individually

TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY: FIRST AMENDED PETITION  
The amended petition of the Department of Transportation, acting for and on behalf of the State of Georgia, shows:

1. Petitioner brings this action under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, to acquire by condemnation fee simple title to a right of way for a certain state aid road laid out by petitioner as part of the State Highway System of the State of Georgia, known as Project No./ P.I. 0013578 said highway being located as shown on a map and drawing on file in the office of the Department of Transportation, 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. The date of the approval of the original location of the highway project is September 21, 2023.

2. The following paragraph is applicable to this action: Petitioner also seeks to acquire by condemnation such easements as are necessary for the construction and maintenance of said State-aid road or highway as are fully described in this petition.

3. The following two paragraphs are not applicable to this action: Said highway being a limited access highway<sup>1</sup> as provided for under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-6-110 through 32-6-119, there is no necessity of condemning rights of access to said highway except at such points as where the design of the limited access highway may require the acquisition of access rights to existing parallel or intersecting roads, streets, or highways. The rights of access, as provided for in said statute, which are condemned in this proceeding, are shown on the plats hereto attached and made a part hereof; and 1 except as so shown, no rights of access are condemned.

4. Petitioner stands ready to pay just and adequate compensation for said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof and has deposited in the Court, to the use of the persons entitled thereto, the estimated just compensation ascertained in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19.

5. Said right of way, easements, and access rights, if any, as described in said Declaration of Taking are for State-aid public highway purposes upon, across and over the tract of land in said county, also fully described in Exhibit "A".

6. Petitioner alleges upon information and belief that the owner of said tract of land is: See page 2-A.

Said owner is named as defendant to this action.

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7. The taxing authorities of this County and the State of Georgia may have some claim against said lands on account of unpaid State and County taxes.

The said owners generally and aliens and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to said lands and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across and over said land, are made parties defendant to this action to the end that they may come into Court and make claim to such interest or ownership or other rights they may have in the same and to the proceeds thereof.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays:

(a) For an order condemning in fee simple the property described herein and in the Declaration of Taking attached hereto as Exhibit 11A" to the use of petitioner, together with the rights described herein and in the Declaration of Taking, while preserving to those persons entitled by law to do so the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation, as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia;

(b) For an order requiring all persons in possession of such property, as well as the named condemnees, to surrender said right-of-way, easements and access rights, if any, to petitioner on a day not later than 30 days from the filing of this petition and Declaration of Taking (Exhibit "A"), unless petitioner, in its sole discretion, grants a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession;

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DECLARATION OF TAKING  
WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation has made and entered an order finding that the circumstances in connection with acquiring right of way to construct Project No./ P.I. 0013578 are such that it is necessary to acquire the title, estate or interest in the lands as fully described in said order, a certified copy of which is attached to this Declaration identified as Appendix "A" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof, under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19; and

WHEREAS, said right of way, easements and access rights, if any, are for public highway purposes upon, across, and over the tract of land in said county, as fully described in the attachment hereto identified as Appendix "B" to Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has caused an investigation and report to be made by a competent land appraiser, upon which to estimate the sum of money to be deposited in the Court as just and adequate compensation for the right of way, easements and access rights, if any, above referred to, a copy of the appraiser's sworn statement being attached hereto identified as Appendix "C" to Exhibit "A" and made part hereof; and

255.00 feet to a point 100.00 feet left of and opposite station 670+45.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 75°27'44.4" W a distance of 15.00 feet to a point 115.00 feet left of and opposite station 670+45.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence N 14°32'15.6" W a distance of 41.90 feet to a point 115.00 feet left of and opposite station 670+86.91 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence N 76°27'50.0" E a distance of 37.01 feet to a point 77.99 feet left of and opposite station 670+86.26 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 14°32'15.6" E a distance of 601.83 feet to a point 77.99 feet left of and opposite station 664+84.43 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 34°03'37.5" W a distance of 9.34 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.214 acres more or less.

**TEMPORARY DRIVEWAY EASEMENT:**

Beginning at a point 110.00 feet left of and opposite Station 667+94.00 on the construction centerline of SR 31 / US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence N 14°32'15.6" W a distance of 57.00 feet to a point 110.00 feet left of and opposite station 668+51.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence N 75°27'44.4" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 100.00 feet left of and opposite station 668+51.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 14°32'15.6" E a distance of 57.00 feet to a point 100.00 feet left of and opposite station 667+94.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 75°27'44.4" W a distance of 10.00 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.013 acres more or less.

**TEMPORARY DRIVEWAY EASEMENT 2:**

Beginning at a point 85.00 feet left of and opposite Station 664+78.25 on the construction centerline of SR 31 / US 441 on Georgia Highway Project No. 0013578; running thence S 34°01'24.7" W a distance of 13.34 feet to a point 95.00 feet left of and opposite station 664+69.43 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence N 14°32'15.6" W a distance of 45.57 feet to a point 95.00 feet left of and opposite station 665+15.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence N 75°27'44.4" E a distance of 10.00 feet to a point 85.00 feet left of and opposite station 665+15.00 on said construction centerline laid out for SR 31 / US 441 ; thence S 14°32'15.6" E a distance of 36.75 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.009 acres more or less.

Also, granted is the right to an easement for the construction of a driveway as shown on the attached plat.

This Temporary Driveway Easement becomes effective at the beginning of construction of the above numbered project and will continue for five (5) years or until completion and final acceptance of said project by the Department of Transportation.

**PLAT**

PROJECT NO./ P.I. No. 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY RECORD OWNERS:

Fleming Chapel, individually GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY I, Angela Whitworth, do hereby certify that I am Treasurer of the Department of Transportation.

I further certify that the foregoing 10 pages constitute a true and correct exact copy of an Order of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, entered on the 4 day of March, 2026, as same applies to the tract or parcel of land described in said 10 pages; and the original of said Order is on file at my office at 600 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Department of Transportation, this 4 day of March, 2026.

Angela Whitworth Treasurer Department of Transportation

**APPENDIX "B" TO EXHIBIT "A"**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY FROM WHICH RIGHT OF WAY IS TAKEN PROJECT NO./ P.I. 0013578 LAURENS COUNTY

Record Owners: Fleming Chapel, individually Said right of way as described on Appendix "A" is for a State-aid road, as defined by law across and over certain tracts of land located in Land Lot 219 of the 17 Land District of said County, said tracts of land consisting of approximately 2.814 ± acres.

**APPENDIX "C" TO EXHIBIT "A"**

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY Personally comes, Matthew K. Gottschalk, residing at 13902 Tree Loft Road, Milton, GA 30004.

Affiant was employed by the Dept of Transportation to appraise Parcel No. 98 of the right of way and rights required for construction of P.I.0013578 Laurens County Georgia for said department and makes this sworn statement to be used in connection with condemnation proceedings under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, for the acquisition of said parcel.

Affiant is familiar with real estate values in said county and in the vicinity where said parcel is located. Affiant has personally inspected the property or right condemned and in appraising said parcel affiant took into consideration the Fair Market Value of said parcel, as well as any consequential damages to remaining property of the Condemnees by reason of the taking and use of said parcel and other rights for the construction of said project, and any consequential benefits which may result to such remaining property by reason of such taking and use (consequential benefits not, however, considered except as offsetting consequential damages). After said investigation and research, affiant has thus estimated that the just and adequate compensation for said parcel, and any consequential damages or benefits considered, is in the amount of \$15300.00.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, This 18th day of February, 2026.

Caroline Hargrove NOTARY PUBLIC My commission expires: 11-12-26

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY GEORGIA**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION vs.

0.214 acres of land; and certain easement rights; and Fleming Chapel, individually

**ORDER AND JUDGMENT**

The petition in the above stated case with Declaration of Taking attached, and the certificate of the Clerk showing the filing of such petition and Declaration and deposit into Court of the sum of money estimated as just compensation for the property taken as authorized by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, it is Considered, Ordered, and Adjudged:

1) That the property described in the petition of the Department of Transportation and in the Declaration of Taking filed currently therewith being shown to be within the bounds of the required right of way of Georgia Highway Project/P.I. 0013578 is hereby condemned in fee simple to the use of the Department of Transportation, together with such rights as described in such petition and such Declaration, under authority of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, and the Department of Transportation and its successors are hereby vested with full, complete, and unencumbered title to such property and rights for the purposes described in said petition and Declaration; but nothing herein contained is to be construed as depriving the named defendant, or any person having an interest in, title to, or claim against said property of the right to appeal the estimated amount of just compensation to a jury in this Court, or of the right to petition the Court for an interlocutory hearing and the appointment of assessors to review and determine the correctness of the amount of estimated compensation, as so deposited, or of the right to petition the Court to vacate and set aside said Declaration and this Judgment; but this Judgment shall be construed only as vested title and the right of possession in the Plaintiff-Condemnor, as contemplated by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated; 2) Department of Transportation having applied to me for possession, not later than 30 days of said property, and it being provided in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, that "...the court shall have power to fix the time, the same to be not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the declaration of taking, as provided in Code Section 32-3-6, within which and the terms upon which the parties in possession shall be required to surrender possession to the petitioner", let all persons in possession of such property, as well as named condemnees, be served with a copy of said petition and Declaration of Taking, and this Order, and they are hereby directed to surrender possession of the property to the Department of Transportation not later than 30 days from the date of filing of the Declaration of Taking; 3) It be further ordered that the Department of Transportation is authorized to grant a written extension of time to the persons in possession of the condemned property to extend the date of possession, and this decision shall be in sole discretion of the Department and shall be effective upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Department; 4) It is further ordered and directed that the petition, together with said Declaration of Taking, be served in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid Official Code of Georgia Annotated: that, where shown by the petition, there are nonresidents of the State of Georgia, who have title to, Claims against, or any interest in said property, whose names and addresses are known, the Clerk provide for the service of such parties by United States Registered mail, with return card requested, as provided for in said Official Code, and certify such service to the Court, as part of the record in the case; 5) That second originals of this petition, including all orders and proceedings in connection therewith, as well as the Declaration of Taking, be issued by the Clerk for service upon the following named non-residents of this County; (See 2A)

6) It is further ordered that a copy of this petition and of said Declaration be served upon the tax collecting authorities of said County;

7) It being the purpose of this Order, to make certain, so far as is possible that all persons having title to, or interest in, or claims against the described property be given notice of the pendency of this proceeding; it is further ordered that such additional service be made as may be called for by the allegations of the petition, together with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated for such service; and, further that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall cause a citation to be issued and published in the official newspaper of said County, entitled in this cause, describing the property condemned in this proceeding, reciting also the filing of the Declaration of Taking by condemnner, setting forth the names of the persons known or believed to be owners, or having an interest in, or claims against said property and citing such persons, as well as all others claiming any title to or interest in said property, or in said fund on deposit with the Clerk which amount shall be set out in such citation, to appear in this Court and make known their claims; and let such citation be published in such newspaper for two (2) consecutive weeks, beginning with the issue of April 4, 2026 and April 11, 2026.

Let this Order be filed as part of the record in this case.

This 27 day of March, 2026. Judge Jud L. Green

JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT DUBLIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

April 4, 11, 2026

**26-169 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 Jacqueline Bettie Stallworth, unmarried woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Nationwide Mortgage Company, Inc., dated August 22, 2024 and recorded on August 23, 2024 in Deed Book 3505, Page 51, 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 Thirty-Five Thousand Four Hundred One and 00/100 dollars (\$135,401.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, its successors and assigns, recorded in Deed Book 3656, Page 82, 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 May, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the County of Laurens, State of Georgia, to wit;

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 52nd Land District, G.M., of Laurens County, Georgia, as shown upon that certain plat of same prepared by Daniel R. Riggs, Registered Land Surveyor, dated April 10, 1971, and being more particularly described as follows: starting at a concrete right of way marker on the westerly right of way of the Old River Road (State Route #199), which concrete marker is 100 feet directly opposite a concrete right of way marker on the easterly right of way of state route #199, said right of way marker on the easterly right of way of said road being located a distance of 2016 feet from the intersection of the easterly right of way of state route #199 and the Dublin and Savannah Railroad Track, as measured in a northwesterly direction along the easterly right of way of state route #199; thence,

**RELIGION DIGEST**

Rice Hill Baptist Church, 2706 Moore Station Road, will celebrate our Pastor Abraham & Sister Rosemary Crockett's 22nd anniversary on Sunday, April 12. The service will begin at 10 a.m. with Sunday School with a worship service led by True Fellowship and Rev. Larry Foreman and his congregation. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall. All are welcomed.

Greater New Friendship Baptist Church, Ga. 19, will celebrate Family and Friend Day Sunday at 11 a.m. on April 12. We invite our family, coworkers, neighbors and friends to join for worship and dinner. The attire is casual.

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.

New Bethel AME Church will be celebrating their fifth annual pastor's appreciation on Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m. for Rev. Cathy Dargan-Harper of Sparta. The guest speaker for the occasion is Rev. David Flowers of Buckeye Baptist Church. All are invited to attend and dinner will be served following the service.

**FROM THE RECORD**

from said starting point running in a north-westerly direction along the westerly right of way of state route #199 a distance of 70 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning; thence, from said point of beginning running south 53 degrees 53 minutes west distance of 370 feet to an iron pin, thence, running north 22 degrees 14 minutes west a distance of 120 feet to an iron pin; thence, running north 53 degrees 53 minutes east along a farm lane a distance of 370 feet to an iron pin on the westerly right of way of State Highway #199; thence, running south 22 degrees 14 minutes east along the westerly right of way of said right of way a distance of 120 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning.

Said property may more commonly be known as **1121 GA Highway 199 S, East Dublin, GA 31027.**

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 PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, 3043 Townsgate Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361 818-224-7442.

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 Jacqueline Bettie Stallworth 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, 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and 3) any legal impediments to the undertaking and completion of sale.

The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN"), a bureau of the U.S. Department of Treasury, now requires the collection, certification and reporting of certain information relating to non-financed transfers of real property to legal entities and/or trusts, which such information the successful bidder(s) shall be expected to provide to the auctioneer at the time of the subject sale. Interested bidders with questions regarding the necessary information to be provided are hereby directed, generally, to FinCEN's website and, more specifically to the FinCEN Real Estate Report located in the forms bank thereof.

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Jacqueline Bettie Stallworth, unmarried woman

Contact: Padgett Law Group; 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520 26-003927 Ad Run Dates: 04/11/2026 ,04/18/2026 ,04/25/2026 ,05/02/2026 ; April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2026

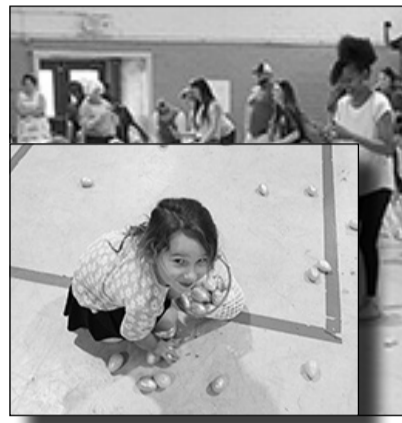
**26-124 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

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



**Hunting eggs at Dudley Baptist**

Dudley Baptist Church held an Easter Egg Hunt inside the Girls & Boys Club last weekend. Pre-school children are shown grabbing as many eggs that were filled with small candy. Please send church-event pictures to tchnewsreporter@gmail.com/PAYTON TOWNS III

**Petition for contempt:** Morgan Parrish v. Matthew Hobbs;

**Complaint for separate maintenance:** Corretta O'Neal v. Tyvoski O'Neal Sr.

**Complaint for divorce:** Brandon Lopez v. Anya Lopez; Bruce Romsey v. Melissa Romsey

**Motion for contempt, modification & other relief:** Marcus O'Neal v. Erica Irvin

**Paternity/legitimation:** Allen Norman v. Stacy Fleming

**Contract:** Midfirst Bank v. USA, 1st Franklin, Republic Finance, Serena Fluker et al; Westlake Service v. Miranda Moore & Joseph Skye; Citibank NA v. Anna Byram; Mantis Funding v. Southern Flair Market LLC and Regina Ward

**Affidavit of garnishment:** American Express National Bank v. Christopher Sumner and Robins Financial Credit Union

**Affidavit of continuing garnishment:** Capital One v. Clyde Robbins & Pitts Toyota

**Writ of possession:** Robins Financial Credit Union v. Michael Ray

**Real property-complaint for specific performance:** Vickie Powell v. Charles Holliman

**Automobile tort:** Jimmy Brown v. Madison & Daphne Warren

**Complaint - child support:** Ga DHS ex rel Journee Johnson et al v. Naszir Wright; Ga DHS ex rel Ethan Jordan v. Antonio Jordan

**Contempt - child support:** Ga DHS ex rel Sincere McNear v. Benjie Waters; Ga DHS ex rel Lane Kelly v. Jonathon Kelly; Ga DHS ex relOaklyn Chism et al v. Paul Chism; Ga DHS ex rel Zoey Haynes v. William G. Graham

**Modification - child support:** Ga DHS ex rel Attelynn Thigpen et al v. Austin Thigpen; Ga DHS ex rel Kason Bloodwsaw et al v. Markeis Bloodsaw

**Liens:** Robert Catoe to Northside/Atlanta Imaging; Jimmy White to Opportunity Financial LLC; West-


ley Royal to Opportunity Financial LLC; Joyce Taylor to Velocity Investments LLC; Michael Tobin to Crown Asset Management LLC; Heather Ridgeway to Velocity Investment LLC; Purnell Nichols to Crown Asset Management LLC; Hector J. Martinez to Unifund CCR LLC; Darrin Wiggins to Wells Fargo Bank NA; Jamon Morris to Bank of America; Wade L. Dillard to Capital One NA; Kevin L. Covert to Capital One NA

**Warranty deed:** JJ Southern Investments LLC to Christopher T. Macon; Adaam McEachern to Max Properties LLC; Oconee Holding Company to Vickie H. Mathis; Homestead Ventures LLC to Keith Alan Sumner and Leslie Marlene Sumner; Rita A. Smith and Royce Alligood to Royce Alligood and Brenda K. Alligood; Royce Alligood and Rita A. Smith to Rita A. Smith and Hardy Smith; Alvin Elixon and Tonda Elixon as trustees of revocable trust to Danny Schell and Rita Schell; Bangbo Enterprises LLC to JVA Acquisitions LLC; 109 Fairview Park Drive Inc to JVA Acquisitions LLC; Oconee Holding Company to CMD Homes LLC; Oconee Holding Company to Jennifer Edmondson and Tommy Edmondson; Kishore Kavuri and Vasavi Kavuri as trustee of the Vasavi Kavuri revocable trust; Curtis Gooding to Harley Lopez; Dusty Gay to Paul Perry; Brian Sheppard and Teresa Sheppard to Cade Robert Sheppard; Brian Sheppard and Teresa Sheppard to Mackenzie Lynn Baggett; Jessi Lynn Green to Andrew Fraser Rudd III;MSV Holdings LLC to Jennifer H. Reynolds; Christopher H. Gerard Sr. to Pamela Garrett; Veronica Guy to Verlinicia Cuyler; Connie E. Harrell to Jesse Ray Harrell; Lance Care Services LLC to URSO Falco Investments LLC; Dallas Lavern Yoder and Jordan Alexis Barnett to Dallas Lavern Yoder and Jordan Alexis Yoder; Lord & Hatcher Development LLC to Lucie Rutkowski; Michael R. McBride to Lawrence Fitch and Shelly Fitch; Kenneth Franks and Gloria Franks to Giles Construction Group LLC; James L. Alligood Jr. to Eddie Herrin; Connie Copeland and Don Copeland to Linda Lann Faircloth; Judy Graham to William Todd Graham; Billie A. Canady to Benjamin Bo Gregory and April Machel Nolan; Anita Ellington Foreman as trust-

ee of the Anita Ellington Foreman revocable trust to EC Development LLC; Deborah Keel fka Deborah Thomas to Cameron S.D. Keel

**Security deed:** James Russo and Elizabeth C. Russo to Carrington Mortgage Services LLC; 226 DTD Ventures LLC to Georgia First Bank; Crooked Finger Farms LLC to Georgia First Bank x3; Mac Downtown Properties to Georgia First Bank x4; Gernot Wilfried Schaaf and Ingebeth Henrietta Schaaf to Georgia First Bank x4; GWS Property Holdings LLC to Georgia First Bank x2; Richard Joseph Mascaro Jr and Colby Morgan Crabb to Georgia First Bank x4; Kalina Rachel Fowler to Guild Mortgage Company LLC; 226 DTD Ventures LLC to Georgia First Bank; Established Furniture Co. LLC to Community Bank of Dublin-Laurens Co.; Cgillis Properties LLC to SunMark Community Bank x4; Jonathan W. Guthrie and Alecia Ann Guthrie and Union Home Mortgage Corp; Safford Properties LLC to Morris Bank; Safford Farms LLC to Morris Bank; Paul Perry to Farmers State Bank; Andrew Fraser Rudd III to Exchange Bank; Jennifer H. Reynolds to Union Home Mortgage Corp.; Eddie Russell Arledge and Dianra Lynn Arledge to Rocket Mortgage LLC; Casey Morris and Kayce Cook Morris to Morris Bank; Urso Falco Investments LLC to Georgia First Bank; All American Septic Services LLC to Georgia First Bank; Harwell Property LLC to Citizens Bank of Laurens County; Dallas Lavern Yoder and Jordan Alexis Yoder to Planet Home Lending LLC; Lucie Rutkowski to Rocket Mortgage LLC; George Sleighmon and Emily Denise Sleighmon-Stuckey to Coast 2 Coast Lenders LLC; Chazmen E. Willhouse and Kaylee E. Willhouse to Union Home Mortgage Corp.; Linda Lann Faircloth to Connie Copeland and Don Copeland

Sheriff Larry Dean reports the notice of sex offender moving into Laurens County:



**Name:** James Edwin Brisco  
**Address:** 2457 Saddle Drive  
**Dexter:** Georgia  
**Date of Birth:** 07/27/1979  
**Time of Arrest:** Unknown  
**Place of Arrest:** Dodge County

**Crime:** Enticing a Child for Indecent Purposes  
**Disposition:** 13 years  
**Date Placed on State Registry:** 08/29/2023

For additional information regarding the Georgia Sex Offender Registry - [www.ganet.org/gibi](http://www.ganet.org/gibi) Or contact Laurens County Sheriff's Department 478-272-1522



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I'm an ophthalmologist, a physician who specializes in medical and surgical eye care, and I'm hoping you can help me debunk a common myth about eye health. Many assume eye disease happens only to older adults. While age does increase the risk of developing certain vision-threatening diseases, such as age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma and cataracts, younger people can also develop vision-threatening eye conditions.

This is particularly true for the nearly 40 million Americans living with diabetes. Diabetic retinopathy, a complication that damages blood vessels in the retina, is now the leading cause of blindness among working-age adults in the USA. The solution is surprisingly simple -- a medical eye exam -- but most people aren't getting one.

Abby, regular eye exams and timely interventions can reduce the risk of severe vision loss by more than 90%. However, only about 60% of people with diabetes receive the annual dilated eye examinations recommended by the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Ophthalmologists have more tools than ever for diagnosing and treating eye diseases.

For people worried about the cost, the Academy's EyeCare America program may be able to help. ALL healthy adults should have a comprehensive eye exam by age 40, when early signs of cataract, glaucoma and age-related macular degeneration may begin to emerge. -- LAURA FINE, M.D., OPHTHALMOLOGIST AND EYECARE AMERICA VOLUNTEER

DEAR DR. FINE: I am pleased to share with my readers that EyeCare America has expanded from a seniors-only program. Readers, EyeCare America is a national public service program, and it offers no-out-of-pocket-cost medical eye exams with volunteer ophthalmologists to qualified individuals aged 18 and over. To find out if you or your loved ones are eligible, visit www.aao.org/eyecare-america/patients.

DEAR ABBY: My son and his wife work full time. They have two kids, ages 11 and 9. Their house is filthy. It smells awful, and it's dirty and very dusty. My breathing is affected every time I go to their house.

I have suggested a housekeeper, but my son refuses to have one. Although his wife works full time, she is the only one who cleans and does the laundry and shopping. My son and the kids do nothing. They have asked me on several occasions to watch their animals when they go on vacation, and I have. However, it is becoming more and more difficult for me to do that because I can't stand being in their house.

I'm not sure how to tell them without hurting their feelings that I cannot do this anymore. It really is affecting my breathing. Can you help me with how to tell them their house is filthy or maybe what else to say? -- COVERING MY NOSE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR COVERING: If your breathing is being affected when you visit your son's house, you may be allergic to something in the home. It might be dust or, more likely, animal dander. Discuss this with your doctor so you can be tested. Then tell your son and his wife that because it is affecting your health, you can no longer take care of their animals when they travel.

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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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ANSWER:

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. The is missing. 2. Word on box is different. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Pencil is wider. 5. Wall is moved. 6. Chart on wall is moved.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



OVERBOARD

BY CHIP DUNHAM



DEFLOCKED

BY JEFF CORRIVEAU



Cyclamen are most popular as houseplants, although there are landscaping types. They bloom only in the cooler months; warm temperatures cause them to go into dormancy. Their blossoms come in showy colors like pink, purple, red and white, on delicate stems. When their striking heart-shaped green leaves are present, the plant is actively growing. During this period, water whenever the soil feels dry. Avoid getting water on the leaves or crown of the plant, which can cause it to rot.

**Cyclamen**

- Brenda Weaver  
Source: www.thespruce.com

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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

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  - 43 Moral misdeed
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  - 46 Toy bricks
  - 48 Non-amateur
  - 49 Casual "no"
  - 51 \_\_\_ TV (basic cable channel)
  - 52 "Be quiet!"
  - 55 Prefix meaning "extremely"
  - 57 Common food fish
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- 41 Shipped
- 43 All Day (November 2)
- 45 Lactian meat salad
- 47 Puts through a mill
- 50 Angel's instrument
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- 53 Company newbie
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Saturday, April 11, 2026

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
1♣ Pass 10♠ Pass  
What is your re-bid?  
♠ A K 9 3 ♡ A Q 9 3 ♢ J 10 6 ♣ J 2

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
1♣ Pass 10♠ ?  
What action would you take?  
♠ A 5 2 ♡ 10 9 6 ♢ Q 10 4 ♣ A 9 4 2

Q 2 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
♠ K J 4 ♡ 8 6 ♢ A K 6 5 3 ♣ Q J 7

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
10♠ Pass 1♣ Pass  
What is your re-bid?  
♠ A K J ♡ A K Q 6 4 ♢ 6 4 ♣ K 7 4

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
♠ 7 ♡ A J 9 8 6 2 ♢ K Q 5 4 ♣ 8 3

You are the dealer. Pass, one heart or two hearts?  
Look for answers on Monday.

Q 4 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
♠ J ♡ K 8 5 ♢ Q J 5 ♣ A K J 10 7 5

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

# SunMark celebrates ribbon cutting



**SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD**

The Dublin-Laurens County Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for SunMark Community Bank, celebrating their continued commitment to serving the Dublin-Laurens County community.

SunMark Community Bank leadership, staff, chamber representatives, Ambassadors, community leaders, and local supporters gathered at the bank's location — 1409 Bellevue Ave. — to mark the occasion and show their support. The event highlighted the bank's ongoing role in strengthening the local economy and building meaningful relationships throughout the community.

SunMark Community Bank has been a trusted financial

partner, offering a wide range of banking services designed to meet the needs of individuals, families, and businesses. Their dedication to customer service and community involvement continues to make a positive impact across the region.

"We are excited to celebrate SunMark Community Bank and their investment in our community," said a representative of the Chamber. "Businesses like SunMark play a vital role in the growth and success of Dublin-Laurens County."

The Chamber encourages the community to support SunMark Community Bank and take advantage of the services they offer.

For more information, visit the local branch or call (478) 272-6262.



# Easterseals benefits from Cruise for a Cause

Romantations owner Kellie Utroska recently delivered a check for \$300 to Easterseals Middle Georgia for a donation from the Cruise for a Cause fundraiser. This took place from April-November, and each cruise room booked gave a percentage towards Easter Seals Middle Georgia. We thank our community for supporting Romantations with this fundraiser as it will help with our transportation costs. We provide over 17,000 rides a year to people with disabilities to and from work in Dublin, and we run nine vans Monday Through Friday to do this. Expenses are climbing daily and every donation counts. Pictured is Kellie Utroska, Elaina Powell (marketing coordinator) and Scott Laffavor (foam shop supervisor).

**GOT NEWS?**

Send your community news to [tchnewsreporter@gmail.com](mailto:tchnewsreporter@gmail.com) or submit via our website [www.courierheraldtoday.com](http://www.courierheraldtoday.com) and you may see it in a future edition of The Courier Herald.

# City of Dublin marks Arbor Day with proclamation

**SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD**

Mayor Joshua Kight, Chaundra Miller, executive director of the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, and VA staff member Johnny Payne joined other city officials for a recent proclamation signing declaring March 20, 2026, as Arbor Day.

This year's proclamation was held at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the United States, while also celebrating the City of Dublin's 26th year as a Tree City USA community.

In 1872 the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees. This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and Arbor



Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world.

Trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giv-

ing oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife. Trees are also a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products as well as increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community.

# Women's study club explores Sargent's 'Madame X' painting

**SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD**

The Woman's Study Club recently met at the Bank of Dudley. President Mrs. Gregory S. Crabb thanked the Bank of Dudley for allowed the Club to meet in their training room. President Crabb called the meeting to order, greeted guests and honorary members, and moved through the order of club business for the day. She welcomed new members Mrs. Wadley Moore and Mrs. John G. Williams and thanked hostess Mrs. F. Scott Beasley for the beautiful flowers. Mrs. Jack Heidler introduced the speaker of the day, Mrs. James H. Crowdis, III whose topic was "Madame X" by John Singer Sargent.

Sargent was an American born in Florence, Italy in 1856 where there was a surge of expatriates. His parents never owned a house or apartment or furniture. They were neither rich nor poor. Sargent never went to school, but his mother insisted he went to every museum wherever they lived throughout Europe. At 18, he moved to Paris to pursue his training in art. He traveled often and loved nature. His paintings are made up of extreme light and dark shades distinctly drawn and painted full of saturated color with detail to light. This gave his work great beauty and accuracy. He became very popular for his portraits and painted the Astors, Vanderbilts and presidents and loved to paint children.

Sargent traveled and painted throughout Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, Texas, Montana, Maine, Florida and California. In his lifetime, he produced

200 portraits and watercolors. He learned about expansive brush strokes from Dutch and Spanish masters and pure color from impressionists and then he added energy and deep feeling.

His most controversial painting was "Madame X" (1883), a portrait of Virginie Gautreau who the wife of a successful French businessman. She did not commission the portrait. In fact, he pursued her to sit for the painting. Considered one of his best works now, at the time the Paris Salon rejected it, because the dress was too "revealing" with only one strap. He tried to correct the error by drawing another strap, but the damage was done. After this rejection, Sargent moved to London in 1885 and never returned to Paris. He sold the painting to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1916. He died in 1925 and is buried in Brookwood Cemetery in London.

Mrs. Crowdis presented a slide show of many of Sargent's work with an open discussion.

Mrs. Crowdis shared stories of her many experiences with her Study Club programs and her love for Study Club with a word to the new members and visitors saying: "the gift of membership can cause your intellect to grow in ways you would never imagine. Think about it: gifts, surprises, wisdom, language and the gift of friendship. It is not an opportunity to search for a babysitter; it is not an excuse for leaving work early; it is not the "thing" to do, but it is the best hour you will ever spend using your cerebral cortex, that is your mind. Think about it, membership offers the opportunity to thrive, absolutely thrive."

**WINGS** Three quarters of battered women who are employed are harassed at work by their abuser either by phone or in person

**WOMEN AND GOD'S** 272-8000 or 800-WINGS-03

*One Day: Dublin's Civil Rights Experience*

A reader's theatre honoring Hub Dudley, young MLK, and Civil Rights leaders. A community history event open to visitors and locals of all ages and backgrounds.

📍 **First African Baptist Church | 10 AM**

**April 18th, 2026**

**Tickets are \$8 plus fees. Online advance tickets only**

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