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## Harden to retire as president of OFTC

**SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD**

Oconee Fall Line Technical College President Erica Harden has announced her retirement effective Aug. 1, concluding a distinguished 36-year career in technical education marked by leadership, service and a steadfast commitment to student success.

Harden has served as president of OFTC since 2019, leading the college through a period of continued growth, workforce development expansion and strengthened partnerships throughout



HARDEN

the region. Under Harden's tenure as president, OFTC's credit enrollment increased by 40 percent with the college reaching the highest enrollment in its history Fall Semester 2025 with 2,339 students enrolled.

Additionally, the college saw the addition of a new instructional center in Sandersville, a new

truck driving range in Dublin and a 19-million-dollar renovation in the W.R. Stewart Building in Dublin (to open fall semester 2026). The college will begin construction on a new diesel equipment technology lab in Sandersville in 2026. New programs were added during her presidency including an associate of science degree in nursing,

a diagnostic medical sonography degree, a construction management degree, and an associate of science degree in education.

"Serving as the president of OFTC has been one of the greatest honors of my professional life," Harden said. "This college is truly a jewel

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## Honoring the fallen ...

### Fathers of officers killed in the line of duty share unique bond, burden

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**  
Senior Reporter

*Editor's note: This is the conclusion of a three-part series of two Laurens County men whose sons were law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. These stories are done in remembrance of the more than 24,000 law enforcement officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice and in recognition of National Police Week.*

With temperatures in the low 30s, Jeff Harrison stood amongst a group of people who had gathered on Whipple Crossing Road last January.

In front of him were many members of law enforcement and first responders. Eventually Kirk Dinkheller walked up to speak and reminded everyone that it had been 28 years since Andrew Brannan murdered his son, Kyle, on Jan. 12, 1998

"It seems like yesterday," Dinkheller said. "I appreciate each and every one of you who came out. All I want to remind you is to go home at the end of your shift. Show mercy, but not enough mercy. Your job is to go home after your shift to be with your families that we are not able to do anymore."

After the ceremony, many of those in attendance approached Dinkheller and shook his hand. Some gave hugs.

Dinkheller noticed Harrison and approached his former co-worker.

"Jeff and his whole family is in the same small boat that I am in," Dinkheller said, referring to Officer Dylan Harrison's murder outside the Alamo Police Department on Oct. 9, 2021. "I can be there for his family like everybody was there for me."

The two talked for a while. The cold did not seem to bother them as they talked about their sons. While walking back to his truck, Harrison appreciated seeing and talking with Dinkheller. Both are in the same small boat.

"Kirk knows how my family feels and what we are going through," Harrison said. "We are fortunate that we have that friendship and we can talk about things others cannot understand. We are fortunate to have that friendship. We certainly don't want anybody else to have to go through something like this because it is life changing."

Dinkheller receives notifications every time a law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty. He sees the state where it happened in and what agency the officer worked for. And every time it happens, it always brings back the horrors of what happened to his son.

And many of the officers being killed all seem to be young.

"That is what is tough," Harrison said. "Our young boys were starting out with their careers.



Jeff Harrison (right) and Kirk Dinkheller at the memorial in Dudley made for Harrison's son, Dylan. Dylan was killed in 2021 while working for the Alamo Police Department/JASON VORHEES, Georgia Trust for Local News



A memorial made for Kyle Dinkheller along Whipple Crossing Road in Laurens County. Kyle was killed in 1998 while working for the Laurens County Sheriff's Office/JASON VORHEES, Georgia Trust for Local News

They were excited about where they were headed and had started families."

Both men know the dangers of being in law enforcement and working the "thin blue line." They know it all too well.

"It takes boys like ours to hold that line," Dinkheller said. "You can't find some today who want to be police officers. They don't want to do what it takes to be a good police officer. Anyone you talk to about our boys will tell you that they followed the book. And that is probably what got them killed."

#### Whipple Crossing Road

The sound and sight of vehicles cruising on I-16 is easy to hear and see. For those traversing the interstate, if they should happen to look toward the west side, they may get a quick glimpse of a memorial set up for Kyle.

No doubt they will notice the sign approaching exit 42 as the Deputy Kyle W. Dinkheller LCSO 37 Memorial Interchange. Just about a mile away on Whipple Crossing Road on the

right, is a memorial dedicated to Kyle.

The first time Dinkheller went to this location was when a cross was put up. Over time, a headstone, railroad ties, flagpole and fence were added.

There are patches from different law enforcement agencies from all over the state - in a case in front of the marker with Kyle's name on it, along with his badge number.

"I go there every two weeks, rain or shine," said Dinkheller, who currently lives in Jefferson County. "That's my space where I can talk to Kyle. If I'm having a bad day, or I just don't want to cope, I'll go there. That is my space to go and be alone with Kyle. I'm not going to quit until I'm dead and gone."

#### Dylan Harrison Memorial Park

Almost two years after the shooting, the city of Dudley held a ceremony to unveil Dylan Harrison Memorial Park.

Dylan's family, friends and co-workers gathered at the park which is located across from the Dudley Post Office.

"Everyone who had a part in this park, from the bottom of our family's heart, thank you for what you did," he added. "This is amazing and such a honor for Dylan and an amazing tribute for my son. He would be extremely proud."

A lot of these same people, if not more, return each October to remember Dylan.

"It is unreal to see people come out and show their support," Harrison said. "It means a lot to us. Law enforcement always comes out and they'll hug and say things. Some people will ask how we are doing and are we doing okay?"

Harrison knows people do not mean anything bad from that question. He knows people may not understand how it feels to be a mother and father who lost their child the way they lost Dylan. Dinkheller, though, completely understands.

#### FATHERS

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## I SCREAM FOR SOCCER...

Carson Lane, Jude Evans, Jacob Helton and Kip Dunn took a break from cheering on the Trinity boys soccer team during last Saturday's first-round playoff match to enjoy some ice cream bars from the concession stand as they watched the start of the second half from the corner of Cleve Warnock Field. The Crusaders, in an exciting finish that was just as much a treat, came from a goal behind to force overtime and defeat FPCA 3-2, advancing to the state quarterfinals this weekend/CLAY REYNOLDS

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**OBITUARIES**



**Claudia Gail Morgan Phillips**

Mrs. Claudia Gail Morgan Phillips, 76, beloved wife of the late Van Royce Phillips of East Dublin, Georgia, passed away on Monday evening, May 11, 2026 at The Addington Place of Dublin.

A native and lifelong resident of Laurens County, she was one of six children born to the late Willie Edwin Morgan and Annie Claude Brown Morgan. She was a graduate of Laurens County Schools and worked for the Veterans Administration in Dublin for over 30 years until retiring as a medical director. After retiring from the VA she worked with her husband in the family business, Irish Moving and Storage, where she served as co-owner and office administrator.

Mrs. Phillips enjoyed being outdoors working in their yard, cleaning house and trips to Pigeon Forge and the Smoky Mountains.

She was a member of the Wilkes Church of the Nazarene.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Van Royce Phillips, who passed away in December of 2024 and a sibling, Larry Morgan and his wife, Brenda, all of East Dublin, Georgia.

Mrs. Phillips leaves behind: her son, Keith Phillips (Annette), East Dublin; siblings, Pat Andrews, Dublin, Eddie Morgan (Beverly), Dublin, Janice Warnock (Donald), East Dublin, Teresa Soles (Al), East Dublin; grandchildren, Joanna Mosely, Pooler, Katie Phillips, East Dublin, Payton Phillips, Dublin; great-grandchildren, Mason Lively, Paisley Webb (due in August), Nolan Mosely, Madux Mosely; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 15, 2026, from the graveside in Wilkes Church of the Nazarene Cemetery with Pastor Al Soles officiating.

Her family received

friends, on Friday, at the gravesite from 10 a.m. until the hour of service.

She was laid to rest beside her husband.

Please share a memory, leave a condolence message and sign the online guest register at [www.sammons-funeralhome.com](http://www.sammons-funeralhome.com).

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**Carrie Elizabeth Brannen**

Carrie Elizabeth Brannen, 86, entered her Heavenly home on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at Dublin Squares. Born on March 17, 1940, in Dublin, Georgia, Carrie's life was defined by her sweetness, caring nature and unwavering love for those around her. She was a woman who consistently put the needs of others before her own, embodying a spirit of generosity and kindness that touched many lives.

Carrie enjoyed a distinguished career at the First Citizens Bank of Glennville, where she retired as assistant vice president. Throughout her professional journey, her dedication and commitment were evident, yet her proudest accomplishments were always centered around her beloved family.

A devoted faithful member of Watermelon Creek Baptist Church, Carrie was an active participant and member of the Widows Sunday School Class, finding fellowship and strength in her spiritual community. She delighted in taking trips with Excursions Unlimited, embracing new experiences and adventures. Her love extended to nurturing her home and garden, where she took great pleasure in tending to her yards and flowers, leaving behind spaces that blossomed with her care.

Above all, Carrie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her family was the cornerstone of her life, and her legacy of love endures in those she cherished most. She is preceded in death by her parents, Gordon Alvin and Mildred "Shorty" Holliday Ward and husband of 51 years, Theron Brannen.

Carrie is survived by: children, Joseph E. Brannen of Dublin, Donna Brannen of Asheville, North Carolina; sister, Juanita Tarpley of Dublin; granddaughter, Beth Gay (Coby) of Dublin; great-grandchildren, Garrett Horton, Madison Horton and Kennedy Gay; and several nieces and nephews

also survive.

Visitation to honor and remember Carrie Elizabeth Brannen was held on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 10 a.m. at Watermelon Creek Baptist Church followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m. Burial was in Watermelon Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Carrie's presence will be deeply missed, but her spirit of love, kindness, and dedication remains a guiding light for all who had the privilege to know her.

Care and Services are entrusted to Brannen Family Funeral Services, Glennville, Georgia. "Our Family Serving Your Family."



**Janice L. Tapley**

Janice L. Tapley, 90, a lifelong resident of Soper-ton, passed away peacefully during the early evening hours of May 11, 2026, at Treutlen County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

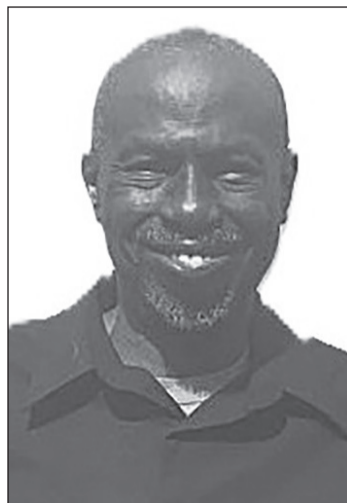
Mrs. Tapley was a devoted wife, mother, homemaker and loyal friend who was known for her warm smile, wonderful sense of humor and optimistic spirit. She enjoyed cooking, shopping, music, dancing and especially traveling with friends and family. She was also a faithful and devoted member of Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl (Ronnie) Spikes of Metter; her son, Randy Tapley of Soper-ton; her grandson, Johnathon (Kaitlyn) Lawson of Macon; and her precious great-granddaughter, Lennon Lawson.

The family received friends at Sammons Funeral Home on Friday, May 15 from 4:30 - 5:30 pm.

Funeral services followed at 6 p.m. from the graveside in the Boiling Springs Baptist Church cemetery with Pastor Conway Jones officiating.

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**Randall "Randy" Hawkins**

Funeral services for Mr. Randall "Randy" Hawkins, of Marietta, Georgia, will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 2 p.m. at the Antioch Baptist Church, 133 Trilby Street in Wrightsville. Rev. Norman Roberts will deliver the eulogy. Interment will follow in Westview Cemetery.

Randall Hawkins, son of the late Sammie Lee Hawkins Sr. and Emmie Brint Hawkins was born on Wednesday, July 15, 1964, in Wrightsville, Georgia. He attended the public schools of Johnson County. At an early age he professed her faith in Jesus Christ and joined Antioch Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Lester Linder.

Randy was a skilled and hardworking professional who faithfully operated a moving company for more than 25 years. Known for his strong work ethic, dependable spirit and ability to connect with people from all walks of life, he earned the respect of colleagues, customers and friends throughout his career. Randy took pride in helping others and approached every task with determination and excellence.

Before becoming a respected businessman, Randy made his mark as an outstanding student-athlete at Johnson County High School. He excelled in basketball, football and track, demonstrating remarkable athletic ability, leadership, and school pride. His competitive spirit and commitment to teamwork made him a standout both on and off the field.

Randy was also a proud member of the school's historic drumline, remembered as the largest drumline in the history of Johnson County High School. He cherished the camaraderie, music, and unforgettable memories created during those years, and he often spoke fondly of the friendships and experiences that shaped his life.

Above all, Randy will be

remembered for his generous heart, infectious personality, and the love he shared with family and friends. His legacy of hard work, perseverance and school pride will continue to inspire all who knew him.

Known for their unwavering love for the red and black, they rarely missed a game day and proudly cheered "Go Dawgs!" through every season. Whether gathered with family around the television, attending games or sharing spirited conversations about Georgia football, Randy enthusiasm brought people together and created memories that will last forever.

Beyond his love for the Bulldogs, he was a person of kindness, strength and generosity. He found joy in family gatherings, laughter with friends, and encouraging others with wisdom and compassion. His warm smile and faithful spirit touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

He leaves behind a legacy of love, loyalty and treasured traditions that will continue for generations. While their seat on game day may now be empty, their spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those who loved them.

As a result of his generous spirit and pleasant personality, he was loved by many. He quietly departed this life Friday, May 8, 2026. He was preceded in death by her parents, Sammie and Emmie Hawkins Sr.; brothers, Rev. Sammie Lee Hawkins Jr. and Mr. Garret Hawkins; sisters, Barbara Jean Hawkins and Marilyn Hawkins; and his nephew, Cedric Jamal Hawkins.

His life will forever be cherished by his two sisters, Debra (Michael) Craig of Wrightsville and Reneida (Jason) Williams of Forsyth; nieces and nephews, Nakia (Patrick) Evans, Kevin (Allie) Hawkins, Trevor Hawkins, Halel Williams, Valarie Searcy, Ebony Searcy and Faye Hawkins; aunts and uncles, Doretha Brint, Dessie Wright of Wrightsville, Eula Mae Hawkins of Dublin and Richard Brint of Wrightsville; his goddaughter, O'Sheta "Nikki" Harris of Fort Valley; the Shurling Drive Crew; as well as a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Please post your condolences at [ServicesbyDudley.com](http://ServicesbyDudley.com).

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.



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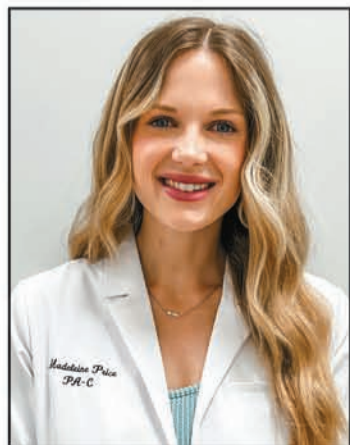
The Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Society of Georgia (AAISG) held its 2026 annual meeting this past weekend in Stone Mountain, Georgia bringing together physicians and healthcare professionals from across the state and the Southeast to discuss the latest advances in the diagnosis and treatment of allergic, respiratory, and immunologic conditions. The current president, Dr. Rodney Johnson, M.D. of Middle Georgia Allergy and Asthma, located here in Dublin, Georgia presided over the meeting stating, "Collaboration and sharing of knowledge and experience among the top doctors and research scientists within the Allergy and Immunology field of medicine is what allows for the best evidence-based and highest quality medical care for our patients throughout the state whether you live in an urban city such as Atlanta or a more rural area such as our own Laurens county and Dublin, Georgia."

The meeting featured expert-led presentations, case discussions, and updates on emerging therapies aimed at improving patient care. Attendees included board-certified allergists, immunologists, advanced practice providers, and other medical professionals dedicated to advancing care for patients with asthma, allergies, and immune disorders.

This annual gathering highlighted the Society's ongoing commitment to education, collaboration, and excellence in patient care throughout Georgia. Further information can be found [AAISG.org](http://AAISG.org) and [middleGAallergy.com](http://middleGAallergy.com).



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# Sweet dreams are made of this: Learning in your sleep

The average human spends about a third of their life-time asleep. That equates to about a quarter of a million hours, or roughly 26 years. If you include time trying to go to sleep, and restless nights, a person will have spent over 30 years of their time on Earth lying in bed, assuming you make it to the ripe old age of 90.

These calculations, and I'm trusting the internet on this because I've never been good with figures, are based on a body getting a healthy eight hours a day. But we all know few people actually get the required amount of rest a human needs to function properly and that is why most people either shuffle around like zombies or, in the case of mass caffeine consumption, are as jittery as a cat in a room full of rocking chairs.

All that being said, and the fact that to be healthy you must sleep aside, that seems like a lot of time wasted. With our waking moments crammed with the obligations and monotonous tasks required by this great society of ours, it seems a shame that most of our free time is spent with our eyes closed.

Don't get me wrong, I love a good sleep and I am usually the first person among my family and friends to call it night, but I always end the day with too many tasks left undone. There are things I want to learn, skills I want to

## Who am I to disagree?

### THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By **KYLE DOMINY**

cultivate. I often leave work with lofty expectations for my evening, that I will make time to run a few miles or practice playing guitar and the like.

But that's not often the case, and as any one with a family can attest, time slips away from you and by the time you get to sit down a spell, closing your eyes for a moment seems like a great idea. The next thing you know, tomorrow has come and gone.

There may be hope for me yet though. New research suggests that people can communicate and strengthen skills while sleeping and dreaming, particularly in lucid dreams, a state of sleep where the brain recognizes it is experiencing a dream.

For instance, dreaming about playing the piano or speaking in a foreign language will register as practice for that skill. The dreamer will wake up and the body will retain that experience as if it really happened.

The setback, however, is that my dream self is quite inept. In my dreams (I guess you can call these nightmares) I can never perform the skills that I want to improve. If I need to run, my feet are like anchors. If an instrument is placed in my hands, I can't make it produce anything close to music.

I've never been one to put meaning to a dream, but if a dream can improve your abilities can it also impair them?

I may need to drop some hobbies, but at least I'm getting enough shut eye.

## OBITUARIES



**Bessie Lou Rogers Harvill**

Bessie Lou Rogers Harvill passed away on May 13, 2026, in Dublin, Georgia, at the age of 93.

She was born Dec. 12, 1932, in Dublin, Georgia, and lived her life with a spirit that touched everyone who knew her. Bessie Lou was the daughter of the late Jim and Della Mullis Bass. She carried the values of hard work, kindness and devotion throughout her life, and she will be remembered as a spirited, thoughtful and loving woman whose presence brought warmth to her family and friends.

Bessie Lou was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Rogers, and by her daughter, Jean Cannon. She also grieved the loss of a granddaughter, Jennifer Gay, and a great-grandson, Brandyn Blizzard. Though she experienced profound losses in her lifetime, she remained a source of strength and grace for those around her.

She is survived by her son, Jimmy Rogers and his wife, Deborah, and her daughter, Joette Rogers Harvey, and her husband Robbie; her grandchildren, Leigh Ann Wood, Amy Kimbell, Chad Harper, Heather Harper, Eric Smith, Joey Smith, Rebecca Baker and Brittany Ditmore; 10 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Bessie Lou was a long-time employee who retired from Piggly Wiggly Southern after years of dedicated service. She was known for her dependable nature and her strong work ethic, qualities that reflected the way she approached every part of her life.

Faith was an important part of Bessie Lou's life. She was a member of the former Springdale Baptist Church and also enjoyed attending Cadwell Baptist Church and Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Her church connections were meaningful to her, and she found comfort, fellowship and joy in being part of a faith community.

She had a love for music and community life. She was especially known for bringing well-known country music artists to Theatre Dublin, an effort that reflected her appreciation for good entertainment and her desire to enrich the lives of those around her.

Funeral services will be

held at 3 p.m., Saturday, May 16, 2026 at the Mary Whitaker Townsend Memorial Chapel with Mr. Dan Rowe officiating. Burial will follow at Dublin Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Her grandsons and great-grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family would like to thank The James Place Assisted Living and Remarkable Hospice for their excellent care.

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

Townsend Brothers Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements.



**Ethel Mae Shewmake O'Neal**

Funeral services for Mrs. Ethel Mae Shewmake O'Neal of Rentz, Georgia, will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 1601 South Poplar Springs Road in Dublin.

Ethel Mae Shewmake was born on Feb. 8, 1928, in Rentz, Georgia. She was the daughter of the late Lucion and May Etta Shewmake.

She departed this life peacefully in her home on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mr. T. J. O'Neal, and her daughter, Joanne O'Neal Butler, and grandchildren, Cedric O'Neal, Nadetta Johnson, Travion Wright and Timothy O'Neal.

Mrs. Ethel O'Neal leaves behind to cherish 11 children, Kenneth, Jeffrey, T.J. Jr. and Essie O'Neal of Dublin, Sharon (Ronald) Carswell of Snellville, Edith, Brenda, Claudette of Rentz, Bobby (Robert) Milliner of Windsor, Connecticut, and Gwendolyn (Leon) Johnson of Cadwell. She also leaves behind a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Please post your condolences online at [ServicesbyDudley.com](http://ServicesbyDudley.com).

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.

## RELIGION DIGEST

Valdosta Missionary Baptist Church is celebrating 160 years of faithfulness to God on Sunday, May 17. The 2 p.m. service will be carried out by Rev. Cecil Moore, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church of Sandersville and Brown Grove Baptist Church of East Dublin. Join us and be blessed with the word of God. John R. Sutton is the pastor.

Macedonia Baptist Church will celebrates its 133rd anniversary on the fourth Sunday in May. The morning service will start at 11 a.m. The afternoon service will begin at 1 p.m. with Rev. Chris Glover.

## ANNIVERSARIES

May 18  
**Johnny & Eugenie Renfroe**

## BIRTHDAYS

May 16  
**Tia Jenkins Candace Lybrand**

May 18  
**Brenda Kemp Syden Price**

## Invitation to Bid

### Dublin Housing Authority Yard/Lawn Care Maintenance Services

The Dublin Housing Authority will receive sealed bids in the Dr. James W. Strickland, Jr. Boardroom at the Dublin Housing Authority, 500 West Mary Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021 until 2:30pm, on Wednesday, May, 27, 2026, for the selection of the Lawn/Yard Maintenance labor servicing contractor for the three-year period of July, 2026 to June 2029. The following Scope of Work includes the cutting of grass, trimming of shrubbery, hedges, disposal of litter, and blowing of lawn debris as the primary responsibilities of the successful lowest and responsible bidder. A detailed list of DHA properties may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Offices at Dublin Housing Authority, 500 W. Mary Street, Dublin, GA or by calling 478-272-2450.

A formal work-through of properties included in the service contract will be conducted on Thursday May 21, 2026, beginning at 9:30am beginning at the DHA Administrative Office.

## TELL IT!

CALL 272-0375, EMAIL [CHTELLIT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CHTELLIT@GMAIL.COM), OR TELL IT! AT [COURIERHERALDTODAY.COM](http://COURIERHERALDTODAY.COM)

**I live not too far** from Mount Olive and Evergreen Road, and it's good to see signs have been put up there. I have been out here in this area since 2005 and just saw the signs last week. It's good to see. We know where we live, but some other people don't. People have gotten lost using their GPS

to try to find where we live and they went the wrong way. Anyway it's good to have a sign up there. Thank you commissioners or whoever put the signs up there.

**Who in the Dublin City School System** presented the idea to the BOE that the superintendent needed a salary of \$350,000?

**Who in the Dublin City School System** presented to the BOE the need to create new administration positions requiring extra \$800,000 yearly?

**For those who believe** Dublin City School is actually operating in the black, I have some ocean front property in Arizona I'd like to sell to you.

## NEWS DIGEST

**THE DUBLIN-LAURENS LAND BANK** board will meet May 19 at noon in the International Board Room at Dublin City Hall. The agenda:

- Call to order
- Invocation
- Approval of April 21 meeting minutes and treasurer's report
- Welcome
- New business
- Old business
- Property updates
- Meeting adjournment

**THE LAURENS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE** will meet Saturday, May 16, at 10 a.m. at Our Place 114 E Johnson St.

**THE DUBLIN-LAURENS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** board meeting will be May 21 at 8 a.m. in the McGrath Keen Confer-

ence Center. The agenda:

- Welcome and call to order
- Invocation
- Recognition of special guests
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes from the April 21 meeting
- Treasurer's report
- a. Treasurer's report
- b. Budget proposal review
- Administrative items
- a. Professional service agreement
- Ga. 257 Rail Site-Hussey Gay Bell
- President's report
- a. Economic development update
- b. Hwashin update
- Chairman's report
- Other business
- Executive session - if necessary
- Adjourn

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## Moment of Inspiration

### Rediscovering Joy in Life

**Scripture : Psalm 16:11 "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy"**

Joy isn't something we have to chase—it's something we find in God's presence. Life can feel heavy at times, and it's easy to overlook the small blessings around us. But David reminds us that true joy is not found in perfect circumstances, but in a close relationship with God. Even in ordinary moments—a quiet morning, a kind word, a simple prayer—God is present. And where He is, joy lives. When we pause to acknowledge Him, gratitude begins to grow, and joy follows. Today, take a moment to slow down and recognize God's goodness in your life. You may discover that joy hasn't left—you just needed to notice it again.

Prayer: Lord, help me to find joy in Your presence today. Open my eyes to the blessings around me, and teach me to be grateful in every moment. Amen.

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

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These merchants and The Courier Herald take pride in presenting this message and encourage you to attend the church of your choice.

**Classifieds**

**Yard/Estate Sales**

Yardsale: 203 Fox Ridge Drive Dublin. Off Claxton Dairy Road. Sat May 16th 7a-noon. Clothes, furniture, toys, home decor, shoes & much more.

**Legals**

**Legals**

**26-182 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS IN RE: ESTATE OF Therlon W. May, DECEASED

All creditors of the Estate of Therlon W. May, 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.

Johnny Lee May Jr Administrator of Therlon W. May, deceased 428 Shannon Drive 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..."

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2026

**26-221 NOTICE OF SALE**

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:

A06 Jones, Tara S

B41 Whitfield, Raven S

D32 Reece, Jimmy

Name and address of storage facility: ORR SELF STORAGE 1705 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD DUBLIN GA 31021 Time and date of sale: Tuesday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m. Place of sale: ORR SELF STORAGE 1705 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD DUBLIN GA 31021

May 16, 23, 2026

**26-220 NOTICE:**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

An action to abate a nuisance was filed in rem on the 6TH day of May, 2026 and is pending in the Municipal Court of the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, City Docket No. 2026-05- 03.

The Parties to the action are: The City of Dublin and the real estate described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying, and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, and located at the northwest corner of Roosevelt Street and West Avenue, being a parallelogram 100 feet by 10 feet, with a frontage of 100 of 150 feet on the southwest side of West Avenue; said land more particularly shown by a plat of same made by Jack C. Brantley, Land Surveyor, dated October 8, 1953, recorded in Deed Book 129, page 373, Laurens County Deed Records, and being the same land described in a deed to Arnold Arp, recorded in Deed Book 129, page 374, aforesaid records. Reference to said deed and plat is hereby made for a more accurate description of said real estate. Said property is known generally as 500 Hester Drive (Roosevelt Street having subsequently been renamed Hester Drive). Street Address is 500 Hester Drive, Dublin, Georgia 31021

Tax Map and Parcel No. D10F 043 Interested Parties Include: Owners: Brenda Lee Arp (a/k/a Brenda Arp Tard), Cynthia Lavern Arp Smith (deceased), & Joann Arp (a/k/a Joann Arp Denson) Other Interested Parties: Credit Acceptance Corporation

The relief sought is the abatement of a nuisance pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dublin, Georgia; remedies include, but are not limited to, debris/trash removal, and securing, repair, or demolition of any structures located thereon and a lien on the property for costs of the same. A hearing will be held before the Municipal Court of Dublin, Georgia, located at 346 S. Jefferson Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021 at 2:00PM on the 3rd day of June, 2026.

Jacob W. Poole Staff Attorney City of Dublin, Georgia P.O. Box 690 Dublin, Georgia 31040 (478) 410-5422

May 9, 16, 2026

**26-180 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: ESTATE OF Ernest Clifford Russell, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-59

**NOTICE**

The petition of Steve Anthony Russell, for an order declaring no administration is necessary in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,

TO: whom it may concern This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition, in the Court on or before June 1, 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 P.O. Box 2098 Dublin, GA 31040 478-272-2566

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

**26-223**

NOTICE: TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

An action to abate a nuisance was filed in rem on the 11th day of May, 2026 and is pending in the Municipal Court of the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, City Docket No. 2026-05- 05.

The Parties to the action are: The City of Dublin and the real estate described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying, and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pin located at the most westerly corner of the intersection of Woodard Street and Pinkney Street; thence south 45 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds west along the margin of Pinkney Street 149.95 feet to an iron pin; thence north 44 degrees 40 minutes west 49.9 feet to an iron pin; thence north 45 degrees 07 minutes 30 seconds east 150 feet to an iron pin on the margin of Woodard Street; thence south 44 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds east along the margin of Woodard Street 50 feet to the point of beginning.

Said property is more particularly described as Parcel "A" according to a plat of survey prepared by Daniel R. Riggs, Land Surveyor, dated July 15, 1982, a copy of said plat being recorded in Deed Book 398, page 337, Laurens County Records, and being incorporated herein by reference for a more particular description.

Street Address is 310 Woodard Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021

Tax Map and Parcel No. D17A 022 Interested Parties Include: Owners: Ronnie Carr Other Interested Parties: N/A

The relief sought is the abatement of a nuisance pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dublin, Georgia; remedies include, but are not limited to, debris/trash removal, and securing, repair, or demolition of any structures located thereon and a lien on the property for costs of the same. A hearing will be held before the Municipal Court of Dublin, Georgia, located at 346 S. Jefferson Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021 at 2:00PM on the 3rd day of June, 2026.

Jacob W. Poole Staff Attorney City of Dublin, Georgia P.O. Box 690 Dublin, Georgia 31040 (478) 410-5422

May 16, 23, 2026

**26-171 STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS**

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Melvin L. Coney to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of America, N.A. dated January 30, 2019, and recorded in Deed Book 2952, Page 67, as last modified in Deed Book 3691, Page 300, and pursuant to court order recorded in Deed Book 3658, Page 264, Laurens County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Servbank, SB, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$135,000.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, June 2, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

**All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 215 of the 1st Land District in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, and bring known as Lot 3, Section 1 of Brookwood Meadows Subdivision, and being more particularly shown and described according to a plat of survey prepared by Billy Flanders & Associates, Surveyors, dated May 18, 1993, and recorded in Deed Book 703, Page 238, Laurens County Records. The courses and distances of said plat are incorporated into and made a part of this description by reference. This is the same property described and recorded in Deed Book 885, Page 286 in said Clerk's records. This property is identified upon the Laurens County, Georgia Tax Maps as Parcel Number D03B 023**

Said property is known as 306 Brookwood Dr, Dublin, GA 31021, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

Said property will be sold subject to 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, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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 secured creditor.

The property is or may be in the possession of **Melvin L. Coney, successor in interest or tenant(s).**

**Servbank, SB as Attorney-in-Fact for Melvin L. Coney**

File no. 22-079079 LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP\* Attorneys and Counselors at Law 1050 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 500 Atlanta, GA 30338 (770) 220-2535 https://www.logs.com/

\*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

**26-195**

State of Georgia County of Laurens

**Notice to Debtors and Creditors**

All creditors of the Estate of LaRue Fountain, late of Laurens County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 27th day of April, 2026. Estate of LaRue Fountain Michael David Fountain and Cynthia Fountain Savant, Executors 1150 Amhearst Oaks Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30157 2502 Five Points Road, Rentz, GA 31075 Margaret Greer Evans Attorney at Law State Bar No. 488189 (478) 272-2885

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

**26-210**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Chelsey Katelyn Greenway CIVIL ACTION NO.26-CD-0347-JH

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

Georgia, Laurens County Notice is hereby given that Chelsey Katelyn Greenway, the undersigned, filed her petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 19th day of February, 2026, praying for a change in name of the petitioner from Chelsey Katelyn Greenway to Chelsey Katelyn Whittington. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law for any interested or affected party to appear in said court and to file an objection to said name change. Objections must be filed within said court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said petition. This 19th day of February, 2026. Brittany L. Kibler Petitioner

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

**26-164**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Charles Richard Andrews, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-56

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern: Peggy Diane Andrews has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Charles Richard Andrews, 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 June 1, 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 P.O. Box 2098 Dublin, GA 31040 478-272-2566

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

**26-215**

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, May 25, 2026 starting at 10 AM. In case of inclement weather, sale will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2026 at 10 AM.

1. Victoria Allen, Unit E-11;
2. Elizabeth Dykes, Unit Z-09;
3. Victoria Gainey, Unit F-02 and K-01;
4. Casey Lewis, Unit 8-07
5. Darrell Platt, Unit Y-21;
6. Amsy Shelton, Unit Z-28.

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 1 0AM 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.

May 9, 16, 2026

**26-222**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF GRACE WARREN WILLIAMSON, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 24-221

**NOTICE**

[For discharge from office and all liability] IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative

TO: whom it may concern: This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before June 1, 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.

Petitioner to get to the Courier Genola O. Jackson Judge of the Probate Court By: CWarren Clerk of the Probate Court PO BOX 2098 DUBLIN, GA 31040 478-272-2566

May 16, 2026

**26-190**

State of Georgia County of Laurens.

**Notice to Debtors and Creditors** All creditors of the Estate of John G. Darley, 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 23rd day of April, 2026. Estate of John G. Darley Sandra Faye Darley, Executor 1524 Edsel Senn Road Rockledge, GA 30454 Margaret Greer Evans Attorney at Law State Bar No. 488189 (478) 272-2885

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

**26-189**

State of Georgia County of Laurens.

**Notice to Debtors and Creditors** All creditors of the Estate of Gerald Thomas Lord, Sr., 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 23rd day of April, 2026. Estate of Gerald Thomas Lord, Sr. Gerald Thomas Lord, Jr., and Melanie Jo Lord Johnson, Executors 125 Delane Drive, Dallas, GA 30157 128 Buccaneer Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39402 Margaret Greer Evans Attorney at Law State Bar No. 488189 (478) 272-2885

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

**26-202**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF Laurens COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Catherine Ann Snell, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-58

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Donnie Tyler Gay and to and to whom it may concern:

Pamela Ann Lee has petitioned for to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Catherine Ann Snell, 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 June 1, 2026.

**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Genola O. Jackson Judge of the Probate Court By: CWarren Clerk of the Probate Court PO BOX 2098 Dublin, GA 31040 478-272-2566

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**26-212**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: CATHERINE ANN SNYDER, Petitioner. Civil Action No.: 25-CD-0254-JG

**NOTICE OF CHANGE NAME** PLEASE TAKE Notice that on the 4th day of April 2025, CATHERINE ANN SNYDER filed a Petition in the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia seeking a name change from CATHERINE ANN SNYDER to CATHERINE ANN THUBLIN. Any interested or affected party has the right to appear and file objections. At the expiration of thirty (30) days from the filing of the Petition, upon proof of publication, and if no objection is filed, the Court shall proceed to hear and determine all matters raised by said Petition.

/s/ John P. Harrington JOHN P. HARRINGTON Georgia State Bar No. 329040 P.O. Box 130, Eastman, Georgia 31023 478-374-3488

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

**26-218**

**NOTICE:** TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

An action to abate a nuisance was filed in rem on the 6TH day of May, 2026 and is pending in the Municipal Court of the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, City Docket No. 2026-05- 02. The Parties to the action are: The City of Dublin and the real estate described as follows: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, and being known as Lot No. 24 and being part of the 66 2/3 acre tract in Lot of Land No. 184 in the 1st Land District of Laurens County, Georgia, said lot being 50 yards wide and 65 yards long as shown by a plat recorded in the Office of the Clerk, Laurens Superior Court, in Deed Book 21, page 98, to which plat reference is hereby made for the exact metes and bounds of said lot. The property hereby conveyed is the same as that conveyed by Henery Jone to Arthur Jones, Cora Jones, and Cherry Jones on October 9, 1915, as appears from a deed recorded in Deed Book 35, page 328, in the Office of the Clerk, Laurens Superior Court.

This is the same property deeded July 23, 1945, by Cora Jones Thomas to Louis James Linder and Mary Lee Linder, recorded in the Office of the clerk, Laurens Superior Court, in Deed Book 95, page 166. Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements of record. For Informational Purposes Only: Street Address is 513 West Avenue, Dublin, Georgia 31021 Tax Map and Parcel No. D10F 120 Interested Parties Include: Owners: Katrina Lynette Linder, Monica Nichols, & Sharon Williams Other Interested Parties: Republic Finance

The relief sought is the abatement of a nuisance pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dublin, Georgia; remedies include, but are not limited to, debris/trash removal, and securing, repair, or demolition of any structures located thereon and a lien on the property for costs of the same. A hearing will be held before the Municipal Court of Dublin, Georgia, located at 346 S. Jefferson Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021 at 2:00PM on the 3rd day of June, 2026.

Jacob W. Poole Staff Attorney City of Dublin, Georgia P.O. Box 690 Dublin, Georgia 31040 (478) 410-5422

May 9, 16, 2026

**26-196**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LAURENS

All creditors of the estate of Dona Carter, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned, according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned: Laurens County Probate Court, PO Box 2098, Dublin, Georgia 31021 This the 28th day of April, 2026. Ralph N. Jackson, Attorney

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

**26-213**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the name change of: Deanna Quinetta Thomas

Civil Action File No. **NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

GEORGIA, Laurens County Notice is hereby given that Deanna Quinetta Thomas, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 22nd day of April, 2026, praying for a change in the name of the petitioner from Deanna Quinetta Thomas to Quinetta Thomas Ward. 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 27th day of March, 2024 Deanna Quinetta Thomas Petitioner

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

**26-231**

**NOTICE OF SALE** Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated Section 10-4-210, et seq., there will be a public sale at Little House Self Storage, 2420 US Highway 80 West in Dublin on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026, beginning at 11:00 AM. The proceeds of said sale will be used first to satisfy the storage fee and other expenses of the auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale.

Occupant/Unit: Shumida O'Neal #1122 LaShondria Roberts #0428

May 16, 2026

**26-186**

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Catherine Ann Snell, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-58

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Donnie Tyler Gay and to whom it may concern:

Pamela Ann Lee has petitioned for Pamela Ann Lee to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Catherine Ann Snell, 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 June 1, 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 held scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: MICHAEL LEE THOMAS, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 25-171**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT**

The petition of FATIMATA OUEDRAOGO, for a year's support from the estate of MICHAEL LEE THOMAS deceased, for decedent's (surviving spouse) (and) (minor child(ren)), having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before June 1, 2026, why said petition should not be granted.

All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Courtroom  
 Genola O. Jackson  
 Judge of the Probate Court  
 By: CWarren  
 Clerk of the Probate Court  
 PO BOX 2098  
 DUBLIN, GA 31040  
 478-272-2566

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

**26-188**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF FLOYD L. MARTIN, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 20-44**  
**NOTICE**

[For discharge from office and all liability]  
 IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative  
 TO: whom it may concern:

This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before June 1, 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 held scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Genola O. Jackson  
 Judge of the Probate Court  
 By: Warren  
 Clerk of the Probate Court  
 PO BOX 2098  
 Dublin, GA 31040  
 478-272-2564

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

**26-197**  
 To all persons claiming an interest in: **2008-12'-ALUMACRAFT-1236-AC-BC68621708** JAMES REAVIS will apply to SCDNR for title on watercraft/outboard motor. If you have any claim to the watercraft/ outboard motor, contact SCDNR at (803) 734-3699. Upon thirty days after the date of the last advertisement if no claim of interest is made and the watercraft/outboard motor has not been reported stolen, SCDNR shall issue clear title.  
 Case No: **202507950540**

May 2, 9, 16, 2026

**26-211**  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
 STATE OF GEORGIA  
 COUNTY OF LAURENS

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Commercial Real Estate Deed to Secure Debt from Christopher Lee Cox (the "Grantor") to AgGeorgia Farm Credit, ACA, for itself and as Agent/ Nominee for any party pursuant to a master agreement among it and its wholly-owned subsidiaries AgGeorgia Farm Credit, FLCA and AgGeorgia Farm Credit, PCA, as their interests may appear (the "Lender"), dated March 29, 2023, a copy of which is of record in Deed Book 3375, Pages 6-14, Clerk's Office, Laurens County Superior Court (the "Security Deed"), said Security Deed having been given to secure that certain promissory note of even date therewith executed by Grantor in favor of Lender in the original principal amount of One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$138,400.00), together with interest thereon as set forth therein and together with any and all amendments, modifications, renewals, extensions, reamortizations, or substitutions thereof and all other indebtedness and obligations of said Grantor to Lender (collectively, the "Note"), there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday of June, 2026, to-wit: June 2, 2026, the following described real property (the "Property"), together with all trees, timber, shrubbery, fixtures and improvements located thereon and all rights, members and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and otherwise as may be set forth in the Security Deed: All that lot, tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the 1720th G.M. District of Laurens County, Georgia containing 52.40 acres of land, more or less, and further described on a plat by Larry C. Jones, RLS# 2189 and being recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 556.

Commencing at a point where the center line of Minter Blue Springs Road intersects with the northerly right of way of Flucker Maddox Road; thence along the northerly right of way of Flucker Maddox Road in a westerly direction a distance of 2750.04 feet to a found concrete monument and the true point of beginning; thence continuing along the northerly right of way of Flucker Maddox Road south 59 degrees 33 minutes 36 seconds west a distance of 239.70 feet to a point; thence south 60 degrees 36 minutes 55 seconds west a distance of 277.23 feet to a point; thence south 59 degrees 30 minutes 50 seconds west a distance of 392.36 feet to a point; thence south 58 degrees 51 minutes 59 seconds west a distance of 212.28 feet to a found one inch iron pipe; thence north 29 degrees 27 minutes 13 seconds west a distance of 2214.28 feet to a found concrete monument; thence north 73 degrees 56 minutes 16 seconds east a distance of 1112.16 feet to a found concrete monument; thence south 30 degrees 35 minutes 10 seconds east a distance of 1940.00 feet to a found concrete monument and the true point of beginning.

The debt secured by the Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, the failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note. 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.

The Property will be sold as the property of Christopher Lee Cox, subject to all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the Property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon the Property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon the Property; and all matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

This sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1 which permits the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia in limited circumstances, and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loans with the holder of the Security Deed. Notice has been given of the intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the Note secured by said Security Deed. Notice has also been given, in writing and by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Grantor, of the name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Security Deed and the Note thereby secured in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2(a).

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the Property is Christopher Lee Cox, or tenant or tenants, and the proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and the expenses of said sale.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

AgGeorgia Farm Credit, ACA, as Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher Lee Cox  
 Jonathan D. Moore, Esq.  
 Martin Snow, LLP  
 240 Third Street  
 P.O. Box 1906  
 Macon, Georgia 31202-1606  
 (478) 749-1700  
 File No: A0178.70717

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

**26-198**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF MARJORIE WADE ADAMS, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 25-158**  
**NOTICE**

IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will and Codicil(s) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.  
 TO: All unknown heirs at law, and their heirs or assigns, of Marjorie Wade Adams, late of Laurens County, Georgia, deceased.  
 This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before June 1 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

Genola O. Jackson  
 Judge of the Probate Court  
 By: CWarren  
 Clerk of the Probate Court  
 PO BOX 2098  
 Dublin, GA 31040  
 478-272-2566

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**26-193**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF LAURENS**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF TIMOTHY BRYAN IVEY**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS**

All creditors of the estate of **TIMOTHY BRYAN IVEY** deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.  
 This 27th Day of April, 2026  
 Emily F. Kight  
 Attorney for the Estate of **TIMOTHY BRYAN IVEY**  
 Kight Law, LLC  
 P.O. Box 2056  
 Dublin, Ga. 31040

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

**26-199**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL LEE THOMAS, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 25-171**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**NOTICE**

TO: Fatimata Ouedraogo, and to whom it may concern:  
 Shaniqua Latrice Wadley and Lakendra Simone Thomas has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of MICHAEL LEE THOMAS 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.

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 Judge of the Probate Court  
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**26-192**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
 State of Georgia  
 County of Laurens

All creditors of the Estate of Linda Sue Garner, 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 Estate of Linda Sue Garner.  
 This 24th day of April, 2026.  
 James L. Garner, Executor  
 Of the Last Will and Testament of

Linda Sue Garner  
 Darley Law Firm  
 121 W. Jackson Street, Ste 101  
 Dublin, Georgia 31021

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**26-227**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**

Pursuant to the official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 10-4-210 there will be a public sale at Little House Self Storage, 1854 Marion Street Dublin, on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 beginning at 10:00 A.M. The proceeds of said sale will be used first to satisfy the storage fee and expenses of the auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale.

#91 Keith Johnson  
 #210 Samuel Feagin  
 #246 Claudie Martin  
 #297 Dewayne Floyd

Little House Self Storage  
 1854 Marion Street  
 Dublin  
 478-272-6892

May 16, 2026

**26-216**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF LAURENS**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF SALLY K. BATTLE**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS**

All creditors of the estate of SALLY K. BATTLE deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.  
 This 6th Day of May, 2026  
 Emily F. Kight  
 Attorney for the Estate of SALLY K. BATTLE Kight Law, LLC  
 P.O. Box 2056  
 Dublin, Ga. 31040

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

**26-205**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF LAURENS**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES ALLEN GREEN, SR.**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS**

All creditors of the estate of **JAMES ALLEN GREEN, SR., 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 29th Day of April, 2026**  
**Jordan Bracewell**  
**Attorney for the Estate of James Allen Green, Sr. Kight Law, LLC**  
**P.O. Box 816**  
**Dublin, Ga. 31040**

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

**26-226**  
**NOTICE:**  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

An action to abate a nuisance was filed in rem on the 11th day of May, 2026 and is pending in the Municipal Court of the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, City Docket No. 2026-05- 07.  
 The Parties to the action are: The City of Dublin and the real estate described as follows:  
 All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia; being apart of City Block 146 and more particularly described as follows:  
 BEGINNING at an iron pin located at the Northwestern corner of the intersection of West Moore Street and Kittrell Street thence running in a Southwesterly direction along the Northwestern margin of West Moore Street a distance of 60 feet to an iron pin; thence running in a Northwesterly direction a distance of 157.5 feet to a stake; thence running in a Northeasterly direction a distance of 60 feet to a concrete marker located at the Southeasterly direction along the Southwestern margin of Kittrell Street a distance of 149.6 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning.  
 Street Address is **501 W Moore Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021**  
 Tax Map and Parcel No. D16A-212  
 Owners: Willie Carr  
 Other Interested Parties: Tyrone Carr  
 The relief sought is the abatement of a nuisance pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dublin, Georgia; remedies include, but are not limited to, debris/trash removal, and securing, repair, or demolition of any structures located thereon and a lien on the property for costs of the same. A hearing will be held before the Municipal Court of Dublin, Georgia, located at 346 S. Jefferson Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021 at 2:00PM on the 3rd day of June, 2026.  
 Jacob W. Poole  
 Staff Attorney  
 City of Dublin, Georgia  
 P.O. Box 690  
 Dublin, Georgia 31040  
 (478) 410-5422

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

**26-225**  
**NOTICE:**  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

An action to abate a nuisance was filed in rem on the 11th day of May, 2026 and is pending in the Municipal Court of the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, City Docket No. 2026-05- 07.  
 The Parties to the action are: The City of Dublin and the real estate described as follows:  
 All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia; being apart of City Block 146 and more particularly described as follows:  
 BEGINNING at an iron pin located at the Northwestern corner of the intersection of West Moore Street and Kittrell Street thence running in a Southwesterly direction along the Northwestern margin of West Moore Street a distance of 60 feet to an iron pin; thence running in a Northwesterly direction a distance of 157.5 feet to a stake; thence running in a Northeasterly direction a distance of 60 feet to a concrete marker located at the Southeasterly direction along the Southwestern margin of Kittrell Street a distance of 149.6 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning.  
 Street Address is **501 W Moore Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021**  
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 Owners: Willie Carr  
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 The relief sought is the abatement of a nuisance pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dublin, Georgia; remedies include, but are not limited to, debris/trash removal, and securing, repair, or demolition of any structures located thereon and a lien on the property for costs of the same. A hearing will be held before the Municipal Court of Dublin, Georgia, located at 346 S. Jefferson Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021 at 2:00PM on the 3rd day of June, 2026.  
 Jacob W. Poole  
 Staff Attorney  
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 P.O. Box 690  
 Dublin, Georgia 31040  
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May 16, 23, 2026

**26-209**  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: Brittany L. Kibler**  
**CIVIL ACTION NO.26-CD-0377-WT**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

Georgia, Laurens County  
 Notice is hereby given that Brittany L. Kibler, the undersigned, filed her petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 1st day of May, 2026, praying for a change in name of the petitioner from Brittany Leann Kibler to Brittany Leann Johnson.  
 Notice is hereby given pursuant to law for any interested or affected party to appear in said court and to file an objection to said name change. Objections must be filed within said court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said petition.  
 This 20th day of March, 2026.  
 Brittany L. Kibler  
 Petitioner

May 16, 23, 2026

**26-209**  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: Brittany L. Kibler**  
**CIVIL ACTION NO.26-CD-0377-WT**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

Georgia, Laurens County  
 Notice is hereby given that Brittany L. Kibler, the undersigned, filed her petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 1st day of May, 2026, praying for a change in name of the petitioner from Brittany Leann Kibler to Brittany Leann Johnson.  
 Notice is hereby given pursuant to law for any interested or affected party to appear in said court and to file an objection to said name change. Objections must be filed within said court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said petition.  
 This 20th day of March, 2026.  
 Brittany L. Kibler  
 Petitioner

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**26-191**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**LAURENS COUNTY**  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

By virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from C.D. Nabors and Jeanette Williams Nabors to Devin C. Nabors and Deborah D. Nabors filed for record, and recorded in Deed Book 1608, Page 262, Laurens County, Georgia Records, said Deed to Secure Debt having been given to secure a Note dated August 11, 2006, and said note or the renewal thereof now being in default there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, the property described as

**All that tract of land situated, lying and being in Land Lot 245 of the First Land District of Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.73 acre, more or less, and being known as Lot 321 Holly Hills Subdivision, and more particularly described according to a plat of survey prepared by William E. Greenway, Registered Land Surveyor, dated August 8, 1985, and recorded in Deed Book 435, page 63, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia and located at 402 Barfield Court, Dublin, GA 31021.**

The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments and lack of insurance 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.

A copy of this legal advertisement (Notice of Sale Under Power) which was sent to Deborah D. Nabors has been mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested to Susan S. Shook if required by Georgia Law, O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.1-4 if applicable. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale from day to day, and to withdraw said property from sale and subsequently to re-offer same in the event no reasonable bid is received and accepted.

Said property will be sold as the property of C. D. Nabors and Jeanette Williams Nabors subject to any and all unpaid taxes, assessments, general subdivision restrictions, if any, and other restrictions and easements of record, if any; and to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, Deborah D. Nabors is in possession of said property. The proceeds of the sale will be used as follows:

- (a) To pay the expense of said sale;
- (b) To pay the sum secured by said deed;
- (c) The balance to as provided by law.

This 24 day of April, 2026.  
 Susan S. Shook as Attorney in Fact for Jeanette Nabors.

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

**26-214**  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
**GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY**

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Tommy Ricks III to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Ameris Bank, its successors and assigns dated March 23, 2018, recorded in Deed Book 2859, Page 210, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Ameris Bank by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3557, Page 162, Laurens County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$47,200.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 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.  
 Ameris Bank is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.  
 The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Ameris Bank, 1 Corporate Drive, Suite 360, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, 8475507300.  
 Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.  
 Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as **201 Coleman Ave, East Dublin, GA 31027**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description 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 sales 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.  
 Ameris Bank  
 as Attorney in Fact for  
 Tommy Ricks III  
 McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP  
 1544 Old Alabama Rd  
 Roswell, GA 30076  
 www.foreclosurehotline.net  
 EXHIBIT "A"

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

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

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

This is also the same property described in an Executor's Deed of Assent from Jim Zenus Thomas to Catherine Thomas and recorded in Deed Book 1608, Page 276, on December 15, 2004, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County.  
 MR / JD June 2, 2026  
 Our file no. 25-16857GA-FT18  
 25-16857GA

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**26-217**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF LAURENS**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF MANUEL WATSON SPIVEY**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS**

All creditors of the estate of MANUEL WATSON SPIVEY deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.  
 This 6th Day of May, 2026  
 Emily F. Kight  
 Attorney for the Estate of MANUEL WATSON SPIVEY Kight Law, LLC  
 P.O. Box 2056  
 Dublin, Ga. 31040

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**26-229**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

Georgia, Laurens County.  
 All creditors of the Estate of Willie Frank Casson, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render in writing their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
 This 6th day of May, 2026.  
 Mary Elizabeth Cason, Administrator of the Estate of Willie Frank Casson, deceased c/o J. Jackson Dixon Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC 205 N. Franklin Street Dublin, GA 31021  
 May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2026

**26-194**  
**Notice of Sale Under Power.** State of Georgia, County of LAURENS. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by CLAYTON E CHILDERS AND MYRA F CHILDERS TO MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS") AS NOMINEE FOR MORRIS BANK, dated 03/21/2019, and Recorded on 03/22/2019 as Book No. 2940

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from AMIGENE C. WRIGHT to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN FINANCIAL RESOURCES, INC., dated October 6, 2011, recorded October 6, 2011, in Deed Book 2294, Page 189, and re-recorded February 1, 2013, in Deed Book 2418, Page 203, Laurens County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Seventy-Four Thousand Seventy-Three and 00/100 dollars (\$74,073.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, 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 June, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 232 OF THE 17TH LAND DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING SHOWN AS LOT 18 OF TIMBER RIDGE SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY MARVIN D. CLEMENTS, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED 8/18/94, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 207, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE. ALSO CONVEYED HEREWITH IS A 1999 FLEETWOOD 28 X 60, SPRING-HILL MANUFACTURED HOME, SERIAL NUMBER GAFLX34AB293315112, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THE REAL PROPERTY. Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 1714 BIRDSONG LN E, RENTZ, GA 31075.

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 AMIGENE C. WRIGHT, or tenants(s).

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May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026  
**26-228**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
Georgia, Laurens County. All creditors of the Estate of Doretha Davis, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render in writing their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 6th day of May, 2026. Kimberly Sinkfield, Administrator of the Estate of Doretha Davis, deceased c/o J. Jackson Dixon Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC 205 N. Franklin Street Dublin, GA 31021 May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2026

**26-179**  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
JIMMIE MCKINNEY and KATHLEEN MCKINNEY, Plaintiffs, v. CHARLIE JOHNSON and CB JOHNSON CONSTRUCTION & MASONRY, INC., Defendants Civil Action File No. 25-CG-0611-WT. **NOTICE OF SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: Charlie Johnson, Individually and as Registered Agent for CB Johnson Construction & Masonry, Inc. You are hereby notified that in the above-styled action a Complaint was filed against you in said Court on August 5, 2025, and that by reason of an Order on Motion for Service by Publication entered on March 27, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon J. Jackson Dixon, Plaintiffs' attorney, whose address is 205 N. Franklin Street, Dublin, GA 31021, an answer to the Complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order on Motion for Service by Publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Witness the Honorable William D. Taylor, III, Judge of said County. This 20 day of April, 2026. Georgia Jeffcoat Deputy Clerk of Superior Court

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2026

FROM THE RECORD

**Marriages:** Adam Christopher Boyd and Amanda Reynolds Parker; Robert Cody Lewis and Kailey Elizabeth Perkins; Matthew Ryan Oneal and Zade Anna Williford; John Wesley Maddox and Madala Arely Tevez; James Christopher Henderson and Amy Cherie Hackler; J. Isabel Rodriguez and Angelica Mendoza Moctezuma; Gavin Elijah White and Kristene Savannah Peavy; Timothy Alan Lake Jr and Kathriyn Marshall Heard; Gabriel Christopher Kinney and Tinley Nichole Allen; Jacob Samuel Clark and Bailey Charlene Bracewell; Robby Wells Overstreet and Jamie Dalton Bollinger; James Pressley Nietering and Abby Catherine Livingston; Howie Joseph Nietering and Abby Leilani Wheeler; Eric Colby Starley and Jennifer Nichole Giddens

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**Contempt—Child Support:** GA DHS EX REL Ta-Shaela Barron vs Gregory Johnson; GA DHS EX REL Avigail Rentz ET AL vs Bryan Rentz Reg of a Foreign Order – Texas: GA DHS EX REL Zaria Rider-Davis vs Anthony Davis

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# EL's Jackson sweeps state titles in shot, discus

From STAFF REPORTS

After medaling in one event and finishing top 15 in the other last spring, East Laurens High School's Caleb Jackson went out on top earlier this week as he concluded his senior track and field season by capturing gold in both the discus and shot put.

His top fling of 167-7 in the first beat out his next competitor by a good bit, while a heave of 50-0.75 in the latter left a margin of less than an inch between him and runner-up C.J. Monroe of Vidalia. But both results were good to break existing school records as Jackson, a Valdosta State football signee, concluded his decorated athletic career on the top of two podiums at the GHSA track and field state championships.

Class A's portion of the weeklong competition, hosted by the University of Georgia's new Spec Towns track and field complex, took place on Tuesday with a handful of other strong showings by Falcons and Dublin Irish athletes.

West Laurens' five state-qualifying relay squads dominated a busy agenda during the AAA finals on Thursday.

Here's how each of the above fared in the action...

## Dublin

- Major Morton – 12th, discus
- Girls 4x200 relay – 13th

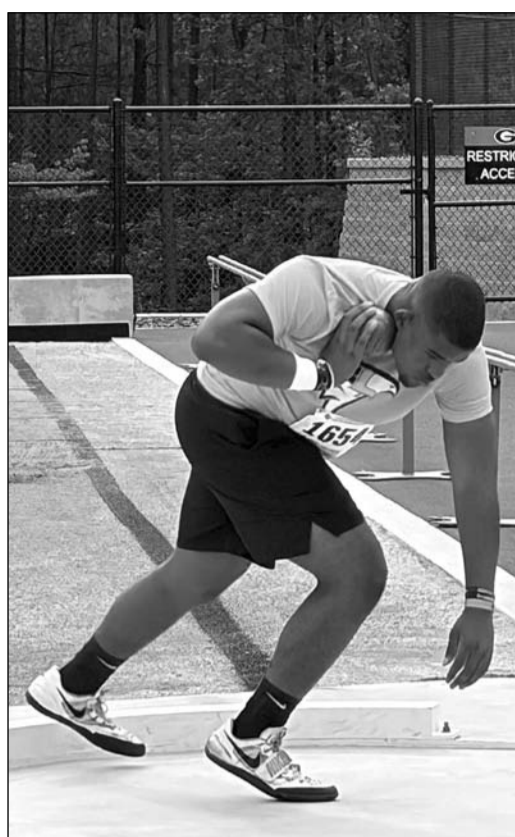
- Boys 4x100 relay (Jameer Renfroe, Jakarian Jones, Trav Bostic and Vicente Bond) – seventh

## East Laurens

- Jackson – first, discus; first (50-0.75), shot put
- Deanna Lowther, sixth discus; 14th shot put
- Kalise Williams – 13th, 100-meter hurdles; seventh, 300-meter hurdles
- Kimora Dudley – 15th, 400-meter dash
- Garyunna Mitchell – eighth, 200-meter dash
- Girls 4x400 relay – ninth

## West Laurens

- Leah Wells – 11th, discus
- Jerniya Mack – 15th, discus
- Sophie Kavuri – 10th, pole vault
- Bryson Campbell – sixth, pole vault
- Leroy Mack – fourth, shot put
- Sydney Howard – 15th, triple jump
- Juvon Hill – runner-up, triple jump
- Justin Blash – sixth, 110-meter hurdles; fourth, 300-meter hurdles
- Levi Dailey – seventh, 1600-meter
- Boys 4x800 relay – 11th
- Girls 4x200 relay – sixth
- Boys 4x200 relay – 12th
- Girls 4x100 relay – sixth
- Boys 4x100 relay – 15th



CALEB STATUS: East Laurens' Caleb Jackson added to his growing athletic profile with first-place finishes in both the shot put and discus at this week's GHSA state championships/SPECIAL PHOTOS, East Laurens High School

## GIAA BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

# Crusaders cross off two quick ones vs. Southland to capture spot in second-straight state semifinal

By JEREMY PAYNE  
Correspondent

After struggling a bit to close out the regular season, the Trinity Crusaders looked to get back on track Thursday in the quarterfinals of the GIAA state tournament.

Standing in their way was a Southland team that rolled into Dublin with an identical 15-9 record as the Crusaders. The Raiders had also won 11 of their last 13 games, including a first-round sweep of Georgia Christian in a pair of run-ruled contests.

Trinity was able to rebound in a big way as it broke out its own brooms, defeating the Raiders 10-0 and 11-1, to roll into the state semifinals.

The Crusaders got on the board first in the second inning of the opener.

Braden Underwood led off the frame with a walk and Andrew Helton was hit by a pitch. Following a sacrifice bunt, Alston Bryan also walked to load the bases. Jakob Sahli coaxed another free pass to put the Crusaders on the board, 1-0.

Asher Evans, who had a monster day at the plate, followed with a double to score a pair and make it 3-0. After Sahli scored on a wild pitch, Carter Lee would also double to put the Crusaders up 5-0.

Southland threatened to score in the fourth as it loaded the bases with one out on a hit batter, an error and a walk. Kolbi Grooms would end the threat with a pair of strikeouts.

Trinity added to its lead in the bottom of the inning after two



GIVE HIM SIX: Sam Owens scores just ahead of the Southland throw on a Tayt Evans RBI to make it a 6-0 Trinity lead in the fourth inning of game 1/CLAY REYNOLDS



THE GLOVES ARE OFF: The barehanded Andrew Helton spoils a pitch foul to keep a big second inning going for Trinity early in game 2. The sophomore had one official hit earlier in the day, but got on base frequently and added a key RBI later in the win/CLAY REYNOLDS



LEAVING 'EM LOADED: Kolbi Grooms hollers on the way off the field after a second in back-to-back strikeouts stranded three Southland runners with his shutout still intact in the fourth inning of game 1/CLAY REYNOLDS

Lee, Johnson, Helton and Tayt Evans also hit safely, and the Crusaders took advantage of six Southland errors.

Grooms allowed a hit to the first batter of the contest, but no more in a five-inning complete game shutout. He walked two and struck out six, as he ran his record to 6-2 on the year.

Game 2 started about the same as neither team scored in the first.

Trinity, which was the visiting team, looked like it would go quietly in the second with two quick outs. However Alston Bryan and Sahli, the last two hitters in the

order, both walked to extend the inning.

Asher Evans came up next and ripped his third two-run double of the day to put the Crusaders up 2-0. Grooms would drive him home with a hit to make it 3-0.

Lee kept the frame alive with another hit, and an error would make it 4-0. A fifth run would score on a wild pitch, and Underwood would plate the final two-out run of the inning with another double to make it 6-0.

Trinity added another run in the fourth. Tayt Evans led off with a walk and Underwood would come through with another double. Helton drove home a run with a groundout to make it 7-0.

Southland finally got a run back in the bottom of the fourth off of Asher Evans on with a walk and a double to make it 7-1.

Trinity broke the game open in the sixth. Tayt Evans led off with a triple. Following an out, a hit batter would place runners at the corners.

Southland looked like it may get out of the jam as Evans was caught too far off of third base and tagged out in a rundown for the second out of the frame. But a walk to Johnson extended the inning, and Bryan came up next with an RBI single to make it 8-1.

After that, Sahli laced a triple into the right field corner to make it 10-1. Asher Evans then helped his own cause again with a single to right to push the advantage to

**CRUSADERS**  
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# Remembering the pointed, but positive Bobby Cox...

There is something inspiring about a ballpark where those who professionally inhabit one of those big-league shrines can't wait to start their day within its friendly confines.

Tommy Lasorda, the colorful Dodger manager, enjoyed pitching batting practice for exercise, but he also had a great affinity for holding court, the consummate raconteur. He liked being the center of attention. The more the spotlight was on him the better. He never met a flashbulb he didn't like.

Pete Rose passionately loved the ballpark. He would talk to anybody who stopped by his office. He enjoyed reminiscing about past games with visitors, friends, media and ball-

park personnel. And maybe a bookie or two (on the phone). His door was always open.

One day, after learning I had a UGA affiliation, Pete asked if there might be any interest in his son Petey. When I asked Bulldog coach Steve Webber, Steve asked about his grades and said that he knew someone in the Cincinnati area who would know. He called a couple of days later and said Petey was not a fan of the classroom. "The only things he likes about school," Webber said, "are lunch, baseball and recess."

Bobby Cox never wanted to be the center of attention, but he, too, enjoyed good baseball conversation. He was not colorful. He was not interested in seeing



By **LORAN SMITH**

his name in the paper—and, for sure, he preferred that no camera shutters clicked in his presence.

He respected the role of the media, he would give all members of that fraternity the time of day, but he always played it straight with all practitioners of the

Fourth Estate. Although he was ejected from games a record 162 times, he always had respect for umpires. "Their job is really tough," he would say.

At the point when he had been ejected about 160 times, I phrased a question that it was a record of the

number of times he had backed up his players. He was eager to point out that he would do anything for the umpiring fraternity, but backing his own players was priority.

At Turner Field, he had a cubby hole near the dugout where media would gather around and interact with him on whatever was topical. He never called attention to himself. He never put other players down, certainly not his own. Yet if you got out of line, he addressed the situation behind the closed doors of his office.

By exercising good judgment and firm discipline, his players respected him to the highest. I have never heard of an incident where a player did not give him

high marks in the way he communicated with every member of the team, and all said that he was forever honest and fair.

After announcing his retirement during his 25th year with the Braves in 2009, I found him one home game in his spot near the dugout and suggested that he looked young enough to continue.

"Well," he said, "I feel great. I just had to make a decision, and the only way I could make it was to go ahead and announce it, be done with it and move on. I feel that I could manage another 10 years but sometimes you can stay in one spot too long. They'll

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Thursday  
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**LORAN**

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give it to somebody else to run and hopefully they will enjoy a run like we've had."

He said "we" quite often in his conversations. He never talked negatively to a player or criticized him to the media even when the player was failing to get his job done. He always gave players rave reviews.

I remember a conversation one afternoon about his early days as a manager. He had made the Yankees' roster as a journeyman player for a couple of years and realized that he was not likely to go much further when the NY General Manager, Lee MacPhail, offered him a job in the Yankee minor league season as a manager. Bobby thought that was the best direction for him to take.

"When I started out, I wanted to treat every player as if he was going to be a major leaguer," Cox said. "I remember all the managers took their reports to New York and sat down with McPhail to go over the prospects we had on our minor league club. I had all these cards on our players and after giving him glowing reports on each player, Lee said: 'Bobby I am sensing a trend here. You've got every player here rated as a big league prospect. You know that is not likely.'"

Bobby then explained that he did believe that if players worked hard, kept their nose clean and put the team first, then they had a chance to make it in the majors.

Every conversation I had with him, I came away appreciating his positive thinking and admired him for his honesty, integrity, and low-key style. Everybody who knew him considered him a friend.

Fate did not smile on him after retirement. He suffered a debilitating stroke in 2019 as he experienced health problems in his late years.

He will leave an indelible mark on the Atlanta Braves with his remarkable record of 14 consecutive division championships, a record that could stand forever.

It is always refreshing to see a person reach a high plateau in life without succumbing to self-aggrandizement. Bobby Cox was such a man.



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**RACING THIS WEEK...**

**O'REILLY RECAP**

• Saturday's MISSION 200 AT THE GLEN, Watkins Glen International



**WINNER: CONNOR ZILISCH**

With a last-corner pass in a wounded car, Connor Zilisch preserved his perfect record at Watkins Glen — at the expense of his best friend.

Running down Jesse Love after pitting with 25 laps left, Zilisch shot past Love's No. 2 RCR Chevrolet in Turn 7 and won a drag race to the finish line to win Saturday's Mission 200 at The Glen by 0.262 seconds.

The victory was Zilisch's third straight at the 2.45-mile road course in as many starts, and his second in his fifth O'Reilly Series start of the season. It is the 13th win of his O'Reilly career.

Zilisch joins Terry Labonte and Marcos Ambrose as the only drivers to win three consecutive O'Reilly Series races at Watkins Glen.

The victory came after Zilisch chased down Love, who pitted on Lap 48 of 72 and saved fuel the rest of the way, with Zilisch — after trailing by 18 seconds — chopping chunks out of Love's lead over the final 25 circuits.

With six laps left Zilisch hit the grass as he sped through the chicane and damaged the undercarriage. Adjusting to the feel of his Chevrolet, Zilisch continued pursuit and closed on Love.

Taylor Gray and Ross Chastain finished third and fourth. Brandon Jones was fifth, followed by Brent Crews, Parker Retzlaff, Shane van Gisbergen, Austin Green and Justin Allgaier.

**TRUCKS RECAP**

• Friday's BULLY HILL VINEYARDS 176 AT THE GLEN, Watkins Glen International



**WINNER: KADEN HONEYCUTT**

A week after chastising himself at Texas for repeated failure to win Truck Series races, Kaden Honeycutt pulled off his first career victory over the two drivers who have dominated NASCAR road courses over the past two years.

Honeycutt grabbed the lead from Connor Zilisch through a tight Turn 1 on the first lap of overtime and pulled away for his first victory in the series in Friday's Bully Hill Vineyards 176 at The Glen.

A few hours earlier, Honeycutt had won the ARCA Menards Series race on the 2.45-mile Watkins Glen International circuit. With the Truck Series win, he became the second driver to win both an ARCA race and Truck Series event on the same day, joining Sam Mayer (2020 at Bristol) in that distinction.

Five-time 2025 Cup Series road-course winner Shane van Gisbergen finished third, thanks to the New Zealander's ability to pick off cars during the series of late restarts.

Daniel Hemric was fourth and Chandler Smith fifth, followed by Ram Free Agent driver AJ Allmendinger, pole winner Brent Crews, Mini Tyrrell, Brenden Queen and Connor Mosack

**GO BOWLING AT THE GLEN**

In defending last year's win at The Glen, Trackhouse Racing's Shane van Gisbergen scored his seventh Cup Series victory — all on road or street courses — and his first this season.



**Shane van Gisbergen, driver of the #97 Superfile Chevrolet, takes the checkered flag to win the Cup Series Go Bowling at The Glen at Watkins Glen International Sunday.** (Sean Gardner/Getty)

**The rugby boot is back for SvG at Watkins Glen**

**W**ATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Like a world-class hunter stalking defenseless prey, Shane van Gisbergen reasserted his claim to the status as the best road-course racer NASCAR has ever seen.

It's not just that the New Zealander beat runner-up Michael McDowell to the finish line to win Sunday's Go Bowling at The Glen by 7.288 seconds. It was the way SVG ran down late-race leader Ty Gibbs to the tune of 29.2 seconds in 18 laps at the 2.45-mile Watkins Glen International road course.

The mythical shark "Jaws" couldn't have been a more relentless or terrifying pursuer.

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"Unbelievable to win with the '97," van Gisbergen said. "Thank you to Trackhouse. We weren't very good in practice, and then qualifying was amazing. Good tweaks, and then today, so what a race car."

"Then (crew chief) Stephen (Doran) made great calls. I wasn't sure how it was going to work. Then to run them down, very, very special to do two in a row. Just stoked for these guys, you know, to execute every facet of our game. Speechless. This is so cool."

Starting from the pole, van Gisbergen led the first 18 laps before short-pitting the first 20-lap stage. He pitted once again on Lap 41 under a bizarre caution caused by a tent blowing through the air from the camping area onto the race track.

After passing McDowell for the lead on Lap 47, van Gisbergen stayed on the track to win the second stage at Lap 50 and declined to pit on Lap 61 under caution for debris from Joey Logano's left-front tire. That strategy was contrary to most of the rest of the field.

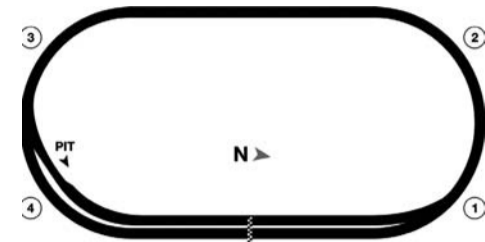
SvG built a lead of more than six seconds before making a green-flag stop on Lap 76. That's when the heroics began in earnest.

Leaving pit road more than 29 seconds behind Gibbs and Trackhouse Racing teammate Connor Zilisch, van Gisbergen charged through the field in pursuit of the first- and second-place cars. Both Gibbs and Zilisch were saving fuel after pitting on Lap 61 and were racing on tires that were degrading rapidly.



**Shane van Gisbergen, driver of the #97 Superfile Chevrolet, takes the checkered flag to win the Cup Series Go Bowling at The Glen at Watkins Glen International Sunday.** (Sean Gardner/Getty)

**NEXT: ALL STAR RACE**



**Dover Motor Speedway**  
3 p.m. ET Sunday, FS1

• **Location:** 1131 North Dupont Highway, Dover, Delaware  
• **Details:** Known as "The Monster Mile" and "The World's Fastest One-Mile Oval," Dover is one of NASCAR's most demanding tracks. The one-mile concrete oval opened in 1969 and has challenged the sport's best drivers for more than five decades. With steep 24-degree banking in the turns and a punishing racing surface, Dover has earned a reputation as a place where mistakes are costly and victories are hard-earned.

• **Capacity:** 54,000  
• **Owner:** Speedway Motorsports (November 2021–present)  
• **Course:** Oval  
• **Surface:** Concrete  
• **Length:** 1 mile (1.609 km)  
• **Turns:** 4  
• **Banking:** 24° in turns; 9° in straights



**Christopher Bell made it to Victory Lane in last year's All-Star race.** GETTY

**2026 CUP SERIES STANDINGS**

Top 30 as of May 10

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Tyler Reddick 23XI	567	16 S V Gisbergen Trkhouse	283
2 Denny Hamlin JGR	438	17 Chase Briscoe JGR	277
3 Chase Elliott Hendrick	422	18 Joey Logano Penske	245
4 Ryan Blaney Penske	405	19 Ross Chastain Trkhouse	236
5 Chris Buescher RFK	375	20 AJ Allmendinger Kaulig	235
6 Ty Gibbs JGR	372	21 Mike McDowell Spire	225
7 Carson Hocevar Spire	342	22 Austin Dillon RCR	220
8 Kyle Larson Hendrick	332	23 Zane Smith Front Row	217
9 Brad Keselowski RFK	318	24 Kyle Busch RCR	217
10 Bubba Wallace 23XI	313	25 Erik Jones Legacy	214
11 Christopher Bell JGR	311	26 Todd Gilliland Fr. Row	206
12 William Byron Hendrick	309	27 Ricky Stenhouse Hyak	193
13 Ryan Preece RFK	296	28 J.H. Nemechek Legacy	189
14 Daniel Suárez Spire	295	29 Riley Herbst 23XI	186
15 Austin Cindric Penske	287	30 Noah Gragson Fr. Row	168

**2026 O'REILLY AUTO PARTS STANDINGS**

Top 20 as of May 9

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Justin Allgaier #7	640	11 Brent Crews #19	324
2 Sheldon Creed #00	485	12 Sam Mayer #41	321
3 Jesse Love #2	479	13 William Sawalich #18	304
4 Brandon Jones #20	433	14 Rajah Caruth #88	300
5 Corey Day #17	422	15 Tanner Sief #39	292
6 Sammy Smith #8	399	16 Brennan Poole #44	257
7 Austin Hill #21	392	17 Jeb Burton #27	223
8 Carson Kvatil #91	380	18 Dean Thompson #26	219
9 Parker Retzlaff #99	362	19 Anthony Alfredo #96	215
10 Taylor Gray #54	345	20 Jeremy Clements #51	212

**NEXT RACE: BETRIVERS 200, Dover Motor Speedway, 4 p.m. ET Saturday, CW**

**2026 CRAFTSMAN TRUCK STANDINGS**

Top 20 as of May 8

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Kaden Honeycutt #11	312	11 Stewart Friesen #52	181
2 Chandler Smith #38	283	12 Justin Haley #16	181
3 Layne Riggs #34	266	13 Jake Garcia #98	180
4 Giovanni Ruggiero #17255	255	14 Brenden Queen #12	172
5 Christian Eckes #91	239	15 A. Perez De Lara #44	156
6 Ty Majeski #88	233	16 Tanner Gray #15	145
7 Ben Rhodes #99	228	17 Grant Enfinger #9	140
8 Corey Heim #1	204	18 Dawson Sutton #26	132
9 Tyler Ankrum #18	190	19 Mini Tyrrell #14	128
10 Daniel Hemric #19	189	20 Cole Butcher #13	108

**NEXT RACE: ECOSAVE 200, Dover Motor Speedway, 5 p.m. ET Friday, FS1**

**CRUSADERS**

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double digits.

He would then strike out the side in the bottom of the sixth to seal the win and send the Crusaders to the final four for the second-straight year.

Asher Evans, Grooms and Underwood each had a pair of hits in the contest, with Evans driving in three more. Tayt Evans, Lee, Bryan and Sahli also had hits. Trinity scored 10 runs with two outs.

Evans earned his eighth win of the season in the complete-game win. He scattered five hits, while walking one and striking out six.

Next week, the Crusaders (17-9 overall) will travel to Eatonton for the second year in a row to face Gatewood with a spot in the state finals on the line.

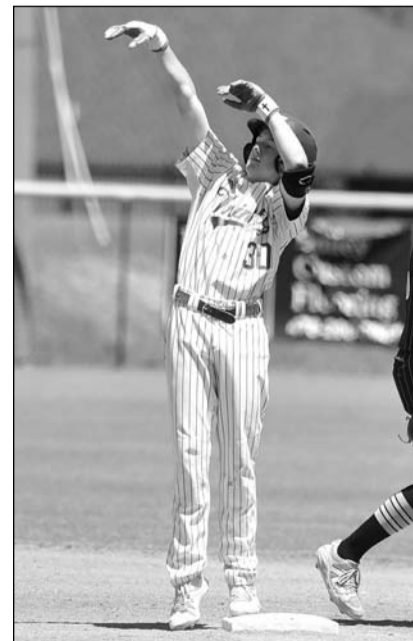


**MIGHT AS WELL JUMP:** Asher Evans leaves the feet to spear a line drive at short for a quick first out in the fifth inning of game 1/CLAY REYNOLDS

**HOP ALONG:** Jakob Sahli plays a chop to second for a quick third out in the top of the fifth inning that got Trinity right back into the dugout and back to the plate to score the winning runs of game 1/CLAY REYNOLDS



**KEEPING THE LINE MOVING:** Carter Lee strokes a base hit to continue Trinity's streak of two-out offense that led to six runs in the second inning of game 2/CLAY REYNOLDS



**CALLING GAME:** Jake Johnson demonstrates the jump shot form after splashing a leadoff double that led to the first of four game-winning runs for Trinity in the fifth inning of game 1/CLAY REYNOLDS



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I had three close girlfriends in college. We lost touch with one of them more than 35 years ago. She has family in our area but moved to the Midwest and stopped communicating with us, though she regularly visits family nearby.

Over the years, I got a new job, married, had two kids, divorced, moved and retired. This friend has recently gotten back in touch. I don't know what prompted it. I have friends who have supported me all my life and deserve my attention. She was brave to reconnect, and I don't want to be harsh, but she certainly has not been a good friend to me. What do you think? -- RELUCTANT FORMER FRIEND

DEAR RELUCTANT: I think you have two choices: You can ignore this former friend's attempt to reconnect, or you could respond by asking her what prompted her to reach out after all these years. If she tells you she wants to get together, depending on her answer, either agree or explain that your paths diverged decades ago, you have a busy life and are not available.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 11 years. Most of them were good. Two years ago, my husband started drinking again. It has caused a lot of problems, including a DUI, and my family won't come around anymore. I'm feeling incredibly isolated. I recently met someone. He has become my best friend, and we have strong feelings for each other. Is it wrong to want to move on? -- DONE WITH IT IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR DONE: That you would want to move on is natural, considering the fact that you have spent the last two years with an addicted stranger. Would you be open to staying in your marriage if your husband were willing to quit drinking and get help? If the answer is yes, offer him a choice: Dry out or lose you, because you have had it. If he lapses, follow through.

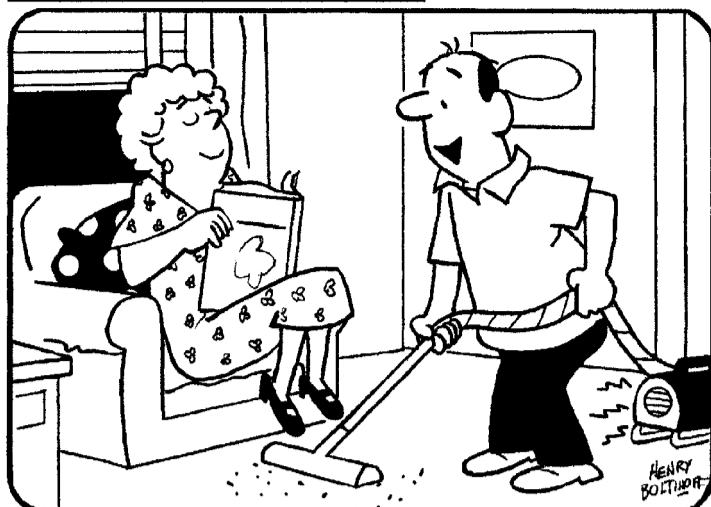
If you do decide to end your marriage, a word of caution: While you and this new man may have strong feelings for each other, for your own sake, please take your time. Be sure you really know him before pinning your future on him -- or anyone.

DEAR ABBY: While looking through some old stuff at home, we unexpectedly came across our late mother's false teeth. Our family members cannot agree as to what we should do with them. We have mixed feelings: It's such a personal item, it seems wrong to just discard them.

At the same time, it somehow seems creepy to hold on to them. There are plenty of more appropriate reminders of Mom already. She passed away many years ago, by the way. Your thoughts? -- INDENTURED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR INDENTURED: Talk with your dentist about this. Some dentists can dispose of dentures or recycle some of the parts. It's certainly worth a try, and a lot better than throwing them away or burying them in the backyard.

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

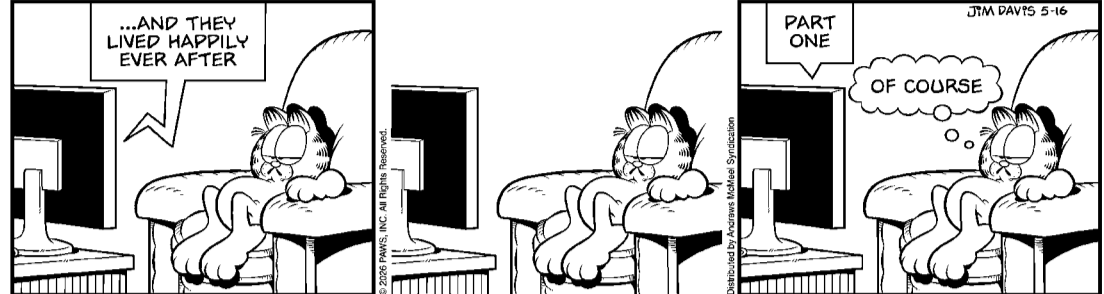


Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Vacuum is moved. 3. Blinds are higher. 4. Drawer is larger. 5. Back of chair is moved. 6. Bottom of chair is different.

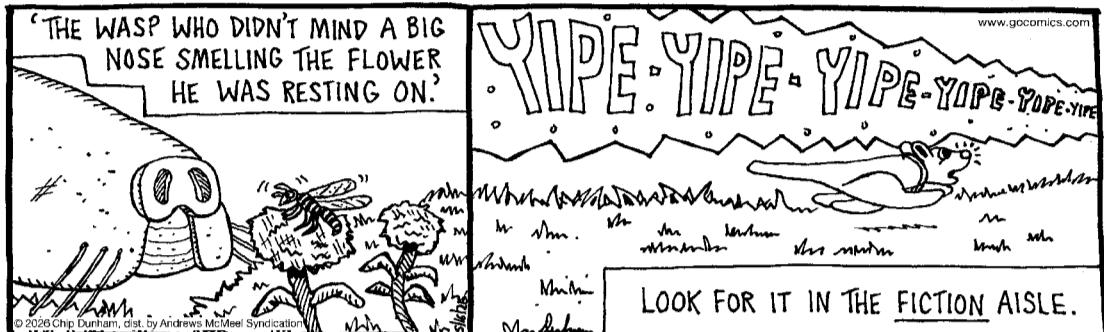
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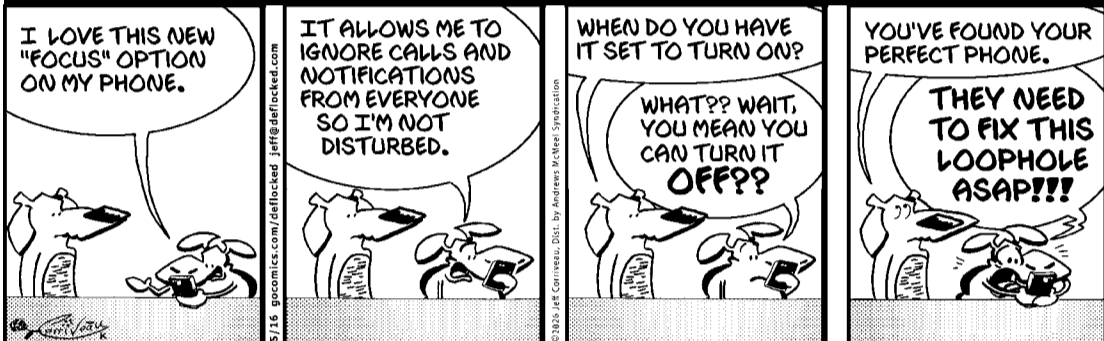
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SUDOKU

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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!

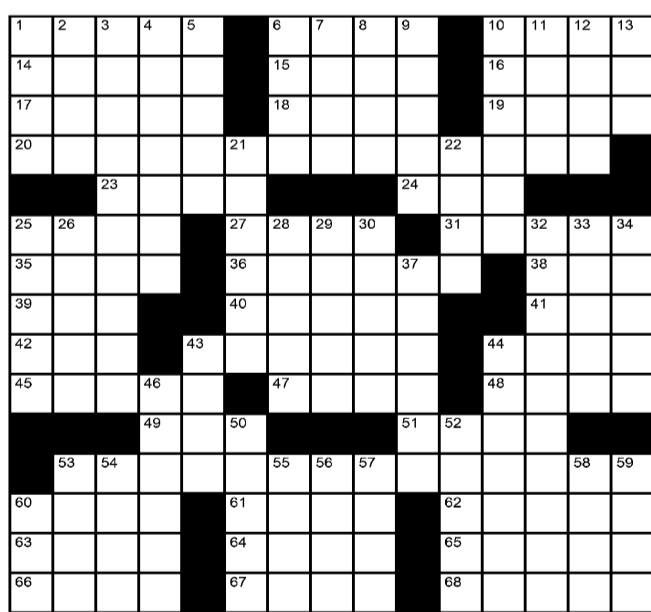
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ANSWER:

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

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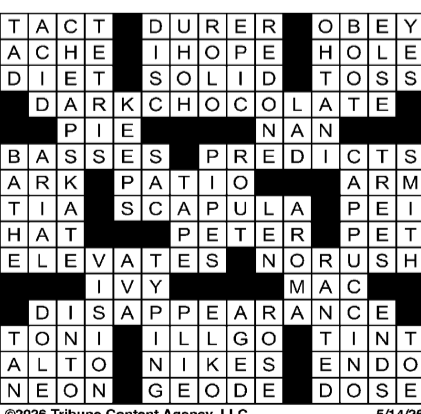
- 1 U.K.'s House of ...
- 6 Close loudly
- 10 Pierce with a knife
- 14 La Scala performance
- 15 Volcanic flow
- 16 Mexican snack
- 17 Katey of "Sons of Anarchy"
- 18 Desktop pictogram
- 19 Choral voice part
- 20 Sitcom set in Miami: 3 wds.
- 23 Not any
- 24 Make a decision
- 25 "You said it!"
- 27 Portion of pastureland
- 31 Film award
- 35 Armed conflicts
- 36 Stirred up
- 38 Columbus school: Abbr.
- 39 Actress Ortiz
- 40 Lymphatic system parts
- 41 60-second period: Abbr.
- 42 Go bad
- 43 Facet
- 44 High hairstyle
- 45 Greatly fear
- 47 Spanish title: Abbr.
- 48 Intellectually alert
- 49 Six-point scores: Abbr.
- 51 Tightly stretched
- 53 Goes ballistic: 3 wds.
- 60 Broad
- 61 Verdi 14-Across
- 62 Make another knot
- 63 Flat and smooth
- 64 Grasp tightly
- 65 Mexican corn dish
- 66 Drop of dew
- 67 Congeals
- 68 Jeter of baseball



Created by Stella Zawistowski

DOWN

- 1 Suffered defeat
- 2 Colorful food fish
- 3 Grow back again
- 4 Mythical fire-breathers
- 5 Hairstyling shop
- 6 Evaded a tag
- 7 Shoestring
- 8 Stratford-upon-Avon
- 9 Chutney fruit
- 10 Begins
- 11 Like skyscrapers
- 12 Performs on stage
- 13 Haunted-house shout
- 21 Gets educated
- 22 Old Apple device
- 25 Prize
- 26 Country house
- 28 Poultry cages
- 29 Equestrian
- 30 Put in office
- 32 Athletic contender
- 33 Out of the way
- 34 Long sentence
- 37 Fancy residence
- 43 Contributes
- 44 Hawaiian guitar
- 46 Go to
- 50 Deer with antlers
- 52 Was on TV
- 53 Bee colony
- 54 "What's the big \_\_\_?"
- 55 Bring on staff
- 56 Make revisions to
- 57 Bottle tops
- 58 Evening, in ads
- 59 Nerd
- 60 Spider's creation



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The caterpillars of fritillary butterflies hatch in autumn, go dormant right away without feeding, and sleep through the winter. They awaken in the spring at the same time as violet plants – their only food – begin to grow.

It is feared that global warming may disrupt this delicate and important synchronization and cause extinction of fritillary butterflies.

– Brenda Weaver  
Source: www.fs.fed.us

Fritillaries

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GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠ K 10 8 ♥ J 9 3 ♦ K Q 10 6 3 2 ♣ 5

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
2♦ Pass 2NT Pass

♠ A Q ♥ K 9 ♦ A K 10 8 6 3 ♣ A Q 7

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass

What call would you make?

Q 5 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 9 8 7 ♥ 8 4 3 ♦ 3 2 ♣ A K J 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
1♠ Pass 1♣ 1♦

1♠ 2♦ ?

What is your choice?

Q 6 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 8 5 ♥ K J 6 2 ♦ K 7 4 ♣ K 8 5 3

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH  
1♣ Pass 1♠ 2♦

Pass ?

What action would you choose?

Q 3 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Void ♥ J ♦ A K Q J 10 6 4 2 ♣ A J 9 4

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
Pass Pass 1♥ ?

Pass Pass 1♥ ?

What action would you take?

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

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

Look for answers on Monday.

**FATHERS**

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“We can’t talk to our sons anymore,” he said. “I want to. I know Jeff does too. It is now left up to Jeff, Kathy and Heather to tell Brody what kind of man his father was. Just like me with Kyle’s kids. They didn’t know hardly anything about their dad. It was left up to me to tell them what he was like. That is tough.”

He also knows people have good intentions, but said it is best to say “I am sorry for your loss” instead of, “I know how you feel.”

“You don’t know how we feel,” Dinkheller said.

**Honoring Harrison in Alamo**

Dinkheller has the memorial on Whipple Crossing Road to go to feel connected to his son. If he had his way, he would like to see Dylan honored by the Alamo Police Department. It does not have to be at the exact spot Dylan was killed, but close to it.

“That would be the right thing to do,” Dinkheller said. “That would be my wish. There has to be something in Alamo so that people would remember what happened.”

Harrison agreed. “I went to Alamo for the hearings,” he said. “I would always turn to go to the courthouse and turn before getting to the police department. One day it was on my mind, and I went to the police station. I just had to go. I haven’t been back there since then.”

Dinkheller said the location near the APD would be a place his friend could spend time with his son.

“I believe he would feel more connected if there was a place to go to down there,” Dinkheller said.

Dinkheller pointed out the many police-related items that honored Dylan in the Harrison’s house.

“Look around his house, this looks like my house,” he said. “I got the flag that flew at the Capitol for Kyle. If you



A memorial made for Kyle Dinkheller along Whipple Crossing Road in Laurens County. Kyle was killed in 1998 while working for the Laurens County Sheriff’s Office/JASON VORHEES, Georgia Trust for Local News

come to my house, you will see the same stuff. Our children were supposed to grow old with us and take care of us. Welcome to our world.”

While Dinkheller returns to the site his son was taken from him, Harrison currently feels closer to his son on a piece of property Dylan and Heather bought in the county. This is where father and son spent a lot of time and many days cleaning off the property.

“That’s my place that I go to, and I talk to him,” Harrison said. “That is where I feel connected to him.”

**National Police Week - honoring their sons**

The sites honoring Kyle and Dylan are approximately one mile from each other. Jeff and Kathy Harrison’s house is halfway between both locations.

Standing around last week, while waiting to take pictures, Dinkheller asked Harrison if they had planned to go to National Police Week in Washington, D.C. this year. The reply was no. Dinkheller had no plans to go either. But one could tell, a seed was planted from that discussion.

Dinkheller informed Harrison that across from the me-

morial is a police museum.

“Everybody’s name that is on that wall, is inside the museum with their duty pictures, and it tells a story about them,” Dinkheller said. “There are all kinds of interactive things in there just for law enforcement.”

After his son died, Dinkheller went to National Police Week the first year his son’s name was etched on the wall. He then returned for the next five years, volunteering to talk to families who were coming to National Police Week for the first time and see their loved one’s name on the wall.

“I wanted them to know what they were going to experience for the rest of their lives, basically,” Dinkheller said. “Then I decided I had to get right with myself, so I quit going. I was a mess. It took probably seven years before I got right with myself. I changed from how I was in the 1990s. I’m not the same person I was.”

The Harrisons went to National Police Week in 2022, when their son’s name was unveiled. They have not been back since.

“It’s hard because there are a lot of things going on,” Harrison said. “We want to go back

and maybe try to interact with some of the other families.”

Both fathers would encourage the public to remember that law enforcement officers are human. They are no different than anyone else.

“They have a family to go home to,” Harrison said. “When you see them out there, thank them for what they do. A lot of times they don’t get that kind of recognition. Be appreciative to what they do. That would be my request for this week. Wave at them, shake their hand.”

And if a person disagrees with them, like maybe a speeding ticket, take it and move on, Dinkheller said.

“Fight it in court,” he said. “Life is too short. I wish people would thank an officer more during this week.”

From 2025 to 2026, 363 names have been added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Those 363 names represent officers killed in the line of duty in 2025. Kyle’s name is engraved on Panel 3-E, Line 21. Dylan’s name is engraved at 450 F St. NW in Judiciary Square.

They have joined many others who died protecting their communities. They are remembered, along with the new names added each year, during National Police Week, which coincides with National Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15.

Before parting, the friends mentioned making plans to attend National Police Week in 2027. This time, their families will go together. For now, they pray that no other family will join them in this boat.

“We’re living in it, but it’s not easy,” Dinkheller said. “It’s not a good day, and I know it’s not for Jeff. When you are talking with somebody who is in the same boat you are in, you can relate better. You can tell them how they are going to feel. It helped me and I hope it helps the people I have talked to.”

**OFTC PRESIDENT**

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in our community, serving not just as an educational institution, but as a vital engine for local workforce development and personal transformation.”

“As I prepare to retire after over 36 years in technical education, I want to express my deepest appreciation for the unwavering support you have shown both to me and to OFTC,” she added. “I ask that you continue that same spirit of partnership and dedication for the college and its new leadership; together, we ensure that OFTC remains a cornerstone of opportunity for generations to come.”

Harden’s career within the Technical College System of Georgia spans decades of progressive leadership roles. Prior to serving as president, she held several leadership positions at Sandersville Technical College, including executive director of student affairs, vice president of student affairs and vice president of academic and student affairs. She also played a key role in the merger that formed OFTC and later served as vice president of academic and student affairs and executive vice president for the newly established institution.

A graduate of the University of Georgia, Harden began her career in technical education as director of public relations and marketing at Southeastern Technical College before continuing in leadership roles at Aiken Technical College in S.C.

During her time as president, Harden championed workforce development initiatives, strengthened relationships with business and industry partners and worked to expand educational pathways that prepare students for high-demand careers across the region.

“Throughout her tenure, Erica has been a tireless advocate for students and a champion of the life-changing impact of technical education,” said Greg Dozier, Commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia.

As she prepares for retirement, Harden leaves behind a legacy rooted in student achievement, institutional growth and a deep belief in the transformative power of technical education.

“As president, Erica’s outstanding leadership and strategic vision have made a substantial impact on OFTC,” added Eric Smith, Chair of OFTC’s Board of Directors. “Her dedication to developing a highly skilled workforce has provided significant value to our business and industry partners while having a positive effect on our communities. She has demonstrated notable skill in leading the college while building strong relationships and showing consistent support for both staff and students. We extend our best wishes for continued success in her retirement.”

The college will honor Harden’s career with a retirement celebration in July.

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