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Improvements continue at Ga. 257 site

By KYLE DOMINY
 Staff Reporter

Work to improve the industrial site on Ga. 257 continues as local officials push to make the property more attractive to investors and potential large-scale employers.

Crews have been active on the roughly 330-acre site extending roads, digging a stormwater retention pond and leveling and grading the property.

"We were widely successful in getting grant money for the site," said Mitch Griggs, president of the Dublin-Laurens Coun-

ty Development Authority, which owns the site. "We're still working on the infrastructure for the Hwashin location, and we had some dollars left over, so we're doing a scope change."

The extra works allows for better access to the property with the additional site work making the location a better lure for company scouts.

"It is super critical to have all of that due diligence done," Griggs said. "Prospects are looking for the fewest barriers and the least number of unknowns."

The development authority secured more than



With the Hwashin plant up and running, officials are investing in more improvements to the rail-served site/KYLE DOMINY

\$8 million in grant funds to improve the land and provide infrastructure access. The current work is being funded through a \$2.9 million federal Economic Development Administration grant.

Workers are using large excavators and dump trucks to expand the site's water retention pond. The

removed soil and clay is being used to grade the land, making it ready for future construction.

"It will make that section truly pad ready," Griggs said. "A prospect can't look at a raw piece of land and say 'Yeah you can build on it.' You still have to spend the next few years grading

and installing infrastructure. A lot of prospects just aren't that patient. When a company wants to build something they don't want it to take years. This significantly removes barriers and makes us so much more competitive."

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Legislative recap: Tax relief, mega-site investment

Lawmakers focused on cuts to income, property taxes

By RODNEY MANLEY
 Staff Reporter

Pocketbook issues understandably were the major focus of the state Legislature this past session, as well as at last week's Legislative Update 2026 event.

"We know the citizens of Georgia are struggling with inflation and high costs. We wanted to do everything we could to restore the American dream for the people of Georgia," state Sen. Larry Walker told the crowd at Dublin-Laurens Chamber of Commerce.

Walker and state Rep. Matt Hatchett shared some of the highlights of the most recent General Assembly, headlined by \$2 billion in state income tax cuts and another \$850 million in tax relief for Georgia homeowners.

The state's income tax rate was lowered from 5.19 percent to 4.99, with a path for it to gradually be lowered to 3.99 provided certain revenue parameters can be met. Also, Georgia's



The program's panel included (from left) state Rep. Matt Hatchett, state Sen. Larry Walker, County Administrator Bryan Rogers and Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight/RODNEY MANLEY

standard tax deduction was raised from \$24,000 to \$30,000.

"This will essentially eliminate the state income tax for a lot of families," Walker said.

The property tax relief also included a cap on property assessment increases at 3 percent per year. To

offset concerns from school boards and local governments, the measure allows for a new one-cent sales tax to offset lost revenue and perhaps even lower millage rates.

"Everywhere I go people are really upset about property taxes," Walker said. "We've seen housing prices

skyrocket. It's really kinda out of control."

Hatchett also noted that local legislation was passed last year for the Dublin City Schools, and approved by city voters last fall – that increases the homestead

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\$15 million tops local spending in state budget

By KYLE DOMINY
 Staff Reporter

Funding to provide infrastructure access to the Heart of Georgia Mega Site tops allocations for local spending in the state budget signed recently by Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp.

About \$15 million is tapped to provide water and sewer access to the 2,000-acre industrial park near I-16 in eastern Laurens County.

"We've got some very large, well-known companies looking at our mega site to expand their operations," said state Rep. Matt Hatchett, who serves as chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee. "It's not sexy, putting stuff in the ground, but it provides for the things that are."

With its centralized location and easy access to major roadways and railroads, local officials have worked

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Woodlawn/Claxton Dairy intersection to close for roundabout work



Work on the new roundabout at Woodlawn Drive and Claxton Dairy Road has already begun. The intersection will be closed to traffic beginning Tuesday/PAYTON TOWNS III

By PAYTON TOWNS III
 Senior Reporter

A traffic project that was planned to take the remainder of the year will now be completed by the end of July.

The intersection at Woodlawn Drive and Claxton Dairy Road will be closed beginning May 26, giving Total Earth Services' employees the time to work on and complete a single-lane roundabout.

City Engineering Director Matthew Bradshaw said TES approached them with the idea of closing the intersection for a few months, which would allow workers to finish the job faster. The contract to complete the roundabout ends at the completion of 2026. Demo work has already begun at the site.

"This way there will be a lot less interruptions, instead of it being drawn out

month after month," Bradshaw said. "It will be shut down, and the work will get done."

Blake Graham with TES said the work should be completed by the end of July.

"This will be a lot safer for our guys to work," Graham said. "The work can be done a lot faster and safer."

Detour and closure signs will be posted along the route to warn drivers of the work.

"There will be road-closed signs at every point of it," Bradshaw said. "Before that time, probably beginning Friday and maybe some on Monday, a company is going to come in and put up some detour signs. That way people will know exactly where the roads are closed, and it will give

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East Dublin woman killed in wreck at Dublin City Hall

By PAYTON TOWNS III
 Senior Reporter

A 67-year-old East Dublin woman died after the driver of another vehicle ran the red light at the in-

tersection of North Church Street at Bellevue Avenue and struck her car Wednesday morning.

Laurens County Coroner Richard Stanley pronounced Mary Francis

Fountain Hobbs dead at 8:33 a.m. in the emergency room at Fairview Park Hospital. The cause of death was multiple blunt trauma from a motor vehicle accident.

According to Dublin

Police Chief Keith Moon, the wreck occurred around 8:05 a.m. Hobbs was traveling south on North Church

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OBITUARIES



Rebecca "Becky" Ann Herrington Rawlins

Mrs. Rebecca "Becky" Ann Herrington Rawlins of Soperton died Tuesday, May 19, 2026 in Meadows Regional Medical Center in Vidalia.

Mrs. Rawlins, 74, was the daughter of the late Osburn and Betty Ann Smith Herrington. She was born in Savannah, Ga. on Aug. 8, 1951 and was a graduate of Savannah High School. She was a retired accountant/bookkeeper having worked for Minter Naval Stores with W. F. Belote, Haiseal Timber Company and Gillis Ag & Timber Company. She lived most of her life in Laurens and Treutlen Counties and was a Christian by faith. She was a free spirit, a nature lover and loved to do crafts and collect antiques. Her sister, Denise Herrington and brother, Ken Herrington preceded her in death.

Survivors include her two sons, Joseph Rawlins of Soperton and Trey Rawlins of Macon; sister, Cindy Cantrell of Savannah; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren, several nieces/nephews and the love of her life, her 40 year old African Gray Parrot "Elvis."

A private service will be held by the family at a later date.

Higgs Funeral Home (higgsfuneralhomeandflorist.com and on facebook) of Soperton has charge of arrangements.

Mary Francis Fountain Hobbs

Funeral services for Mary Francis Fountain Hobbs, 67 were held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 22, 2026, in the Chan Stanley Memorial Chapel of Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory, with interment to follow at Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Joey Diers will officiate.

Mrs. Hobbs was born Oct. 31, 1958, in Eastman, Georgia. She was the daughter of the late Ralph Cleo Jones and Pauline West Jones. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Sammie Lynn Mullis. She was of the Baptist Faith. She retired from Bassett Furniture. Mrs. Hobbs passed away Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Fairview Park Hospital.

Mrs. Hobbs is survived by her husband, James Isaac Hobbs of East Dublin;

BIRTHDAYS

May 23
Arlene Fultz
Sue Green
David Pauldo Sr.

May 24
Joe Allen
Lorenzo Hunt
Alberta McCloud

May 25
Wanda Wilkes

May 26
Shannon Horne
Ivey Phillips

May 27
Garrett Mathis
Isadore Miller Jr.
Cyhan Wicker

a son, Sammy Joe Fountain Jr. (Brandi) of Twin City; a daughter, Angel Marie Fountain (Mitch) of Dublin; a brother, Jimmie Ray Jones (Sarah) of Chester; a sister, Syble Horne (Troy Hackle) of East Dublin; eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Friday, May 22, 2026 at the funeral home.

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



Brian Johnson

A celebration of life will be held at First Baptist Church sanctuary in Dublin, Georgia on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 1 p.m. for Mr. Brian Johnson. Interment will follow at Magnolia Park Cemetery for family. The family will receive friends from noon until the service hour at the church. Pallbearers will be Jimmy Stevenson, Santiago Archila, Curtis Holton, Matthew White, Drew Prospero and Rowan Gibbs.

A purely genuine soul, Brian Hugh Johnson was born on Feb. 18, 1983, in Macon, Georgia. He grew up in Dublin, Georgia, became an active church member and graduated from Dublin High School in 2001. Brian attended the University of Georgia and then opted for a smaller campus, completing a Bachelor of Science degree at Georgia College and State University in 2006. After his studies, his aim was to help others in distress, and he worked as a counselor at community mental health in Soperton, Georgia. Brian's expertise in behavioral health complemented his innate compassion and deeply empathetic temperament.

As a child, Brian was full of energy and spontaneity; he rarely held a frown, always laughing and smiling. His mannerisms and clever sense of humor were a magnetic combination, frequently joining with his elder brother, Rodney Johnson, to play practical jokes on their older sister, Amy Johnson Hall. In his teenage years, Brian developed a keen ear for music, beginning with piano and following with study of drums and guitar. Peers will remember him as the keystone drummer for several bands, in both high school and college, as he was known for being an athletic and skilled percussionist. His musicality reflected his gregarious personality - his presence often bringing friends together

and being the center of high energy. Later, when Brian's socialization was limited, he continued to appreciate art, music and technology, being an avid enthusiast of film and gaming.

His spiritual devotion to Jesus Christ was displayed with his youth group at First Baptist Church of Dublin, leading worship in the church band and serving on mission trips where he repaired sound boards. Brian's prayers and journals reflect his struggles and goals. He wrote of gratefulness to God, who was an ever-present comfort and strength. Careful handwriting and yellow paper sticky notes were peppered through the pages of his Bible.

Loving nieces and nephew always cheered when Brian would call or come for a visit. Even while in chronic pain, he championed their creativity with impromptu silly games and ever-changing "rules," resulting in high-pitched laughter and shouts of excitement.

Some will meet death with worldly accolades and achievements in hand, but Brian's life reminds us that our humanity is not found in earthly success or striving, but in connection to God and love for others. Few are called to such a difficult path, and Brian's family proudly celebrates his arduous fight for joy and his perseverance against adversity.

On May 14, 2026, Brian was called to his everlasting home to meet his Savior and see again his mother. The world is quieter without his presence, and he will be sorely missed, but Heaven just received the loudest drummer, and his mother in Heaven will still lovingly yell to him, "Turn it down!"

He is preceded in death by his mother, Linda Groves Johnson; his uncle, Henry Augustus "Gus" Groves, Jr.; maternal grandparents, Henry A. Groves, Sr. and Elizabeth Jones Groves; and paternal grandparents, Grady Herschel Johnson and Cornelia Miller Johnson.

He is survived by his father, Dr. G. Hugh Johnson; his brother, Dr. Rodney Marc (Dr. Kathryn) Johnson of Dublin; his sister, Amy Catherine (James Matthew) Hall of Lexington, Kentucky; Nieces, Clara Kate and Charlotte Johnson (Dublin); Nephew, Thomas Johnson (Dublin); Aunt, Joyce Groves (Grand Rapids, Michigan); and cousin, David Groves (Grand Rapids, Michigan).

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



Constance Nicole "Nikki" Howard

Funeral services for Mrs. Constance Nicole "Nikki" Howard, of Dublin, Georgia, will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at the Saint Peters Baptist Church, 912 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Dublin. Interment will follow in Dudley Memorial Cemetery.

Constance Howard was born on Feb. 13, 1977, to the late Jimmy J. Payne and Mary Brown. She peacefully departed this life on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. God dispatched an angel from Heaven to bring her home, where she now rests from her labor after an extended illness.

Nikki joined Zion Hope Church of God at an early age and later became a devoted member of Pine Hill Christian Center, where her faith remained an important part of her life. She was also a proud member of the Eastern Star.

She graduated from Dublin High School in 1996 and later pursued her passion for beauty and service by graduating from K&N Beauty Academy in 2015. Nikki was known as a hardworking and caring woman who dedicated much of her life to helping others. Over the years, she worked at several department stores, the Elks Lodge, and Best Buy before faithfully serving as a nurse at the VA Hospital until her health began to decline.

In 2006, Nikki met the love of her life, Barron Howard Sr., and together they built a life rooted in love, devotion, and family. They were united in marriage in 2013 and shared many beautiful memories throughout their years together.

Nikki's greatest joy was her family. She deeply loved her children and treasured every moment spent with them, especially her beloved daughter, Eboni. Her love and devotion knew no bounds, as she faithfully stood by Eboni's side

ANNIVERSARIES

May 24
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NEWS DIGEST

THE LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS will have a workshop on Wednesday, May 27, at 8 a.m. at the commissioner's office.

through countless days and nights until her passing. Nikki also shared a special bond with India and Gabriel, whom she loved dearly and would do anything for.

She cherished spending time with family and friends and was known for her generous spirit, warm heart, and loving hospitality. Nikki found great joy in cooking and bringing people together through food, laughter, and fellowship.

Nikki leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, faith, and cherished memories that will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, daughter, granddaughter, niece, and friend whose presence brought warmth, strength, and compassion to everyone around her.

She was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Eboni Payne Simpson; her father, Jimmy Payne; her grandfathers, Jessie Brown and Grinder Payne Sr.; her grandmother, Elizabeth Brown; her stepfather, Robert Brown; her uncles, Eddie Whitfield, Hurtis Payne, and Jimmy Taylor; her aunts, Viola Harris, Jacqueline Walker, and Deborah Payne.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: her loving husband, Barron Howard Sr.; her children, India Edmond and Gabriel Payne, both of Dublin, Georgia; stepdaughters, Dominique Strobidge of College Park, Georgia, Lakisha Bell, Shakita (Damien) Smith, and Moneisha Howard, all of Dublin, Georgia; Goddaughter, A'Ryan Danielle Edwards, Mcrae, Georgia; Kiara Simpson, Kiamber Miller, and Jada Williams, all of Milledgeville, Georgia; stepsons, Barron Howard Jr., Brandon Pounds, Nick Simpson, Mark Simpson, Tavion Simpson, and Tavares Simpson, all of Milledgeville, Georgia; her mother, Ms. Mary Brown of Dexter, Georgia; her brother, Terrence Payne of Savannah, Georgia; and her nephew, Terrence D. Payne of Dublin, Georgia.

She also leaves to cherish her memory her grandmother, Charlie Mae Payne of Dublin, Georgia; her mother-in-law, Barbara H. James of Dublin, Georgia; brothers-in-law, William "Billy" Howard of Eastman, Georgia, Michael Simmons

Sr., Anthony Howard, and Reginald (Tamela) Howard, all of Dublin, Georgia; sisters-in-law, Debra James of Mobile, Alabama, Kristina (Terrance) James, Nicole Benjamin, and Barbara (Keith) Patterson, all of Dublin, Georgia; uncles, Elder Melvin (Pansy) Brown, Warren (Daisy) Brown, both of Dublin, Georgia, Marvin (Mary) Brown of Warner Robins, Georgia, James Walker of Lithonia, Georgia, CSM (Ret.) Charlie (Mary) Payne of Columbia, South Carolina, Sammy Payne of Dexter, Georgia, and Grinder Payne Jr. of Dublin, Georgia; aunts, Patricia Whitfield, Bernestine Coleman, Vanessa Payne, Debra A. Brown, Fort Pierce, Florida, Bertha Taylor, Ruby (Thomas) Holmes, Katherine Johnson, Shirley (Donald) Ringwood, all of Dublin, Georgia, Barbara (Isaiah) Jones of Dexter, Georgia, and Aleshia Payne of Austell, Georgia; special friends, Reginald and Tracie Colbert; along with a host of beloved grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends whose lives were touched by her love and compassion.

Please post your condolences online at ServicesbyDudley.com.

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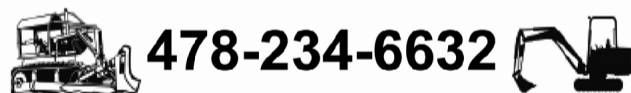
RELIGION DIGEST

Macedonia Baptist Church will celebrate 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.

The Mount Tilla Baptist Church, Rev. Harold J. Banks Pastor, will be celebrating their 159th Church's Anniversary on May 24, 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. B. L. Richardson of Christ Harvest Tabernacle Church of Albany, Ga.

The Young Brothers Gospel Singers of Wrightsville will celebrate their 52nd anniversary on June 21 at 4 p.m. at the Sand Hill Baptist Church, 1780 Gumlog Road in Wrightsville. Anyone and everyone is invited. There is no admission.

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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.

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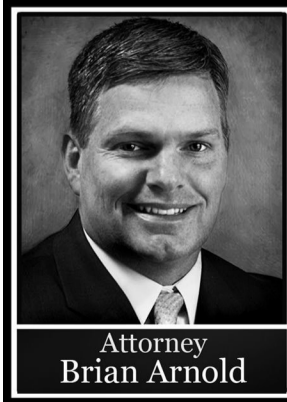
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Swinging from the trees: Another tale from the land

In my fists I clenched a thick woody vine. After a brief running start, I leaped off the ground and swung through the air.

For a moment, I felt like Tarzan.

I was only a few inches off the ground, and instead of traversing the dense jungle, was trying to yank a strand of Virginia creeper from a tree, but you get the idea. Tarzan didn't swing from vines in the original 1912 novel. The ape man, created by English novelist Edgar R. Burroughs, swung from the limbs of trees, mimicking the behavior of the animals that reared him.

The vines were added in later movie and cartoon adaptations. Leave it to Hollywood to ruin a good book.

The King of the Jungle could make himself at home in the woods of North America, at least anywhere Virginia creeper is prevalent. The hardy vines cover the ground and snake their way up the tallest of trees. If left unchecked it can choke out other plants and quickly cover walls and buildings. Unlike kudzu, the rapidly growing Japanese vine brought to the United States as a garden plant and cure for soil erosion, Virginia creeper belongs here. And, unlike its native cousin poison ivy, though they look suspiciously similar in their infant stages, Virginia creeper is not harmful to humans.

It can, however, kill trees if left unchecked. The vines can grow thick, thick enough to support the weight of a full-

"Aah-eeh-ah-eeh-aaaaah!"

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By **KYLE DOMINY**

grown man (if you want to call me that), and the foliage dense enough to beat its host for vital sunlight. If allowed to grow on houses, its tendrils will invade every nook and cranny, while trapping rot and mold facilitating moisture against walls and siding.

Virginia creeper remains prized as a ground cover by many horticulturalists, particularly because of the vibrant shade of red the leaves take on in the fall. Famed plant enthusiast Frederick Law Olmsted, who is considered the father of landscape architecture, prized Virginia creeper, especially when designing large, wooded estates. Prone to using native species, though he helped with the spread of the now-dreaded Chinaberry tree, Olmsted incorporated Virginia creeper on his own Maryland property.

I hate it, hence why I was swinging around the woods like Tarzan, trying to tear it from a tree. Yard work has been low on the priority list over the past few months, years for some portions of the yard, and a pine tree near the house had been overrun with the creeper. It had been crept out, if you will.

The eradication method taught to me by a horticulturist, the same horticulturist that most likely instilled my hatred of this plant, prescribes cutting at least a four-inch gap into the vine at the base of the tree, spraying the exposed end with an herbicide and, after the vine begins to wilt, yank it from the tree. As it dies, you see, it's supposed to lose its grip.

Not this one. I have yanked, and pulled, and swayed in the air like a madman, and the vine is still there.

Where's Tarzan when you need him?

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

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

By **JACK BROWN**



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

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

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

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

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

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

* He served in the Pacific theatre, and on one

of his missions, his plane ran out of fuel and ditched in the ocean.

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

* Sighted and picked up by the Japanese and placed in several P.O.W camps for the next 27 months, he and Phil enduring brutal treatment and starvation and felt robbed of their dignity.

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

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

* The Billy Graham Evangelistic Crusade came to Los Angeles in 1949, and both he and his wife made life-changing

decisions for Christ during the event. Louie forgave his former captor and their marriage was renewed.

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

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

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

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

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

MOMENTS IN TIME

* On June 1, 1926, Norma Jeane Mortenson, who would later become famous as the voluptuous, platinum-blond actress and sex symbol Marilyn Monroe, was born in Los Angeles, California.

* On June 2, 1985, Leonard Lake was arrested near San Francisco, California, ending one of the rare examples of serial killers working together. Lake and his partner, Charles Ng, committed a number of brutal crimes against young women in the 1980s. Lake committed suicide by ingesting a cyanide capsule while in custody, but Ng has remained on death row at San Quentin State Prison since 1999.

* On June 3, 1754, Lieutenant Colonel George Washington began construction of the makeshift Fort Mifflin, designed to defend his forces from French soldiers angered by the killing of Ensign Joseph Coulon de Jumonville by Washington's Native American ally while he was in Washington's custody. A month later, the French, led by Jumonville's half-brother, succeeded in getting Washington's surrender and signed confession (in French, which he didn't read) to the murder.


* On June 4, 1972, Angela Davis, an activist and former UCLA philosophy professor, was acquitted on charges of conspiracy, murder and kidnapping. She had been accused of supplying weapons to Jonathan Jackson, who had stormed a courtroom in an effort to take hostages he hoped to exchange for his brother, a radical incarcerated at San Quentin. Jackson died in the subsequent police shootout.

* On June 5, 2004, Ronald Reagan died, a decade after his announcement that he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Nicknamed the "Great Communicator" and one of America's most popular presidents, he had lived out his final years on his beloved ranch with his wife, Nancy, and was laid to rest at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California.

* On June 6, 1933, eager viewers parked at the very first drive-in movie theater, the Camden Drive-In, in Pennsauken, New Jersey, to watch the English comedy "Wives Beware," starring Adolphe Menjou.

* On June 7, 1692, a massive earthquake destroyed the town of Port Royal in Jamaica, killing thousands. Aftershocks discouraged the possibility of rebuilding, and the city of Kingston was constructed instead.

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Moment of Inspiration Looking Forward

Phillippians 3:13 "...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."

It is good to remember God's faithfulness in the past. The victories, blessings, and memories remind us of how far He has brought us. But God never calls us to live only in yesterday.

Paul reminds us to keep reaching forward. There is still work to do, faith to grow, and people to reach. God is not finished with us yet.

Sometimes we become stuck looking back—either at past failures or past successes. But faith keeps moving forward. The same God who was faithful before will continue to lead us into the future.

Today, thank God for the past, but trust Him for what lies ahead. Your greatest opportunity to serve and grow may still be in front of you.

Prayer for today Lord, thank You for Your faithfulness in my life. Help me not to stay stuck in the past, but to move forward in faith and follow where You lead. Amen

Dr. Curt Lysaker, Pastor Shady Grove Baptist Church, East Dublin, GA
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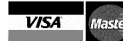
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OUT ON A HIGH(LAND) NOTE: Both West LaGrange golf teams finished with their best rounds in bounce-back efforts on Tuesday, the boys (left) to wrap up their 2025 title defense in third place and girls with an overall finish of 11th at Highland Country Club in LaGrange. The Raiders were represented (from left) by Jake Harden, Braceton Beasley, Will Tribble, Coach Whitney Alligood, Keith Howell, Brody Graham, Wade Martin, Valley Stewart, Coach Matt Janufka and Bailey Jean Logan/SPECIAL PHOTO

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Raider Tennis mini-camp coming up June 2-4
 West LaGrange Tennis will host its annual mini-camp for boys and girls ages 7-14 at the WLHS tennis courts June 2-4 from 9-11:45 a.m. daily. The cost of the camp is \$60 per child (\$30 for each additional family member). For more information, please contact Coach Danny Johnson at (478) 697-2082 or dannyjohnson@lcboe.net

GHSA STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Round 2 rally not enough as Raider boys take third, girls 11th in LaGrange

By **CLAY REYNOLDS**
 Sports Editor

After a somewhat bumpy start to this week's AAA state tournament, the West LaGrange boys made a nice Tuesday charge to climb back up the leaderboard and put some heat on the front-runners in their second and final round.

But despite finding their groove when it counted, the Raiders would ultimately come up four strokes short of a chance to go back-to-back, salvaging third place as LaGrange – to avenge its defeat at their hands on this same home course a year ago – came out on top to win a third state crown in its program history.

"We had a chance at the end, it just didn't go our way," said West LaGrange head coach Whitney Alligood.

The Grangers were back at Highland Country Club with some unfinished business after the Raiders and North Hall joined in spoiling their title aspirations, and adding one more year to a three quarter-century championship drought, this time last spring.

Their intent on ending it was made clear in a red-hot opening round Monday.

The LaGrange top four

combined for a score of 305 that led the pack over the first 18, with an advantage of five shots over next-closest contender Richmond Academy and a fairly massive 12 strokes of separation with both West LaGrange and Oconee County, whose identical 317s would tie for third.

The Raiders rebounded in impressive fashion on Tuesday to post a 305 of their own – the best score by any team on the day – that beat LaGrange by eight, and the Musketeers by four. But it wouldn't be quite enough to make up the earlier deficit on either opponent.

"Monday, we dug ourselves a little hole. We weren't as sharp as we needed to be," Alligood said. "Tuesday, we competed and played a lot better. We showed a ton of heart and determination to get back in the fight. If we could have made a few more putts, we may have pulled it out."

The second round, by contrast, wasn't nearly as strong as Monday's performance for the Grangers, who had to rely on a par save by medalist Saxon Chastain with the tournament's final putt on the 18th to clinch their single-stroke victory.

ARC, with a minuscule disparity between rounds of 310 and 309 that made it



Valley Stewart hits a hybrid during this week's GHSA AAA girls state golf tournament. The West LaGrange girls placed 11th overall/SPECIAL PHOTO

the most consistent squad in the field of 12, was right there with the hosts all afternoon, and actually pulled past them into the lead late

in the day. But the Grangers, trailing three with a few holes left, held serve on their way into the clubhouse as the

Musketeers suffered some hiccups and gave up the vital ground. The 313 score helped LaGrange reemerge on top with a total of 618 for the tournament, and its first boys golf state championship since the second of back-to-back in 1949 and 1950.

West LaGrange's 622 placed it three shots behind the Muskies (619) in third. Oconee was fourth with a total 631, and North Hall fifth with 636.

Sophomore Braceton Beasley made another outstanding showing at the track he mastered to win last year's low medalist honors, leading the way with a five-over-par 149 and the Raiders' best round (75, 74) both afternoons, to finish overall runner-up to Chastain.

"Braceton is a beast," Alligood said of the team's season-long scoring leader. "He brings it every tournament."

Brody Graham finished 11th overall among individuals with a 157. Keith Howell was 10th, shooting 156, Wade Martin 15th with a 160, Will Tribble 30th at 165 and Jake Harden 46th, carding 169.

While West's overall finish was a bit south of last year's on top of the state, this team still finishes the year, statistically, as one of

the most successful in program history with impressive numbers across the board, including scoring averages of 144 per match and 303 in tournaments, that rated in the best in Alligood's 12 seasons as coach.

"2026 was a great year, winning a couple of big tournaments, an area championship and (placing) third in state," Alligood said. "Hats off to LaGrange, Their coaches and players had a great tournament."

The West LaGrange girls would place 11th in the tournament with their two-day total of 439.

Tuesday also saw a resurgence for the Lady Raiders, who had joined Mary Persons in bringing up the rear with scores of 235 after day 1. Both Valley Stewart, finishing up 27th overall with a 218, and Bailey Jean Logan, who shot 221 for 30th, made improvements of 15-plus strokes on the second go-round to finish strong as the Lady Raiders came within two of overtaking Harlem for 10th.

Calhoun, maintaining a three-stroke advantage with its final score of 359, would clinch the girls state title.

"Our girls are so tough," Alligood said. "Valley and Bailey Jean did so much better on day 2. They are two awesome young ladies. I am very proud of how they played."

Remembering 'Smiley' Brantley, the friendliest man in Georgia...

This is overdue, and I regret having to pay tribute to a good friend belatedly. When I heard the news that my long-time friend Wayne Brantley had passed away a few weeks ago, I made plans to drive down from Athens to Vidalia for his final service.

It was a busy time, and there was a lot going on, making it difficult for me to undertake the journey as I initially had planned. There are days when time constraints knuckle you under. It was the weekend before the Masters, which would be followed by the managing of an event that requires overtime responsibility.

Since then, I have spent considerable time recalling Wayne's days in Athens, when he was a small guard (5-11, 195 lb.), but an overachiever who performed much bigger than his stature. He had fire in the belly; he was a fierce competitor and was imbued with a deep and abiding commitment to enjoying his campus days as a student athlete.

While he loved the game, he also knew that a degree would enhance his career when his college days were over. That meant that it was as important for him to make a good grade in the classroom as it was to create a hole in the defense for the Georgia running backs. Some athletes are good at one but not the other. Wayne experienced



By **LORAN SMITH**

high marks at both. In addition, he was a good teammate, who exhibited the intangibles that became the glue that bonds a team.

He had a flair for drawing and enrolled in Industrial Arts when he entered UGA. Following graduation, he coached high school football in Greenwood, S. C., before returning to Vidalia to take over the family business.

Everywhere he went, he easily made friends. With his engaging personality and constant smile, he could have disarmed the devil if they had crossed paths. His nickname in high school was "Smiley," which was apropos.

If anybody ever deserved such a nickname, it was Wayne. His longtime friends never saw him frown.

Wayne was awarded a football scholarship by the Johnny Griffith

staff in late 1961, and he became a regular at guard in 1962 with the freshman team. He was a co-regular in 1963 with the Varsity. Vince Dooley was hired in late December that year, and Wayne set about accruing more playing time with the new staff in 1964, Dooley's first season, which turned out to be serendipitous.

The Bulldogs of '64 won six games, also the rivalry game with Georgia Tech, and then defeated Texas Tech in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, one of the most memorable years for many Bulldog partisans. There was such harmony on the team that it spread over to the fans to the extent that longtime observers felt that Dooley's initial squad played with such heart that the fans exhibited the greatest feeling for those 'Dogs as any team that has played between the hedges.

It didn't win a championship, but no team in Athens ever had greater heart. In the middle of all that upward emotion was the smiling and ebullient Wayne Brantley, the friendliest man in Toombs County, maybe in the state of Georgia.

In 1965, the Bulldogs got off to an encouraging start. The schedule was daunting—defending national champion Alabama in Athens, Michigan at Ann Arbor, FSU in Tallahassee, North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Georgia Tech in Atlanta. Tough conference games with Vanderbilt, Kentucky, Florida and Auburn were also part of the challenge.

After getting up on Alabama 10-0, the Bulldogs fell behind 17-10 with time becoming of the essence in the fourth quarter. The staff had in pre-season talked about what to do in an emergency and came with a flea-flicker play. At this point things were dire. A big play was sorely needed.

If you know anything about Georgia football history, you likely know the rest of the story. The flea flicker, which never worked in practice, was executed to perfection. The inimitable Dan Magill chronicled the play, "Moore to Hodgson to Taylor to Glory." Quarterback Kirby Moore threw a short pass to the button hooking Pat Hodson, who shoveled the ball

to halfback Bob Taylor who went the distance, 73 yards. Moore's two-point conversion pass to Hodgson was good enough for an 18-17 victory.

In the aftermath, there was the celebratory photo of the team taking Dooley off the field on their shoulders to shake hands with the legendary Alabama coach, Bear Bryant. The centerpiece of the prized photograph was "Smiley" Brantley. That is one of the greatest photos in UGA football history.

Football was fun for ol' No. 61. He didn't mind the grind a player had to go through during the week because of the opportunity to play between the hedges on Saturday. He loved his Bulldog days and was forever a doting alumnus. He was proud of his diploma and his letter jacket because of what each represented.

When he was honored in Athens in 2015 for postgraduate achievement by the UGA Chapter of the National Football Foundation, the nation's largest chapter, Wayne brought his family and showed them where he had lived, where he played, and where he went to class. A good time was enjoyed by all.

I don't think UGA has recognized a former letterman who was as appreciative as Wayne was.

Without question, he was a "Damn Good Dawg."

OBITUARIES



Josephine "Jody" Mercer Mosley

Josephine "Jody" Mercer Mosley born Sept. 20, 1946, in Douglas, Georgia peacefully gained her wings on May 15, 2026 surrounded by her family.

She was the beloved daughter of Walter Mercer and Easter Mae Minix Mercer. Josephine lived a life rooted in love, strength, and devotion to her family. If you knew her, you loved her. She appreciated the simple things in life and never cared for a big fuss. She will be remembered for her humor, loving heart, gracious spirit and quiet strength.

Josephine is survived by her daughters, Joanne Marie Mobley Williams of Douglas, Georgia and Vicki Mobley Hawkins of Rosenberg, Texas; her brother, Wendell Ray Mercer of Orange Park, Florida; cherished grandchildren, Tiffani Hawkins, Thomas Roberts, Jonathan Roberts, Herbert Roberts, Joseph Mobley, Donovan Mobley, Sharon Williams, Dalton Williams, David Morris and Callie Morris as well as many beloved great-grandchildren. They were truly the center of her world. She loved them deeply, and they loved her just as fiercely.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Betty Jean Mobley Morris; her brothers, Edward Mercer, Elzie Mercer, Roger Mercer,

and Kenneth Mercer; and her sisters, Martha Mercer Webb, Bonnie Mercer Forbes, Vicky Mercer Bennett and Tammy Mercer.

Josephine leaves behind a legacy of love, resilience, laughter, and kindness that will continue to live on in all who knew and loved her.

The family will hold a small memorial service at a later date.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7



Troy Kendrick Outlaw

Funeral services for Mr. Troy Kendrick Outlaw, 58, of Wrightsville, Georgia, will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Jordan Grove Christian Center, 1318 US Highway 319 North in East Dublin. Interment will follow in Cypress Grove Church Cemetery.

Mr. Outlaw was born on Oct. 10, 1967, as the son of the late Bobby Outlaw Sr. and Mary Outlaw. He grew up in Wrightsville, Georgia, and attended Johnson County High School.

He passed away peacefully on May 17, 2026, at Fairview Park Hospital. He was preceded in death by his father, Bobby Outlaw Sr.; grandparents, Blanch Wiley, Hillra Outlaw and Eva Outlaw.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Outlaw of Dublin; his children, Troytuna Outlaw, Kieaira Taylor, Terrell (Shermaine) Cannon, Jerrell (Tiffany) Cannon, Hakeem Cannon, Latasha

(Shon) Cannon, Marshalle (Johnny) Rozier all of Dublin, Charity (Austin) Outlaw, of North Carolina and Joel Lewis of Atlanta. He is also survived by his sisters, Sonja (James) Horne, Leatha Ervin, Pauline Ervin and Tameka Norris all of Wrightsville, brothers, Chris (Shayla) Outlaw of Mt. Dora, FL, Bobby (Sabrina) Outlaw Jr. of Wrightsville, sisters-in-law, Vickie Taylor, Carolyn (Jamie) Horne, Sharon Warthen, Monica Cannon, brother-in-law, Wilbur (Mary) Cannon, 18 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Please post your condolences online at Servicesby-Dudley.com.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.



Janice M. Johnson

On Tuesday May 19, 2026, God called our precious angel, Janice M. Johnson home. She was born May 18, 1970, in Waterbury, Connecticut. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Janie V. Johnson Watkins, Samuel Johnson Sr and her nephew Jeremiah Watkins.

Ms. Janice will be deeply missed. She had a passionate heart and loved everyone. She enjoyed bowling and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her two brothers, Samuel (Veronica) Johnson Jr. and Christopher Johnson, four daugh-

ters Masheka Johnson, Shanelle Johnson, Shenita Bell and Shandria Johnson; four grandchildren Shaniya Johnson, Zy'Kierra Johnson, Trinity Dobson and Noah Barber, as well as her nephew Denari Watkins and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held at Christ Deliverance Temple, Monday, May 25, 2026, at 11 a.m.

NEWS DIGEST

THE DUBLIN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet at 6 p.m. in the Dublin High School auditorium. The agenda:

- Public comments
- Superintendent comments/announcements
- General administration
- Welding Lab Approval
- Battle at the Rock Football Camp approval
- Financials
- April financials
- Implementation of board officers policy change
- Board member comments
- Executive session
- Discussion of personnel/real estate/litigation
- Return to regular session
- Approval of personnel

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

GA1750001 DEXTER

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name: Rick Jeffares
Phone: 478-875-3838

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Sources of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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Source Water Information

SWA = Source Water Assessment

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
OMEGA ST WELL #1	GW	Active	Omega Street
WELL 103	GW	Active	Hwy 257

2025 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Coliform Bacteria

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
0	1 positive monthly sample.	1		0	N	Naturally present in the environment.

Lead and Copper

Definitions:
Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.
Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2025	1.3	1.3	0.052	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2025	0	15	2.2	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:
The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.
Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Water Quality Test Results

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:	na:	mrem:	ppb:	ppm:	Treatment Technique or TT:
The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.	not applicable.	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.	milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2025	1	1 - 1	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2025	2	1.73 - 2.08	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	10/16/2024	1.02	1.02 - 1.02	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

2025 CCR Supplemental Lead and Copper CCR Information
For The City of Dexter - Water System ID # GA1750001

Required Lead Language: Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. The City of Dexter is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Rick Jeffares by email at CityofDexter@progressivetele.com or by calling city hall at (478) 875-3838. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Lead and Copper Range Data.

Analyte	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	Range		Units	Violation
				Low	High		
Lead	8/5/25	0	15	0	8.6	ppb	No
Copper	8/5/25	1.3	1.3	0.0041	0.16	ppm	No

The Service Line Inventory (SLI) is a requirement under the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) to help water systems identify and replace lead service lines. It mandates that all public water systems develop and maintain an inventory of service line materials to assess the presence of lead and protect public health. The inventory will support proactive lead reduction efforts and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements to minimize lead exposure in drinking water. To access the SLI for City of Dexter and all individual Lead Tap Sample results please contact Operator Rick Jeffares by email at CityofDexter@progressivetele.com or by calling city hall at (478) 875-3838.

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'What a deal!' Fashion show feature fashion at a bargain

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

Calling all bargain shoppers! This is the fashion show you have been waiting for!

All ladies are cordially invited to the Dublin Country Club on Thursday, May 28, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. to enjoy a fabulous buffet luncheon and the niftiest and thriftiest fashion show ever! You may wear something purchased at a clearance sale, consignment shop, thrift store, etc. and model your great find with a short description of the savings you realized. Or you may simply enjoy watching the fun and vote for your favorite bargain shopper. Prizes will be awarded for those who found the best deals!

The mood will be set by beautiful buffet music provided by pianist Brenda Holloway. Jo Ann Cook will entertain with her musical



Jo Ann Cook will entertain with her musical comedy presentation of 'Second Hand Rose'/SPECIAL PHOTO

cal comedy presentation of "Second Hand Rose."

Guest speaker Leslie Hardeman will join us from Colbert, Ga. She is a retired schoolteacher whose story of victory over depression has been an inspiration to

many.

This event is sponsored by the Dublin Christian Women's Connection. The cost of the event is \$21, inclusive. This includes soup, salad bar, meal, dessert, tea, and gratuity. Each month the Dublin CWC hosts a luncheon with a fun theme and an inspirational speaker. These luncheons are a great way to meet other ladies in our community and make new friends.

Reservations must be made by Monday, May 25, at 5 p.m. by calling Emily at (478) 278-7829. Our sincere appreciation goes to Christy's Floral and Gifts in East Dublin for sponsoring our invitations.

If you have been bragging to your friends about the great deal that you got on your new outfit, this fashion show is tailor-made for you! Call your friends, make your reservations and join us for this "What a Deal" Fashion Show!

Mother-Daughter tea party to be held for Dublin After 5 Women's Connection

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

Happiness is mother and daughter time and it's time again for our annual Mother-Daughter Tea Party. Dublin After Five Women's Connection is planning a spectacular evening with special singing by children, door prizes and a guest speaker.

One of the delights of childhood is setting a table with a diminutive tea set while sipping tea from a tiny cup. Tea parties are one of the most timeless and beloved traditions of women and girls. No tea party would be complete without fancy hats! Guests are encouraged to wear a hat, however, hats are optional. This is a delightful event and a wonderful way to celebrate the special women in your life.

We encourage you to grab your mom, grandmother, aunt, daughter, granddaughter, niece or friend, get out your favor-



Leslie Hardeman will be sharing her personal story of hope for those suffering with depression/SPECIAL PHOTO

ite pearls, dust off that hat and come join us for a tea party. All ages are welcome and invited to come make memories, dress up, have fun, and drink tea together. We cordially invite all ladies, young and old, to join us for an evening of tea,

entertainment and inspiration at the Dublin Country Club on Thursday, May 28, 2026, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We are delighted to have as our guest speaker Leslie Hardeman of Colbert, Georgia. She's a former elementary school teacher and will be speaking on learning to find contentment over depression and loss. Leslie will be sharing her personal story of how there's hope for those who suffer with depression.

Call Dianne (478) 272-6341 or Marge (478) 875-3948 for reservations or cancellations by Tuesday, May 26.

The buffet cost is \$21, inclusive, and requires a reservation.

The buffet cost is \$14 for children ages 4-11. We ask that you honor your reservation, cancel it, or give it to a friend. The printing of our invitations is a courtesy of The Bellevue Firm of Dublin, Ga.



Kight signs proclamation for National Nurses Week

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

Mayor Joshua Kight and representatives of Carl Vinson Medical Facility gathered during a recent proclamation signing declaring May 6 - 12, 2026 as "National Nurses Week."

National Nurses Week is a time for everyone: individuals, employers, other health care professionals, community leaders and nurses (to include: registered nurses (RNs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and Nursing

Assistants (NAs) to recognize the vast contributions and positive impact of the nursing workforce.

Together with the American Nurses Association, the Georgia Nurses Association has declared the week of May 6-12 as National Nurses Week with the theme "Advanc-

ing Nursing-Transforming Healthcare," a nod to nurses' sheer value and an open invitation to acknowledge the way nurses enrich our lives and the world we live in.

Kight asks that all resident of Dublin, Laurens County Georgia join him in honoring Registered

Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Nursing Assistants who care for all of us!

Let's celebrate their accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care systems and show our appreciation to them, not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year!

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Gainesville Inland Port open for business

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

SAVANNAH - Crews at Georgia Ports Authority's Gainesville Inland Port has worked multiple trains and trucks at the facility since the opening on May 4, 2026, kicking off direct daily rail service between the inland manufacturing hub and the Port of Savannah.

"With the start of operations in Gainesville, we're extending the reach of the Port of Savannah deep into Northeast Georgia," said Georgia Ports President and CEO Griff Lynch. "Manufacturers across the region now have a seamless rail connection to more than 40 weekly

vessel calls linking to global markets."

The Gainesville Inland Port gives shippers an alternative to a 600-mile roundtrip truck route that will reduce trucks on Georgia's highways and in the Atlanta region.

GPA expects to shift 26,000 containers to rail in the first year of operation, improving highway traffic flow and reducing emissions.

About 80 percent of Savannah's cargo moves inland by truck and 20 percent by rail, with rail becoming more cost-effective beyond 250 miles, especially as diesel prices rise.

NEWS DIGEST

The Town of Cadwell will have a council meeting on Monday, June 8 at 7 p.m. at the Cadwell Town Hall. The agenda follows:

- Call meeting to order
- Invocation
- Approval of minutes
- Approval of financial statement
- Old business
- New business
- Comments
- Acknowledge visitors
- Adjourn

POSTING DATE MAY 23, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PATRIOT DEVELOPMENT GROUP HAS SUBMITTED ANNEXATION APPLICATIONS FOR 91.60 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PARCEL 099D 040 AND 12.57 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PARCEL 099D 061. REQUEST TO ANNEX PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF DUBLIN AS R5 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT). PROPOSED USE IS A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JEFFERY WASHINGTON HAS SUBMITTED A REZONING APPLICATION FOR .26 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 414 EAST MARY STREET, DUBLIN GEORGIA. REQUEST TO REZONE FROM R3 (MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO B3 (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS). PROPOSED USE IS A NEIGHBORHOOD BARBER SHOP.

THESE REQUESTS WILL BE HEARD BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD ON JUNE 9, 2026 AT 5:30 P. M. IN THE HENRY "BUD" HICKS JR MEMORIAL CHAMBERS. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS ON THESE REQUESTS.

Sharon Eveland, Director of Planning and Development

If you should have any questions, please call (478) 277-5070.

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Cam Baker
Son of Ben and Joy Baker
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Just wondering if the signs that the county commissioners have approved for no semi-trucks on some roads in North Dublin, will this pertain to log trucks too. Because they come from East Dublin to Dudley on Blackshear Ferry Road all day long. They're big and heavy and are tearing up the road as much as the semi's.

Is it too hard for the board to rescind the IB vote and take time to put out all the facts and numbers and talk with the community? You made a 4-3 vote in 10 minutes. Looked planned to many of us.

It is time for a new super and board chair. There is an obvious lack of strong leadership. We need a courageous leader who will make tough choices in the interest of all students.

The Moore Street slide show was great. That is what Dublin City should be doing more of - not an IB



academy.

I don't understand why the presentation wasn't presented to the whole board, then the community, then input, then decision and then a vote! It was sprung at the last minute and that is too big!

"Clean house" wants to get rid of the Charter and consolidate the schools. His behavior is bad and he should clean up his own seat. Sitting there with nothing to say. "Clean house" your sit is dirty.

After a board meeting, a member confronted a community member, escalated verbally and later attempted to provoke a

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physical fight as they left. This behavior reflects poor leadership and integrity.

The WLHS theater program gets a front page spot and Dublin High school dinner theater they had a couple weeks ago, gets nothing? Oh wait, I know why, no body wants to read positive things about DHS. Editor's note: WLHS theatre program let us know about their production. We have not heard from DHS about its dinner theatre.

Can we use ESPLOST funds to build more parking at WLMS? It's needed for events at the school.

I'm glad former board member Regina McRae has

a lot to say about board decisions now that she's gone. Would've been even better if she did it while she was actually on the board.

Dublin City has lawsuits coming down the pipeline that I don't think they'll survive. They don't care about the teachers, students or families.

John Bell was the chairman of the board the entire time McDaniel, Thublin and Williams

were creating this problem. Cognia needs to recall this board as soon as possible.

When is Harold McLendon going to prosecute the people who did this to DCS? What could he possibly be waiting for?

The City of Dublin should really look into fairness in their street and sanitation departments. Everyone should receive same opportunities in training.

We constantly see deceased deer on the side of the road and nobody is doing anything about it, certainly not at the state level.

Has anyone else noticed how good the sign and landscaping look for the airport on Highway 80? Kudos to those responsible for making this happen.

Editor's note: All Tell It! calls and emails are subject to editing before publication. Submission does not guarantee publication.

LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Laurens County Board of Education will hold two public hearings to discuss the FY27 budget and allow opportunities for public comment. The meeting dates are May 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. and June 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The Board will vote on final approval of the FY27 budget on June 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Laurens County Board of Education building at 467 Firetower Road, Dublin, Georgia.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

GA1750003 DUDLEY

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

For more information regarding this report contact:
 Name: Rick Jeffares
 Phone: 912-676-3495

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

DUDLEY is Ground Water

Sources of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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Source Water Information

SWA = Source Water Assessment

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
WELL #2	BALL FIELD GW	Active	BALL FIELD

2025 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Coliform Bacteria

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
0	1 positive monthly sample.	1		0	N	Naturally present in the environment.

Lead and Copper

Definitions:
 Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.
 Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2025	1.3	1.3	0.28	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2025	0	15	11	1	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:
 The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.
 Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
 Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
 Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
 Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
 Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

na: not applicable.

mrem: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2025	1	1 - 1	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)	2025	1.3	1.3 - 1.3	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2025	5.07	5.07 - 5.07	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Fluoride	05/10/2021	0.69	0.69 - 0.69	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2025	1	0.848 - 0.848	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Violations Table

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KIDS' CORNER

Vol. 013 | A fun page for kids from The Courier Herald



Class of the week: Mrs. Belflower's class at East Laurens Primary

Harold the Hound made his last classroom visit of the school year, stopping in to see the students in Mrs. Nicole Belflower's class at East Laurens Primary School. The students learned all about newspapers and even discovered that their teacher has been on the front page of The Courier Herald when she starred in a Dublin Community Theatre production. Herald will enjoy an early vacation this week, but be on the lookout for your favorite hound this summer as he travels all over town.

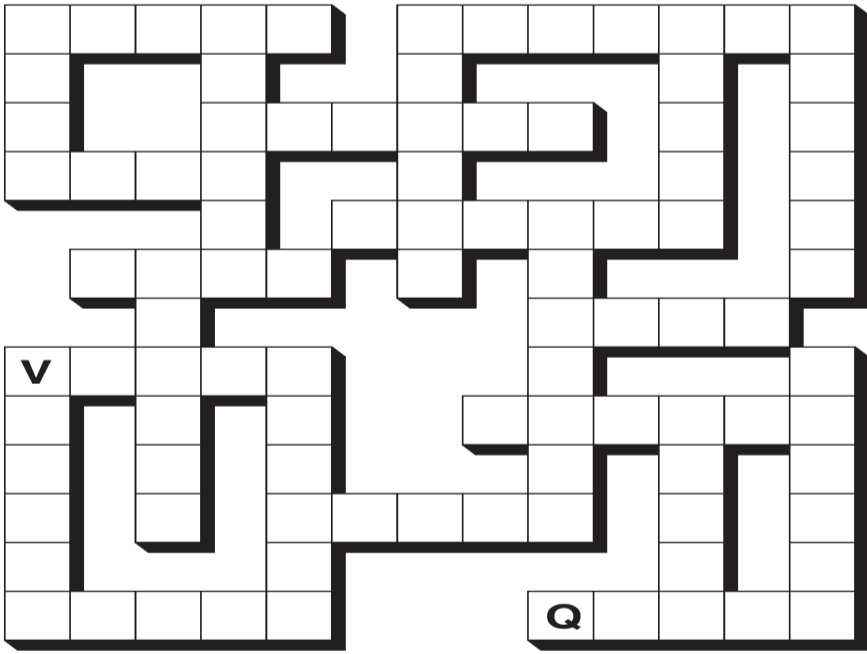


Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – TRICKY SPELLING WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

- 4 Letters**
AXLE
MYTH
OBEY
OKRA
- 5 Letters**
ANNOY
OCEAN
OUGHT
QUALM
RITZY
TIARA
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CACTUS
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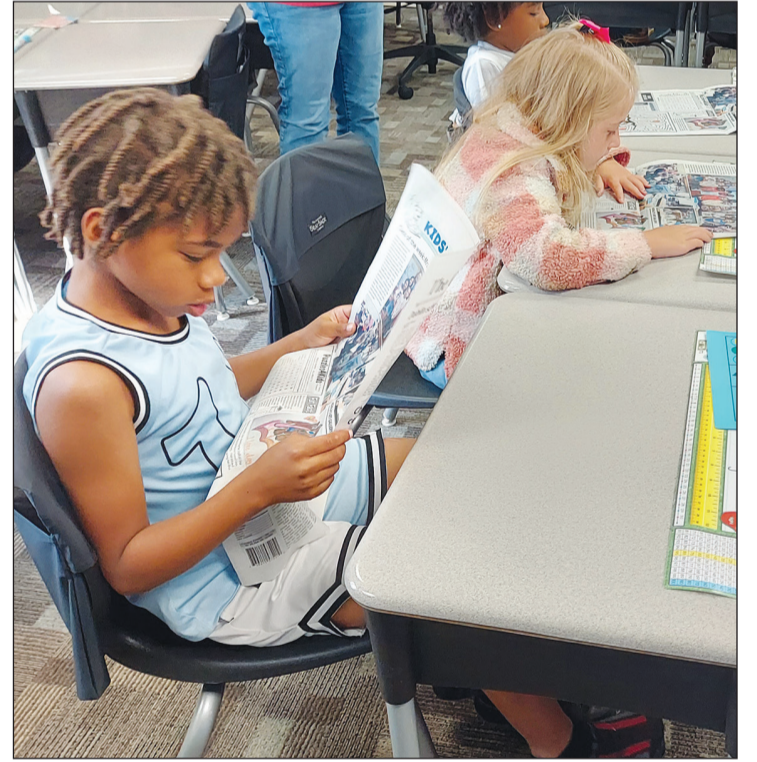
Fun Fact

Every three seconds, somewhere in the world a baby is born.

A baby has 300 separate bones at birth but by adulthood has only 206. Some bones, like the skull, fuse together over time.

Babies are born with soft kneecaps.

Source: doc.vortala.com



MINI SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 6-box square contains all of the numbers from one to six.

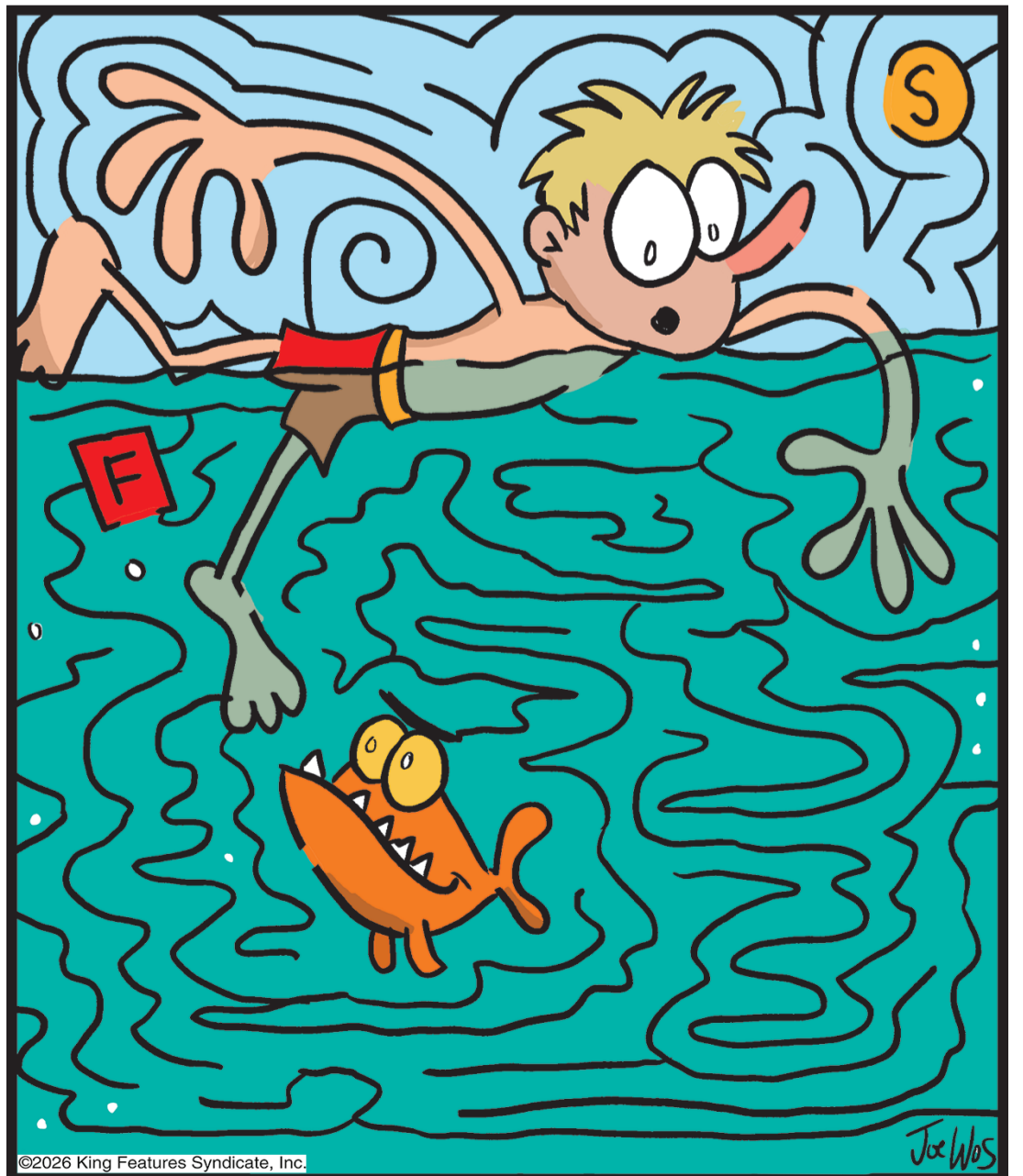
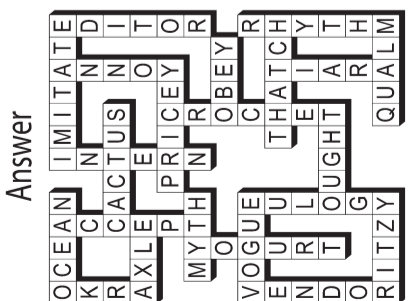
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ANSWER KEYS

MINI SUDOKU ANSWERS

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Puzzles4Kids Answer



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Joe Wos

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Teachers, do you want us to visit your classroom next? Students, do you have artwork, poems or stories you want to submit for possible publication? Email us at read@courierheraldtoday.com.

Classifieds

Yard/Estate Sales

Estate Sale: 110 Holly Lakes Drive. Fri. May 22nd 9 - 4, Sat 8 - until, Sun 1 - until. Queen Bedroom suite/ Dining Room Set, kitchen table & chairs, Exec desk & hutch, Fridge, side tables, books, china, teapots, mission, recliner chairs. Designer women's clothing.

Real Estate

For Rent/Lease

Houses for Rent: 2 bedroom \$1,050/month and 2 bedroom \$725/month. No Animals; References required. 478-278-9012

Legals

Legals

26-244
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Georgia, Laurens County. All creditors of the Estate of William A. Agee, 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 14th day of May, 2026.
Jane F. Agee, Executrix of the Estate of William A. Agee, deceased c/o J. Jackson Dixon
Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC 205 N. Franklin Street Dublin, GA 31021
May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

26-235
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF Arthur Lee Davis
All creditors of the estate of Arthur Lee Davis late of LAURENS County, 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 to me.

Sharna Davis Hatcher
Administrator of Arthur Lee Davis, deceased
Sharna Davis Hatcher
4321 Arcadia Drive
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
OCGA 53-7-41 states:
"...for 4 consecutive weeks.
"...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 weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."
May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

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 1808, 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

26-190
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

26-199
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, 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

26-217
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
May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

26-201
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
P.O. BOX 2098
DUBLIN, GA 31040
478-272-2566
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. 2026-05-06.
The Parties to the action are: The City of Dublin and the real estate described as follows:
All that certain tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 47 in Block 4 of the Zaph-Smith-Overby Survey of the Factory Field, and also being Lot 47 in City Block 100, according to the official map of the City of Dublin. Said lot is located on the northwest corner of Georgia Street and Indiana Street, fronting 60 feet on Georgia Street and extending back in equal width along Indiana Street to a depth of 130 feet and being the same property conveyed by M. H. Blackshear to Jimmie Lee Fowler by deed dated October 11, 1951, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, in Deed Book 119, page 12
Street Address is **402 Georgia Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021**
Tax Map and Parcel No. D15F 102
Interested Parties Include:
Owners: Sabrina Wright-Jones
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
Publisher, please run this notice for two consecutive weeks:
May 16, 23 2026

26-211
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS
All creditors of the Estate of Barry Glenn Price, 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 to the undersigned.
Albert Hood,
Administrator of the Estate of Jimmy Wilson Kennedy
C/O Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney for Executors
P. O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040
May 16, 23 2026

26-211
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF JIMMY WILSON KENNEDY
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
All creditors of the Estate of Jimmy Wilson Kennedy, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Albert Hood,
Administrator of the Estate of Jimmy Wilson Kennedy
C/O Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney for Executors
P. O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040
May 16, 23 2026

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, RL# 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 1606
Macon, Georgia 31202-1606
(478) 749-1700
File No: A0178.70717
May 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 Amhearth 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

26-207
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF Barry Glenn Price, DECEASED
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern:
Sharon Price has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Barry Glenn Price, 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.
May 16, 23, 2026

26-162
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Barry Glenn Price, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-52
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern:
Sharon Price has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Barry Glenn Price, 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.
May 16, 23, 2026

26-162
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Barry Glenn Price, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-52
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern:
Sharon Price has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Barry Glenn Price, 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.
May 16, 23, 2026

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026
26-234
TANYA ROGERS, CLERK
LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
PERSONALLY APPEARED THE UNDERSIGNED WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT:
Central Georgia Adult Day Health & Rehab, Inc
3312 Northside dr, A-115, Macon, GA 31210
IS/ARE DOING BUSINESS IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA., UNDER THE NAME OF:
Sunrise Homecare Service
103 Terrace Drive Dublin, GA 31021
AND THAT THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE CARRIED ON AT SUCH ADDRESS IS:
Non Medical Home Care Services
Rohan Shah
Person making declaration
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 12th DAY OF May, 2026.
Jennifer Bryant
NOTARY PUBLIC
May 23, 30, 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 80 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 16, 23, 2026

26-224
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. 2026-05-04.
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, containing 0.48 acres, and being more particularly described by a plat of survey prepared by Billy Flanders, Registered Land Surveyor, dated August 31, 1988, and recorded in Deed Book 523, Page 219, records of the clerk's Office of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia. The angles, distances and dimensions as shown in said plat are by reference incorporated herein and made a part of the description.
Said property is improved by a residence known as 1212 Woodrow Avenue.
LESS AND EXCEPT: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at an iron pin located at the southeastern intersection of Mimosa Drive and Woodrow Street; thence North 79 degrees 12 minutes 7 seconds East along the southern margin of Woodrow Street 105.01feet to an iron pin; thence South 9 degrees 12 minutes 46 seconds East 108.15 feet to an iron pin; thence South 78 degrees 31minutes 34 seconds West 30.00 feet to an iron pin; thence North 9 degrees 55 minutes 14 seconds East 8.43 feet to an iron pin; thence South 79 degrees 13 minutes 37 seconds West 72.94 feet to an iron pin on the eastern margin of Mimosa Drive; thence along Mimosa Drive North 100.01 feet to the point of beginning.
Street Address is **1212 Woodrow Avenue, Dublin, Georgia 31021**
Tax Map and Parcel No. D10B-008
Interested Parties Include:
Owners: Richard Stanley Kinzler
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 I 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, 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

26-188
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Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Warren
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PO BOX 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
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May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-188
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Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
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May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

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Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-233
State of Georgia
County of Laurens.
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the Estate of Anthony Kewoa Johnson, 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 14th day of May, 2026.
Estate of Anthony Kewoa Johnson Barbara Jean Johnson, Executor
4285 US Highway 441 South Rentz, GA 31075
Margaret Greer Evans
Attorney at Law
State Bar No. 488189
(478) 272-2885
May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 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:
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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

26-171
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 I 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

THIS DEED IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL THOSE RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 164, PAGE 471, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF LAURENS SUPERIOR COURT AND SAID COVENANTS ARE HEREBY MADE APART OF THIS DEED BY REFERENCE. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). FIRSTBANK holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property, NEWREZ LLC d/b/a SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, A/K/A FANNIE MAE (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, NEWREZ LLC d/b/a SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING may be contacted at: NEWREZ LLC d/b/a SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, 55 BEATTIE PLACE, SUITE 100, GREENVILLE, SC 29601 2743, 866 825 2174. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **1301 EDGEWOOD DR, DUBLIN, GEORGIA 31021** is/are: CLAYTON E CHILDERS AND MYRA F CHILDERS or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. FIRSTBANK as Attorney in Fact for CLAYTON E CHILDERS AND MYRA F CHILDERS. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010792547 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

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

26-228
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

26-223
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

26-189
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

26-214
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 sale transactions (including some that go beyond the typical one-to-four family residence) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. If applicable, as part of this Rule, buyers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.
"The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any."
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.
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"

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

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 Lee Thomas and recorded in Deed Book 267, Page 410, on April 10, 1969, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County.
Tract II: All that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the 52nd District G.M. of Laurens County, Georgia, and being a part of Tract No. 23 of Block "E" of Lakehurst Subdivision, plat of which Subdivision is recorded in Deed Book 2, Page 62, Clerk's Office, Laurens County, Georgia, and further described as: BEGINNING at a point on the southeast side of Poplar Street a distance of 250 feet from the south corner of intersection of Poplar Street and Darien Street (now known as Coleman Avenue) and running thence in a southwesterly direction along Poplar Street a distance of 87 feet to property of Ned Z. Collins; thence in a southeasterly direction a distance of 175 feet to property of R. D. Brown; thence in a northeasterly direction a distance of 87 feet to Lake property; thence in a northwesterly direction a distance of 175 feet to the point of beginning, said tract being bounded on the northwest by Poplar Street; on the northeast by Lake Property; on the southwest by R. D. Brown and on the southwest 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

May 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-246
To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that Alpitaben Patel, Alcohol Agent has submitted an application to the City of Dublin for a 2026 license to sell Beer, Wine packaged to go at Meeva 26, LLC, located at 1201 Telfair St Dublin , GA 31021.
Further notice is given that the City Clerk will hear public comments on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 11:00am, in the City Clerk's office at City Hall regarding the issuing of said license.
This notice is given this 20th day of May, 2026.

May 23, 30, 2026

26-247
To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that Alpitaben Patel, Alcohol Agent has submitted an application to the City of Dublin for a 2026 license to sell Beer, Wine packaged to go at Krishav24 LLC, located at 1108 Telfair St Dublin, GA 31021.
Further notice is given that the City Clerk will hear public comments on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 11:00am, in the City Clerk's office at City Hall regarding the issuing of said license.
This notice is given this 20th day of May, 2026.

May 23, 30, 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

26-216
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

26-180
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 of 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

26-221
NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

26-209
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 9, 16, 23, 30, 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 28th day of April, 2026.
Ralph N. Jackson, Attorney

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 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

26-163
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Kenneth W. Snider, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-53
NOTICE
IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s)) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.
TO: Carol Ann Snider, Kenneth W. Snider and Danny J. Snider
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 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

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-230
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: LAYLA GRACE DELOACH, Petitioner
Civil Action No. 26-CD-0403-JH
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Layla Grace Deloach filed a petition in the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, on May 8, 2026, to change the name of the Petitioner from Layla Grace Deloach to Layla Grace Tanner.
Any interested or affected party has the right to appear and file objections to the petition. Objections must be filed with the Superior Court of Laurens County within thirty (30) days from the filing of the petition.
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.
J. Jackson Dixon
Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC
205 N. Franklin Street
Dublin, GA 31021

May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2026

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
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 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

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-242
The undersigned hereby certify that they are conducting a business at 205 Industrial Blvd. in the City of Dublin, County of Laurens, State of Georgia under the name of Adoration Home Health, and that the nature of the business is home health, and that said business is composed of the following partnership: LHCG CCXXVI, LLC, 805 N. Whittington Parkway, Ste. 400, Louisville, KY 40222.

May 23, 30, 2026

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

26-186
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.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
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PO BOX 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-243
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LAURENS

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Jacqueline Bettie Stallworth, unmarried woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Nationwide Mortgage Company, Inc., dated August 22, 2024 and recorded on August 23, 2024 in Deed Book 3505, Page 51, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Four Hundred One and 00/100 dollars (\$135,401.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, its successors and assigns, recorded in Deed Book 3656, Page 82, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the County of Laurens, State of Georgia, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 52nd Land District, G.M., of Laurens County, Georgia, as shown upon that certain plat of same prepared by Daniel R. Riggs, Registered Land Surveyor, dated April 10, 1971, and being more particularly described as follows: starting at a concrete right of way marker on the westerly right of way of the Old River Road (State Route #199), which concrete marker is 100 feet directly opposite a concrete right of way marker on the

easterly right of way of state route #199, said right of way marker on the easterly right of way of said road being located a distance of 2016 feet from the intersection of the easterly right of way of state route #199 and the Dublin and Savannah Railroad Track, as measured in a northwesterly direction along the easterly right of way of state route #199; thence, from said starting point running in a northwesterly direction along the westerly right of way of state route #199 a distance of 70 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning; thence, from said point of beginning running south 53 degrees 53 minutes west distance of 370 feet to an iron pin, thence, running north 22 degrees 14 minutes west a distance of 120 feet to an iron pin; thence, running north 53 degrees 53 minutes east along a farm lane a distance of 370 feet to an iron pin on the westerly right of way of State Highway #199; thence, running south 22 degrees 14 minutes east along the westerly right of way of said right of way a distance of 120 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning. Said property may more commonly be known as **1121 GA Highway 199 S, East Dublin, GA 31027**.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, 3043 Townsgate Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361 818-224-7442.

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Jacqueline Bettie Stallworth and tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Jacqueline Bettie Stallworth, unmarried woman Contact: Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520

May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2026

26-232
State of Georgia
County of Laurens.
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the Estate of Tom "T.J." Lord, 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 14th day of May, 2026.
Margaret Greer Evans
Attorney at Law
State Bar No. 488189
(478) 272-2885

May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2026

26-245
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Georgia, Laurens County.
All creditors of the Estate of Wesley Perry, 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 14th day of May, 2026.
Josh Dyke, Executrix of the Estate of Wesley Perry, deceased c/o J. Jackson Dixon
Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC 205 N. Franklin Street Dublin, GA



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Delightful Friend's 'Wonderful' Pup Is No Longer Welcome

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine calls first or pops by every few months. She's generous and brings homemade treats, something she has found at the grocer's or flowers from her garden. We have great chats, and I really like her. The problem is, she always brings her little dog, whom she calls the most "wonderful little doggie in the world." He goes into all the rooms and jumps on the beds, couch, needlepoint chairs, etc. The last time she was here, I had to launder two bedspreads and clean the couch because it was muddy outside. When I spoke up and said maybe his feet were muddy, she said she had wiped his feet. Obviously not. I don't want her dog here anymore. I have a patio where we can visit, and I can direct her and the dog there when the weather is good, but what do I say in the meantime when she appears at my door with her dog? -- DISGRUNTLED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR DISGRUNTLED: Direct her and her dog straight to the kitchen, close the door so her "wonderful" dog can't roam all over your house, and visit with them in there. It will make it more convenient for you both to eat her treats or arrange her flowers. If she asks you why, tell her that you love her little pooch, but you no longer want him on your furniture. You are within your rights to do that. If she becomes offended, it may end the friendship, but if you can't draw the line, your relationship will become increasingly less appealing anyway.

DEAR ABBY: My younger sister, who is divorced, has raised two sons who are now young adults but strangers to me. Sis and I have had an on-and-off relationship, but we love each other regardless of our differences. I married a Frenchman and have lived in France for the last 30 years. I haven't seen Sis in 10 years. She has never been to France to visit me with her boys, although I have offered to pay for part of their expenses. We talk regularly, and I share photos of our family often. I haven't seen a photo of her boys for 10 years. When I ask why, she laughs and says her boys dislike having their pictures taken. I find that difficult to accept. I find it hurtful and sad that she refuses to share any photos of my nephews with me. I'd like to go see her, but I'm afraid I won't feel welcomed because of this. I feel she has isolated herself and her sons from the rest of her family. *What should I do?* -- ISOLATED SISTER ABROAD

DEAR SISTER: Inform your sister that, after 30 long years, you are booking a trip to the U.S. to reconnect with friends and family, and ask if she would have time to visit with you and your family. Her response will tell you everything you need to know. From my perspective, the trip would be good for you, and you could make it with or without her blessing.

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!

Level: Advanced

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

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



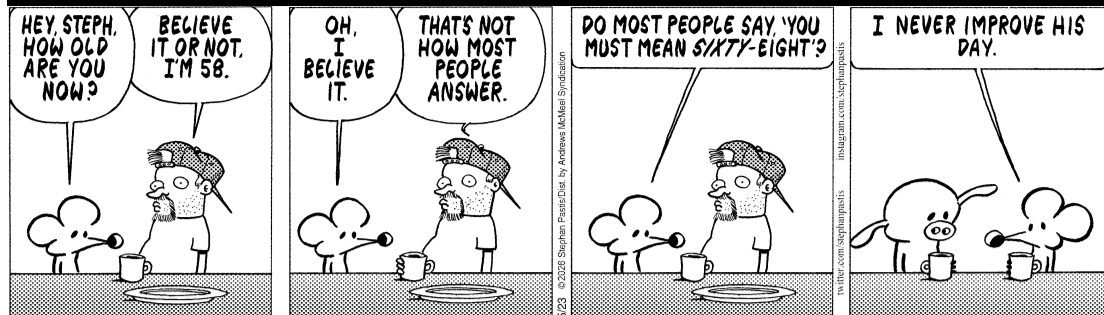
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. The is different. 2. Hat is smaller. 3. Handle is added to purse. 4. Window is not as wide. 5. Man has more hair. 6. Arm is longer.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



OVERBOARD

BY CHIP DUNHAM



DEFLOCKED

BY JEFF CORRIVEAU



Wild violets

If you choose to propagate wild violet plants, divide an established "clump" in spring or fall by gently separating the rooted stems from each other within the group, then replant them separately. Also, their seeds can be collected and sown in the fall, if you desire spring blooms. Other than watering following planting, and occasional watering throughout the growing season, wild violets require very little care. Their foliage is occasionally affected by spider mites in dry weather.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: gardeningknowhow.com

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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Turnpike fee
- 5 Roman emperor's title
- 11 ___ or nothing
- 14 Frozen precipitation
- 15 Gas rating
- 16 Fish eggs
- 17 "___ boy!"
- 18 Light-sensitive eye tissue
- 19 Consume
- 20 "Star Wars" TV series: 2 wds.
- 23 Filmmaker Aster
- 24 "I'd love to!"
- 25 Refused to stop
- 31 Toy gun brand
- 34 Big fuss
- 35 Now, in Spanish
- 36 Handed out
- 38 Jar top
- 39 Zero score
- 40 As well
- 41 Head of cattle
- 44 Treble symbol: 2 wds.
- 47 Charged particle
- 48 Achy
- 49 "I've heard enough": 3 wds.
- 51 TV spots
- 53 Pair
- 54 Very stylish: 2 wds.
- 62 Traffic problem
- 63 More creepy
- 64 Composer
- 65 "___ you for real?"
- 66 Some marbles
- 67 Well-known celeb
- 68 Japanese money
- 69 Key that erases
- 70 Got larger

- DOWN
- 1 "___ does it!"
 - 2 Solemn vow
 - 3 Low-cal

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Created by Stella Zawistowski

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- 26 Prepares for publication
- 27 Cow-roping event
- 28 Salad utensils
- 29 Author Jong
- 30 Dawdle
- 32 Math comparison
- 33 Elevator stop
- 37 Quality of a color
- 42 Important times
- 43 "Carrot top"
- 45 Sign, as a check
- 46 Two times two
- 50 Cutting, as grass
- 52 Military blockade
- 54 Taxi charge
- 55 "I agree!"
- 56 Spoken aloud
- 57 Evening, for short
- 58 Lower extremities
- 59 Petri-dish substance
- 60 Italy's capital
- 61 Sketched
- 62 Comedian Leno

Saturday, May 23, 2026

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q1 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold: Q4 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 6 4 ♡ A K 8 ♦ 6 2 ♣ K Q J 10 6 ♠ 7 5 2 ♡ A J 5 4 2 ♦ A 9 4 3 ♣ 2

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♣ Dbl Pass 1♦ 3♦ Pass ?

What call would you make?

What call would you make?

Q2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

Q5 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K 9 4 ♡ A J 10 ♦ K 10 6 3 ♣ K 2

♠ K Q J 10 6 ♡ 10 6 ♦ A J 10 9 3 ♣ 10

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Pass Pass 1♠ ?

As dealer, what call would you make?

What call would you make?

Q6 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

Q3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 9 8 6 3 ♡ 5 4 ♦ A 7 6 5 ♣ 10 3 2

♠ A ♡ 9 8 5 ♦ 10 8 5 ♣ K J 10 9 5 4

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ Pass ?

What call would you make?

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

Six more teachers resign from Dublin City Schools

By **RODNEY MANLEY**
Staff Reporter

Last fall, the Dublin City Board of Education was scrambling to lay off teachers and staffers to cope with a cashflow crisis. As the school year winds down, it could be scrambling to hire.

Another half-dozen teachers resigned from the Dublin City Schools this week, adding to a growing number of staffers leaving the struggling district.

The Dublin City Board of Education approved the six new resignations at a called meeting Monday morning. Within the past month, a total of 42 staffers – mostly teachers and coaches – have submitted

their resignations.

The most recent personnel actions included:

- Resignations – Riley Holmes, teacher, Dublin High; Sarah Holmes, teacher, DHS; Vaneisha Reid, teacher, Susie Dasher Elementary; Susan Curtis, assistant principal for instruction, Dublin Middle; Jessica King, teacher, Hillcrest Elementary; Jessica King, teacher, Hillcrest Elementary; Stephanie Wood, teacher, Irish Gifted Academy.

- Additional responsibilities: Stephanie Stubbs, athletic director, Dublin High, replacing Josh McLendon.

- Transfers: Kendal Edmond, teacher, Dublin High from Susie Dasher;

Bradley Wallace, teacher, Dublin High from Dublin Middle.

- New hires: Jake Brock, teacher, Dublin Middle School.

The state had projected Dublin City to finish with a \$13 million deficit by the end of the current fiscal year, but district officials say they have cut more than \$10 million in personnel costs alone. The school board eliminated more than 50 positions as part of a deficit reduction plan last fall. More than a half-dozen teachers filed lawsuits against the school district, challenging the mid-contract terminations. A ruling from Laurens County Superior Court is still pending.

STATE BUDGET

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vigorously to position Dublin-Laurens County as a prime spot for manufacturing and logistics operations. Much investment has been made to prepare industrial property for easy development. Large corporations, which generally seek quick return on their investments, look for sites that are ready-to-build, with existing roads and easy access to utilities.

Such a site is the Dublin-Laurens County Development Authority's Ga. 257 Rail-Served site, which lured in Korean auto part maker Hwashin. Work continues to improve that property, with funding from state and federal sources.

The Heart of Georgia Mega Site is owned by land management firm Weyerhaeuser and marketed in partnership with the development authority. Improvements to the mega site will make it more at-

tractive to large-scale employers, whose investment could have a massive regional economic impact.

"We're doing some great things," he said of local efforts to recruit industries and maintain a workforce.

Other large allocations secured by Hatchett include \$1 million for the City of Dudley to improve its sewer system. Dudley has been combating an aging water system that has slowed growth for the small city. City leaders are working with engineering students in conjunction with the University of Georgia Archway Partnership to improve its wastewater system.

Laurens County will also be getting \$1 million for outdoor recreation. The City of Wrightsville has been allocated \$250,000 to expand its emergency management agency, while East Dublin will see \$100,000 for its recreation operations.

The new spending plan,

which goes into effect next month, focuses heavily on education and tax relief. Taxpayers will see another drop in the state income tax rate, which will drop to 4.99 percent from 5.19 percent. Taxes will also be waived on the first \$1,750 of tips and overtime wages. There will also be increases in the state's standard and dependent deductions.

In education, \$70 million has been set aside to increase literacy rates. House Bill 1193, signed earlier this month by the governor, provides literacy coaches to all public elementary schools, more resources to teachers and permits schools to hold back first graders who read below the appropriate measure.

"That's got to be done," Hatchett said on the focus on literacy. "We're behind Alabama and Mississippi. They've made some good strides in their efforts, so we're copying what they've done."

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property tax exemption for senior citizens, eliminating it altogether for those 80 and older. Hatchett said the governor signed legislation last week that will allow Laurens County voters to consider a referendum to eliminate property taxes for homeowners 80 or older.

Another measure, House Bill 1164, seeks to improve financial transparency and reporting in K-12 schools. It requires school districts in financial stress have their audits performed by the state Department of Audits & Accounts. A number of school systems, including Dublin City and Twiggs County, fell years behind with their audits while using private firms.

"Prior to this bill school boards had been able to have their audits outsourced and not done by the state," explained Hatchett. "They can still do that, but they have to jump through a couple more hoops and have to be certified to be in a certain stability before they can do that."

The Dublin City Schools' dire financial crisis inspired another new law, Senate Bill 472, that gives the state more safeguards against fiscal mismanagement by school boards.

The bill "raises the oversight and also changes the metrics for whether a school board should be accredited if they're not managing their finances properly," said Walker.

"We realized after

what we've seen with the Dublin City Schools situation here that we needed more guardrails – an earlier warning system – for schools that are getting into financial trouble. Nobody was raising red flags with us or anybody in the Legislature about the financial situation with the Dublin City Schools."

Hatchett, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, noted lawmakers also allocated \$70.4 million for early childhood literacy programs and literacy coaches for elementary schools and \$409 million in mental health spending that includes a new state hospital.

"This will be first mental health hospital built in Georgia since the Sixties," he said.

Walker said legislation also was passed to help the forestry industry to recover from the devastation left by Hurricane Helene. The storm led to the closing of three lumber mills in Georgia. The measure aims to stimulate investment and job creation through transferable state tax credits for forestry manufacturers.

"We're the No. 1 forestry state in the country," said Walker. "If you don't have mills, then people are not going to be incentivized to grow trees."

Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight and Laurens County Administrator Bryan Rogers joined the legislators on the event's panel, and shared some of the things happening locally.

Rogers said the new mental health hospital and other recent efforts by the state to boost spending on mental healthcare is badly

needed. The largest single expense at the county jail is medical costs for inmates, with about 90 percent of that mental health- or addiction-related, he said.

One of the county's top challenges is keeping its tax rate low – the county commission's is one of the state's lowest – while continuing to provide the quality-of-life services that residents expect, said Rogers. "Finding a way to pay for those services is a challenge. We don't want to put that on the backs of the taxpayers."

Kight noted Laurens County has continued to grow, and not just because of its prime location at the Oconee River and Interstate 16.

"We have had population growth. All the counties around us are losing population. ... You've got to have good leadership and vision, which this community has had for a long time."

The mayor said a major issue in the city is affordable housing. The Dublin Housing Authority is working toward replacing old public housing with residential units, with 150 new ones slated for Vinson Village. City officials expect to see between 300 to 400 new single-family units added over the next year.

"We're doing a lot of things right," said Kight. "We should see growth in Dublin. It's got to be good growth though."

He also touted the city's park revitalization efforts, with Springdale Park next up for a \$9 million redo funded mainly through state grants. "It's going to be amazing."

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The property's key investor, auto part maker Hwashin, is well into its first year of production. The Korean manufacturer specializes in chassis and other body components. Parts that will feed Hyundai and Kia's Geor-

gia-operations, as well as components for fellow car brands Ford and Rivian, began coming off the assembly line late last year.

The company signed a 20-year tax abatement deal with Laurens County and the city of Dublin with the first boost to the local tax

digest coming next year. In all, Hwashin will invest more than \$176 million in its Dublin plant generate about 460 jobs.

Griggs said Hwashin currently employs about 160 workers.

"They are in good shape and on track," he said.

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them directions. There will be a detour sign in every direction."

Even though the intersection will be shutdown, people will be able to travel to the storage units, Department of Family and Children Services and other places near the intersection. They just will not be able to travel through the intersection.

"This intersection connects to major roads like Hillcrest, Moore Street, Brookhaven and Claxton Dairy," Bradshaw said. "All of these roads are major roads that moves traffic around the city. That's why it is so busy."

Currently, there is a four-way stop which includes a straight travel lane and a left-turn lane from all four directions at Woodlawn Drive and Claxton Dairy Road.

"It does happen sometimes where you can have five or six cars all pull up at the same time," Bradshaw said. "And then they sit there wondering who goes first?"

This same intersection was originally a two-way stop. Those traveling on



The Woodlawn Drive and Claxton Dairy Road intersection will be closed until the

Woodlawn Drive had to stop for traffic going down Claxton Dairy Road. Bad wrecks caused the city to make this a four-way stop, with a plan to do a roundabout in the future. That time is now.

"Four-way stops are not near as efficient as roundabouts," Bradshaw said. "I feel that they are just as safe. And a four-way stop can't move traffic like a roundabout can because you don't have to stop unless you need to. With a stop sign, you must stop whether there is somebody there or not. A roundabout will slow the traffic down."

At the end of July, the plan is to reopen the intersection, even though workers will remain at the site for a little bit longer.

"There will still be some work going on, but it can take place with traffic," Bradshaw said. "There will be some landscaping and things like that taking place."

Drivers will be able to use the intersection through the Memorial Day period.

"Everything will be accessible," Bradshaw said. "They'll just have to go around to go the way you are used to being able to go. Plus, this is a good time to do this because school will be out during this time and we won't have all that school traffic, which changes dramatically when it is out. You can tell a huge difference. That is why having this completed by the end of July makes a lot of sense."

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Street and was stopped at the traffic signal, waiting for the light to change. When the traffic light turned green, Hobbs proceeded to cross over onto South

Church Street when her vehicle was hit in the intersection on the driver's side by another driver traveling westbound on Bellevue Avenue.

During the investigation, which is currently ongoing, it was determined that the

driver of the westbound vehicle ran the red light. This driver, whose name was not released, was not transported for medical treatment.

"(Hobbs') next of kin were notified and remain in our thoughts during their time of loss," Moon said.

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Honoring veterans on Memorial Day

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Memorial Day often is celebrated with the excitement of a long weekend and the prospect of firing up the grill for a backyard barbecue. But Memorial Day also is a time to reflect on the men and women who gave their lives to defend American freedom.

Memorial Day was established to honor individuals who died while serving the United States in the Armed Forces. Memorial Day is a time to reflect on the sacrifices of the fallen heroes who dedicated and lost their lives in the pursuit of service. The following are some ways to honor those sacrifices this Memorial Day.

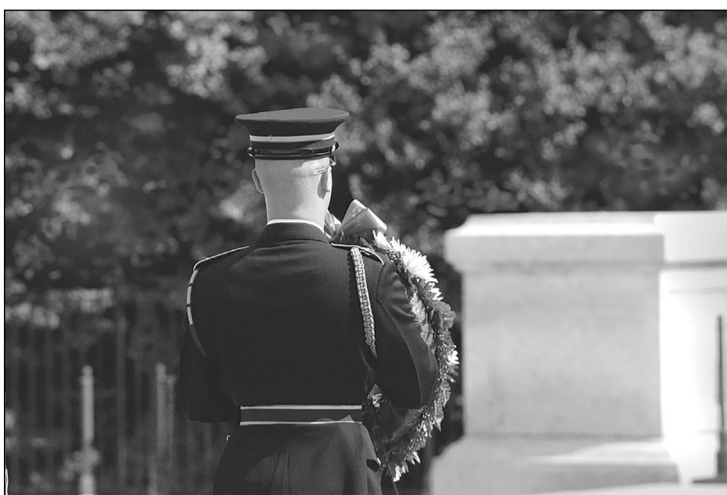
- Observe the National Moment of Remembrance. The National Moment of Remembrance is an annual one-minute moment of silence that takes place at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day. Established by Congress in 2000, this unifying

moment encourages Americans to pause their activities and reflect on the high cost of freedom. The time is significant, as it is a period when most people are enjoying Memorial Day festivities that were made possible by the sacrifices of Armed Forces personnel.

- Honor the American flag. Memorial Day features a unique flag protocol. To properly honor the fallen, the flag should be flown at half-staff until noon. Afterwards, it should be raised to the top of the staff for the remainder of the day, according to the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization. The transition marks the nation's mourning in the morning hours and then the legacy of fallen veterans later in the afternoon.

- Coordinate flag placement for cemeteries. Organizations like Flags for Fallen Vets and scouting

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Members of the Dublin Fire Department hung this big American flag Wednesday evening ahead of Memorial Day. Mayor Joshua Kight said it will remain up through the summer. For more, see next Thursday's edition of The Courier Herald/PAYTON TOWNS III



Five facts about Memorial Day

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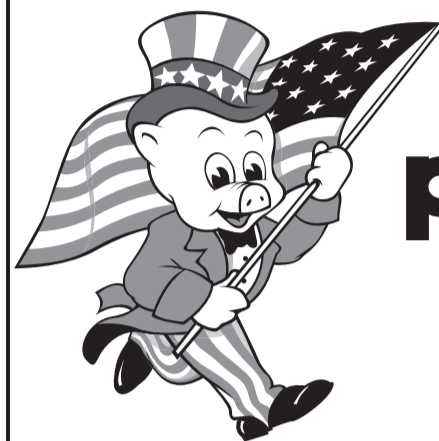
Memorial Day is celebrated at the end of May each year to honor those who lost their lives while serving in the Armed Forces. Memorial Day, the origins of which can be traced to the aftermath of the American Civil War, holds

deep historical significance, and the following are five interesting facts about the holiday.

1. The holiday began as Decoration Day. Before the official establishment of Memorial Day, communities began holding spring tributes to fallen soldiers, decorating soldiers' graves with flowers to pay respects.

In 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for northern Civil War veterans, officially proclaimed May 30 as Decoration Day. War.gov says that graves at Arlington National Cemetery continued to be adorned in the same fashion

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'He took it, and put his own spin on it'...

Positive perspective on struggle of childhood accident, amputation allows WL's Harrison to help others turn life's curveballs into hits

By **CLAY REYNOLDS**
Sports Editor

There are countless memorable moments in the life of Torren Harrison that have taken place on the West Laurens baseball field.

Two of them that are especially scrapbook-worthy, one his sixth grade year and another late this past season, provide snapshots of his personal journey, with the sport as a backdrop, in overcoming a childhood ATV crash that claimed his left leg.

The first dates to Feb. 11, 2020, close to four months after the accident, when the Raiders invited him to throw out the ceremonial first pitch of their season-opening game against Veterans.

A beaming Harrison, walking via crutches, made his way out to the mound wearing a West Laurens jersey to match the team's, and delivered a circle changeup to catcher Brody Slaughter as the crowd and players in the field went wild with applause.

Fast-forward to the second, taking place his senior night April 14 of this year, and Harrison can be seen swinging the bat with the same giant smile, from steps away at home plate as mother Jakita Luten looks on from behind the backstop during a new tradition called "senior BP" – which gave him and the Raiders' five other seniors a chance to take a few swings, then circle the bases one more time after a win in their final home game of the regular season.

Now moving about fluidly on a prosthetic leg, he



Left: A 12-year-old Torren Harrison throws out the ceremonial first pitch on opening night of the 2020 West Laurens baseball season, months after losing his left leg in an ATV accident. Right: Six years later, Harrison, shown taking part in the Raiders' "Senior BP" after playing his last regular-season home game on April 14/**RODNEY MANLEY, LYLE DORMAN**



took off to touch them all after peppering the outfield with several line drives, and was received at the plate with just as moving an ovation from teammates, friends and fans – by now the next-closest thing to family – who lined the field.

His mom can still picture the expression of joy she saw on his face that night so many years ago, matched only by this one in an emotional scene that offered a great picture of Harrison's lifelong affection for baseball, and this West Laurens

team's love for him.

"He was all smiles," Luten recalled. "It was just a full-circle moment where everything just came back together, how everything was destined to be."

Harrison doesn't often get into games, but there might not have been a more indispensable player in the Raiders' program over the past four years, and particularly this season's run to a region championship and the state quarterfinals.

Though his impact goes mostly unseen, the senior

has been as valuable a contributor as there is to the team's success with his non-stop effort, and ability to lift others up with a contagious optimism.

"Hardworking!" said West Laurens head coach Parker Gordon. "He never complains and never makes excuses. Torren is 100 percent bought in to Raider Baseball and all he wanted was to treat the program and his teammates with the highest respect. He breathed life into our practices and dugout. He

is a true Raider and will be missed next season."

His experience has been just as much an inspiration to everyone around him who's observed his determination to make the best of difficult circumstances.

"To me, it's amazing," Luten said. "Some people may not have taken it the way he did, but he thrived with it."



Though his memories are a bit fuzzy, Harrison

remembers all too well the day that changed his life forever. He and a friend were riding a four-wheeler on Dublin's Champion Ophelia Road on a Sunday afternoon in October of 2019.

Just after he had taken over driving, the craft veered slightly off the road, and an overcorrection back toward the center caused it to overturn into the ditch, pinning his leg beneath a tire. After being treated by emergency responders on the scene, Harrison would be airlifted between multiple hospitals for surgeries hoping to save and eventually restore use of the mangled limb.

"To be honest, it really was a blur," he said. "I had a lot of things in me, IVs and stuff. Literally, when we got to the ambulance, they put in an IV instantly, and it was a lot going on. I guess they gave me some stuff to calm me down and sooth me down. I got in a helicopter, and I think I went to Macon and went to Atlanta after that."

Doctors, at first, were optimistic. But regressions in the days and weeks that followed made amputation the only option.

And though the news, what he already understood to be a distinct possibility, didn't come as a surprise, Harrison admitted feeling "very hurt, shocked" as he was hit by the many implications of a decision he knew was largely out of his hands.

"I didn't think it was really going to be that bad,

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Trinity senior shared God's peace through father's medical emergency

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**
Senior Reporter

Driving home from swim team practice earlier this year, a senior at Trinity Christian School felt God encouraging her to share what happened to her father.

Elise Jenkins, the daughter of J.W. and Amy Jenkins, did not know why, but decided to obey when she had the chance to share at the school's chapel service.

"It was difficult because I knew I was going to be vulnerable," Jenkins said. "I was going to write it out but the Lord told me to speak. It was hard at first, but then He started speaking through me. I had a few people (afterwards) tell me that what I said helped them. I know God is working something out."

Jenkins stood in front of her peers and talked about a situation with her father. The story began on senior night, Oct. 24, 2025. Jenkins, a cheerleader, noticed her aunt and sister on the track of the stadium during a football game. She did not see her mom or dad.

"I just knew something was up," Jenkins said. "My coach came over to me and told me I needed to go talk with them."

She found out her dad had suffered a seizure.

"He was supposed to be at the game, but he never made it," Jenkins said. "I found out after the game that it was a lot worse than I had thought."

He had fallen in the driveway at home and hit his head, suffering a traumatic brain injury, and was flown by helicopter to Macon.

"It was a shock to me," Jenkins said. "He had some health problems before, but nothing like this. My mom had to stay with him for a week or so."

Jenkins' sister had to return to college, meaning she had to stay with friends' families.

"I really appreciated all that they did for me," she said. "It was also really weird being with their family at their dinner table. I felt out of place. In the back of my

mind, I was thinking my dad was in the hospital. It got me knocked off course."

Jenkins describes herself as a person who likes to be happy all the time. This was impossible to do as long as her father was in the hospital. And at first, she was not receiving any good news about his diagnosis.

"Later, I found out that the night he fell, he almost died," Jenkins said. "That was a shock to me. A few days after he was starting to get better, he fell again in the hospital. He almost died again. I didn't know why all of this was happening."

And Jenkins began to become discouraged.

"Another thing about me is I am very impatient," she said. "I want to know when things are going to be done. At that point, I couldn't see the future and I didn't know what was going to happen. I didn't know when we were going to get out of this because several things had happened within that little span of time."

She became discouraged until she realized that God chose to allow her dad to live. That was the hope she needed.

"I started looking at miracles to cling to," Jenkins said. "I didn't know when he was going to come home, but I knew he had survived and there must have been a reason."

Her dad had to go up to an Atlanta hospital. That included a stay during Thanksgiving. This is when her dad began to improve.

"We went up and he started trying to talk," Jenkins said. "That gave me new hope. When he went to Shepherd's, he was starting to get much better. He was getting a little bit of his humor back."

On Jan. 22, 2026, he was allowed to come home.

"That was the happiest day of my life," Jenkins said. "I knew there was still going to be more therapy, and he's still in therapy. But he is a lot better now."

And during prom, she got the chance to dance with her dad.

"You never know what can

happen, but you have to trust in the Lord," Jenkins said. "He will see things through. Even though in that moment all hope is lost, just find that little bit of something to cling onto and just hold onto that. Now, my dad is a living miracle, and he has a story to tell and I know it. I am very grateful for what the Lord has done. Even through all of what happened, He has done so much for us."

Jenkins recalled how the Bible verse John 14:27 – "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" – got her through this difficult part of her life.

"Being able to feel peace, even during a time of distress like that really helped me," she said. "During times of stress, it is important to go to the Lord. His

presence can help you out."

Trinity Christian School Headmaster Larry Collins was impressed with Jenkins' testimony.

"It's hard to share such a personal message," he said. "That's hard for any of us to do, but certainly a student in front of her peers. Her willingness to do that took a lot of maturity. As peers, we try to put on a good face and act like we don't have any problems. For her to be so transparent made them see that they are not the only ones walking through life with problems. They may not have gone through something as traumatic as she was walking through, but we have all gone through something that had been challenging."

"She was able to feel supported by her peers and community," he added. "But that is still challenging and it would be easy to question why this is going on and why am I going through this? Watching her, and listening to her share, really was an incredible encourage-

ment to her and our entire school and community."

Jenkins is going to miss the friendships she has developed at Trinity. She enjoyed being in chapel once a week and was happy to talk about God every day in Bible class. She is going to miss those experiences.

As for her future, Jenkins plans to attend Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville. She is happy that it is not far from home.

Jenkins was nervous about graduation on May 16. After all, she has been at Trinity since kindergarten. But a new journey will soon begin at GC&SU, where she plans to major in nursing and become a pediatric nurse.

"I am excited for the next step," Jenkins said. "I love people and I want to help others. I want to go to other countries and help kids with anything regarding pediatrics. I thought that would be a good career path for me."



Trinity senior Elise Jenkins sits in front of the school she has attended since kindergarten. During a chapel service earlier this year, Jenkins had a chance to share how God worked through the intense time of her father's medical situation/PAYTON TOWNS III

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EL salutatorian first in family to graduate high school

By KYLE DOMINY
Staff Reporter

Juleymi Sanchez-Perez wasn't always the best student. "In third grade I was terrible," she said. "I didn't do my homework, and I always ended up in detention."

A lack of motivation or poor study habits were not the only obstacles she faced in her early years of education. English is Sanchez-Perez's second language, and she had to learn how to speak, read and write while adjusting to a classroom setting. Her parents immigrated from Mexico about 20 years ago. Spanish remains their primary language.

"It was very difficult. Kindergarten was a struggle," Sanchez-Perez said. "Both of my parents struggle with English, so I do most of the translating at home."

By the fourth grade she not only had an understanding of a new language, but discovered she had a knack for other subjects as well.

"In fourth grade it kind of clicked," Sanchez-Perez said. "My teacher was very motivating and that's when I realized my potential and that I needed to pay attention in school. By fifth grade I was in gifted classes."

On May 29, Sanchez-Perez will become the first person in her family to graduate high school. And not only will she graduate, but she will be among the top honorees of the day, graduating as East Laurens High School's salutatorian of the class of 2026.

"I feel like the struggle has been worth it, and I am very proud of how far I've come," she said. "This accomplishment is not just mine but my parents'. I'm very grateful for them."

Another obstacle that stood in her way – the COVID pandemic.

Sanchez-Perez was in middle school when the schools closed in 2020. She took classes online during the first semester of her seventh grade year and her grades suffered for it. She finished the year back in the classroom and by the end of her eighth grade year, was back to the top of the class.

In high school she continued to expand her horizons. She played the flute in the marching band for two years,



Juleymi Sanchez-Perez, the class of 2026 salutatorian at East Laurens High School, will go to the University of Georgia this fall and plans to pursue a career as a dentist. She is the first member of her family to graduate high school and to enroll in college/KYLE DOMINY

joined the Beta Club, Interact Club and became active in the Future Business Leaders of America organization. She also serves on the school's student council. Outside the halls of East Laurens High, Sanchez-Perez serves as a volunteer at Fairview Park Hospital; sits as a lead attorney on the Dublin-Laurens County Teen Court; and served on the student advisory council under Georgia School Superintendent Richard Woods.

This fall, Sanchez-Perez will become the first in her family to attend college, as well. She has been accepted into the

University of Georgia, where she intends to study biology with a pre-dental track. She hopes to be a dentist.

Sanchez-Perez hopes her experience serves as an inspiration to others that, no matter the obstacles, life is worth facing head-on.

"You're going to fail a lot in life, but you have to keep going," she said. "There are going to be struggles but you have to be strong enough to overcome it. Your hard work will pay off."

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Students spend a good portion of their lives studying. By the time graduation arrives, thousands of hours spent on homework and writing term papers have passed by. According to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, the number of U.S. high school graduates was expected to reach nearly 3.9 million students in 2025. The Education Data Initiative says 2.168 million bachelor's degrees were conferred in Spring 2025 in the U.S. Individuals who are on the precipice of that next chapter in their lives are certainly worthy of celebration. A graduation dinner might just be an A-plus idea.

A graduation dinner is all about balancing the magnitude of the occasion with a relaxed environment for the graduate. Here is a syllabus for a seamless graduation

meal.

- Secure the date. Graduation season is one of the busiest times of year for restaurants. Between May and June, millions of graduates will don caps and gowns and then be eager to let loose. For those who aren't hosting at home, it's essential to move fast to secure a reservation. Book a reservation as soon as you know the graduation date.

- Consider another day. Graduation ceremonies tend to run late. Rather than feeling beholden to the actual graduation date and then worrying about making it to the venue, consider hosting the graduation dinner the evening before or after to sidestep a post-commencement rush.

- Ask about packages. Speak with the catering manager at the venue to find out if there is a specific party or graduation package. Many places offer lim-

ited prefix menus for large groups so the kitchen can deliver. Be sure to confirm a graduate's favorite foods are on that prefix menu; otherwise, broaden the venue search.

- Consider an at-home affair. Although it may involve extra work, hosting at home enables you to customize the menu to reflect the guest of honor's preferred foods. Personalizing the menu with favorite foods, items that feature the school colors, a signature cocktail/mocktail and more can truly make the experience special. Not all of the food has to be homemade. Hiring an outside caterer and then setting up chafing dishes buffet-style can make hosting less labor intensive.

- Truly take the cake. Don't forget to have a centerpiece dessert. Beyond the classic "congrats grad" sentiments, consider a cake topper that is customized to the graduate's area of study.

A stethoscope for someone in health care or a stock market ticker for a finance major can set a cake apart.

- Keep the program short and sweet. Graduates have already endured

through plenty of lectures and speeches, so any words offered should be brief. Highlight a specific honor or achievement, and skip a lengthy slideshow or photo montage. A simple "now and then" framed photo or poster of the graduate on the first day of kindergarten or preschool and now is a

great conversation starter.

Graduation season is a happy time of year for families honoring hardworking students. A relaxed and happy dinner is a great way to pay homage to graduates' hard work and achievements.

Moore Street graduation May 21

Moore Street School will hold its graduation ceremony at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21, in the Dublin High auditorium.

The class of 2026:

Kristian Mezziah
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Lillian Ahi'yannah Bonner
Joel Donovan Burch
Aliya Nicole Carswell

Destiny Codasia Coady
Sha'Miriuna Za'Kiyah Coney (posthumous diploma)
Kha'leigh Shantel Dudley
Antonio Daniel Horne
Jordan Ezaveus Jackson
David Quintel Lewis
Jasmine Lashay Miller
Jayden Jamie Pauldo
Kadareuntay LaVars Pauldo
Aryah Kelis Raining
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Graduation by the numbers

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Graduation is a momentous occasion in the lives of young adults and their families. Reaching this milestone is a testament to students' hard work, patience and perseverance and worthy of celebration. Here is a look at some notable figures regarding graduation in both the United States and Canada.

- According to Higher Ed Dive, U.S. high school graduates were projected to peak at 3.9 million in 2025 before declining. College graduation rates continue to hover around 61 percent.
- The high school com-

pletion rate in Canada is 88 percent, while the national first-time graduation rate is 84.3, according to Statistics Canada.

- According to 2021 census data, Canada leads the G7 group of industrialized democracies with 57.5 percent of its working-age population (ages 25 to 64) holding a college or university credential.

- According to the National Center for Education Statistics, during the 2021-22 school year, the U.S. average adjusted cohort graduation rate for public high school students was 87 percent. That marked 7 percentage point increase over a decade earlier.

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East Laurens High graduation May 30 in stadium

East Laurens High School will hold its graduation ceremony at 8 p.m. May 29 in the school's football stadium.

Hannah Wyatt - *Valedictorian*
Juleymi Sanchez-Perez - *Salutatorian*

Honor Graduates:

- Deanna Lowther
- Kambria Lagroon
- Lauryn Ellington
- Zyion Tarver
- Emerald Penny
- Sophie McDonald
- Hunter Haley
- Luis Roman
- Emily Brooks
- Kamari Lagroon
- Logan Clements
- Jayden Ricks
- Dawson Oliver
- Adrian Beacham
- Haleigh Jones
- Samuel Harper
- Alina Santos Pacheco
- London Brooks
- Anna Bryan
- Dylan Rocho
- Tessa Dismukes
- Cole Christian
- Sam Wynn
- Leah Horton
- Earlon Cannon
- Kaitlyn Thigpen
- Daniel Rodriguez
- Abigail Holt
- Quentavia Allen
- Jemaryon Chapman
- Gavin Knight
- Caleb Jackson
- Thomas White
- Jared Schrader
- Camden Evans
- Ellie Coombs
- Shunnaiya Horne
- London Bradford
- Jason Owens
- Jason Giles
- Mickenize Holloway
- Kimora Dudley
- Takeiya Blue
- Paris Willis

Graduates:

- Quentavia Deezyuna
- John-Tora Allen
- Valeria Elizabeth Al-



Above, East Laurens High School's class of 2026 honor graduates/SPECIAL PHOTO



HANNAH WYATT



JULEYMI SANCHEZ-PEREZ

- verto Johnson
- Akeylah Denayviah
- Armstrong
- Amariauna Geneasia
- Armstrong
- Angelee Lizeth Arredondo
- Ny'Zia Lashay Atkins
- KyLeigh Rose Baggett
- Ka'Meria A'lon Baker
- Adrian Rebecca Beacham
- Waylon Dakota Bedgood
- Da'Shawn Leon Bentley
- Jameria' Cheryce

- Bing
- Kayden Gabriel Black
- Takeiya Breshae Blue
- London Kelis Bradford
- Candace Carla Brantley
- Emily Lynn Brooks
- London Elizabeth Brooks
- Sadah McKenzie
- Talasia Roniya Brown
- Anna Elizabeth Bryan
- Amiyah Trauna Buie
- Abigail Grace Bussell

- Earlon Lucarla Cannon, Jr.
- Evan Robert Channell
- Jemaryon James Chapman
- Rentavious Dai'Quon Charleston
- Cole Andrew Christian
- Tucker William Clay
- Kei'Lyangee Jada Clayton
- Logan Joshua Wesley Clements
- Ellie Elizabeth Coombs
- Laylah Gary'el Curry
- Aiden Christopher Davis
- Logan Zachary DeLoach
- Taylen Jase Demmons
- LeAnne Nicole Denham
- Xionaijia Azareia Jarmayia Devoe
- Tessa Marie Dismukes
- Kimora Cherice Dudley
- E'Mijai R'aQuan Durham
- Lauryn Ashton Ellington
- Camden Marnise Evans
- Jadyn Nevaeh Fullwood
- Josselyn Jo Futch
- Sherlin Garcia
- Jason Anthony Giles
- Kendrell Graddy, Jr.
- Kiera Elizabeth Graves
- Zecheriah Zy'Tavious Green
- Makayla Inezia Haggans
- Hunter Kip Haley
- Samuel James Harper
- Alyssa Jaid Hess
- Jeny Maria Hobbs
- Garrick Tremelle Hodges
- Mickenize Elizabeth Holloway
- Abigail Grace Holt
- Shunnaiya Nakima Horne
- Leah Jean Horton
- Marcus Devon Hudson
- Tyru'a Unique Irwin
- Caleb Issac Jackson
- Haleigh Lauren Jones
- Kelviynn Amarion King
- Norriion Re'Ante King
- ZaKiyah Zynae' King
- Gavin Michael Knight
- Hunter Stone Kosten
- Kamari Javion Lagroon
- Kambria Serenity Lagroon
- Bryson Hunter Lampp
- Katie Michelle Faith Lampp

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Matt Hatchett
State Representative
District 155

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- Conner Wilson Lawrence
- Caleb Mitchell Lawson
- Jasmin Mikayla Lee
- Adan Jarrett Lloyd
- Javier Lopez
- Lerri Lopez
- Harvey Eli Lopez-Gonzalez
- Deanna Marie Lowther
- Jay'Quan Devontae Luther
- Ninya Nikki McClendon
- Nehemiah Tyree David McDade
- Sophie Wren McDonald
- David Hunter Moore
- Rachel Elizabeth Mullis
- Jordan Jewel O'Neal
- Khloe Grace O'Neal
- Konner Lee O'Neal
- Dawson Cade Oliver
- Jason Lucas Owens
- Alina Santos Pacheco
- Rebecca Lung Hnem Par
- Zharia Makhiya Patterson
- Emerald Yvonne Penny
- Ariana Marie Pierce
- Anthony Derrick Keondre Pounds
- Luis Juan Ramirez-Hernandez
- Julianna Gracie Skye Reese
- Jayden Makale Ricks
- Jose Manuel Rico-Marroquin
- Dylan James Rocho
- Daniel Lopez Rodriguez
- Luis Santiago Roman
- Levi Braxton Rose
- Juleymi Janeth Sanchez-Perez
- Randarius Kenshun Sanders
- Brookelynn Scarlet Michelle Schmittel
- Jared Cole Schrader, Jr
- Jason Nollan Scott
- Cameron Leigh Shiver
- Kolton Dean Simmons
- Demetri D'Shaun Smith
- Raquis Tarone Stanley
- Ja'Mariyon Deonta Markee's Stewart
- Katoriana Destinee Swint
- Chloe Nezhoni Evelyn Tanner
- Layla Grace Tanner
- Zyion Nichole Tarver
- Kaitlyn Joanna Thigpen
- Chelsea A'Miyah Thomas
- William Urgell-Mendoza
- Cayson Wesley Wadley
- Kamarion Malik Walker
- Keiona Miracle-Ty'ana Walker
- Nolan Ray Walker
- Wyman Merrell Walker
- Kembric Jermaine Walters, Jr
- Jacob Cole Warnock
- Breanna Shonkeria Warren
- Ty'Travion Val'Shun Washington
- Thomas Bradly White
- A'Mya Le'Davianna Wicker
- Bryson Tristian Lynn Wilkinson
- Dylan Ray Wilkinson
- Carson Seth Williams
- Paris Ze'Dazha Realtea Willis
- Chance Irvin Woodard
- Jermiah Marquice Wright
- Josiah Devonte Wright
- Hannah Rose Wyatt
- Sam Westin Wynn

Trinity Christian School holds 2026 graduation

Trinity Christian School's graduation ceremony was held May 15 at Cleve Warnock Football Field

Anna Beth Lawrence - *Valedictorian*
Madeline Grace Alligood - *Salutatorian*

Honor graduates:

- Luke Ayden Foskey
- William Robert Foskey
- Madonna Catherine George
- Abigail Cara Gillis
- Sarah Joy Hawkins
- Elise Anne Jenkins
- Addison Lynn Kendrick
- Lily Ann Kidd
- Ansley Nicole Kilpatrick
- Charles Andrew Maffett
- Wade James Register
- Gianna Grace Somerhisier
- Brinley Rae Vinson

Graduates:

- Brooks McLain Barrs
- Hayden Brian Bowles
- Alston Allen Bryan
- Emma Sara Ann Fraser
- Kolbi James Grooms
- Carter Scott Lee
- Bella Claire Poole
- Jakob Randall Sahli
- Hudson Eugene Shirley
- William Nolan Terry

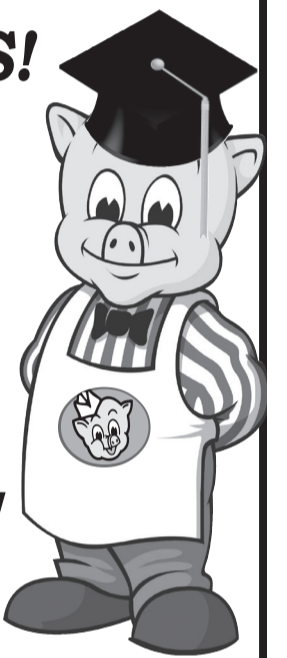


Top right, Trinity Christian School's 2026 honor graduates. Right, the school's Valedictorian, Anna Beth Lawrence (left), and Salutatorian, Madeline Grace Alligood (right) /SPECIAL PHOTO



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We'd like to take this opportunity to salute the Class of 2026. We look forward to seeing you achieve great things in the future!



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 **Congratulations,**



Madilyn Faith Woodard
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Love, Dad, Mom, David & Katie

Congratulations 2026 Seniors!

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Nice Work, Graduates!

As you turn the page to the next chapter, we hope you find success, satisfaction and meaning in your future endeavors. Keep up the great work and enjoy your big day!



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Dublin High School graduation May 22 at Shamrock Bowl

Dublin High School held graduation at 6 p.m. May 22, at the Shamrock Bowl.

Jeff Davis - *Valedictorian*
Emma Claire McDaniel - *Salutatorian*

Honor Graduates:

- Ricardo Alvarado
- Urick Andrews
- Jordan Bostic
- Journi Bostic
- Ta'Maj Carswell
- Kemonte Davis
- Bianca Edmond
- Ja'Corius Guyton
- Kuanta Guyton
- Jaylon Harris
- Eriyonna Johnson
- Emily Maddox
- Eboni Moore
- E'Maria Ransom-Scruggs
- Saige Stephens
- Shane Stribling
- Zyah Walker

Candidates for graduation:

- A'Nya Tanchell Abrian
- Zitionna Shariah Monet Allen
- Ricardo Alfredo Alvarado Jr.
- Halen Curtis-Zy'Mir Anderson
- Ny'Jeria Sharelle Anderson
- Urick Tyrell Harris Andrews
- Corda TaShawn Ashley
- Maddison Barbara Ashworth
- Saviyon Symer Ates
- Aziyah NyZhae Attwell
- Mathias Jamaurion Baker
- Ka'Mariyana Ta'Lerial Bell
- LePhillip Shantavious Bigham
- Shanicka Nashae Billue
- Victorian Na'Ida Bledsoe
- Brendon Reece Bolden
- Brianna Ma'Kayla Bostic
- Jordan Eric Bostic
- Journi Alyse Bostic
- Dwane Kornell Bouyer
- McKenzie Arleecisa Branham
- Kennady Marquisa Brown
- Tyler Malik Brown
- Ki'Even Cornelius Burrell
- Charity A'rhianna Zy'nai Butler
- Dorian Samuel Carcamo
- My'Jerria Kennay Carey



JEFF DAVIS

- Ja'shum D'mon Carswell
- Ta'Maj Deshawn Carswell
- Zimauro Sincere Carswell
- Zy'Keiria Iyuna Carswell
- Ke'Yazmin Tykiria Clark
- Honesti Navell Coley
- Ja'Cori Semaj Coley
- Brianna Lynn Coney
- Christian Syriah Darrisaw
- Quavian La'Paul Tyrell Darrisaw
- Carl Davis Jr.
- Jefferson Irwin Davis V
- Kemonte Antwan Davis
- Laterion Zy'Tariot Jahmear Davis
- Malik Ja'Corey Deshawn Davis
- Ama'Jza Iyonnie Dennard
- Nikolia RaShod Denson
- Clayton Daryl Dixon Jr.
- Cassie My'Asia Dudley
- Rebekah Lindsay Dudley
- Shiann Brianna Dudley
- Bianca Sheree Edmond
- Bryceton Javonte' Evans
- Hailey Marie Finnegan
- Joy Cymone Floyd
- Darius Jaquan Forest
- Zaylen La'Derrick Foster
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- Curtis Eugene Harvey Jr.
- Keshawn Markeith Haynes

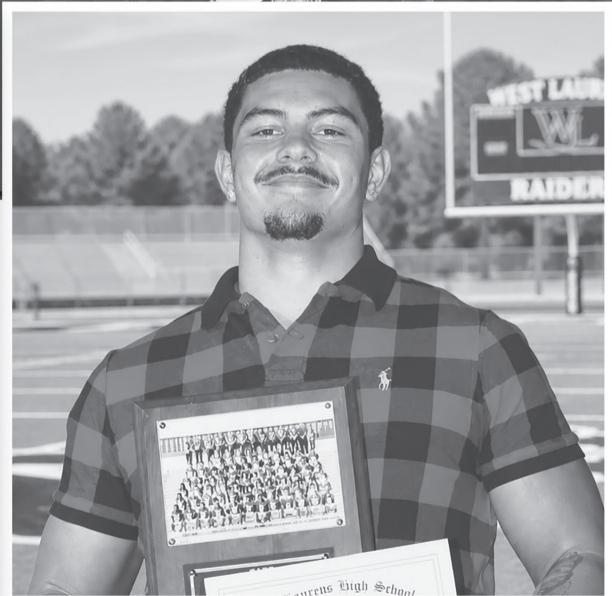
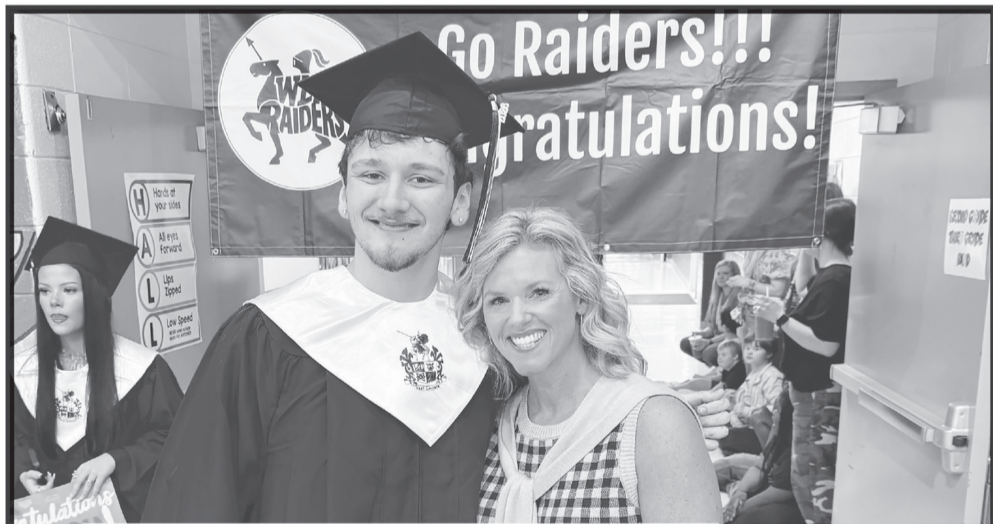


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- Timothy Lee Higdon Jr.
- Shaniya Unique Hollingsworth
- Knowledge Deaveres Horne
- Eriyonna Alexius Johnson
- Card'nia Ty'ona De'shawna King
- Kazmerio Deshawn Kitchens
- Bennett Matthew Lake
- Mytus Malique Lanier
- Ethan Shane Leonard
- Kemaya Malaysia Lewis
- Lavonte' Lamar Linder
- Quantavis Tyrell Lovett
- Jeremiah Ewon Lowery
- Emily Louise Maddox
- Victor Manuel Marion
- Violet Zia Marion
- Juan Carlos Martinez Jr.
- Jemimiah Je'Lisa Antia McClen-don
- Kelaiah Latrice McCloud
- Asia Skye McCormick
- Emma Claire McDaniel
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- Savannah Marie Millar
- Aliyah Jennifer Mitchell
- Martavious Tyree Mitchell
- Keith Froncir Moise
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- Torian Alexander Morris
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- Kayla Alexandra O'Neal
- Tikeria Keyuna Page
- Devine Lynette Parker
- Edwin Zacchaeus Pierce
- Chasity Marie Place
- Tykeara Jymaya Plummer
- Daireon Taveris Profit
- E'Maria Markeyasia Ransom-Scruggs
- Isaiah Jamir Redd
- Xavier Jeremiah Reese
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- Heaven Keviana Richardson
- Samuel Rodriguez Alvarez
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- Keymonte Marquez Sanders
- Lil'Rubye Renae Sanders
- Krystyna Shamorri LaShara Sharpe
- Camilla Lee Simmons
- Javier Amor' Simmons
- Caiden Jaleel Smith
- Keyhon Jerod Smith
- Keyhona Jennett Smith
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- Nikaria Janeau Spikes
- Saige Monay Stephens
- Marion Shane Stribling Jr.
- Amariah Trenise Taylor
- JaMiracle Ateela Thompkins
- Ja'Mya Amir Tinsley
- Kennedi Jamya Tommie
- Reginald Ricole Turner
- Devontay Edward Vickers Jr.
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- Rickey Tyrese Walker
- Zyah Deon Walker
- Akira Ty'Nique Wells
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- Jeremiah Keshawn Whipple
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- Armani Zyleec Williams
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- Jaidyn Christopher Williams
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- Dashun Terrell Woodard
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West Laurens High graduation set for May 30

West Laurens High School will hold its graduation ceremony at 9 a.m. May 30 at the school's football stadium.

Sophia Kavuri - *Valedictorian*
Morgan Moore - *Salutatorian*

Honor Graduates:

- Andrew Ajasa
- Jarrett Albritton
- Johnte Allen
- Laney Allen
- Grant Baker
- Chadwick Barfield
- Emma Batchelor
- Rhett Bazemore
- Braelee Beasley
- Ryleigh Brown
- Karter Bruckmair
- Shayla Butler
- Ashton Calvert
- Hunter Castellaw
- Cullen Christian
- Kolby Clark
- Kylie Clark
- Alexandra Coleman
- Tre'Shawn Colson
- Aaliciyah Coombs
- Jax Crawford
- Dylon Crespo
- Evangaleen Crespo
- Selina Cuevas
- Diana Currie
- Levi Dailey
- Emma Darley
- Robbie Devaney
- Darci Dixon
- Zyriah Durden
- Jenna Edwards
- Aaysia Foston
- Jocelyn Franco-Martinez
- Brett Gibbs
- Matthew Gibbs
- Jayden Giles
- Macee Graham
- Hadley Green
- Harbor Hadden
- Jacob Harden
- Laney Harrison
- Miley Harrison
- Juvon Hill
- Jacely Hogan
- Thomas Hogan
- Sydney Holmes



West Laurens High School's 2026 honor graduates/SPECIAL PHOTO

- Pacey Horton
- Grady Howell
- Destiny Hughes
- Arlie Hutcheson
- Ryan Jackson
- Breniya Johnson
- Brian Johnson
- Cooper Johnson
- Ki'ara Johnson
- Mollie Jones
- Katherine Kavuri
- Cash Keith
- Aiden King
- Kayne King
- Tristan King
- Madelyn Lamb
- Nolan Locke
- Carmen Lord
- Ian Malone
- Roland Manahan
- Maggie Marsh

- Jordan Martin
- Lilian Medina
- Janey Meeks
- Richard Miller
- Gwendolyn Mitchell
- Rebecca Mixon
- Lindsey Monk
- Allie Moore
- Nadia Moore
- Ashley Neria
- Daneyli Neria
- Mia Neria-Perez
- Dalton Oxford
- Jiya Patel
- Krish Patel
- Maan Patel
- Elizabeth Patterson
- Aiden Payne
- Hayden Phillips
- Amber Pittman
- Cason Pollock



SOPHIA KAVURI

- Samantha Roland
- Adelie Saussy
- Rishi Saxena
- Hillary Scarborough
- Ava Sellers
- Olivia Selman



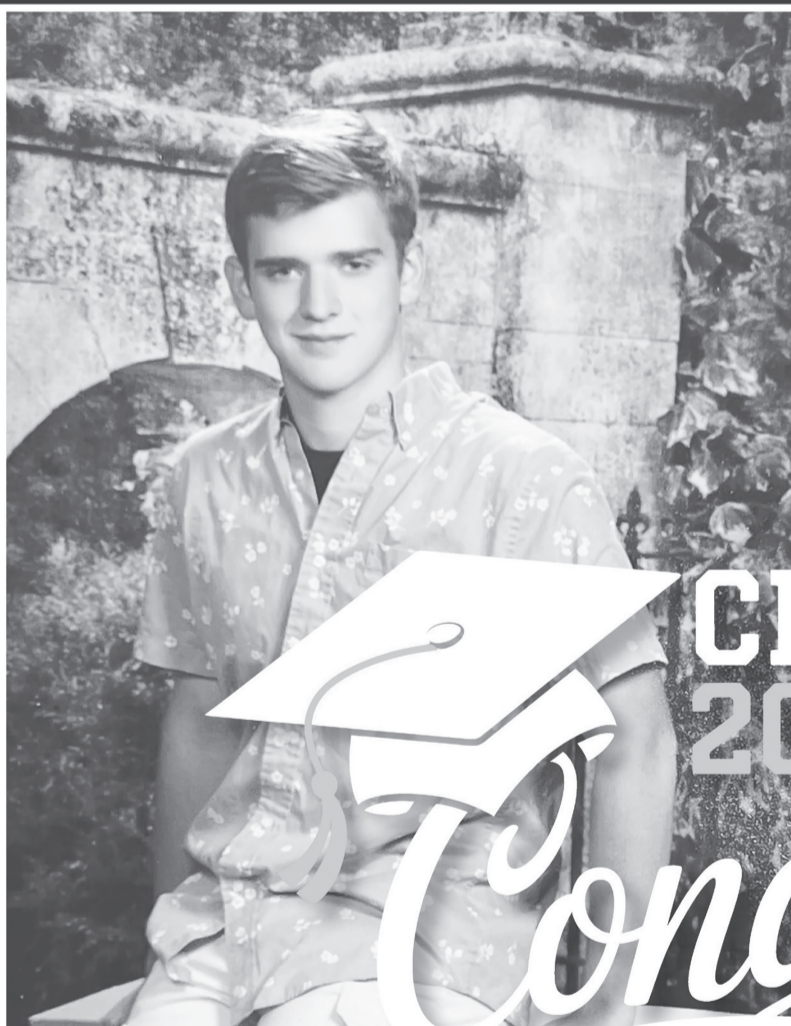
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- Landon Shields
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- Camden Spires
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 Judd Walker
 Keith Walker
 ReShawan Walker
 Addison Ward
 Isabella Ward
 Gage Warren
 Jaxon Warren
 Konner Warren
 Leah Wells
 Katelyn Whatley
 Dealous Williams
 Zo'Rian Willis
 Katelynn Wilson
 Marley Yearwood
 Gaige Zalinsky

Graduates:
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 Noah Kade Allen
 Armoni Princess Anderson
 Elijah James Auger
 Colby Lewis Bailey
 Bo Dwayne Bates
 Joshua Wiley Bazemore
 Daron Jadass Bell
 Jayce D'Martez Blash
 Landon Nathaniel-Scott Bloodworth
 Precious Ari'yana Ramoni Booker
 Hunter Kyle Boyd
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 Charleston
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 Savannah Jade Childers
 Passion Liziana Marneisha Childress

Addison Nicole Clements
 Cleleria Armani Jalice Coney
 Damone Ricardo Hykeim Coney
 Willow Elaine Cook
 Kaden James Cooper
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 Madison Hope Davis
 Clayton Gage Dean
 Kayla Michelle Dean
 Melanie Diaz
 Jazzel Beverly Star Diggs
 Avery Lawrence Dobbins
 Saniyah Gabrielle Edwards
 Kylan Michael Evans
 Jamar Rashad Everett
 Braeden Chase Finley
 Faith Heaven Finley Flanders
 Briley Leanna Fordham
 Kimora Ta'Kiyah Foster
 Alessandra Brianna Franco
 Jessie Elizabeth Franks
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 Christian Jeremiah Gutierrez Car-swell
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 Abbigail Hope Hancock
 Anna Michelle Hargis
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 Carter Bradford Haskins
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 Kaderious Darshawn Jordan
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 Annabeth Claire Luecke
 Messiah Jeremiah Marion
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 Dyllon Joseph Martin
 Vanessa Martinez
 Kyla Jayden McAdams
 D'Karri Monae McClinton
 Hayden Lane McLendon
 James Joseph Melvin
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 Brewer Ryder Morgan
 Zackary Isaiah Morris
 Ja'liyah Mckenzie Moss
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 Mason John Newby
 Jacob Gabriel Nicholson
 Milah Chontell Odum
 Jose Kastabian Olivera
 Kirsten Joy Olson
 John Matthew Pace
 Matti Corene Page
 Kynadi Amara Palmer
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 Addison Kinsley Peebles
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 Weston Clay Pittman
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Q&A with Pat Revel: Soon-to-be Dublin High grad shares about international soccer adventures

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Pat Revel's first steps into the Cologne Cathedral were a truly religious experience.

Seeing the Gothic stonework, the centuries-old frescos on the ceilings and the sculptures of Christ and His Apostles reminded the Dublin senior just how far he'd come since signing in September to play soccer for FC Köln ITP in Cologne, Germany.

"It brought me closer to the Lord, knowing I would need Him every step of the way," Revel said this past December. "I kept visiting just to bring myself closer to the Lord. Having Him by my side, I can do anything through Him."

That powerful moment was rooted in another transformative experience for Revel—one that happened in the grassy field behind Dublin Middle School nearly seven years earlier: his introduction to soccer.

Revel never expected soccer to become the vehicle that would make him a global traveler, or push him mentally and physically to new heights, both as an athlete and as a person.

He visited Dublin High to catch up with teachers and friends, and to see whether any of his Irish teammates were at the Shamrock Bowl getting in some voluntary training for the 2026 season—one Revel missed most of as he continued his once-in-a-lifetime soccer adventure.

DCS: How on earth did you find out about this opportunity?

PR: I was working out with a trainer who had been helping me for the past two years. He was a scout for their ITP program. He reached out to them, sent them my film, and they said they really liked me as a player. They wanted me to come over there and play.

DCS: When did you first discover soccer?

PR: I first discovered it in sixth grade in middle school. From there, I really found a love for it. When I got to ninth grade and met Sarge (former DHS AFJROTC Flight Instructor MSgt. Tre Baham), that's when I really fell in love with it.

DCS: Why do you love it?

PR: Because I'm able to show the kind of person I am on the field and express myself through my play. Especially with the high school team here—it's how you build a family. The people on the field became like my brothers.

DCS: When the reality of going overseas started getting closer, when did it hit home that you wouldn't be here for a while?

PR: It really hit the day before my flight. It was a crazy amount of emotions—happiness, sadness, a whole mix of things. I realized how much I would miss my mom, dad, and friends, but I also realized what a great opportunity it was to experience the world and play the sport I love.

DCS: What's been the most eye-opening part of the whole experience?

PR: Definitely how high the level is and how fit you have to be. The game is very physical. When I first got there, I wasn't as strong as I needed to be. I'd get pushed off the ball a lot. Over the past two months, that's stopped happening because I've been in the gym training. The strength and speed of play are just so different over there.

It was crazy when I first



Dublin High School's Pat Revel spent part of this school year playing soccer in Cologne, Germany/SPECIAL PHOTO

arrived.

DCS: What's been your favorite non-soccer part of the experience?

PR: Definitely seeing the Cathedral in Cologne. It was amazing.

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DCS: Favorite food?

PR: Schnitzel. Schnitzel is the best. The food there is healthier. If I compare Subway there to Subway here—the food is different. They had this nacho chicken. There's no way I could find that here.

DCS: Nacho chicken? How healthy is nacho chicken?

PR: It wasn't like cheese all over it. I usually get mine in chipotle with some lettuce, bell peppers, stuff like that.

DCS: Worst food?

PR: All the German food I had was really good. There wasn't anything particularly bad.

DCS: What does it mean to you to represent Dublin soccer overseas?

PR: It gives me pride to show that Coach Starley's and Coach Baham's training wasn't wasted, and that I proved I'm capable of big things. People from smaller towns can do big things if they set their minds to it.

DCS: Has this made you want to see more of the world?

PR: Oh yeah, of course. As soon as I landed. The scenery in Germany is beautiful. You can go into the city, but even the countryside—the plains are beautiful.

DCS: What do you want to tell the next "Pat" about why they should chase something like this?

PR: You can do whatever you want in life as long as you put in the extra time and extra work. It's not going to be given to you. You have to keep working, working, working.

DCS: What has it been like trying to stay on track to graduate while also meeting your obligations on the soccer pitch?

PR: With the schedule they have set, most of the players are still in high school, so we have most of

our evening time for schoolwork. We work mostly independently, but they also provide support. They're very supportive of us completing our schoolwork.

The half-opened rolling door of the Ken Whiddon Wrestling Room revealed only the shuffling of a dozen and a half pairs of wrestling shoes, but Pat Revel walked forward anyway.

As he stepped through the door, the once-dark interior brightened—though not as brightly as Coach Ben Lannier's smile when he called out "Pat!"

After a brief hug, the two got down to business discussing their shared passion—not wrestling, but soccer. Specifically, Liverpool, and the turmoil surrounding star Mohamed Salah. It was the first of several conversations that afternoon, but eventually Revel found exactly what he was looking for: his teammates, down at the bottom of the Bowl, playing a pickup game before Christmas break.

"That's what I wanted to do," Revel said, "come out here and see the new guys, see how everyone was doing, and see if I could be any help."

Revel returned to Cologne after Christmas break, and was set to return for his graduation with the Class of 2026 on May 22.

Middleton speaks at OFTC commencement

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The ceremony will be held at the college's South Campus in Dublin at the DuBose Porter Business and Industry Training Center. The Rev. James Middleton will serve as guest speaker.

Middleton serves as pastor of Sandersville Methodist Church in Sandersville. A native of Coffee County, he has dedicated much of his

ministry to serving communities across South Georgia. In addition to ministry, he brings leadership experience through corporate roles and small-business ownership.

He holds a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and a bachelor's degree in ministry from Brewton-Parker College. An ordained elder in the Global Methodist Church, Middleton is known for his commitment to community growth and mentorship.

He lives in Sandersville with his wife, Robin, a dance educator at Brentwood School, and

their two sons, Caleb and Jesse.

The commencement ceremony will celebrate the achievements of graduates from across the college's academic programs, as well as HSE graduates completing an important educational milestone.

Tickets will be required for attendance. Graduates will receive information from the registrar regarding how and when to obtain tickets for guests. All guests must present a ticket for entry.

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then they tell you that, and you're just like, 'Oh man,'" he said. "My nanny and my mama they came to me, they said what the doctor said, and I said, 'I know, mama.' And they just went on and did it, did the surgery."

Coping with the pain of that realization, and the healing process, made that time in the hospital the toughest part of the whole ordeal.

"Me and my family talk about his all the time. I tell them, I think God put angels around me those couple of months," Harrison said. "I really don't even know myself how I stayed strong for my family and my teammates. I really don't know."

But those early steps to make peace with the new reality were his first of many conscious decisions to turn the problem into a privilege.

"He took it, and put his own spin on it," Luten said. "He just accepted it for what it is."



Though the injury threatened to take some things away from him, one that Harrison refused to let go of was the game of baseball.

It's a sport he'd loved all his life, and played since about the age of nine, in his mom's best recollection, starting on the rec fields of DLCRA and Dudley Little League with teammates he's been close to from the time they started school.

"Ever since he was little, he just loved the atmosphere of playing baseball and the camaraderie with his friends," Luten said. "He grew up with this same group of people since he was in kindergarten."

While the setback was bound to affect his ability to play to some extent, the hope of doing so again did a lot to shape his perspective in the early steps of recovery, and after thankfully being able to return to the field a few years later.

"It meant a lot, because I thought I was done," Harrison said.

The injury, a few months out from the start of what would've been his sixth grade season, would rule out hopes of trying out for that first middle school baseball team in January. But Harrison still wanted to be close to the sport, and his longtime teammates, so he approached then WLMS head coach Vaughan Murkerson about becoming part of the team as a manager when he returned to school.

"That was my way of staying in the game, being with my teammates," he said.

The relationships forged through that role turned out to be a major lifeline during his rehabilitation.

In addition to the support of his friends and teammates, love flowed in from all corners of the Raiders' region, many of whose teams presented him signed baseballs, cards and best wishes as tokens of their thoughts and encouragement each time they went on the road.

It'd be later that year that Harrison began the process of trying out potential prosthetics, in hopes of finding one that would allow him to regain full mobility. Though he did, getting back to any semblance of normal was nothing close to an immediate transition.

"I had to really, first, start off walking," Harrison said. "Like a baby, you walk, then you run. And I just kept going, built off my therapy and kept doing my physical therapy and stuff like that."

The new leg took a lot of getting used to, and had a long learning curve. But come baseball season, he was ready to get back out and play, starting with some fall ball action for his

local travel team, and then his seventh grade WLMS season early in 2021.

"That first year was a little tough. He did what he could, as much as he could, and I tried to be as helpful as possible in that transition process for him, with all that stuff going on," Murkerson said. "It was difficult for him, putting pressure on it, trying to trust it and things like that. There were days when he was like, 'Coach I can't.'"

But through all the ups and downs of adjusting, Harrison made an impression with his relentless attitude, insistence on going at drills and conditioning full-speed and giving every team activity the best he could.

"He refused to be last in anything," Murkerson said. "He never let it be an excuse."

Fast forward to high school, and his comfort with the prosthetic leg has become all but seamless. In fact, you have to pay awful close attention to pick out any sign of it in his movements around campus or the field.

"It's crazy to see how far he's come to where, you don't really even think about it or notice it," Murkerson said. "Most of the guys don't really say anything about it. It's kind of like the new normal now."



The phrase, everything happens for a reason, gets thrown around a lot.

But looking back on everything this misfortune brought about, there are numerous examples Harrison and others in his life can point to of how the Lord used this great complication for good things... in the short-term, simply as an encouragement to those who observe his confident outlook each day around the school and baseball field.

"Having him in the dugout, being a positive light, even through all of that stuff he was going through, that helped me out a lot, helped us out a lot," Murkerson said.

There were a number of other circumstances that made the time period of his accident and recuperation a difficult chapter for the WLMS baseball program, many of them tied to the COVID-19 pandemic, which had wiped out the back half of the 2020 season and heavily affected the spring of 2021.

Harrison and his head coach also shared some common ground in this season of hardship, after Murkerson lost his sister Em in a tragic accident in May of 2020 that was weighing heavily on him for much of the next year.

They both were a daily support for each other, with Harrison's optimistic demeanor a Godsend on many of those toughest days.

"He helped me through," Murkerson said. "He doesn't realize this, but he's helped me probably a lot more than I've helped him. He's meant a lot to me. Me and him have always been pretty close since that sixth grade year."

The two have been reunited as player and coach this spring, since Murkerson's step up from WLMS head coach to an assistant position on the high school staff. And they continue to share a special bond.

"We were talking the other day, and he said, 'Coach, you know when this is over, I'm going to cry on your shoulder,'" Murkerson related in a conversation just before the team's first-round playoff series. "I said, 'look I'm going to be right there with you, crying with you.'"



Though his game action is limited – this past season, he appeared in five of them, with a double against Bald-

win on that senior day as a lone hit – Harrison has contributed a great deal both athletically and spiritually to the Raiders' recent baseball success through his role in practices, pregame drills and team activities, and as a hype man charged with keeping spirits high in the dugout.

That responsibility, in particular, is a fairly significant one for this West Laurens team whose dynamic set of players tends to be at its best when feeding off the momentum of the game, or manufacturing its own emotion when the chips happen to be down.

"At practice, our energy's up. We fly around the field like crazy," Harrison said. "Once we get up, it's hard to come back down."

Through the years, it's become not so much the competition as the community – time spent with teammates during down time at practice and on the bus headed to and from games – that Harrison considers his favorite experience playing baseball.

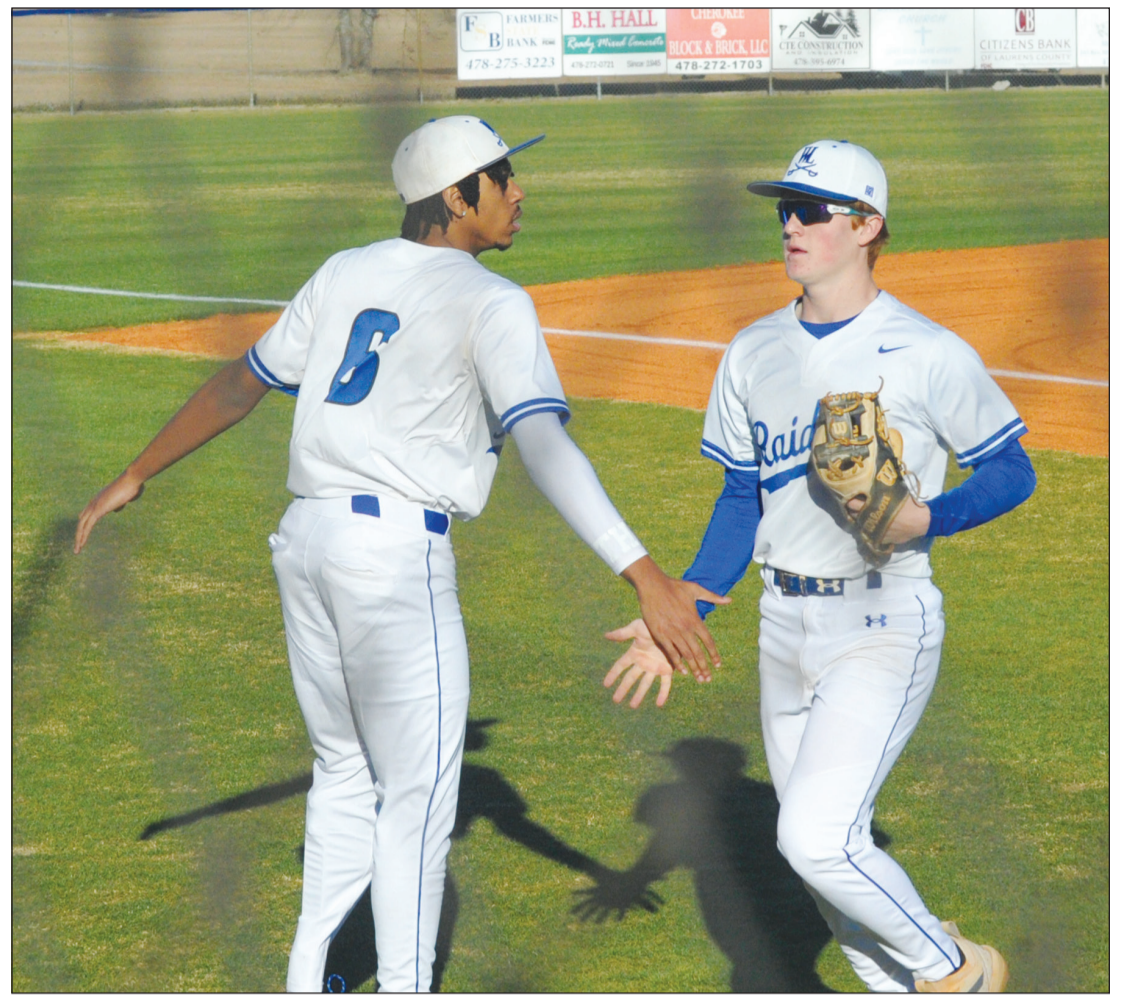
Even when he's not in a state of actively encouraging, teammates and coaches say that his constantly hopeful disposition always brightens their day.

"He's one of the most positive people I've ever met in my life," Murkerson said.

That gift for helping others shift their perspective on personal difficulties is one he now plans to use in his future career.

Harrison, who will attend Macon's Central Georgia Technical College to pursue a program of study in orthopedic technology, plans to enter the health-care field on a path inspired by the relationships built with those in the industry who helped guide his way along this road he never originally chose.

From his story, he'll be able to draw plenty of wise counsel to offer other young amputees, or victims of ma-



Harrison with a high-five for teammate Nathan Hester on his way off the field between half-innings of a preseason scrimmage game in February/CLAY REYNOLDS

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Dustin P. Gay, MD, graduated from Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, GA, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Minor in Chemistry. He went on to earn his medical degree at the Medical College of Georgia, in Augusta. Dr. Gay completed his orthopaedic residency at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, MD. Additionally, he finished a one-year clinical fellowship in adult reconstruction at Anderson Orthopedic Clinic in Alexandria, VA.

A board certified orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Gay has published several medical research articles and he has presented in his subspecialty area of orthopaedic adult reconstruction, hip resurfacing and hip replacement. He has also served with the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Device Evaluations as an orthopaedic medical device reviewer. His clinical interest includes general orthopaedics, hand surgery, hip fractures, and total joint replacement including revision surgery of the hip and knee.



JEREMY H. RICHTER, MD

Jeremy H. Richter, MD, graduated from University of Georgia in Athens, GA, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He went on to earn his medical degree at Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, GA. Dr. Richter completed his orthopaedic residency at University of Arkansas, in Little Rock, AR.

A board certified orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Richter is a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He is the team physician for West Laurens High School, East Laurens High School, Trinity Christian School, Dublin High School, and Johnson County High School. His clinical interests include general orthopaedics, sports medicine, hand surgery, and fracture repair. When not at work, his outside interests include spending time with family or playing at the lake or farm.

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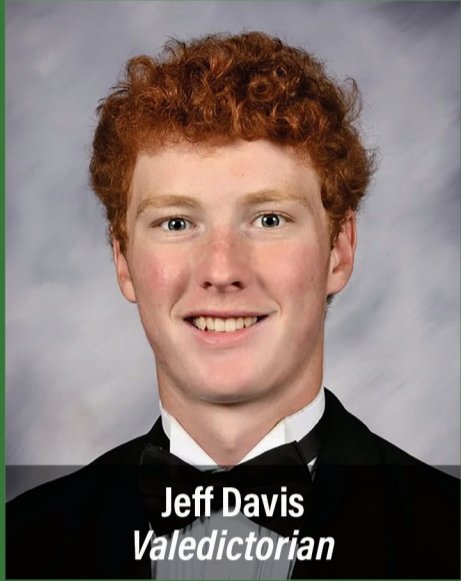


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