

60 shots fired, three injured in drive-by

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**
Senior Reporter

At least 60 shots were fired and three people wounded in a drive-by shooting Thursday night that a witness said might have stemmed from an argument at a school's graduation ceremony earlier that evening.

Dublin police officers responded to a house on the 400 block of Brookwood Drive where they recovered approximately 60 shell

casings from the scene around 11:05 p.m. Thursday, May 21. According to the police report, officers responded in reference to a reported shooting with two victims.

When they arrived, they saw several people gathered in the front yard. Many ran away from the scene when law enforcement arrived. Officers saw a man who had a gunshot wound to the leg. They rendered aid by applying a tourniquet above the victim's knee

to control the bleeding until EMS arrived. Due to his injuries, officers were unable to obtain a statement.

Officers met with a second victim who seemed to have a bullet graze wound to her left thigh, along with scratches to her rib cage. During the shooting, she tried to run inside the house and received the scratches by rubbing against an unknown object, according to the report. She was later treated by EMS officials at the

scene.

A third victim had a graze wound to his shoulder. He declined to provide a statement regarding the incident.

A witness told an officer she heard approximately 80 shots fired toward the house from a white sedan. She recalled a verbal altercation that happened at the Moore Street School graduation ceremony on May 21. According to her, two men were involved in a verbal dispute with her neph-

ew. One of the men repeatedly stated, "You dead, all y'all going to die," approximately five times before leaving the graduation in a gold-colored Crown Victoria.

Another witness, who was irate at the scene, informed officers that an unidentified woman at the residence had "set them up."

Officers met with another person who lives nearby and called

DRIVE-BY SHOOTING
Continued on page 8

E.G. Kight remembers uncle who influenced her music career

By **KYLE DOMINY**
Staff Reporter

E.G. Kight grew up surrounded by music.

Her mother, a fan of gospel music, sang in a group. Her grandmother owned a piano, and on days spent with her, which were many in her youth, Kight learned her first chords on the keys.

"I was fully immersed in music," she said. "It was like breathing."

But there was another family member who created a lasting impression on the little girl who would grow up to be the Georgia Songbird: Kight's uncle Jimmy.

Jimmy Clements still lived in his parents' home during Kight's formative years, when she would spend the days with her grandmother. Clements was the lead singer and guitarist in a band, and the group rehearsed frequently in their rural Laurens County home. At their feet was a 5-year-old Kight.

"I couldn't wait for those days," she reminisced. "I would sit in the floor and take in every minute of it."



The Georgia Songbird E.G. Kight was influenced throughout her career by her guitar-picking uncle Jimmy Clements, who bought Kight her first guitar (far left). Middle: A young Clements poses with a guitar. Right: As Kight began touring, her uncle was a fixture in her backing band/SPECIAL PHOTOS

It was Clements who would buy Kight her first guitar. A old photograph shows a young, smiling Kight, standing behind a car strumming an acoustic

Silvertone, a brand of guitars popular with aspiring musicians because of their affordability and availabil-

ity through Sears Roebuck and Co. The instrument is nearly as big as she is.

A similar photo shows Clements as a young man, standing behind the same automobile playing a different guitar.

The band Jimmy Clements and the Gold Notes

covered popular rock-n-roll and country and western songs and became staples in the Dublin music scene, regularly appearing at local clubs, lodges and special events. He played gigs regularly for about 25 years, Kight said.

"He sang everything

from Merle Haggard to James Brown," she said. "He was a very versatile performer. He had a wide range and a great voice."

Kight never put down a guitar either and as her music career began to take flight in the late 1980s and throughout the 1990s and go beyond

the small-town landscape, Uncle Jimmy hit the road, too, backing his niece in her band as she opened for performers like Ernest Tubb and Conway Twitty.

As he got older and his

E.G. KIGHT
Continued on page 8

Dublin City Council adopts 'Safe Streets 4 All' traffic plan

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**
Senior Reporter

City of Dublin officials have adopted the Safe Streets 4 All Action Plan, which aims to improve the safety of those driving in town.

City council members approved the plan during last week's meeting. City Man-

ager Josh Powell informed the public that the city has been working with the Foresite group for months. They examined statistical data available regarding all of the streets in Dublin.

"They have been working with staff to identify corridors that pose safety hazards to pedestrians and other motorized traffic in

the city," Powell said. "They also looked at intersections and other places in town that pose risks to drivers. This plan is something that is needed."

The plan, funded through a grant money, recognizes and highlights policies and ordinances the city and council can implement to address the safety con-

cerns.

"The idea is, once this plan is adopted, we can take it and reference it in future grant applications for implementation money to improve corridors whether that is through traffic calming measures with the installation of roundabouts or dedicated pedestrian crossings," Powell said.

He added that Matthew Bradshaw, city engineer, and Candi Powell, engineering administrative assistant and grant coordinator, and staff have been working on an implementation grant for Claxton Dairy Road in an effort to improve safety there. Powell said this road was chosen first because many of the other corridors

were state routes.

"There is a lot of opportunity for other funding for those and to even get GDOT (Georgia Department of Transportation) to do some projects for those based on this plan," the city manager said. "We are

CITY COUNCIL
Continued on page 8

Man crashes truck into business

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**
Senior Reporter

A 63-year-old man released the clutch in a truck he was driving and it wound up crashing into the front of a local cellphone shop Friday morning.

Dublin Fire Chief Matthew Cutler said no one was injured during the accident at Cricket Wireless on High Street. The accident happened at 9:36 a.m.

The call came to the DFD as a vehicle that had run through the building.

"It didn't make it all the way in," Cutler said. "It stopped when it hit the post, which was knocked loose, and the small brick wall. He was in the parking lot, and the truck was a manual transmission. I believe he thought it was in neutral, and he let the clutch out and it was not in neutral."

That caused the truck to roll forward and into the building.

"The truck went through and broke two panes of glass and a support that was between the windows," Cutler said. "There were no injuries, thankfully. The store did not open until around 10 a.m., so there was nobody in the store."

The truck was towed away.



The driver of the truck believed the vehicle was in neutral before it crashed/SPECIAL PHOTO

INDEX

OBITUARIES	2	TELL IT!	4
PIECES OF OUR PAST	3	COMICS	6
DID YOU KNOW?	3	SPORTS	7
EDITORIAL	4		



OBITUARIES



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 daughters 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 were held at Christ Deliverance Temple, Monday, May 25, 2026, at 11 a.m.



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



Sean Joseph Fulghum

Graveside funeral services for Sean Joseph Fulghum, 53, was held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at Union Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Fred Reese officiated.

Mr. Fulghum was born on June 29, 1972, in Dublin, Georgia. He was the son of the late Clarence Roger Fulghum Jr. and Carole Jean Brown Fulghum. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Mark Roger Fulghum. He was the sales manager of Tractor Supply in Dublin. He worked in management for 32 years. He was the store manager of Tractor Supply for 15 years. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who enjoyed taking care of his grandchildren. Mr. Fulghum passed away Sunday, May 24, 2026, at Fairview Park Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle Louise Watson Fulghum of Wrightsville; a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Fulghum of Wrightsville; a son, Sean Austin Fulghum (Danielle) of Wrightsville; two grandchildren, Sean Alexander Fulghum and Joseph Clark Fulghum; a brother, Byron Fulghum

BIRTHDAYS

May 28
Craig Ayers
Gracelyn Williams

May 29
Larry Curry
Lemon Rozier

(Tammy) of Minter; and 2 sisters, Crystal Johnson (Doug) of East Dublin and Suzanne Copaz (Daniel) of Dublin.

The family received friends from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at the funeral home.

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



James Lee Vickers

Funeral services for Mr. James Lee Vickers, of East Dublin, Georgia, will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 1 p.m. at the Sand Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 1793 Gumlog Road, Wrightsville. Rev. Jerry Walden will deliver the eulogy. Interment will follow in Saint Paul Church Cemetery in Kite.

James Lee Vickers, the son of the late Lillian Scarborough Vickers and Grannie Vickers, was born on Friday, Oct. 23, 1951, in Bleckley County, Georgia. James Lee Vickers was a hardworking and dedicated man who spent much of his life in the manufacturing, butchering, and retail industries. He also had a deep passion for working on cars and fishing - something that he truly enjoyed and took pride in. James was widely known for his vibrant personality and was often the life of the party, bringing together energy and joy wherever he went. James was a faithful attendee and member of the Sand Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Until his health began to decline, his faith remained a guiding force in his life, helping him endure hardships and triumphs with courage, prayer and joy. Even though life's challenges, he remained strong in spirit and unwavering faith. James was a de-

ALTAMAHA RIVER FISHING TOURNAMENT
June 13th | 7am
Prizes for Top 3 in Each Division!
At Towns Bluff Park and Heritage Center
45 Riverwood Trl, Haddock, GA

- 2 Divisions:
- Bass Division- \$50 Entry Fee per Boat
- 1st Place - \$500 Prize Plus 25% of Entry Fees
- Panfish Division- \$20 Entry Fee per Boat
- 1st Place - \$200 Prize Plus 25% of Entry Fees
- Maximum: 2 Anglers per Boat
- Registration Ends June 4th

For More Info: <https://shorturl.at/ZYXq>

voted husband, father and grandfather and friend who touched many lives with his wisdom, humor and unconditional love.

He had special ways of making people feel welcomed and valued. His legacy will continue through all who knew and loved him.

On Monday, May 18, 2026, God, in his infinite wisdom saw befitting to bring James' journey to an end; he sent his angels to quietly transition him to his heavenly home. He had fought a good fight, he finished his course and he kept his faith.

James Vickers was preceded in death by his sisters, Betty Vickers, Ossie (Earnest) Linder, Geraldine (Marion) Jones, brother, Robert Louis Vickers, son, Bryant McRae, sister-in-law, Stephanie Thomas and three beloved grandchildren.

Precious memories will be forever cherished by his loving wife, Gail Lashawn Salter Vickers, his children, Christopher McRae, Kendra (Fred) Whipple, Reginald (Jennifer) Coley, Charleen (Tracy) Porter, Telley (Natalie) McRae, Monica (Jarvis) Jackson, Carl (Annett) McRae and Martavious, Brantley, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Emmett (Helen) Salter, brothers-in-law, Timothy (Pamela) Travett, brother, Bobby Thomas, uncles, James Scarbough, Roger (Shelia) Fluker, Wendell (Sara) Fluker, Ricky (Bonita) Fluker, Michael (Johnnie) Salter, aunts, Lou Anna Stanley, Bessie Brown, Cornealus (James) Butts, Jennie Mae Salter, Lessie (Henry) Williams and two devoted sisters-in-law, Sonja Brown and Marie Gray.

James was blessed with 31 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, god-daughters, Rasheema Brown, Raya Fluker, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Please post your condolences online at ServicesbyDudley.com.

James was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Ann Stanley, and his father, James Lee Vickers Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Outlaw of Dublin; his children, Troytiana 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, Fla, Bobby (Sabrina) Outlaw Jr. of Wrightsville, sisters-in-law, Vickie Taylor, Carolyn (Jamie) Horne, Sharon Warthen, Monica Cannon, brother-in-law, Wilbur



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, Troytiana 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, Fla, 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 ServicesbyDudley.com.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.

Ethel "Tootsie" Gay Brown

Ethel "Tootsie" Gay Brown, 84, of Eastman, Ga., died Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday May 29, at Southerland Funeral Chapel, with interment in Bowers Cemetery in Empire.

She is survived by her daughter - Gail Miller (Lisa); granddaughter - Brittany White (Mark); grandson - Ben Sheffield (Taylor); step-grandson - John Lowery; great-grandchildren - Hunter, Corbin, Grayson, Sophia and Kennesley; and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

The family will receive friends in Southerland Funeral Chapel from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Friday, May 29.

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

Hetty Jones Knight

Hetty Jones Knight of Macon, Ga. passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2026. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Services by Jones Brothers Funeral Home.

Ora Gainey

Mrs Ora Gainey of Kathleen Georgia passed away on Saturday May 23, 2026. Funeral arrangements are incomplete but will be announced later

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Services by Dudley.com.

Hometown Supply
201 N Jefferson St., Dublin, Georgia 3021

Appliance Repair
(478) 272-0345

JM Enterprises & More
478-234-6632

Land / Lot Clearing	Building Demolition
Tree Removal / Clean Up	Driveway Installation
Privacy / Farm Fencing	Grading
Basement Excavation	Road Building
Pond Clearing and	House Pads
Restoration Under Brush	Food Plots Excavation /
Mowing Landscaping	Trenching

Call For Free Estimate
478-234-6632
Owner/Operator: James G. Moss - Sparta, GA.

VMT vacations
SAVE \$250 ON ALL TOURS!
MUST BOOK BY 6/30
MORE THAN 50 GUIDED TOURS AVAILABLE

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta & Southwestern Tour
10 DAYS STARTING AT \$2,749 \$2,499*
BASED ON SEP 25, 2026 DEPARTURE

- Witness the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta
- Soak up the history & culture of New Mexico in Albuquerque and Santa Fe

CALL US: 1-855-548-2623
*Per person based on double occupancy & includes tax service/ gov't fees. Ask your Travel Consultant for terms & conditions. Add-on airfare with transfers available for most major gateways.

LUCAS OWENS

Congrats!

We are so proud of you!
Love, Your Family

Happy 100th Birthday!
to Ms. Flora Edmond Carswell on May 29, 2026.

HAPPY Birthday

Pictured from left to right:
Great nephew (Mr. Lamyia Chris Edmond); Daughter (Ms. Amanda Carswell); Birthday Lady (Ms. Flora Edmond Carswell) and Grandson (Mr. Ira L. Carswell Jr.)

My Lord & Savior is the reason.

Ferries across the Oconee, part 1

Laurens County was without a river bridge for the first eight and a half decades of its existence. Just prior to the formation of Laurens County, the first ferries were established. Other travellers had to cross on horseback or swim across in shallow spots. The new lands west of the Oconee were just beginning to open up to settlers. Ferry boats were nothing more than a floating platform. In the days before the motor-driven ferries, the ferryman and his helpers would pull the boat across the river via ropes tied to a series of pulleys. Accidents did happen. The ropes would break often. When the water was high and the currents swift, many ferries shut down. Men and livestock fell into the river, some losing their lives. One could not always rely upon the ferry as a means of crossing the river.

William Neel established Dublin's first ferry in what became the most extreme southeastern part of town. The ferry was established in 1804 or before, three years before the formation of Laurens County. Neel's ferry is shown on the land grant maps of 1804 opposite Land Lot 235 of the 1st Land District. This places the ferry at the mouth of Long Branch. This may be the same spot where a ferry was established by Neil Munroe and Richard Ricks in the 1820's. Neel, along with Jonathan Sawyer, was the first settler of the community known as Sandbar, which later became East Dublin. In 1806 or 1807, George G. Gaines placed his ferry at the point where the Old Savannah Road crossed the Oconee River. The ferry was put under the same rates as other county ferries in August, 1810. Gaines later purchased 1000 acres along the eastern side of the ferry. The street that ran to the ferry was named in honor of Gaines, who left this area around the time of the War of 1812. Gaines sold his ferry, possibly to Henry C. Fuqua. Fuqua sold the ferry to wealthy landowner Jeremiah Yopp in 1831. In 1832, Yopp petitioned the Justices of the Inferior Court for the right to charge for passage over the river. The county approved the rates of 50 cents for loaded wagons, 25 cents for jersey wagons and carts, 6.25 cents for man and horse or footman and cattle, 2 cents for hogs, and 1.5 cents for sheep. Yopp operated the ferry until his death in 1852. His son-in-law sold the property to a Dublin lawyer, Young Anderson. During Anderson's ownership, the most famous visitor to Dublin may have crossed at the ferry then known as Dublin Ferry. On May 7, 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis crossed the Oconee River near Dublin, possibly at the ferry.

In 1870, John Jones was hired to build a new boat for the Dublin Ferry. The flat boat was 50 feet long and 12 feet wide. The main boat was constructed from 5" by 8" timbers with 2-inch planks along the bottom and 1.25-inch plank flooring. The boat was to be ready by February. William Madison, a former slave, was awarded the contract to keep the ferry in 1871. Madison kept the ferry for fifteen consecutive years. The end of the Dublin ferry was near when talk of a bridge began to surface. Passage on the ferry was made free to the public on June 26, 1878. Laurens County condemned the property in 1884. The area around the ferry was soon developed. The resurgent riverboat companies tied their boats to docks on both sides of the ferry. Rev. W.S. Ramsay of First Baptist conducted baptismal services there in the early eighties. Dr. R.H. Hightower built warehouses and a steam mill near the ferry site. Traffic became so heavy that in 1880, the ferryman Madison called for the hiring of an additional man to handle the increasing load. Some citizens were irate when they had to wait six hours to cross the river following a meeting of the Baptist Association at Shady Grove in eastern Laurens County. Bridge proponents used the inadequate ferry as the primary reason for a bridge.

The Dublin Ferry would serve one last purpose. For the five years following the completion of the Dublin and Wrightsville Railroad to the eastern banks of the river, the ferry was used to carry passengers and freight into Dublin. When the first permanent passenger bridge was completed in 1891, the ferry was discontinued. Bill Madison, the black ferryman, was a popular figure in the community. Mrs. E.C. Campbell remembered that when she was a little girl all roads to the ferry were crowded on Sunday afternoons. "Uncle Bill" was known as a masterful dancer and was loved by all the children whom he would give free rides. For a few months in 1921, the ferry returned to Dublin. During the time while the river bridge was being refitted, Laurens County purchased the necessary boats and equipment and operated the ferry until the bridge was reopened to auto traffic. Today, when the river is shallow, you can see the remnants of the ferry at the northern end of the riverwalk park at the mouth of Town Branch.

The most famous ferry in the annals of Laurens County History is Blackshear's Ferry. Today, the last remnants of the ferry are located at the end of Country Club Road, three miles north of the city limits. The area around Blackshear's



PIECES OF OUR PAST

By **SCOTT B. THOMPSON SR.**

Ferry may have contained a series of ferries. A survey of Gen. David Blackshear's estate shows an old ferry about a half mile northwest of the last ferry site. The first mention of a ferry in the records of Laurens County appeared on Feb. 2, 1808. The Justices of the Inferior Court ordered the establishment of a ferry at Blackshear's Landing. The rates approved were 50 cents for loaded wagons, 37.5 cents for empty wagons, 25 cents for loaded carts, 18.75 cents for empty carts, 37.5 cents for pleasure carriages and horses, 6.25 cents for man and horse, led horse and footman, black cattle 2 cents per head, and all other stock was a penny per head. The second and possibly the first site was located about a half mile southeast of the last ferry site. That ferry, known as Trammel's Ferry, was established by Jared Trammel and James Beatty at the point where the ancient Lower Uchee Indian Trail crossed the Oconee River at Carr's Bluff. It may have been established prior to the formation of the county. In 1812, orders for new roads by the Inferior Court indicated that Beatty's and Trammel's Ferries were separate ferries in the area.

The Georgia Legislature in 1819 authorized a public ferry across the Oconee River at the place formerly known as Trammel's Ferry with the same rates as previously charged, subject to modification by the Inferior Court. The law provided that all of the profits from the ferry would go to the estate of Trammel for those passengers leaving from the northeast side of the ferry landing and to James Beatty for all those passengers leaving from the southwest side of the ferry landing.

OBITUARIES



Julia Pearl Cuyler

Funeral services for Mrs. Julia Pearl Cuyler will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 12 p.m. at the Vickers Hill Baptist Church, Bee-line Highway 57 in Wrightsville. Dr. David Hall will deliver the eulogy.

Julia Pearl Cuyler was born Thursday, Oct. 30, 1947, in Wrightsville, Georgia to the late Mr. and Mrs. J. E. and Eva Mae Irwin. She attended school at the Dock Kemp High School. At an early age, she joined Vickers Hill Baptist Church along with her siblings where she participated in several capacities in her earlier years but everyone knew her passion was in the kitchen as long as her health allowed her to do so. Mrs. Julia Pearl worked in several industries Crowntex, Apparel Craft, Joetts and Chic-King just to name a few but everyone that knew Mrs. Julia Pearl knew that her proudest accomplishment was being the proud owner of JP's Café in which she proved delicious meals to all those workers up and down the "4-Lane." Unfortunately, Mrs. Julia Pearl set out for a new adventure and after years of

being in Wrightsville Ga. she decided to relocate to New Jersey. She and her family enjoyed the North but after two years she returned home and started a different task of nurturing to the children of working parents in need of a stable daycare. Mrs. Julia Pearl opened her home to several kids on a daily basis and spoiled them with her unconditional Love and her Wonderful Soul Food. She remained in Wrightsville, Ga. until her health began to decline a few years ago and she decided to head north again to be with her daughter and grandkids in Rome, Ga. where she still could be seen in the kitchen occasionally making sure they had a decent meal before going about their day.

Mrs. Julia Pearl was united in holy matrimony to the late Joe "Lil Buddy" Cuyler on April 21, 1975, and to this union two children were born.

Julia Pearl Cuyler passed away on May 24, 2022. She was preceded in death by her both of her parents, her sisters: Maxine Irwin (twin to Christine), Hattie Pearl Young, a step-daughter: Jo-eann Cuyler.

Mrs. Cuyler leaves to cherish her memories and her sternness to her beloved children: Tangela Cuyler of Adairsville, Ga., Michael Cuyler and Frances Mack, both of Wrightsville, Ga. and her devoted grand-children whom she showered with all she had Asia Merrell and Ronnie Merrell, Jr. and a bonus granddaughter: Eliza Crawford all of Adairsville, Ga. She leaves fond memories to her siblings who knew her best as "Duke": Christine Carswell, Evaline (LC) Jackson, Mary Lois Harris, JD Irwin all of Wrightsville, Ga., Henry Lee

DID YOU KNOW ...?

By **JACK BAGLEY**
GTLN

Be sure you're here next week.

Next week's column is going to be one of the most special I've ever produced, because it celebrates something I never thought would happen.

No, I won't share any hints beyond those, but whatever you do, don't miss next week's installment of "Did You Know ...?" because it's going to be a very special one, one

(Susie) Irwin of Dublin, Ga., Roy Dell Irwin of Sandersville, Ga. and Gloria Jackson of Vauxhall, New Jersey; aunts: Delores Fields of Wilmington, Delaware and Lillie Outlaw of Jacksonville, Ga.; in-laws: Herbert Young Jr of Wrightsville, Ga. and Shirley Simmons of Charlotte, N.C. She also leaves numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Mrs. Julia leaves an abundance of children that she nurtured, loved and cared for over the years. Please continue to remember her in your own special way.

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

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.

that took over nine years to create.

Be here. Same Bat-time, same Bat-channel.

Did you know ...

... nowhere in the book Through the Looking Glass is the character of Humpty Dumpty ever referred to as an egg? In the classic, written by Lewis Carroll (born Charles Dodgson, 1832-1898), the character of Alice is given an egg by a sheep, and as she approaches the egg it gets larger and develops into a person who looks somewhat like an egg. The important fact here is that Humpty Dumpty himself is not an egg; he just grows out of one and somewhat resembles one. Alice even comments that Humpty looks like an egg, but Humpty emphatically points out that he is not one. (So if you thought he was an egg, the yolk's on you!)

... every year, more people are killed by teddy bears than by grizzly bears? The most common hazard with teddy bears, of course, is that small pieces such as eyes can pop off and cause choking hazards. Tripping and falling over teddy bears is also a major safety hazard. To give you an idea of the statistics

behind this, note that over the past 90 years, a total of 82 Americans have been killed in grizzly bear attacks. Over that same time frame, teddy bears (and other toys) have caused about 22 deaths per year. (I can bear-ly stand it!)

... some good deeds really are punished? Take, for example, the fate of the crew of the American seal-hunting ship Nanina. In 1812, the Nanina, under the command of Captain Charles Barnard (1781-1840), discovered the shipwrecked crew of the British whaler Isabella stranded on Eagle Island, one of the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic Ocean. Barnard rescued the crew of the Isabella even though the U.S. and Britain were at that moment at war with each other. While Barnard and his crew were out on a hunt for more provisions to take care of the Isabella's crew, however, the British seized the Nanina and left Barnard and his crew behind. The Nanina's real crew was rescued a year later by two British ships, the Asp and the Indispensable. (And you thought Robinson Crusoe had it rough.)

... the first ruler known to history to recognize hu-

man rights did so in 539 BC? Persian King Cyrus the Great (600 BC-530 BC) issued that year the first-ever recorded decree on the rights of human beings. Cyrus freed slaves, established racial equality, and decreed that all people had the right to choose their own religions. (Good job, Cyrus!)

... a popular French fashion designer is now believed to have been a spy? Coco Chanel (born Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel, 1883-1971) was romantically linked with a Nazi officer during World War II. Hans Günther von Dincklage (1896-1974) was a jurist under the Nazis and was also heavily involved in espionage for the Third Reich. Since the death of Chanel, extensive evidence has reportedly surfaced showing that she was an undercover operative for the Nazis during the war, though there was no proof offered of collaboration with the Germans during her interrogation by the Free French Purge Committee in 1944. Chanel and von Dincklage lived together for a period of time after the war in Switzerland. (Gives a new meaning to "undercover," doesn't it?)

Now ... you know!

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF LAURENS

ELECTION AUDIT PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-498(b)(c) that an audit of the results from the May 19, 2026 General Primary / Non-Partisan Election will begin Friday, May 29, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. The audit will continue from day to day until complete and members of the public are entitled to be present during the audit. Said audit will be conducted at the Laurens County Board of Elections and Registration Office, located at 117 East Jackson St. Suite A, Dublin, GA 31021.

This 26th day of May, 2026.

Susan H. Rooks
Election Supervisor
Laurens County Board of Elections
& Registration

HOMER

SUITES BY HILTON

www.hilton.com

105 Travel Center Blvd., Dublin, GA 31021

478-205-5464



TELL IT!



CALL 272-0375, EMAIL
CHTELLIT@GMAIL.COM, OR
TELL IT! AT
COURIERHERALDTODAY.COM

Well, I see that John Bell can no longer sit quietly on the sidelines. After stepping down as chairman several years ago, likely because he could see the storm coming, he has been quiet, letting the new guys/gals take most of the heat. This is the man who, by his own admission, "has never worked a day in his life," much less balanced a budget.

Peggy Johnson, seriously? Is the school system that great with the students who are left? It is a joke, and you have helped it become one. Over 10-plus years on the board - time to go!

Slightly Off The Record, with Mayor Joshua Kight, on what Dublin's trees say about its character and history. ... Seriously? Make this make sense. Mayor Kight is discussing Dublin's trees. No, not crime, gang activity, homelessness, DCS, a school system on the verge of losing accreditation, ignoring the theft of \$13 million in tax money, apathetic to the 25% tax hike, on top of the \$13 million stolen, the exodus of tax payers from the city to the county, the implosion of the city, no, no, no, forget all that, the important issue for Mayor Kight is Dublin's trees.

Editor's note: Listen to the entire interview.

What happened to the declarations from DCS Board of complete transparency? They won't publish state recommendations or cost savings from closing IGA? Why is this board still making decisions for the system? And no one in the system knows what the operating cost for IGA is? Everyone in DCS just treated it as a financial black hole?

Is there any animal control in the city of Dublin? We need help!

Why is the end of Third Street in Dudley fenced off? How is emergency services supposed to get to the end of the street if there's a wreck Bobbitt Street?

County Commissioners, please change the county speed limit on Country Club Road to 55. It is the only major through road in the county that is not 55. There is not any others that are 35. Maybe put a 45 or 35 at intersection with Country Club and Parker Dairy but no reason for 35 or 45 anywhere else. Yes, those same few people will still complain I am sure.

The Farmers Market lists needs to come out in Thursdays paper since we no longer get Saturdays until the mail runs. We use to get Saturdays on Friday.

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

THOUGHT FOR TODAY...

"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."

- Albert Einstein

DAILY SCRIPTURE...

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

- Philippians 4:6-7

EVERY DAY'S A HOLIDAY...

May 28, 2026 is...

- National Hamburger Day
- National Brisket Day
- Amnesty International Day
- Slugs Return From Capistrano Day

Both Dublin High and Dublin Middle have room for one more grade especially if they keep a separate magnet school plus the charter school gets off the ground in 2027 as expected. At that time eighth grade needs to move to the high school. All third and fourth to the current middle school. Susie Dasher would then have all pre-k through second grade. The magnet school needs to stay where the IGA is now an alternative school at Moore school. Why spend money to modify both schools? Then they could sell or lease Hillcrest to the charter school group. This would save one principal and two to three buses and bus drivers and the cost of operating Hillcrest.

With the ESPLOST that was set to replace Hillcrest, build a new school to house all pre-k through fourth and move eighth back to the middle school. This will not happen because it makes too much sense. In the mean time, the system probably goes under with all the in fighting.

Parents, it means a lot when your kids look up and see you cheering for them in the stands. Be there whenever you can - those moments matter!

Winning a state title is a tremendous accomplishment. Very few coaches and players ever get the opportunity to experience something that special.

A student that was at the IGA and then had to go to Moore Street, which is an alternative school, before going back to the IGA shouldn't have been at the IGA to start with. This tells us all we need to know.

The dealer says the car is fixed but it hasn't been. A lawyer said they are taking advantage of me and my daughter. The Lord knows all.

I am shocked that the DCS board office listed Fred Williams on their retirement list! They should be ashamed!

The car dealer won't tell us what service they owe on the car.

Why? Why is there still a medical clinic for DCS? What does that cost to operate? Does the Board even know. DCS has proven that not only have they learned nothing, but they refuse to learn anything.

Dublin City Council may as well say there is an age limit to buy a house. There's an age limit to work at the city. They are firing all the older, hard working people and bring in younger, lazy ones.

Vote results demonstrate a state that is changing

The votes are now counted for Georgia's May 18 partisan primaries as well as for the non-partisan judicial elections - even in Fulton County. Democrats are settled in at the top of the ticket for November, with former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms getting a majority of votes for Governor in a crowded field, while U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff was unopposed for the nomination.

Republicans will have four more weeks of trying to get on the same page, with statewide runoffs not only for those two positions, but also for Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, and State School Superintendent. Superintendent Richard Woods is the only statewide incumbent who faced a primary challenge and failed to score the support of a majority of Republican voters in a five person contest. Woods will face Bubba Longgrea in June to determine who runs Georgia's Department of Education.

Democrats, meanwhile, will spend the next month choosing candidates at the state level to add to their wins in recent Public Service Commission special elections. They will have runoff elections to choose their nominees for Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Commissioner of Insurance, and Commissioner of Labor.

Every election is unique, but those who work in the campaign and/or government affairs realms tend to rely on some truisms when



By CHARLIE HARPER

trying to figure out what will work for a candidate, and how they assemble a coalition of a majority of votes. These results show that in some ways, time and this state itself are changing.

We'll start by looking at the Democratic Primary for Governor, and the candidacy of Michael Thurmond. Thurmond, as Labor Commissioner, was one of the last Democrats to hold statewide office before Republicans took firm control of the state for a couple of decades. He spent the interim time as the Chief Executive of dark blue DeKalb County and was the party's 2010 Nominee to take on a very popular Senator Johnny Isakson. He held the endorsements from Georgia's last Democratic Governor, Roy Barnes, as well as Ambassador Andrew Young.

Despite his extensive experience and endorsements, Thurmond finished third

in his contest for Governor with 13% of the vote. The takeaway: This is no longer the Georgia Democratic Party that ceded power to Republicans beginning in 2002. Their primary voters are both looking for something different, and looking to other voices and funding sources to drive voting decisions.

There's a similar story if a bit more subtle on the Republican side. Attorney General Chris Carr is the highest profile politician from the political family tree of the late Senator Johnny Isakson. The modern Georgia Republican party was synonymous with names like Isakson, Gingrich, Coverdell, Calloway, and Irvin. While the Isakson network remains strong and powerful with alumni in many key positions in government and commerce, every election seems to remove the GOP farther and farther from both the architects and in many cases, their beliefs and policies.

The suburbanization of rural Georgia is a bit harder to quantify out of these results, but perhaps a look at the Republican contests for Governor and Lieutenant Governor demonstrates a subtle yet substantial change in how rural voters make their ballot decisions. Senator Blake Tillery garnered the endorsement of roughly half of Georgia's Sheriffs. Chris Carr claimed about 1/3. Neither advanced to a runoff.

There was a time when a statewide candidate could

go to almost any corner of the state, and if he could get the Sheriff along with a Commissioner, School Superintendent, and maybe a Rotary or Kiwanis Club President to support him or her, he could count on winning that county.

Today, about a third of Georgia's population is represented by five sheriffs in metro Atlanta's core, and well more than half of voters are represented by just a dozen metro sheriffs. But even in north and southeast Georgia, counties are seeing massive growth. Many new voters "aren't from around here" and have never met the Sheriff nor any of those other folks with titles just mentioned. It's still far better to have a Sheriff's endorsement than not, but these endorsements alone aren't enough anymore.

With those changes, one other truism remains the same. It is futile, almost stupidly so, to challenge an Appropriations Chairman in a Primary election. House Appropriations Chair Matt Hatchett of Dublin and Education Appropriations Subcommittee Chair Matt Dubnik of Gainesville each received primary challenges. Each sent their opponents packing with 91% and 87% of the vote, respectively.

Voters priorities can change on a whim, but most are still aware of who delivers for their districts. No Legislator is able to deliver more than the ones who write the checks, yet also keeps the budget balanced.

James Mack Turner: The last man to die in Vietnam

Every Memorial Day, there is a solemnity that touches most of us as we pause in tribute on this sacred holiday.

Think of the many who are willing to die for our country. Think of the many who did.

Memorial Day is a time for cookouts or picnicking somewhere along a refreshing stream. Or taking in a sporting event like a baseball game or the Indy 500 auto race—events where the singing of patriotic songs gives you an emotional lift as you reflect on the sacrifices made by our military.

When Memorial Day comes around each spring, I have often driven by places in town that are blanketed in flags, especially the local cemetery or the town square.

Any citizen who gave his—and now her—life to their country is always remembered on Memorial Day. We can't pay tribute often enough to those patriots.

On this day I often think of the military cemeteries I have visited from the Pacific to Europe, along with those in the U.S. Like many others, I have had the opportunity to learn about the history of the two World Wars and selected landmarks of the Civil War.

On Memorial Day, I think of the gravesite in Belgium where I visited the graves of three brothers from New Victory, Tennessee. I have also visited the memorial tributes to them in their hometown, which is 91 miles east of Knoxville.

It is heart-rending that this farmer, living a hard-scrabble life, had to drive a mule and wagon into town three times to pick up a telegram from the War Department telling him he had another son killed in the war.

Memorial Day is a time to think about the citizens of communities in The Netherlands, who have adopted the graves of American servicemen, making sure the graves are landscaped and maintained with flowers, often putting out American flags on certain U. S. holidays as Memorial Day and

July 4th.

There is an obelisk in the beautiful village of Goutrens, France, which contains the names of the four brothers in two families who gave their lives in World War I.

Archibald Rutlege, the poet laureate of South Carolina, wrote in his book, *Life's Extras*, about a Confederate widow who journeyed to a small town in Pennsylvania where her husband was buried.

Apprehensive, but dedicated to her mission, she was the beneficiary of extraordinary hospitality. She was warmly received, including some Union Army veterans, all of whom expressed regrets and best wishes.

"That," Rutledge wrote, "was when a Yankee Band played, 'Dixie.'"

Sometimes there are stories that are close to home that we are not always familiar with. In recent months, I met an Athens lady, who lost her husband, a B-52 pilot, in Vietnam.

She has been told that her late husband, James Mack Turner, was the last person from the state of Georgia to die in the Vietnam War. She met me one day last fall at the Georgia Center for coffee and conversation.

Turner grew up in Athens and developed an affinity for flying as a kid. "He enjoyed hanging out at the airport," she said. "He was taken by flying and couldn't get enough of it." As a teenager, he enjoyed the opportunity to help park planes at Ben Epps Field on football weekends, and his fascination with flying grew from there.

Following high school, at Athens High, he entered the University of Georgia where he was graduated with a B.S. degree in geography, a bright student who had dreams of developing a career in the aviation field.

Connie Bradley, his widow, was living in Warner Robins at the time of his death which resulted from a crash of his B-52 bomber in Thailand. Turner and his crew of six were returning



By LORAN SMITH

from a bombing mission over North Vietnam.

Reports say that the crippled aircraft was returning to base at U-Tapao Royal Thai Navy Airfield after attempting to go around with engines out and other combat damage.

There were two survivors, one of whom was the co-pilot and who was later killed on 9/11 when terrorists crashed a commercial plane into the Pentagon.

Turner and Connie had two small kids at the time of

the unfortunate crash, now adults Debbie Lynn and James Mark.

Connie never lost her composure during our conversation, but her voice cracked a couple of times when she said in reflection about the loss of her late husband, "He was a good man."

Good men are willing to give their lives for their country, and our country, fortunately, has had many good men who have kept our country free.

The Courier Herald

LOCAL MATTERS



Judged a newspaper of General Excellence 2024

COURIERHERALDTODAY.COM

Phone: (478) 272-5522 • Fax: (478) 272-2189
115 S. Jefferson St., Dublin, GA 31021-5146

Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays

News: tchnewsreporter@gmail.com
Subscription: courtney@courierheraldtoday.com
Advertising: advertistingtch@gmail.com
Sports: tchsports77@gmail.com
Obituaries: tchobits77@gmail.com

GET IN TOUCH

SUBSCRIPTION RATES Print: \$12.50/month
Digital: \$10.50/month

Periodicals Postage Paid at Dublin, Georgia
(USPS 161-860) - Published Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
POSTMASTER: Send address change to:
The Courier Herald, 115 South Jefferson Street, Dublin, GA 31021

GEORGIA TRUST
— for Local News —

DuBose Porter/PUBLISHER EMERITUS
Pam Burney/GENERAL MANAGER
Courtney Vessell/CIRCULATION MANAGER

This newspaper is committed to the idea that the press should tell the truth without prejudice and spread knowledge without malicious intent.

Dublin Police Department

- Around 6:55 p.m. on May 15, an officer was dispatched to the Tobacco and Vape Shop on Veterans Boulevard in reference to a fight involving multiple individuals inside the store. Inside the store an officer met with a woman and her spouse who said they were walking into the vape shop when a male juvenile and Dmasia Rokeya Cannon, 18, suddenly approached them and began punching and striking them in the face multiple times. The woman said she is pregnant. The man provided the same account of the incident.

The officer saw bruising on both of the woman's cheeks and a black eye on her left eye. The officer also saw that the man had a cut on the bridge of his nose, a blackened left eye, cuts on his upper lip and chin and scratches on both arms. The officer talked with the juvenile and Cannon. Neither denied the allegations. They stated, "They stole money from us, that's why we did it." The officer reviewed the video surveillance footage from the vape shop and saw both approach the man and woman, striking them multiple times inside the store.



POLICE BEAT...

The juvenile and Cannon were arrested. The juvenile was transported to the police department where he was fingerprinted. The officer contacted the Department of Juvenile Justice, who advised the man should be released to his father. Cannon was transported to the sheriff's office and charged with battery.

- Nia Amani Reid, 26, was charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and seatbelt violation for a child at 6:54 p.m. on May 6 at the intersection of the 441 bypass and Waldrep Industrial Boulevard. An officer was dispatched to the area in reference to a motor vehicle accident without injuries involving an 18-wheeler and a passenger car. A witness saw a black passenger car pull out in front of the 18-wheeler

that was traveling on the bypass. The driver of the 18-wheeler said he was traveling on the bypass when he saw a black Mazda stop at the intersection before pulling into his path. Reid stated that she stopped at the stop sign at the intersection and there was an 18-wheeler turning on to Waldrep Industrial Boulevard. She looked both ways and did not see any oncoming traffic. When she entered the intersection, she noticed a large truck approaching. Reid stated she was traveling with her two children, neither of whom were secured in a car seat. A check revealed that Reid's license was suspended.

She was arrested and transported to the police department where she was fingerprinted and issued three citations. Based on the investigation, Reid was determined

to be the at-fault driver for failure to yield after stopping at a stop sign.

Laurens County Sheriff's Office

- A deputy responded to Scofield Lane in reference to chickens being killed around midnight on May 5.

- On May 11, around 10:39 p.m., a deputy responded to Market Dollar on Highway 441 South.

- A deputy attempted to make contact with a man on Highway 199 South on May 6 around 8 a.m.

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



Winners declared for Miss East Laurens pageant

The Miss East Laurens Pageant was held on April 25. Wee Miss East Laurens Sammilee Lanford, Tiny Miss East Laurens Lily Wilkins, Little Miss East Laurens Ella Grace Loyd, Petite Miss East Laurens Aubree Lynn Rich, Junior Miss East Laurens Addilyn Wimberly, Teen Miss East Laurens Elleigh Tyson, and Miss East Laurens Sophia Stone/SPECIAL PHOTO

City recognizes children's mental health action week

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

Mayor Joshua Kight and representatives of CSB of Middle Georgia gathered during a recent proclamation signing declaring May 3 - 9 as "Children's Mental Health Action Week."

Good mental health is a key component in a child's healthy development and Children's Mental Health Action Week shines the light on this important matter.

Since 2006, officials have observed the first week in May as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, and it is time to call for action beyond awareness, to be proactive in responding to the needs of our children and it is important that children and adolescents, along with their families and communities, learn the signs of behavioral health challenges and where to obtain assistance and treatment in their home communities as obtaining a full and accurate diagnosis of a child requires gathering informa-



Mayor Joshua Kight signed a proclamation declaring Children's Mental Health Action Week/SPECIAL PHOTO

tion from diverse sources, including the family, school and others involved with the child.

The National Federation of Families initiated Children's Mental Health Action Week together with families to focus on the acceptance of children with mental health diagnoses. Children and youth with

the most intense needs are frequently underserved and experience inequities in access to support and needed treatment options, which in turn contribute to a social justice issue for youth who experience mental health challenges and addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth and families today is fun-

damental to the future of our nation, and to the City of Dublin, Ga.

Join Kight in his urging to all citizens and organizations to work toward meeting the mental health needs of every child in the City of Dublin, Ga. and unite to promote acceptance of children with mental health issues and their families.

GBI arrests Wilkinson Co. man in homicide investigation

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

The GBI has arrested and charged Austin Marcus Allred, 20, of Ivey, Ga., with malice murder and aggravated assault in connection with the death of Tylan Ar'tavious Horne, 25, of McIntyre, Ga.

On Thursday, May 21, at about 1 a.m., the Wilkinson County Sheriff's Office responded to a home in the 100 block of Morning-side Drive in Ivey. WCSO requested the GBI to assist with the investigation. The preliminary investigation revealed Allred entered the home and shot at Horne, striking him. Allred left the scene and later returned. Horne was pronounced dead at the scene. Allred is currently

booked at the Wilkinson County Jail.

Once the investigation is complete, the case file will be given to the Ocmulgee Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

This investigation is active and ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the GBI Regional Investigative Office in Milledgeville at 478-445-4173. Anonymous tips can also be submitted by calling 1-800-597-TIPS(8477), online at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/submit-tips-online>, or by downloading the See Something, Send Something mobile app.

GBI arrests Baldwin Co. man for child molestation charges

The GBI has arrested and charged David Allen Barber, 53, of Baldwin County, with one count of child molestation, one count of enticing a child for indecent purposes, and one count of grooming.

On May 21, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office requested the GBI to investi-

gate allegations that Barber had inappropriate sexual contact with a minor. The investigation revealed Barber had sexual contact with a minor at his home.

Barber was arrested on May 22, and booked into the Baldwin County Jail.

NEWS DIGEST

The regular meeting of the board of commissioners of the Dublin Housing Authority will be held on Thursday, May 28 at 5 p.m. at the administrative building in the James W. Strickland boardroom located at 500 W. Mary St. The proposed agenda for the meeting follows:

- Call to order
- Roll call of members
- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Recognition of guests/presentations
- Approval of the regular minutes of March 26 and April 9
- Financial reports
- Check history reports
- TAR reports
- 90 day forecast

Local 7-day Forecast:

The next 48 hours:

	THURSDAY: 85° Humid with times of clouds and sun; a thunderstorm in spots. Sunrise: 6:26 a.m.
	THURSDAY NIGHT: 68° Mostly cloudy and humid with a stray thunderstorm. Sunset: 8:32 p.m.
	FRIDAY: 80° Cloudy; humid with a thunderstorm. Sunrise: 6:26 a.m.
	FRIDAY NIGHT: 62° Cloudy and humid; periods of rain and a thunderstorm in the evening. Sunset: 8:32 p.m.

Saturday 5/30 HIGH/LOW 75/66 Cloudy and humid with showers. Sunrise: 6:26 a.m. Sunset: 8:33 p.m.	Sunday 5/31 HIGH/LOW 83/68 Humid with periods of rain and a thunderstorm. Sunrise: 6:25 a.m. Sunset: 8:34 p.m.	Monday 6/1 HIGH/LOW 80/60 Partly sunny. Sunrise: 6:25 a.m. Sunset: 8:34 p.m.	Tuesday 6/2 HIGH/LOW 83/61 Humid with periods of rain and a thunderstorm. Sunrise: 6:25 a.m. Sunset: 8:35 p.m.	Wednesday 6/3 HIGH/LOW 78/68 Cloudy and humid; a thunderstorm in parts of the area. Sunrise: 6:25 a.m. Sunset: 8:35 p.m.

River levels...
Oconee (at Dublin) 4.48'
Ocmulgee (at Macon) 7.91'

Green at Gordon State tapped to lead Valdosta State

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — One Georgia college will get a new president while another loses him, as Gordon State College President Donald J. Green moves to Valdosta State University.

Green will become president of Valdosta State effective Aug. 1, the University System of Georgia announced Friday, succeeding interim President William R. "Bill" Crowe.

Crowe has led Valdosta State since the start of the year after former President Richard Carvajal resigned to take the presidency of California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt.

Green, who earned a Doctor of Educational Leadership degree from Western Michigan University, was named Gordon State's fifth president in November 2023. There, he implemented a three-year plan to re-

duce the time it was taking students to graduate and to better align courses with employer demand.

The college in Barnesville surpassed many of the plan's goals a year ahead of schedule, according to the university system.

Green said in a statement that he looks forward to aligning Valdosta State's courses with industry needs, too.

"I'm eager to get to campus, build strong partnerships with the community and local industries and create new workforce pathways that will help both Blazer Nation and the entire region grow," he said.

Valdosta State was founded in 1906 as a women's college but is now co-educational, with more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students from nearly every county in Georgia, all 50 states, the District of Columbia and over 60 countries.

Classifieds
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

Estate Sale
Huge Estate Sale: Estate of Richard and Joyce Dennard, prominent Treutlen. Contains: Furniture, M. Alexander dolls, toys, sports trophy case, hunting gear, primitives, Christmas, appliances, jewelry, designer handbags, patio, china, 2X-3X men's clothes, much much more! Sat May 30 9a, Sun May 31 1pm. 5293 Hwy 29, Soperton. Southern Estate Sales.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS

OVERBOARD

BY CHIP DUNHAM

DEFLOCKED

BY JEFF CORRIVEAU

ZIGGY

BY TOM WILSON

PLUGGERS

BY JEFF MACNELLY

Pluggers are reminded of casual decisions made in the '50s and '60s because they're showing up in medical reports today.

Woman's interest in married man seems pretty clear!

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I know a guy from work I'll call "Jon." His girlfriend comes over whenever he does. She doesn't seem at all interested in being my friend, but she talks to my husband for hours on end. When I try to have a conversation with her, she ignores me.



DEAR ABBY

BY ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

I tried to bond with her. She came over and wanted to cook in my kitchen, but whenever I volunteered to help her, she asked for my husband to help her instead. She sits by him any chance she can get and tries to make these inside jokes with him. It's beginning to upset me because she acts like I don't exist. It makes me feel like I'm a third wheel in my own home.

What's worse is Jon doesn't say anything about it, and she ignores him as well. Now she's talking about moving two minutes away from our house and is actively looking for places. I don't know what to do because we are good friends with Jon. -- UNCOMFORTABLE IN WEST VIRGINIA

insulting and disrespectful. Then tell your spouse you no longer want that woman in your home or even in your neighborhood. If he's afraid to speak up, then you will have to do it. Start by telling Jon you don't want her around and why.

DEAR ABBY: I am worried about my 26-year-old son, "Caleb." He's severely overweight. Let me be clear: I love him regardless of his weight, but I think he binge eats to cope with anxiety and depression. A mutual love of eating was how my son and his late mom bonded.

For example, when his favorite TV show ended its run, Caleb ate three pizzas in one sitting to celebrate the finale. Another time, he ate an entire box of brownies in less than 30 minutes "just to see if he could." When I suggest

healthier options for his diet, or maybe that he should eat less, he says sarcastic things like "vegetables are poison" and "let piggy eat his slop."

Caleb rarely leaves his room in the basement, and he lost touch with his few friends a long time ago. My son is emotionally immature, so it's hard to talk about this with him. I just want my boy to be healthy and happy. How do I get through to him? -- WORRIED DAD IN VIRGINIA

DEAR DAD: Stop lecturing Caleb about his diet because, clearly, it isn't working. At 26, your son is no longer a boy. He's a grown man living in his father's basement. If he doesn't have a job, insist he get one now. It will get him out of his room on a regular basis and perhaps give him some self-esteem. Some discussions about what he plans to do with his life once he is independent might be helpful, as would some sessions with a licensed mental health professional to address his emotional problems.

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

Thursday, May 28, 2026

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES
©2026 Tribune Content Agency, LLC

LARRY'S PRECAUTION

Fast-West vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ A 3
♥ 7 5 4 2
♦ 8 7 5 2
♣ A 7 5

EAST
♠ 10 9 8 6 5
♥ Q 10
♦ Q 9
♣ K 8 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 7 4 2
♥ A K 8
♦ A 6 4
♣ 9

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
3♠ Pass 4♠ All pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

The club's Saturday night duplicate was in the last round when Hard Luck Louie found himself declarer on today's deal. The bidding had been straightforward, and the final contract was excellent. There were 10 easy tricks provided the spades split no worse than 4-1. Louie won the

opening club lead with dummy's ace and started to draw trumps by cashing dummy's ace. When West discarded there was no way for Louie to come to 10 tricks and he went down one. "Horrible luck!" said Louie. "Even three no trump would go down on the terrible 3-0 spade split. There would only be eight tricks in no trump after a club lead!"

Lucky Larry had declared the same contract a little bit earlier. He faced the same club lead and won the first trick with dummy's ace. Before touching trumps, however, Larry took the precaution of ruffing a club. Now when he led a spade to dummy's ace and saw West discard a club, Larry simply ruffed another club in hand. When East followed suit to the ace of diamonds, Larry claimed 10 tricks. Larry's play of ruffing a club at trick two would not matter most of the time. It is a simple play that costs nothing and usually gains nothing, but occasionally it can be the key to the hand. Nicely done!

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

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Volcanic flow
- 5 ___ salts (soaking treatment)
- 10 Mope and pout
- 14 Object of interest
- 15 Came up
- 16 China's continent
- 17 High-school kid, usually
- 18 Decisive defeats
- 19 Actor Eugene
- 20 Influence on a 17-Across: 2 wds.
- 23 Winter sports equipment
- 24 Unruly protest
- 25 Quit a job
- 28 Lacking vitality
- 32 Light blue-green
- 33 Mathematical plot
- 37 Pageant accessory
- 38 Cloistered sister
- 39 Sense of self
- 40 Nonprofit ad: Abbr.
- 41 Nice to others
- 43 Merchandise
- 45 Oversupply
- 46 Snail shell's shape
- 48 Turns to mush
- 50 Winged Greek god
- 52 Thing, in Spanish
- 53 Those who eat fish but not meat
- 57 Clothes
- 58 Final sum
- 59 Like skyscrapers
- 62 Strong wish
- 63 Select group
- 64 Deliberately unethical
- 65 Budweiser product
- 66 Discourage
- 67 Consider to be

DOWN

- 1 Set on fire
- 2 Had brunch
- 3 POTUS' No. 2

Created by Stella Zawistowski

5/19/26

- 4 Loss of memory
- 5 Hoop or stud, e.g.
- 6 Stage accessories
- 7 Embittered
- 8 Blender brand
- 9 Handel oratorio
- 10 Military greetings
- 11 Manual reader
- 12 "As I ___ and breathe!"
- 13 Rapper Flock
- 21 Heart test: Abbr.
- 22 "___ of a gun!"
- 25 Army levels
- 26 Provide gear to
- 27 Branch of Islam
- 29 Sap-producing tree
- 30 Unsettled problem
- 31 Informal talks
- 34 ___ Speedwagon
- 35 In the past
- 36 Pea container
- 42 Bedroom furniture

T O L L C A E S A R A L L
H A I L O C T A N E R O E
A T T A R E T I N A E A T
T H E M A N D A L O R I A N
A R I T Y E S
P E R S I S T E D N E R F
A D O A H O R A D E A L T
L I D N I L T O O
S T E E R G C L E F I O N
S O R E S A Y N O M O R E
A D S D U O
F A S H I O N F O R W A R D
J A M E E R I E R I G O R
A R E A G A T E S N A M E
Y E N D E L E T E G R E W

©2026 Tribune Content Agency, LLC
All Rights Reserved. 5/19/26

- 43 Bragged smugly
- 44 Info that ruins the ending
- 45 Bestowed
- 47 Curved path
- 49 ___ Today (newspaper)
- 51 Pilfered
- 52 Packing box
- 53 Free from taint
- 54 Boundary
- 55 "She's ___ again!": 2 wds.
- 56 Keep for later
- 57 Confer
- knighthood on
- 60 Falsehood
- 61 Type of AI: Abbr.

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

ANSWER:

SPRING BIRD-WATCHING: EAST LAURENS HOSTS LANEY FOR FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE

Eastside fans enjoyed an offseason football sighting last Thursday night as their Falcons took the field to wrap up spring drills with a scrimmage against Augusta's Laney Wildcats. It was, overall, a strong showing for East Laurens and its core of rising juniors and seniors who are scheduled to come into their own this fall. A number of new and familiar faces stood out with impressive plays on either side of the ball. The defense came up with a fourth-down stop on Laney's long opening drive and scoring via interception early in the third quarter, while the offense moved the football effectively via run and pass, with several big plays sprinkled in, as it traded a touchdown with Laney in the first half, and scored two more as younger players trickled into the game in the second. Here are more scenes from the action:



PUSHIN' EM BACK: Lagen Mack and Travunta Carroll lead the Falcon defense in a first-down tackle for loss/ZACH DAWSON



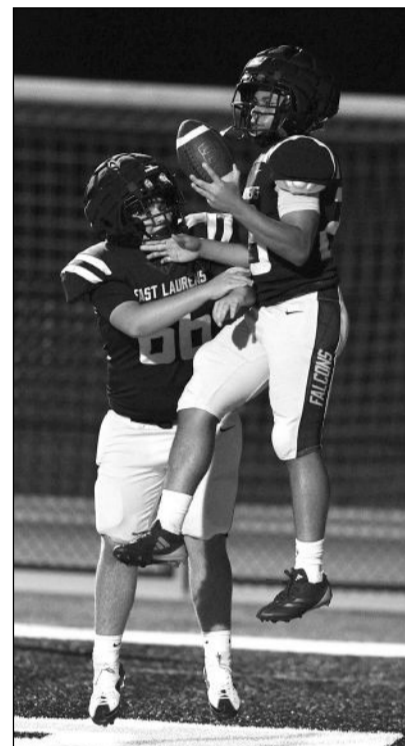
JUST TOO QUICK: Major Floyd beats a couple more Wildcats to the pylon, after outrunning about three on his way to the edge to score the first touchdown of the game early in the second quarter/ZACH DAWSON



LOTS OF ROOM TO RUN: Tawan Horne takes off for a big gain after the catch on East's first drive of the night/ZACH DAWSON



HOLLIMAN HOUSE CALL: Demarcio Holliman carries back a pick-six early in the third quarter/ZACH DAWSON



TOUCHDOWN, ON HOLD: A downfield foul wound up partially calling back the score, but it didn't nullify the celebration as Kingston Stanley (23) was met by Easton Wood (66) in the end zone after rushing for a TD in the third quarter. The Falcons would punch it in officially only a few plays later/CLAY REYNOLDS



LETTING IT FLY: Quarterback Skyler Snead and the Falcons weren't shy about turning it loose on short-, medium- and long-range passing attempts that were each an effective part of Thursday's attack/CLAY REYNOLDS



DARK HORSE: Though the sun had already set, Rhajon Fullwood found plenty of daylight around the right end on this double-digit carry early in the third quarter/CLAY REYNOLDS



HIGH-LIGHT CATCH: Major Floyd shows off the ups with a leaping grab early in the second half/ZACH DAWSON

Falcons celebrate historic seasons, hand out hoops awards

From STAFF REPORTS

The East Laurens basketball program celebrated another set of strong seasons, including its girls' runs to win region and state titles, as it held its annual postseason awards banquet April 30.

The Lady Falcons were 28-4 overall, and defeated Elbert County to win it all on March 13. The boys finished 21-7, and reached the second round of the state play-offs.

Varsity and JV honorees included the following...

Girls team awards...

- Defensive award – Miyah Smith and DeAndrea Lowther
- Rookie of the year – Garyunna Mitchell
- Falcon Award – Layla Tanner
- GameChanger award – Zahmaria Robinson
- Sharpshooter – Jameria Bing
- Most improved – Alasia Wiggins
- Scholar athletes – Alasia Wiggins, 9th; Kiley Canady, 10th; DeAndrea Lowther, 11th; Deanna Lowther, 12th
- JV "Impact player" – Quean Washington
- JV "Defensive anchor" – Amari Kellam
- JV "Grind on defense" – D'Nya Rozier
- JV "Board control" – Mykia Har-



Lady Falcons honorees (front row, from left) Garyunna Mitchell, Layla Tanner, Deanna Lowther, Jameria Bing, Amari Kellam (back row) Coach Mike Coleman, Coach Scottieria Rozier, Miyah Smith, D'Nya Rozier, Alasia Wiggins, Zahmaria Robinson, Mykia Harris, DeAndrea Lowther and Coach Danielle Lowther/SPECIAL PHOTO, Laurens County Schools

- ris
- JV "On the rise" – Kiley Canady
- JV "Coach's dream" – Layla Tanner
- School record – Deanna Lowther for 1,185 career rebounds

All-region...

- Deanna Lowther – Player of the year
- Bing, Mitchell – first team
- Robinson – third team
- DeAndrea Lowther, Smith, Wig-

All-state...

- GACA/GBCA: Mitchell, Deanna Lowther
- Sandy's Spiel: Deanna Lowther (first-team, best rebounder); Bing (most improved)

Boys team awards...

- Best all-around – Major Floyd
- Best offensive – Zion Dixon
- Best defensive – Floyd



East Laurens boys honorees (front row, from left) Braylon Makaya, Marcus Hudson, Jeremiah Rozier, Major Floyd, Zanonrion Ellington, (back row) Coach Chris Burley, Coach Corey Dudley, Skyler Snead, Bryson Hazley, Zion Dixon, Coach Chris Rozier, Coach Dwayne Lowther/SPECIAL PHOTO, Laurens County School District

- Hustle and heart – Kelvion King
- Falcon Award – Skyler Snead
- Coaches' award – Bryson Hazley
- Most improved – Jeremiah Rozier
- Sharpshooter – Braylon Makaya
- Good teammate – Marcus Hudson
- "Not in my house" – Anthony Pounds
- Academic award – Caleb Jackson
- JV Best offensive – Emmanuel Little

- JV Best defensive – Zanonrion Ellington
- JV Most improved – Julian Rozier
- JV scholar athlete – Zachery Brazeal

All-region...

- First team – Snead
- Second team – Floyd, Dixon
- Honorable mention – Rozier, King

CITY COUNCIL
Continued from page 1

trying to address a city street and address it with some of this federal money that we might otherwise not be able to get. We will be applying for somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10 to \$11 million in grant funds as a result of council adopting this plan. The Foresite team has been very helpful in walking us through this process. We are looking forward to being able to tap into some federal funds to help with our city.”

Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight said most of the council members were able to attend a presentation from the Foresite group regarding the safety plan.

“There is roughly a billion dollars in federal money for implementing plans,” he said. “It’s great that we got the grant to do the planning work, now this will take us to the application for the actual implementation grant. Hopefully, we can get the federal funds out of that billion dollar pot to be able to implement this.”

According to data collected by GDOT, the city had 3,538 total crashes between 2020 and 2024, which resulted in 89 deaths or serious injuries. Forty involved pedestrians and people riding bicycles.

Councilwoman Sara Kolbie recalled the Foresite Group’s data showing that most of the high injury or fatal wrecks were what are called angle crashes.

“As you see more and more roundabouts coming to our community, I think it’s important to recognize that those roundabouts are there to reduce these angle crashes, which many times end in severe injury or death,” Kolbie said. “The other thing that was really interesting about this study is that over a third of those high injury crashes involved young drivers.”

She stressed that parents and guardians of young drivers should make sure they are properly trained.

“They need to be taking driver’s education or be sent to programs,” Kolbie said. “I know many got their license during COVID and did not receive quite the same oversight. This is very important. That could reduce a third of our crashes.”

Other issues were distracted driving and the 18-wheeler truck route through downtown.



Dublin City Manager Josh Powell speaks during last week’s City Council meeting/PAYTON TOWNS III

“I hope, and my prayer with this (plan), is we will see a change in traffic patterns,” Kolbie said. “We will see those large semis and other transportation vehicles be moved away from our main pedestrian areas like downtown.”

Kight brought up the tragic accident in front of Dublin City Hall where a 67-year-old East Dublin woman died after another vehicle ran the red light at the intersection.

“This is why as we look at wherever we have money to redo streets, and get federal transportation funds, rather than putting in red lights we are trying to put in roundabouts,” Kight said. “Where we can replace red lights that have a lot of injuries associated with it, we’re going to do that with roundabouts where we can just because it is tremendously more safe. We have between 15 and 20 fatal or very serious crashes a year in town. The thing about this report is it identified the areas of those crashes. Hopefully, we’ll be getting federal money to work on reducing that number.”

About the fatal wreck in front of city hall, Powell praised the response from people in the other vehicles, city hall employees and members of the Dublin Police Department and Dublin Fire Department who rushed to the area to render aid.

“Our hearts and prayers go out to the woman who died, as well as to the other driver and their families,” Powell said.

In other news, the city council:

- Approved an application for the Georgia Historical Society’s marker review for the Emery Thomas Auditorium. (For more on this, see Saturday’s edition of The Courier Herald)
- Approved the purchase of storm drain replacement in Earlwood Subdivision to the low bid of Land Care Services in the amount of \$32,173.43.
- Heard the first reading and public hearing to approve the FY’ 27 budget. Kight said the budget was made available to the public and because it is the city’s budget, they hold two public hearings before it is voted on.
- “This is to provide maximum public input and total transparency on how we collect and spend our money,” the mayor said.
- Powell said the total of the city’s operating budget for 2026-2027 is more than \$89 million. No one spoke for or against the budget during the public hearing. The second reading and public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on June 4.
- Voted 6-0 to approve an ordinance to rezone the area at 540 Charles W. Manning Sr. Way from R-1 to R-2. This now allows the addition of afterschool and summer childcare at Free Vision Deliverance Outreach Ministry, across from the Oconee Gymnasium.
- Voted 6-0 to approve the ordinance for subdivision and variance fees by resolution. This will add language that formally authorizes variance application fees and subdivision plan review fees.
- Approved a contract with ABS Inc. for wastewater treatment services for \$186,000.
- Approved a resolution to authorize an agreement with State Broadcasting Corp. for advertising. The city does announcements, reminders and advertising for parks and grant opportunities for the public on local radio stations WQZY, WDBN, WQIL and WMCG in daily 30 second slots for the entire fiscal year 26-27. The total cost is \$13,000
- “This has been a great opportunity and another way for the city to get information out that is helpful to the public,” Powell said.
- Approved items as declaration of surplus, which included a 2010 Dodge Dakota truck used for meter readings, many cargo pallets and a lot of shipping containers used by the police department.
- Approved the re-appointment of Marie Hooks and Pam McCarn to the Laurens County Library Board.

DRIVE-BY SHOOTING
Continued from page 1

911. Before the shooting, he saw four women walking and being loud in the roadway near his residence. The women briefly approached the driveway before turning around and returning to the house where the shooting later occurred.

Around 11 p.m., the man saw an early 2000s white sedan pull from the driveway and occupants began firing multiple shots toward the residence. Early evidence indicates at least six different guns

were fired. Officers tried to interview several witnesses, but they declined to cooperate.

While processing the scene, an officer saw a bullet entry hole in the roof of a 2020 Jeep. They also saw a gold 1999 Toyota Camry with a bullet hole in the rear passenger-side taillight. A red 2017 Kia Soul had what appeared to be two bullet strikes through the driver-side and rear doors.

Anyone with information is asked call the Dublin Police Department at (478) 277-5023.

E.G. KIGHT
Continued from page 1

health declined Clements stop playing shows. Later in his life he moved to Sandersville; however, he never stopped singing, performing solos at his church and singing in the choir. Clements died last year. He was 84.

Though Kight is known for her take on Chicago blues-style of American music, she learned much from her uncle, particularly on performing for a crowd.

“Even though he is gone, his influence will always be with me. He knew how to connect with the audience,” she said. “He taught me to put feeling into my music. If you don’t feel it, the people won’t feel it.”

Kight’s music journey continues. She’s working on new material and caring for her world-famous goat herd on the family’s Laurens County property. She also has a slew of concert dates scheduled.

A constant remind-



Kight’s uncle, Jimmy Clements, who never stopped performing, passed away last year at the age of 84 /SPECIAL PHOTO

er of Uncle Jimmy, and his influence, often travels with Kight. She has his vintage Fender amplifier and often uses it on stage.

“It’s my favorite amp,” she said. “Every time I plug it in, I think about him.”

NEWS DIGEST

The LAURENS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold the first public hearing on its proposed fiscal year 2027 budget at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, at the board office. The agenda:

- Call to order

- Invocation
- Pledge
- Approval of agenda
- First public hearing on FY27 budget
- Adjourn

LOGIC AND ACCURACY

NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF LAURENS COUNTY, GA

Notice is hereby given pursuant to O.I.C.G.A. 21-2-379.6, beginning on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, logic and accuracy testing of the Ballot Marking Device (BMD) Voting System will be conducted at the Elections Warehouse located at 602 County Farm Rd. Dublin, GA and the Laurens County Board of Elections & Registration, Laurens County Courthouse Annex Building, 117 East Jackson Street, Suite A, Dublin, GA commencing at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until all units have been tested and prepared for Election Day and Advanced and Early Voting for the June 16, 2026 Primary Run-Off. This testing shall remain open to the public to observe and members of the public are entitled to be present during the preparation and testing of the BMD units. Advanced and Early Voting will be held in the office of the Laurens County Board of Elections & Registration beginning Monday June 8, 2026 through Friday, June 12, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. There will be no Saturday Voting for the Run-Off. The last day to request an Absentee Ballot by mail will be Friday, June 5, 2026. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions and rules of the State Board of Elections.

ALL ELECTION DAY VOTING ON JUNE 16, 2026 WILL BE HELD AT YOUR DESIGNATED POLLING PRECINCT.

This 26th day of May, 2026.

Susan H. Roops
Susan H. Roops, Election Supervisor

IT’S VIDALIA ONION TIME!

FREE

Vidalia Onions

When you subscribe or renew your subscription between May 1st - May 31st, 2026 to the Courier Herald for 3 months or more. (Prepayment required)

Call 478-272-5522 or stop by our office to renew or start a new subscription.

IT’S TIME FOR THE SWEET ONION DEAL!

Expires May 31, 2026