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City seeks public's input on making streets safer

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The city of Dublin is looking for the public's input on safety issues on the streets.

The city's Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan wants to provide safe transportation for those living and driving through town. The plan will help the city move toward Vision Zero, which aims to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries. The city has set a goal of reaching Vision Zero by 2050.

Claire Jaffe, transportation planner for the Foresite group, and other officials were camped out in front of the Jackson Street Plaza around noon last Wednesday and were available to meet with the public that evening at Dublin City Hall. In late February, the group held a meeting to receive information from the public.

"Some of the biggest issues that we have found out were that the majority of the issues are in intersections," Jaffe said. "That is

where 60 percent of the fatal and serious crashes are happening. We are really focused on those since our goal is to get it to zero. A lot of the effort is going to be put into intersection improvements."

In the past five years of data between 2020-2024, there were 3,542 crashes, with 89 of them resulting in death or serious injury. According to the data, 54 percent of severe accidents were angle crashes. Of the severe crashes, 36 percent involved young drivers between 15 to 24.

Twenty-five percent of severe crashes involved pedestrians, 16 percent happened because of distracted driving and 11 percent were caused by speeding or aggressive driving.

"We have heard a lot from residents about distracted driving and speeding," Jaffe said.

Since the safety analysis, the group has completed a policy review, looking over ordinances and existing policies.

"The goal is to create a culture of safety," Jaffe said. "We looked at policies and see what improve-

ments can be made. We have made recommendations both for policies, programs and also physical recommendations."

That has included lower speed limits on residential roads and putting in protective turn lights, turn lane markings, traffic calming and more roundabouts. Jaffe understands that some people do not care for roundabouts.

"They are new, and change is tough," she said. "Speed is one of the biggest factors in how serious a crash is. The faster you are going has a direct correlation to how serious a crash is. Lowering speeds is one of the best things you can do. Roundabouts have a really high percentage of crash reductions. In some cases they can reduce crashes up to 80 percent because you are reducing those angle crashes."

The main purpose for Wednesday's meeting was to hear from the public about the recommendations. Those who were unable to leave a comment can do so by going to safestreetsdublin.com.

"The survey will be open for another week," Jaffe said.



Claire Jaffe, transportation planner for the Foresite group, discusses traffic data with a local resident/SPECIAL PHOTO

DDA making plans for America's 250th celebration

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The Downtown Development Authority is looking toward its upcoming annual crawfish event, while keeping an eye and mind on how they can help the community celebrate the country's 250th anniversary.

DDA Executive Director Glenda Berry brought this up during last week's meeting, saying they want to have events in downtown leading up to July 4 and on that day, as well.

"We are trying to be realistic about what we can do," she said. "Right now there sounds like there is not a lot going on for the Fourth of July."

DDA board member Jason Keyton informed everyone that Southern Pines will shoot fireworks this year on

Friday, July 3.

"I feel like we need to have something on the day of July 4," Keyton said. "On that Saturday, the Farmers Market will be open. We can show some love there and make the Farmers Market our bread and butter on Fourth of July. We need to have some kind of celebration. We'll have another meeting between now and then and we'll have something going on at the market."

There are several events leading up to the 250th anniversary that Keyton mentioned. One of those was the Children's Patriotic Bike, Trike and Stroll on June 13 on Madison Street.

"LaGrange has been doing this for 60 years," Berry said. "We are modeling it from them. If it has that type of

longevity, that sounds like a great thing."

The sixth annual Bon Temps Crawfish Festival will be held on Saturday, May 16, in downtown Dublin. Tickets for the festival and crawfish dinner are \$25. For those who just want to enjoy the festival, but not eat the mudbugs, cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for those 6 to 12 and free for those five and under.

"The biggest change is that we have different ticketing options," Berry said. "If you do not like crawfish, you can pay for that only."

Tickets can be bought at the gate or by calling (478) 272-2560.

Board members signed a letter to ask for accommodations to serve beer and wine



The DDA is gearing up for the sixth annual Bon Temps Crawfish Festival that continues to bring big crowds to downtown/PAYTON TOWNS III

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Members of the Dublin Youth Council gather for a photo with Mayor Joshua Kight during a ribbon cutting last June/PAYTON TOWNS III

Youth Council celebrates successful year

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

They came together from different schools to form one governing body and represent the youth in Dublin-Laurens County.

Last Saturday, they held their end-of-the-year banquet, meeting for the final time as members of the 2025-2026 city of Dublin Youth Council. Their yearlong service began with them being sworn in during the Dublin City Council meeting last June. The youth council, which is for students attending ninth through 12th grades) had representatives from Dublin High School, East Laurens High School, Trinity Christian School and West Laurens High School.

Members from the 2025-2026 Dublin Youth Council were: Arryanna Lloyd (junior at WLHS, mayor); Aiyanna Boston (sophomore at DHS, mayor pro temp); Morgan Moore (senior at WLHS, city manager); Olivia Selman (senior at WLHS, city clerk); Harmoni Walker (sophomore at DHS, assistant city planner); Alyssa Lyles (senior at ELHS, city attorney); Ella Selman (sophomore at TCS, assistant city attorney); Melina Watson (junior at ELHS, historian); Kelis Lawrence (sophomore at DHS, historian); Alan Myers (freshman at DHS, IT); Sydney Wyatt (freshman at WLHS, Ward 1); Makaela Bridges (sophomore

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History of prayer: Task force plans two National Day of Prayer events

By PAYTON TOWNS III
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The Dublin-Laurens County National Day of Prayer Task Force will help celebrate America's 250th anniversary with two events this Thursday.

The task force will hold events at the Market on Madison, 314 W. Madison St., at noon and at 7 that evening at City on a Hill, 2778 Ga. 257.

"This year, with it being the 250th anniversary of the nation, it is a special time for prayer," said Roger Walden, Dublin-Laurens County National Day of Prayer Task Force leader and the Georgia state co-coordinator. "One of the reasons a group of people left the church of England to come to the New World was because of the religious persecution. It was one of the reasons for the founding of the country."

"We are celebrating the fact that we do have the freedom of religion and the freedom to worship. You have the freedom to be Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal or to have no religion if you want. You have to freedom to choose who or why you worship."

When it comes to Thursday's prayer services, Walden wants people to focus more on uniting for prayer than their particular denomination.

"We have one God, and we want to be united in prayer to pray to Him."

Walden quoted 2nd Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

"That's what it is all about," Walden said.

The noon prayer service will begin with children from the Konnection Kids reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of the community will pray for specific ar-

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OBITUARIES



Dolores Dell Glover

Dolores Dell Glover, known lovingly as Dee, passed away on April 30, 2026, in Athens, Georgia, at the age of 90.

Dee was born on Aug. 7, 1935, in Everett, Washington, to her late parents, Harry Otten and Dell Moore Otten. She grew up on the U.S. West Coast and as a young woman, she served as a volunteer member of the Civilian Defense Ground Observer Corp, helping observe and plot unidentified planes in support of the safety of the nation. That early commitment to public service reflected the character for which she was known. She was friendly, creative and passionate, and those traits shaped the many roles she embraced over the years. Dee later worked in civil service at the U.S. Air Force Base in Tripoli, Libya, where her life took a beautiful and lasting turn when she met her future husband, Dr. Ridley M. Glover.

After Dr. Glover's military discharge, he returned to Georgia to join a medical practice in radiology, and the two built a life together and were happily married lovebirds for nearly 60 years.

Throughout her working years, Dee served in book-keeping, banking and office management, where her diligence and reliability were appreciated by all who knew her. She approached her work with care and professionalism, and she brought the same thoughtful attention to every responsibility she accepted. Whether in the workplace or at home, Dee was known for her practical wisdom, her gracious manner and her ability to make others feel welcome and valued.

Dee was also deeply engaged in her church and community. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, the Dublin Civic Theatre, the Medical Auxiliary, the Pilot Club and the Order of the Blarney Stone. Her commitment to community service was especially evident through her involvement with the Pilot Club, where she took pride in helping distribute bike helmets to children in support of brain health and in providing Lifeline Emergency Alert Systems to seniors.

BIRTHDAYS

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Sandra Crafton
Jennifer Kinsey

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Rena Irvin

in need. She believed in caring for others in tangible ways, and she found purpose in serving causes that improved the lives of those around her.

One of Dee's proudest civic accomplishments was becoming the first woman to serve as Chairperson of the St. Patrick's festival in Dublin in 1984. This milestone was a point of great pride, and it reflected both her leadership and her willingness to help open doors for others. She also loved performing in productions with the Dublin Civic Theatre when it was active and served as an officer there as well. Her creative spirit found expression on stage, where she enjoyed bringing joy to audiences and fellow performers alike.

In recent years, Dee became a beloved presence among the staff and residents of Orchard Senior Living in Athens, where her lively personality continued to shine. She loved dancing and singing Glen Campbell's "Rhinestone Cowboy" with her favorite performer, Steve McKee and Orchard staff will lovingly remember her as The Dancing Queen. Even in her later years, she brought energy, humor and light to those around her, and she remained true to the spirited and affectionate nature that defined her life.

She is survived by her daughters, Sandy Glover (Ross) Gagnon of Boone, N.C.; Rebecca Glover (Lou) Kudon of Lexington, Ga.; her grandson, Sam Gagnon of Denver, Co. and granddaughter Josie Gagnon of Brooklyn, N.Y.

A graveside funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at Dublin Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home.

Attendees are invited to wear Irish green attire in celebration of Dee's love of the Dublin's St. Patrick's Festival.

The family would also like to thank the staff of Orchard Senior Living in Athens and her private caregiver companion, Ebony Shepard, for bringing Dee joy in her final years.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions, in memory of Dee, be made to the Lighthouse Adult Day Center, Advocates for Alzheimer's Care, 611 Bellevue Avenue, Dublin, Ga., 31021

Please visit www.townsendfuneralhome.com to sign the online memorial register.

Townsend Brothers Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements.

Port of Brunswick named nation's busiest auto terminal for second year

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

SAVANNAH – For the second year in a row, the Port of Brunswick maintained its position as the nation's busiest port for automobiles in 2025, handling 779,000 units of autos, plus more than 53,000 units of heavy machinery, representing both import and export movements. 731 ships called the Port of Brunswick in calendar year 2025.

Gov. Brian Kemp addressed the audience at the Georgia International Trade Conference. In his opening remarks, he said "Innovation and port investments by the Georgia Ports Authority are helping to keep our state No. 1 for business while also positioning us as a true leader in global trade. Our ports are an economic engine for the entire state, and we'll continue to find ways to further their success and reach."

Georgia Ports Authority Chairman, Alec Poitevint, added "Our ongoing investments will further solidify the Port of Brunswick as the number one RoRo port in the U.S."

"Our vision for the Port of Brunswick is to be a true world-class shipping and logistics hub for our RoRo customers. We have the U.S. market access and global connectivity, a new berth in construction, expanded rail infrastructure



A fourth berth under construction at the Port of Brunswick's Colonel's Island will handle a mix of autos, heavy equipment and project cargo. The new dock will go into service in 2027/SPECIAL PHOTO, Georgia Ports

on-terminal and new storage space for vehicles, creating the most supply chain options in the U.S. When Berth 4 opens in November 2027, vessel operators will be able to turn ships faster, save costs and optimize their fleet to compete stronger," said Georgia Ports President and CEO Griff Lynch.

To prepare for anticipated growth, both in vessel size and overall cargo volumes, a series of infrastructure projects are now under way. The enhancements include a new, \$100 million berth for Roll-on/Roll-off cargo, improvements to outdoor storage for vehicles, dredging and other harbor modifications.

Construction to add a fourth berth to dock a vessel with overall length (LOA) of 975 feet at the Port of Brunswick's Colonel's Island is 30 percent complete, with the final piling for the main dock driven in early April.

GPA is investing ahead of RoRo demand to ensure its ability to handle growing future volumes. Manufacturing growth across the U.S. Southeast is driving demand for large machinery, including oversized cargo moving as special-project shipments.

New Improvements to Harbor Under Way

GPA's berth enhance-

ments are supported by major federal harbor improvements. Maintenance dredging by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Brunswick's inner harbor concluded in March. Outer harbor dredging will be finished in September 2026, restoring the complete channel to its full authorized depth. The deeper channel improves vessel efficiency by allowing fully loaded ships to transit without waiting for high tide.

A separate project will widen key channel bends and expand the existing turning basin for vessels docking at Colonel's Island. 607 vessels called Colonel's Island in 2025. The Army Corps of Engineers is expected to award a construction contract in summer 2026, with work likely to begin in the fall. Congress has approved \$11.35 million for the federal share, while the state has allocated just over \$6 million.

Expanding Capacity in Brunswick

In fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025), Georgia Ports completed \$284 million in self-financed improvements at the Port of Brunswick.

GPA expanded on-terminal heavy equipment processing infrastructure, adding 350,000 square feet of covered, on-dock stor-

age, plus 330,000 square feet of covered space on the south side of Colonel's Island. The project also delivered more than 160 acres of outdoor storage for vehicles. At 1,700 acres, with another 264 acres available for future expansion, Colonel's Island offers more capacity for new RoRo cargo than any other U.S. port.

Georgia Ports also opened Phase I of the Southside Railyard, a \$22 million project that increased annual rail capacity from 175,000 to 370,000 vehicles. Phase II will be completed in 2029, increasing capacity by 250,000 units. Officials say the added capacity opens new inland markets, allowing more auto and equipment producers to access GPA's global connectivity. All major RoRo carriers serving the U.S. East Coast call Brunswick, linking it to key markets in Europe, Asia, South America and the Middle East.

To reduce the potential damage from storm-related flooding, GPA raised a 20-acre lot near Berth 4 by an average of three feet at a cost of \$11 million, with another 20 acres planned.

At Mayor's Point Terminal, GPA built a new 100,000-square-foot warehouse for breakbulk cargo, replacing a smaller structure.

Edith Roland Sheffield

Mrs. Edith Roland Sheffield, 80, of Eastman, Ga., passed away on Friday, May 1, 2026.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Monday, May 4, at Southerland Funeral Chapel, with interment in Zebulon Baptist Church Cemetery.

She is survived by her daughters – Dianne S. Purvis (Scott), Denise S. Lowery (Chris) and Phyllis Rozier; daughter-in-law – Teresa Ann Sheffield; 10 Grandchildren; 12 Great-Grandchildren.

The family received friends in Southerland Funeral Chapel from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, May 3.

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

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The Dublin Housing Authority is accepting resumes for the full-time position of Housing Administrative Assistant. The successful applicant must possess superb communication and computer literacy skills. Must be able to multi-task with moderate supervision in all areas of the DHA departmental structure. The ability to prepare clear, concise reports is a plus in this position. The position also performs the centralized collection of all rental payments. Qualifications for the job include an associate's degree in a related work-related field or business training in secretarial sciences or three years' related experience in a money-handling environment is desirable. The starting salary for this position is \$17.50 per hour depending on qualifications. Resumes may be addressed to Brenda B. Smith, Executive Director, Dublin Housing Authority, PO Box 36, Dublin, GA, 31040. They may also be received via email to dhousing@dublinhousingauthority.net. Deadline for submittal is May 15, 2026.

The Dublin Housing Authority is an equal opportunity employer.

Director of Facility Maintenance

The Dublin Housing Authority is accepting resumes for the full-time position of Director of Facility Maintenance. The successful applicant must demonstrate key skills in the area of people management, budgeting, with a strong demonstration in communication and trouble shooting. The desired applicant must have experience in multi-family apartment management, property management or manufacturing/healthcare/education/real estate or educational facility management. An associate's degree in Facilities Management, Engineering, HVAC, electrical of related field or in these classes are a desired plus. Must possess a valid Georgia's driver's license; submit to pre-employment as well as random drug testing, and a criminal background check. The starting salary for this position is \$30.00 per hour depending upon qualifications. Resumes may be addressed to Brenda B. Smith, Executive Director, Dublin Housing Authority, PO Box 36, Dublin, GA, 31040. They may also be received via email at dhousing@dublinhousingauthority.net. Deadline for submittal is May 15, 2026.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Blake McRae, MVGV Living is initiating a rezoning for Parcel D09F-068, 3.50 acres more or less. The parcel is currently zoned as B2 (Highway-Oriented Business) and is being considered for rezoning as R4 (Multifamily Residential). Proposed use is multi-family housing.

Notice is also hereby given that the Mary Austin, is initiating a rezoning for 540 Charles W. Manning Sr. Way, .67 acres more or less. The parcel is currently zoned as R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and is being considered for rezoning as R2 (Single-Family Residential). Proposed use is afterschool childcare.

Notice is also hereby given that the City of Dublin is considering amending the Code of Ordinances to provide for the authorization to charge certain fees as it relates to Planning and Development matters.

The Mayor and Council will hold the *Public Hearings* in the Council Chambers of the Dublin City Hall in Dublin, Georgia on Thursday, **May 21, 2026 at 12:00 P.M.**

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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at the Crawfish Festival. Once they signed, the plan was to give it to Dublin City Manager Josh Powell, who attended last week's meeting.

"We set that up to bring legitimacy to these events," Powell said. "We don't want to have some random person to have a special event and serve alcohol at it. This will be reviewed by a board, and as long you all sign off on it saying that this is a valid event for the DDA or Downtown Dublin, then you are a screening process for us."

Berry later called Dublin Community Theatre's production of "Annie" a success, selling more tickets than any of the previous nine shows.

"The revenue from it was great," Berry said. "We did well with concessions and did well with ticket sales. It is a lot of work and a lot of commitment on the time of the actors who are involved. What I love about it, aside from the economic impact because it brings a lot of people into town, it is really instilling in young people something they can carry

for the rest of their lives, even if it is just being able to do college interviews or job interviews."

The only negative was patrons arriving to the show only to find out they had been scammed.

"When they showed up, (the tickets they had) were not showing up on our print out," Berry said. "Not only did we not get tickets from our ticket sales, but we also had to scramble to make sure they had a seat."

If people were scammed, the community theater will give them a ticket for a future show. DCT shows cost \$20 (for regular seats) and \$25 (for VIP seating). For all shows and questions about prices for DCT shows at Theatre Dublin, people can call (478) 272-2560.

The next show will be "Grease" on July 16-19. Auditions for those ages 13 to a youthful 26 are set for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9. Participants are asked to sing one minute of a song, move on stage and read from the script.

Downtown Development Authority operations manager and market manager Nichole Padgett gave an update on the Farmers Mar-

"We are averaging around 34 to 39 vendors each week," Padgett said. "Last year we were only around 29, so this is awesome. We've had 16 new vendors so far this year. Our overflow has worked great. We have extended it out into the grass."

The market is averaging 29 new SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) customers each week. Padgett compared the token sales made in 2025 and 2026, this is when they use debit cards or credit cards to receive tokens to be used at the vendor's booths.

"In 2025, it was \$1,419 for the first week," she said. "Our opening week this year was \$2,014. The second week (last year) was \$1,110 compared to this year's \$1,681. We're not having much of a drop off. In the third week, was \$969 compared to \$1,356. People are coming to the market."

Earlier in the meeting, the board approved a facade grant for Dough Bros restaurant, which requested 50 percent of the cost for two new signs at the business. Berry informed the board that she would like to do a check presentation within the next few weeks.



A group gathers to pray for families at the National Day of Prayer event at the Market on Madison/PAYTON TOWNS III

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reas: government, military, families, media, education, business and churches.

"We are going to do this with the old format of setting up the chairs and have those selected people pray

in front," Walden said.

That evening, the task force will have another time of prayer at City on a Hill. That service will begin with praise and worship by the Dexter Assembly Worship Team. A praise dance will also be performed by Kenya Walters-Carswell.

"We want to get as many people as involved as we can, and doing two services is a good way to do it," Walden said.

For more information about the National Day of Prayer events, contact Walden at (478) 290-0068.

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at DHS, Ward 2); Graham Forth (sophomore at TCS, Ward 3); Roland Manahan (senior at WLHS, Ward 4); John Brantley (sophomore at TCS, at-large); Ryanna Fountain (junior at WLHS, at-large); Taylor Turnley (junior at DHS, at-large); Chloe Rozier (sophomore at TCS, at-large); and Garrett Collier (sophomore at TCS, at-large).

"It has been good to meet others from different schools," Bridges said. "You get to meet different personalities and see other schools and what their schedules are."

The new youth council members will meet in June for orientation. Regina McDaniel, who is in charge of leading the group, said youth council is open to anybody in Laurens County.

"We are going to work harder to get some kids who are in homeschool next year," she said. "We want to get more people involved."

Watson's favorite event while with youth council was putting up decorations at Southland Nursing Home.

"I like going to nursing homes and visiting with the elderly who don't get to see family much," she said. "It really makes me happy when we go see them. I like helping people. That's what I feel like I'm called to do by the Lord. This has given me great opportunities and I hope to help more in the future."

As historian, Watson was tasked with taking pictures and made sure each one had the dates and events documented on them correctly.

"Being on youth council was really impactful in my life," she said. "It gave me new opportunities for when I become an adult and go into the real world. I have learned to network with others. That's a really big thing I would like to work on because you never know what opportunities you will get when you network with other people."

Bridges liked getting the opportunity to meet Matt Hatchett, state representative for District 155, in Atlanta.

"It was awesome to meet a government representative of the state," Bridges said. "I like the fact that I was able to build connections with many other kids my age. We bonded over political stuff."

McDaniel said the youth council was in Atlanta during the legislative session. One never knows where former

youth council students will end up once they graduate from their respective high school. Darius Knight, who was a member of the youth council from 2021 to 2023, is working this summer in U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock's Washington, D.C. office, McDaniel said.

"He and others (from youth council) still message me and thank me for everything," she said. "That's an amazing experience for him, and it could happen to any one of our kids."

Bridges wanted to be more involved, so she went out for youth council.

"I thought it would be cool to join," said Bridges, who represents Ward 2. "If there is anything that is going on in my area or ward, I

try to make sure it is brought to the mayor, youth council or city council. It could be pot holes or excessive trash everywhere. I just want to make sure it is fixed."

As the mayor pro tem, Boston fills in when Lloyd is not at the meetings.

"I step in and make sure everything is running smoothly," Boston said. "I make sure all of the topics that need to be talked about is brought up. I just make sure to be on time for events and make sure everybody else comes to events."

Her favorite event was a tree giveaway at Riverview Golf Course in October.

"We helped tote trees to people's cars and helped them pick out trees," Boston said.

She called this a successful year and was happy to be able to work in the community, meet people and make connections.

"I would say this has been a very good year for us," Boston said. "It has helped me grow as a person and I have learned how to take on more responsibilities and I've learned how to help other people. Coming in to this, I wanted to see if I could be more a natural leader. I wanted to see if I could lead people and help them get to where they need to be."

The youth council has been at many of the same ribbon cuttings and events as members of the Dublin City Council.

"We have done a lot,"

McDaniel said. "We have fun. These kids are constantly busy. They can still play ball or cheer, but they have to keep up with what's going on. We'll work with them. We want them to do their life, but they have to be at our events too."

There are a lot of youth councils in Georgia, but no one close to Dublin. The city of Douglas plans to visit the NYC and see how it is done here.

"The closest ones to us is in Savannah or Atlanta," McDaniel said. "Warner Robins doesn't have one, but we are hoping that they will soon."

The youth meets on the second and fourth Saturday at 1 p.m. McDaniel said these are open to the public.

"We'd like for the public to know us more," Bridges said. "They may see us at events, but we want to get our name out there."



The 2025-2026 Dublin Youth Council is sworn in last June at a Dublin City Council meeting/PAYTON TOWNS III



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Dublin City Schools lost the best thing they had, the IGA. Now they want to start a magnet school. Most of the teachers are already leaving, the best principal is gone. The magnet school will cost the same as gifted academy if they find teachers. None of this adds up. This is so sad for our children and parents that love that little school.

Once again a board member says “we are not worried” about teachers leaving. Of course you aren’t because y’all don’t deal in reality. But make sure IB gets all the “good teachers.”

Heard Dublin is still making deals and offers on salary rather than making everyone follow state salary scale. Nothing has changed.

Families at Hillcrest and Susie Dasher need to stand up for our kids. Why should they start an IB academy when our students are lacking at these two schools? Quit courting the top kids.

How delusional is this board? System is in chaos, still don’t have a handle on expenses and budget, teachers leaving, but you want to start a new school. Idiots!

James Lanier, your actions don’t make your words true, and if you have to keep repeating something to make it true ... your vote doesn’t support your

YOUR TURN:

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY...

“Prayer is more than a wish; it is the voice of faith directed to God.”

- Billy Graham

DAILY SCRIPTURE...

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

- Mark 11:24 (NIV)

EVERY DAY'S A HOLIDAY...

May 5, 2026 is...

- Revenge of the Fifth
- National Teacher Day
- World Asthma Day
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Thanks mom for showing us how to love

When I saw my sister’s name pop up on my phone, I knew it was not good news.

It was 15 minutes to 8 as I was backing out of my driveway, so I already knew something had happened to my mom. Unfortunately, she had fallen during the early morning in her room and did not have the strength to stand up.

EMS was called and she was taken to the hospital in Milledgeville. Thankfully, the X-ray showed everything was clear and she was negative from the other tests they put her through. She was able to return home on the same day.

I remember a time, not long after my parents’ divorce, my mom was packing up the suitcases so that we could visit my grandparents in Toccoa. She sent my brother and I outside so we to play before leaving. We ended up next door playing basketball with some of our friends. Now, what could possibly go wrong?

My brother and I were on opposite teams – and of course – we had to guard each other. The last play



By **PAYTON TOWNS III**

of the game was when we both went up for a rebound and he beat me to it. Unfortunately, the ball bent my brother’s pinkie finger back and he screamed out in pain. Game over.

I ran the short distance home and told my mother, who had to take my brother to the hospital. This was nothing new for my mom. When my brother was little, he fell and hit his head on the piano bench – twice. Both times required stitches. And both times, mom was there to comfort him.

I never hit my head on the piano bench. But I do recall the time in first grade when I was going down a slide and my so-called friend who wanted to slide with me at the same time, pushed me over when we were halfway down. I landed awkwardly on the ground. I knew something was not right, but since the teacher was calling us to go back into the classroom, I just slowly walked up the hill to the school.

I did not say anything to my teacher. I waited for my bus number to be called and was transported to the day-care center where my brother was attending kindergarten. I had a little cubby area where I had clothes and shoes to change into after I arrived.

The only problem was, I could not put on my right shoe because my ankle was swollen. My crying drew the attention of a teacher, who looked at my foot and called my mom. She got off work, came to the daycare and we went to the hospital. Thankfully, it was nothing serious. I twisted my ankle when I

landed.

My mom had sharp hearing. If her children coughed after being put to bed, she was right there with the cough syrup. When I woke up with an earache – something I used to have a lot when I was a child – she had the ear drops ready to put in my ear. If my foot hurt, in the middle of the night, she would sit on the couch and rub my foot. Yes, it was the middle of the night. Yes, she had to wake up early the next morning to cook our breakfast and make sure we had lunch money and all of the other stuff three children needed to go to school.

But she was always there.

I have heard it said parents raise their children into adults, only to have them turn around and help their parents when they are older. But after everything they have done for their children, it seems right to do so.

My mom modeled how one should look after the ones they love. And that’s a lesson I am proud to have learned.

Happy Mother’s Day.

Some random thoughts on some random subjects

By **DICK YARBROUGH**

I would like to say I hate it when I’m right but, jiminy crickets, I am right so much that if I spent all that time hating myself I wouldn’t have time to hate broccoli. And I really hate broccoli.

Case in point: I went out on a limb last week predicting the political platforms of all the candidates for all of the offices in the upcoming election in Georgia. I said I thought they would all promise to: Lower our taxes. Reduce crime. Shrink the size of government. Create jobs. Stand up to powerful special interests groups. Fight bureaucracy. Secure our borders. Take care of our veterans. Improve education. Fix Medicare. In watching the debates last week, it was pretty clear all the candidates are firmly committed to (Inhale): Create jobs. Stand up to powerful special interests groups. Fight bureaucracy. Secure our borders. Take care of our veterans. Improve education. Fix Medicare. (Exhale). Am I good or am I good?

The one exception among the candidates is the mud wrestling going on between businessman Rick Jackson and Lt. Gov. Burt Jones for

the Republican gubernatorial nomination. They have collectively taken negative advertising to a new low (or high.) Jackson has spent some \$47 million and Jones has spent roughly \$26 million in ripping each other to pieces. All of this for a job that pays \$182,000. My two cents worth? I’m tired of both of them and their ads.

One of the perks of my job at BellSouth Corporation was that I had a staff in Washington and that got me the opportunity to attend the annual White House Correspondents’ Dinners. It is no cliché to say everybody who was anybody was there, including the president. The media roasting the president in good fun and then the president responding with a few zingers of his own was what the evening was all about. Much fun. I was surprised and pleased that the thinnest-skinned president in the history of our Republic finally agreed to attend. I couldn’t wait to see how it turned out. And then, suddenly, the surre-

al attempted assassination. There is talk of perhaps rescheduling the event. I hope they do. The nation could use a little healing and laughter is the best medicine. . . .

I will have more to say about this later but be forewarned that our Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is still a target for those who wish to mine the site for titanium dioxide in order that this world never runs short of toothpaste whiteners. Yes, the Conservation Fund purchased the 8,000 acre Twin Pines tract and, yes, the state Department of Natural Resources bought almost 4,000 acres of that land and will create a new Wildlife Management Area, but there is still a lot of land along Trail Ridge available for mining and companies who have shown an interest in doing just that. As Yogi Berra said, it ain’t over until it’s over and this threat isn’t over by a long shot. Stay tuned. . . .

I saw a clip on TV recently showing three police officers in the Queens area of New York City responding to a domestic dispute at 3 a.m. As they approached the door, the house sudden-

ly blew up. Their body cameras showed the three being knocked to the ground. Later, it was revealed they had suffered injuries. So, what did they do? They got back up and rescued survivors. (The explosion was deliberately started by a family member who died in the explosion.) That is what police do, and the next time I hear some Gen-Whatevers talking about defunding the police, I am going to throw up on their Birkenstocks. We need the police more than we need that bunch of ungrateful ignoramuses. . . .

Finally, in the you-can’t make-this-stuff-up department, it turns out that former UGA and Miami quarterback Carson Beck will have to take a pay cut after being drafted by the woeful Arizona Cardinals in the recent NFL draft. Beck made a reported \$6 million at Miami. As a rookie in the NFL, he will make \$1.34 million. As my sweet mama would say, bless his heart.

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FIRMER GROUND: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

I was glad when one of our neighbors sent a text making me aware of a National Prayer Day gathering (May 7) in our little community. Recognizing the importance of prayer in American history and culture, this observance on the first Thursday in May was established by an act of Congress in 1952 to promote unity and spiritual reflection.

This raises the question as to what role faith plays today in our national life. Recognizing this is a huge subject, I wade in here with a few initial observations. Acknowledging the huge presence and contribution other faith traditions, I speak here mainly out of my own Christian context. One of the first important clarifications here is to recognize that in concerning itself with every aspect of life and human history, Christian faith is by nature completely “political,” while remaining essentially non-partisan.

The message of the kingdom that Jesus proclaimed called for an alternate kind of society. According to the Gospel of Luke, in his inaugural sermon at Nazareth, “He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, be-

cause he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of Lord’s favor.

At first impressed, when Jesus’ hearers realized he was calling for a radical change in the status quo, they sought to throw him off the cliff. And we forget too easily how much attention is given in the Old and New Testaments to justice and mercy. We don’t find there a set of policy proposals. That is the important work of our elected leaders.

But rather another way of seeing, of imagining what our life together here could be. The Gospel calls us to have our way of seeing, our values and our lives made new. Also, Christians are clear about the fact that we live in hope, in anticipation of the kingdom’s coming in fullness. For this reason, no one leader or political party today can claim to have all the answers or claim our whole allegiance. Rather, the hope is that whatever political movements we participate in will be made truer by the values and the imagination that we bring as people of faith. And there

GUEST COLUMN

By **STEVE BULLINGTON**

are countless instances when Christians have found themselves called to resist the principalities and powers of the current age. And not infrequently paid a price for doing so. So, providing a moral compass and a check for whoever is in power is as an essential task of the Christian church.

It was not surprising at all then, when many Christians, including Cardinal Cupich, called out the Trump administration for the way it has promoted the Israeli/US war with Iran. The adolescent, glorification of “Epic Fury” has been “... deeply offensive, especially to the people who were killed ... (and) to our American troops.” And just so with Pope Leo’s recent strong statements calling for peace and calling out strongmen “ravaging the world while spending billions.”

These statements are not

partisan or about any one person, but represent the Christian cry for peace in every age and the Church’s long reflection on war and the abuses of power. In the war with Iran the Church’s four criteria for “just war” were not met. Arguably things are worse on all sides than before, and the human costs incurred have been great.

Through much of history, Christian faith, like other faith traditions, has been used to justify all manner of abuse, including the abuse of political power. That is why is incumbent on us to be vigilant in seeking the truth and testing the spirits. Our nation needs the witness of the Church as much now as ever. The National Day of Prayer is not an occasion to promote a partisan message, or “wave the flag.” Rather, as intended, it is a call for Americans of all faiths and political persuasions to unite in prayer for our country, her people and her leaders. May our witness be shaped by humility, courage, and as Christians, by a gospel-shaped imagination, in which the dignity of human life and concern for the most vulnerable are at the center.

Dublin Police Department

- Karenita Ciara Prince, 39, was charged with speeding in excess of maximum limits and driving while license suspended or revoked at Hillcrest Parkway and Woodlawn Drive around 9:28 p.m.

An officer observed a vehicle traveling at a speed appearing to exceed the posted limit. He activated his Raptor RP-1 radar unit, which indicated the vehicle was traveling at 60 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone. The officer was able to obtain a confirmed speed lock of 59 mph and activated his emergency equipment to make a traffic stop.

The vehicle was identified as a tan Honda CR-V. The officer met with Prince and told her the reason for the stop.

Prince said she did not want to have an accuracy check performed on the radar unit. A GCIC check of the vehicle revealed it to be a 2008 Honda CR-V with a suspended registration. A GCIC check of Prince's driver's license showed her license to be suspended due to prior driving under the influence offenses.

The officer asked Prince to exit the vehicle and place her hands behind her back. She was arrested and transported to the police department



ment where she was fingerprinted and later released.

- Quavon Worthen, 18, was charged with theft by receiving stolen property, obstruction of law enforcement officers and driving while unlicensed at the intersection of East Gaines and North Decatur around 8:13 a.m. on April 13 in reference to a vehicle collision.

Upon approach, the officer made contact with the driver of a compact sedan. The officer asked for information, but the driver refused to provide any information for his identity until his parents arrived. An officer further saw that the vehicle had no license plate. The officer ran the VIN and found that the blue Toyota Yaris was stolen out of Macon-Bibb.

The individual stated that the vehicle belongs to "his people" and he was just driving it. The man was instructed to place his hands behind his back, but he resisted.

The officer and assisting officer on the scene guided

the individual to the ground, placed him in the prone position and handcuffed him. While attempting to place the individual in the back of a patrol car, he continued to resist.

One of the officers noticed that Worthen had a visible cut on the right side of his forehead due to the vehicle collision before being arrested. When another officer arrived, he was able to identify the driver because Worthen did not provide any address or phone number but did provide his brother's contact information.

It was later discovered that Worthen had an active warrant out of Jones County.

- Brandon Rashad Pringle, 23, was charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and failure to stop at stop sign around 11:54 p.m. on April 19.

An officer was stationary and monitoring traffic at the four-way stop sign located at North Franklin

Street and East Mary Street. The officer saw a red vehicle approach the stop sign and roll through the intersection without coming to a complete stop. The officer initiated a traffic stop by activating his emergency lights.

The vehicle, a 2025 Kia K5, came to a stop at the intersection of West Moore Street and Roosevelt Street. The officer approached the driver's side of the vehicle and advised the driver of the reason for the stop.

He then requested the man's driver's license. A record check identified the driver and revealed that his license was suspended for a super speeder violation with a suspension date of April 9, 2026.

The officer asked Pringle to get out of the vehicle. He was arrested and placed in the back of a patrol car. Pringle contacted his mother to retrieve the vehicle. Pringle was transported to the police department where he was fingerprinted and released with two citations.

Laurens County Sheriff's Office

- On April 13, around 2:20 p.m., a deputy was dispatched to Saxon Drive in reference to a theft pertaining to an Emanuel County Fire Department portable radio being stolen.

- Jeremy Tony Hester,

45, was charged with miscellaneous incident report. On April 10, around 6 p.m., deputies responded to Highway 441 North in reference to a person with weapons.

- On April 14, around 3:45 p.m., a deputy attempted to initiate a traffic stop on a 2021 black Dodge 1500 due to the driver having active warrants.

- A deputy responded to Deerwood Trail in regard to a trespass that happened around 12:30 p.m. on April 14.

- Around 5:15 p.m. on April 13, a deputy responded to a call in East Dublin.

- A deputy talked with a person on the phone in reference to a fraud that happened on Tattnall Lake Road between April 1 and 3.

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

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JOB OPENING FOR MINISTRY ASSISTANT
Dudley Baptist Church is seeking a full-time Ministry Assistant. For a copy of the job description and/or to send resume contact Debra at dsmith.dudley@gmail.com. Additional questions, contact Pastor Matt Greene at 229-206-7875 or mrgpacker45@gmail.com.



Marie Baptist Church celebrates pastor's 25th anniversary

Marie Baptist Church celebrated its preacher's 25th anniversary on Sunday, April 19. Brother Bobby Hutto, and his wife Laura, were honored during the morning service, which was followed by a luncheon. The church treated them a mountain vacation/SPECIAL PHOTO

NEWS DIGEST

The Dublin City Council will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5. The agenda follows:

- Call to order
- Invocation and Pledge to Flag
- Approval of April 16 city council meeting minutes
- Approval of bills over \$15,000
- Approval of purchases over \$15,000
- First reading on ordinances #26-04 to rezone D20E 040A from R-1 to R-2
- First reading on ordinance #26-05 to rezone D09F 068 from B-2 to R-4
- Discussion and action

on resolution #26-25 to approve and adopt an amendment to future land use map of the Laurens County Joint Comprehensive plan

- First reading on ordinance #26-06 to amend the ordinance for subdivision and variance fees by resolutions
- Discussion and action on resolution #26-20 to amend the permit fees and other associated fees for certain residential construction projects
- Discussion and action on resolution #26-24 to authorize the acceptance of terms for property and casualty insurance benefits for the 2027 plan year for the city of Dublin
- Discussion and action on resolution #26-26 to authorize a bid award for West Mary Street CDBG Project and West Moore Storm Drainage improvements to Total Earth Services
- Discussion and action on resolution #26-27 to accept and approve service agreement and equipment purchase with Calix
- Discussion and action on board appointments (if needed)
- Citizens comments
- Council comments

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GHSA BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Raiders take brooms to Bruins, battle way to first state quarterfinal since '21

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

For a second-straight playoff series, the West Laurens Raiders had their opponent right where they wanted it.

Things played out in the inverse of their first-round sweep, in which the first game went quickly and the second was tougher to close. But after outlasting Northwest Whitfield to walk off with the opener of last Thursday's set, they were once again in position to put away the series along with the finale, and didn't miss the opportunity.

West Laurens followed up its heart-pounding 3-2 win in an extra inning with a 12-2 rout needing only five to break the brooms back out and clinch its spot in the AAA state quarterfinals.

The Raiders last reached the final eight in 2021, but this year's team becomes the program's first since 2019 to do so with sweeps in both rounds leading in.

"I'm proud of the kids. They played hard, played well," said West Laurens head coach Parker Gordon. "We challenged them after our games last week against Gilmer, when we have the foot on the throat let's squeeze 'em and let's go get this thing done, and that's what we did today in game 2."

What pieces began to fall into place for the Raiders a week before only did so more cohesively on Thursday, as the excellent pitching of senior Kolby Clark and freshman Brycen Milton — paired with some opportune and error-free defense — carried them through the 13 innings.

Though offense was just enough to get by early in the day, their lineup atoned with a hit-fest in game 2 that had pretty much everyone feeling optimistic as they left the field.

"It's surreal," Clark said. "We're building a bond over here. All these guys, we just feed off each other's energy. And everyone just comes ready to play, just with loads of confidence. We're gonna keep it rolling."

Each of the Raiders' three runs scored against Northwest in the first game were unforced.

Despite an otherwise dazzling outing, complete with 14 strikeouts, the Bruins' lefty ace Will Wade couldn't get out of his own way in the opening inning as he walked three men, and hit two more, giving up one run via bases-loaded walk, and another on a wild pitch.

The rest of his afternoon was perfect, with the exception of back-to-back singles going the opposite way by Buck Shepherd and Cohen Cardwell in the third inning.

But Wade, due to the excess of pitches in the eight



ELITE EIGHTH: Gunner Coleman is swarmed by teammates (left) in the postgame celebration after scoring the winning run of game 1 on a wild pitch (right) in the bottom of the eighth inning. A very evenly-matched first seven ended with a score of 2-2, but West Laurens had the superior poise and resolve in the extra frame as it worked around three hits to hold Northwest scoreless, then capitalized on a hit and two mistakes in the bottom half to walk it off/DANNY SCARBORO



at-bat first, would eventually hit his 120-pitch maximum in the process of striking out the side in the bottom of the seventh.

"Every inning matters when you've got a kid like the Wade kid up there," Gordon said. "He was dominant up there after the first inning. But in the first inning, for us, getting him up to like 25 pitches, I believe, really set the tone of knowing that, OK, we have the opportunity here to get him out."

With the Northwest Florida State commit now relegated to his non-pitching post in left field, the Bruins went to reliever Carter Collins after their three hits in the top of the eighth went for naught.

Clark rolled a single up the middle to greet him, and some great hustle allowed Grant Baker to beat the throw — delayed by a bobble — on a would-be sacrifice bunt to put runners first and second.

Shepherd moved both ahead with a ground ball to first, and courtesy runner Gunner Coleman skipped home with no throw to score the winning run as a breaking ball pinballed away to the left of catcher Weston Densmore on a critical wild pitch.

Coleman was mobbed by teammates behind the plate in the postgame celebration.

"It was pretty amazing," he said. "I haven't ever done anything like that before. Coach Pollock also tells us to get a good read, and do what you're supposed to do. I did that and it paid off really well."

Clark turned in just as outstanding a pitching performance, with his eight innings yielding 10 strikeouts and only two walks.

Northwest's six hits included solo homers for both runs.

Freshman Smith Browning — after going yard four times in the Bruins' first-round sweep of Heritage — took one out to left center in his first trip up during the bottom of the second to



ANGEL IN CENTERFIELD: J.J. Giles made some glorious catches to rescue the Raiders from sticky situations at a few different points in Thursday's doubleheader, this sliding one for an early out in the third inning of game 2/DANNY SCARBORO

quickly cut the Raiders' 2-0 lead in half.

But the damage was limited to a run by the 4-6-3 double play involving Cohen Cardwell and Nathan Hester to rebound from a leadoff walk just before.

Densmore also took one deep to right, but only to the fence for a long single before Clark got Ethan Searles swinging to end the inning.

Trent Hixson lifted a no-doubter out to straightaway center for the equalizer with two outs in the sixth to officially turn it into a nailbiter.

"It was insane, just trying to stay composed after big home runs like that," Clark said. "I used to be really bad about it. But I've learned, just flush it, get to the next pitch, get to the next batter, and work off of that."

Tied the score remained thanks to three more of his strikeouts in the seventh, and two ginormous defensive plays from J.J. Giles — who made the running catch of a fading Gavin Nuckolls fly in the right center gap — and Nathan Hester — with a heads-up play to back a grounder that evaded his third baseman Cason Pollock for a throw to get the lead runner and out No. 2 at second.

Wade and Hixson followed with base hits, but not the needed RBI, before a simple pop fly to first ended the threat. And that's when the Raiders' window of opportunity at the plate finally opened.

Though things got a little

frustrating going against a top-flight hurler, Gordon praised the discipline of his hitters in playing the long game.

"Where we struggled in the past, we'd get up there and be one or two pitches and we're out, or we're striking out with four pitches, we battled with a lot of 3-2 counts up there against Wade to make his pitch count go up," he said. "When we got to the bottom of the seventh, we were making some strategic moves there with guys that see the zone better, to make sure we got the pitch count to 120 or above 120 to get him out of there, knowing we'd have the opportunity when the reliever came in."

"So I'm proud of the guys. Wade's a (heck) of a pitcher. He's gonna do a great job in college, and gave us all he could give us today."

It was the type of all-in hand that you can't afford to lose. And Northwest Whitfield wasn't able to bounce back as the home team in game 2.

The fate of the series became evident as soon as the Raiders jumped on game 2 pitcher Kaylor Stancill in a first inning that started out as a Minute Grill order, with singles all around for J.D. Hogan, Grant Baker, Shepherd, Cardwell and Pollock to give their starting



PITCHING IN PARADISE: Who doesn't love starting with a multi-run lead? The Raiders' Brycen Milton, up 4-0 before he threw his first pitch in game 2, enjoyed some bountiful run support that, despite a bit of a shaky start, made for a smooth five innings as the freshman struck out six, picked off one and allowed only three hits /DANNY SCARBORO

pitcher Brycen Milton a 4-0 lead before he even took the mound.

"It feels great," he said. "You just go out there and have fun at that point."

The steady diet of hits continued as three more chalked up two in the second. After a break in the third, it was back to work with two for three in the fourth, and four for the final three in the fifth.

"Hits are contagious," Gordon said. "The good thing for us and the program, and where we're headed next week in the quarterfinals and starting to get this rolling, it looks like we're getting hot. If we can get hot, anything can happen from here on out."

Baker, in his long-awaited postseason breakout, went 4-for-4 with three RBIs.

Hogan and Clark were 3-for-4. Shepherd, Cardwell, Pollock and Giles added singles, and Duggan Malone a run driven in.

"I think we came out and we knew we had a little bit more energy than they did, because we had a little more momentum," Hogan said. "Right before we came out and played, we went into the locker room and listened to a little speech from Kirby Smart that got us going. I think that was a good little team bonding event right there."

Against West's 14 hits, the Bruins could only come up with three, though two came in timely spots as Wade struck an RBI double in the first inning and Collins did the same in the second to take back a couple of the earliest six.

Milton, after plunking two and walking one in between the hits in the first, settled in nicely the rest of



FAMINE TO FEAST: The Raiders had to sneak hits wherever they could during game 1, Kolby Clark (left) going on the ground up the middle for a single to lead off the eighth that represented the winning run. But they didn't stop coming in a runaway game 2, as Grant Baker (right) collected four of the team's 14. J.D. Hogan and Clark, with three apiece, joined him in a top third of the order that went 10-for-12 in the clinching victory/DANNY SCARBORO

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL
Friday
Piedmont 7, Trinity 6

Saturday
Tallahul Falls 15, Trinity 0

BOYS TENNIS
Thursday
Oconee Co. 3,
West Laurens 2

PREP
SCHEDULE

SOCCER
Tuesday
GHSA Quarterfinals
Calhoun at
West Laurens (boys)/6 p.m.

TENNIS
Monday
Southeast Bulloch at WL
/4 p.m.

BASEBALL
Tuesday
Trinity at Thomas Jefferson
/4:30 p.m.

Wednesday
GHSA Quarterfinals
WL at Pickens
(doubleheader)/5 p.m.

Thursday
GHSA Quarterfinals
WL at Pickens
(game 3, if necessary)
/5:30 p.m.

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the way, going on to strike out six and walk only two more, also catching an 11th runner of the season with his lethal move to first.

Defense picked him up just as faithfully throughout, with plays from the routine to the highlight-worthy. Cardwell made a tumbling catch on a shallow pop to retire the side with the bases full of Bruins in the second, and Giles a sliding grab on a gapper to steal a hit in the eventually scoreless third.

"I feel like the team really had my back the first inning, scoring all those runs," Milton said. "I'd come out here and I'd pitch, they'd catch the ball, they made plays. They made good plays and they scored a lot of runs, and that's the reason we won."

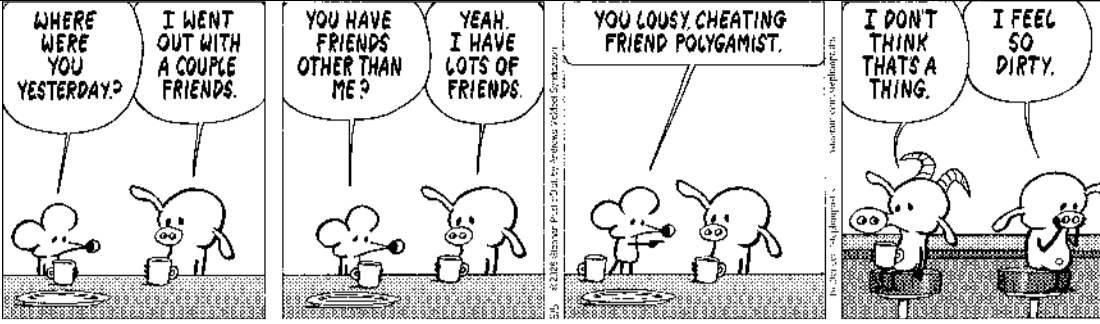
West Laurens now heads on the road in the playoffs for the first time since that 2019 squad's second-round visit to Cairo as it travels to the North Georgia mountains to take on No. 3 overall seed Pickens.

The Dragons, who were only narrowly knocked out by eventual state champ Troup last spring, are back for a run at it all with most of their 2025 roster intact, notably a loaded pitching staff headlined by Auburn-committed flamethrower A.J. Rice. He and separate game 2 starters in each of the first two rounds have combined to give up only one run out of four postseason games so far.

Though the Raiders will have their work cut out at the plate, they have good reason to feel their pitching staff — of which the surface has barely been scratched through two rounds — can hold its own to give them a puncher's chance when the series opens with a doubleheader in Jasper on Wednesday night.

"When you get to the elite eight, all eight teams can win the title," Gordon said. "It is always gonna come down to key hitting. It's always gonna come down to who is hot. It's gonna come down to throwing strikes, and the ball's gotta bounce your way a little bit."

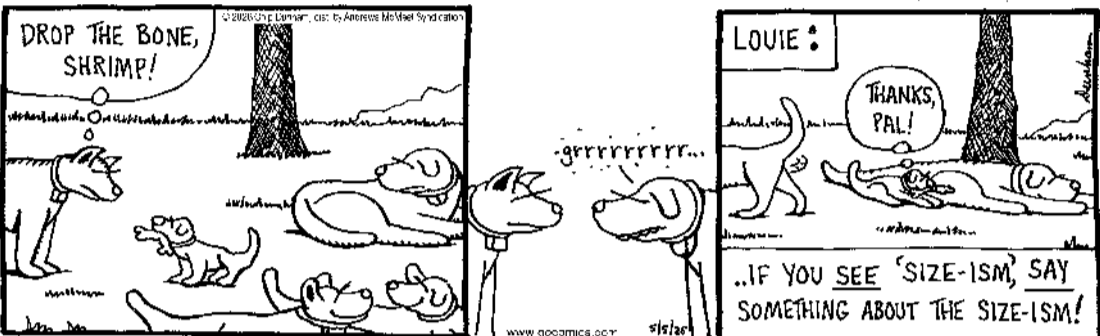
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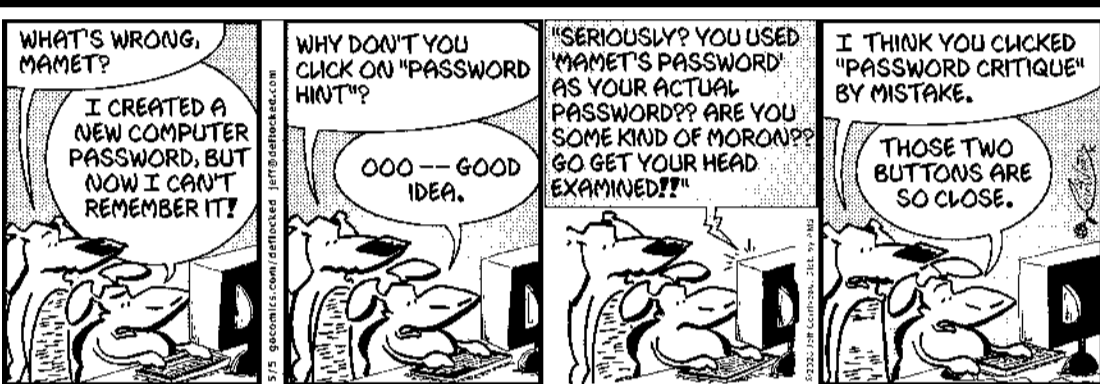
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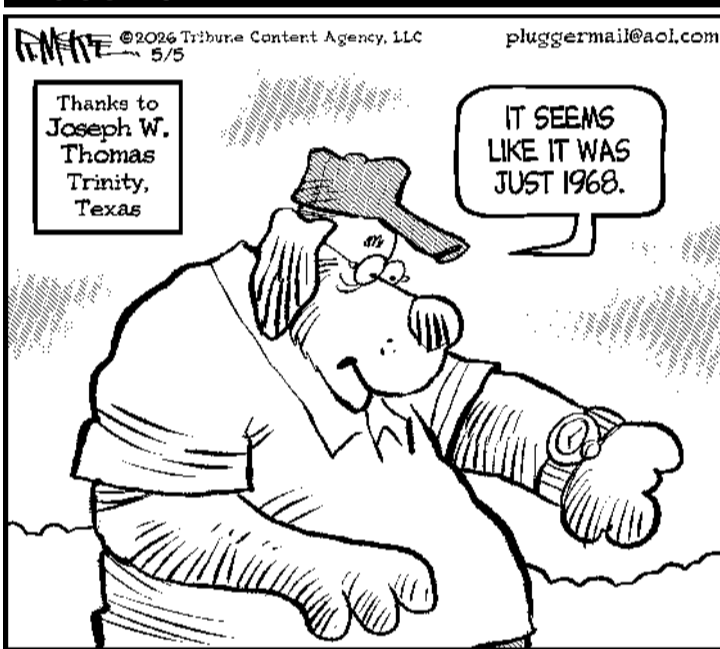
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PLUGGERS



A pluggger knows that time passes with alarming regularity.

Spouse is asked to finance grown stepchildren's inheritance!

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for 10 years. We live in a house he already owned before I moved in with him. He wants to make renovations to the house to increase its value. He says the house will go to his four children (all adults) when he passes.

My issue is, he's asking me to pay for half of the renovations. To date, I have already paid in full for new windows, new doors and blinds and half the cost to renovate the two bathrooms. Now he's asking me to pay half of the kitchen renovation. I know I have to put my foot down because it feels like I am funding his children's inheritance. He says I am being selfish and not working with him to make improvements to "our" home. What's your take on this? -- FAIR OR NOT IN ILLINOIS

DEAR FAIR OR NOT: My take is that you are right. Save all the receipts for the improvements for which you have paid with the understanding (in writing) that upon his demise, you will be reimbursed for the monies you laid out to raise the value of the house. For guidance, discuss this with a lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: I am in love with a married woman



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

who loves me too. We meet up for awesome sex. She refuses to leave her husband out of a strong sense of responsibility. She says she's afraid that if she does, he will harm himself. She claims they are not having sex because he can't, even after trying many remedies. I am single and OK with our relationship. Is there something wrong with this? -- MEETING A NEED IN WISCONSIN

DEAR MEETING: If somewhere in the back of your mind you didn't have an inkling that something might be wrong with this, you wouldn't have written to me. I don't know for a fact that the woman's husband is impotent, and neither do you. While you may feel "gallant" for trying to step into the breach, I know you are being a naughty boy, and so do you. (And so

will her husband, when he finds out.)

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago, my mother bought me a dress as a gift. My niece, who I am helping and who is living with me, stole it from me. I let it go and didn't argue with her because I didn't want to ruin our relationship. My daughter recently gave me a gift card. The gift card is missing, too, and I'm assuming that my niece took it. What should I do? Should I talk to my brother about it? -- STOLEN FROM IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR STOLEN FROM: By all means, talk to your brother about it. And once you have done that, tell your niece she can no longer live with you because you know she took your dress and now a gift card is missing. Tell her you want both returned and to pack her bags because you are rolling up the welcome mat. Your niece has a problem, and you should not be expected to solve it.

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GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ ANSWERS

Q1 - East-West vulnerable, as North, you hold:
 ♠ J9862 ♣ 5 ♦ KQJ9 ♣ Q94

Q2 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
 ♠ A7 ♣ 1054 ♦ QJ754 ♣ K87

Q3 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
 ♠ 98 ♣ AK10 ♦ A87643 ♣ 62

Q4 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
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Q5 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
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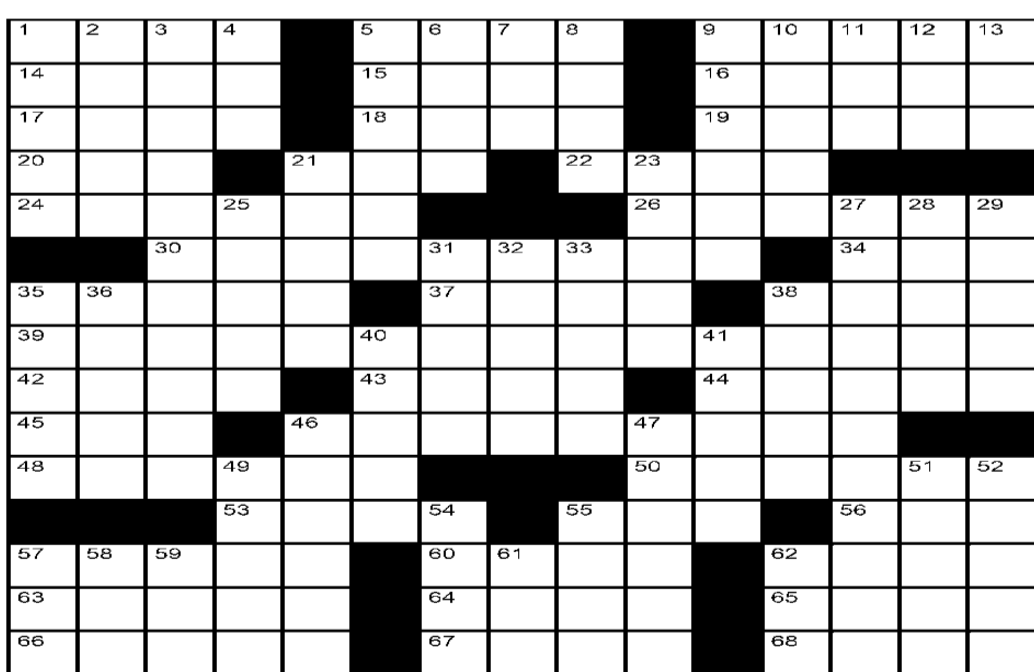
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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

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 - Ripped
 - Knight's protection
 - Singer James or Jones
 - Leaf-gathering tool
 - Email option
 - Big (snowboarding event)
 - Unchangeable
 - Narrow bed size
 - Band's helper
 - Was in charge of
 - Got in touch with
 - Mineral-bearing rock
 - Health insurance brand
 - Funeral
 - Performed vocally
 - Vancouver's province: 2 wds.
 - God, in Spanish
 - Scottish skirt
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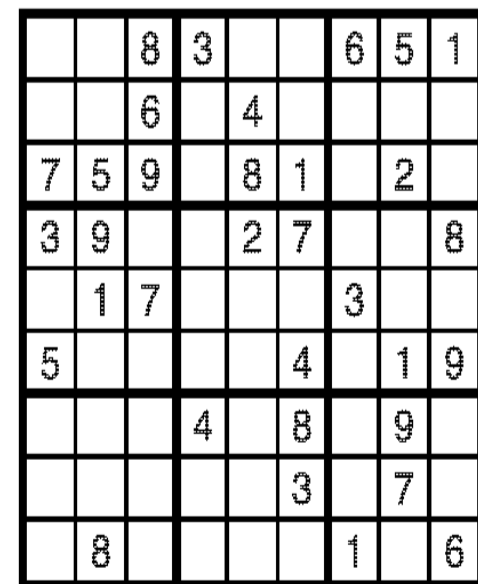
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 - Bank capers
 - Surprise in a plot
 - Remove data from
 - Hierarchy tiers
 - Buddies
 - Unit of heredity
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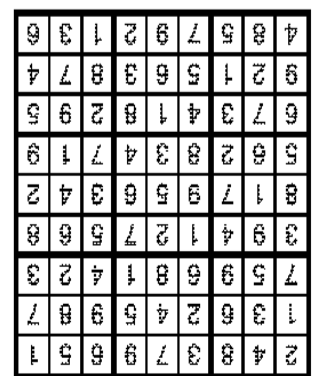


Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:


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



ANSWER:




MAILBAG: Local third graders write letters to Herald the Hound

 Dear Herald the Hound, I want invit you to my class. My Name is Addison. It is at Northwest, Laurens Elmarty.

So first thing you come in the classroom and get unpack. Then you get your Chombook. After that sharpen two pencils. And if you have any notes give it to the teacher. After we watch our morning news. After drop everthing and read.

Then we work on some ELA. Then we work on some more reading because we have conarts. Then we go to camp. Our camp is pe so you better have on your right shoes.

After camp we do some more work. After that we go to lunch. But at lunch you have to be quiet during the music. After we get back from luch we do



a lot of math because GMAS is coming. After math we go to resses. At resses you can play kickball. Then after that the bell rings. When the bell rings that means it is time to leave. That is the day in the life of a third grade.

From,
Addyson

P.S. I hope you come back

Herald the Hound's mail box has been filling up with letters from students around Dublin and Laurens County, including a whole bundle from Mrs. Litke's class at Northwest Laurens Elementary School, inviting him to come by for a visit. Students described their day at school, detailing what subjects they were studying and what their favorite activities were. Drop Herald a note by email to read@courierheraldtoday.com or write to 115 S. Jefferson St. Dublin Ga, 31021 and you may see it in The Courier Herald

HERALD'S ART GALLERY



This week's featured artists are third-grade students Keller, above, who gave Herald a golden book to read and put him in what appears to be a forest, while Ridge, below, took Herald to the beach. Keep the pictures coming and you may see them in future editions!



Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

XIBU EP HSBQFT TBZ UP UIFJS

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UIBOLT GPS SBJTJO VT!

Fun Fact

Homes of the future will utilize **advanced sensors** to control indoor air quality. Carbon dioxide, temperature and humidity levels, particulate matter and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) will be detected and evaluated constantly in every room, with any needed adjustments to the filtering system made automatically, to keep the indoor air clean.

Source: www.hdlautomation.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

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Puzzles4Kids

ANSWER

What do grapes say to their moms on Mother's Day?
Thanks for raisin us!

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.



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