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Woman dies in wreck with school bus

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**
Senior Reporter

A 70-year-old Wrightsville woman died after she drove her car into the back of a Laurens County school bus stopped to pick up a student Thursday morning near Brewton.

Marsha Smith was pronounced dead from multiple blunt force trauma from the wreck around 7:53 a.m. Thursday, May 7, said Laurens County Deputy Coroner Nathan Stanley.

Georgia State Patrol Sgt. Brian

Jones said Smith was driving a SUV and hit the bus from behind.

"The bus was stopped at a private driveway with all of its flashing lights and a stop sign initiated," Jones said. "A vehicle approached from the rear, failed to stop and drove into the back, rear-ending the school bus."

The bus had 26 children on board plus the driver, Jones said. Ten of the children reported complaints of injury but had no visible injuries. They were evaluated by EMS on the scene.

Stanley said the call came into Laurens County 911 about a wreck involving a school bus near 941 Brewton Lovett Road. Laurens County Superintendent O.J. Hall was glad that none of the students were seriously injured. He said the bus driver was shaken up.

"He is a great guy, a great employee, and it was one of those unfortunate things," Hall said. "There was nothing that he could have done differently. The bus was at a complete stop and preparing to load a student. You just hate it for

everyone who was involved."

Hall praised the response from law enforcement, first responders and school officials.

"We had our people on the scene as well as principals from the Eastside to help with parents," Hall said. "Pat Brock was working with me to get communication out so that their parents would know that their students were safe. We know this could have been so much worse. We are thankful no one on the bus was hurt, but pray for the family of the driver."



The GBI is investigating a shooting that critically injured a man Wednesday morning /PAYTON TOWNS III

Authorities say argument led to 18-year-old's shooting

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**
Senior Reporter

An argument led to a man being shot and sent to the hospital early Wednesday morning.

According to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Dublin Police Department responded at 12:08 a.m. Wednesday, May 6, to a call about person who had been shot at the Vinson Village Apartments, near the intersection of Dewey and West Mary streets. They found an 18-year-old Dublin man with multiple gunshot wounds.

The victim was transported to a hospital where he was listed in critical condition.

Witnesses told law enforcement officers that an argument happened before the shooting. Yellow crime tape was strung up around apartment buildings. Crime scene placards were also



A trail of placards marks evidence at the scene of the shooting/PAYTON TOWNS III

visible down a sidewalk in the middle of the apartments and at least one near the tire of a vehicle parked on the side of the road.

Once the investigation is completed, it will be turned over to the Dublin Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office.

Anyone with informa-

tion about this shooting is asked to contact the GBI office in Eastman at (478) 374-6988. Anonymous tips can be sent 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.

Teens charged with murder in 2025 slaying

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**
Senior Reporter

Two Dublin men were arrested in the December fatal shooting of a 46-year-old Dublin man in Dexter.

According to the Georgia Bureau of Investigations, Jeremiah Terrell Worthen, 18, and Taze Shaquor Worthen, 19, have been charged with felony murder, aggravated assault and kidnapping in connection with the murder of Joseph Burch.

On Dec. 27, 2025, Laurens County sheriff's deputies were called to a home in the 700 block of Shy Street after there



JEREMIAH WORTHEN **TAZE WORTHEN**

was a report about shots being fired. When deputies arrived, they found Burch in the yard, unresponsive with multiple gunshot wounds.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The sheriff's office called in the GBI, which after completing its investigation turned the case file to the Dublin Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office.

County moves to hold landlords responsible for abandoned pets

By **RODNEY MANLEY**
Staff Reporter

The Laurens County Commission adopted a change they hope will put more bite in their animal control policy.

The commission voted Tuesday to hold landlords responsible for pets abandoned by renters. In the past, animal control has sought to hold renters accountable but had a difficult time collaring offenders.

"Most of the time we can't find these people," County Administrator Bryan Rogers said. "Ninety percent of the time we can't locate them."

The policy change holds property owners responsible for the costs of processing the abandoned pets, such as veterinarian bills, plus \$50 if animal control officers have to trap the animals.

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Fire departments team up to put out debris fire

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**
Senior Reporter

Fire departments from all over Laurens County converged on US 1 Recycling on Ga. 199 South to put out a debris fire that started late Wednesday morning.

Around 10:57 a.m. on May 6, the Laurens County Fire Department was dispatched to the business at 1259 Ga. 199 in reference to burning debris that might have been threatening a building on the property, said Laurens County Fire Chief Josh McCard. East Dublin Fire Department was also paged and responded to the location

with its tanker trucks.

"After they got on scene, they gave an update of where it was and the limited access of the debris pile," McCard said.

The pile was made up of car parts that had been cut up and was not supposed to include any metal. He believed the pile may have included foam, rubber and other materials.

The fire produced a thick plume of dark smoke that could be seen for miles.

"The fire is undetermined as far as what actually started it," McCard said. "We can't rule out mechanical equipment working there. Metal may have gotten through and caused a



To reach the top of the huge pile of burning debris, the Dublin Fire Department brought its tower truck to the scene near East Dublin/SPECIAL PHOTO

spark."

Approximately 75 percent of the pile was on fire when firefighters arrived. McCard requested the Dublin Fire Department's tower truck to respond to the scene.

"While we were waiting on that, we were able to use deck guns and we were able

to kind of contain the fire," McCard said. "It kept blazing up. Once the tower truck arrived and we were able to establish water supply to it, we were able to bring the fire under control pretty quickly."

With tankers, firefighters were able to set up a water supply with dump tanks.

They came in, dropped their water and went back to fill up. The fire was under control around noon.

"We work in conjunction with U.S. 1 once we got the fire contained and under control," McCard said.

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OBITUARIES



Regina Williams Smith

Regina Williams Smith, 52, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at Piedmont Macon.

Mrs. Smith was born on Feb. 20, 1974, in Dublin, Georgia. She was an honor graduate of West Laurens High School. After high school, she joined her mother at Dublin Trophy where they worked hand-in-hand for the past 31 years. She was a member of Montrose Methodist Church and led the youth group at Dudley Methodist. She was a season ticket holder and the Braves' most loyal fan. She also loved listening to New Kids on the Block and the Eagles, but she loved her family above all else. Regina was preceded in death by her nephew, Travis Williams.

She is survived by her husband, Keith Smith; her parents, Woodrow and Dorothy Williams; brothers, Eddie Allen Williams and Joseph "Paul" Williams (Lori); her parents-in-law, Miller and Peggy Massey; sister-in-law, Lynn Russell; nieces and nephews, Trevor Williams, Ashton Williams, James Raymond, Alan Bass (Brittany), Sam Bass (Victoria), Leea Williams, and Savannah White; and great-nieces and -nephews, Cassidy Williams, Hallie Williams, Rylee Williams, Tucker Bass, Thompson Bass, Kollins White and Landry White.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Methodist Home, P.O. Box 2525, Macon, GA 31204.

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



James Franklin "Frankie" Loyd Jr.

James Franklin "Frankie" Loyd, Jr., 71, of Chauncey, Ga., died Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, May 8, at Southerland Funeral Chapel, with interment in Chauncey City Cemetery.

He is survived by his son - Jamie Loyd (Shann); daughters - Jana Owen (Josh) and Jenica Sheffield; grandchildren - Jaley Owen, Jacey Owen, James Owen, Jaylin Sheffield, Jessa Sheffield and Juliana Ford Loyd.

The family will receive friends in Southerland Funeral Chapel from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Friday, May 8.

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



Ethel Maddox

Ethel Maddox, 91, of Rentz, Georgia, passed away on May 5, 2026. Born on Aug. 21, 1934, she lived a long and meaningful life marked by devotion to her family, her church and all those fortunate enough to know her. Ethel was a woman of strength, warmth and conviction and she will be remembered for the loving way she cared for others and the spirited way she lived each day.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents, Dottie and Eva Fountain Evans; her husband, Earl Maddox; and her sisters, Betty Jean Schaus and Shirley Evans.

Ethel was a member of Rentz Baptist Church. She believed in the importance of being present for the people she loved, and she lived out that belief through her constant involvement in family gatherings, celebrations, and everyday happenings. She always wanted to know what was going on with everyone, where they were, and how they were doing, because staying informed was one of the many ways she showed she cared.

After many years of hard work, Ethel retired from Allen Bradley. She approached her work with the same determination and reliability that she brought to every other part of her life. She was known as someone who would always help when needed, though her help often came with a little advice. Ethel was never afraid to speak her mind, and those who knew her understood that her honesty came from a place of love and concern.

Ethel was passionate, spirited and loving. She had a personality that filled a room and a heart that remained focused on the people closest to her. She especially enjoyed baking, and her fruitcakes were among the many things that brought joy to family and friends. She found happiness in the simple, meaningful moments of life, especially those spent with family. Her love for gardening became a showcase that everyone enjoyed with tours of their beautiful gardens.

She is survived by her daughter, Teresa (Neal) Clark; her grandson, Matt (Shannah) Peebles; her granddaughter, Tasha (Marco) Newsome; and her great-grandchildren, Megan Spires, Addison Peebles, Tracy Clements, Landon Holland, and Emberly Peebles. She also leaves behind extended family members who she loved dearly. Ethel's family was the center of her world, and she took

great pride in staying connected to every part of it.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, May 8, 2026, at Rentz Baptist Church with Rev. Tom Vann officiating. Burial will follow at Dublin Memorial Gardens.

The family received friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Friday, at the church.

Pallbearers will be Neil Turner, Charles Coats, Paul Morrill, Gregg Oliver, Benjamin Judd and Jason Fountain.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to her loving caregivers and to Georgia Hospice/Milledgeville Office.

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

Townsend Brothers Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements.



Hilbert L. "Randall" Fullwood

Funeral services for Mr. Hilbert Laranda "Randall" Fullwood, of Rentz, Georgia, will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Fleming Chapel AME Church, 3253 Highway 441 in Rentz. Rev. Yvonne McGhee will deliver the eulogy. Interment will follow in the Fullwood Cemetery on Tucker Road.

Mr. Fullwood was born on Friday, June 15, 1962, to his parentage, Mr. Hilbert T. Fullwood and Mrs. Rose M. Fullwood. Randall attended West Laurens High School and graduated in the class of 1980. He joined the Fleming Chapel AME Church at an early age where he served faithfully on the hospitality committee, the sons of Allen and as the superintendent of the Sunday school. Randall loved his church and his church family.

Randall loved people and always had a kind word of encouragement for everyone. His smile and his laughter were contagious. And he lit up any room with his personality.

Randall passed away on Monday, May 4, 2026. He was preceded in death by his father, Hilbert Fullwood; his sister, Jackie Fullwood; his maternal grandmother, Annie U. Wright; his maternal grandfather, Alfonza Davis; and his paternal grandmother, Middy L Tucker.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories his loving mother, Rose M. Fullwood, his quiet and caring brother, Melvin (Paula) Fullwood, and his wonderfully out-going sister, Belinda Fullwood; his nephews, John C. Walker of Miami, Florida, Akelie (Cassie) Walker of Maryland; four great-nephews and three great-nieces; maternal

grandmother, Oznola Davis; aunts, Ruth (Solomon) Williams, Nina Rozier, Sharon (Jerry) Chapman, Elaine Corbett, Sandra (Al) Crafton, Angela (Jonathan) Robinson, Cynthia (Jeff) Jones, Lisa Wright and Brenda (Richard) Pauldo; uncles, Andrew (Shirley) Wright, Larry (Gwen) Wright, Landred (Margie) Wright, Donnie Wright, Jerry Wright and Jerry (Delois) Davis; special friends, Calvin Ivy, Ben Hester, Loretta Wright and Sandy Lawson; and a host of cousins and other friends.

The family received friends at the Dudley Funeral Home on Friday, May 8, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Please send your condolences online at ServicesbyDudley.com.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations



Laura Jean Nielsen

Mrs. Laura Jean Nielsen Cummings, age 63, beloved wife of James Michael Cummings of Soperton passed away on Friday morning, May 1, 2026 at her home.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2026 in the Billy Williams Chapel of Sammons Funeral Home with Pastor Chad Cofield officiating.

Please share a memory, leave a condolence message and sign the online guest register at www.sammonsfuneralhome.com

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May 11
Erica Bell Jessie Jones Buckie T. Robinson Louise Rozier

NEWS DIGEST

The next regular meeting of the East Dublin mayor and city council will be held at city hall in the Terrie E. Drew Council Chambers on Monday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m. with pre-council beginning at 5 p.m. The agenda:

- Call to order
- Invocation
- Pledge to the flag
- Old business
- New business
- Recognition of citizens

Housing Administrative Assistant

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.

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TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

By **DR. KEITH ROACH**
King Features

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read your recent column about migraines and strokes. About 40 years ago, I began having occasional visual interference episodes with zig-zags, blurry central vision, and more that lasted for about 30 minutes. My doctor described them as ocular migraines.

When I read about migraines, the first possible cause that was listed were preservatives, so I started reading labels. My episodes only occurred after eating food with added nitrites and sulfates. It was very consistent, so now I read labels and avoid them. And thanks to the fact that more foods are now being made without them, at 85, I haven't had an episode in many years. It has made me a more careful and healthy eater.

Would I still be more likely to have a stroke? Is this a common cause of these auras, or do causes vary in people? I would hope that others would find a sure cause and solution like I did. -- D.W.

ANSWER: Food additives, especially nitrites but also sulfites and sulfates, are known triggers of migraines in people who are susceptible. Finding and eliminating the triggers for migraines can be helpful, but not everyone is able to identify their triggers.

Red wine (which contains trace amounts of sulfites, even if more aren't added) is one of the most common food triggers, but caffeine

(and caffeine withdrawal) are another common cause. Poor sleep, excess stress and hormonal changes (especially in menstruating women) are also commonly reported.

Some perceived triggers may actually be an early part of a headache. Chocolate cravings can be part of the prodrome of a headache, so people may think that chocolate caused a headache when, in fact, the headache was already on its way.

Headache with aura can be confused with a stroke. My column from this past January tried to point out that positive findings like zigzag lines make a migraine with aura very likely, while transient ischemic attacks and strokes are exceedingly unlikely.

However, there is an increased risk of stroke in people who have migraines with aura. This is particularly the case in younger women. I suspect but cannot prove that having fewer migraines after removing the triggers (as you have) probably does mitigate the small increased stroke risk.

Still, it is important for all people with migraines to do what they can to reduce their stroke risk through a healthy lifestyle. Elevated blood pressure and cholesterol might be worth treating, even if they're fairly mild. Diabetes should be as well-controlled as possible. Finally, with strong evidence showing that the shingles vaccine reduces stroke risk, I'd recommend that you make sure you've had the two-dose shingles vaccine.

Ellinore Stimpson Nicholson

Ellinore Stimpson Nicholson, 86, of Dexter, passed away on May 6, 2026.

Graveside services will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 9 at Dexter Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Keland Waldrep will officiate.

Mrs. Nicholson's grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

A complete obituary will follow as soon as it becomes available. Please visit www.townsendfuneralhome.com for service updates and to sign the online memorial register.

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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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Bad moms give us something to be thankful for

There is not much to not like about George Washington. The accomplished general and first president, though flawed as all humans are, is regarded the world over for his feats on the battlefield and his actions as a statesman. Historians continue to study the writings and actions of this celebrated figure in American history to learn just what made him think and act the way that he did.

But there is one notable person who did not think George was all that great – his mama.

Yes, Mary Ball Washington is well documented as an overbearing, ever-complaining and non-approving parent. George could never do anything right in her eyes, and she would openly deride and vilify her son to anyone who would listen.

It's generally bad practice to disrespect someone in command of an army, but George must have had thick skin or really loved his dear old mother. I feel sorry for his dad, because if winning a war and helping found a nation couldn't impress the woman, I don't know what would.

Coincidentally, there's another famous American, one that perhaps shouldn't be remembered as fondly, who made his mother extremely proud.

Zerelda Elizabeth Cole James Simms Samuel (say that three times fast) was the dotting mother of famous outlaws Frank and Jesse James. Zerelda was not a shining member of society herself and fully condoned her sons' lawless

Choosy moms choose ...

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By **KYLE DOMINY**

ways. She would provide haven for the fugitives in between their escapades, and that would later cost her a limb.

During a raid on the family homestead by the Pinkerton Detective Agency, an explosive device claimed her right arm and, more tragically, the life of the James' baby step-

brother.

After Jesse was dead and Frank was on trail, Zerelda decided to capitalize on the craze created by her offspring – as any grieving mother would. She gave tours of the family home, for a nominal fee of course, and provided sordid details of the raid that damaged her body and killed her child and gave details about the James boys that the newspapers and dime novels couldn't provide.

It is stories like these that make you appreciate mothers that try to do right by their offspring.

I certainly don't have anything to complain about in the parent department. In fact, I've been surrounded by good mothers my whole life, from my own mother and grandmothers to the moms of friends who treat me like their own. While I don't, or will ever, have accomplishments that compare to George Washington's, but I've also avoided the ire of the law. That should make any mother proud.

This Mother's Day it's expected that folks in the United States will spend more than \$40 billion trying to show their mothers how much they appreciate them, or at least going through the motions. Surely there are more Mary Ball Washingtons and Zerelda Samuels around.

If you're fortunate enough to still have a mom around, pay her a visit or give her a call.

Happy Mother's Day.

DIVA ON A DIME



A crisp pavlova shell layered with silky lemon custard and whipped cream/SPECIAL PHOTO

Lemon meringue pie meets pavlova

By **PATTI DIAMOND**
King Features

There are desserts you make... and then there are desserts that make an entrance. This one does both.

I've always had a soft spot for what I call a "mash-up recipe." This time, I imagined what might happen if a lemon meringue pie and a pavlova got together and created a dessert that's equal parts fancy-pants and affordable ease.

The result is a crisp-outside, marshmallow-soft pavlova topped with silky fresh lemon custard and clouds of whipped cream. Bright, airy and just indulgent enough for a proper celebration. In other words, perfect for Mother's Day and mostly made ahead.

The pavlova base can be baked up to two days ahead and stored in an airtight container (don't refrigerate). The lemon filling and whipped cream can also be made ahead and chilled. All that's left is assembly, and enjoying the moment when everyone assumes you've been in the kitchen for hours (or spent a fortune at a bakery).

LEMON CUSTARD PAVLOVA

Yield: 6-8 Servings
Total Time: 2 hours 15 mins.

- 3 egg whites
- 3/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 2/3 cups sugar, divided
- 2 lemons, zest and juice
- 3 egg yolks
- 2 whole eggs
- 6 tablespoons butter, cut into 6 pieces
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Candied lemon slices (optional)

Preheat oven to 300 F. Trace a 9-inch cake pan onto parchment, flip it ink-side down, and place on a baking sheet.

Make Meringue - In a stand mixer with whisk attachment, beat egg whites, cream of tartar and salt to soft peaks. Gradually add 1 cup sugar, beating well after each addition until dissolved and stiff peaks form, 5 to 7 minutes.

Spread meringue inside the parchment circle, mounding edges to form a bowl. Bake at 300 F for about 45 minutes. Turn off oven, crack door and let meringue cool completely in oven.

Make Custard - Grate the zest from the lemons into a small bowl. Juice both lemons, removing any seeds from the juice. In a stand mixer with whisk attachment, beat egg yolks and eggs until thick and pale, 4 to 5 minutes. Gradually beat in 2/3 cup sugar, then lemon zest and juice.

Transfer custard mixture to a saucepan on medium-low heat. Cook, stirring constantly, until thick enough to coat the back of a spoon and hold a line when swiped, 10 to 12 minutes. (That's about 170 F - 175 F for the meticulous among us.) Add butter a tablespoon at a time, stirring to combine.

Transfer to a bowl, press plastic wrap onto the surface, and chill at least 1 hour or up to 3 days.

Whip the Cream - Beat cream on medium to soft peaks, gradually adding remaining 1 tablespoon of sugar. Fold half into chilled lemon filling; spoon into meringue shell. Top with remaining whipped cream. Garnish with candied lemon slices and/or edible flowers, if desired.

CANDIED LEMON SLICES

Yield: 1 cup
Total Time: 20 mins.

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 lemons, thinly sliced

In a large skillet, combine sugar and water. Bring to a boil, stirring until sugar dissolves. Add sliced lemons; reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, until slices are softened, 3 to 5 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer slices to a wire rack to cool.

At the end of the day, Mother's Day isn't about perfection. It's about making someone feel seen, appreciated and maybe just a little bit spoiled.

This dessert handles the "spoiled" part beautifully.

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime -- Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at [DivasOnADimeDotCom](https://www.facebook.com/DivasOnADimeDotCom). Email Patti at divapatti@divasonadime.com

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FDR: 'The Bible is a fountain of strength'

Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945) of New York was America's 32nd President (1933-1945).

He became president at the beginning of America's Great Depression, and through various programs helped pull the nation out of those times of bank failures, unemployment and bankruptcy.

He was also the leader of the free world during World War II. His wife Eleanor was a highly respected first lady and a newspaper columnist during her husband's presidency.

Roosevelt graduated from Harvard University, where he served as editor-in-chief of the university newspaper. In 1905, he and Eleanor married and he then served as a New York state senator. During World War I he served as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and in 1921, he was stricken with polio and needed wheelchair assistance for the rest of his life.

His mind and upper body were strong, enabling him to continue in leadership positions with greater responsibilities. In 1932, he ran for president and was elected, re-elected in 1936, 1940 and 1944. And, on April 12, 1945, while sitting for a portrait in the Little White House at Warm Springs, Ga., he collapsed and died of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Vice-president Harry S. Truman assumed the presidency on that fateful day.

What about President

Roosevelt's faith? Well, he was a man of the Book, quoting and practicing the truths of the Bible. In his First Inaugural Address on March 4, 1933, he spoke these words to America:

"In this dedication of a nation we humbly ask the blessing of God. May He protect each and every one of us! May He guide me in the days to come!"

In his Second Inaugural Address, on Jan. 20, 1937, he said this: "I shall do my utmost ... seeking Divine guidance."

In his Third Inaugural Address on Jan. 20, 1941, he said this: "We go forward in the service of our country by the will of God."

And, in his Fourth Inaugural Address, on Jan. 20, 1945, he said this: "So we pray to Him now for the vision to see our way clearly ... to the achievement of His will, to peace on earth."

During the dark days of World War II, while meeting with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill on an American warship in the mid-Atlantic, he spoke

these words in describing the United States as: "The lasting concord (peace) between men and nations, founded on the principles of Christianity." He then asked the crew to join him in singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

To conclude this sketch of the faith of FDR, he wrote these words from the White House on March 6, 1941, for the preface of the New Testaments made available to all American service personnel: "As Commander-in-Chief, I take pleasure in commending the reading of the Bible to all who serve in the armed forces of the United States ... It is a fountain of strength and now, as always, an aid in attaining the highest aspirations of the human soul." (These New Testaments were printed by the United States Government Printing Offices.)

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was God's leader for America during those critical times. Let us all stay close to God's word.

Peace!



By **JACK BROWN**

Moment of Inspiration Mother's Day

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." Proverbs 31:28

Motherhood is one of the clearest reflections of God's love—patient, sacrificial, and enduring. A mother gives of herself daily, often in ways that go unseen, yet her impact reaches far beyond what she may realize. The virtuous woman in Proverbs is honored not for perfection, but for her faithfulness. Whether through comforting words, quiet prayers, or daily acts of care, a mother plants seeds that shape lives for generations. On this Mother's Day, we are reminded to both honor and appreciate the women who have poured love into our lives. And for those who are mothers, know that your labor is not in vain—God sees every sacrifice and every act of love.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the gift of mothers. Bless and strengthen them today. Let them feel appreciated, valued, and filled with Your peace and joy. Amen.

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

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COMMUNITY NEWS: DUBLIN MARKS GEORGIA CITY WEEK

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

Pictured are City of Dublin staff members and members of the community with Mayor Joshua Kight during a recent proclamation signing declaring the month of April 20-25, 2026, as Georgia Cities Week.

City government is the closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents, administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities. City government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along their understanding of public services and their benefits to its citizens.

Georgia Cities Week is a very important time to recognize the important role played by city government in our lives and this week offers an important opportunity to spread the word to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence this branch of government which is closest to the people.



The Georgia Municipal Association and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of different projects and information.

Georgia Cities Week offers an im-

portant opportunity to convey to all the citizens of Georgia that they can shape and influence government through their civic involvement.

Please join Mayor Kight in encouraging all citizens to support the celebration and corresponding activities.

Invitation to Bid

Dublin Housing Authority Yard/Lawn Care Maintenance Services

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

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

Trump calls into tele-rally to boost Jones ahead of primary

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — President Donald Trump got on the phone for a “tele-rally” Wednesday evening to clarify any confusion about who had his endorsement for Georgia governor in the Republican primary: Lt. Gov. Burt Jones.

“I love you and I guess you at least like me,” Trump said after Jones introduced him to listeners as the “our best president in my lifetime.”

Jones backed Trump’s effort to challenge the results of the 2020 election, and was investigated for his role by Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis. The courts removed her from the case, which was then dismissed.

Trump and others were indicted, but Jones was not.

He “has my complete and total endorsement,” Trump said. “He blows his competition away.”

Polling has consistently shown wealthy entrepreneur and political newcomer Rick Jackson with a slight edge over Jones, a

Republican who has worked his way up the political ladder in the General Assembly. Jones served in the state senate before winning election statewide as lieutenant governor, presiding over the chamber.

They have both sounded similar notes in candidate forums.

Jones said at one such event last month that discussions about issues, such as affordability and taxes, were less important than a gut check by voters.

“Everybody’s talking about the same thing,” he said at the Georgia Association of Manufacturers’ forum in Cobb County. “And so at the end of the day, the voters have to decide who it is that they think can best execute on these promises.”

Trump tried to clarify the answer for his own supporters.

Jones will be better on crime, job growth and taxes — and election integrity, the president said, reiterating what he has repeatedly said about the “disaster” of an election in Georgia in 2020.

Get out and vote for Jones, Trump said. “You’ve got to make it too big to rig.”



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Again, Amanda Smith concerning the teacher exodus:

“We’re not stressed about it.” I assume she speaks for the board. Not stressed that there’s a mass exit of your teaching staff? Does losing state board of education confidence and support, potentially losing accreditation, or losing/misappropriating/stealing \$13 million from taxpayers cause any stress for the board? What does it take to “stress” the board?

that the system was overspending, way out of line on salaries and now they act like victims that the state is making them change things.

John Bell came across as trying to play victim in this messed up situation. Y’all act like the state is the bad guy. Y’all hired and supported and praised the super that made this mess.

Mr. Lanier - it’s not about the one of two token children you invite into your home. It’s about all the students in Dublin City that don’t have what they need from our system. Fix that before an IB.

You can’t say “you love all the kids” when you are making decisions for one group or one population. Teachers tell me they don’t have paper or supplies. But we have pretty IGA pictures on Facebook.

Mr. Bell whining about to use the state salary scale - do you not get it? Y’all have no money to pay people “any price their name” - which has been done and still being done. I heard it first hand.

I am appalled by Mr. Bell’s behavior and the way he spoke to people in the audience. Of course they don’t trust you - Dublin City has wasted taxpayer money and it is not about you and your feelings.

Child predators go to great lengths to get to children.

They need to put themselves in the everyday life of children in order to “get to them.” They enter the ministry, they become teachers. They marry women who have children and the women are in a “bad place” and are looking for a savior. And, they look for children who are already abused because they are the easy victims to re-victimize. Putting their names and details in the paper, for most people, it means nothing. But for the child predators out there, they will take note of your articles.

John Bell should resign immediately. He was out of line. And he keeps asking why no one believes him ... because no one trusts the current board or superintendent.

The board was told by many people for many years

I pray Cognia removes this board - that is the only way there will be a real honest start to fixing the issue.

A certain board member said out loud, “IGA saved our system.” So now they are so scared to let it go. It was not affordable, not transparent and you should take care of all the other kids.

Did y’all hear when Mr. Bell said “we will still have IGA - the name is just changing.” If this board worked on fixing problems as hard as they do to hold onto IGA, things might start getting better.

How did the board think they were paying for things like IGA, free day care, a health care clinic and outrageous supplements ..and did they really think the super’s salary was in line?

We are screaming it and we have said it - we do not trust the board, the board chair or the current superintendent of Dublin City Schools. No one believes your words, words and more words.

Joe Powers, your political motive was clearly evident at the board meeting. You are misreading the room if you think anyone was blaming Matt Hatchett. You are not part of a true solution for kids.

Dublin Police Department

Jonathan Gomez Knight, 26, was charged with giving false name, address or birthdate to law enforcement, a seat-belt violation and driving while license suspended or revoked at the intersection of Truxton and East Jackson streets at 7:37 p.m. on April 22.

An officer was stationary at the location and saw a man operating a gray Honda Civic without wearing a seat belt. The officer initiated a traffic stop. The Honda pulled into the parking lot of the Hop-In. The officer requested the man’s driver’s license, and the driver said he did not have his license on him and identified himself as Tory Knight.

The officer ran the provided information through his in-car computer but the photograph that returned did not match the driver. The officer asked for an additional officer to respond to the scene. Once backup arrived, the officer detained the driver who then gave proper identification. When the updated information was ran through the computer, it revealed that Knight had multiple active warrants out of Bleckley County, Johnson County and the Swainsboro Police Department. All three agencies confirmed holds on Knight.

Knight also had a driver’s license that was suspended. He was arrested and transported to the sheriff’s office.

On April 21, around 10:15 p.m., an officer was dispatched to Comer Drive in reference to a removal.

An officer met with the resident at the location who said a man in a black Nissan Altima had frequently been coming into the yard of the residence. The person would exit the vehicle, stand in the yard



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and then leave. The resident pointed out a black Nissan Altima stopped at the end of Comer Drive at the stop sign and advised officers that this was the vehicle that continued to come into his yard.

The officers attempted to make contact with the vehicle. While at the red light at the intersection of Kellam Street and Marion Street, the officer saw that the Nissan had stopped over the yellow center line while waiting at the red light. Once the light turned green, the vehicle made a wide turn, crossing over a striped section of the fog line. The officer initiated a traffic stop.

The officer identified the driver as Jamie Knight, who appeared to be showing signs of being under the influence of alcohol, including slurred speech, inability to answer questions concisely and glassy eyes. The man also kept repeating himself and fumbling with his phone while trying to show text messages.

The officer saw a Jose Cuervo bottle in the cup holder that appeared to have a broken seal and was partially consumed. Knight told the officer he drank one beer. The investigation led Knight to being arrested.

He was transported to the county jail where he was charged with DUI, open container along with being issued a trespass notice.

Laurens County Sheriff’s Office

On Saturday, April 19,

around 6:16 p.m., a deputy conducted a traffic stop on I-16 at mile post 40 east, on a blue Nissan Sentra for speeding. Nathan Isaiah Thomas James, 19, of Jacksonville, Florida, was charged with driving under the influence.

Jamarion Zentorious Stewart, 22, was charged with theft by receiving stolen property following a traffic stop in the city of East Dublin around 12:02 p.m. on April 19.

Amir Nasiah Boykins, 20, was charged with DUI, on April 18 around 9:31 p.m. after a deputy made a traffic stop on I-16 around mile post 42 East on a white Honda Accord for speeding. A juvenile was also charged with trafficking 28 grams or more of ecstasy.

A theft occurred on Snellbridge Road between Nov. 20, 2025 and April 20.

A deputy talked with a person who walked in at the sheriff’s office about an incident that happened around 3 p.m. April 21.

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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GHSA SOCCER QUARTERFINALS

Yearwood strikes late, gallant goalkeeping by Gilder as Raiders get ginormous win in OT

WL to host East Hall in first-ever semifinal appearance Friday night

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

It was a shot Jack Yearwood had been ready for his entire soccer-playing life.

The West Laurens sophomore faced a free kick of roughly 30 yards, offset slightly left, with a chance to break a 1-1 tie with about 90 seconds to go in the first half of overtime, as a AAA state quarterfinal match between the Raiders and No. 11 seed Calhoun went down to the wire Tuesday night at The SHU.

One extra moment to think about it – as the administration of the Calhoun foul and some subsequent chatter between players that had to be settled caused a brief delay – was probably just what was needed to allow him to refocus his mind, from some similar opportunities earlier in the night that didn't go his way to a moment with the potential to become the biggest of his career.

"I missed the last one; I knew I wasn't going to miss that one," Yearwood said. "I lined up over it, and practiced that shot hundreds of times in practices. It's just routine at this point."

He strode to the ball and smashed it, on a low trajectory clearing a line of defenders and steering just past a reaching keeper, into the left side of the net to put West Laurens back on top by a score of 2-1.

The lead, thanks to some more stalwart defense and goalkeeping that had run the length of the night, held through the remaining 12 minutes to get the Raiders past the Yellow Jackets, and into the GHSA state semifinals for the first time ever.

Yearwood turned to the stands, where the home fans were in delirium, with a fist pump before running toward the corner to celebrate with teammates, as his mind momentarily revisited his freshman season and its ending on a disappointment that had driven himself and returning teammates in the year since.

Just as quickly, those thoughts turned ahead to some critical time left in the match, and a berth in the next-to-last round of the state tournament that was now close enough to taste.

"It was just a great moment, because we lost 6-0 in the first round last year," he said. "Seeing this team going to a final four for the first time in history is pretty amazing."

The full-time whistle brought just as huge a feeling of gratification for West Laurens head coach Nate Smith, who has had a few worthy teams come to this precipice in his decade-plus at the helm, over which the Raiders have gradually raised their statewide profile, and pushed the limits of seasons further and further.

This year's club (with the company of a 2022 squad as the only other in school history to reach the quarterfinals) is the first to take this significant a step toward state championship contention.

"It means the world," Smith said. "I was telling the boys, you deserve to be here. When you walk out



THE GOAL OF YOUR DREAMS: The SHU went wild, and Jack Yearwood sprinted into the embrace of his teammates as the Raider sophomore lived out a game-winning moment he likely envisioned growing up after knocking in a go-ahead free kick midway through overtime to help send West Laurens to its first state semifinal/CLAY REYNOLDS

that (locker room) door the first time, it's elite eight, when you walk back in, it's final four. It's awesome. I'm so proud of the boys, they deserve every inkling of this."

As players swarmed the field in front of him, a slap-wore-out West Laurens goalkeeper R.T. Gilder took a seat in front of his net and exhaled deeply, with the coast finally clear of Calhoun shots, deep passes and wayward deflections that had come one after another for the past hour and 40 minutes.

The freshman had gotten hands on all but one of them that threatened goal in an impressive display of team-lifting confidence that the Yellow Jackets – aside from a top-quality attempt they managed to rifle by late in regulation to force overtime – could never challenge.

An unofficial tally had Calhoun with 20 total shots, and Gilder with roughly a dozen saves.

"He's just a brick wall back there," Smith said. "He's very controlled and confident, and that helps the rest of the team, him being as confident as he is back there. It just kind of spills over."

Raider defenders counteracted Calhoun's elite quickness at the forward and midfield positions with great ball pressure at all spots on the field that made open looks and clean shooting angles almost impossible to come by.

Both attacks benefitted from an abundance of body blows that drew fouls to set up over a couple dozen mid-to-short range free kicks, on which each repeatedly attempted to lob the ball close for headers that West Laurens, defensively, won a majority of the time.

Though rebounds were a bit of a concern, members of the Raiders' back line continued to hold their ground as they leaned on the hot hands of their keeper to secure anything that slipped through.

"They just fight, the boys just fight," Smith said. "The defense has been a strength, and it's been a strength for us throughout the season, but really since we got into the playoffs. One goal in three games is pretty awesome."

It took the perfect shot to equalize for a Calhoun reserve midfielder, who connected as the ball rotated left on some secondary movement for a high-powered 25-yard blast that got home in the right side of the net with a little more than six minutes to go in the second half.

Calhoun, briefly seizing



PUNCHING THEIR TICKET: R.T. Gilder (00) socks a Calhoun shot over the top on one of his multiple expert saves late in the second half of regulation. Other than scoring the key goal, the freshman did everything that was needed to get West Laurens into the round of four as he kept the Yellow Jackets at bay over 100 minutes of action/CLAY REYNOLDS



ALL OUT: Gilder had laid about everything he had on the field – including himself on this dive in pursuit of the very last ball that left the field of play – by the final whistle, coming only a few moments later/CLAY REYNOLDS

momentum with the score, had some more great looks in the few tense minutes that followed.

But Gilder, unfazed, ensured nothing else would get by him the rest of the night as he laid out to block multiple consecutive shots in a several-second staredown off a Calhoun fast-break, then several more that came his way in the last few seconds.

"Just put your body on the line, go for the ball. That's all," he said.

The late twist brought a sudden turn in the match from physical battle to a mental one.

West Laurens kept its poise despite some visible fatigue, and regained the dominant defensive upper hand after a moment to catch the breath, and regroup during the pre-overtime intermission.

Among other technical points, Smith's message to the huddle included an adamant reminder "that they're in the game."

"The game's not over," he recounted. "It's obvious that we played an absolutely phenomenal team in Calhoun. You're 1-1, you're neck and neck with them, don't let up. You've gotta believe. I was trying to talk to the boys a little bit about positive thinking. You've just gotta believe something that you can do it. And that'll help with the energy level too."

And at the encourage-

blocked away.

It was the only overtime yellow, issued to Calhoun's Gerry Carranza stemming from what appeared to be some routine jawing that an official from a distance away had clearly had enough of, led to his go-ahead opportunity not long after.

Yearwood, who is his team's go-to shooter when the goal is in decent range, came through to get it done.

"Jack is just a gamer," Smith said. "Jack wants the ball in big moments, and we're OK giving it to him. And I think the other boys recognize it as well."

The match's intensity spilled over into an unfortunate scene postgame, as Calhoun coaches offered some words along with handshakes to members of the officiating crew. The head ref replied with a yellow card, then proceeded to flash several other yellows and reds in the direction of multiple players nearby.

Amid the minor fuss, a spectator had to be briefly restrained after confronting a separate member of the crew on the field.

Calhoun seemed to dictate the tempo in the first half, though Gilder's rock-solid play in goal prevented anything from unfolding in the Yellow Jackets' favor around the net.

When not leaping or diving for impressive collections, the West Laurens keeper was flipping the field on punts, goal kicks and free kicks – once nearly hitting Alex Derochie on a deep ball that would've had him in the clear out front, if not for an offside flag.

The second half began with more of the same, and gave you the sense that the first team to score might win.

Slides by West Laurens' Corban Kersey and Joe Powell held off a good-looking Calhoun chance in the early minutes.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL
Thursday
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PREP SCHEDULE

SOCCER
Friday
GHSA Semifinals
East Hall at West Laurens /6 p.m.
Saturday
GIAA Playoffs, Round 1
FPCA at Trinity (boys) /6 p.m.

Friday, May 15
GIAA Quarterfinals
Robert Toombs or Heritage at Trinity (girls)/6 p.m.

BASEBALL
Friday
Thomas Jefferson at Trinity /6 p.m.

May 15-16
GIAA Quarterfinals
Georgia Christian or Southland at Trinity/TBA

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A Yearwood free kick, off a hook foul, got headed away with about 24 minutes left just before the Raiders finally got the bounce of the ball they were hoping for.

A throw-in by Spencer Saussy trickled into a patch of unoccupied space, where the Jackets' Salvador Herrera came on and got underneath the ball with his left foot as he attempted to clear it wide toward the right corner.

It landed well right of the frame with no one around except the neon-clad keeper Josue Mercado, who seemed positioned to play it routinely. But some nasty backspin he wasn't anticipating caused the ball to bounce sideways, and straight by him into the net for an own goal.

"I did tell the boys, I was like, look, let's not win this game on their goal. Let's score one of ours, too," Smith said. "So we were fortunate enough to do that."

Calhoun immediately went on the attack offensively, peppering Gilder with shots starting its next time down as the freshman patiently timed his jump on a ball to deflect it over the bar.

The Raiders overcame a couple of yellow cards that briefly forced their keeper and another defender from the game to maintain the lead until Calhoun's last-minute stinger.

It'll be a quick turnaround as West Laurens welcomes No. 18 seed East Hall to the SHU on Friday night with a shot to lock up a spot in next week's state title game, due to be played on a neutral field in Duluth.

The Gainesville-based Vikings, 2-1 winners in both their early-round matches and 2-0 over Oconee County in the quarters earlier this week, will likely be just as stiff a test for the Raiders, whose mindset from the start of this postseason run has been championship-or-bust.

"We're going for it all, man," Yearwood said. "We've upset teams people think should beat us, but they don't. We're gonna go all the way and win state."

"We're making history," Gilder said. "We can get a championship, if we win it all, it'll be big."

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Part Time Parks/Center Attendant
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26-218 NOTICE:
TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
An action to abate a nuisance was filed in rem on the 6TH day of May, 2026 and is pending in the Municipal Court of the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, City Docket No. 2026-05-02.
The Parties to the action are: The City of Dublin and the real estate described as follows:
All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, and being known as Lot No. 24 and being part of the 66 2/3 acre tract in Lot of Land No. 184 in the First Land District of Laurens County, Georgia, said lot being 50 yards wide and 65 yards long as shown by a plat recorded in the Office of the Clerk, Laurens Superior Court, in Deed Book 21, page 98, to which plat reference is hereby made for the exact metes and bounds of said lot. The property hereby conveyed is the same as that conveyed by Henry Jone to Arthur Jones, Cora Jones, and Cherry Jones on October 9, 1915, as appears from a deed recorded in Deed Book 35, page 328, in the Office of the Clerk, Laurens Superior Court.
This is the same property deeded July 23, 1945, by Cora Jones Thomas to Louis James Linder and Mary Lee Linder, recorded in the Office of the clerk, Laurens Superior Court, in Deed Book 95, page 166. Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements of record.
For Informational Purposes Only: Street Address is 513 West Avenue, Dublin, Georgia 31021
Tax Map and Parcel No. D10F 120
Interested Parties Include:
Owners: Katrina Lynette Linder, Monica Nichols, & Sharon Williams
Other Interested Parties: Republic Finance
The relief sought is the abatement of a nuisance pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dublin, Georgia; remedies include, but are not limited to, debris/trash removal, and securing, repair, or demolition of any structures located thereon and a lien on the property for costs of the same.
A hearing will be held before the Municipal Court of Dublin, Georgia, located at 346 S. Jefferson Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021 at 2:00PM on the 3rd day of June, 2026.
Jacob W. Poole
Staff Attorney
City of Dublin, Georgia
P.O. Box 690
Dublin, Georgia 31040
(478) 410-5422

May 9, 16, 2026

26-189
State of Georgia
County of Laurens
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the Estate of Gerald Thomas Lord, Sr., late of Laurens County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 23rd day of April, 2026.
Estate of Gerald Thomas Lord, Sr. Gerald Thomas Lord, Jr., and Melanie Jo Lord Johnson, Executors
125 Delane Drive, Dallas, GA 30157
128 Buccaneer Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39402 Margaret Greer Evans

Attorney at Law
State Bar No. 488189
(478) 272-2885
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-215
State of Georgia
County of Laurens
Notice is hereby given that the property of each and all persons listed below will be sold at public auction, separately and individually, on Monday, May 25, 2026 starting at 10 AM. In case of inclement weather, sale will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2026 at 10 AM.
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2. Elizabeth Dykes, Unit Z-09;
3. Victoria Gainey, Unit F-02 and K-01;
4. Casey Lewis, Unit 8-07
5. Darrell Platt, Unit Y-21;
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Property is located at Garner's U Store, Incorporated, 1321 North Jefferson Street, and 1687 Highway 441 North, Dublin, Georgia, 31021. Each unit, starting first at 1321 N Jefferson Street, will be sold at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash at 1 0AM on above date at the above premises. All contents of each and every person and every unit will be sold as a unit. The contents are personal items such as, but not necessarily limited to household items, personal items, furniture, and other items. You may call 478-272-3724 for more detailed information.
May 9, 16, 2026

26-213 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
In re the name change of: Deanna Quinetta Thomas
Civil Action File No.
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, Laurens County
Notice is hereby given that Deanna Quinetta Thomas, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 22nd day of April, 2026, praying for a change in the name of the petitioner from Deanna Quinetta Thomas to Quinetta Thomas Ward. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.
This 27th day of March, 2024
Deanna Quinetta Thomas
Petitioner
May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

26-190
State of Georgia
County of Laurens
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the Estate of John G. Darley, late of Laurens County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 23rd day of April, 2026.
Estate of John G. Darley
Sandra Faye Darley, Executor 1524 Edsel Senn Road Rockledge, GA 30454
Margaret Greer Evans
Attorney at Law
State Bar No. 488189
(478) 272-2885
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-210 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: Chelsey Katelyn Greenway
CIVIL ACTION NO.26-CD-0347-JH
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Georgia, Laurens County
Notice is hereby given that Chelsey Katelyn Greenway, the undersigned, filed her petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 19th day of February, 2026, praying for a change in name of the petitioner from Chelsey Katelyn Greenway to Chelsey Katelyn Whittington. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law for any interested or affected party to appear in said court and to file an objection to said name change. Objections must be filed within said court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said petition.
This 19th day of February, 2026.
Brittany L. Kibler
Petitioner
May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

26-179 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
JIMMIE MCKINNEY and KATHLEEN MCKINNEY, Plaintiffs, v.
CHARLIE JOHNSON and CB JOHNSON CONSTRUCTION & MASONARY, INC., Defendants
Civil Action File No. 25-CG-0611-WT.
NOTICE OF SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: Charlie Johnson, Individually and as Registered Agent for CB Johnson Construction & Masonary, Inc. You are hereby notified that in the above-styled action a Complaint was filed against you in said Court on August 5, 2025, and that by reason of an Order on Motion for Service by Publication entered on March 27, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon J. Jackson Dixon, Plaintiffs' attorney, whose address is 205 N. Franklin Street, Dublin, GA 31021, an answer to the Complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order on Motion for Service by Publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Witness the Honorable William D. Taylor, III, Judge of said County.
This 20 day of April, 2026.
Georgia Jeffercoat
Deputy Clerk of Superior Court
April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2026

26-191 STATE OF GEORGIA LAURENS COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
By virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from C. D. Nabors and Jeanette Williams Nabors to Devin C. Nabors and Deborah D. Nabors filed for record, and recorded in Deed Book 1808, Page 262, Laurens County, Georgia Records, said Deed to Secure Debt having been given to secure a Note dated August 11, 2006, and said note or the renewal thereof now being in default there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, the property described as:

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

The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments and lack of insurance on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees.
A copy of this legal advertisement (Notice of Sale Under Power) which was sent to Deborah D. Nabors has been mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested to Susan S. Shook if required by Georgia Law, O.C.G.A. 44-14-162.1-.4 if applicable. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale from day to day, and to withdraw said property from sale and subsequently to re-offer same in the event no reasonable bid is received and accepted.
Said property will be sold as the property of C.D. Nabors and Jeanette Williams Nabors subject to any and all unpaid taxes, assessments, general subdivision restrictions, if any, and other restrictions and easements of record, if any; and to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, Deborah D. Nabors is in possession of said property. The proceeds of the sale will be used as follows:
(a) To pay the expense of said sale;
(b) To pay the sum secured by said deed;
(c) The balance to as provided by law.
This 24 day of April, 2026.
Susan S. Shook as Attorney in Fact for Jeanette Nabors.

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

26-211 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Commercial Real Estate Deed to Secure Debt from Christopher Lee Cox (the "Grantor") to AgGeorgia Farm Credit, ACA, for itself and as Agent/ Nominee for any party pursuant to a master agreement among it and its wholly-owned subsidiaries AgGeorgia Farm Credit, FLCA and AgGeorgia Farm Credit, PCA, as their interests may appear (the "Lender"), dated March 29, 2023, a copy of which is of record in Deed Book 3375, Pages 6-14, Clerk's Office, Laurens County Superior Court (the "Security Deed"), said Security Deed having been given to secure that certain promissory note of even date therewith executed by Grantor in favor of Lender in the original principal amount of One Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$138,400.00), together with interest thereon as set forth therein and together with any and all amendments, modifications, renewals, extensions, reamortizations, or substitutions thereof and all other indebtedness and obligations of said Grantor to Lender (collectively, the "Note"), there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday of June, 2026, to-wit: June 2, 2026, the following described real property (the "Property"), together with all trees, timber, shrubbery, fixtures and improvements located thereon and all rights, members and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and otherwise as may be set forth in the Security Deed: All that lot, tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in the 1720th G.M. District of Laurens County, Georgia containing 52.40 acres of land, more or less, and further described on a plat by Larry C. Jones, RLS# 2189 and being recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 556.

Commencing at a point where the center line of Minter Blue Springs Road intersects with the northerly right of way of Flucker Maddox Road; thence along the northerly right of way of Flucker Maddox Road in a westerly direction a distance of 2750.04 feet to a found concrete monument and the true point of beginning; thence continuing along the northerly right of way of Flucker Maddox Road south 59 degrees 33 minutes 36 seconds west a distance of 239.70 feet to a point; thence south 60 degrees 36 minutes 55 seconds west a distance of 277.23 feet to a point; thence south 59 degrees 30 minutes 50 seconds west a distance of 392.36 feet to a point; thence south 58 degrees 51 minutes 59 seconds west a distance of 212.28 feet to a found one inch iron pipe; thence north 29 degrees 27 minutes 13 seconds west a distance of 2214.28 feet to a found concrete monument; thence north 73 degrees 56 minutes 16 seconds east a distance of 1112.16 feet to a found concrete monument; thence south 30 degrees 35 minutes 10 seconds east a distance of 1940.00 feet to a found concrete monument and the true point of beginning.
The debt secured by the Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, the failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees.
The Property will be sold as the property of Christopher Lee Cox, subject to all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the Property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon the Property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon the Property; and all matters of record superior to said Security Deed.
This sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1 which permits the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia in limited circumstances, and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loans with the holder of the Security Deed.
Notice has been given of the intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the Note secured by said Security Deed. Notice has also been given, in writing and by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Grantor, of the name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Security Deed and the Note thereby secured in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2(a).
To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the Property is Christopher Lee Cox, or tenant or tenants, and the proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and the expenses of said sale.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
AgGeorgia Farm Credit, ACA, as Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher Lee Cox
Jonathan D. Moore, Esq.
Martin Snow, LLP
240 Third Street
P.O. Box 1606
Macon, Georgia 31202-1606
(478) 749-1700
File No: A0178.70717
May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

26-164 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Charles Richard Andrews, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-56 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
Peggy Diane Andrews has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Charles Richard Andrews, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before June 1, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-212 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: CATHERINE ANN SNYDER, Petitioner. Civil Action No.: 25-CD-0254-JG NOTICE OF CHANGE NAME
PLEASE TAKE Notice that on the 4th day of April 2025, CATHERINE ANN SNYDER filed a Petition in the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia seeking a name change from CATHERINE ANN SNYDER to CATHERINE ANN THUBLIN. Any interested or affected party has the right to appear and file objections. At the expiration of thirty (30) days from the filing of the Petition, upon proof of publication, and if no objection is filed, the Court shall proceed to hear and determine all matters raised by said Petition.
/s/ John P. Harrington
JOHN P. HARRINGTON
Georgia State Bar No. 329040
P.O. Box 130,
Eastman, Georgia 31023
478-374-3488
May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

26-193 STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF TIMOTHY BRYAN IVEY NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
All creditors of the estate of **TIMOTHY BRYAN IVEY** deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This 27th Day of April, 2026
Emily F. Kight
Attorney for the Estate of **TIMOTHY BRYAN IVEY**
Kight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 2056
Dublin, Ga. 31040
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-214 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Tommy Ricks III to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Ameris Bank, its successors and assigns dated March 23, 2018, recorded in Deed Book 2859, Page 210, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Ameris Bank by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3557, Page 162, Laurens County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$47,200.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 2026, the following described property:
SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default having been made of the terms of the Note and Security Deed. The terms remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the total debt, including all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law which includes, but is not limited to, attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Prospective bidders must perform their own due diligence.
Ameris Bank is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.
The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Ameris Bank, 1 Corporate Drive, Suite 360, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, 8475507300.
Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default having been made of the terms of the Note and Security Deed. The terms remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the total debt, including all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law which includes, but is not limited to, attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Prospective bidders must perform their own due diligence.
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Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

26-174 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF Laurens COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Nicamerahnn Jheremiah Johnson
Civil Action File No. 26-CF-0213-WT
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, Laurens County
Notice is hereby given that Nicamerahnn Johnson, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 26 day of February, 2026, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Nicamerahnn Jheremiah Johnson to Cam Jheremiah Stanley. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.
This 11th day of March, 2026.
Nicamerahnn Johnson
Petitioner
April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2026

26-207 NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF JIMMY WILSON KENNEDY
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
All creditors of the Estate of Jimmy Wilson Kennedy, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Albert Hood,
Administrator of the Estate of Jimmy Wilson Kennedy
C/O Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney for Executors
P. O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-181 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
Ernest Perry, Plaintiff v.
Terriona Perry, Defendant
Civil Action File No. 26-CD-0162-JG
NOTICE OF SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: Terriona Perry, Defendant Named Above:
Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as **201 Coleman Ave, East Dublin, GA 31027**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.
ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including some that go beyond the typical one-to-four family residence) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. If applicable, as part of this Rule, buyers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable.* This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.
*The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.
Ameris Bank
as Attorney in Fact for
Tommy Ricks III
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Rd
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"
Tract I: Those tracts or parcels of land, lying and being in Smith District (52nd District G.M.) and being known as Lots No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block "E" of survey of Lakehurst Subdivision made by E. K. Hatten, in July of 1947, plat of which said survey is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 62, Clerk's Office, Superior Court, Laurens County, Georgia, and to which reference is made for further description of the real estate conveyed. Each of said Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 fronting on Coleman Avenue (formerly known as Darien Street) 50 feet, and extending southwesterly with a uniform width a distance of 250 feet, the total frontage on Coleman Avenue (formerly known as Darien Street), being 200 feet.
This is also the same property described in a Warranty Deed from J. Z. Thomas to Annie Catherine Lake Thomas and recorded in Deed Book 267, Page 410, on April 10, 1969, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County.
Tract II: All that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the 52nd District G.M. of Laurens County, Georgia, and being a part of Tract No. 23 of Block "E" of Lakehurst Subdivision, plat of which Subdivision is recorded in Deed Book 2, Page 62, Clerk's Office, Laurens County, Georgia, and further described as: BEGINNING at a point on the southeast side of Poplar Street a distance of 250 feet from the south corner of intersection of Poplar Street and Darien Street (now known as Coleman Avenue) and running thence in a southwesterly direction along Poplar Street a distance of 87 feet to property of Ned Z. Collins; thence in a southeasterly direction a distance of 175 feet to property of R. D. Brown; thence in a northeasterly direction a distance of 87 feet to Lake property; thence in a northwesterly direction a distance of 175 feet to the point of beginning, said tract being bounded on the northwest by Poplar Street; on the northeast by Lake Property; on the southeast by R. D. Brown and on the southwest by property of Ned Z. Collins.
This is also the same property described in an Executor's Deed of Assent from Jim Zenus Thomas to Catherine Thomas and recorded in Deed Book 1608, Page 276, on December 15, 2004, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County.
MR / JD June 2, 2026
Our file no. 25-16857GA-FT18
25-16857GA
May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

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The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.
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This is also the same property described in an Executor's Deed of Assent from Jim Zenus Thomas to Catherine Thomas and recorded in Deed Book 1608, Page 276, on December 15, 2004, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County.
MR / JD June 2, 2026
Our file no. 25-16857GA-FT18
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May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

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

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

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

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

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

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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

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

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

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

File no. 22-079079
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*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

26-192
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
State of Georgia
County of Laurens

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

This 24th day of April, 2026.
James L. Garner, Executor
Of the Last Will and Testament of Linda Sue Garner
Darley Law Firm
121 W. Jackson Street, Ste 101
Dublin, Georgia 31021

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-202
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Catherine Ann Snell, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-58
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

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

Pamela Ann Lee has petitioned for to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Catherine Ann Snell, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before June 1, 2026. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-196
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

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

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-220
NOTICE:

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

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

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

Street Address is **500 Hester Drive, Dublin, Georgia 31021**
Tax Map and Parcel No. D10F 043
Interested Parties Include:
Owners: Brenda Lee Arp (a/k/a Brenda Arp Tard), Cynthia Lavern Arp Smith (deceased), & Joann Arp (a/k/a Joann Arp Denison)
Other Interested Parties: Credit Acceptance Corporation

The relief sought is the abatement of a nuisance pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dublin, Georgia; remedies include, but are not limited to, debris/trash removal, and securing, repair, or demolition of any structures located thereon and a lien on the property for costs of the same. A hearing will be held before the Municipal Court of Dublin, Georgia, located at 346 S. Jefferson Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021 at 2:00PM on the 3rd day of June, 2026.
Jacob W. Poole
Staff Attorney
City of Dublin, Georgia
P.O. Box 690
Dublin, Georgia 31040
(478) 410-5422

May 9, 16, 2026

26-163
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Kenneth W. Snider, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-53
NOTICE

IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s)) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.
TO: Carol Ann Snider, Kenneth W. Snider and Danny J. Snider

This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before June 1, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 2098 Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-219
NOTICE:
TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

An action to abate a nuisance was filed in rem on the 6TH day of May, 2026 and is pending in the Municipal Court of the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, City Docket No. 2026-05-01.

The Parties to the action are: The City of Dublin and the real estate described as follows:
All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia described as follows: Commencing at a point on the west side of West Avenue 208 feet north from the corner of West Avenue and Academy Avenue, extending thence at right angles in a westerly direction 195 feet, thence in a northerly or northwesterly direction and parallel to West Avenue 100 feet, thence in an easterly direction 120.1 feet; thence in a southerly or southeasterly direction 46.2 feet, thence in a northeasterly direction 75 feet to the line of West Avenue, thence along the west side of West Avenue in a southerly or southeasterly direction 57 feet to the point of beginning. This tract of land is improved with a one-story frame dwelling house where Georgia Mae Gibson now resides, known as 508 West Avenue.

Said tract of land herein conveyed is more particularly described by a plat of survey made by Jack C. Brantley, Surveyor, on August 18, 193, and reference to said plat of survey is hereby made as a part of this conveyance, and is recorded in Plat Book 2, folio 491, in said Clerk's Office. Grantor herein is the sole heir at law of the late W.B. Troup and the late Annie Troup. Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements of record.
For Informational Purposes Only:
Street Address is **508 West Avenue, Dublin, Georgia 31021**
Tax Map and Parcel No. D10F 053
Interested Parties Include:
Owners: Tammy Monique Gibson a/k/a Tammy G. Belk
Other Interested Parties: N/A
The relief sought is the abatement of a nuisance pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dublin, Georgia; remedies include, but are not limited to, debris/trash removal, and securing, repair, or demolition of any structures located thereon and a lien on the property for costs of the same. A hearing will be held before the Municipal Court of Dublin, Georgia, located at 346 S. Jefferson Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021 at 2:00PM on the 3rd day of June, 2026.
Jacob W. Poole
Staff Attorney
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By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
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Dublin GA 31040
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May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-182
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF Therlon W. May, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Therlon W. May, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to male immediate payment to me.
Johnny Lee May Jr
Administrator of Therlon W. May, deceased

May 9, 16, 2026

428 Shannon Drive East Dublin, GA 31027
O.C.G.A 53-7-41 states:
"...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four week ins in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2026

26-188
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF FLOYD L. MARTIN, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 20-44
NOTICE

[For discharge from office and all liability]
IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before June 1, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be held scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2564

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-209
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Brittany L. Kibler CIVIL ACTION NO.26-CD-Q377-WT NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-199
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL LEE THOMAS, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 25-171
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Fatimata Ouedraogo, and to whom it may concern:
Shaniqua Latrice Wadley and Lakendra Simone Thomas has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of MICHAEL LEE THOMAS deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before June 1, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 2098 Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

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

May 2, 9, 16, 2026

26-186
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Catherine Ann Snell, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-58
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Donnie Tyler Gay and to whom it may concern:
Pamela Ann Lee has petitioned for Pamela Ann Lee to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Catherine Ann Snell, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before June 1, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
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May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-140
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from AMIGENE C WRIGHT to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN FINANCIAL RESOURCES, INC., dated October 6, 2011, recorded October 6, 2011, in Deed Book 2294, Page 189, and re-recorded February 1, 2013, in Deed Book 2418, Page 203, Laurens County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Seventy-Four Thousand Seventy-Three and 00/100 dollars (\$74,073.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC., there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Laurens County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 232 OF THE 17TH LAND DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING SHOWN AS LOT 18 OF TIMBER RIDGE SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY MARVIN D. CLEMENTS, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED 8/18/94, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 207, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE. ALSO CONVEYED HERewith IS A 1999 FLEETWOOD 28 X 60, SPRINGHILL MANUFACTURED HOME, SERIAL NUMBER GAFLX34AB293315112, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THE REAL PROPERTY.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **1714 BIRDSONG LN E, RENTZ, GA 31075.**

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is AMIGENE C WRIGHT, or tenants(s).

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) purchaser's tendering to Rubin Lublin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale.

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: LoanCare, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 3637 Sentara Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, Telephone Number: 800-909-9525. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, as Attorney in Fact for AMIGENE C WRIGHT
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992
Case No. LNC-26-01044-1
rslaw.com/property-listing

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ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 232 OF THE 17TH LAND DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING SHOWN AS LOT 18 OF TIMBER RIDGE SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY MARVIN D. CLEMENTS, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED 8/18/94, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 207, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE. ALSO CONVEYED HERewith IS A 1999 FLEETWOOD 28 X 60, SPRINGHILL MANUFACTURED HOME, SERIAL NUMBER GAFLX34AB293315112, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THE REAL PROPERTY.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **1714 BIRDSONG LN E, RENTZ, GA 31075.**

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is AMIGENE C WRIGHT, or tenants(s).

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) purchaser's tendering to Rubin Lublin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale.

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May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

26-186
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Catherine Ann Snell, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-58
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Donnie Tyler Gay and to whom it may concern:
Pamela Ann Lee has petitioned for Pamela Ann Lee to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Catherine Ann Snell, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before June 1, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be held scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
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May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2026

26-216
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY

IN RE: ESTATE OF SALLY K. BATTLE NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

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

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

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

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

The petition of Steve Anthony Russell, for an order declaring no administration is necessary in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,
TO: whom it may concern
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition, in the Court on or before June 1, 2026.

May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

26-162
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Barry Glenn Price, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-52
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
Notice of Sale Under Power. State of Georgia, County of LAURENS. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by CLAYTON E CHILDERS AND MYRA F CHILDERS to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS") AS NOMINEE FOR MORRIS BANK , dated 03/21/2019, and Recorded on 03/22/2019 as Book No. 2940 and Page No. 18, LAURENS County, Georgia records, as last assigned to FIRSTBANK (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$97,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the LAURENS County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 2026, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT AND PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING HALF OF ALL OF LOT 76 AND ALL OF LOT 77 OF GREEN ACRES SUBDIVISION EXTENSION AS SHOWN BY A PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 , PAGE 58, IN



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Woman's Home Feels More Like a Prison

DEAR ABBY: I have been medically retired for three years. My husband, who has always been a stay-at-home dad, is now on Social Security and is home with me. He has a variety of interests and is healthy and able to get around more than I am.

Earlier in our marriage, I had a cat, "Miss Kitty," who was my companion and whom I adored. She would greet me at the door and lay with me when I was sick. I had her for 22 years. At the time, my husband helped with her litter box and feeding. Miss Kitty has been gone for 12 years. I would love to get another cat for companionship as I am home all the time and often in my room due to my disability. I could take care of it with the advances in pet supply technology (self-cleaning litter boxes, etc.).

My problem is, my husband doesn't want a cat in the house. He says we have "done this" already. I have talked with him and expressed that I have supported all his hobbies -- every single one he has ever engaged in -- with no complaint. I explained that I am often alone when he leaves and that I get lonely. I also let him know that because I am home full time, I can take care of the cat completely. All supplies can be delivered. They even have a veterinarian who can do home visits.

Abby, how does one work with stubborn husbands? I am working with my primary care doctor for my mood. However, pet therapy is a real benefit, and I grew up with the love of cat ownership. Is there a better way to communicate or compromise that I cannot think of? -- CAT COMPANION IN OHIO

DEAR CAT COMPANION: Your husband isn't so much stubborn as he is selfish. Loneliness can cause depression, and you don't need any more of that than you already suffer. Because your husband is having trouble understanding that being alone in the house for extended periods isn't good for your mental health (or physical health for that matter), perhaps your doctor can explain it to him. Your next step is to have a chat with your physician about the situation at home and ask for help.

DEAR ABBY: I'm dating a guy I don't completely trust. I feel he's evasive and not completely honest about his finances or his relationship with his daughter's mother. There have been two occasions when I didn't believe he was where he claimed to be. I'm afraid of commitment after becoming a widow and recently divorcing a narcissist. How do I know if this one is trustworthy, or if I should run? -- BAD LUCK IN MARYLAND

DEAR BAD LUCK: I'll tell you how. Listen to your intuition. It's a protective mechanism deep inside our brains that warns of danger. If something doesn't seem right -- doesn't feel right -- don't ignore it. Listen to your gut and back away from anyone you suspect of being less than truthful.

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.

SUDOKU

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

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

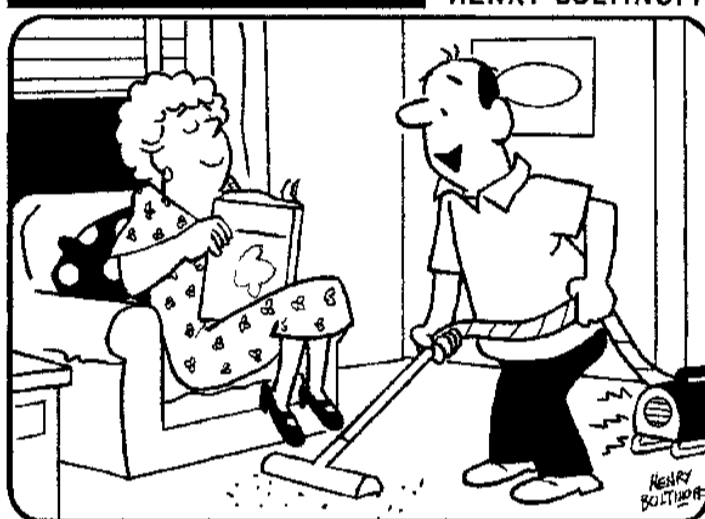
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

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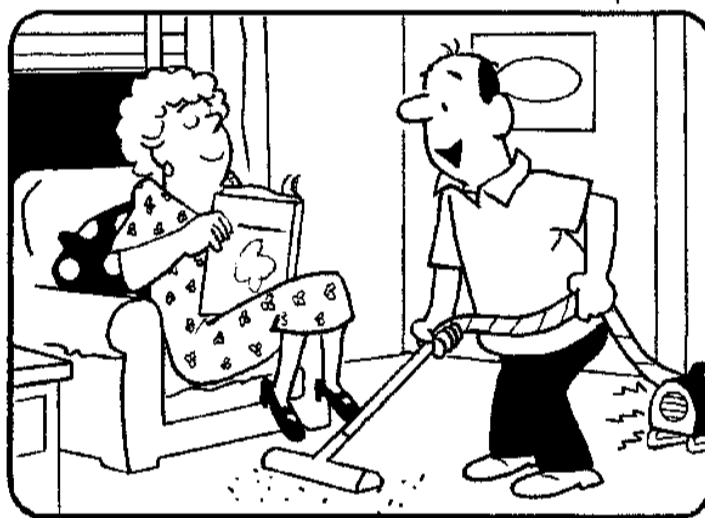
ANSWER:

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



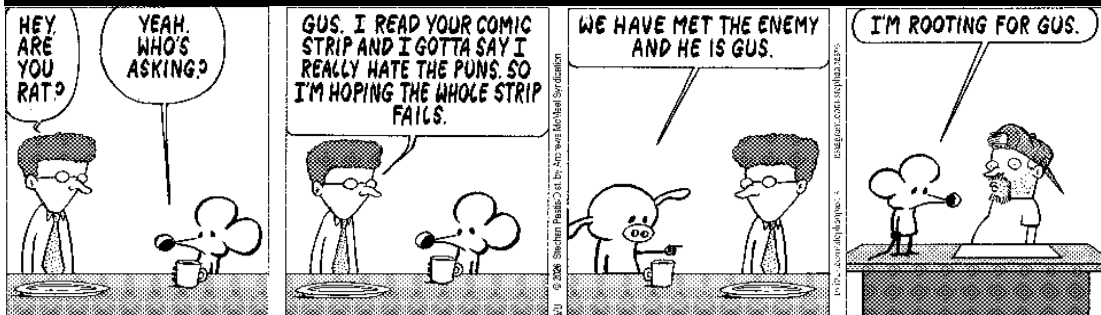
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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

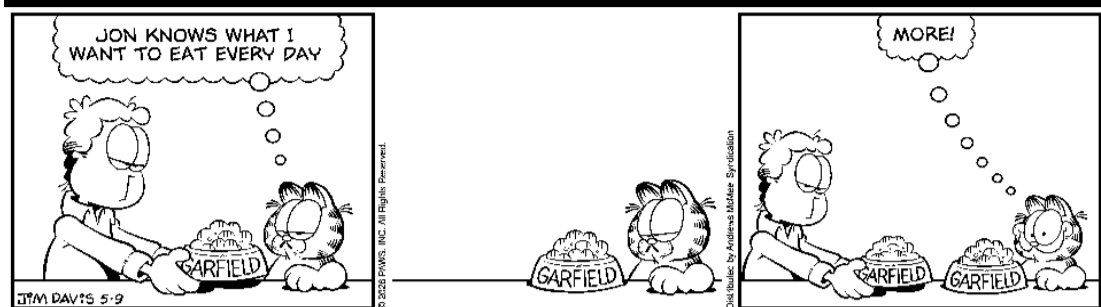
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



OVERBOARD

BY CHIP DUNHAM



DEFLOCKED

BY JEFF CORRIVEAU



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

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

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

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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Kingdom
- 6 Avocado dip, for short
- 10 With great skill
- 14 Put on, as makeup
- 15 Akron's state
- 16 Leg muscle, for short
- 17 Himalayan country
- 18 College housing
- 19 Large coffee holders
- 20 Police dog, often: 2 wds.
- 23 "I'm all ___!"
- 24 Out of batteries
- 25 Word files
- 27 Bank convenience: Abbr.
- 30 Believes in
- 34 ___Pen (lifesaving device)
- 35 Clear leaves
- 37 Geneva scientific group: Abbr.
- 38 Donkey's sound
- 40 Helsinki natives
- 41 Ash or maple
- 42 Brit's "bye-bye"
- 43 Brand's emblem
- 44 Charitable ad: Abbr.
- 45 Himalayan guide
- 47 Busy Georgia airport: Abbr.
- 49 Work station
- 50 Free software version
- 52 Actress Cannon
- 54 Gave a false account of
- 60 Turkish currency
- 61 Require
- 62 Physically nimble
- 63 Adored person
- 64 Street ___ (reputation)
- 65 Taste or touch
- 66 Eat at a restaurant
- 67 Like some chardonnays

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- 1 Pealed
- 2 Fencing sword
- 3 Be thankful for
- 4 Andes animals
- 5 Shiny balloon material
- 6 Deities
- 7 "We're in trouble!"
- 8 Was on TV
- 9 Enters a tournament
- 10 Water conduit
- 11 Hamilton's foe
- 12 Real estate
- 13 NFL units: Abbr.
- 21 Hush-hush group: Abbr.
- 22 Chuckling syllable
- 25 Amounts owed
- 26 Winfrey of media
- 28 Group of three
- 29 Japanese comics
- 31 Snaky
- 32 Lock of hair

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Saturday, May 9, 2026

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠AK53♥QJ9832♦3♣105

♠J93♥AKQJ♦KQ102♣J

Right-hand opponent passes. What action would you take?

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♥ Pass 3NT Pass
?

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

♠A64♥98543♦94♣742

Q 2 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠73♥KQ532♦AJ73♣J3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ Dbl ?
What call would you make?

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Pass Pass INT ?
What action would you take?

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

♠AK105♥KQ1032♦K♣743

Q 3 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠J8♥K53♦KQJ76♣J62

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
INT Pass ?
How would you proceed?

You are the dealer. What is your call?

Look for answers on Monday.

Q 4 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

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

Final Saturday, week for early voting

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**
Senior Reporter

Only 38 people voted during last Saturday's early voting, but one more Saturday and another week remain before voters will have to be cast at the various precincts.

Advance voting for the general primary/non-partisan election will be held at the Laurens County Board of Elections and Registration Office at 117 E. Jackson St., Suite A, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 9. The final week of early voting will go from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

As of Wednesday, 1,191 people have cast a ballot during early voting. Of those, 678 voted Republican, 503 were Democrats and 10 were non-partisan, said Susan Rooks, election supervisor of the Laurens County Board of Elections and Registration.

Her office has mailed out 135 Democratic absentee ballots, of which 62 have been returned. The office has mailed 110 Republican absentee bal-

lots, of which 38 have returned.

"We expect to get busier next week," Rooks said. "Last Saturday was slow, so I'm hoping this Saturday will be busier."

On the ballot will be the Laurens County Commissioner District 1 race between incumbent Brenda Chain and challenger Carolyn McCune in the Democratic primary. Only District 1 voters who select a Democratic ballot will be able to vote in this race.

The other contested local race will decide who fills the vacant term for Ricky Harrison on Dudley City Council. Jennifer "Jenny" Taylor and Jay Powell qualified for the position. Rooks said only those living in the city of Dudley will be able to vote in this race.

These two races will be decided in the primary, Rooks said.

Matt Hatchett, incumbent state representative for District 155, will face challenger Cayce Cook in the Republican primary. Only those who se-

lect a Republican ballot can vote in this race. The winner will face Democratic challenger Joe Powers in November.

County Commissioners Kevin Tanner (District 5) and Jimmy Rogers (District 4) will both be on the Republican ticket but face no opposition. Kevin Malone and Jennifer "J." Stone will also be on the ballots for their respective Laurens County Board of Education seats. Malone (District 4) and Stone (District 1) had no opposition. Kathy Sweat, who is currently in the District 1 seat and served three terms on the board, announced earlier this year that she would not seek a fourth term.

Those who do not take advantage of early voting will have an opportunity to vote in the primary that will be held on Tuesday, May 19. If there is a runoff from these races, it will be held on June 16, Rooks said.

For more information, call Rooks at the Laurens County Board of Elections & Registration Office at (478) 272-2841.

COUNTY COMMISSION

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"If they bring us the dog, that will save them some money," Rogers said.

Also at the meeting, the commission voted to put up signs prohibiting big-rig truckers, especially log truck drivers, from using certain county roads as shortcuts.

"These roads are only 19 feet wide, and are really old roads," Rogers told the commissioners. "They're not set up to hold that weight."

Big trucks will be prohibited on the following roads: Country Club; Marie Church; Blackshear Ferry; Harry Green; and Chappell Mill.

"I know truckers are hurting as much as anybody else, but a lot of these guys will take any shortcut they can," said Commissioner Trae Kemp. "We have got to think about public safety and about

maintaining these roads."

In other business, the commission approved the purchase of all-terrain vehicles for the W.H. "Bud" Barron Airport and for Laurens County Rural Fire. The airport and fire department have been sharing the same, small "worn-out" ATV, Rogers said.

The fire department's need for a new ATV has been amplified recently by numerous fires in wooded and other hard-to-reach areas due to drought and dry conditions. The fire department has an 80-gallon tank attachment for the ATV.

The airport uses the ATV for "a lot of spraying" on the property and to drag areas to remove loose rocks.

The county received four bids from local vendors. The board approved buying a Honda ATV for the fire department, at \$18,599, and a Polaris for the airport, at \$15,280.



Work is underway on a GasPro Travel Center off Ga. 29 in East Dublin/RODNEY MANLEY

Travel center coming to East Dublin

By **RODNEY MANLEY**
Staff Reporter

Georgia-based GasPro has started construction in East Dublin for its newest travel center.

Gas Pro operates 10 travel centers, including ones in Statesboro and Augusta and two in South Carolina. The East Dublin location

will be at the corner of Soperton Avenue and Oakwood Drive.

"That will help the economy over here," said East Dublin Mayor George Gornito. "We have a lot of transfer trucks in East Dublin. This will help them."

In addition to typical convenience store items, Gas Pro offers hot food in-

cluding breakfast items and a lunch-dinner menu with wings, tenders and fried chicken, fish and pork chops. The travel centers cater to truckers with accessories, ample parking, shower facilities and rest areas.

The East Dublin center will sit on five acres. The opening date could depend on pending road work.

Georgia secretary of state candidates split over of 2020 election results

By **TY TAGAMI**
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — When Georgia voters complete their ballots this year, one of the people they select will be the next person in charge of overseeing elections.

The Georgia Secretary of State handles business registration, professional licensing and regulation of charities and securities, all essential to the economy.

But that elected official also serves a role that is vital to the operation of democracy: voter registration, ballot preparation and certification of election results.

The upheaval that followed President Donald Trump's assertion that he won the 2020 election is the main wedge between candidates running for secretary of state this year.

All but one Republican said at a debate last week that the 2020 outcome was still in question and that the electronic voting system in use in Georgia then and now is deeply flawed.

"I think 2020 is still in question to be frank with you," said Kelvin King, whose wife, Janelle King, is a Republican appointee to the State Election Board. "The things that I've learned studying our elections have been just startling. The bottom line is this: we haven't had a clean election over the last several elections."

Ted Metz, who described himself as an inventor, said "it is clear to anyone that has a brain" that the voting

system is plagued by "irregularities" in vote counting and in administrative and procedural functions. "There are so many botched things," he said.

Former DeKalb County CEO Vernon Jones, who was a Democrat but switched to the Republican Party, said defenders of the current system say there was no "widespread" fraud. "Well, people want to know how wide was the wide," he said.

Only Gabe Sterling, a former chief operating officer for Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, said voters trust the outcomes produced by the current system. He pointed to record turnout for early vot-

ing for the May 19 primary, which had started by the time of the April 28 debate. "We have the best and safest elections in America," he said.

The tone among Democrats, who debated later that afternoon, indicated faith in election integrity and wariness of naysayers.

Penny Brown Reynolds, a former Fulton County State Court judge, lashed out at Republican state lawmakers for stripping Raffensperger, also a Republican, of his voting powers on the State Election Board. Lawmakers did that after Raffensperger clashed with Trump over the outcome of the 2020 election.

NEWS DIGEST

The DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the board office. The agenda includes:

- Call to order
- Invocation/pledge to flag
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes - April 27, 2026
- DCS board norm/protocol
- Board code of ethics
- Public comments
- Superintendent comments/announcements
- General administration
 - School spotlight
 - Summer floor maintenance approval
 - Irish Healthcare sponsorship change
 - DCS progress update
- Board member comments
- Executive session
 - Discussion of personnel
 - Discussion of real estate
 - Discussion of litigation
- Return to regular session
 - Approval of personnel
- Adjournment

FIRE

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"During the overhaul process, they used their excavator and were able to move some of the material so that we could have better access to put water on it."

Fire officials left the scene at around 2:27 p.m.

"None of the workers were hurt and none of the firefighters were hurt," the chief said. "With the magnitude of what it was and where it was, it could have very easily been worse."

He thanked EDFD and DFD for their help in battling the blaze.

"We all came together," McCard said.

"East Dublin is an automatic aid to that area. Dublin was mutual aid because I requested them. I estimate that the pile was probably 30 to 40 foot high. Without the assistance of the tower truck, it would have been an uphill battle. It was a valuable asset for us to be able to extinguish that fire as quickly as we did."

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

05/09/2026
Laurens County
117 East Jackson Street
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-4755

These notices satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Laurens County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 27, 2026, Laurens County will submit a request to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Laurens County FY 2025 CDBG for the purpose of providing renovations to the Laurens County Senior Center located at 112 Nathaniel Dr, East Dublin, GA 31027 at a total estimated cost of \$1,139,691.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Laurens County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Laurens Co. Board of Commissioners Office 117 East Jackson Street #B, Dublin, GA 31040 and may be examined or copied on weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The ERR is also on file at Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, 5405 Oak Street, Eastman, Georgia and may be examined or copied on weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Contact Person is Camary Sampson and can be reached by phone at 912-244-2529. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, 5405 Oak Street, Eastman, Georgia. All comments received by May 26, 2026, will be considered by the Laurens County Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify this Laurens County Notice.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Laurens County certifies to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs that Jimmy Rogers in his capacity as Chair of Laurens County Board of Commissioners, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Georgia Department of Community Affairs' approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Laurens County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Georgia Department of Community Affairs will accept objections to its release of funds and Laurens County certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Laurens County (b) the Laurens County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by Georgia Department of Community Affairs; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs at 60 Executive Park South, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30329. Potential objectors should contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to verify the actual last day of the objection period on June 12, 2026.

Jimmy Rogers, Chair, Laurens County Board of Commissioners