

Holland named finalist for Dublin superintendent

By **RODNEY MANLEY**
Staff Reporter

DeMarcos "Marco" Holland, chief human resources officer for Marietta City Schools, has been named the sole finalist for the Dublin City Schools' superintendent job.

The Dublin City Board of Education voted at a called meeting Wednesday night to approve Holland as the finalist. A vote to hire Holland is expected in two weeks. State law requires that a finalist or finalists for the position must be an-

nounced at least 14 days before a vote on the hiring can be taken.

"He was easily the No. 1 choice," board member James Lanier said.

Holland, who has also worked at the city school system in Carrolton, has worked in education for more than two decades, starting as a teacher and administrator before moving into district leadership roles.

Holland was one of more than 25 candidates to apply to lead the Dublin City Schools. He will be

tasked with turning around a school system mired in a multi-million dollar deficit.

"I am honored and humbled to be named the sole finalist for the superintendent position in Dublin City Schools," Holland said in a release from the district. "Dublin is a community with a rich tradition of excellence and pride. I look forward to learning from stakeholders across the district and working alongside students, staff, families, and community partners to continue advancing opportunities and outcomes for every

child." The board approved Holland with a unanimous vote, which several members noted after several recent issues left members divided.

"He was the one we all agreed on, and that was very important," said member Peggy Johnson. "We wanted the new superintendent to come in here with the full support of the board."

The superintendent's search was conducted by the Georgia School Boards Association, which helped narrow the field of candidates and guided the board

through the process.

"This process was a very expensive process, and they did it for free," Lanier noted.

"We had some excellent, excellent candidates," said board member Kenny Walters.

Board member Jeff Davis thanked Holland for stepping into the role.

"For knowing what he's getting into and saying, 'Here I am and send me,'" said Davis. "He wants to be



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HOLLAND



Young participants pet a ball python during the show at the Laurens County Library/PAYTON TOWNS III

Checking out snakes: Reptiles take spotlight during library's Summer Reading Program

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**
Senior Reporter

Jason Clark has heard it for years: "The only good snake is a dead snake."

Clark, the head of Southeastern Reptile Rescue, informed the children and

adults packed into the Laurens County Library that even the snakes with venom have provided scientists with many cures for human diseases.

"Their venom has been good for medicine," Clark said. "Something in their venom has helped with cancer. Just because you don't understand or like them doesn't mean you have to destroy them."

Clark was the entertainment for Wednesday's Summer Reading Program. This is the one time during the year when it is OK for children – and even adults – to scream in the library.

"They are allowed to do that," said Laurens County Library Director Beverly Brown. "Adults, too. He has fun with it, and we have a good time."

Approximately 45 minutes before the 2 p.m. start of the show, parking at the library was beginning to run out. By the time Clark

was introduced, people had parked on the sides of multiple roads as parents and guardians walked their children into the library for one of the most anticipated summer reading program shows each year.

"This is the big show," said Shelby Lyn Mathis, head of children and youth service at the library. "I think he is something different. He normally brings snakes and amphibians. He gets them out and teaches the kids about them, and he's funny in the way that he is doing it so that they don't realize that they are learning. There is a shock value to the way he does it. You never know which animal he's going to pull out, and he makes a big production out of it."

Brown said the program is more than just a show. It provides education for both parents and children.

"It is best to learn this as a child so that you are not

afraid of the snakes when you grow up," Brown said. "As Jason has taught us, you are not supposed to kill all snakes. We're supposed to learn to identify them. I am just amazed that in all of the years that Jason has been coming here, this program has continued to bring the largest crowds each year."

In all, Clark showed and talked about rat snakes, copperheads, cottonmouths, rattlesnakes, ball pythons and a bearded dragon in front of approximately 200 children.

During Clark's introduction, he asked children if they liked to play outside. If they do, then they are more than likely around different kinds of snakes.

"It is important to be able to see these snakes," Clark said. "When people grab for a water hose, there could be a snake near

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Local officials seek to fast-track vote on property tax relief

By **RODNEY MANLEY**
Staff Reporter

Already with some of lower tax rates in the state, Dublin and Laurens County homeowners could pay no property taxes – except for those levied by the school boards – if officials are successful at fast-tracking local legislation through ahead of schedule as the General Assembly begins its special session this week.

A new law allows counties and municipalities to pass – through voter referendum – a new sales tax that would directly offset property taxes paid on primary residences. A penny sales tax typically generates about \$13.5 million for Laurens County, which County Administrator Bryan Rogers would not only be enough to eliminate taxes on homesteaded properties but also much of the taxes paid by commercial and rental property owners.

"It could wipe out everybody's taxes in the county," Rogers said, "but I want to be clear – this does not affect school taxes."

Revenue from the new "local homestead option sales tax," or LHOST, would be used "dollar for dollar" to offset property taxes on res-

idences, Rogers said. "We project it "Everything else would go to reduce other property taxes."

The law sets earliest the new tax can take effect as 2028, but local officials see the special session that opened Wednesday as a door to getting in place earlier.

County and city officials from Dublin, East Dublin, Cadwell, Dexter, Dudley, Montrose and Rentz scurried last week get an agreement and required advertisements in place to allow state Rep. Matt Hatchett to introduce local legislation calling for a voter referendum this fall.

Some other counties also plan to get a jump on the new sales tax, and Gov. Brian Kemp has announced that he will allow the Legislature to consider any local LHOST legislation during the special session. However, it's unclear if lawmakers must vote to change to 2028 effective date on the tax so that it can be begin a year early.

"We doing this on short notice," said Rogers. "Nobody thought there would be a special session, so we're doing a lot of this on the fly. If it works out we can get it on November's ballot."

Georgia Republicans decline to redraw maps during special session

By **TY TAGAMI**
Capitol Beat

ATLANTA — Republican lawmakers in Georgia will not redraw election maps as suggested by Gov. Brian Kemp, leaders of the House and Senate said Wednesday afternoon, less than an hour before gaveling in for their special session.

House Speaker Jon Burns, R-Newington, and Senate President Pro Tem Larry Walker III, R-Perry, both cited ongoing litigation over Georgia's maps, saying it was too soon to consider new ones.

"We knew it was not the right time for our state," Burns said.

Kemp put the issue on the table earlier this month with a revised proclamation for a special session. He had originally called lawmakers back to the Capitol to address their July 1 ban on using QR codes to tally votes. It is an urgent matter given the special election scheduled for July to fill the unexpired term of U.S. Rep. David Scott, a Democrat who died in April.

When lawmakers met for their regular session earlier this year, they failed to adopt or fund an alternate method of voting.

Then, on June 3, Kemp issued a revised proclamation asking lawmakers to also consider redrawing election maps. His request cited the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in April that weakened the 1965 Voting Rights Act's protections against maps that dilute minority voting strength.

Republicans in some other states quickly redrew district lines after the Supreme Court ruling, prompting protests.

And protesters filled Georgia's Gold Dome Wednesday, saying Republicans were seeking to cling to power by marginalizing Black voters.

Democrats capitalized on their anger, holding a news conference at the Capitol ahead of the Republicans.

Charlie Bailey, chair of the Democratic Party of Georgia, predicted the GOP

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Jason Clark carefully handles a copperhead while giving pointers on how to identify the snake/PAYTON TOWNS III

OBITUARIES



Charles "Brent" Lowe

Charles "Brent" Lowe, age 50, passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at his residence, leaving behind a legacy of service, leadership and devotion to those he cherished most. Throughout his life, Brent was known as a dedicated educator, respected leader, loving husband, devoted father, loyal friend and passionate outdoorsman.

Brent devoted his professional life to serving students, families and educators across Georgia. As superintendent of the Butts County School System, he led with vision, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to ensure that every child had the opportunity to succeed. Prior to his service in Butts County, Brent served as Superintendent of the Crawford County School System and as an assistant superintendent, teacher, and coach in the Pulaski County School System. Throughout his career, he earned the respect and admiration of colleagues, students, and communities through his servant leadership, strong work ethic, and genuine care for others.

While Brent's professional accomplishments were many, his greatest source of pride and joy was his family. Above all else, he was a devoted husband who cherished the love and partnership he shared with his wife, Brandi Foskey Lowe, for almost 21 years. Their marriage was built on faith, mutual respect, unwavering commitment and a deep love for one another, providing a strong foundation for their family and serving as a model of devotion for all who knew them.

As a father, Brent was a constant source of strength, encouragement, and guidance to his beloved triplets, Charles Ander "Cal" Lowe, Clinton Thomas Lowe, and Maggie Abigail Lowe. He led by example, teaching his children the values of integrity, perseverance, kindness, humility, and service to others. He celebrated their successes, supported them through challenges, and never missed an opportunity to remind them how deeply they were loved. The lessons he taught and the memories he created will remain a lasting gift to those he loved most.

Brent also had a deep appreciation for the outdoors and a lifelong passion for hunting and fishing. Some of his happiest moments were spent in the woods,

in the fields, or on annual fishing trips, enjoying the fellowship of family and his many friends. He treasured the traditions, stories, and friendships that accompanied each hunting and fishing season and found great joy in sharing those experiences with others. Whether in a deer stand before daylight, on the water with friends, or gathered around sharing stories after a successful day outdoors, Brent found peace, purpose and happiness in God's creation.

In addition to his wife and children, Brent is survived by his parents, Ronnie and Teresa Lowe; his sister, Rhonda (Russell) Gulley; his brother, Ben Lowe; his sister-in-law, Sandi (Keith) Waddell all of Thomaston, Georgia; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Teddy and Gail Holton; his brother-in-law, Scott (Crissy) Richardson; his sister-in-law, Rena Hackle all of Soperton, Georgia; his nephews, Logan (Bri) Gulley, Brooks Gulley, Cason Waddell, Jackson Richardson, Wyatt Lowe and; his nieces, Ashley (Bailey) Bryson, Jady Richardson, Abbi Lowe, Calleigh Waddell; and numerous other extended family members, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his nephew, Jon Barron Gulley; his maternal grandparents, Magnus and Lucille Perdue; and his paternal grandparents, Thomas and Lillian Lowe. Though his leadership touched countless lives through education, the impact he made within his own family will forever remain his most meaningful accomplishment. Brent's legacy lives on in the lives he shaped, the students he inspired, the communities he strengthened, the family he loved, and the outdoor traditions he cherished.

He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his family, friends, colleagues, former students, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Visitation was held at the Butts County Performing Arts Center, on Thursday, June 18, 2026, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Services were held at the Butts County Performing Arts Center on Friday, June 19, 2026, at 11 a.m.

The Butts County Performing Arts Center was one of Brent's proudest accomplishments. He played a key role in designing both the architectural structure and interior of the facility. The Performing Arts Center is located at 405 Franklin Street, Jackson, Georgia 30233.

Burial will be at Glenwood Cemetery, 320 South Bethel Street, Thomaston, GA 30286.

The Brent Lowe Memorial Fund has been established at United Bank to support a college fund for the triplets. Those wishing to make a

memorial contribution may do so in person or by mail to United Bank, 150 Covington Street, Jackson, GA 30233.

Those who wish may sign the online guest registry at www.westburyfuneralhomes.com.

Sherrell Westbury in Jackson, Georgia and Fletcher-Day in Thomaston are in charge of the arrangements.



Marie Smith Salter

Celebration of life services for Mrs. Marie Smith Salter will be held Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 12 p.m. Location: Serenity Funeral Home 414 Telfair Street - Dublin, Georgia. Rev. Kendrick K. Mack will serve as eulogist. Interment will follow at Smith Family Cemetery. Public viewing was held on Friday, June 19, 2026, at Serenity Funeral Home - Dublin from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Mrs. Marie Smith Salter was born on Dec. 31, 1925, to the late Owen and Mozell McCullars. She lived a long and blessed life, marked by faith, love, hard work and unwavering devotion to her family.

Marie was united in holy matrimony with the late Lemmie Smith, and together they were blessed with nine children. As a devoted wife and mother, she dedicated her life to nurturing her family and providing a loving home. Though she endured the heartbreaking loss of three sons at an early age, she remained a pillar of strength and resilience for those she loved.

Known for her caring spirit and strong work ethic, Marie spent many years working as a private sitter, compassionately caring for others in their times of need. Her kindness, patience, and gentle nature touched countless lives and left a lasting impression on everyone who knew her.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, Owen and Mozell McCullars; her husband, Lemmie Smith; three sons, Linton Smith, Alvin Smith, and David Smith; two grandsons, Chris Moore and Carlos Smith; one great-granddaughter, Covah O. Taylor; a daughter-in-law, Cynthia P. Smith; and a son-in-law, Okey Hammonds.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories in the hearts of

her children: Jeanell Hammonds of Jamaica, New York; Nathaniel Smith, Brenda Moore, and Lennie Tharpe, all of Rentz, Georgia. She is also survived by her beloved daughters-in-law, Rosie Smith and Karen Smith; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Mrs. Marie Smith Salter's life was a testament to perseverance, compassion, and the enduring power of family. Her love, wisdom, and gentle presence will be deeply missed, but her legacy will continue to live on through the many lives she touched. May her memory forever remain a source of comfort and inspiration to all who knew and loved her.

Serenity Funeral Home - Dublin has charge of arrangements.



Gene Mandel Scrutchins

Celebration of life services for Mr. Gene Mandel Scrutchins will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 11 a.m. Location - Mt. Tilla Baptist Church 2424 US Highway 441 S. Irwinton, Georgia. Rev. Clarence Thomas Sr. will officiate and Pastor Harold J. Banks will serve as eulogist. Public viewing was held at Serenity Funeral Home - Dublin on Friday, June 19, 2026 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Deacon Gene Mandel Scrutchins was born on July 24, 1938, in Laurens County, Dublin, Georgia, to the late Rev. Wiley Lawson Scrutchins and the late Buther Scrutchins-Alford.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Mr. Clarence Alford; four brothers, Mr. Johnny Scrutchins, Mr. Wiley Scrutchins, Rev. Spencer (Louselma) Scrutchins, and Mr. Albert Scrutchins; and one sister, Ms. Ethel L. Baker.

When God called Deacon Scrutchins home, he was faithfully serving as the Senior Deacon of Mount Tilla Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Harold J. Banks. He retired from McMillan Publishing Company after many years of dedicated service. Gene enjoyed fishing, singing and handyman work, and was known for his willingness to

lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

One of his most unforgettable memories was being a member of a singing group that had the opportunity to open for the legendary Earth, Wind & Fire. Another cherished memory was singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at a major league baseball game, an experience that brought him great pride and joy.

During his illness, Deacon Scrutchins was blessed to receive exceptional care and unwavering compassion from Mrs. Willie Pearl Tharpe, whose kindness, patience, and loving support brought comfort to both him and his family. Her dedication and selfless service will always be remembered with deep appreciation and gratitude.

Deacon Scrutchins leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Mrs. Gwen Scrutchins; daughters, Tricia Scrutchins and Sheanna Chappell; son, Jarrick Chappell; grandchildren, Chanell Scrutchins, Javon Scrutchins and Kade Johnson. He also leaves six great-grandchildren, Kaleya Scrutchins, Jayden Scrutchins, Jordan Scrutchins, Jovonie Scrutchins, Gabriel Scrutchins, and Nicholas DeSintis; sisters-in-law, Elder Dianne (Bishop Arthur) Fulton and Janetta (Hugh) Hall; brothers-in-law, Steve (Kordel) Moore and Benjamin Moore; and a host of cherished cousins, relatives, nieces, nephews, and friends.

His life was a testament to faith, family, and service. Deacon Gene Mandel Scrutchins will forever be

remembered for his steadfast devotion to God, his love for music, and the warmth and wisdom he shared with all who knew him. Though he has departed this earthly life, his legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of his family, especially in the memories of Kade Johnson, who lovingly called him Papa.

The family will receive family and friends at the home address - 797 Pointe West Loop Dublin, Georgia 31021 between the hours of 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Serenity Funeral Home - Dublin has charge of arrangements.



Tiny L. Clover Parks

Mrs. Tiny L. Clover Parks of Raleigh, North Carolina, departed her life on Sunday, June 14, 2026. She was the daughter of the late Holyfield and Ceola Clover.

Mrs. Parks is survived by her sisters, Sandra Taylor and Carolyn Wallar, of Dublin, Georgia.

Please contact Lea Funeral Home, Raleigh, NC (919-231-1000) for more service information.

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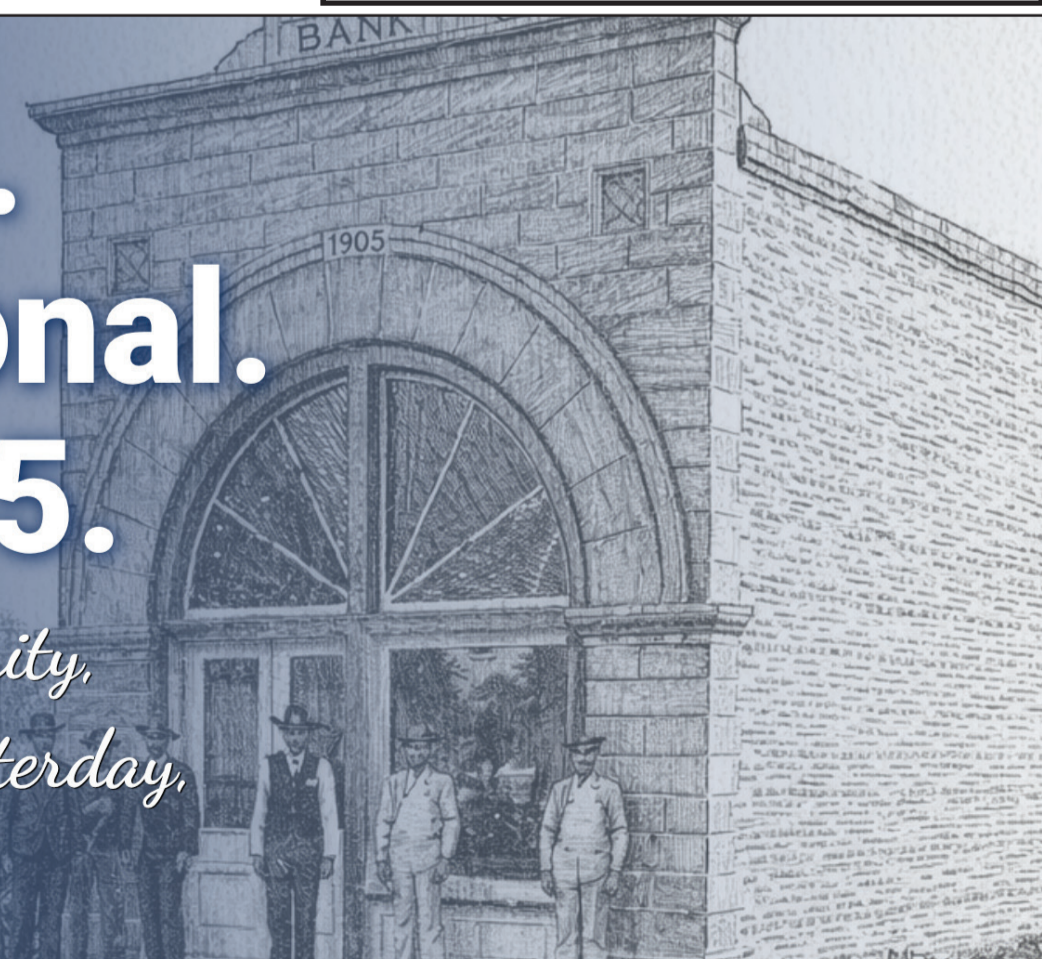
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Lula Beatrice Brantley

Funeral services for Mrs. Lula Beatrice Brantley, lovingly known as "Bea" or "Lula B.," will be held on Sunday, June 21, 2026, at 1 p.m. at the Community Missionary Baptist Church, 627 James Grove Church Road in Wrightsville. Rev. Benny Brantley Sr., will deliver the eulogy. Interment will follow in the Dudley Memorial Cemetery.

Lula Hicks Brantley was born on Aug. 17, 1935, in Wrightsville, Georgia to the parentage of the late John B. and Lula W. Hicks. Lula joined the Mount Pleasant CME Church at an early age and was educated through the Dock Kemp Public School of Johnson County.

Lula married the love of her life, Rev. Lewis Brantley, and they shared 63 years of holy matrimony until Lewis was called to his Heavenly home. She dedicated her life to raising their 10 children, a role she embraced with an unwavering commitment and endless love. Her love for the outdoors was matched only by her love for her family. Her home was her sanctuary, where she nurtured her family with the beauty of her garden from which she grew fruits and vegetables for the countless delicious meals she prepared daily. Her kitchen was a place where the tantalizing aromas of home-cooked meals mingled with the sounds of infectious laughter.

Lula's life was a tapestry of faith, love, hope, strength empowered only by the Holy Spirit, and side-splitting humor! Those who knew her were touched by her kindness, her radiant spirit, and her ability to bring laughter to any situation.

Lula was a founding member of the Brantley Chapel Church of God in Christ when she joined in October 1963 and served faithfully as the "Mother of the Church" from December 1990 until her passing. Lula was also a member of the St. Galilee Missionary Baptist Church WMBA Society. She was the epitome of a virtuous Proverbs 31 woman! Her love for the Lord was captivating to all who knew her, and her spiritual compassion left an impactful imprint where-ever she went. Lula was a profound prayer warrior for Jesus, interceding in spiritual warfare through the power of The Holy Spirit.

Lula was preceded in death by her beloved Lewis; sons John, Herbert, and David; daughter-in-love Gwen Brantley; grandson Benny Brantley Jr.; and granddaughter LaKisha Jones. Lula leaves to cherish her many fond and loving memories her devoted children: Ernestine Lilley, Geri Sebastian, Benny (Marie) Brantley, Sr, Warren Brantley, Anthony (Shirley) Brantley, Wyman (Tricia) Brantley, Carolyn (Keith) Davis; a dotting sister, Johnnie W. (Carl, Sr.) Young of Philadelphia,

PA; a brother, William Hicks of Manassas, Va.; sisters-in-law: Trudie Brantley of East Dublin, Ga., Ruth Hicks of Dorchester, Ma., Annie R. Brantley of Morven, N.C.; a brother-in-law Eddie (Lillian) Brantley of Miami, FL; 20 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends who all brought her immense joy and pride.

On Thursday, June 11, 2026, Lula was promoted to heaven and peacefully entered her eternal home in glory! While we deeply mourn her passing and will sorely miss her beautiful smile, we know she is reunited with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and she is still interceding on our behalf, beckoning us to join her in that Land.

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

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.



James Williams

Memorial Services for Mr. James Williams will be held Friday, June 19, 2026, at 11 a.m. Location: Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses 2424 US 441 South - Dublin, Georgia 31021. Bro. Joe Young will serve as speaker.

On June 12, 2026, Mr. James Williams, fell asleep in death. He leaves behind his loving wife, Edna R. Williams; daughter, Ruth Ellen Jackson, of Richmond Hill, Georgia; son, Anthony Barns of Vineland, New Jersey; and sister, Addie Mae Felder of Wilson, South Carolina.

He also leaves behind nine grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Rosette Williams; father, Joseph Williams; grandmother, Ollie Ruth Priestler; grandfather, Elliott Knight; sister, Myrtis Boatright of Blackville, South Carolina.

Public viewing will be held Thursday, June 18, from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Serenity Funeral Home - Dublin has charge of arrangements.

BIBLE TRIVIA

By WILSON CASEY
King Features

1. Is the book of Darius (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In biblical times, how long did the journey of Ezra ordinarily take from Babylon to Jerusalem? 3 days, 4 months, 2 years, 5 years
3. From Philippians 4, what does the Apostle Paul instruct us to do rather than worry? Cry, Pray, Love, Talk
4. What creature(s) did the prophet Joel have a vision of? Locusts, Flies, Vipers, Leeches

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Four months, 3) Pray, 4) Locusts

Fatherhood reflections: A change in season

I gently knocked on the door and waited in the hallway for an invitation to enter. When the voice inside said to come in, I turned the knob, pushed the door and stepped over the threshold. What I saw was a shock to my system.

I was standing in my son's room, and I could not believe what I was looking at.

No, it wasn't a mess, with clothes, books and other items strewn across the floor. The space was actually quite tidy, especially compared to his sister's room across the hall. I don't know why boys get a bad rap for being dirty and careless with their belongings. In my experience, a little girl is far filthier. My precious girl child will only wash her hands and pick up her toys under threat.

If my house was the United Nations, she'd be Iran.

What stopped me in my tracks was that my little boy was gone. I had walked through that same door countless times over the years to talk to my first-born child. Each time I entered I was greeted by a

child, usually doing child's work or engaged in some sort of child's play.

That day I was greeted with the makings of a full-grown man, listening to a vinyl copy of a hip hop record the artist I could not name despite having probably been told hundreds of times and bought the record for him myself.

The boy, if I can use the term loosely, now stands taller than me. He weighs more than I do. If he puts his mind to it, he is probably stronger than me; with a black belt in taekwondo, he could be a walking weapon. He's smarter than me, though a lot of folks would argue that that doesn't take much. He has a good head for numbers and hates writing, so there's a good chance that he will make better career decisions than his old man.

I realized that day I'm entering a different stage of fatherhood, and I don't know if I'm ready for the task. New challenges, different adventures await. There are times I still feel like a child myself, even though gray strands are starting to appear on my

World's okayest dad

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

head and my back hurts for no reason.

I had interrupted the music listening session to ask my son if he wanted to go for a walk. He's not into team sports, much like his father, but he'll walk all day long. He's more of a talker than I ever was when I was that age, so I ask a lot of questions and try to listen as much as I can. He has strong opinions, especially on video games and music, and too many useless facts in his brain.

He once gave me the

scientific explanation for why a chicken has dark and white meat. I'll let you look that up for yourself.

Thirteen years ago this summer, a nurse handed me my first child. And, to be honest, back then I had no idea what to do. Day after day, I learned a little more and must have done a few things right, because he made it this far.

And that's how it will remain. We'll learn as we go, one day, and one walk, at a time.

America's Judeo-Christian heritage

High on the wall about the rostrum in the U.S. House of Representatives, in bold letters is our American motto In God We Trust, officially approved during the Eisenhower presidency. This is one of many places this official motto appears in our nation's capitol. Remember that it appears on all our currency and coins. This motto is indicative of America's Judeo-Christian heritage.

Before business is conducted in the U.S. Senate and in the House of Representatives, there is audible prayer by the Senate or House chaplain. Strange isn't it that audible prayer is restricted during public school events, especially during athletic events, when it is permitted in the United States Capitol, and has been permitted in the halls of Congress since the very beginning of the United States of America.

Surely In God We Trust should be posted on the walls of public and private placed of business throughout our country and this

would certainly include our public and private schools. Such a respected motto is an open announcement of America's Judeo-Christian heritage. We should always be grateful for our heritage.

Dr. Peter Marshall was the U.S. Senate Chaplain during the 1940s, and also pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington DC during those years. He had the privilege of leading the U.S. Senators in prayer before the senators took up the nation's business. Here are two of those prayers as recorded in "Mr. Jones, Meet the Master" a classic book



By JACK BROWN

of his sermons and prayers written by his widow, Catherine Marshall, following his death on Jan. 25, 1949.

Our Father in Heaven, give us the long view of our work and our world.

Help us to see that it is better to fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed Than to succeed in a cause that will ultimately fail . . . May Thy will be done here, and may Thy program be carried out,

Above party and personality, beyond time and circumstance. For The good of America and the peace of the world.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, our Father, history and experience have given us so many

Evidences of Thy guidance to nations and to individuals

That we should not doubt Thy power or Thy willingness to

Direct us. Give us the faith to believe that when God wants us to

Do or not do any particular thing, God finds a way of letting us know it.

May we not make it more difficult for Thee to guide us, but be willing

To be led of Thee, that Thy will may be done in us and through us

For the good of America and all mankind.

This we ask Jesus' name. Amen.

In closing, this official American motto, In God We Trust, is always appropriate throughout America, even on our license plates. Peace!

COUCH THEATER

By DEMI TAVARAS
King Features

"How to Make a Killing" (R) -- Glen Powell ("The Running Man") leads this black-comedy thriller that also stars Margaret Qualley ("The Substance"), Topher Grace ("Flight Risk"), and Ed Harris ("Love Lies Bleeding"). It follows Becket Redfellow (Powell), who was born to an affluent family but was shunned due to his mother being a teenager when she had him. Stuck on the idea that he still deserves the life that his family has, Becket learns that he's still in line for the fami-

ly fortune due to a loophole. So, he nefariously decides to murder the remaining living Redfellows so that he can claim the \$28 billion jackpot. The film barely made up its budget in theaters and didn't generate much buzz from audiences, which could be because it leans into "American Psycho" territory without the actual allure of the film. Premieres June 19. (HBO Max)

"Voicemails for Isabelle" (PG-13) -- Netflix refuses to slow down on its genre of rom-coms. How are we supposed to keep

up with the films that they keep cranking out when they all have the same poster, vibe, and type of actors? No offense to Zoey Deutch ("Anniversary") and Nick Robinson ("Love, Simon"), but what do they give that Jennifer Lopez and Brett Goldstein didn't in "Office Romance" or Rosamund Pike and Sacha Baron Cohen in "Ladies First"? (Both were just released on the platform earlier this year.) Deutch plays Jill, who recently lost her sister, Isa-

belle, and continues to send voicemails to her phone as a form of comfort. Little does she know that Wes (Robinson), a real estate agent from across the country, was assigned Isabelle's old number, and he's been listening to every confession Jill's been making. Premieres June 19. (Netflix)

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Alamo seeks security, training after cyberattack

By LOGAN REYNOLDS
GTLN

The Alamo City Council voted to pursue fiber security services and a cybersecurity training course in the aftermath of a cyber attack, during their June 4 called meeting and June 15 regular meeting respectively.

City Manager Jeffery Floyd and City Attorney Perry Avery declined to reveal the specifics of the cyberattack during either meeting, preferring to wait for more information from law enforcement.

Announced two days prior for "financial discussion," the June 4 meeting primarily consisted of an executive session to discuss the issue. After the council reentered regular session, Council Member Patricia Woodard offered a motion for the city of Alamo and its insurance company to enter into an agreement to purchase fiber security services, pending clarification on which party will pay for the services. The motion passed unanimously.

The primary difference between fiber connections and the connections used by cable and digital subscriber lines (DSL) is in the material each uses to transmit data. Cable and DSL utilize copper wires to carry electrical signals along telephone lines, whereas fiber transmits data using light pulses sent through very thin strands of glass or plastic.

"Both forms of data transmission were initially designed for something else entirely, and their use for internet applications became an accidental feature," wrote fiber-optic Internet company Glo Fiber. "Fiber Internet, on the other hand, was explicitly created with the internet in mind, using light instead of electricity to share information over significant distances at speeds much higher than copper cables and electricity can match."

Because of how it transmits data, fiber Internet connections provide some security benefits over cable and DSL connections, especially against interceptions and disruptions in the middle of data transfers. The material can also be more resistant to wear and tear.

However, installing fiber-optic cables can be an expensive venture, especially if an area does not have a pre-existing infrastructure for the technology.

Alamo's insurance may pay for the installation if certain parameters are met, which is why Woodard stipulated the need for clarification on payment in her motion.

During the council's June 15 meeting, they discussed adopting a three year contract for a KnowBe4 training program. KnowBe4 is a cybersecurity company which provides online security measures and employee training to "secure both AI agents and humans," according to the company's website.

"This is training that I think would be very beneficial for our employees," said Mayor Pamela Lee. "It kind of tells you, 'Know before.' Know before you click on emails that may be bogus."

The contract would also provide the city with an "email quarantine" system, which can recognize suspicious emails before they reach city employees. This would protect against phishing scams, where a cybercriminal sends a deceptive message to a target while pretending to be a trusted source, tricking the target into clicking a hazardous link or divulging sensitive information.

"If it looks bogus, it won't even reach the employee," said Lee.

Council Member Patricia Woodard offered a motion to purchase KnowBe4's services, which passed unanimously.

The council also considered implementing life insurance for city employees. During their previous meeting, one concern during the discussion was whether city employees would be willing to contribute to the life insurance, or if the city would be required to pay for the insurance in full.

"I talked to all the employees," said Floyd. "Each one would be willing to participate."

The insurance would offer \$20,000 per employee, with the employees' payments based on their respective ages in a 50/50 split with the city.

Woodard offered a motion to adopt the insurance as of June 15, which passed unanimously. Floyd also offered to ask for additional information on the insurance, such as if council members could also apply.

"That's a good deal," said Woodard.

Floyd also approached the council about issues with one of the local waste water treatment plants, as an engine was damaged by a lightning strike in May. He said it would cost \$10,443 to rebuild the engine and \$19,000 to replace it.

"That's almost half the price of the new one," said Council Member Angela Wright.

Woodard offered a motion to accept the \$10,443 option to rebuild the engine, which passed unanimously.

Floyd also asked for \$10,764.36 for additional repairs and a new fuel screen for the water treatment plant hit by the lightning strike. Council Member Geoffrey Villegas offered a motion to approve, which passed unanimously.

Council Member Laura Brownley offered a motion to advertise for bids for repairs to the local event center, which passed unanimously. The bids will be used to gather documentation on costs to apply for FEMA funds and may not move forward when received.

She also offered a motion to pay an overage on the Eastside Park project budget to ME Sacks, which passed unanimously.

Council Member Dondrea Geter offered a motion to approve a joint Telfair and Wheeler 911 ordinance, which passed unanimously. He also offered a motion to allow the city to host a Back to School Bash event at city hall on July 18, which passed unanimously.

Cochran florist's wreath placed in Arlington Cemetery

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
GTLN

A wreath designed by a Cochran florist was placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery earlier this month. Charles Tidwell-Gunter said he was "honored" to learn he was handpicked to design and arrange a floral piece to lay at the feet of America's unknown soldiers.

"It was the best feeling. I felt so honored, you know," Tidwell-Gunter said. "It was like a once in a lifetime [opportunity]."

Tidwell-Gunter told the Times Journal Post he received a phone call one Wednesday when he was told he had been selected to design a wreath to hang at Arlington Cemetery, specifically at the sacred Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. According to him, he wasn't sure who it was exactly that picked him, but the voice on the phone told him he came "highly recommended."

Out of all the shops in the world, Tidwell-Gunter said, he was "honored" to be the florist picked.

"I was so shocked. I didn't even ask questions," he stated.

The man on the phone told Tidwell-Gunter that he would come to pick up the arrangement in a couple of days and they would then transport it to Virginia.

Tidwell-Gunter said he entered the flower business about 45 years ago, picking up the hobby from his grandmother. He said that one day, he went into a little flower shop and "just went with it." Tidwell-Gunter's flower shop, Designs By Charles Florist, is located at 108 E Cherry Street and is open six days a week.

"All my ideas came to me," he said.

When asked why he likes the floral business, he answered simply, "I like to make people happy at a sad time."

The arrangement he designed consisted of a variety of flowers, including red and white carnations and purple-blue delphiniums to "bring out the colors in the flag."

"[Arlington] is a very sacred place," said Tidwell-Gunter.

According to the official Arlington Cemetery webpage, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier originated after World War I. Due to industrial and technological development in the early 20th century, World War I became one of the deadliest wars in history.

In 1921, the U.S. Army selected four unknown casualties from the war to be laid to rest in the tomb. Over the last century, the tomb has become a sym-



bol for all unknown service members who perished in war. Today, it is one of the most respected and widely-visited gravesites in the country, with the official webpage calling it "the heart" of Arlington.

"As a sacred memorial site and the grave of three unknown American service members, the Tomb connects visitors with the legacy of the United States armed forces throughout the nation's history. It is a people's memorial that inspires reflection on service, valor, sacrifice and mourning."

According to the website, laying a wreath at the tomb has been a way for in-

dividuals and organizations to "honor the sacrifices of the American service members" ever since.

Unfortunately for Tidwell-Gunter, he was unable to attend the ceremony, having already made commitments before he received the call. He did, however, receive photos from the event afterwards.

The ceremony took place around 1 p.m. on June 6.



A wreath designed and made by Cochran florist Charles Tidwell-Gunter was recently laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery /SPECIAL PHOTOS

Moment of Inspiration

The Challenge to Lead

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

Being a godly leader begins with a personal commitment to follow Christ. Before Joshua could lead his household, he first made the decision that he would serve the Lord. Fathers are called to do more than provide for their families physically. They are called to lead spiritually—through prayer, example, and faithful obedience to God's Word. Children may forget many things a father says, but they will remember the life he lived before them. You don't have to be a perfect father to be a godly one. God simply asks for faithfulness. A father who loves God, seeks His wisdom, and points his family toward Christ leaves a legacy that lasts for generations. Today, make Joshua's declaration your own: "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to lead by example and to faithfully serve You. Give me wisdom, courage, and strength to influence those around me for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Soccer, for dummies: A guide to the World Cup...

By MICAH JOHNSTON
For the Macon Melody

Futbol, for football fans...

For the first time in more than three decades, the U.S. will host the world's most colossal sporting event — and for the first time ever, the state of Georgia will be a part of it.

The 2026 FIFA World Cup, featuring 48 different countries ranging from Norway to New Zealand, begins this week. The soccer event — though it will be a football or fútbol event to the rest of the world — will feature eight matches in Atlanta, including a much-anticipated semifinal showdown come July.

That means some of the globe's most talented players will be less than two hours away from Bibb County, competing in an event almost peerless in stature.

Macon's soccer community is ready.

"Wars have been put on pause, ceasefires have been called, so that soccer could be played," Stratford boys soccer coach Iain Jones said. "It's unique culturally, and I think everyone should be watching."

While there are no official FIFA events here in Macon, fans of the sport will be out in full force — Middle Georgia's soccer culture, local coaches and experts say, is on the come-up.

"I've definitely seen it getting bigger," Mercer women's soccer coach Tony Economopoulos said. "It might not be growing exponentially, but we're seeing more people participate in camps, playing club soccer and things like that. The numbers go up every year."

Whether you're able to go to Atlanta for a match or you plan to watch somewhere in Macon, now's the time to get on the bandwagon. In a region where American football is king, let's learn about the other football — fútbol, the world's favorite sport.

Yes, you have to learn the rules...

There's an easy place to start when it comes to fútbol since it's an oft-cited deterrent for American fans: What the heck does "off-sides" even mean?

Soccer's signature rule states that a team's offensive player — an "attacker" — must be in front of the defending team's next-to-last player on the field when the ball is passed to them.

The rule keeps an offensive player from simply camping out next to the other team's goal, waiting for a pass. The next-to-last defender bit includes the goalkeeper, so the "next-to-last" man is almost always the last defender on the field.

This means there's a sort of invisible line drawn down the width of the field where that last defender stands — if any part of the attacker's head, legs or chest is past that last defender and crosses the imaginary line, they are not eligible to get a pass.

"People ask me all the time what off-sides actually is," Jones said with a chuckle. "The thing most people forget is that it's not the whole body."

As soon as the ball is kicked by a teammate, though, then it's fair



Mercedes-Benz Stadium is decked out in World Cup decor with Atlanta set to host eight matches during the tournament, a third between Spain and Saudi Arabia this Sunday/JASON VORHEES, GTLN



Mercer soccer coach Tony Economopoulos works with young players at a soccer camp. The coach said the World Cup helps developing soccer players learn by watching the pros play/JASON VORHEES, GTLN

game. This leads to strategic passing — a team's last attacker will linger behind the last defender, then streak past them when the ball is kicked, creating a window of opportunity.

Penalties, and the occasional yellow and red cards that accompany them, are up to the refs' judgment. Eric McDonald, the boys soccer coach at Central, said that calls might not always be obvious and referees will make different calls based on the tenor of a game.

"Some refs allow a bit of physicality to it while others, of course, take a no-nonsense approach," McDonald said. "Certain things you think may be a call may end up not being a (penalty) because the ref is there in the moment and making assessments."

Several coaches mentioned one key rule change — intended to speed the game up — to look for.

Matches consist of two 45-minute halves followed by stoppage time, which is added on at the end of games, depending on how many injuries, substitutions and other delays happen in regulation. Sometimes, for strategic reasons, teams will deliberately take longer setting up kicks, subbing out players or doing other tasks.

Because the clock doesn't stop in soccer, this can lead to things getting bogged down. As a result, the new rules force players to perform throw-ins and goal kicks, two routine actions, under time limits.

"If you pay attention to that, it should quicken the pace up," Mercer's Economopoulos said.

The format and teams...

The World Cup consists of four dozen different countries competing to win one championship. There is a traditional bracket format, but first there are qualifiers. Those began as far back as 2023 and are complete, with countries like Curaçao, Uzbekistan and others qualifying for the first time ever.

The first part of the proper World Cup, as we know it, begins June 11 with group play. The 48 teams are sorted into groups of four, which are assigned letters A through L. The four teams in each group all play one another, with the top two teams from each group and the top 8 remaining teams —

that's 32 teams total — advancing to the knockout stage.

From there, the World Cup resembles your classic sports bracket, with 32 teams playing to stay alive until the championship match. Make no mistake, though. Group play can be just as thrilling, and it's where the real underdog stories are found.

Doug Roberson, a journalist and soccer expert who writes about Atlanta United and Atlanta's soccer culture in general, said Atlanta's groups should be very intriguing. He compared the smaller countries to underdogs in college basketball's March Madness tournament.

"I call it a Cinderella grouping, because you've got countries like Cape Verde and Haiti coming in," Roberson said of teams playing in Atlanta. "Then you've got Spain, which will be among the favorites. You've also got Morocco, which was the first African country to advance to a semifinal in the 2022 World Cup."

Haiti and Curacao are the teams with the lowest chance to win the entire tournament at 2,500-to-1, according to ESPN.

Jones, who moved from England to the U.S. as a child in 1986, is a diehard supporter of England but said that Belgium could be another upstart team to watch. Their odds aren't as long as some of the true underdogs, but the team's "fresh legs" could make them sneakily competitive.

Regardless of his under-the-radar pick, Jones is still rooting for his home country despite being a U.S. citizen: "England or die," he said.

The culture, and what to watch for...

That was the next piece of the puzzle for all of these soccer experts: in addition to coaching the so-called "beautiful game," they're also enthusiastic fans of it. They've known the sport for their entire lives and want as many people as possible to share their passion.

McDonald is Jamaican and roots for Brazil and, to a lesser extent, Portugal. He grew up watching those teams dominate and rattled off a long list of his favorite stars, including Brazilian legend Neymar and Portuguese play-

maker Luís Figo.

Economopoulos would normally root for Greece, where he was born and lived for some time, but the country did not qualify this year — a huge letdown, he said, but certainly not enough to keep him from watching his favorite sporting event.

"Now I just want a really good finish," the Mercer coach said, mentioning the 2022 World Cup Final between Argentina and France, often regarded as one of the best finals ever. "It would be nice to see the U.S. do well, but really, what's better than a good game? That's what I want in the semifinal and final."

Economopoulos remembers the last time the Cup came to the U.S. in 1994. He and friends witnessed a thrilling match between Brazil and the Netherlands in the quarterfinals that Brazil eventually won 3-2. McDonald remembered the 2002 World Cup vividly, as it marked Brazil's most recent championship.

"There's no words you can say. It's an electric feeling you get watching the best players in the world do what they do," McDonald said.

For newer soccer fans watching World Cup games either in person or on TV, Jones recommended keeping an eye on different countries' fans and crowds, learning their traditions or cultures.

"These fans are people who have practically mortgaged their houses to come see their national team play," Jones said.

Roberson said every team will have a different style and encouraged soccer beginners to check out different countries and compare play styles. It's fun to have a second country besides the U.S. to root for.

"Some teams want to dominate the ball and put people under pressure, like the old run-and-gun offenses the Falcons used to have," Roberson said. "Other teams, teams who aren't as good, will just be holding on for dear life."

The soccer writer also recommended watching teams' defenses — the tournament's best goals will be easy to appreciate, but incredible defense can often fly under the radar even when it makes or breaks a team.

McDonald said fans should keep track of star players, with all-time soccer icons like Ronaldo and Lionel Messi still participating and some new players emerging as potential greats.

All the coaches also emphasized how important it is for people who want to play the sport to watch the tournament.

... Should we call it football?

Then there's the obvious question: Should us Americans start calling the sport by its "proper" name?

"I 100% agree that we should call it football," Economopoulos said. "In England it's football, we speak English — I don't even understand how we got to soccer."

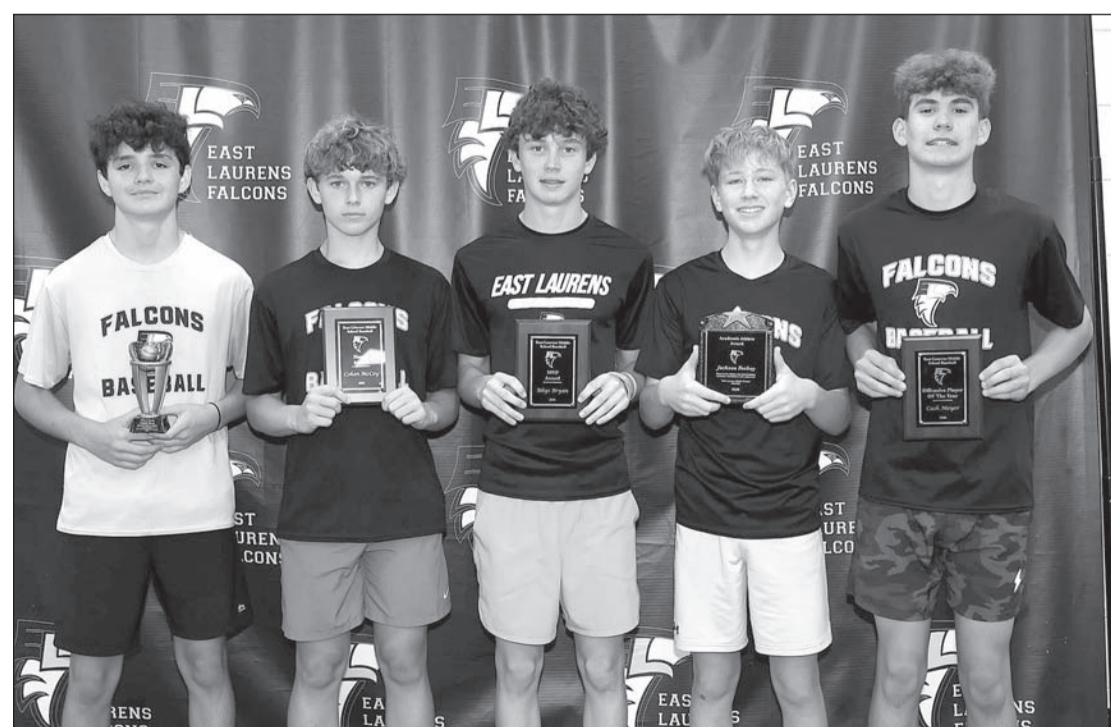
The origins of "soccer" actually come from England, according to Britannica. Back when rugby was still called "rugby football," people needed a quick way to distinguish that from "association football," the traditional game. So they abbreviated the word association to "assocer" — which was sometimes spelled out as "a socker" — before that was further shortened to "soccer."

That was in the 19th century. Some time in the early 20th century, rugby football was just called rugby, so England ditched the term "soccer" and stuck with football to refer to the "beautiful game." America, however, needed to use "soccer" because of the oh-so-popular sport we know as football.

"I like calling it football because that's what (it was called when) I grew up, but there would be confusion if you tried to swap it," McDonald said. "Maybe it should remain the same."

Whatever us Americans call it during the World Cup, Macon's soccer community will be watching. Watch parties are set for multiple restaurants in Macon, and some fans are expected to make the trek up to Atlanta, which coaches and experts strongly encouraged.

"Even if you can't make it inside the stadium, just being outside is a different level of experience," Jones said. "If that's not an option, just find a watch party. It will be electric."



ELMS baseball team recognizes postseason award recipients

The East Laurens Middle School baseball team recently put the wraps on its 2026 campaign at a postseason awards banquet. Honorees (left) included Caleb Deal (Falcon Award), Cohen McCoy (Hustle Award), Rhys Bryan (MVP), Jackson Foskey (Academic Athlete Award), Cash Moyer (Offensive Player of the Year), Logan Bush (Academic Athlete Award, not pictured) and Trey Oliver - Most Improved (not pictured). The team also recognized outgoing eighth graders (right) Nathan Rudd, Moyer, Bryan, Kaiden Bullard, Deal, McCoy, Michael Edge, Jahmad Rozier and Oliver (not pictured)/SPECIAL PHOTOS



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Keystones of a Happy Marriage Have Slowly Crumbled

DEAR ABBY: I'm a gay man who has been married to a wonderful man for seven years (together for 12). Throughout our relationship, my husband has struggled with religious trauma that affects his desire (and ability) to be intimate. We've seen counselors, talked through it and addressed the value we place on physical intimacy. Nothing has changed.

I love him, but I remain unsatisfied with my needs unmet. This, combined with other things -- including limited acceptance from his family and from many of those who live in our geographic area -- has led me to push aside many of the issues in our marriage as "no big deal." Until now.

Two years ago, I started working on a degree with the hope of becoming more self-sufficient and pursuing a career to support my interests. Now that I've graduated and am establishing my career, I find my and my husband's values and goals line up even less. I have also met another man who seems to be more aligned with what I'm looking for in my life, and who has expressed interest.

While I don't want to end my marriage over such a new relationship, the feelings it has brought to light have illustrated how far apart my husband and I have been -- and for how long. I'm torn between remaining in a marriage that, despite its issues, has helped me find some happiness, and parting ways after more than a decade together to pursue what I feel is best for me.

Is this just the seven-year itch, or are these issues enough to part ways? I'm struggling and could use some insight. -- CROSSROADS IN IDAHO

DEAR CROSSROADS: It's time for a long talk with your husband about all of the issues you have written about in your letter -- the sexual incompatibility, the family problems, the fact that you are no longer happy living in the geographic area because of attitudes about homosexuality, and finally the fact that you have met someone.

The two of you have a lot going against you, but you should not end the marriage without first communicating that things have not been happy for a very long time and why.

DEAR ABBY: At work today, a colleague published a report and disseminated it to my entire organization. In the report, they specifically referenced and highlighted a typo I had made in a previous product. Their comments hurt my reputation and could have been cleared up with a simple phone call. Am I wrong to be upset? -- HURT IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR HURT: For your colleague to have done what they did was unhelpful and unprofessional. I agree that the matter should have been handled privately. I don't blame you for being upset, and I don't blame you for feeling embarrassed. That said, it was only one typo.

Although computer spell check is quite reliable, nothing is absolutely foolproof. The next time you create a document for publication, ask someone to proofread it before you hit "send."

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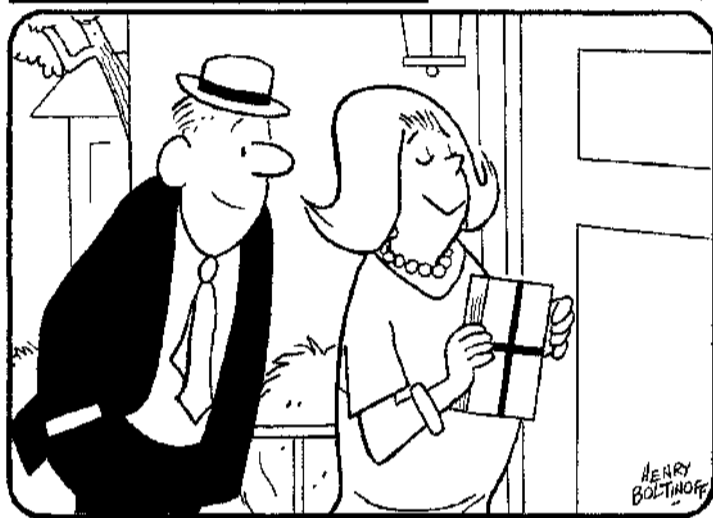
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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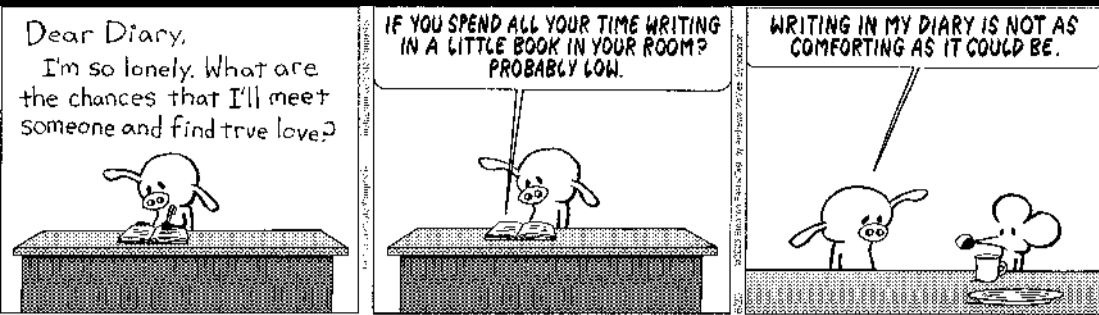
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- 19 Not figurative
- 22 Hit-or-___
- 26 Successfully recruits; 2 wds.
- 27 Hoppy beers: Abbr.
- 28 Tear
- 29 Rock in a mine
- 30 Cry loudly
- 31 White Arctic animal; 2 wds.
- 32 Stomach muscles
- 33 ___ Willie Winkie
- 36 Consequence of nonpayment
- 40 Finches in pain
- 41 Cover with a policy
- 42 Oscar winner Meryl
- 43 Enjoyment
- 45 Prices to pay
- 46 Gossipy person
- 47 Male bovine
- 48 Little bit
- 50 Homeowner's document
- 51 ___ and cheese
- 52 Permit
- 54 SZA's record label

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



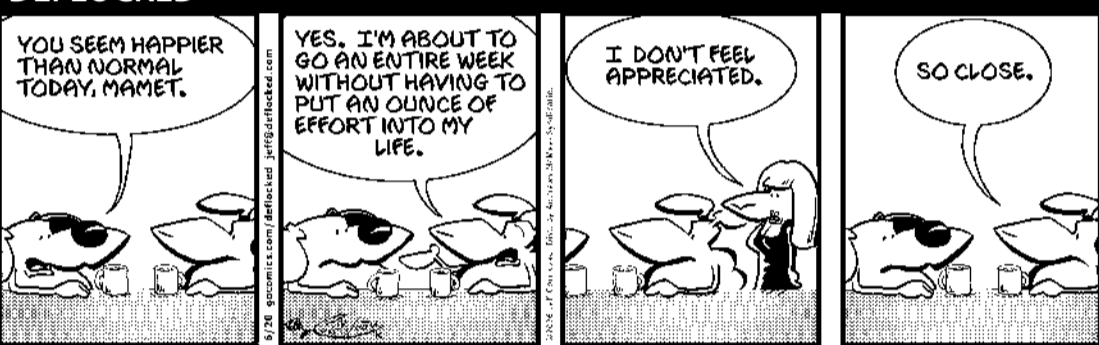
OVERBOARD

BY CHIP DUNHAM



DEFLOCKED

BY JEFF CORRIVEAU



Urushiol oil

Poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac are all species within the genus *Toxicodendron*, which means "poison tree." These types of plants are native to the United States and are found in every state. They all contain an oily resin called **urushiol**, that protects the plant from fungal, bacterial and viral attacks. If urushiol touches your skin, it binds to proteins in your skin cells and can cause redness, itching, swelling and blisters. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: awaytogarden.com, etc.usf.edu, mayoclinic.org

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Saturday, June 20, 2026

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold: EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH ? Pass ?

♠ K Q 8 6 ♥ K 4 ♦ A K J 7 ♣ K 9 7 What call would you make?

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 4NT Pass
5♥ Pass ?

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠ Q J 8 7 ♥ A K J 9 6 4 2 ♦ A ♣ 2

What call would you make?
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♣ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♦ Pass ?

♠ A 4 ♥ K J 10 9 8 6 4 ♦ J ♣ A Q 5 What call would you make?

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
? ?

Q 6 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠ K 9 7 ♥ K J 9 4 ♦ K J 10 8 ♣ K 7

What call would you make?
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
1NT Pass 2♠ Pass
? ?

♠ A 10 9 8 7 5 2 ♥ J ♦ J 7 5 4 3 ♣ 7 What call would you make?

As dealer, what call would you make? Look for answers on Monday.

Q 4 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠ A K 8 3 ♥ J 10 9 5 3 2 ♦ 8 ♣ 7 4 (Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001.)

Classifieds

Yard/Estate Sales

Yardsale: 109 Holly Lakes Dr. Sat June 20 8a-12p. Ladies & teen girls clothing, household items, Vera Bradley, desk, full bedroom suite.

Legals

26-240 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF WAYNE CLARK HILBUN, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-79 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern: ANITA BARFIELD has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of WAYNE CLARK HILBUN 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 July 6, 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 By: CWarren Clerk of the Probate Court PO BOX 2098 Dublin GA 31040 478-272-2566

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

26-264 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN DEED TO SECURE DEBT

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY. By virtue of the power of sale contained in the DEED TO SECURE DEBT given by GREGORY LYNN MULLIS to FARMERS STATE BANK dated July 7, 2017, and recorded in Deed Book 2798, Page 153, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Ga., conveying the below-described property, to secure that certain Promissory Note given by Gregory Lynn Mullis to Farmers State Bank in the original principal amount of \$26,409.58 with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder before the Courthouse Door at Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in July, 2026, the following described property:

Tract 1: All that tract of land being in the Town of Cadwell, Laurens County, Georgia, being a part of Land Lot No. 11 in the 17th Land District, commencing at a point in the center of the Old Wrightsville & Tennille RR right-of-way where said right-of-way intersects McCook Street, said point being parallel with the south side of McCook Street, and extending thence in a westerly direction along the south side of McCook Street 150 feet, thence at right angles in a southerly direction 100 feet, thence at right angles in an easterly direction 150 feet to the center of said old right-of-way, thence at right angles and along the center of the said old right-of-way in a northerly direction 100 feet to the point of beginning. This is a part of the land described in a deed to C.J. Bedingfield from L. K. Smith, dated February 24, 1954 and recorded in Deed Book 127, page 615, records of Laurens County Superior Court. Said land is bounded north by McCook Street, east by Mrs. J. L. Mullis, south by C.J. Bedingfield and west by C.J. Bedingfield.

Tract 2: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Town of Cadwell, Laurens County, Georgia, being a part of Land Lot No. 11 in the 17th Land District, commencing at a point in the center of the old W&T RR right of way at South eastern corner of land now owned by Joe F. Mullis and extending South along said right of way a distance of 180 feet; thence in a westerly direction (150) one hundred fifty feet; thence in a northerly direction (180) one hundred and eighty feet to South West corner of Joe F. Mullis; thence East along boundary of Joe F. Mullis land to said starting point. This land forms a square tract 180 by 150 feet, and lays back of or south of property deeded to Joe F. Mullis on March 31, 1959 and recorded in Clerk of Superior Court's Office in Book 171, folio 117 on April 21, 1959. Said land is bounded on North by land of Joe F. Mullis; East by land of Mrs. J. L. Mullis; South by land of C.J. Bedingfield and west by other land of C.J. Bedingfield.

Tract 3: All that tract and parcel of land lying described as follows: Beginning at a point of the southern side of the road leading from State highway 117 and going past homes of Mrs. Eima McCook, Mrs. Allix Colter and J. F. Mullis, this point being where the Northern boundary of land of J. F. Mullis intersects said road leading from highway 117; thence going in an eastern direction along the margin of aforesaid road a distance of 35 feet thence in a southern direction a distance of 280 feet; thence in a western direction a distance of 35 feet to the land of J. F. Mullis; thence running along the present boundary of J. F. Mullis back to the point of beginning a distance of 280 feet forming a rectangle bounded as follows: West by lands presently owned by J. F. Mullis 280 feet; North by the small road aforementioned a distance of 35 feet; East by lands of Jim Ray Mullis a distance of 280 feet; south a distance of 35 feet by lands of Jim Ray Mullis. This tract of land contains 0.2249 acres more or less, being in the shape of a rectangle.

This strip of land is located in the Western portion of the tract of land deeded from A. T. Mullis Jr. To Jim Ray Mullis and recorded in Deed Book 293, page 101, December 30, 1971. This tract of land in adjacent to land already owned by J. F. Mullis. **THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 1018 MCCOOK STREET, CADWELL, GEORGIA 31009.** To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the person or persons who may be in the possession of such property is Gregory Lynn Mullis. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make payments in accordance with the terms of said Promissory Note. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees. Said property will be sold subject to all outstanding ad valorem taxes and/or assessments and/or restrictions and/or zoning

ordinances and/or covenants; matters that may be disclosed by an accurate survey and/or inspection of the property; and matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt. Notice has been given of intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the Promissory Note secured by the property. Additionally, this sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U. S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Deed to Secure Debt.

THIS LAW FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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 Deed to Secure Debt is Mr. Travis Patisaul, Vice President, Farmers State Bank, P.O. Box 1568, Dublin, GA 31040. PH. No. 478-275-3223. Farmers State Bank Attorney-in-Fact for Gregory Lynn Mullis Edward B. Claxton III Attorney at Law P. O. Box 16459 Dublin, Georgia 31040 478-272-9965 ebcatty@bellsouth.net

June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2026

26-281 NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated Section 10-4-210, et seq., there will be a public sale at Little House Self Storage, 2420 US Highway 80 West in Dublin on Wednesday, July 8th, 2026, beginning at 11:00 AM. The proceeds of said sale will be used first to satisfy the storage fee and other expenses of the auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale. The sale will be held as follows:

Occupant/Unit: Victor Carrasco #1104 Brittany Myers #1117

June 20, 2026

26-267 NOTICE OF SALE

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

A49 Manning, Andre

C10 Tanjanikia Smith, Robert Ross

D09 Tanjanikia Smith, Robert Ross

D20 Revel, Patrick

D32 Jimmy Reece

D37 Blackshear, Jeremy

D40 Austin, Anthony

D48 Duncan, Shawn

P3 Duncan, Shawn Name and address of storage facility: ORR SELF STORAGE 1705 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD DUBLIN GA 31021 Time and date of sale: Tuesday, June 23 at 10:00 a.m. Place of sale: ORR SELF STORAGE 1705 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD DUBLIN GA 31021

June 13, 20, 2026

26-241 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH MADDOX, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-80 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: to whom it may concern:

Janet Jarriel has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of MARY ELIZABETH MADDOX, 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 July 6, 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

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

26-274 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF LAURENS STATE OF GEORGIA

JAMES WILLIAM GILES, PLAINTIFF V. JOYCE WOOD GILES, DEFENDANT CIVIL ACTION 26-CD-0480-JH NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO: JOYCE WOOD GILES, Defendant named above: You are hereby notified that the above styled action seeking divorce was filed against you in the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 2nd day of June, 2026 and that by reason of an Order For Service of Summons By Publication entered by the Court on June 10, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia and serve upon Francis M. Lewis, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 1808 Bellevue Road, Dublin, Georgia 31021, an Answer to the Complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order For Service By Publication. WITNESS the Honorable JON F. HELTON, Judge of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia. This 10 day of June, 2026. Georgia JEFFCOAT DEPUTY CLERK SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA

June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2026

26-254 NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY. IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH MADDOX TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

All creditors of the Estate of Mary Elizabeth Maddox, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment. Janet Jarriel, Administrator AVERY LAW, LLC Post Office Box 1446 Dublin, Georgia 31040

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

26-277 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNIE ROSE WOHLRABE, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 20-83 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern: Matthew Martin Wohlrabe has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of ANNIE ROSE WOHLRABE 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 July 20, 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

June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2026

26-276 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF DOUGLAS LANE BRYANT, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-82 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern: Gregory Alan Bryant has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of DOUGLAS LANE BRYANT 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 July 20, 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

June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2026

26-255 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS IN RE: ESTATE OF Wendell Killingsworth, Deceased All creditors of the estate of Wendell Killingsworth, deceased, late of LAURENS County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me. Joshua Thomas Edgar Killingsworth Executor of Wendell Killingsworth, deceased

3338 GA Highway 338 Dexter, GA 31019 OCGA 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 weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

26-248 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Eugene Marvin Petty, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 26-66 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern: WILLIAM PAUL PETTY has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of EUGENE MARVIN PETTY 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 July 6, 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 By: CWarren Clerk of the Probate Court PO BOX 2098 Dublin GA 31040 478-272-2566

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

26-261 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Benjamin Rice to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC, its successors and assigns dated May 5, 2025, recorded in Deed Book 3579, Page 102, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC D/B/A MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS FINANCIAL by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3679, Page 178, Laurens County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$238,797.00), 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 July, 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 (nurse 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.

MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC D/B/A MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS FINANCIAL 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: Mortgage Solutions Financial Servicing, a division of Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC, 7450 Campus Dr. Suite 200, Colorado Springs, CO 80920, 1-866-552-6118.

Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as 112 Camelot Dr, Dublin, GA 31021. 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.

MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC D/B/A MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS FINANCIAL as Attorney in Fact for Benjamin Rice McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP

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 EXHIBIT "A"
 THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF LAURENS, STATE OF GEORGIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 0.41 ACRES AND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 242 OF THE 1ST LAND DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, AND KNOWN AS LOT 15 OF THE KINGSWOOD SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY BILLY FLANDERS & ASSOCIATES SURVEYOR, DATED APRIL 10, 1992 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 656, PAGE 20, LAURENS COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF BEING INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN IN AID OF THIS DESCRIPTION. SAID TRACT IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHWESTERLY MARGIN OF KINGS ROAD WITH THE SOUTHWESTERLY MARGIN OF CAMELOT DRIVE AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, RUN THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF CAMELOT DRIVE A DISTANCE OF 240 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THUS ESTABLISHED, RUN THENCE SOUTH 42 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 149.97 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN NORTH 46 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 119.94 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN NORTH 42 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUN SOUTH 46 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 120.01 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THERE IS A ONE-STORY FRAME RESIDENCE LOCATED ON THE DESCRIBED TRACT.

TITLE TO THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROPERTY CONVEYED TO BENJAMIN RICE FROM VICTORIA HORNICK NOW KNOWN AS VICTORIA BAUSCH AND MATT BAUSCH AND RECORDED ON OCTOBER 3, 2024 IN BOOK: 03514 AND PAGE: 00262.
 Parcel ID: D08F-037
 Property Commonly Known as: 112 CAMELOT Drive, Dublin, GA 31021
 JD July 7, 2026
 Our file no. 26-21293GA
 26-21293GA

June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2026

26-256
 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
 STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LAURENS

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Brenda Faye Terry to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Nationwide Mortgage Company, Inc., dated April 19, 2023, and recorded on April 20, 2023, in Deed Book 3380, at Page 267, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Fifty-One Thousand, Fifty-Eight and no/100 Dollars (\$51,058.00), with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to PennyMac Loan Services LLC, recorded in Deed Book 3539, at Page 176, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as has been or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including, but not limited to, the following described property:
 ALL THAT REAL ESTATE SITUATED AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF EAST DUBLIN, GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY, AND BEING KNOWN AS LOT NO. 10 IN BRACEWELL HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION AND BEING FULLY DESCRIBED BY REFERENCE TO A SURVEY AND PLAT OF SAID LOT MADE BY JACK C. BRANTLEY, SURVEYOR, ON DECEMBER 15, 1958 AS FOLLOWS:
 BEGINNING AT A STAKE ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF ELM STREET NINE HUNDRED (900) FEET EASTERLY FROM BUCKEYE ROAD AND NAMING NORTH ALONG LOT NO. 9 A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE EAST ALONG BRACEWELL PROPERTY ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE SOUTH ALONG LOT NO. 11 A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) FEET TO A STAKE ON ELM STREET; THENCE WEST ALONG ELM STREET ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET TO A STAKE AND THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING.

Said property may more commonly be known as **120 N Elm St, East Dublin, GA 31027**.
 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
 The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, 3043 Townsgate Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361; telephone: (818) 224-7442.
 Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Brenda Faye Terry and/or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.
 PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, as Attorney-in-Fact for Brenda Faye Terry
 Contact: PADGETT LAW GROUP, 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; telephone: (850) 422-2520 26-008469

June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2026

NOTICE
 The Petition of **James Eric Lamb**, 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 this Court on or before July 6, 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

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

26-278
 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
 STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Deborah Ann Dominy, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-96
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: whom it may concern:
 Jackson E. Strickland has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Deborah Ann Dominy 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 July 20, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 Genola O. Jackson
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: CWarren
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 PO BOX 2098 Dublin, GA 31040
 478-272-2566

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26-282
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF LAURENS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF SYLVESTER FIELDING
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
 All creditors of the estate of SYLVESTER FIELDING 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 15th Day of June, 2026
 Emily F. Kight
 Attorney for the Estate of SYLVESTER FIELDING Kight Law, LLC
 P.O. Box 2056
 Dublin, Ga. 31040

June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2026

26-284
 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
 STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF GRACE WARREN WILLIAMSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24-221
NOTICE
 [For discharge from office and all liability]
 IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
 This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before JULY 20 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 on 20 scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 Run:
 June 20, 2026
 Genola O. Jackson
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Warren
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 PO BOX 2098
 DUBLIN, GA 31040
 478-272-2566

June 20, 2026

26-268
 IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
 STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: DEMETRIUS JALEEL HUNT, Petitioner
 Civil Action File No. 26-CG-0500-WT
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT
GEORGIA LAURENS COUNTY
 Notice is hereby given that DEMETRIUS JALEEL HUNT, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, on the 8th day of June, 2026, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from DEMETRIUS JALEEL HUNT to DEMETRIUS JALEEL BUTTS. 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 filing of said petition.
 This 9 day of June, 2026.
 S. Ryan Dixon
 Nelson & Dixon, LLC
 125 N. Franklin Street
 Dublin, Georgia 31021
 478/272-3545
 Deorgia Jeffcoat
 CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK
 LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

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26-271
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF LAURENS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF YADIRA BENITA CASTRO, Estate No. 26-23 NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

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26-238
 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
 STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF BRUCE LORENZO RHYNE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-75
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: BRUCE RHYNE, JR., DEMONDRE RHYNE, GUARDIAN OF CHRYSLAN JADE CARR, MINOR, GUARDIAN OF CHRISTOPHER JACE CARR, MINOR, GUARDIAN OF TYTIANNA JANA E CARR, MINOR and to whom it may concern:
 LOREN AUDRIA RHYNE petitioned for appointed administrator(s) of the estate of BRUCE LORENZO RHYNE has to be 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 July 6, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 Genola O. Jackson
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: CWARREN
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 PO BOX 2098
 DUBLIN, GA 31040
 478-272-2566

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All creditors of the estate of **Yadira Benita Castro**, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
 This 9th day of June, 2026
 Aylin Benita Castro
 Administrator for the Estate of
Yadira Benita Castro
 503 Mimosa Drive,
 Dublin, GA 31021

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26-238
 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
 STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF BRUCE LORENZO RHYNE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-75
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: BRUCE RHYNE, JR., DEMONDRE RHYNE, GUARDIAN OF CHRYSLAN JADE CARR, MINOR, GUARDIAN OF CHRISTOPHER JACE CARR, MINOR, GUARDIAN OF TYTIANNA JANA E CARR, MINOR and to whom it may concern:
 LOREN AUDRIA RHYNE petitioned for appointed administrator(s) of the estate of BRUCE LORENZO RHYNE has to be 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 July 6, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 Genola O. Jackson
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: CWARREN
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 PO BOX 2098
 DUBLIN, GA 31040
 478-272-2566

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26-238
 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF LAURENS
 IN RE: ESTATE OF Jennie Carole Edenfield, Deceased
 All creditors of the estate of Jennie Carole Edenfield, deceased, late of LAURENS County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
 Kelly Edenfield
 Executor of Jennie Carole Edenfield, deceased
 405 Discovery Trail
 Athens, GA 30605
 OCGA 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 weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."

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26-275
 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
 STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF PRESTON OSBORNE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-74
NOTICE
 IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s)) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate have been duly filed.
 TO: REBECCA E. CRISSMAN
 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 July 20, 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: C. Warren
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 101 N Jefferson St
 Dublin, GA 31021
 (478) 272-2566

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26-252
 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
 STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Edwin L. Higgs Jr, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-41
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
 The petition of Carla Dollar Higgs, for a year's support from the estate of Edwin L. Higgs Jr deceased, for decedent's (surviving spouse) (and) (minor child(ren)), having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before July 6, 2026, why said petition should not be granted.
 All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 Courtroom
 Genola O. Jackson
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: CWarren
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 PO BOX 2098
 DUBLIN, GA 31040
 478-272-2566

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26-252
 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
 STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Edwin L. Higgs Jr, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-41
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
 The petition of Carla Dollar Higgs, for a year's support from the estate of Edwin L. Higgs Jr deceased, for decedent's (surviving spouse) (and) (minor child(ren)), having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before July 6, 2026, why said petition should not be granted.
 All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 Courtroom
 Genola O. Jackson
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: CWarren
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 PO BOX 2098
 DUBLIN, GA 31040
 478-272-2566

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26-272
 Notice to Debtors and Creditors

All creditors of the Estate of Marjorie Wade Adams, 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 9th day of June, 2026.
 Estate of Marjorie Wade Adams Bryan Rogers, Executor 840 Marley Cannon Road Dublin, GA 31021
 Margaret Greer Evans
 Attorney at Law
 State Bar No. 488189
 (478) 272-2885

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ording to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
 This 9th day of June, 2026.
 Estate of Marjorie Wade Adams Bryan Rogers, Executor 840 Marley Cannon Road Dublin, GA 31021
 Margaret Greer Evans
 Attorney at Law
 State Bar No. 488189
 (478) 272-2885

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26-260
 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
 STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Wendell Ronald Johnson, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-90
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: All Interested Parties and to whom it may concern:
Rosemary B. Bergeron Johnson has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **Wendell Ronald Johnson**, 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 July 6, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 Genola O. Jackson
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: CWarren
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 PO BOX 2098
 Dublin, GA 31040
 478-272-2566

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

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Jacqueline Bettie Stallworth, unmarried woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Nationwide Mortgage Company, Inc., dated August 22, 2024 and recorded on August 23, 2024 in Deed Book 3505, Page 51, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Four Hundred One and 00/100 dollars (\$135,401.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, its successors and assigns, recorded in Deed Book 3656, Page 82, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:
 ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the County of Laurens, State of Georgia, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 52nd Land District, G.M., of Laurens County, Georgia, as shown upon that certain plat of same prepared by Daniel R. Riggs, Registered Land Surveyor, dated April 10, 1971, and being more particularly described as follows: starting at a concrete right of way marker on the westerly right of way of the Old River Road (State Route #199), which concrete marker is 100 feet directly opposite a concrete right of way marker on the easterly right of way of state route #199, said right of way marker on the easterly right of way of said road being located a distance of 2016 feet from the intersection of the easterly right of way of state route #199 and the Dublin and Savannah Railroad Track, as measured in a northwesterly direction along the easterly right of way of state route #199; thence, from said starting point running in a northwesterly direction along the westerly right of way of state route #199 a distance of 70 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning; thence, from said point of beginning running south 53 degrees 53 minutes west distance of 370 feet to an iron pin; thence, running north 22 degrees 14 minutes west a distance of 120 feet to an iron pin; thence, running north 53 degrees 53 minutes east along a farm lane a distance of 370 feet to an iron pin on the westerly right of way of State Highway #199; thence, running south 22 degrees 14 minutes east along the westerly right of way of said right of way a distance of 120 feet to an iron pin and the point of beginning. Said property may more commonly be known as **1121 GA Highway 199 S, East Dublin, GA 31027**.
 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
 The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, 3043 Townsgate Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361 818-224-7442.
 Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Jacqueline Bettie Stallworth and/or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.
 PennyMac Loan Services, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Jacqueline Bettie Stallworth, unmarried woman Contact: Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520

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26-279
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF LAURENS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNIE ROSE WOHLRABE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
 All creditors of the estate of ANNIE ROSE WOHLRABE 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 22nd Day of May, 2026
 Emily F. Kight
 Attorney for the Estate of
ANNIE ROSE WOHLRABE
 Kight Law, LLC
 P.O. Box 2056
 Dublin, Ga. 31040

June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2026

26-258
 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
 STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF HORACE MARVIN BREWER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-87
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: whom it may concern:
 CLAYTON LEWIS BREWER AND TINA LOUISE BREWER HOLT has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of HORACE MARVIN BREWER 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 July 6, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
 Genola O. Jackson
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: CWarren
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 PO BOX 2098
 DUBLIN, GA 31040
 478-272-2566

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26-280
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF LAURENS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF DOUGLAS LANE BRYANT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
 All creditors of the estate of DOUGLAS LANE BRYANT 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 22nd Day of May, 2026
 Emily F. Kight
 Attorney for the Estate of
DOUGLAS LANE BRYANT
 Kight Law, LLC
 P.O. Box 2056
 Dublin, Ga. 31040

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

26-259
 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
 STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF STEPHEN WALTER BILHARZ, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-89
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
 TO: whom it may concern:
 STEPHEN JANSEN BILHARZ AND JENNIFER NICHOLE ZWAGA has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of STEPHEN WALTER BILHARZ 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 or before July 6, 2026.
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Motion for Contempt: Robert Lee Washburn v Julie Kight Washburn

Divorce: Sydnee Harrison Kennedy v Jace Lamar Kennedy; Henry Kyle Ware v Lauren Elizabeth Ware; Gerald Denson v Leaira Denson

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aline Carter

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Contract: Bill & Daphne Peterson v Dublin GMC Buick Nissan; Mighty Clean Services v Macon 2CB, Chambers Cove, Linkwood, ET AL

Affidavit of Continuing Garnishment: Credit Corp Solutions v Sharwdale Williams & US Department of Veterans Aff.; Midland Credit v Shaquana Braddy & Dublin City Schools; LVNV Funding v Tawawn Denson & Take it to Paris Home Care

FIFA: Rita White to LVNV Funding, LLC; Mar-nitra Wilbur to LVNV Funding, LLC

Security Deed: OGillis Properties, LLC to Sunmark Community Bank; Andrew Fraser Rudd III to Exchange Bank; Mackenzie Tomlinson to Vallant Bank; Robert Elvis Lee Sr & Brittany Giles Lee to Rocket Mortgage, LLC; James Graham to Farmers State Bank; Mackenzie Tomlinson to Vallant Bank; Richard Ivan Yoder to Vallant Bank; Corey Blake & Shan-

non Vickers to Georgia First Bank; Wayne Embry Scott II & Tomeka Randolph to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Brian Chadwick & Sarah Poole to Rocket Mortgage, LLC; Seth Arnold Farmer to Pinnacle Bank; Chandler Austin & Crystal Morales Laird to Colony Bank; Rodney Lee & Mandi Lee Soles to Georgia First Bank; Troup Company LLC to Farmers State Bank; Devon Mitchell to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Prentice F Rasheed to Mortgage Research Center LLC DBA Veterans United Home Loans; Horseshoe Rentals LLC to Morris Bank; Randy & Wanda G Brown to Morris Bank; Joshua Bannister to Robins Financial Credit Union; Stephen & Chrissi West to Figure Lending LLC Dart Collateral Manager LLC; Bay Springs Orchard, LLC to AgGeorgia Farm Credit; Megan Harrison to Robins Financial Credit Union; Derek Burton to Mortgage Research Center LLC DBA Veterans United Home Loans; Elgin Lanier Dixon AKA Elgin Dixon, Terri Moore AKA Terri Dixon AKA Terri C Dixon to Community Bank of Georgia; Jeremy Lee & Scarlett Wild Haynes to The Four County Bank; Demetria A. & George A. Pierce to Rocket Mortgage, LLC; Diamond

G Holdings LLC to Sunmark Community Bank; Daniel Garrison Individually Daniel and Garrison, Lori Anne Trustees of the Daniel C Garrison and Lori A Garrison Living Trust to Citizens Bank of Laurens County; Daniel Garrison to Citizens Bank of Laurens County; Jorja McKenzie Bracewell to Farmers State Bank; Donna Otto Hill to Bank of Dudley; Walisa Lemons to Navy Federal Credit Union; Yajihira Yamilet & Brian Sidney Hilton to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC; Jean Louise & Shawn Louis Saucerman to Vallant Bank; Clark & Kristine West to Mutual of Omaha Mortgage, Inc., Gary A Casteel to Vallant Bank; Lisa J. & Michael L. Daniel to M&T Bank; Lisa J & Michael L Daniel to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

Warranty Deed: Arthur W Hudson to Millicent Shawn Hudson Manning Brandy Lian Hudson Bassett with a life estate interest to Arthur W Hudson During his life x2; John David Ashley to Mackenzie Tomlinson; David A. & Jo Anna Schappacher to Jayda Lynn Rogers & Brice Austin Warnock; SVT1 P1, LLC to Corey & Shannon Vickers; Thomas Foskey & Michael Radney to Ronnie Dickey Jr; Joshua & Alston Stinson

to Bobby E Knight; Timothy E & Brandi D Simpson Miller to Brian Chadwick & Sarah Poole; Amy Byrnes to Seth Harold Farmer; Briarhouse LLC to Chandler Austin & Crystal Morales Laird; The Land Barons, LLC to Victor Stewart; Property Preservation All of Georgia, LLC to Rodney & Mandi Soles; Daniel Carl Hooks Jr to Troup Company LLC; Jackson Farm Properties, LLC to Joey Jackson; Michael Faulkner to Prentice F Rasheed; Teresa Diers Mason to Teresa Diers Mason & Michael Gerard Mason; Emmitt Lee Dupree to Emmitt Lee Dupree & Gary Tyrone Dupree; Marco A. Aguilera to Joshua Bannister; Helen H Wyatt to Helen H Wyatt as Trustee of the Helen H Wyatt Revocable Living Trust Dated June 10, 2026; Charles Allen Kelly, Alisha Dawn Kelly AKA Dawn S Kelly to Charles Allen Kelly AKA Alisha Dawn Kelly AKA Dawn S Kelly; Sarah Elizabeth Sly Lord & Sharon Sly Moore to Bay Springs Orchard, LLC; Mark & Amy Loyd to Megan Harrison; Sotero Franco Carranza to Derek Burton; Jeremy Lee & Scarlett Wild Haynes to Jeremy Lee & Scarlett Wild Haynes; Wayne F & Don R Christian to Diamond G Holdings LLC; Joseph & Kelly Dukes to Joseph S Dukes IV & Kelly Roche

Dukes; Kelly Roche Dukes AKA Kelly K Roche to Joseph S Dukes IV & Kelly Roche Dukes; Angela Leann Ussery Curtis FKA Angela Leann Ussery to Jorja McKenzie Bracewell; Virgil Watkins Sr to Kenneth J Kates & Ira J Kates; David H Dally to David H Dally & Regina Lea Dally; P2 Construction, LLC to Donna Otto Hill; Synthia L Lemons to Walisa Lemons; Virgil Watkins Sr to Tarsha Floyd; Ronnie Mitchell Purdy & Rebecca E Purdy/Edward L Pickett Jr/ Glenda D Crosby to Franklin E Loyd & Jeffery S Reed; Neilwattie Angad to Neilwattie Angad & Zahir Shamsher; Virgil Watkins Sr to Christian Kates; Brantleys Body Shop, LLC to Jean Louise & Shawn Louis Saucerman; Glenda Maxine Garnto to Clark & Kristine West; Ernie Sanders to Morgan Ashley, With a Life Estate Interest to Ernie Sanders, for and During his life; Thomas Lee Ray by his Attorney in fact, Scott B Thompson to Gary A Casteel; Cathy Carter Hawkins AKA Cathy Hawkins and Thomas Ashley Hawkins AKA Thomas Hawkins to Cathy Carter Hawkins and Thomas Ashley Hawkins, Trustees of the Hawkins Family Living Trust, Dated June 12, 2026

BRADLEY KYLE SPEARING has petitioned for BRADLEY KYLE SPEARING to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of JACK RALPH SPEARING 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 July 6, 2026.

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

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

26-237
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF PRESTON OSBORNE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-74
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
Wanda Duncan has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of PRESTON OSBORNE 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 July 6, 2026.

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June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

26-239
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF MANUEL WATSON SPIVEY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-77
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
MELANIE WILLIAMS SPIVEY has petitioned for MELANIE WILLIAMS SPIVEY to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of MANUEL WATSON SPIVEY 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 July 6, 2026.

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June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

26-265
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In re the name change of: Annette Jones
Civil Action File No. 26-CD-0490-JH
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, Laurens County
Notice is hereby given that Annette Jones, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 4 day of June, 2026, praying for a change in the name of the petitioner from Annette Shakinah Jones to Jalcia Jasmine Anthony. 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 4 day of June, 2026
Annette Jones
Petitioner

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

26-265
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

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This 4 day of June, 2026
Annette Jones
Petitioner

June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2026

Dublin Police Department

- Jamariature Robinson, 20, was charged with possession of marijuana less than an ounce at Robert Street Apartments around 10:40 p.m. on May 26.

An officer was conducting a patrol and saw a person slumped over inside a parked vehicle. Officers made contact with the driver, who appeared to be heavily intoxicated. Officers questioned him regarding his reason for being on housing authority property. During the interaction, the man was identified as Robinson.

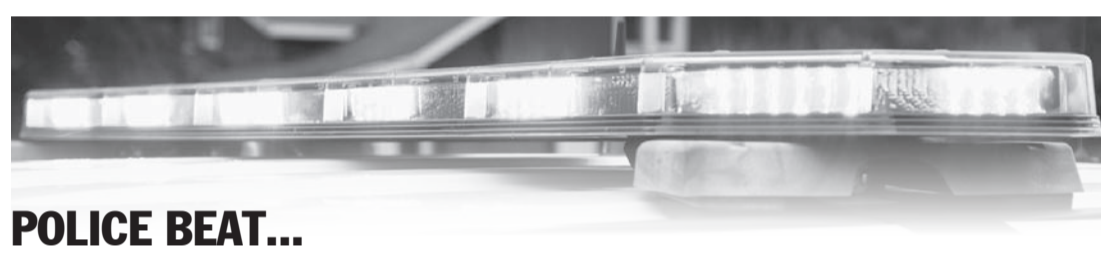
The officer saw a clear plastic bag underneath Robinson's foot containing a green leafy substance with suspected marijuana. Officers removed Robinson from the vehicle and arrested him. He was transported to the sheriff's office where he was released to jail staff for booking.

Robinson was determined not to be a resident of any Dublin Housing Authority property. Because of the possession of marijuana while on DHA property, Robinson was barred indefinitely from all DHA properties.

- Arieana Lynn Neda, 19, was charged with possession of marijuana on Park Place around 8:32 p.m.

An officer was patrolling the area of Trucker Street near the intersection of Park Place when he saw a man standing outside of a house. The officer was aware that the man had active warrants through the sheriff's office and police department. The officer was also aware that the man is considered a violent offender and is known to frequently carry handguns.

Due to the nature of the warrants, and the potential safety concerns, the officer contacted his immediate supervisor, and advised him of the situation. Members of the crime suppression unit, along with patrol officers, staged in the area in an attempt to safely serve the warrants. Officers made contact with the homeowner as well as Neda, in reference to finding the man. The officer was granted consent to search the house for the man. While conducting the search, the officer saw in plain view inside a back bedroom a clear plastic bag containing a green leafy substance suspected to be



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marijuana. The room belong to Neda.

The man was not found in the house. Neda claimed ownership of the substance. She was arrested, transported to the police department, issued a citation, fingerprinted and released on summons.

- Sega Dana Reeves, 43, was charged with theft by shoplifting at Walmart on Highway 80 West around 2:02 p.m. on May 27.

An officer was dispatched to the store in response to a reported theft. Upon arrival, the officer talked with the loss prevention staff. They told him that the woman had skipped scanning several items at the self-checkout. She failed to scan two items, resulting in a total value of \$45.

The officer check Reeves identification through dispatch and found that she had an outstanding warrant in Bulloch County. They request that a hold be placed on her. Reeves was arrested and transported to the county jail.

Laurens County Sheriff's Office

- A fight happened at 8:35 p.m. on May 19 on James Currie Road.

- On May 23, around 8:37 p.m., a deputy was dispatched to the Dollar General in East Dublin in reference to shoplifting.

- A deputy was dispatched to Lovett Scott Road in reference to a removal around 8:38 p.m. on May 22.

- On May 23, around 6:40 p.m., a deputy responded to Briargate Drive in reference to a 911 hang up.

- Regina Girard, 64, of Dexter, was charged with false statements and writings and concealment of facts. Around 6:25 p.m. on May 20, a deputy responded to Wynn Street in Dexter in reference to a person with weapons.

- On May 21, around 6:09 p.m., was dispatched to Wynn Street in reference to a person with weapons. Girard was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

- On May 22, around 1:21

a.m., a deputy made a traffic stop on a bicycle due to it not having proper lighting. The encounter led to the arrest of Clinton Durden, 43, of East Dublin. He was charged with possession of methamphetamine.

- Henry Braddy, 37, of Dublin, was charged with criminal trespass, on John Lowery Road after a deputy was dispatched to that area around 10:26 p.m. on May 26.

- A theft occurred on May 26 around 5:45 p.m. on ONeal Drive in Dublin.

- A storage building was broken into on Highway 19 between May 8 and 26.

- A theft occurred on South Green Street in Dexter around 8 a.m. on May 22.

- A mortgage fraud occurred between May 30 and June 1 on Barfield Court.

- A gray Chevrolet Equinox was pulled over around 11:30 a.m. on May 31.

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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We need police ticketing people for parking in the red zone at Dublin Village (Kroger shopping center). I see three cars parked outside WingStop/Little Tokyo right now, blocking traffic. No regard for others!

It's been six months since the GBI started investigating DCS. How long does this take? Prediction: the GBI will come back and say DCS "mismanaged" the tax payers out of \$13 million and the federal government out of millions of COVID funds, but there was no criminal activity. Everybody goes free. Move along, nothing to see here.

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SUPERINTENDENT

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here. He has an amazing amount of relevant experience in an independent school district with many of, if not all, the same programs we have.

"He wants to be a part of this community. He's ready to get us back to where we ought to be."

Former curriculum director Marcee Pool has served as interim superintendent since last September, when Fred Williams stepped down to take an early retirement after the severity of the school district's recent financial troubles were revealed.

Pool is expected to step back into her role as curriculum director full-time. Davis praised her for "step-

ping into an impossible situation, holding course and improving it with dignity and grace."

State officials last fall projected Dublin City would end the current fiscal year with a \$13.4 million deficit. The district has significantly cut spending — which included mid-year terminations of several dozen teachers and other staffers — but still owes the state about \$4 million in overdue payments to the State Health Benefit Plan.

Georgia Department of Education officials contacted the Dublin district in August after learning the system owed \$5.6 million to the state health plan after not paying in contributions for the entire fiscal year 2025. The system also had not completed an audit

since 2021, and after a closer look at the finances, state Superintendent Richard Woods declared the district on a "path to insolvency."

A subsequent special examination by the state Department of Audits and Accounts, requested by local lawmakers, confirmed the root causes — overhiring and overpaying employees, wasteful spending and lax oversight — but also identified specific concerns ranging from late tax payments to the IRS, "abnormally" high credit card spending and unwarranted travel and expenditures.

The audit also noted instances of family members traveling on out-of-town leadership retreats at the system's expense and undocumented payments to a local florist.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is investigating at the request of Dublin Circuit District Attorney Harold McLendon.

Williams, who took office in 2015, was promoted from within after working in the Dublin system as teacher, coach and then administrator.

At the time, the district was in similarly dire financial straits. He inherited a multi-million dollar deficit and, with the aid of COVID funds, managed to get the system out of the red briefly in 2021.

Despite warnings in 2022 from the state officials, the system continued to rely on pandemic money to fund positions and programs it could not afford.

Also at the Wednesday's called meeting, the board approved several personnel

changes:

- New hires: Moses Eyong, teacher, Dublin Middle School; Reuben Morris, teacher, Susie Dasher Elementary; James Jones, principal, DMS; Tonya Lesure, assistant principal/school improvement specialist, Hillcrest Elementary School; Charre Moulton, director of SPED, PreK and student support services

- Resignations: Maetta Hughes, ESS paraprofessional, Hillcrest; Tracy Stolze, assistant principal for instruction, Dublin High School; Jonathan Lewis, school counselor, Hillcrest

- Retirement: Tommy Howell, director of transportation, central office

- Transfer: Krystal Ne-Smith, teacher, Irish Gifted Academy to Hillcrest.

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would suffer a backlash in the November general election if they proceeded.

"If they want to tell the people of Georgia their votes don't matter as much as their own political power, go ahead and make that bet and see what happens come this November," Bailey said.

Walker said the Senate had notified Kemp Wednesday morning that the chamber would not be redrawing maps during the special session. Since new maps would not take effect until 2028, Walker said lawmakers should take their time to reconsider them.

Burns tried to close out the news conference, but his voice was drowned out by protesters chanting "Black votes matter."

SNAKE SHOW

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it. You should watch where you put your hands."

In all, there are 50 different kinds of snake who live in Georgia. When it comes to identifying a venomous snake, some people believe they need to look the shape of its head or pupils. The problem with this logic is people have to get closer to the snake to be able to tell this, Clark said.

"Two to three minutes after seeing a snake, they are bitten," he said. "If you never try to kill or capture a snake, you will not get bit."

When discussing the cottonmouth snake, Clark has heard stories about them chasing people. He put one on the floor of the library, and it did not move toward anyone.

"If you encounter a snake, you will be safe if you walk back the way you came before you found it," Clark said. "We take what

we know with dogs and put that on snakes. Dogs will chase, snakes will not. These snakes are not aggressive. They want to be left alone. You won't be bit if you use common sense. When you see a snake, don't try to kill it or catch it. Leave it alone and it'll leave you alone. They are not the monsters people make them out to be."

Mathis learned a lot from the show.

"I found out that a lot of the myths that I thought was true about snakes that were not true," she said. "You can still be scared but now it is more like a mutual respect of snakes. They are just as scared of us as we are of them."

At the end of the show, Clark allowed children to touch one of two ball pythons while adults took photos. Mathis was able to hold not one but two snakes Wednesday. For more videos or information about

the Southeastern Reptile Rescue, go to snakesareus.com

Mathis start receiving calls in December with people asking when Clark was going to be at the library. As far as the summer reading program goes this year, Mathis said they have had more teenagers sign up to participate.

"Everyone is super excited about it," she said. "I think there is a lot of momentum going. Some are ready to turn in their summer reading log."

Brown added that the number of books being check out have increased.

"That is good because we want to keep kids reading this summer," she said. "It's exciting to see that they are coming in to not only enjoy the program but that they are excited about reading too."

Mathis hopes many of the children will want to read more about snakes af-



Children react during the Reptile Rescue program at the library/PAYTON TOWNS III

ter the show.

"Our reptile section in the children's department is stocked up," she said. "We

are prepared for this."

The summer reading program entertainment will continue next week with

La Candela Flamenco at 2 p.m. June 24 before taking a break leading up to the Fourth of July.



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