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## Dudley issues boil advisory after water main break

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**  
Senior Reporter

The city of Dudley remained under a precautionary boil water advisory Friday after a water main break occurred the night before, resulting in a complete loss of water pressure with in parts of the city's water system.

Dudley Mayor Jason Locke said they had a water main rupture on Sixth Street around 9:30 p.m. Wednesday and it was repaired around 4 a.m. Thursday thanks to City of Dudley crews and Josh Godbee

with Environmental Instrumentation & Calibration.

"It affected most of Dudley," Locke said. "The water advisory will remain until further notice until we get a clear test, which I anticipate we will have done (Thursday). Thankfully we had water this morning when we woke up."

As a precaution, people in Dudley are advised to boil all water for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, making ice, preparing baby formula, washing fruits and vegetables and for pets. Water should be brought to a rolling boil for approximately

one minute and allowed to cool before using.

People can also use bottled water.

The advisory was issued because of the loss in water pressure, which may increase the potential for contamination to enter the water distribution system.

Water samples were collected and will be tested to make sure the drinking water supply is safe. The boil water advisory will stay in effect until satisfactory water quality test results are received and the city announces that the advisory has been lifted.



Crews worked on the water main break into the early hours of Thursday morning/SPECIAL PHOTO, City of Dudley

## Courier Herald wins 8 awards in Better Newspaper Contest

STAFF REPORTS

The best of The Courier Herald's coverage, columns and special publications from 2025 were recognized with eight awards in the Georgia Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest earlier this month.

Two gold medals, four silvers and a couple of bronze were included in the slew of accolades racked up by individual reporters, and the staff as a whole, when winners were announced during the organization's 139th convention June 11-13 at the Jekyll Island Club.

"These awards are a testament to the high-quality, community-centered journalism The Courier Herald staff produces every day," said Georgia Trust for Local News executive director Cynthia DuBose. "Their commitment to informing the people of Dublin and Laurens County is unwavering."

Top prizes for staff reporter Kyle Dominy, whose acclaimed "New Southern Dad" column extended its streak of first-place awards, and sports editor Clay

Reynolds, who was tops in the sports coverage category, headlined the newsroom's strong showing in a return to the contest's "B" division, which is comprised of the state's largest sub-daily papers.

Senior reporter Payton Towns III and staff writer Rodney Manley joined both of the above with a hand in the remaining six honors across a variety of photography, sports, column-writing and special section categories that made this year another in a tradition of outstanding performances in the competition that covers much of the past decade.

The contest, highlighting "outstanding achievements in newspaper journalism," was broken down into five circulation-based divisions that drew a total of 2,273 entries.

"Our team works hard every day to produce quality local journalism, and it's rewarding to see that work recognized by our peers," said GTLN deputy executive director Danyale Starley. "I'm proud of our entire dedicated staff and the commitment they have to serving our readers. These awards



Courier Herald staffers Rodney Manley, Kyle Dominy, Payton Towns III and Clay Reynolds with some of the awards from the Georgia Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest/LOGAN REYNOLDS

are well deserved and reflect the best in community journalism."

The first-place recognition for Dominy's NSD came once again in the lifestyle/feature column category, which encompasses a broad range of subject matter from food/

movie reviews and how-to tutorials to the homespun slices of life that make up his weekly writings.

The collection of winning submissions were easily among his most memorable from the past

year: A humorous acknowledgment of the lack of athletic ability he shares with his son; a more reflective meditation on mortality

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The Voices of Joy children's choir prepares for this Sunday's program/PAYTON TOWNS III

## Voices of Joy children's choir marks 45th year of children's music workshop, performance

By **KYLE DOMINY**  
Staff Reporter

The Voices of Joy children's choir has been practicing and learning all week and has its talents honed and songs ready for the group's 45th annual performance.

More than 40 local youths representing seven area churches are set to perform Sunday, June 28, at 4 p.m. at Williams Chapel Baptist Church, 1142 Ga. 29 in East Dublin. The choir, made up of kids aged 6 to 19 years old, has been practicing and learning more about music and choral singing each night since June 22 at another Laurens County church, the Greater Macedonia Missionary

Baptist Church.

"This is an opportunity for kids to come learn music, express their talents and worship God," said Courtney Coney, who is the workshop clinician for Voices of Joy. "We want to create a safe outlet for creativity."

Coney is a veteran gospel singer in her own right, serving as Greater Macedonia's worship leader. Joining her in teaching the choir as band director is her cousin, Kam Dixon, also an experienced church musician and performer.

"We come from a family of singers," she said.

Also during the performance, graduating high school seniors will

be honored with scholarships. Voices of Joy is a non-profit organization. It is organized by local pastor and educator Rev. Elgin Dixon.

Coney, a 43-year-old Dublin native who lived in South Carolina before returning to Laurens County in 2024, is well aware of the mission of Voice of Joy. She grew up singing in the choir, starting at the age of 6. She said it was an honor to come back and serve a group that was an important part of her childhood.

"It's a rewarding opportunity. This is what I experienced in Voices of Joy," she said. "We hope the kids take it back to their churches and sing these same songs."

## Man killed when hit by car ID'd as 71-year-old from Statesboro

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**  
Senior Reporter

A man killed when he was hit by a car while standing near a trailer on Ga. 19 Tuesday has been identified after authorities contacted his family in Statesboro.

Kenneth Laverne Phillips, 71, of Statesboro was pronounced dead at the scene at 10:06 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, said Laurens County Deputy Coroner Nathan Stanley. Deputies were sent to the man's house but no one was there. Stanley said the neighbor's son, who knew Phillips' daughter, called him and gave him a contact number.

Phillips was traveling toward Dublin near Southern Pines Road when he pulled over and was believed to have been tending to a trailer that he was pulling behind his 2010 Lexus SUV.

According to the Georgia State Patrol, the crash investigation revealed that he stopped partially in the roadway, straddling the white line. The SUV did have its hazard lights flashing but they were not visible from the back due to a small utility trailer loaded with a metal carport.

A GSP official said the

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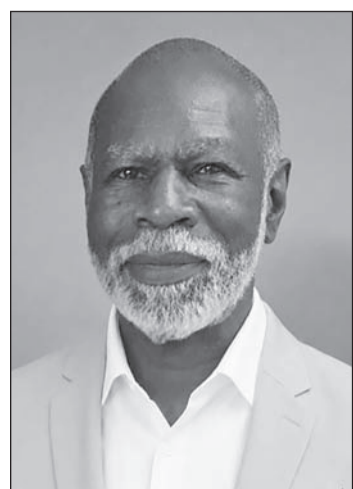
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OBITUARIES



Charles Rozier Jr.

Celebration of Life Services for Mr. Charles Rozier Jr. will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 3 p.m.. Location: Williams Chapel Baptist Church - 1142 Hwy 29 East Dublin, GA 31027. Apostle Vertise Z. Rozier will serve as eulogist. Public viewing was held at Serenity Funeral Home - Dublin on Friday, June 26, 2026, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friends are being received at the family residence, 450 Wright Road, East Dublin, Georgia 31027.

Serenity Funeral Home - Dublin has charge of arrangements.



Lillian Maxine Clements

Lillian Maxine Clements, passed away on June 23, 2026, in Dublin, Georgia, at the age of 84.

Maxine was born on July 12, 1941, in Minter, Georgia, to the late Matthew and Stella Clements. She was preceded in death by her sister Esther Clements and brothers Eschol Clements and Edsel Clements. Her life was marked by faith, devotion, and a quiet strength that touched all who knew her.

Maxine spent many years working as a seamstress at the Dublin Garment Factory (Oxford), where she was known for her steady hands, dependable spirit, and dedication to her work. She carried those same qualities into every part of her life. She was a faithful Christian and a devoted member of Union Baptist Church until her health declined. Her presence reflected her deep love for the Lord and her commitment to living a life of kindness and grace.

Those who knew Maxine will remember her as a loving, kind, and faith-filled woman. She was a sweet and genuine person who loved her family dearly, found joy in the simple blessings of life, and had a special love for gospel music. Her gentle spirit and warm heart left a lasting impression on her family and friends.

She is survived by her brothers Edward Clements, Edgar Clements, Herschel Clements and his wife Ann, Fred Clements and his wife Kathy, Paul Clements, and Don Clements; her sisters Christine Shannon, Emma Jean Conner, and Wynell Brookins; and her special niece and caregiver, Leigh Ann Morris and her husband Chris. Each of these loved ones held a special place in her heart, and she treasured the bonds of family throughout her life.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June, 26, 2026, at Union Baptist Church. Rev. Dwayne Clements will officiate.

The family would like to thank the staff at Compassus

Lawmakers go home with more campaign fodder, few results

By TY TAGAMI  
Capitol Beat News Service

The 2026 special session of the Georgia General Assembly may be remembered more for what did not happen than for what did.

Gov. Brian Kemp called lawmakers back to the Capitol mainly to complete work they had left unfinished during their regular session last winter and spring.

They had failed to address a looming deadline of their own making: had they gone home Tuesday without addressing their own July 1 prohibition on the use of QR codes in the state's voting machines, pandemonium would have reigned in the November midterm elections.

Georgia would have been left with no legal method for tallying votes, other than the paper ballots intended for sporadic emergencies, such as power outages.

On Tuesday, lawmakers, after creating that deadline two years ago, managed to push it back by nearly two more years.

They also checked another item off Kemp's to-do list, retroactively approving his second gas tax suspension of the year. Kemp ordered the first one in March after lawmakers, still in session, authorized it.

But they had already gavelled out of their regular session when he declared a state of emergency to extend the suspension into June.

So the Legislature retroactively approved that second suspension on Tuesday.

They did not pass any other major policy, although they may have gathered more fodder to present to voters as they campaign

ahead of November.

About an hour before the special session started last week, Republican leaders from the House and Senate announced that they would not pursue a big and controversial item: redistricting.

Kemp had put that on their agenda after the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling in April that weakened the 1965 Voting Rights Act's protections against maps that dilute minority voting strength.

The proposal had already created an outcry among Democrats and civil rights groups, leading GOP lawmakers to consider the potential downsides of fueling opposition rage and Democratic turnout during the midterms.

No new sales tax

Republicans also failed to win Democratic support for Kemp's call to consider putting a new 1% sales tax on local ballots. The referendums would have generated hundreds of millions of dollars to reduce homeowner property tax bills.

The scores of nearly identical local measures were introduced mostly by Republicans, one per city or county. They required a two-thirds vote for passage, and it became clear after the first votes last week that Democrats would oppose all of them.

Even so, after a string of defeats, Republicans kept calling up more of those bills. In the House, Rep. Chuck Efrstration, R-Mulberry, moved to reconsider each of them twice, the maximum allowed.

Each vote went down more or less the same way, prompting Rep. Ruwa Romman, D-Duluth, to quip, with a chuckle, that "the definition of insanity is

doing the same thing over and over again expecting different results."

Democrats said they opposed the measures because they would have increased the cost of groceries and other daily necessities, with the revenue going to people fortunate enough to own a home.

They called it a tax increase.

Republicans supported the measures, saying that rising property taxes had made homeownership unaffordable for many.

Brookhaven, a city in metro Atlanta, had just raised its property tax rate 40%, noted Rep. Scott Hilton, R-Peachtree Corners. "By voting red, you are suppressing voters' cherished right to vote on property tax relief," he said.

By invoking that color, Hilton meant the "no" button on lawmakers' desks, not the color associated with his political party.

But red incumbent lawmakers will likely be using the blue 'no' votes against the tax swap during their political campaigns this year.

The strategy prompted a rebuke from Rep. Angela Moore, D-Stonecrest, who complained about the cost to taxpayers of the special session.

That money would have been better spent on a state down payment assistance program, she said, "instead of wasting our time on trying to tax our constituents."

No veto override

Yet Democrats engaged in political sport, too, calling for a vote on a matter Republicans managed to evade. GOP lawmakers in the House wanted nothing to do with a Democrat's call to override a veto by Kemp.

During their regular ses-

sion, House Bill 1192 had been a bipartisan measure, with both Efrstration, the majority leader, and Rep. Carolyn Hugley, D-Columbus, the minority leader, among the top co-sponsors.

It had passed the House and Senate unanimously, driven by frustration over funding shortfalls at the Georgia Departments of Human Services and Community Health.

It mandated stricter accounting practices and annual reporting to the General Assembly, and it prohibited commingling of funds from different sources.

Kemp vetoed HB 1192, writing that it violated the separation of powers.

On Monday, Rep. Stacey Evans, D-Atlanta, moved to override the veto. But House Speaker Jon Burns, R-Newington, with the help of a Kemp ally on the House floor, used parliamentary procedure to table the motion.

Thus, Republicans avoided a difficult vote that would either have pitted them against their GOP governor or caused them to

flip their position.

Later that evening, during their customary time for announcements, Evans got around the rules that limit debate by announcing that it was the anniversary of Congress' adoption of the Pledge of Allegiance during World War II.

"And when we table motions instead of taking up issues, when we sit on our rights," she said, "we are really spitting in the face of so many that came before us to stand for our flag."

Meeting with reporters after the motion to table, Evans was less diplomatic, calling Republicans "spineless" for avoiding the veto vote, and saying it exemplified why voters should give Democrats a majority in the House.

The next day, the Senate unanimously approved the gas tax suspension that the House had unanimously approved on Saturday, and Republicans in both chambers voted to delay the QR code ban, mostly along party lines.

Then, they went home.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By LUCIE WINBORNE  
King Features

\* Chuck Norris had his own line of jeans called "Action Jeans."

\* At the time of its release, Grand Theft Auto 5 is the most expensive video game ever made -- \$265 million in production costs.

\* Diet Coke isn't a modified form of Coke, but a totally different recipe.

\* A brand of anti-chafing foot powder won a 1967 mayoral election in Picoaza, Ecuador. Its platform? The product was touted as potentially bringing hygiene and well-being to the town of 4,000.

\* The youngest soldier in the American Civil War was a 9-year-old boy from Mississippi, while the oldest was an 80-year-old man from Iowa.

\* After the 9/11 tragedy in 2001, cyclist David Hale Sylvester began bicy-

cling-and-hugging tours all over the world and staged multiple "hug parties" on three continents. As of 2021, he had hugged more than half a million people.

\* Australian tennis player Samuel Groth once served a ball that was clocked at an astonishing 163.6 mph.

\* Danish, Anglo-Saxon and Norman men were known for elaborate hairstyles and grooming, sometimes even before battle.

\* According to practitioners, shiatsu massages should always be given with the recipient lying on the floor rather than on a table or chair.

\* A Florida judge once called Elvis Presley "savage" for "undermining the youth."

\* Tilapia are painted on ancient Egyptian tomb walls and included in a spell in the Egyptian Book of the Dead to help the de-

ceased take their place in the sun boat.

\* Up to 75% of people with Down syndrome have some hearing loss.

\* Ancient Roman priestesses known as Vestal Virgins were required to remain virgins for 30 years; those convicted of breaking their vows could be buried alive.

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# Fireworks season is here: A public service announcement

During last year's Fourth of July celebrations more than 13,000 Americans reported to emergency rooms across the country due to fireworks-related injuries. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, that number was down from over 14,700 in 2024.

How many people lost fingers, or worse, in backyard explosions is unknown. I don't think there is a commission that keeps up with that. At least not publicly. You can assume around 1,700, if my math is correct.

With the United States' 250th birthday approaching, it's a safe bet that more people will be enjoying amateur pyrotechnics this year than in a long time. And why not? Few things celebrate freedom quite like turning your backyard into southern Lebanon with colorful blasts of gunpowder.

That's a topical geopolitical joke. Try to keep up. I can remember when fireworks were illegal in Georgia. To get your hands on a Roman candle or a string of firecrackers you had to sneak them back from a family vacation or have a shady uncle who frequently visited the state line and came back with what were essentially little sticks of dynamite.

Now you can get them anywhere. I was buying a gallon of milk the other day and right next to the checkout line, adjacent to the candy, chewing gum and other impulse buys was a display case full of colorfully packaged explosives.

## Here comes the boom!

### THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By **KYLE DOMINY**

We can thank the ancient Chinese for the invention of fireworks. Dating back to the Song Dynasty, firework technicians would pack gunpowder into bamboo tubes. It was not long before they discovered that adding powdered chemicals would produce colorful blasts of light.

These pyrotechnicians of old were highly revered members of society. Their wares were sought-after commodities used in festivals and religious ceremonies. Now we've got Geech and Skeeter, not a full hand of digits or complete set of teeth between 'em, all rockets red glare at all hours of the night for any ol' excuse.

Don't get me wrong, I love fireworks and I think our Founding Fathers would want us to have access to them. Besides, fireworks were a part of the very first Independence Day celebration in 1777, one year after the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence. But like many things, excess has taken the magic out of fireworks.

Few large tourist attractions do not include a nightly fireworks display; most major sporting events have celebratory explosions. They are a common sighting from small towns to mega metropolitan areas. Fireworks displays are much like parades: If you have seen one, you've seen them all.

We don't shoot off many fireworks in my family these days. We have too many dogs, and most dogs come pre-installed with PTSD. Loud noises make them cower or act rashly, like they are having flashbacks from 'Nam.

If you're going to celebrate this Fourth of July with a personal fireworks extravaganza, please do so safely. Secure your pets, stop at a reasonable hour and keep some ice handy.

You know, for when you blow your finger off.

## DIVA ON A DIME: A LITTLE SHRIMP GOES A LONG WAY

By **PATTIE DIAMOND**  
King Features

Total Time: 2 hrs. 30 mins.

Summer entertaining doesn't always involve firing up the grill or spending the afternoon in the kitchen. Some of the best warm-weather dishes are made ahead, tucked into the refrigerator and brought out like a cool, blissful surprise when guests arrive.

That's one reason I love make-ahead dishes. When the work is done in advance, everyone gets to relax, including the cook.

This bright shrimp and white bean salad has been one of my favorite warm-weather recipes for years. It combines tender shrimp, creamy white beans, fresh herbs and a bright lemon marinade into a dish that feels special enough for company but simple enough for a weeknight dinner. Best of all, a single pound of shrimp stretches beautifully to serve eight as an appetizer or four as a main dish, making it a delicious way to entertain without over-spending.

Back when I first developed this recipe, shrimp felt like a luxury ingredient. These days, with the price of so many groceries climbing, shrimp isn't necessarily any more expensive than many everyday proteins. Pairing it with beans makes a dish that feels both generous and practical.

This recipe is incredibly versatile. You can serve it with crackers or chips, spooned into lettuce cups for an easy appetizer, tucked into cute little tortillas for street tacos, piled over crisp greens for lunch or arranged over sliced avocado for a first course or light supper. Or eat it straight out of the jar with a fork. I don't judge.

Most recently I served it with cheese tortellini (cooked and chilled) and fresh spinach salad using the marinade as dressing for the pasta and the salad. It was easy and everyone loved it. It's the kind of flexible recipe that earns a permanent place in the warm-weather rotation.

Best of all, it can be made hours ahead. That's my favorite kind of entertaining food. While everyone else is cooking, you're already on the patio with a cold drink.

**LEMON HERB SHRIMP & WHITE BEAN SALAD**  
Yield: 4 to 8 Servings

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon old bay seasoning
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 3 teaspoons fresh garlic, finely chopped
- 1 cup (packed) fresh herbs, finely chopped, such as parsley, cilantro or dill
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1 cup red pepper, diced
- 1 shallot, thinly sliced
- 1 lemon, very thinly sliced
- 1 (14 ounce) can Great Northern Beans, drained
- 1 pound cooked, deveined medium shrimp

In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, vinegar, old bay, salt, sugar, celery seeds, allspice and garlic. Then add fresh herbs, celery, red pepper, shallot, lemon and beans. Give that a good stir. Add the shrimp and stir, making sure it's covered in marinade.

Place the mixture into a large glass dish with a lid or a couple of mason jars. Let this sit in the fridge for at least 2 hours before serving.

This salad is best after 2 to 4 hours in the refrigerator, when the flavors have had time to mingle without changing the texture of the shrimp. Because the marinade contains both lemon juice and vinegar, the acids will continue to "cook" the shrimp over time, similar to ceviche. After a day or so, the shrimp become noticeably firmer. Still delicious, but not quite as tender as they are on the first day.

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

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## The writer of the first American dictionary

By **JACK BROWN**

Noah Webster was born in Hartford, Connecticut, the son of Puritan parents and one of five children.

He and his two brothers, Charles and Abraham, helped their father with work, while the two daughters, Mercy and Jerusha, helped their mother with homemaking, food preparation and making clothing for the family.

Noah loved to learn and his parents let him go to Yale, Connecticut's only college from which he graduated in 1778.

He began teaching school and wrote his own textbook for teaching English.

He later studied law in America's first law school, also in Connecticut.

He married Rebecca Greenleaf in 1789 and they had eight children. He helped to start Amherst College in Massachusetts; founded New York's first daily newspaper in 1793; and, at age 43 started writ-

ing America's first dictionary and finished it 27 years later in 1828, at age 70.

Noah's dictionary had 70,000 words in it. The name Webster is synonymous with a reliable dictionary.

What about this early American's faith? Noah Webster's faith is revealed in four of his quotations:

1. "In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people."
2. "The Bible must be considered as the great source of all the truth by which men are to be guided in government as well as in all social transactions."
3. The moral principles

and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitution and laws. All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery and war proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible."

4. "It is extremely important to our nation, in a political as well as religious view, that all possible authority and influence should be given to the Scriptures, for these furnish the best principles of civil liberty, and the most effectual support of republican government. The principles of all genuine liberty, and of wise laws and administrations, are to be drawn from the Bible and sustained by its authority. The man therefore who weakens or destroys the divine authority of that book may be accessory to all the public disorders which society is doomed to suffer." Peace!



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## Moment of Inspiration

### Where is Your Focus?

"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen..." — 2 Corinthians 4:18 (KJV)

What we focus on greatly affects how we live. If we focus only on our problems, we can become discouraged. If we focus on our fears, we can become anxious. If we focus on the world around us, we may lose sight of God's promises. Peter walked on water as long as his eyes were on Jesus. But when he focused on the wind and waves, he began to sink. The same is true for us. The storms of life are real, but they do not have to control us. When our focus remains on Christ, we find strength, peace, and confidence for each day.

Today, take a moment to ask yourself: Where is my focus? Is it on my circumstances, or is it on the Savior who is greater than every circumstance?

Prayer: Lord, help me keep my eyes fixed on You. When distractions, fears, and troubles come, remind me to focus on Your promises and trust in Your faithfulness. Amen.

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

Pastors if you would like to share a devotional please email to: [advertisingtch@gmail.com](mailto:advertisingtch@gmail.com)



These merchants and The Courier Herald take pride in presenting this message and encourage you to attend the church of your choice.

**FROM THE RECORD**

**Marriage:** Breeanna Morgan Wilkinson to Idris Lee Rayshaun Mcqourik, Gavin Scott Donaldson to Taylor Paige Mimbs, Carson Lamar Estep to Kiley Paige Smith, Case Charles Matthews to Harley Joyce Chalker, Karen Denise Harper to Julie Michele Norris, Amaya Diane Paxson to Kadin Isiah Rice

Ledbetter

**Writ of Possession:** Bank of Dudley v Keith Self

**Complaint-Child Support:** GA DHS EX REL Da'Cartier Jones vs Dequan Pittman; GA DHS EX REL Hahlil Walker vs Errick Callaway; GA DHS EX REL Ashton Darrisaw vs Antonio Darrisaw; GA DHS EX REL Jeremiah Morris vs Pharrell Smith; GA DHS EX REL Andrew Scott, III ET AL vs Andrew Scott, Jr

**Contempt-Child Support:** GA DHS EX REL Conner Rozier vs Gordon Glover; GA DHS EX REL Owen Alen ET AL vs Christopher Allen; GA DHS EX REL Jaden Andrews vs Darreon M Andrews; GA DHS EX REL Paisley Eck ET AL vs Kyle Eck; GA DHS EX REL Jasmine Clement ET AL vs John Clement; GA DHS EX REL Jace Edmond vs Moterrius Edmond; GA DHS EX REL Joshua Jammal Josey vs Marvin Josey; GA DHS EX REL Charleigh Willis vs Brenda Willis; GA DHS EX REL Hunter Joiner ET AL vs Matthew Joiner; GA DHS EX REL Nova Frapp vs Montavius Hester; GA DHS EX REL Brantley Beauchamp vs Scott Beauchamp; GA DHS EX REL Alexandria Faith vs John Clement; GA DHS EX REL Jayden Pierce ET AL vs Antwan Pierce; GA DHS EX REL Netkell Dontia McClendon vs Jeremy McClendon; GA DHS EX REL Jayce T. GradyMiller vs Terrence T. Johnson; GA DHS EX REL Markel Wright ET AL vs Marcus McClinton; GA DEPT OF EX REL Ovid Cullen, V vs Ovid Cullen; GA DHS EX REL Brantley Waters vs Billy Brown; GA DHS EX REL Aayden Stevens vs Kenshaun Mincey; GA DHS EX REL Jalen Mayes ET AL vs Kia Mayes;

**Reg. of a Foreign Order - Florida:** GA DHS EX REL Daisy C Campbell vs Delana M Ahmad

**Reg. of a Foreign Order - N. Carolina:** GA DHS EX REL Za'Niyah Elizabeth Blankenship vs Tony Antuane Blankenship

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GA DHS EX REL Kristofer-Jat Darden vs Gerald Dewayne Darden; GA DHS EX REL Jeremiah James vs Brian Wells; GA DHS EX REL Mackenzie Dellinger vs Terry C Dellinger; GA DHS EX REL Ziyah Mincey vs Kenshaun Mincey; GA DHS EX REL Dakota C Hood vs Benjamin Oliver Graham; GA DHS EX REL Marquiseseya Jones ET AL vs Marcus McClinton; GA DHS EX REL Clarence Rewis vs Gregory Rewis; GA DHS EX REL Delonceon Wise vs Eric Wise; GA DHS EX REL Vontavius Hudson vs Kenshaun Mincey

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Community Bank x4; Lamont A Edmondson to Guild Mortgage Company LLC; Cedric L & Arethia Stanley to NFM Home Lending, LLC; Gregory Shawn & Rachel Parkerson Wooten to Pennymac Loan Services, LLC; Bryce Everett & Bridget Alisa Badertscher to Georgia First Bank; Mohan K Reddy AKA Mohan K Reddy to Savannah River Estates LLC; Bronson F Phillips to Freedom Mortgage Corporation; Chandra Larue Calton to John T & Cecelia Watkins, David Quinton Jones JR & Natalie Harper Jones to United Wholesale Mortgage LLC; Anthony & Julie Anguilo to Robert P Hooks, Jr; Happy Valley Paradise LLC to Sunmark Community Bank; Radhika 2025 Inc to Vallant Bank; Sammy Lee & Jeanette Scott to The Huntington National Bank; Zachary R Bracewell to Union Home Mortgage Corp; Jonathan Pearce to Mortgage Research Center LLC DBA Veterans United Home Loans; Larry Tramayne Jiles to Guild Mortgage Company LLC; Lilbee Properties, LLC to Community Bank of Dublin-Laurens County; Artis Oglesby to Mortgagepros LLC; Tryquomissia & Alice J Joiner to Pennymac Loan Services LLC; William Murray & Sheila Beth McDonald to Robins Financial Credit Union; Tara Dominici & Mathew Benjamin

Bradshaw to Plaza Home Mortgage Inc; Pamela Daniels AKA Pamela Daniel to First Laurens Bank; Brandon Revis & Zane Smith to Next Generation Lending II, LLC; Moore Station Development Co LLC to Bank of Dudley; Stephen Dubose Porter to Bank of Dudley; Connection Church Dublin, Inc to Christian Financial Resources INC; 4282 Holdings, LLC to The Huntington National Bank x2; Lanier Custom Builders, LLC Gregory Ledford to Bank of Dudley; Ronald Ryan & Natasha Newsome to Georgia First Bank; Cody Ryan Martin to First American Mortgage; BWN Properties, LLC to Georgia First Bank x4

**Warranty Deed:** Stevie L Willis to Stevie L Willis & Angela D Willis; Stevie Willis to Stevie L Willis & Angela D Willis; Morris Cooper to Christian Kates; New Friends Investments LLC to Lamont A Edmondson; Paul E Brown to Jackson D Fordham; Charles M Chambers Sr to Cedric L

Stanley & Arethia Stanley; Joseph P Evans to Bryce & Bridget Badertscher; Mohan K Reddy AKA Mohan K Reddy to Blue Dharma-Peaks, LLC; Gary A Casteel to Gary A Casteel & Joanne Casteel; Joe Gary Schrock to Joe Gary Schrock; John T & Cecelia Watkins to Chandra Larue Calton; Robert P Hooks Jr to Anthony & Julie Angulo; Charles E Garbutt & George F Durden to Radhika 2025 Inc A Georgia Corporation; Raydient LLC to Antawan & April Pauldo; Antawan & April Pauldo to Antawan Lavonte & April Deshawn Jackson-Pauldo; SDJ Group LLC to Gunnar Jeffers; Raydient LLC to Victor & Kerri Woodard; John R Britt and Carr & Lewis LLC to Sammy Lee Scott & Jeanette Scott; Wayne P & Dannel K Kasper to Thomas & Celia Dykes; Antonio Lanier to Zachary R Bracewell; Sheila Daniel Mullis to Jonathan Pearce; Riley S & Sarah J Holmes to Lar-

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**Paternity/Legitimation:** Anketrick Powell v Shaylonda Brown

**Contempt:** Mary Rowe v Robert Rowe

**Petition for Modification:** Nathan Horne v Christine Lovely

**Complaint for Divorce:** Viola Gardner v Tommy Gardner

**Garnishment:** One-main Financial v Brian Howard & Cochran Bros Company, Inc;

**Contract:** Credit Corp Solutions v William Coleman; Arivo Acceptance, LLC v Bryan Jackson; Credit Corp Solutions, Inc v James Elliot; U.S. Bank National Association D/B/A Elan Financial Services v Sheena Lanier

**Affidavit of Continuing Garnishment:** Midland Credit v Jessica Maye & Warehouse Home Furnishings; Midland Credit v Rosalyn Jones & Warehouse Home Furnishing;

**Automobile Tort:** Brandon Lopez v Summer Willow at James Place, LLC & Jack Ledbetter; Brandon Lopez v Summer Willow at James Place, LLC & Jack

POSTING DATE JUNE 27, 2026

**NOTICE OF CALLED PUBLIC MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A CALLED PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD JULY 14, 2026 AT 12:00 P. M. IN THE HENRY "BUD" HICKS JR MEMORIAL CHAMBERS, LOCATED IN CITY HALL AT 100 S. CHURCH STREET IN DUBLIN GEORGIA FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF DUBLIN FUTURE LAND USE PLAN FOR THE LAURENS COUNTY JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

*[Signature]*  
Sharon Eveland, Director of Planning and Development

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

POSTING DATE JUNE 27, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JEFFERY WASHINGTON HAS SUBMITTED A REZONING APPLICATION FOR .09 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 414 EAST MARY STREET, DUBLIN GEORGIA AND .17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 412 EAST MARY STREET, DUBLIN GEORGIA. REQUEST TO REZONE FROM R3 (MULTI FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO B3 (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS). PROPOSED USE IS A NEIGHBORHOOD BARBER SHOP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT HOLLY HOWELL, EARLWOOD INVESTMENTS LP HAS SUBMITTED ANNEXATION APPLICATION FOR .50 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PART OF PARCEL D04C 076. REQUEST TO ANNEX PROPERTY INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF DUBLIN AS P (PROFESSIONAL). PROPOSED USE IS A MEDICAL OFFICE.

THESE REQUESTS WILL BE HEARD BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD ON JULY 14, 2026 AT 5:30 P. M. IN THE HENRY "BUD" HICKS JR MEMORIAL CHAMBERS. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS ON THESE REQUESTS.

*[Signature]*  
Sharon Eveland, Director of Planning and Development

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# Smell Gas? Act Fast!

Natural gas is a colorless and odorless fuel. For safety reasons, a chemical odorant called mercaptan is added for easy detection of a suspected natural gas leak. This odorant has a distinctive "rotten egg" type odor.

¿Hay olor a gas? ¡Actúe rápido! El gas natural es un combustible incoloro e inodoro. Por razones de seguridad, se le agrega un aromatizante químico llamado mercaptano para que se pueda detectar fácilmente. Este aromatizante tiene un olor característico a "huevo podrido."

If you detect even a small amount of this odor in the air:

Si detecta este olor en el aire, por mínimo que sea:

- Do not try to identify the source or stop the leak yourself.  
*No intente identificar la fuente ni detener la fuga usted mismo.*
- Leave the area immediately, and move a safe distance away from the potential leak, while avoiding any action that may cause sparks.  
*Abandone la zona de inmediato y aléjese a una distancia segura de la posible fuga, evitando cualquier acción que pueda generar chispas.*
- Avoid using any sources of ignition, such as cell phones, cigarettes, matches, flashlights, electronic devices, motorized vehicles, light switches or landlines, as natural gas can ignite from a spark or open flame, possibly causing a fire or explosion. While natural gas is non-toxic, in confined spaces it can displace oxygen, potentially leading to asphyxiation.  
*Evite utilizar cualquier fuente de ignición, tales como teléfonos celulares, cigarrillos, cerillas, linternas, dispositivos electrónicos, vehículos motorizados, interruptores de luz o teléfonos fijos, ya que el gas natural puede encenderse a partir de una chispa o una llama abierta, provocando posiblemente un incendio o una explosión. Si bien el gas natural no es tóxico, en espacios confinados puede desplazar el oxígeno, lo que podría derivar en asfixia.*
- Call Atlanta Gas Light at **877.427.4321** or **911** once you are out of the area and in a safe place.  
*Llame a Atlanta Gas Light at **877.427.4321** o al **911** una vez que esté fuera del área y en un lugar seguro.*



## HOT ROUTES: IRISH, GUESTS WEATHER WARM TEMPS AT ANNUAL HALF-PAD CAMP

The gridiron was sizzling, and so was the Dublin defense, which seemed to break up more passes behind the line of scrimmage than opponents completed during this portion of its padded camp Wednesday morning at the Shamrock Bowl. There was a good bit of both the passing and ground games featured over different segments of the two-day event, which welcomed Rutland, Metter, Westside Macon and what appeared to be Macon County for some scrimmage reps a tad more realistic than your typical summer practice. GHSA rules afford teams a maximum of four days – two in June, and a couple more in July – to attend these jamborees that break partially from the state’s summer-long prohibition on pads and contact for a few hours. It gives players, who are permitted to block and go through the preliminary motions of tackling in the upper half of their usual game equipment, a chance to simulate the regular-season physicality and speed they wouldn’t otherwise see until the fall, and coaches just as valuable an opportunity to evaluate their teams’ progress about halfway through the summer. The Irish and other local football teams now head into a statewide off week before the countdown to fall practices begins next month.



**JAILBREAK!** Westside Macon’s quarterback had the whole Dublin defensive line in his face immediately on this dropback after the Irish blew through some feeble protection to force a quick throw/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



Matthew Batts extends a stiff-arm against a potential Westside tackler on a scramble out of the Irish backfield/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



Quarterback Ryland Yates steps into a throw/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



Tight end Malik Isaac reels in a reception /**CLAY REYNOLDS**



A Seminole gets stacked up by the Irish defense/**CLAY REYNOLDS**

### Dublin Police Department

- Dayshaun Edward Peacock, 21, was charged with obstruction of law enforcement officers and criminal trespass at Dollar Tree on Veterans Boulevard around 6:23 p.m. on June 5.

Officers were dispatched to the location in reference to a person refusing to leave. Peacock refused to speak with the officers or give his name and date of birth in regards to being trespassed from the store. After refusing to answer more questions from police, an officer went to grab Peacock’s right arm and he tensed up, refusing to put his arm behind his back.

Officers had to physically force Peacock’s hand to the back of his body while he tried to pull away from them. Officers were able to get Peacock handcuffed after a brief struggle. The man was transported to the police department, fingerprinted and released on summons. Peacock was being trespassed due to going into the stock room and being asked to leave multiple times, but he refused to do so.

- On June 7 around 12:57 p.m., officers were dispatched to Industrial Boulevard in reference to a fight in the lobby at Fairview Park Hospital.

Officers and a deputy made contact with the offenders in the parking lot, while another officer met with the victim inside the hospital. The victim said he was sitting in the waiting room when he was approached by two people yelling at him, asking him why he was messing with their brother. The man



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said he was asked to step outside, and after a short verbal altercation, Davita Austin swung at him and hit him in the face. The victim said he defended himself against her and the other man, identified as Damarrius Austin.

The officer saw video footage from inside the hospital. In the video, the officer saw Damarrius Austin walk into the front doors and point at the victim, which led Davita Austin to walk to him. Seconds later, Damarrius Austin runs over to the victim. The victim tried to back away from both people when Davita Austin swung at him with a closed fist, hitting him in the face. The victim fought back and Damarrius Austin joined the fight after they fall to the ground.

Witnesses said the victim was sitting there minding his own business when two people came into the lobby and started yelling at the man. None of the witnesses saw the victim say anything to either of the two people prior to them entering the hospital.

Damarrius Austin told police that when he went inside to check in, he stated something out loud about not being seen yet. He said the victim told him to shut up or he will slap him. Damarrius Austin went outside and told his sister. Davita and Damarrius Austin

both said they went back in to confront the man. The woman said she asked for the man to step outside so they could talk. Both said the victim was the one who threw the first punch. They said the man also threatened others inside the waiting room. No witnesses could confirm these statements.

Both were arrested and transported to the Laurens County Jail and released to booking staff.

- Around 10 p.m. on June 7, an officer responded to Lassiter Drive regarding an ex-boyfriend who had broken into a house and had already been served with a temporary protective order.

The man, Joshua Lawrence McCoy, 40, was a day later and charged with stalking and violation of a family violence order.

- On June 6 around 1:40 a.m., an officer made a traffic stop on U.S. 441 South on a black 2003 Dodge Neon that had an inoperable headlight.

An officer approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver, Jacquelin Campbell, 58. After running her information through GCIC, the officer was notified that her license was suspended.

Campbell was arrested and transported to the police department to be fingerprinted. She was charged with driving while license

suspended or revoked, received a warning for the headlight and advised of her court date.

### Laurens County Sheriff's Office

- A deputy responded to Old Lovett Road in reference to a trespassing that happened around 1:21 p.m. on June 5.

- On June 3, around 12:21 p.m., a deputy responded to Iris Lowery Loop in reference to a report.

- A deputy responded to McDonalds on Veterans Boulevard in reference to an incident on Robinhood Road at noon on May 27.

- Jacorey Rogers, 32, of East Dublin, was charged with obstruction of officers at the intersection of Clover Street and Broad Street. A deputy responded to the location and recognized Rogers from previous encounters and knew he had an outstanding warrant. A short foot chase ensued and ended with Rogers in custody.

- Tally Payne, 51, of Dublin was charged with driving under the influence of drugs on North Jefferson Street around 8:09 p.m. on June 6. A deputy saw a black Lexus sedan with one functional headlight traveling north on Jefferson Street. The deputy performed a traffic stop on the vehicle. Further investigation lead to the arrest of the driver.

- Marlon Alberto Molina Echeverria, 26, of Norcross was charged with DUI on I-16 at mile marker 47 around 1:24 p.m. on June 6. A deputy made a traffic stop on a blue Toyota Camry in reference to speeding and

erratic lane change.

- On June 2, around midnight, a deputy talked with a man in reference to property damage on Shaddock Creek Circle between May 28 and June 2.

*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.*

### Local 7-day Forecast:

#### The next 48 hours...

**SATURDAY:**  
**93°** Partly sunny and humid with showers and thunderstorms likely.  
 Sunrise: 6:26 a.m.

**SATURDAY NIGHT:**  
**69°** Mostly cloudy and humid.  
 Sunset: 8:43 p.m.

**SUNDAY:**  
**93°** Partly sunny and humid with widespread thunderstorms around.  
 Sunrise: 6:27 a.m.

**SUNDAY NIGHT:**  
**70°** Mostly clear and humid.  
 Sunset: 8:43 p.m.

 <b>Monday</b> 6/29 HIGH/LOW <b>93/72</b> Partly cloudy and humid with an afternoon thunderstorm likely. Sunrise: 6:27 a.m. Sunset: 8:43 p.m.	 <b>Tuesday</b> 6/30 HIGH/LOW <b>94/71</b> Partly sunny and humid with an afternoon thunderstorm in the cards. Sunrise: 6:27 a.m. Sunset: 8:43 p.m.	 <b>Wednesday</b> 7/1 HIGH/LOW <b>93/70</b> Decreasingly humid and very sunny. Sunrise: 6:28 a.m. Sunset: 8:43 p.m.	 <b>Thursday</b> 7/2 HIGH/LOW <b>95/72</b> Sunny. Sunrise: 6:28 a.m. Sunset: 8:43 p.m.	 <b>Friday</b> 7/3 HIGH/LOW <b>97/71</b> Variably cloudy. Sunrise: 6:29 a.m. Sunset: 8:43 p.m.
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**River levels...**  
 Oconee (at Dublin) ..... 3.6'  
 Ocmulgee (at Macon) ..... 6.3'

**Classifieds**

**Yard/Estate Sales**

Estate sale at the home of the late James S. and Undine Avery Fortner, 310 Old Kidbee Road, North, Vidalia, GA, Fri., June 26 9:00a-5p and Sat., June 27th from 9:00a-5pm. 4.7x10 greenhouse, books, vintage items, shop with misc. items & tools, lift chair, couch, split king adjustable bed, housewares, kitchenware, much more. Sue Jarriel Garcia.

**Legals**

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**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 Wohlrahe 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 6, 13, 20, 27, 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 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 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2026

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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.  
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June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

**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.

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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 JANAE 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.

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**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 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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By: CWARREN  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
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June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

**26-277**  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF YADIRA BENITA CASTRO, Estate No. 26-23  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS  
All creditors of the estate of Yadira Benita Castro, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.  
Nedra E. Snider, Executrix of the Estate of Kenneth W. Snider, deceased  
c/o J. Jackson Dixon  
Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC  
205 N. Franklin Street  
Dublin, GA 31021

June 27, July 4, 2026

**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  
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205 N. Franklin Street  
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June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2026

**26-278**  
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 July 6, 2026.  
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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  
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June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

**26-257**  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF JACK RALPH SPEARING, DECEASED  
ESTATE NO. 26-86  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE  
TO: whom it may concern:  
BRADLEY KYLE SPEARING has petitioned for 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.

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

**26-285**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Pursuant to Code of Georgia - Title 10 Commerce and Trade (Chs. 1-15) Chapter 4 Warehousemen (Arts. 1-5) Article 5 Self-Service Storage Facilities (10-4-210 - 10-4-218), there will be a public sale by Storage Of Dublin, LLC, located at 102 Hillcrest Parkway, Dublin, GA 31021. The sale will officially start JUNE 27, 2026 and end at 12:00pm, JULY 14, 2026. The auction will go live June 27th on STORAGEACTIONS.COM. The proceeds of said sale will be used to satisfy the storage past due rent & fees in the delivered lien letter, forward rent & fee balances for the duration of the auction process and other expenses of the auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale.

June 27, July 4, 2026

**26-243**  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LAURENS  
IN RE: ESTATE OF JACK RALPH SPEARING, DECEASED  
ESTATE NO. 26-86  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE  
TO: whom it may concern:  
BRADLEY KYLE SPEARING has petitioned for 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.

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

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Unit: A5 & A3 Tenant: ADAM MCCULLARS (Household Goods)  
Unit: F1 Tenant: ANTHONY CAREY (Household Goods)  
Unit: D1 Tenant: BRITNEY JARRELL FLOYD (Household Goods)  
Unit: L5 Tenant: CAROL NESMITH (Household Goods)  
Unit: P4 Tenant: CHRISTOPHER HUDSON (Household Goods)  
Unit: O14 Tenant: JULIA SMITH (Household Goods)  
Unit: A10 Tenant: QWUAYANA MANNER (Household Goods)  
Unit: P6 Tenant: SHENETRA ROBINSON (Household Goods)  
Unit: C5 Tenant: TREVIRA HESTER (Household Goods)

June 27, July 4, 2026

**26-278**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
Georgia, Laurens County.  
All creditors of the Estate of Kenneth W. Snider, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render in writing their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 5th day of June, 2026.

Nedra E. Snider, Executrix of the Estate of Kenneth W. Snider, deceased  
c/o J. Jackson Dixon  
Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC  
205 N. Franklin Street  
Dublin, GA 31021

June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2026

**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  
All creditors of the estate of Yadira Benita Castro, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.  
Nedra E. Snider, Executrix of the Estate of Kenneth W. Snider, deceased  
c/o J. Jackson Dixon  
Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC  
205 N. Franklin Street  
Dublin, GA 31021

June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2026

**26-278**  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF Deborah Ann Domy, 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 Domy 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.  
Janet Jarriel, Administrator  
AVERY LAW, LLC  
Post Office Box 1446  
Dublin, Georgia 31040

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

**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 in 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. Knight  
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

**26-260**  
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.

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

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 court-house 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 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

May 23, 30, June 6, 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

**26-279**  
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 in 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. Knight  
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

**26-268**  
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  
Georgia Jeffcont  
CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK  
LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT  
June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2026

**26-287**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
Georgia, Laurens County.  
All creditors of the Estate of Charles Richard Andrews, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render in writing their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 5th day of June, 2026.

Peggy Diane Andrews, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Richard Andrews, deceased  
c/o J. Jackson Dixon  
Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC  
205 N. Franklin Street  
Dublin, GA 31021

June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2026

**26-236**  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF MILDRED L. LAMB, DECEASED  
ESTATE NO. 26-72  
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.  
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Judge of the Probate Court  
By: CWarren  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
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June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

**26-283**  
**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 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..."

June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2026

BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED UNTO JOANNE WENDT, BY VIRTUE OF WARRANTY DEED FROM TERRY LASTINGER, DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2002, RECORDED FEBRUARY 14, 2005, IN BOOK: 1627 AND PAGE: 90. PARCEL W: 051C 087 J MA July 7, 2026 Our file no. 26-23033GA 26-23033GA

June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 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.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
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June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

**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

**26-273**  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF LAURENS  
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Latonya Young AND Christine Surlis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Alcovia Mortgage, LLC, its successors and assigns dated July 19, 2024, and recorded in Deed Book 3497, Page 51, Laurens County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Planet Home Lending, LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$166,464.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, August 4, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.25 acre, more or less, being Lot 1, Block "A" of Westwood Terrace Subdivision, as particularly shown on a plat of survey by Billy Flanders, Land Surveyor, dated June 25, 1990, and recorded in Deed Book 586, Page 240, Laurens County records, which plat is by reference incorporated as part of this description. Said property is located at the northeasterly corner of the intersection of Woodrow Street and West Drive, having a frontage of 149.37 feet on the easterly margin of West Drive and frontage of 70.0 feet on the northerly margin of Woodrow Street. Said property is improved with a residence known as **1009 Woodrow Street**. Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements of record. Said property is known as 1009 Woodrow Street, Dublin, GA 31021, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.  
The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.  
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor.  
The property is or may be in the possession of Latonya Young and Christine Surlis, successor in interest or tenant(s). Planet Home Lending, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Latonya Young AND Christine Surlis  
File no. 26-084259  
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP\*  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
1050 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 500  
Atlanta, GA 30338  
(770) 220-2535  
https://www.logs.com/  
\*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

June 27, July 4, 11, 18, 25, August 1, 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 aide 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. Elma 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

**26-272**  
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

June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2026

**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

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

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

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

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 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.  
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Judge of the Probate Court  
By: CWarren  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
PO BOX 2098  
DUBLIN, GA 31040  
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June 6, 13, 20, 27, 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 BUCKEY 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

June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2026

**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 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 6, 13, 20, 27, 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 BUCKEY 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

June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 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 BUCKEY 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

June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 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 BUCKEY 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

June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 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 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2026

**26-241**  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA  
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Genola O. Jackson  
Judge of the Probate Court  
By: CWarren  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
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DUBLIN, GA 31040  
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June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2026

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Mom's Rekindling With Abusive Father Feels Like a Betrayal

DEAR ABBY: I am estranged from my father and have been since I was 12. (I'm currently 26.) He was emotionally, psychologically and physically abusive to me, and cutting ties with him has been good for my well-being.

My mom recently revealed to me that she has reconnected with him and they are dating again. This is infuriating, and I have been vocal about my disapproval of their relationship. She is convinced I am making the problem much bigger than it has to be, says it shouldn't affect me and assures me I won't have to see him.

I can't tell her what to do, but she can't tell me how to feel. Today, over the phone, I told her that I'm feeling resentful. After I said it, she started crying, hung up on me and turned her phone off. I didn't mean to hurt her feelings, but I had to speak my truth.

I don't want to lose my relationship with my mom, but I feel so hurt and unseen that I'm not sure how to get past it. It's hard to have a conversation with her even about the weather without thinking in the back of my mind that she is attracted to someone who hurt me intentionally.

I want a magic solution to my problems, which I know doesn't exist. I'm at my lowest point and I really need some guidance. Please help me navigate this crisis. -- EMOTIONAL IN NEBRASKA

DEAR EMOTIONAL: Did your father abuse your mother as he did you? I'm sorry you didn't reveal that in your letter. It's a mother's duty to protect her child, and she and your father did eventually separate.

At this point, you are no longer a child. You are now an adult with the ability to protect yourself from anyone who tries to abuse you. You cannot prevent your mother from trying to find happiness, regardless of whether you (or I) think she's making a mistake. By the way, there is no guarantee that her reunion will be a lasting one.

There's a price we pay for any decision we make. The price your mother may pay is that she'll see much less of her offspring. As for you, it may take some sessions with a licensed psychotherapist to emotionally separate from both of your parents and heal. (You should have had therapy after the abuse you suffered when you were younger.)

DEAR ABBY: My husband met a couple with whom he wanted to socialize. He's an extrovert. I'm an introvert. We started spending time with them, but I have never liked them. They are loud, argue constantly and talk over everyone else. I get seriously triggered by their behavior. They drink too much, and the man either passes out on our couch or makes a fool of himself in public.

The problem is my husband still likes socializing with them. I'm fine with him seeing them by himself, but he's unhappy I won't go. This couple know how I feel and they keep inviting me. What do I do to meet both my husband's and my own needs? -- DOWNER IN THE EAST

DEAR DOWNER: You do not have to be available whenever they snap their fingers. What you do to meet your needs (as well as your husband's) is see this obnoxious couple less often than he does.

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9	3	8	5	7	1	4	6	2
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ANSWER:

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



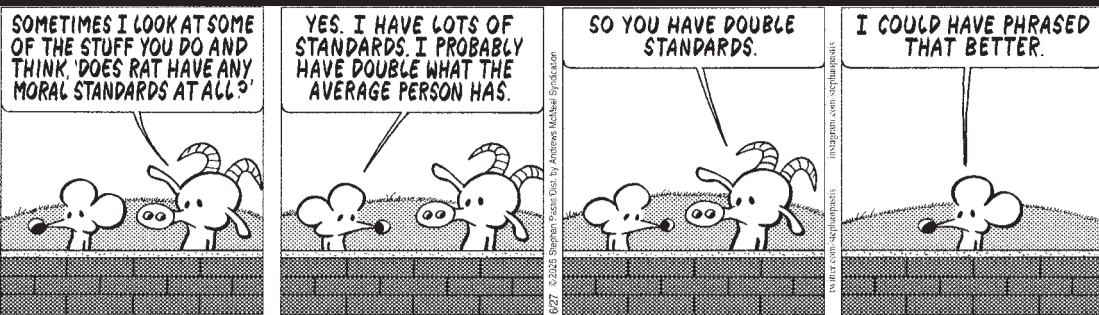
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



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- Pressure-wash and paint your entryway walls, sidewalks and door, if needed. Make sure your walkway is visible and safe.
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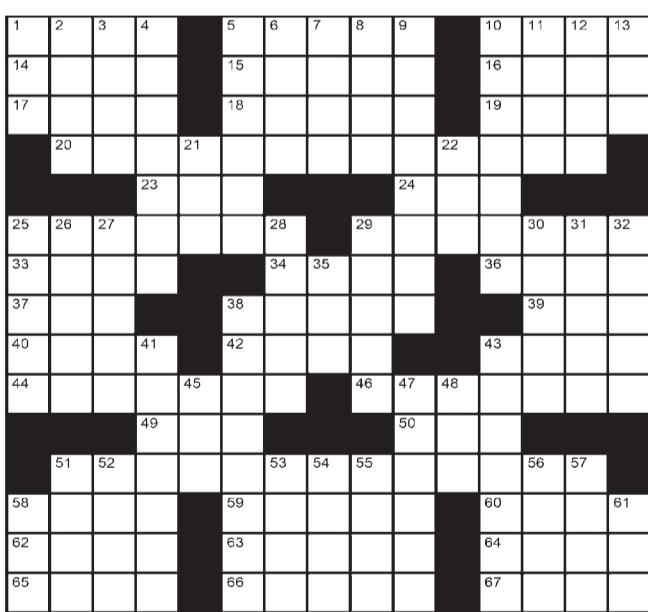
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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Mackerel, for example
- 5 Silents star Bara
- 10 Soybean curd
- 14 Texter's "To me..."; Abbr.
- 15 Japanese noodles
- 16 Nutrient in red meat
- 17 Indian flatbread
- 18 Ancient Mexican civilization
- 19 Curly green vegetable
- 20 Sweet dairy drink; 2 wds.
- 23 Tear
- 24 Cry loudly
- 25 Extreme
- 29 Dim sum cooker
- 33 Frame of mind
- 34 Tech support client
- 36 Roam around
- 37 Duncan Hines product
- 38 Literary device
- 39 Collarless shirt
- 40 "Yeah right!"; 2 wds.
- 42 Cuts, as grass
- 43 Bop on the head
- 44 Leaves in haste
- 46 Accompanies
- 49 Summer zodiac sign
- 50 Dearie
- 51 Crunchy candy; 2 wds.
- 58 Lydia Ko's sport
- 59 Synthetic fiber
- 60 Bus trip
- 62 Otherwise
- 63 Curtain
- 64 Baking appliance
- 65 Breakfast or lunch
- 66 Curved sword
- 67 Loan



Created by Stella Zawistowski



- 3 Former Iranian ruler
- 4 Paid tribute to
- 5 Army personnel
- 6 Corridor
- 7 1815 Jane Austen novel
- 8 Bug spray ingredient; Abbr.
- 9 Lineage
- 10 Tropical-themed watering hole; 2 wds.
- 11 Spoken
- 12 Bob Dylan's genre
- 13 One, in French
- 21 Bengals, on scoreboards
- 22 "Stooge" Howard
- 25 "Grrr!"; 2 wds.
- 26 Bang or boom
- 27 Poisonous
- 28 Coins in Spain
- 29 Have a feeling
- 30 The "M" in DMV
- 31 Big occasion
- 32 Smells bad
- 35 Female pig
- 38 Legally seizes
- 41 Fried chickpea balls
- 43 Authority
- 45 Dudes
- 47 Black eye
- 48 Foldable bed
- 51 Warsaw native
- 52 "Frozen" queen
- 53 Supermodel
- 54 Spill the beans
- 55 Lasso's makeup
- 56 Not pre-taped
- 57 Biblical garden
- 58 Precious stone
- 61 Wrap up

Saturday, June 27, 2026

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q1 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠ A 8 6 5 ♥ J ♠ A Q J 8 ♣ K 10 9 8 ♠ A K J 8 4 3 ♥ K 10 5 4 ♦ Void ♣ K Q 8

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
1♦ Pass INT 2♥  
? What call would you make?

Q2 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠ Void ♥ K J 6 ♦ A J 10 7 2 ♣ A K 9 7 4 ♠ A ♥ 8 7 6 5 4 ♦ A K 9 6 ♣ A K 2

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

Q3 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠ Q 4 3 ♥ A J 5 4 ♦ 2 ♣ A K J 7 6 ♠ Q 9 ♥ A K J 3 ♦ K 9 8 ♣ 10 9 6 3

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH  
Pass 1♣ Pass 1♥  
Pass ? What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

**FROM THE RECORD**

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**HERE'S A TIP**

By **JOANN DERSON**  
King Features

\* Having a yard sale? Here's a great way to put out extra signs when you don't have a way to stake them into the ground: "Write your sign advertising your yard sale on the sides of a big box. Place it where you want it, and add a large rock to the inside, then tape shut. We did this when we had no poles to tape signs to or any other way to get them to stand up. It worked really well!" -- D.R. in Georgia

\* Avoid calling the pedi-atrician's office on Monday mornings for routine busi-ness. Wait until the after-noon. All the parents with mildly sick children over the weekend will be calling to consult with the doctor and nurses first thing when the office opens.

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# 18-wheeler overturns in another wreck on Interstate 16

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**  
Senior Reporter

No one was injured when two 18-wheelers wrecked early Thursday morning, causing one to overturn into a ditch.

According to a Georgia State Patrol report, a 2025

Freightliner tractor trailer, driven by Sylvester Knighton, of Savannah, was heading west on I-16 near mile marker 57 when he hit a 2022 International tractor trailer, driven by Marlon Silvestre, of Kennesaw, who had stopped in the right lane because of construc-

tion work.

Knighton swerved to the right in an attempt to avoid hitting the back of the other tractor trailer. His trailer hit the trailer of the International as it passed it on the right shoulder. The Freightliner left the road and turned over on the shoulder.

der.

The right lane was closed for cleanup, and the delay to traffic was short.

This was the second tractor trailer wreck to have happened this week.

On Tuesday, June 23, Harold Frazier was driving a 2026 International for

SYCS Trucking Co. in the right lane of I-16 West. For an unknown reason, the driver failed to maintain the lane and traveled off the road to the right and onto the north shoulder of I-16 West at the Ga. 338 bridge.

The cab of the truck hit the bridge pier. Rescue of-

ficials had to extricate the man from the vehicle, and he was then airlifted to a hospital.

Traffic was backed up on I-16 for at least a mile as officials from Georgia Department of Transportation repaired the bridge.

## NEWSPAPER AWARDS

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and aging; and a tale equal parts hilarious and disgusting about the "School day horror show" that ensued when the family discovered some months-old leftovers inside a lunchbox.

"It puts a different perspective than anything I've read before, inside of Dad's mind is a thing that kids (and adults) wonder throughout life," the judge wrote. "It's good to see someone putting to paper exactly that."

Dominy was joined on the podium by Towns, whose selections from an inaugural department entitled "Man About Town" were named runners-up in the same category.

Two of his entries, looking back on the experience of roles in productions of "Guys and Dolls" last summer and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" this past November, revolved around a newfound interest in theater for he and wife Jill that was a major theme in his writing throughout the year. The other called back memories of a simpler time, and jamming out to a variety of classic "hits" with family along road trips in his youth.

Dominy captured second place in the spot news photo division as he snapped a colorful and compelling shot of a locomotive that smacked into an SUV at an unsignaled crossing the morning of March 13. The scene, showing police and fire responders looking on at the vehicle — pushed a ways down the tracks with airbags deployed — in the morning sunlight, illustrated a great sense of relief that its unsuspecting driver escaped the collision uninjured.

Comments read: "Dramatic photograph and so glad no one was hurt!"

Towns also received second place for breaking news writing with an assortment of gripping reports from his law enforcement and public safety beats, including a man's arrest for setting fires at a string of churches and dumpsters on a downtown arson spree and a shoot-out-turned-car chase through multiple counties in June, as well as a fatal house fire in July whose intense flames met Dublin firefighters with

a challenging battle.

Reynolds' first-place sportswriting entry was a trio of game recaps chronicling landmark games in the streak of 13 wins that made up a historic West Laurens football season last fall, each coinciding with a legendary performance by the Raiders' superstar running back Ty Cummings.

His state-class single game rushing performance, to the tune of eight touchdowns on a record 613 yards, highlighted the account of the Sept. 26 boat race with Baldwin that was one of the campaign's most remarkable moments. But additional stories in the package covered some equally massive wins as Cummings' 253-yard effort contributed to a total-team collab in a region championship-clinching 10th victory against Westside Augusta Oct. 30 and an electric four-score night helped West take care of second-round playoff challenger Oconee County on Nov. 21.

The contest judge called it "a difficult category to judge due to the tremendous amount of work shown by each entry," but wrote that "This entry felt the clearest overall, the most complete, and offered the most perspective concerning what the games meant at the time from a historical standpoint."

Comments went on to compliment the creative structure of the pieces, whose animated style rose a bit above that of the typical game write-up: "The leads of this group of stories were a 'little extra' and/or a bit more 'featurey' than the other stories in this group."

Reynolds also received a third-place citation in sports feature-writing for a group of profiles that were a part of his widely-read series "The Sidelines," highlighting the off-field work, hobbies and interests of a coach or coaches at each local high school: The partnership of East Laurens power couple Dwayne and Danielle Lowther, Dr. John Williams' unique career crossover as doctor and hoops coach, the bustling barbecue business of Dublin's Don Vandygriff and West Laurens head football coach Kip Burdette's major

marathon ambitions.

"This submission is filled with stories that are easy to read and enjoyable," the judge commented. "The writer shows a nice ability in storytelling. Nice job."

The full staff shared in a pair of special publication awards saluting a fall printing of outdoors tabloid Porters Guide to Hunting and Fishing as a second-place sports feature section, and the first-ever Christmas edition of Discover Dublin as a third-place themed magazine.

Judges highlighted the popular insert's quality and variety of content, which included features on a local couple's art of trapping and Trinity Christian School's new clay shooting team, a recipe for fried quail, reader-submitted photos and various other informational stories of interest to local outdoorspeople.

"Section highlights sport/pastime that is underrepresented in media — even local media. Advertising throughout, good layout, good stories and contributed photos featuring lots of names

and faces,"

The Christmas 'zine presented a spread of holiday cheer in the form of feature stories on Southern Cypress Christmas Tree Farm and decorations artist Flo Shepherd, a profile of longtime Salvation Army bell-ringer Logan Bush, an accounting of local Christmas traditions and roundup of holiday happenings around the community.

The Georgia Trust for Lo-

cal News' haul of awards included five others received by sister publications.

The Houston Home Journal's Sandra Hernandez took first and second place in the Division B feature photo category.

Columnist Jack Bagley, of the Manchester Star-Mercury Vindicator, received third- and second place respectively with his humorous and lifestyle/column submis-

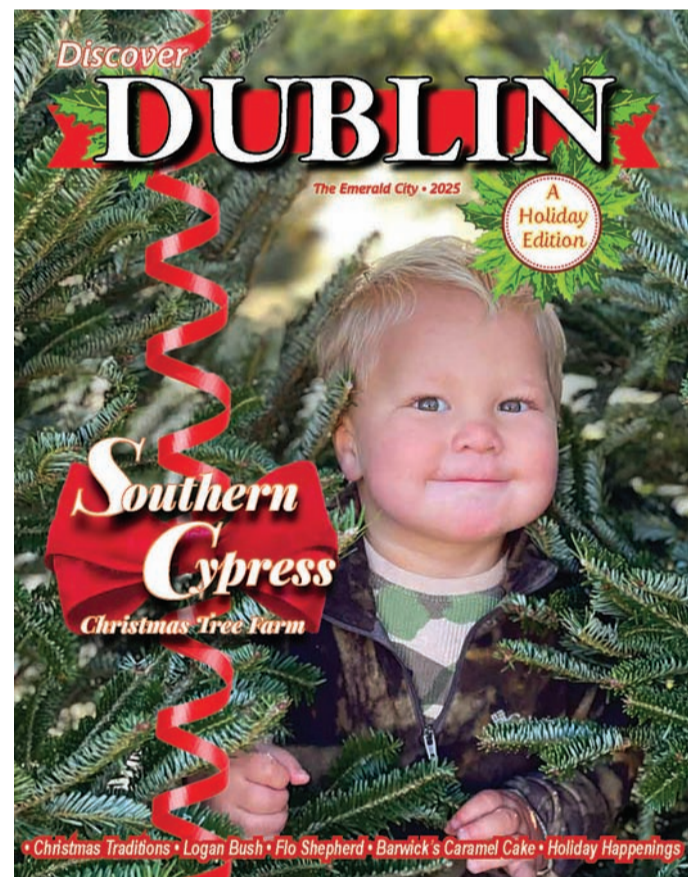
sions in Division D.

A first-place award went out to former Albany Herald reporter Lucille Lanigan for business writing in Division B.

Manchester-based publisher John Kuykendall was also honored with induction to the GPA's Golden Club, in recognition of a 50-year service milestone in the journalism industry.



The Courier Herald's winning entries included Kyle Dominy's spot news photo (above) of a train-SUV collision; the fall Hunting & Fishing guide (below, left); and the Christmas-themed Discover Dublin magazine (below, right).



## FATAL ACCIDENT

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trailer did not have functioning lights, the area was dark and not lit, and the SUV driver was standing in the road near the back of the trailer.

A sedan approached from the rear and hit the SUV driver as he was standing in the road.

"(Phillips) had multiple blunt force trauma," Stanley said.

The sedan swerved into the west shoulder and hit a large creek.

"It was dark and the driver (of the sedan) probably didn't see him," Stanley said. "Part of the vehicle was on the side of the road and he was out in the road. There are no security lights, it is pitch dark right there and he had on dark clothes too. Nobody could have seen his lights from the SUV because it was blocking all of that. It is such a sad situation."

The driver of the sedan was transported to the hospital for minor injuries. Ga. 19 was blocked for approximately two hours until 11:30 p.m.

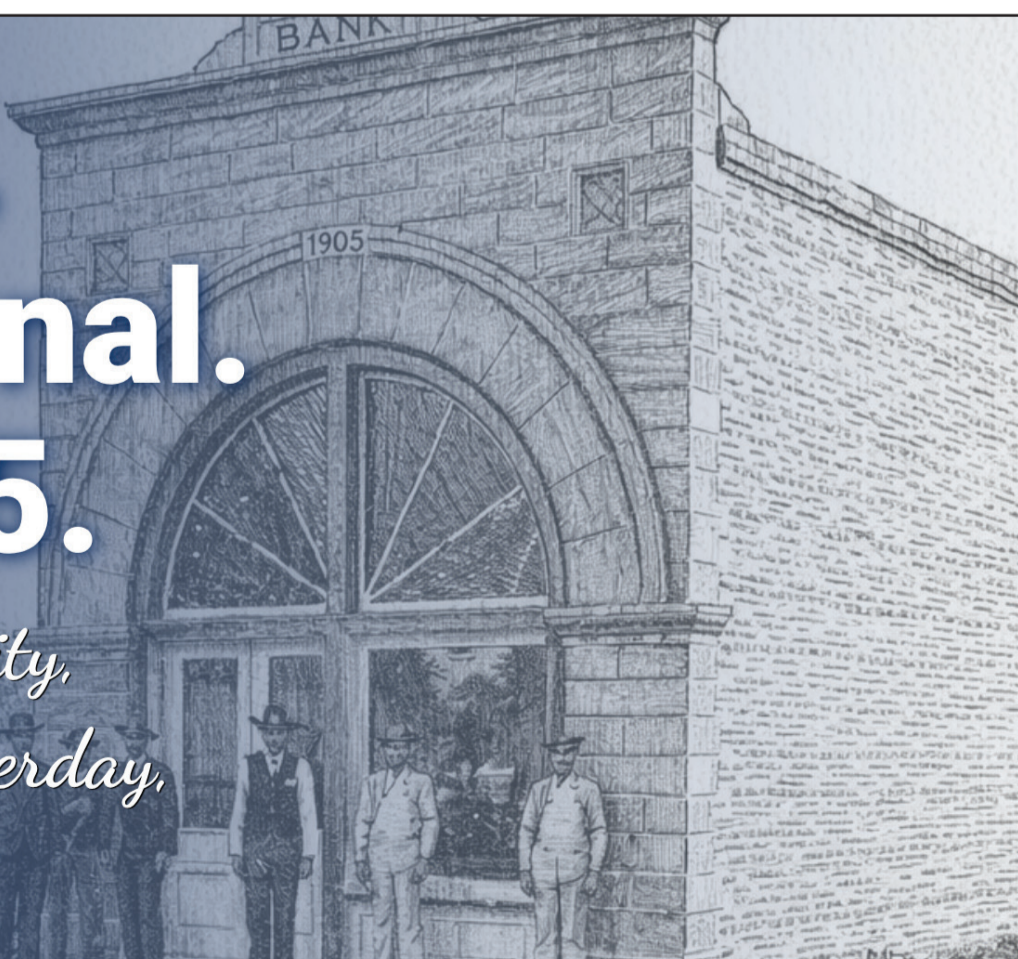
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## Celebrating Geva... Local entrepreneur, community champion marks 99th birthday

By DAHLIA ALLEN  
Correspondent

Geva Alexander took a risk 60 years ago that few women in Dublin would have dared. She became an entrepreneur. Recently, she enjoyed another opportunity most people never have. She celebrated her 99th birthday June 16.

In the mid-1960s, she opened Alexander Printing Company. The business has had several names over the years. Likely, Alexander Office Equipment is the best remembered among long-time Dublin residents. Today, it's Alexander's. It sits on the corner of Academy Avenue behind the main post office.

As the owner, Geva became one of the first successful businesswomen in Dublin. And she never officially retired. She goes to the office most afternoons and greets customers.

Her name is Genevieve. Her mother shortened it to "Geva" because friends had begun calling her "Jenny." Geva said that her mother decided to take charge of nicknames and gave her Geva. A native of Gardi, Georgia, in rural Wayne County near Jesup, she is the only child of George and Emma Bertat Harper. Emma was George's WWI French war bride.

Geva was a student at Agnes Scott College when she met Louis Alexander, an Emory University student. They married in 1947 and came back to Louis' home in Dublin. From 1957-1962, she taught biology at Dublin High School. One year, the Star Student chose her Star Teacher. At the same time, she and Louis were bringing up three children: Paul, George and Nannette.

Geva moved from teaching to business almost by accident. A friend who was closing his office supply store asked her to help him. He said he was tired of the store and just wanted to be rid of it. Geva offered to buy it, but he tried to give it to her instead. She declined and went to her bank to borrow the \$2,000 purchase price.

The banker turned her down. "He said he

couldn't approve a loan for me unless Louis came with me," she said. Louis went, and Geva got her loan.

Geva said she knew nothing about selling office supplies, but she knew how to run a store. Her parents had owned a store in Baxley where she went every afternoon after school and helped.

When the business moved to its current location, Louis left his father's timber operation and joined the company. Nannette came in 1977. The Alexanders saw an opportunity early on to become a much-needed, dependable source of office equipment.

Geva met needs as she saw them. The original group that formed to shore up downtown Dublin was the Downtown Merchants Association. Geva was an active member and office holder. When the organization morphed into the Downtown Dublin Development Authority, she stayed involved.

Geva also made time for a full schedule outside of work. She was active in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church's prison ministry. She served on the board of trustees of Oconee Fall Line Tech, was a member of the Georgia Southern University Business Advisory Council and organized the Dublin Women Business Owners' Educational Council.

In 1988, the St. Patrick's Festival committee named Geva the Woman of the Year.

While serving on the board of the Dublin-Laurens Chamber of Commerce, she became its first woman president in 1989. The chamber hired its first professional executive during Geva's presidency.

Geva attributes much of her success to remaining low key. "I didn't push," she said, adding that in-your-face was not her style. "I proved myself without pushing. I hated those women who made spectacles of themselves."

Geva still found time to mentor any

**GEVA ALEXANDER**  
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Geva Alexander founded Alexander Printing Company, now Alexander's, in the 1960s. Over the years she has become a mentor to other local entrepreneurs and women in business. She recently celebrated her 99th birthday/DAHLIA ALLEN

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# Hospice care: Meeting more than just medical needs

By KYLE DOMINY  
Staff Reporter

While there have been doctors and nurses caring for people with terminal conditions since the beginning of the organized practice of medicine, modern hospice care can be traced back to the 1960s.

What most people understand as hospice care started with English nurse and physician Cicely Mary Strode Saunders. Saunders, who was also a social worker, researched pain and symptom management in patients facing cancer and other terminal illnesses and conditions. In 1967, she established the world's first practice dedicated to hospice care, a center that focused on the physical, social and spiritual needs of patients as well as those of their family and friends.

That level of care has been the focus of hospice practitioners ever since.

"It's a level of care they just can't get anywhere else," said Jennifer Dickerson, a veteran nurse and executive director of Remarkable Hospice in Dublin. "People get aggravated with doctors sometimes because of their tests and exams, but they are there to cure. They didn't go to school to care for an individual but to solve the problem."

Dickerson has worked as a nurse since 1996. After working in a hospital setting and intensive care units, she transitioned to hospice care in 2012. Remarkable Hospice opened in Dublin in 2022. She took the helm of the office a year later.

Remarkable Hospice has a team of about 24 staff members, mostly registered nurses, trained in hospice care, and certified nursing assistants, who work to provide a mix of medical

and emotional support. The practice also employs a pastor, social worker and volunteer coordinator.

The goal of hospice care is not to just help patients, mainly those in the waning months of life, manage their symptoms but also to holistically approach their circumstances to provide the highest quality of life while supporting the families.

"The emotional support is probably more important than the medical support," Dickerson said. "Families are scared; they want to know what to expect. Patients are scared, because this is the end of their time. That's why we pull together everything we can."

Hospice care is generally prescribed for patients with a terminal diagnosis with a life expectancy of six months or less. While hospice cases are typically short term, there are exceptions. Dickerson reports cases where patients received care for a year or more, and others where the patient improved enough to be released from such care.

Hospice care comes in many forms from managing medications and conditions to assistance with hygiene and personal care. The social worker ensures patients are taking advantage of any assistance program available while the pastor assists with spiritual needs, like times of prayer and study, and helping patients arrange special religious customs, such as last rites. All of these duties are coupled with a simple, sometimes overlooked task – spending time with patients.

"A lot of the time, people are lonely. Some people look forward to us coming," Dickerson said, noting that many families struggle to balance the stress of daily life while caring for a sick



Remarkable Hospice employs about 24, a group (above) including nurses and CNAs, as well as a pastor and social worker. Veteran nurse Jennifer Dickerson (below) has helped Remarkable Hospice since 2023/KYLE DOMINY

loved one.

Many hospice facilities, including Remarkable Hospice, maintain a pool of volunteers for this purpose – people who can simply visit patients and keep them company. Nursing schedules also allow ample time for staff to get to know the patients as well as check in with the family.

"People genuinely run out of time. It's not that they don't care. Families are busy, they have jobs, they have kids of their own to take care of. Communication is key to the process, maintaining patients'

wishes, keeping families informed. We're counseling and guiding."

Remarkable Hospice currently only provides in-house hospice care. The company serves about 50 patients at a time in a 60-mile radius of Dublin.

Dickerson has ambitious plans for the business, hoping to branch out into palliative care, a care plan where patients with life-threatening conditions can still seek treatment, and establish a hospice house in the area, providing 24-hour patient care.



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# Reading, sports, travel get seniors out and about...



Staying active and social is key to enjoying your autumn years/SPECIAL PHOTO

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The threat posed by social isolation has been known to medical researchers and health care professionals for years, but the issue gained wider attention during the pandemic. Restrictions on social gatherings during the pandemic opened millions of people's eyes to the ill effects of social isolation, and while that threat proved temporary for the majority of people across the globe, many seniors continue to live largely isolated lives.

According to the Mayo Clinic, depression, anxiety, increased risk of suicide, and various chronic health problems are some of the outcomes associated with loneliness. That's a troubling assessment that becomes even more disconcerting when considering a general decline in socialization as evidenced by the 2021 American Perspectives Survey. Survey participants indicated they have fewer close friendships than they once did, speak with their friends less often and rely less on friends for personal support. That's challenging

for adults of all ages, but it can be especially difficult for aging adults, who may be dealing with the loss of a spouse or other close confidantes they would otherwise rely on when confronting personal problems. Hobbies that promote socialization can help aging adults reestablish friendships and build new ones, paying dividends that can have a profound impact on their overall health. With that in mind, adults who feel as though their social circles are shrinking in mid-life or in retirement can look to these activities as means to rebuilding their social lives.

- **Book club:** A book club offers multiple benefits to adults. Book clubs are inherently social and tend to bring like-minded individuals together, which can help build new and lasting friendships that extend beyond weekly discussions. A 2021 study published in the journal *Neurology* also linked regular reading to a lower risk of developing dementia.

- **Sports:** Sports provide another avenue to socialize with like-minded individuals. Golf is not a team sport, but it is typically played

in groups of two or four, making it an ideal activity for adults with free time on their hands to get out and about and meet other people. Leagues for softball, bowling and pickleball also provide opportunities to socialize, and many adults are participating in such leagues for that very reason. A CivicScience study released in 2025 found that 49 percent of adults who planned to participate in adult recreational sports leagues were doing so for social interaction and the chance to make friends.

- **Travel:** Travel can provide another means for aging adults to make friends. Group tours to foreign countries, day trips to local attractions arranged by township recreational offices or even overseas trips with friends you've fallen out of touch with can be a great means to build new friendships and reinvigorate old ones, all the while getting you out of the house.

These are just some ways for men and women to get out of the house and socialize with others their age, a worthy endeavor that can be highly beneficial to adults' overall health.



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## From our partners...

# Georgia Hospice Care celebrates 20 years of serving Dublin community

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Georgia Hospice Care

In August 2026, Georgia Hospice Care proudly celebrates 20 years of serving patients and families throughout Dublin and the surrounding communities. For two decades, our team has been honored to walk alongside individuals facing serious illness, providing expert hospice care rooted in compassion, dignity, and respect.

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We are focused on a simple but powerful mission: delivering clinical excellence while ensuring every patient and family feels seen, heard, and supported. Hospice care is about more than managing symptoms. It is about

improving quality of life, honoring individual wishes, and helping families navigate one of life's most important journeys with confidence and peace of mind.

We recently moved to a new office location at 1700 Veterans Boulevard in Dublin. The new space allows us to better support our growing team while continuing to provide the exceptional care that families have trusted for the past 20 years.

The past two decades have reinforced an important truth: hospice care is not about giving up hope, it is about helping patients and families make the most of each day. Through comfort-focused care, education, and support, we help families create meaningful moments and navigate difficult decisions with guidance from experienced professionals.

As we celebrate this anniversary, we are grateful for the trust that patients, families, healthcare partners, and the Dublin community have placed in us.

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## Your body whispers before it screams

By **HARSHA VYAS, M.D., F.A.C.P.**  
Cancer Center of Middle Georgia

As an oncologist, one of the most common things I hear from newly diagnosed patients reflecting on their journey is a simple, quiet realization:

"Something just didn't feel right."

A lingering cough. Unexplained fatigue. Weight loss that wasn't intentional. A tiny lump that seemed too small to worry about.

Most people don't ignore these signs because they are careless. They do it because life is busy. We normalize discomfort, attribute it to stress or aging, and tell ourselves we'll deal with it later.

Unfortunately, cancer often begins as a subtle whisper long before it becomes a scream.

One of the greatest misconceptions about cancer is that it always announces itself with dramatic, undeniable symptoms. In reality, many cancers develop quietly. Early warning signs can be vague and easily mistaken for a minor illness or the simple wear and tear of everyday life.

This does not mean every ache, pain or cough is a cause for alarm. Far from it, most symptoms have completely benign explanations. However, persistence matters. When a symptom is new, unexplained, and not improving, it deserves attention.

### Signals That Warrant a Closer Look

While this is not an exhaustive list, consider seeking a medical evaluation if you experience any of the following on a persistent basis:

**Unexplained Weight Loss:** Losing weight without changes in diet or exercise.

**Persistent Fatigue:** Exhaustion that does not improve with adequate rest.

**Lasting Cough or Hoarseness:** Symptoms that persist for more than three to four weeks.

**Changes in Elimination:** New, ongoing changes in bowel or bladder habits, or blood in the stool or urine.

**Structural Changes:** New lumps, enlarged lymph nodes, or difficulty swallowing.

**Skin Changes:** Noticeable changes in the size, shape, color, or appearance of a mole or skin lesion.

### The Advantage of Acting Early

One of the strengths of our healthcare system is that patients often have direct access to medical expertise without unnecessary delays. If you have a concerning symptom, you do not need to wait until it becomes severe before seeking help.

Many cancers are far more treatable when identified earlier. Sometimes symptoms turn out to be nothing serious. Sometimes it reveals a problem that requires attention. Either way, obtaining answers sooner rather than later is almost always the better path.

### The Power of Instinct

Our bodies are remarkably good at signaling when something is wrong. The challenge is that we become equally skilled at adapting to those signals.

I have seen patients wait months because they didn't want to bother their doctor, assumed they were too young to have cancer, or hoped the problem would simply disappear. Often, there is a deeper reason: fear of what the answer might be.

But seeking medical attention is not overreacting. It is an act of self-care and self-preservation.

Routine screenings such as mammograms, colonoscopies, Pap tests, and low-dose CT scans are designed to detect disease before symptoms appear. Yet even the best screening programs cannot replace your own awareness. You know your body better than anyone else.

If something feels different and stays different, pay attention. Ask the questions. Schedule the appointment. Trust your instincts.

The next time your body whispers, don't wait for it to scream.

Listen.

## Medicare and other insurance for seniors

By **MARCUS CLEMENTS**  
Clements and Keen Insurance

Medicare provides broad health insurance for seniors, but many choose to supplement Medicare with additional coverage. This article will attempt to explain how Medicare works and give a general explanation of what a Medicare beneficiary should expect once becoming eligible for Medicare.

You are usually eligible for Medicare on the first day of the month, when you turn 65. The initial enrollment period begins three months before your 65th birth month and ends three months after. Medicare coverage is divided into two parts, Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B. There is usually no out of pocket premium for Medicare Part A. Coverage provided under part A is: hospital care, skilled nursing facility care, limited non-custodial nursing home care, Hospice care and some home health care services. The most common coverage under Part A of Medicare is inpatient hospital care. Medicare does not pay the first \$1,736.00 of inpatient care but does pay the remaining hospital costs for the first 60 days of confinement. After 60 days of confinement Medicare pays all but \$434.00 per day, for an additional 30 days. There is also coverage for hospital confinement for 60 lifetime reserve days, with a coinsurance amount of \$868.00 per day. Part A also pays in full the costs of the first 20 days in a skilled nursing facility and all but \$217.00 per day for an additional 80 days. Medicare Part A pays 100% for Hospice care, except for very limited copayment/coinsurance for outpatient drugs and inpatient respite care.

Medicare Part B covers medically necessary services received such as physician services, outpatient services including clinical research, ambulance services, durable medical equipment, mental health services and very limited outpatient prescription drugs. Medicare has an annual deductible of \$283.00 for medical services received under Part B. After the deductible, Medicare pays 80% of the Medicare approved amount and the patient pays 20%. Some preventive care expenses are paid at 100% under Part B of Medicare. If a person continues to work after becoming eligible for Medicare and has group health insurance, he/she has the option of deferring enrolling in Part B of Medicare until he/she no longer has group health insurance.

There is an out-of-pocket premium for Medicare Part B coverage. The standard Medicare Part B premium for 2026 is \$202.90 per month, although higher-income beneficiaries may pay more. This amount is determined by Medicare and is deducted from your Social Security pension income. If you are not receiving Social Security income, the premium will be billed to you quarterly.

Medicare Part D is Prescription Drug Coverage (PDP). Drug coverage is purchased from an Insurance Company that has been approved by Medicare to offer prescription drug coverage. There are several insurance companies approved to sell Medicare prescription drug coverage in the state of Georgia. All plans offered in Georgia must meet minimum requirements set by Medicare, however insurance companies may improve their coverage, such as eliminating deductibles and creating different payment "tiers." Those eligible for Part D coverage should carefully evaluate their potential prescription drug needs before purchasing coverage. There is an open enrollment each year for those who are already enrolled in a Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) and are looking to make a change, and for those previously eligible but not enrolled. The open enrollment period is from October 15 through December 7 each year, with coverage changes generally becoming effective January 1st of the following year. You should contact your insurance broker during this time if you have questions.

There is also Medicare Part C which is a Medicare Advantage Plan or Cost plan. Those who purchase an Advantage plan keep Medicare Part A and B; however, an insurance company processes and pays all claims for medical expenses for Medicare Beneficiaries. Coverage is not the same as "original Medicare", but minimum payment coverage set by Medicare must be met. There are several types of Advantage Plans including HMO, PPO, Private Fee for Service, Point of Service, Special Needs Plans, Medical Savings Accounts, Medicare Cost Plans and dual enrollment in Medicare and Medicaid Plans. These plans often include prescription drug coverage. Coverage offered from an Advantage plan may be the most difficult to understand, and those who purchase these plans need to be sure they understand how an Advantage plan works. The open en-

rollment period applies to Medicare Part C, and this can be a great time to speak with a broker. Please note that Advantage Plans are not available in all areas.

Another option for Medicare beneficiaries is a supplement, also known as Medigap insurance. With a Medicare Supplement, a beneficiary keeps traditional Medicare coverage, and the supplement pays a major portion of what Medicare does not pay. This leaves the beneficiary with little to no out of pocket expenses. There is not a standard annual enrollment period for supplements. Supplements are instead purchased during one's initial enrollment period. A Medicare Beneficiary that has involuntarily lost group coverage and/or just recently got Part B of Medicare also has an election period to purchase a supplement. Outside of those enrollment opportunities, a supplement may still be available, but medical underwriting may be required.

The best advice for anyone who is about to be eligible for Medicare and wants to obtain coverage to supplement Medicare, or one seeking to change existing coverage, is to seek out a licensed and trained insurance broker who has met all the requirements required by the Center for Medicare Services (CMS) and by the insurance companies they represent. Unfortunately, there are telephone scams being conducted by some claiming to represent Medicare or an insurance company. No one should ever give their Social Security or Medicare claim number to anyone they do not know. Medicare beneficiaries will also receive direct mail from various sources indicating they represent Medicare. They usually are not authorized by Medicare to contact you. Medicare can be reached by phone at 1-800-633-4227 or online at Medicare.gov and will answer your Medicare related questions.

Since health insurance rates are regulated, the premiums you pay for a Medicare Supplement Plan, or a Prescription Drug plan are the same if purchased from a local agent or if purchased by phone or online. You have heard it before, but it is still true, "It does not cost more to shop locally." This is also true for Medicare related insurance products.

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## Protecting our seniors: How to spot, avoid and report elder fraud

**SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD**  
First Laurens Bank

Every year, millions of older Americans fall victim to financial fraud — losing an estimated \$218 million in 2025 according to the FBI's IC3 Report. Scammers target seniors because they often have savings, own their homes, and tend to be more trusting. The good news? Knowing what to look for is the first step in fighting back.

### What to Look For

Elder fraud doesn't always look like a dramatic heist. More often, it starts small and builds over time. Watch for these warning signs in your loved ones:

- Unsolicited phone calls, text messages, or emails.
  - Asked to give out sensitive information, such as your social security number, password, or PIN.
  - Too good to be true offers — if they're too good to be true, they probably are.
  - Unexpected withdrawals, payment requests, or account changes.
  - Sudden changes to wills, powers of attorney, or beneficiary designations.
- If something feels off, trust your instincts. Early intervention can prevent devastating financial losses.

### Top Scams Targeting Seniors

Scammers are constantly evolving their tactics, but several schemes continue to target older adults at alarming rates:

**Investment Scams** — Scammers promise high returns with little or no risk, often through unsolicited calls, emails, or social media ads. They may pressure seniors to act quickly on a "limited-time opportunity" or use complex financial language to sound legitimate. Always consult a trusted financial advisor before investing.

**Government Impersonation** — Fraudsters impersonate representatives from the IRS, Social Security Administration, or Medicare, threatening arrest or suspending your benefits unless immediate payment is made. Government agencies will never call demanding payment or threatening arrest.

**Tech Support Scam** — A pop-up message or phone call warns that your computer has been compromised. The scammer offers to fix it for a fee — and gains access to your personal information in the process. Legitimate tech companies do not make unsolicited calls.

**Romance Scam** — Criminals build online relationships over weeks or months, then begin requesting money for emergencies, travel, or medical bills. Be cautious of anyone you've never met in person who asks for financial help.

### Stop. Think. Call. How to Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones

**Stop:** If something feels off, an unsolicited or strange text, an urgent email, or a call asking for personal info, pause. Scammers count on you to react quickly.

**Think:** Take a moment to review what's being asked. Does it make sense? Is the request coming from a trusted source? Double-check account alerts and verify through official channels. You can even contact your local banker to help confirm if it's a legitimate request or a scam.

**Call:** When in doubt, reach out directly. Call your bank, the company, or a trusted person before you click any links, send money, or share sensitive information.

### How to Report Elder Fraud

If you suspect elder fraud, act quickly.

**Contact Your Bank Immediately.** Your bankers can help secure your accounts, review your recent transactions, and guide you through next steps.

**Report the Scam to Law Enforcement.** If you've lost money or shared personal information, file a report with your local law enforcement agency. Do not feel embarrassed or ashamed if this happens to you; it happens to people of all ages. Your bankers and law enforcement do not judge victims. This helps create a record and supports investigations. You can reach the Laurens County Sheriff's Office at (478) 272-1522.

Here are some national services you can also report the scam to:

- Adult Protective Services: 1 (866) 552-4464, press 3 or aging.georgia.gov
- Federal Trade Commission: ReportFraud.ftc.gov
- FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center: ic3.gov

Reporting fraud not only helps the victim, it helps protect others in the community from the same scheme.

### It Takes a Community

Fraud prevention isn't just the responsibility of banks or law enforcement; it takes all of us. Check in on your neighbors. Talk to your parents and grandparents. If something doesn't seem right, speak up. A simple conversation could save someone's life savings. For more information and resources to protect yourself and loved ones against fraud, visit one of two First Laurens Bank locations conveniently located in Dublin (478.272.8874) and Dexter (478.220.5720). You can also visit us online at firstlaurens.com.

# The help that many older Americans need most

By PAULA SPAN  
KFF Health News

On a recent Monday, Sandy Guzman, a community health worker in rural Oregon, drove to visit a patient in her 60s in a small city called The Dalles.

The patient lived alone, and “really struggles with social isolation,” Guzman said. After a serious fall and subsequent surgery, the woman was using a wheelchair. She confided that she would like to attend services at a church down the road but had no way to get there and did not want to seem “a bother.”

“We called the pastor to see if there was someone who could pick her up” on Sundays, Guzman said. And there was.

The next day, Guzman visited a woman with heart failure who required constant oxygen. She lives in “less than ideal housing,” with no kitchen and only a plug-in heater for warmth.

“We were trying to figure out if she qualifies for HUD housing or assisted living,” Guzman said, referring to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. “We spent a lot of time talking about the options and came up with a game plan.”

Wednesday’s schedule included a 20-mile drive to Hood River to see an 81-year-old woman whose partner of nearly 40 years was contending with a serious cancer. Guzman, who speaks to her in Spanish, found her distraught at the possibility of losing him.

Guzman had arranged for the woman to begin seeing a therapist to help her through the crisis — no minor achievement. But on this visit, “I just handed her tissues and tried to give words of comfort,” she said. “Honestly, sometimes just sitting and listening” is the best response.

A community healthcare worker, the American Public Health Association says, is a “trusted member” of a local community or some-

one who has “an unusually close understanding” of it, enabling the worker to serve as intermediary between patients and the healthcare system.

These workers have been on the job since the 1960s, particularly in rural and low-income areas. Today, their numbers are growing. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports about 65,000 of them, which the National Association of Community Health Workers says is probably an underestimate.

That partly reflects the difficulty of counting workers who go by a variety of names — community health educators, outreach specialists, promotores de salud — and operate under different state regulations, sometimes with no licensure or certification required.

What they have in common is that “they talk like the people they work with,” said Sam Cotton, who directs the curriculum for several such programs at the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

With shortages of healthcare professionals and an aging population, “there’s a lot of momentum for this,” she said.

In Oregon, for example, five rural clinics employ community health workers, who become state-certified after completing 90 hours of online training, through a program called Connected Care for Older Adults. A sixth clinic employing a community health worker operates in neighboring Washington.

Their frail patients are struggling. “They can’t drive, so they can’t get to a grocery store and shop,” said Elizabeth Eckstrom, chief of geriatrics at Oregon Health & Science University, who helped oversee the program’s start in 2022. “They’re not taking their medications, either for cognitive reasons or because they can’t get to a pharmacy.”

Few have completed an advance directive, specifying the care they want — or

don’t want — if they suffer a health crisis.

Connected Care’s community health workers tackle many of those not-exactly-medical problems — from installing wheelchair ramps to helping patients apply for food and housing benefits. They are allotted 90 days to work with each patient, usually during home visits.

They help coordinate follow-up appointments. They administer cognitive and mental health screenings and watch for the use of too many medications, entering their observations into the patients’ electronic health records.

“It’s like being the eyes and ears for the doctors, to see what’s happening outside the 20 minutes they get to spend with patients,” said Guzman, whose work has ranged from ordering a bath mat to reporting suspected financial abuse.

In a study of Connected Care patients (average age: 77), a subsample found substantial decreases in emergency department visits and hospitalizations among those served by community health workers.

More extensive research, not yet published, supports that finding, Eckstrom said.

“ED visits cost thousands, and hospitalizations are tens of thousands,” she pointed out. The cost per patient for the 90-day program is \$1,500. Its workers earn \$25 an hour, a fairly typical wage, and receive full employee benefits.

Manali Patel, an oncologist at Stanford University, found similar benefits and cost savings for older patients with advanced cancer in a clinical trial at the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Palo Alto Health Care System.

“Lots of people were passing away” in the intensive care unit, she recalled. “If we’d asked, they probably would have wanted to be at home.” Oncologists, she added, are “notoriously bad at engaging in and documenting those conversations.”



An aging population and shortages of healthcare workers is changing the way older Americans are receiving care/SPECIAL PHOTO

But when a lay health worker made regular phone calls to help patients understand their options, discuss their preferences with their care team, and file advance directives, the results — published in JAMA Oncology in 2018 — were “very dramatic,” Patel said.

More than 90% of the participating veterans had their goals documented in their records compared with fewer than 20% of the control group. The lay worker’s patients had significantly fewer emergency room visits and hospitalizations and were more likely to enroll in hospice care.

Patel and her co-authors have gone on to document the benefits of lay health workers, the term they used, in undertaking other tasks in other settings.

In oncology clinics in Arizona and California, for instance, two bilingual lay health workers made regular phone calls to cancer patients over age 75 to assess symptoms like pain, nausea, breathlessness, and depression.

Alerting healthcare teams to these patients’ problems substantially reduced their emergency department use and hospitalizations, and the cost savings averaged \$12,000 a patient.

“This low-tech, human-administered inter-

vention reaped huge dividends,” said an editorial accompanying that study in JAMA.

“Community health workers should be part of every healthcare team,” Eckstrom said. “They support the patient in ways the medical system just can’t, no matter how hard we try.”

One obstacle to expanding their use, however, is unstable funding.

In 2024, Medicare began covering some community health worker services, but not all. (The costs of driving 30 miles to remote homes, for example, are not reimbursed.) Medicaid coverage is piecemeal, reimbursing for some services in some states and not others.

“A lot of community health worker roles rely on short-term grants,” said Neena Schultz, a director of the National Association of Community Health Workers. “Sustainability is something we talk about every day.”

The organization and other supporters are pressing for more state and federal funding. The new federal Rural Health Transformation Program, which is distributing \$10 billion a year, will include funding for community health worker programs, but cuts to state Medicaid budgets could more than offset those gains.

The grants funding Connected Care for Older Adults continue, though. Guzman, employed by the nonprofit clinic One Community Health, keeps making her rounds.

One recent victory: A newly widowed patient in his 60s, struggling financially without his wife’s income, lost his housing and was sleeping in his truck. Through another patient, Guzman learned of an unused recreational vehicle whose owner was willing to donate it.

The widower now lives comfortably in a mobile home park.

When you’re in a patient’s home, “there’s a sense of ease,” Guzman said. “They feel safer talking about things. They don’t feel rushed. You develop a relationship, and they feel they have someone to advocate for them.”

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## A new Medicare option for weight loss drugs: What you should know

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KFF Health News

Starting in July, Medicare beneficiaries may be able to get a GLP-1 prescription for weight loss for \$50 a month. It’s a notable shift for Medicare, which has long been barred from covering weight loss treatments.

The drugs, such as Wegovy and Zepbound, are effective but can be expensive without insurance coverage. They’re available in injection or pill form. Even with discounts, current cash prices typically range from \$149 to \$699 per month.

About half of GLP-1 users say these drugs were difficult for them to afford, according to KFF polling. A quarter said they were “very difficult” to afford.

But the new Medicare benefit comes with caveats, particularly around clinical guidelines and what happens when the short-term program ends.

### What Is This Program?

The initiative, announced by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, is a short-term pilot program known as the Medicare GLP-1 Bridge. It will run from July 1, 2026, through Dec. 31, 2027. It’s meant to “bridge” the gap before a longer-term program that might — or might not — begin in 2028.

The pilot program will offer coverage for the following GLP-1 medications approved for weight loss: the pill and injectable formulations of Wegovy, the KwikPen formulation of Zepbound, and the Foundayo pill.

### Who Can Participate?

To get access to these weight loss medications, you must be enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan, which covers prescription drugs. After that, eligibility is based mainly on body weight and health status. People will qualify if they have a body mass index of 27 or higher and have a condition such as heart disease or prediabetes, among others. People with BMIs of 35 or higher automatically qualify. About 40% of American

adults are clinically obese, with a BMI of 30 or higher, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

### How the Program Works (It’s a Bit Unusual)

This is not your typical Medicare benefit. Even though Part D enrollment is required, the Bridge program itself works differently.

Instead of going through your regular Part D plan, you will need prior authorization. Your doctor will send the prescription to a central system run by CMS contractor Humana, using a system already in place for another Medicare drug program. Doctors don’t need to be enrolled as Medicare providers to write a prescription or submit a prior authorization request under this program. Once they get approval, patients will pay the flat \$50 copayment at the pharmacy when they pick up the prescription.

### What Are the Benefits?

The cost savings could make these drugs accessible to patients who simply couldn’t afford them before. Even with discounts, the prices can be daunting without insurance coverage. TrumpRx, a new government website, provides links to direct-to-consumer prescription drug discounts for patients not using their health insurance. On that site, Wegovy injectables range in price from \$199 for a lower dosage for the first two months to \$399 for a higher dosage. The KwikPen formulation of Zepbound costs up to \$699 per month. At the highest dosages, the daily Wegovy pill costs up to \$299 while Foundayo tops out at \$349.

Most people who use these drugs will need a higher dose to maintain weight loss. The Bridge program is unique in that it offers a predictable \$50 copayment that does not go up as dosages increase.

### What Are the Downsides?

Like many pilot programs, there are trade-offs. The \$50 copay will not count toward the Part D deductible, nor does it count toward the \$2,100 annual out-of-pocket cap on prescription drug costs. The

pilot program will also end in December 2027. Most studies have shown that many people who stop using the GLP-1 drugs regain weight they lost while taking them.

### Still Obstacles for Those With Low Incomes

If you receive the low-income subsidy, also known as the Medicare Extra Help program, you cannot use that assistance for the drugs covered by the GLP-1 Bridge program. For beneficiaries accustomed to paying a \$5 or \$10 copay for their pharmaceuticals, a \$50 copay could still be a big financial barrier.

“Fifty dollars a month sounds like a great deal compared to paying the discounted prices through TrumpRx and these other direct-to-consumer options, but it’s a lot of money for somebody who’s living on a \$750-a-month Social Security check,” said Juliette Cubanski, deputy director of the Program on Medicare Policy at KFF, a health information nonprofit that includes KFF Health News.

### The \$50 Copay Is Only for Weight Loss

If you’re already taking one of these medications for a qualifying condition such as Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease risk reduction, or sleep apnea, you’ll continue to get it through your regular Part D plan. That means you’ll pay your plan’s price, which may be higher than the \$50 Bridge copay, meaning the same drug could cost different amounts depending on the reason it is prescribed.

If you’re already on a GLP-1 for weight loss, you may qualify for the Bridge program. Your prescriber will need to attest that you met the clinical criteria when you first started the medication. For example, if you started a GLP-1 in September 2024 with a BMI of 37 but in July 2026 you’ve lost weight and now have a BMI of 34, the prescriber should attest in the prior authorization request that you met the BMI criteria of 35 or over when the GLP-1 therapy started.

### What Happens After 2027?

The Trump administration had proposed a two-step approach to expand coverage of GLP-1s for obesity in Medicare. The Bridge program was initially planned to last six months — after that, the idea was to launch a longer-term program that would shift the cost of the drugs from the government to insurers. A recent study found the long-term program would have cost insurance companies billions of dollars in the first year. Not enough insurers signed on for the voluntary plan by the April deadline, so CMS instead announced it would extend the Bridge program to 18 months, with a new end date of December 2027.

The move will give insurance companies more data on how many people with Medicare get GLP-1 drugs during the Bridge program and more time to negotiate with the Trump administration.

But extending the Bridge program will be “really expensive” for Medicare, Cubanski said, because the program heavily subsidizes the cost of the drugs.

“There’s no sense right now of the cost of the Bridge model, but it is likely to be billions of dollars a year in additional spending for Medicare,” Cubanski said.

The cost to Medicare will depend largely on how many people use the Bridge program. CMS has not provided any projections publicly, but a previous KFF analysis estimated that in 2020 close to 14 million Medicare beneficiaries were overweight or obese.

“This will just cost additional money, and we don’t know how much, because they haven’t disclosed it,” Cubanski said.

Are you on Medicare and interested in getting a GLP-1 for weight loss? Is a \$50 copay manageable? Click here to contact KFF Health News’ reporting team.

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## Seniors and the dating scene

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

Dating in one's golden years is a common experience for many seniors. Whether it's the result of a loss of a spouse or other life events, many people find themselves looking for love in their golden years.

According to statistics from The Senior List and the Pew Research Center, roughly one-third of adults 65 and older in the United States reported being single in 2022, a percentage exceeded only by people between the ages of 18 and 29. Many older singles are not looking for a committed relationship; some just want to have fun exploring the dating scene. With that in mind, here's how seniors can explore dating, which may look and feel a little different than the last time seniors were dating.

### Identify your reason for dating

Seniors should establish

the reasons they are ready to get back into the mix. Identifying the motivation for mingling can help set the right course for finding a partner. Sometimes it boils down to wanting someone to share hobbies, go to dinner or travel with. Some seniors like the idea of having a relationship with someone, but living apart with their own homes and sense of independence. Others are looking for the next Mr. or Mrs. Right, and want a partner to share their life with in all ways.

### Going digital

While meeting people in person is possible, particularly when those with similar interests are pulled together through clubs or social events, the dating world has increasingly moved online. Online dating is a popular and modern way to meet new people. Apps like OurTime and SilverSingles are geared specifically to the older demographic, while Bumble

is women-led. Meetup is not a dating app, but one for meeting people with an interest in sharing specific experiences.

### Be open and honest

Great relationships are rooted in honesty. Individuals should skip the "glory days" photos of their youth or even 10 years ago and use current photos for dating apps. People should be specific with what they are looking for, like a travel companion to go to Europe or someone who enjoys trying the local culinary scene. Being honest and specific increases the chances of finding a good match.

### Be safe

Seniors are often the targets of scams, and by tugging at the heartstrings, scammers can exploit vulnerabilities. AARP says nearly 60,000 people reported romance scams to the Federal Trade Commission in 2024, when victims reported losing \$2.95



Whether it's the result of a loss of a spouse or other life events, many people find themselves looking for love in their golden years/SPECIAL PHOTO

billion. Wanting to move conversations off of dating apps and directly to texts or other messaging platforms where they can't be monitored is a red flag. Scammers often indicate they live far away and can't meet in person and will give ex-

cludes to that effect. Others will promise the world and be in constant contact. It's a cause for concern anytime a person mentions needing money or having an investment opportunity.

If and when a senior meets with a date, the in-

teraction should take place in a public location for the first several dates. Double-dating with a friend also can be a safe approach.

Dating in one's golden years requires some adjustments and an emphasis on safety.

## Variables to consider before downsizing a home

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Aspiring to save money in retirement makes perfect sense. Once professionals call it a career and are no longer drawing a paycheck, cutting back on expenses can be a sound decision that ensures seniors won't outlive their money. And housing remains a significant expense, even for retirees who own their homes and no longer have monthly mortgage payments to make.

Many retirees seeking ways to save money consider downsizing their homes. According to the National Association of Retailers, 12 percent of people between the ages of 60 and 69 who move indicated their home was too large, and that percentage grows among movers between the ages of 70 and 78 (16 percent) and those who move after turning 79 (18 percent). Downsizing a home in retirement can seem like an ideal means to saving money after calling it a career, but individuals pondering such a move should consider a number of variables before putting their homes up for sale.

### Costs

Downsizing may help retirees lower their property tax obligations, reduce their utility bills and lower their monthly mortgage payments (for those who are still paying off a mortgage on their current homes), but that does not mean moving will not incur new expenses that render such savings moot. Expenditures like closing costs, real estate commissions, moving-related expenses, and capital gains taxes can quickly add up. In addition, retirees who currently do not pay homeowner's association fees may be subjected to such fees when moving into a new home, and those fees can be substantial and hard to avoid. Indeed, recent data from the U.S. Census Bureau indicated that 71 percent of new constructions in the western and southern United States were built in commu-

nities with homeowner's associations. Prior to downsizing, current homeowners should calculate all of the costs related to relocating, including anticipated HOA fees, to see if downsizing is to their financial benefit.

### Social benefits

Another variable that merits consideration is the impact that moving can have on seniors' social lives. The World Health Organization reports that more than one in 10 seniors experiences loneliness, which can adversely affect their physical and mental health and potentially reduce their life expectancy. Retirees currently living in communities in which they are socially active should weigh the effects of leaving that social network behind. Retirees also can weigh the benefits of moving to 55 and over communities where they will be surrounded by people at a similar stage in life, and how living in such developments may improve their social lives.

### Adjusting and adapting

Downsizing will require an adjustment period and a willingness to adapt. Retirees may have an emotional attachment to their current homes, and leaving that behind can be a difficult adjustment. Adapting to life in a new community also can be challenging, particularly if retirees are moving from areas where there are no restrictions regarding their properties to communities where homeowners' associations must approve of any changes to properties. Moving also may require finding new health care professionals, which can be a particularly difficult adjustment for retirees who have spent years building a strong rapport with their current health care team.

Downsizing a home might be a pathway to more financial freedom for many retirees. Seniors considering such a move can consider a number of variables to determine if moving is in their best interest.



There are several factors to consider when downsizing your home in retirement/SPECIAL PHOTO

## Travel tips for the over-50 crowd

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Travel has long been viewed as a positive hobby that can pay short- and long-term dividends. Some of those benefits may surprise even the most devoted jet-setters. For example, a joint study from the Global Commission on Aging and the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies found that women who vacationed twice a year had a considerably lower risk of heart attack than women who vacationed once every six years. The same study noted men who did not take an annual vacation had a 30 percent greater risk of heart disease than men who did vacation each year.

Traveling after 50 may necessitate a slightly different approach than it did when individuals were younger. Though adults over 50 can reap the same travel-related

rewards they did when they were younger, some additional safety measures may be necessary at this point in travelers' lives.

**Determine vaccination requirements if you plan to travel overseas.** The Health In Aging Foundation urges older travelers hoping to go overseas to identify vaccination requirements in countries they plan to visit. Make this part of your early planning, as the HIAF notes some countries require vaccinations be administered at least six weeks prior to entry. Information regarding travel-related vaccinations can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/travel-vaccines>.

**Get a pre-trip medical checkup.** A pre-trip medical checkup can ensure adults over 50 are healthy enough to travel. A doctor visit also

can be a great opportunity to update vaccinations and discuss medications. It can be tricky to manage medications when crossing time zones, and travelers can work out a schedule with their physicians to ensure they don't miss any doses. This also can be a good time to renew prescriptions to ensure you don't run out while away from home. Work with your physician and pharmacist to create a list of prescription and over-the-counter medications you take, which the HIAF notes will make it easier to get through customs and get replacement medicines should you need them while traveling.

**Beware of deep-vein thrombosis (DVT) and how to avoid it.** The Mayo Clinic notes DVT occurs when a blood clot forms in one or more of the deep veins in the body, typically in the legs. Lack of movement is

a risk factor for DVT, which can affect immobile travelers during long flights, train rides or road trips. DVT risk can be reduced by getting up and walking around when allowed to do so on long flights or train rides. If you'll be driving long distances, make frequent pitstops to get out of the car and stretch your legs.

**Stay hydrated.** The Cleveland Clinic notes that dehydration can cause dizziness, elevate a person's heart rate, contribute to swollen feet and muscle cramps, and result in fatigue, among other side effects. Travel is exciting, and it can be easy to forget to hydrate during engaging trips. But the HIAF recommends individuals bring a large bottle of water with them and drink even if they do not feel thirsty.

These simple safety precautions can protect travelers 50 and over from health issues that might not have posed as significant a threat when they traveled in years past.

## Simple ways to save money in retirement

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The importance of saving for retirement cannot be overstated. Expenses related to housing, transportation, medical care, and even recreational pursuits remain even after retirees are no longer earning a paycheck, and that underscores the need to build a sizable nest egg.

Running out of money in retirement is a legitimate fear for many retirees, including those who did what they could to save for their golden years. According to MetLife's 2026 Paycheck or Pot of Gold Study, 51 percent of retirees who invested in an employer's defined contribution (DC) plan worry about running out of money in retirement. And such fears are growing, as MetLife notes just 30 percent of retirees expressed similar fears in 2017. MetLife notes that rising health care costs and longer lifespans are behind such anxiety, which can be tempered when retirees embrace some simple ways to save.

**Get a library card.** Many professionals aspire to read more in retirement, and this rewarding hobby can be free when retirees get a library card. Retirees can find more than books at their local libraries, which also loan out movies and sponsor free or low-cost programs for seniors. Such programs might offer financial advice for retirees or sponsor book clubs that serve as a fun and free recreational activity.

**Travel during off-peak seasons.** According to a recent poll from RBC Wealth Management, 63 percent of respondents see travel as an important retirement goal. But more than half of those people feel the cost of travel could jeopardize those plans. But retirees can save on travel by choosing to vacation during off-peak times of year. Travel tends to peak at times of year when school is out, such as winter break, spring break and summer vacation. The costs of flights, lodging and rental cars tend to be particularly high during these in-demand seasons. Retirees have more freedom to travel whenever they choose, and they can use that to their financial advantage by avoiding peak travel seasons and saving on flights, hotels and other expenditures.

**Take advantage of senior discounts.** A wide range of businesses and services offer discounts to senior consumers. Amazon offers more than 50 percent off its Prime membership to seniors receiving certain types of government assistance, and Walmart Plus offers a similar discount. In addition, retailers like Home Depot and Lowe's, Kohl's and Michael's also offer percentage-based discounts to seniors. Many popular chain restaurants also offer discounts to senior diners.

**Utilize credit card incentives.** Many credit cards offer benefits like points or cash back incentives. Seniors who have the money to pay their balances in full can use credit cards when purchasing big-ticket items, and then use the travel rewards or cash back benefits to save money on expenses like flights and hotels. Cash back bonuses can be directed however seniors see fit.

The prospect of running out of money in retirement is a notable fear for many retirees. But some simple ways to save can help seniors keep more money in their pockets throughout retirement.

# Super Crossword "LO AND BEHOLD!"

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- 1 Police dept. alert
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  - 7 Like messy beds
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  - 22 Epithets
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  - 26 Half a quart
  - 27 Meadowland
  - 28 Navigate
  - 29 It might make you red in the face
  - 30 Annual bebop music festival in Sri Lanka's capital?
  - 34 Discontinue
  - 36 That girl
  - 37 It might make you red in the face
  - 38 Unbroken
  - 39 Basketball-stuffing pros taking part in a zigzag ski race?
  - 44 "C'mon, do me this favor"
  - 47 Fountain in Rome
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  - 50 Visualize
  - 52 "—, vidi, vici"
  - 54 Sheriff Taylor's son
  - 58 Dol. units
  - 61 Becoming less energetic at the disco?
  - 66 Barbie's little sister
  - 69 "I won't — word"
  - 70 Male bud
  - 71 D.C.'s land
  - 72 Having a boss who will only communicate with you by singing?
  - 78 Boxer Laila
  - 79 Wanted-poster abbr.
  - 80 "Let — already!"
  - 81 IRS probes
  - 82 Technique of kneading bivalve mollusks before cooking them?
  - 87 Big inits. in fashion
  - 88 Watering aid
  - 89 Rescue
  - 90 Big inits. in fuel additives
  - 92 This, in Lima
  - 96 "Golly!"
  - 99 Dog tether
  - 102 Maligns
  - 105 Girls' shirts worn as part of a classroom dress code?
  - 110 Province west of Sask.
  - 111 "Nope"
  - 112 — kwon do
  - 113 Born as opera
  - 114 Strauss performed correctly in every detail?
  - 117 Europe-Asia border river
  - 119 Tree yielding chocolate
  - 123 Zodiac feline
  - 124 Actress Teri
  - 125 Repainting all your yuletide ornaments black and white?
  - 131 Prairie canine
  - 132 Taken illicitly
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  - 136 That girl
  - 137 Hurly-burly
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  - 2 Got ready
  - 3 Native of Belmopan
  - 4 Officer patrolling an area
  - 5 Condition with rituals, in brief
  - 6 Ben and Jerry of comedy
  - 7 "Roots" actress Leslie
  - 8 After-tax
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  - 10 War god
  - 11 Masterful
  - 12 Falco of TV
  - 13 Breastbone
  - 14 Gratuity
  - 15 Razor option
  - 16 Trite phrase
  - 17 "Taxi" actress Marilu
  - 18 Acid-alcohol compounds
  - 20 "Happy Days" cool guy, with "the"
  - 24 Natal lead-in
  - 25 Requirement
  - 30 Agree (with)
  - 31 Yoko of art
  - 32 Deli classic
  - 33 Rowing blade
  - 35 Genetic ID
  - 40 — Strauss
  - 41 Pizza cooker
  - 42 Very valuable vase
  - 43 Ray of McDonald's
  - 45 Vanzetti's old partner in crime
  - 46 Actress Thompson
  - 51 Israeli airline
  - 53 "— happy to!"
  - 55 Second-century pope
  - 56 Map extra
  - 57 "By Jove!"
  - 59 Kind of wave
  - 60 Japanese watch brand
  - 62 Olive of old comics
  - 63 "Which — Up?" (1977 comedy film)
  - 64 Orderly lineup
  - 65 "— ordo seclorum" (phrase on a dollar bill)
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  - 67 Verizon, e.g., in brief
  - 68 Pseudonym
  - 73 Salary limits
  - 74 Depot: Abbr.
  - 75 Trendy
  - Aussie boots
  - 76 Bards
  - 77 Did nothing
  - 83 Toy brick brand
  - 84 Galleria
  - 85 2004 Chevy debut
  - 86 Football Hall of Famer Junior
  - 91 Military units
  - 93 Mexican miss
  - 94 Mine railway
  - 95 Tennis star Arthur
  - 97 Untold eras
  - 98 Voted in
  - 100 Boise-to-Vegas dir.
  - 101 Witch's spell
  - 103 Gore and Hirt
  - 104 Heat-vs.-Suns matchup, e.g.
  - 105 Wall plaster
  - 106 Drive-in restaurant server
  - 107 Cry from a town crier
  - 120 Put in a role
  - 121 Regarding
  - 122 Stench
  - 126 Holy Mlle.
  - 127 Raised rails
  - 128 Co. bigwig
  - 129 Cheering cry
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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 42:5-6a

Why, my soul, **are** you **downcast**? Why so **disturbed** within me? **Put** your **hope** in **God**, for I **will** yet **praise him**, my **Savior** and my **God**. My **soul** is downcast **within** me;

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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- Name the group that wrote and released "Who'll Stop the Rain."
- Name the three musicians who died in the 1959 plane crash that Don McLean wrote about in "American Pie."
- Which artist wrote and released "Kodachrome"?
- Name the duo that released "Let It Be Me."
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Got to say a few things that have been on my mind, And you know where my mind has been."

### Answers

- Creedence Clearwater Revival, in 1970 on their "Cosmo's Factory" album. The song has been covered by several others, including Bruce Springsteen and Rod Stewart.
- Ritchie Valens, Buddy Holly and The Big Bopper. In the song, McLean called it "the day the music died." The song was added to the National Recording Registry in 2017 by the Library of Congress.
- Paul Simon, in 1973. Kodachrome was a type of 35mm film.
- The Everly Brothers, in 1960.
- "A Little Bit More," originally released in 1973 by songwriter Bobby Gosh. The song didn't become a hit until covered by Dr. Hook & the Medicine Show in 1976. While not seeing a lot of No. 1 chart-toppers, the group's songs were hits nonetheless, getting significant airplay.

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Answers

## Super Crossword

## GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

		-		-				= 2
+			+		+			
		-		+				= 11
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	+			÷				= 7
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4		9		6		6		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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7	+	6	-	9	=	4
-		-		+		2
1	+	3	+	5	=	9
-		+		÷		6
4	+	8	÷	2	=	7

Answers

Go Figure!

P	N	D	B	T	P	W	Y	S	X
E	E	P	O	H	I	A	O	D	D
U	M	J	Y	T	R	U	P	O	I
C	I	R	H	E	L	R	R	W	S
I	H	I	O	D	U	R	A	N	T
O	N	L	M	F	D	O	I	C	U
N	A	L	V	P	O	I	S	A	R
D	Y	I	<u>Y</u>	U	G	V	E	S	B
A	P	W	H	T	G	A	C	T	E
P	G	W	R	U	S	C	W	D	

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

# 'Warm and fuzzy'...

## LeRoy spreads love one blanket at a time

By KYLE DOMINY  
Staff Reporter

There is a growing body of research that reveals the health benefits of crocheting, knitting and other needle crafts.

The skill – a simple-to-take-up hobby in the sense of needed materials, but also complex because of the wide variety of knots and stitches used and the vast array of things that can be created – can help relieve stress, reduce blood pressure and fight depression and anxiety, as well as improve dexterity and hand-eye coordination. During the Covid pandemic particularly, with many

people facing an increase of free time with shut-downs and other restrictions, the popularity of such crafts began to skyrocket.

As the world returned to business as usual, people held on to their needles and hooks, and are using their creative side to bring solace to themselves and happiness to others. A cursory glance across the internet shows countless webpages and social media accounts dedicated to spreading the joy of such crafts.

One Dublin woman, Sharon Puckett LeRoy, picked up crocheting during the pandemic. It was an activity she remembers learning as a little girl, taught by her mother who was well skilled with thread and yarn; but, like many childhood habits, she set it aside for other pursuits, like studying to become a nurse and raising a family. Upon re-learning the skill, LeRoy said she found crochet stitching "therapeutic" and it helped her refocus her mind.

"It is so repetitive," she said. "It's the same thing over and over, you can't mess it up. It's a mechanical process that became therapeutic for me."

LeRoy, who said she is more organized than creative, began making blankets. Then came an idea of what to do with the blankets.

"I didn't need the blankets, so I started giving them away," she said. "I enjoy serving others and helping others smile, so I thought, let me make them and give them away. I wanted people to see Jesus in me."

The 60-year-old has a heart for helping others. She has enjoyed a long career in the medical field, serving as a nurse for nearly three decades. LeRoy has worked at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center for about 20 years. On nights and weekends she continues nursing via the

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Sharon Puckett LeRoy has a heart for caring for others. The veteran nurse starting crocheting during the pandemic, using the craft as a type of therapy. Each finished blanket is given to someone as a surprise gift/KYLE DOMINY





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telephone for Atrium Health hospice care. LeRoy has also served at the hospital, and taught classes at what is now Middle Georgia State University.

At first she made blankets for family members and neighbors. Then she crafted comfortable coverings for her pastors (she is an active member at Dudley Baptist Church). Thirty some odd blankets later, co-workers, patients and friends have shared the surprise of receiving one of the hand-made items.

"They say 'Is that for me? Really?'" LeRoy said. "You can tell it makes them feel special, and that makes it worth it."

It takes about six to eight weeks, give or take, depending on her schedule, for LeRoy to crochet a blanket big enough for someone to cozy up on the couch with. Blankets are all she makes for now, though she did try her hand at making a hat for a grandchild.

LeRoy plans to retire from her nursing career next year, but has no intentions of slowing down. She hopes to use any newfound free time to continuing serving people. Besides continuing to share her homemade blankets, she is interested in reading to elementary school students, helping women fighting addiction and using her nursing skills to help people interpret medical information.

"A lot of people go to the doctor, come home and they don't really know what the doctor said," LeRoy said.

In the meantime, she continues using her yarn and crocheting hooks to spread a little joy one person at a time.

"I just want people to feel warm and fuzzy," LeRoy said. "I want them to know that they are special to me and that Jesus loves them."



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**GEVA ALEXANDER**

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young woman struggling to start a business. She was a source of advice and strategies. She helped them stay focused and pulled them back when otherwise they might have walked away. She fed them lunch and, on occasion, even babysat their children.

The lessons Geva taught her children have stuck with them. Nannette Alexander has been her business partner for almost 50 years. She learned from her parents how to sell. "I'm not a salesman. They taught me I didn't have to be," she said.

"We have products people want so they come to us," she said. "I was taught not to try to sell the customers what you think they need. Ask questions until the customer can tell you what he wants and then help him find it."

Paul Alexander is the oldest of the three. He said Geva's entrepreneurship filtered down to all of them. Paul delivered office supplies on his bicycle as a teenager. "Her example and total support that I could do anything I attempted gave me an arrogant confidence that has served me well," he said. Because of Geva, he said, there also have been Alexander Engineering and Alexander Consulting.

George Alexander remembers a particularly practical lesson. "As kids, we were late everywhere – even jumping on the band bus as it pulled across the parking lot headed for away games," he said.

Ultimately, he embraced Geva's notion of "if you're not early, you're late." As a result, "I'm early everywhere," he said.

Geva and Louis were constant presences in the lives of their grandsons, Chris

and Scott Lanier, as they grew up in Dublin. Chris lives in Laurens County with his son Connor. Scott and his wife Leah live in South Bend, Indiana.

Scott said that Geva still looks just like she did in old photos. "She told my mom one time that I was very determined and that she just had to point me in the right direction. She was right," he said.

Scott said their relationship is strong despite the distance and includes a warmth between Geva and

his wife. "When we got married, she gave Leah her wedding ring," he said.

Scott said that Geva's greatest achievement has been her impact on people. "She did a million little things," he said. "People would walk up and speak to her everywhere."

Chris learned from his grandmother how hard work can pay off in business. He said she gave him a place to stay when he came home from college. "She never gave up on me even when I was at the lowest point in

my life," he said.

Both grandsons learned from Geva and Louis' marriage. Scott described it as a symbiotic partnership. "You always knew they loved each other and were equals," he said.

Chris said his Geva and Louis taught him that a marriage can last a lifetime.

Geva's sons live in Atlanta. Paul and Ruth have three daughters – Anna, Emma, and Laura; George and Martha have two sons – Harper and Hunter Alexander.



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