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Man not guilty by reason of insanity in trailer park shooting

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

A Dublin Circuit Superior Court judge ruled that a man did not know right from wrong when he fired shots in trailer park and injured a police officer in January 2023.

David Jermaine Fountain was declared not guilty by reason of insanity by Judge Jud Green Thursday for the shooting at the Ponderosa trailer park in East Dublin. Chief Assistant District Attorney Kelly Weathers said Fountain had a series of evaluations with doctors who told her and his attorney, Floyd Buford, that the defendant was not criminally responsible.

"When I got the case and was looking at the evidence, I realized there were clear indicators that he was operating under a persistent illusion," Weathers said. "He saw things that were not there and reacted to them in a manner that might be construed as self defense or defense of others."

"In Georgia, your criminal culpability requires that you know the difference between right and wrong. We cannot hold people criminally responsible if, because of an organic condition, they are hallucinating things and react to them in a way that if the hallucinations were true would actually be lawful acts."

Doctors recently de-

clared that Fountain was not criminally responsible.

"I agreed with the assessment," Weathers said. "When somebody is civilly committed, they basically become the ward of the Department of Behavioral Health. He will be under their supervision and care for the rest of his life."

Fountain served in the military and has PTSD from a tour in Afghanistan.

"He went out on patrol for sometimes 20 days straight," Buford said. "He got into vicious fire fights. He earned a Bronze Star and served this country with great distinction. I always felt he was an American

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GBI agents work the scene in the Ponderosa trailer park on Jan. 30, 2023 where an East Dublin police officer was grazed by a bullet/PAYTON TOWNS III, File



Members of the cast look on as Morgan Irby, playing Sandy, and Arturo Ojeda, as Danny Zuko, rehearse a scene near the end of the production of "Grease"/PAYTON TOWNS III

Dublin Community Theatre providing summer lovin' for production of 'Grease'

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The Dublin Community Theatre wants to make sure everyone knows that "Grease" is the word this summer.

The show, which led to a blockbuster movie, will be held at Theatre Dublin at 7 p.m. on July 16 and 17 and at 2 p.m. on July 18 and 19.

On a recent hot evening, Parks Baird, who is directing and starring in this production, made announcements from the stage, encouraging and reminding

his cast that opening night was not too far away.

Baird is no stranger to Theatre Dublin's stage. He had a starring role in "Guys and Dolls" last summer and twice has portrayed Charlie Brown in "A Charlie Brown Christmas - Live on Stage." He has enjoyed his chance to direct this production, he said.

"I am a big fan of classic rock," he said. "I like the attitude it gives actors. I really like how a lot of our main cast is recalling how they were in high school. I like that youthful energy they have. We've had some young actors and new actors coming in. Routinely, I have them telling me that this is the most fun they have had in theatre or that they are falling in love with

theatre. We emphasize a lot for them to express themselves and be creative."

Arturo Ojeda, who performed in DCT's inaugural show "Bye Bye Birdie," returns to the stage three years later as Danny Zuko.

"He is an actor who asks questions," Baird said. "I like someone who can come in and then put their all into the performance. He is one who stays behind to try to do more. He puts his all into the performance."

The character of Danny is different from Ojeda.

"And that is something I like a lot," Ojeda said. "I like to interpret someone who is not like me. There are certain things about him that I would like to do. Not everything obviously. Danny is one of the biggest charac-

ters I think any musical has ever seen."

Ojeda likes the fact that the cast is new to him. He believes there are a few members who were in "Bye Bye Birdie" with him.

"Meeting this cast has been amazing," he said. "I think they are all very talented and their voices are amazing. There is a lot of talent and a lot of great people to learn from."

Morgan Irby, who is in her first DCT play, will be playing Sandy Dumbrowski.

"She came into the rehearsals later than the rest of the cast because she was in an opera in Atlanta," Baird said. "She is

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Dublin supt. hire still not a done deal

Contract negotiations ongoing almost a month after school board picked a sole finalist for the job

By RODNEY MANLEY
Staff Reporter

The Dublin City Board of Education is still negotiating a contract for its pick as the district's new school superintendent.

The board met for a called meeting July 1 – which coincided with the end of the mandatory 14-day waiting period after selecting DeMarcos Holland as the sole finalist for the job – but hiring a new superintendent was not on the agenda and was not discussed.

Board chairwoman Amanda Smith confirmed after the meeting that Holland's hiring "is still on," but said this week that contract negotiations are ongoing, having been slowed partly because of scheduling conflicts.

The school board has called a special meeting for Friday afternoon to approve personnel needed for the upcoming term, but Smith was unsure Thursday whether Holland's hiring would be considered.

The board chose Holland, the chief human resources officer for Marietta City Schools, from 25 candidates who applied during a search conducted by the Georgia School Boards Association.

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

State officials last fall projected Dublin City would end of the current fiscal year with a \$13.4 million deficit. The district has significantly cut spending – which included mid-year terminations of several dozen teachers and other staffers – but still owes the state about \$5 million in overdue payments to the State Health Benefit Plan.

Georgia Department of Education officials contacted the Dublin district in August after learning the system owed \$5.6 million to the state health plan after not paying in contributions for the entire fiscal year 2025. The system also had not completed an audit since 2021.

A subsequent special examination by the state Department of Audits and Accounts, requested by local

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Dublin man gets life without parole in 2024 slaying

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

A Dublin man was sentenced to life in prison without parole plus five years Thursday, a little more than a week after a Laurens County jury found him guilty in the 2024 fatal shooting of a 35-year-old man.

Quentin Vanteryll Gib-

son, 20, was sentenced by Dublin Superior Court

Judge Jud Green in connection with the Sept. 11, 2024 death of Cortez Hicks. Gibson was declared guilty of felony murder, aggravated assault



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and possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime in connection.

"He was my pride," said Hicks' mother in her victim statement during the sentencing hearing.

"He was the light of the family. He had a son and a reason to live."

Since Hicks' death, life has been difficult, she said. "Quentin took my son," she said. "We ask the court to hold him accountable."

Hicks' father told the judge that the fatal shooting should have never happened.

"What happened was straight out of hate," he said. "I expect my son to bury me, not me bury my son. This hurt me and hurt

my family."

Jack Dixon, public defender who represented Gibson during the sentencing, reminded Green that the defendant is a young man.

"We ask for the court to be able to give him parole," Dixon said.

Kelly Weathers, chief assistant DA, offered life with parole before the trial began. At sentencing Thursday she requested life without parole, and the judge agreed. He called this and other shootings "a sad reflection on society."

"I never understood the motive in this case," Green said.

The police department requested the Georgia Bu-

reau of Investigation to investigate Hicks' death after they responded to a house in the 400 block of Jones Village Lane in reference to a shooting around 11:55 a.m.

Hicks, 35, was found inside the home with gunshot wounds.

He was transported to Fairview Park Hospital where he later died.

Gibson was arrested and charged in Hicks' death on Nov. 6 of that year.

"I would like to thank all of the law enforcement officers who worked on this case and DA Harold McLendon and his team for their excellent work," said Dublin Police Chief Keith Moon.



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OBITUARIES

Gregory R. Anderson

Mr. Gregory R. Anderson, 30, and resident of Jeffersonville, Georgia answered God's calling on July 5, 2026 in the Atrium Navicent Health Hospital in Macon, Georgia.

Mr. Anderson attended Twiggs County High School in Jeffersonville, Georgia. He enjoyed playing basketball with his friends and watching wrestling programs on television.

Gregory was preceded in death by his mother, Adriana Anderson (Big Twin), his grandparents, E.J. Anderson Sr. and Brenda S. Anderson and his aunt, Andrea Anderson.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his brother, Darrell Williams and his uncle, E.J. Anderson Jr. (Takita) and a host of other family and friends.

Viewing for Mr. Anderson was held in the George O. Wyche Sr. Memorial Chapel on Friday, July 10, 2026 and on Saturday, July 11, 2026 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day.

Arrangements entrusted to Wyche's Funeral Home, 306 East Moore Street Dublin, Georgia 31021.

Eli Travis White

Mr. Eli Travis White, age 68, of Milan, Ga., passed away on Tuesday, July 7, 2026.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday July 10, at Milan House of God, with interment in Milan City Cemetery.

He is survived by his brother - Joe Henry White (Tammy McGowan); best friend - Jerry "Skeet" Lowery (Sharon); several nieces and nephews; and numerous cousins and many Friends.

The family received friends in Southerland Funeral Chapel from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday, July 9.

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

Twiggs County commissioners vote on AC unit replacements amid heat advisory, other updates

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY GTLN

Twiggs County Commissioners voted on several measures at their recent meeting including road resurfacing, AC unit replacements and a kaolin mining permit.

Concerns with county building air conditioners arose in the middle of a heat advisory. One unit reportedly has been leaking for some time and the other can't keep spaces cool with employees inside. Officials say they're having to send staff home.

According to County Administrator Wilmarie Liz, one unit's leaks have "consistently been giving us problems" for over a year.

Liz told the board there have been several attempts to repair the unit over the past year, but it continues to break down. Now, it's leaking into the investigation office.

County officials spoke with MGM, and after inspecting it, they offered two solutions. The county could either replace the unit for \$17,880, or they could repair the existing unit for \$7,450 and risk further issues.

Chairman Ken Fowler told the board that he would prefer to replace the unit to avoid running into additional issues in the future. As he explained, the existing unit is already seven or eight years old and probably only has about three to five more years left at the most. Repairing it again could mean the county "throwing away \$7,000."

"That's a lot of money, \$17,000," he told the board. "But I believe that's what I would do."

Other commissioners agreed, and a motion to move ahead with the replacement was approved.

After discussion of the leaky AC unit, Road Superintendent Lee Stringer told the board that the AC unit at the road department was completely out and they're having to send employees home.

Just before the meeting, he said, the tempera-

ture at the road department building reached 85 degrees Fahrenheit. The unit is sixteen years old, and like the other AC unit, they also had issues with repairs.

In the past, the road department resorted to tinting the office windows to avoid the sun raising the temperature inside, but now that there's an ongoing heat advisory, it needs to be fixed.

After hearing from Stringer, commissioners voted to replace that unit as well.

Also during last week's board meeting, commissioners voted to move forward with a bid to resurface a road in District 4.

According to District 4 Commissioner Steve Birdsong, Black Bottom Road is in "bad shape," telling the board that he's received several complaints about its condition.

Birdsong previously brought the issue to the board's attention at a past meeting and they agreed to advertise for bids. Last week during bid opening, commissioners found they only had one bid on the project.

According to Fowler, Professional Paving offered to complete the project for \$96,500.

As the only bid, Birdsong made a motion to approve the contract, and the bid was approved.

The board also approved a Conditional Use Permit for Active Minerals International to mine kaolin along Highway 57.

According to Planning and Zoning Director Monte Bloodworth, Active Minerals International had submitted all required documents for approval.

After some questioning, the representative with Active Minerals International revealed he still needed to obtain a permit from the Department of Natural Resources before mining, but said that county commissioners must first approve the conditional use permit.

Following this, commissioners approved the request.

Also discussed last week was the fish at the Twiggs County Pond.

Commissioner Lonnie Ford requested the

board look into stocking the pond with more fish. Though the pond already has some fish living there, he'd like to see more.

According to Fowler, the county previously spoke with the Department of Natural Resources about adding fish to that pond, but they reported it was too shallow to support a large population of fish.

Ford responded to Fowler, sharing that he's been fishing at the pond his entire life, and he's never noticed issues with fish dying.

Fowler told Ford that he was only telling him what DNR had told him, to which Ford asked if they could try again.

In the end, commissioners voted to table the topic until they can do further research.

In a very quick discussion, commissioners also voted to approve Connie Nesbit to serve on the Twiggs County Library Board.

Later during public comments, Sidney McLeod with McLeod Auto Company approached the board, introducing both himself and a list of vehicles available for purchase from his shop for county use.

McLeod explained that his company takes damaged cars, repairs them to factory standards and sells them to various agencies across the state at a discounted rate.

McLeod reports he previously has done business with Peach County, Monroe County, Fort Valley, the City of Byron, Forsyth, Warner Robins and the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office.

At the end of his presentation, Sheriff Darren Mitchum vetted McLeod saying that he's dealt with McLeod in the past and that he's an honest seller.

"I've been buying vehicles from him for probably 15 years, and everything I've ever bought from him, he stands behind it," Mitchum told the board. "If there's something wrong with [the car] he'll take care of it."

McLeod told the board that he'd be glad to talk with them further, in public or private.

Gas tax break takes another bite out of state revenue

By TY TAGAMI Capitol Beat New Service

ATLANTA — Georgia tax revenues fell in June, driven by a gas tax suspension and helped along by increased income tax refunds.

Net tax revenues for the month fell 6.8% compared with June 2025, according to the Georgia Department of Revenue.

The bulk of it was driven by a nearly \$197 million decline in motor fuel excise tax collections, which Gov. Brian Kemp's office at-

tributed to his executive order extending the suspension of that tax from May 20 through June 3.

The General Assembly had previously suspended it starting March 20, as the war in Iran drove up prices at the pump.

As the expiration date approached ahead of Memorial Day, Kemp called a state of emergency to extend it. He then called lawmakers back to the Capitol for a special session, in part to retroactively approve his decision.

Last month, the state revenue

department reported that motor fuel tax collections for May fell nearly \$200 million compared with May 2025.

Even without the fuel tax suspension, state revenues lagged in June. Net tax revenues fell just over \$215 million from June 2025. Excluding motor fuel tax changes, net tax revenues were down 0.6% for the month.

Another big driver was an increase in individual income tax refunds, up nearly \$67 million, or about 71%. That contributed to a

nearly \$100 million decline in individual income tax collections compared to June last year.

Most eligible taxpayers also benefited from House Bill 1000 this year, which passed the General Assembly unanimously, with an estimated price tag of nearly \$1.2 billion. Taxpayers who filed timely state returns for 2024 and 2025 were set to receive one-time rebates of \$250 for individuals, \$375 for heads of household and \$500 for married couples filing jointly.

COUCH THEATRE

By DEMI TAVARAS King Features

"Obsession" (R) -- No doubt you've heard the buzz all over the internet about this supernatural horror film! Shot with a budget of \$750,000, this film became Focus Features' highest-grossing film of all time with grosses of \$371 million. "Obsession" follows music store employee Bear (Michael Johnston), who has a crush on one of his co-workers, Nikki (Inde Navarrette). (Sounds normal enough so far.) Before hanging out with Nikki and a few other co-workers, Bear decides to buy her a novelty toy that grants one wish per person when broken. Later that evening, Bear breaks the toy himself in frustration and wishes that Nikki would "love him more than anyone in the world." Shortly after, their relationship finally turns romantic, but what follows isn't for the faint of heart. Out now to rent. (Apple TV)

"Backrooms" (R) -- Eating at the heels of the previous entry is this psychological sci-fi film starring Chiwetel Ejiofor ("The

Old Guard 2") and Renate Reinsve ("Sentimental Value"). This film was produced with a budget of \$10 million and has grossed \$330 million, making it A24's highest-grossing film to date. Add on top of it that it was directed by 21-year-old Kane Parsons in his feature-length directorial debut, and it's nothing short of a filmmaking phenomenon. (Parsons also co-scored the film alongside Edo Van Breemen.) Taking place in June 1990, the film follows Clark (Ejiofor), the owner of a furniture store, who struggles with alcohol and marriage issues. While in his store, he encounters a glowing slit in one of the walls, where he's able to enter a chilling reality called "The Backrooms." Eventually, Clark fully disappears into The Backrooms, leaving none other than his therapist, Mary (Reinsve), to attempt to get him out. Available to rent on July 7. (Amazon Prime Video)

"The Five-Star Weekend" (TV-MA) -- Jennifer Garner ("The Last Thing He Told Me") leads this heartwarming drama miniseries that drops on July 9, and



Chiwetel Ejiofor stars in "Backrooms"/SPECIAL PHOTO, Courtesy of MovieStillsDB

it's based on the 2023 novel from Elin Hilderbrand. Garner portrays food influencer Hollis Shaw, whose world gets unexpectedly turned upside down when she receives news that her husband died in an accident. Ever productive and stuck in her domestic ways, Hollis decides to host a girls' weekend at her house with four friends from different chapters throughout her life. As Hollis tries to

process her grief, each of her friends grapples with obstacles of their own. Regina Hall ("One Battle After Another"), Chloe Sevigny ("After the Hunt"), D'Arcy Carden ("Sunny Nights"), and Gemma Chan ("Josephine") co-star. (Peacock)

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Family game night: A tale of treachery and pride

Monopoly is widely recognized as the world's most popular board game. Conservative estimates say that 500 million people enjoy this tabletop pastime. Who knows how many families have been ruined and friendships destroyed with a piece landing on Boardwalk space adorned with a hotel.

A standard game of Monopoly typically lasts one to three hours, according to the rule book. One documented game however, lasted about 70 days and was certainly played by people who devoutly loved each other or severely wished to see the other die an agonizing death. Nothing, and I mean nothing, should ever last that many days.

This innocent game of property investment and driving your competition to the poor house has a long, twisted back story. It began as anti-capitalist propaganda, a way to promote wealth redistribution and oppose land owning monopolies. That was in 1908, and people quickly realized that a game that nobody wins is not a game at all. And why wouldn't you want to be a land tycoon?

So, about a quarter of a century later, another person, who clearly had a better sense of humor and drive to make money, changed the rules of the game to glorify the very thing it was created to destroy. The Parker Brothers company bought the concept, and the rest, as they say, is history. Now there are several variations of Monopoly, even one that glorifies the cheating that many players are prone

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By KYLE DOMINY

to do anyway, all with the same goal of bankrupting your opponents.

Somewhere along the way, the notion of a family game night was touted as a way for parents and children to connect with each other, probably by board game companies

seeking to gain more market share in an entertainment/leisure industry that embraces all things electronic.

Regular events of families gathering around the table to enjoy a game supposedly has great benefits. It boosts cognitive development, relieves stress and creates familial bonds and routines that last a lifetime.

I love a good tabletop game, board, card or otherwise. I've spent countless hours over the years whiling away the hours with a game, some of which become very competitive and even divulged into arguments (Note: If you are related to a college professor, never agree to a game of Trivial Pursuit, unless you like feeling stupid). However, I'm sad to report that I seldom get up from a family game night happy to have held a family game night. The depravity of man comes on full display when my children roll the dice. The desire to win, at any cost, prevails over all the manners and sensibilities I have instilled over the years. We can't get a game of checkers in, let alone a round of Monopoly.

I blame myself. I don't go easy on my offspring. What better way to teach the harshness of life than by kicking their butts at a board game. Yes, I charge full rent when they land on my hotel-developed Boardwalk square.

The game is called "Monopoly," not "be nice to your free-loading children."

We should probably take up family walks.

DIVA ON A DIME

Don't pour this secret ingredient down the drain



Tender pork, sweet pineapple and colorful vegetables are brushed with a homemade teriyaki glaze/SPECIAL PHOTO

By PATTI DIAMOND
King Features

Summer grilling has a funny way of convincing sensible people to overspend. Fancy marinades, premium cuts of meat and specialty sauces leap into the shopping cart. One of my favorite summer dinners starts with a can of pineapple.

Restaurant teriyaki tastes complicated, but it isn't. Once you know the formula, you're just a few pantry ingredients away from a sweet, savory glaze made right at home.

The secret ingredient in this recipe isn't hiding in an expensive specialty aisle. It's the juice you were going to pour down the drain after opening the can. Around here, pineapple juice isn't waste. It's tomorrow's teriyaki. My kitchen has a "Don't pour flavor down the drain" policy.

Buy whatever protein is on sale.

I made mine with pork chops because they were marked down and that's the kind of gal I am. Once cubed and marinated, economical cuts become wonderfully tender, so you can skip the pricier pork tenderloin. If chicken is the better bargain, boneless breasts or thighs work just as well.

SWEET & SAVORY PINEAPPLE TERIYAKI PORK SKEWERS

Yield: 6 skewers
Total Time: 8 hrs., 35 mins.

1 recipe Pineapple Teriyaki Marinade (recipe follows)

1 (20-ounce) can pineapple chunks in juice, drained (reserve the juice for the marinade)

2 pounds pork (or chicken), cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes

2 to 3 small zucchini, cut into 1 1/2-inch slices

1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, quartered

1 large sweet red pepper, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces

1 small red onion, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces

12 (10-inch) skewers (soak bamboo skewers for 30 minutes before using)

Cooked rice, for serving

Prepare the Pineapple Teriyaki Marinade as directed below, reserving 3/4 cup before adding the remainder to the pork.

Place the pork in a zip-top bag or shallow dish and pour the remaining marinade over it. Refrigerate for at least 8 hours or overnight.

When ready to cook, thread the marinated pork onto skewers, alternating with pineapple chunks, zucchini, mushrooms, bell pepper and onion.

Meanwhile, prepare the reserved marinade as a basting sauce according to the directions below.

Grill over medium-high heat for 12 to 15 minutes, or oven broil on LOW, turning occasionally, until the pork reaches an internal temperature of 145 F. Brush the skewers several times with the warm basting sauce during the last few minutes of cooking.

Serve any remaining sauce alongside the skewers.

PINEAPPLE TERIYAKI MARINADE

Yield: 1 1/2 cups
Total Time: 15 mins.

1/2 cup pineapple juice (reserved from one 20-ounce can of pineapple chunks)

1/2 cup low-sodium soy sauce

1/4 cup brown sugar

2 tablespoons rice vinegar

1 tablespoon sesame oil (or other neutral oil)

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Pinch red pepper flakes (optional)

In a small saucepan over medium heat, whisk together all of the ingredients until the sugar dissolves. Remove from heat and reserve 3/4 cup of the mixture for the basting sauce.

Pour the remaining marinade over the pork and refrigerate for 8 to 24 hours.

To Make the Basting Sauce

Combine the reserved 3/4 cup marinade with:

1/2 cup water

1 tablespoon cornstarch

Stir together the water and cornstarch. Bring marinade to a gentle simmer over medium heat, add the cornstarch mixture, whisking constantly, until the sauce thickens and becomes glossy. Use to baste the skewers during the final minutes of grilling and serve any remaining sauce at the table.

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By JACK
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Samuel Francis Smith

Samuel Francis Smith (1809-1895) was just a young man of 24, a seminary student, when in 1832 he penned his famous poem in less than 30 minutes. He was a graduate of Harvard University and Andover Theological Seminary and was a respected Baptist minister in the Northeast. He wrote 150 hymn-poems during his 87 years, but his most popular one become a beloved patriotic hymn of America. International music (Thesaurus Music, 1744) was joined to his poem and it continues to be sung wherever American patriotism is expressed in music.

Interestingly, this is one of a number of American patriotic songs that acknowledges God in the lyrics, including: The Star Spangled Banner, written by Francis Scott Key in 1814; America the Beautiful, written by Katherine Lee Bates in 1893; God Bless America, written by Irving Berlin in 1938; The Battle Hymn of the Republic, written by Julia Ward Howe in 1862; God of Our Fathers, written by William Whiting in 1869.

Here are the words of the fourth verse (a prayer) of Samuel Francis Smith's patriotic song:

Our fathers, God, to Thee, Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

Let the school children sing and the school bands play these patriotic songs of America. For as long these songs are sung and played throughout the land, and especially in our schools, God is acknowledged as being present. "Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!"
Peace!

Moment of Inspiration

The Shout of Victory – "It Is Finished"

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." John 19:30

The words "It is finished" were not a cry of defeat—they were a shout of victory.

On the cross, Jesus completed the work His Father had sent Him to do. The price for sin had been paid. The debt we could never repay was satisfied by the perfect sacrifice of the Son of God.

Because Jesus declared, "It is finished," we no longer have to strive to earn God's forgiveness. Salvation is not based on our good works but on Christ's finished work at Calvary. Through His death and resurrection. He made a way for all who trust in Him to receive forgiveness, peace with God, and the promise of eternal life.

When you feel burdened by guilt, remember the cross. When Satan reminds you of your past, remember Jesus' words: "It is finished." The victory has already been won. Today, live with confidence, not because of what you have done, but because of what Christ has accomplished.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Help me to rest in Your grace and to live each day in the victory that Christ has already won. May my life reflect my gratitude for so great a salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

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Dublin Police Department

- Tybrandon Jones, 18, was charged with discharge of firearms on or near public highway or street around 4 p.m. on June 19.

Officers responded to the Riverview Apartments in reference to a report of shots fired. A single spent .223 caliber shell casing was discovered on the ground near what appeared to be a bullet impact mark in the concrete. Officers canvassed the area, but no witnesses were able to provide details regarding the incident. Residents heard a single gunshot and saw multiple individuals running from the area immediately afterward.

Officers met with management staff at the apartment complex and viewed surveillance footage of the incident. Through the investigation and review of the video, Jones was identified as the suspect. Police conducted a search of the apartment complex and eventually found Jones. During the investigation, officers found the firearm involved in the incident, which was described as an American Tactical .223 caliber AR-style pistol.

Jones was questioned regarding the incident, saying the gun discharged accidentally while he was attempting to remove it from his waistband. He said he did not intentionally fire the weapon. His statement was consistent with the physical evidence observed at the scene, including the recovery of the single spent shell casing and the apparent downward trajectory of it.

Jones was transported to the police department where he was fingerprinted and released on a summons.

- On Thursday, June 18, around 3:41 p.m., an officer made a traffic stop based on a seat belt violation that was observed on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at Monroe Street on a Chevrolet Silverado. The vehicle finally



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stopped at Cochran Brothers. The driver, Dustin Menges, came back as wanted with an Alabama pick up only and revoked license. Menges was arrested and transported to the police department where he was fingerprinted and released on summons due to the revoked license and cited for no seat belt.

- Jacqueline Leigh Campbell, 58, was charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and no insurance at Ronny's Food Mart on North Jefferson Street around 9:36 p.m. on June 18.

An officer made a traffic stop in the parking lot after seeing a black Dodge SXT traveling on North Jefferson Street with defective equipment, specifically a missing headlight. Campbell was identified as the driver. She told the officer that she had recently been stopped for the same headlight issue and was planning to have it fixed.

Dispatch advised that Campbell's driver's license was suspended and that the vehicle did not have valid insurance coverage. The officer returned to the driver and advised her of the violations. Campbell was transported to the police department to be fingerprinted and was later released on citations.

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- A deputy responded to Maid Marian Lane in reference to a report of an incident that happened around 11:12 a.m. on June 12.

- Tanicka Lashae Coneway, 50, of Dudley was charged with possession of methamphetamine after she was pulled over by a deputy around 8:11 a.m. on June 15 at the intersection of Oak Street and First Street. A deputy stopped a maroon Ford Fusion for a defective brake lights and no valid insurance.

- David Watkins, 49, of Savannah was charged with driving under the influence of drugs around 2:11 p.m. on June 16 on I-16 at mile marker 47.

- Kristin Daniel Brooks, 45, of Dexter was charged with possession of methamphetamine at the intersection of I-16 and 441 South around 3:14 p.m. on June 16 after being pulled over in a black Ford Ranger.

- Deputy responded to property damage on Highway 80 West that happened between June 3 and 8.

- On June 11 around 4:36 p.m., responded to Henry Snow Road for a property damage report.

- A Honda Recon four wheeler was stolen on Hubert Lord Road in Dudley between May 22 and June 19.

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



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Can something please be done to level the pavement at Highway 338 and Duggans Street next to Dudley Baptist Church? A grate would permit water drainage and eliminate a serious dip in the road.

I took the paper for three months and have paid three months for the paper. I'd like to have my paper delivered on Friday because we don't see the yard sales until Saturday. When we get our paper, the yard sales are done.

We own two houses in the city and the assessed value just went up 30 percent on both of them. This along with the city

schools maxing out the mileage is ridiculous.

The City of Dudley must of got a different tractor operator to pick up limbs cause they are scattered all over the road this week.

The City of Dudley scattering more limbs than they are picking up.

Hopefully the misguided person in the Pine Forrest neighborhood, who last year set off bottle rockets, has learned from their mistake. We came very close to the tops of trees burning. Police will be called if it happens again.

Why are all the streets in Dudley dug up? We having water leaks?

I do not know what law enforcement can do about these doggone log trucks. A while ago I saw them go from the post office

to all the way near the mall. They have both lanes tied up. They didn't used to let them ride down main street. I wish they would do something with the log trucks.

Where is our current superintendent of Georgia whenever the other school close by was in financial trouble? That makes two close together that he should have had his eyes on.

With all of these new buildings we are putting up everywhere, y'all are letting the locals around here build everything. Where is all of the extra money going to come from? They are going to have to stay in a hotel room and eat out every day.

I am looking at the paper which is Thursday, July 2 and Saturday, July 4. In "Every Day's a Holiday" they've got the holiday for July 2 and holiday for July 4. But there is only one comic strip and that is July 4. If you are going to have two for Every Day's a Holiday, why don't you put two comics. One comic section for one day and one for the other day? I think it's only fair. I love the comics, because looking at some of the sad stuff in the paper, we need to laugh every now or then.

There should have a poll about free speech when it comes to Tell It! If they are

saying hate speech was not accepted, free speech is the easy kind of speech. I get the paper for the obituaries, Tell It! and the Police Beat. All the extra is just for me to read. Take a poll and you'll find out what they like about the Tell It!

I live in East Dublin and have driven all over East Dublin and all over Dublin. The noisiest street in Dublin is on South Jefferson Street in Dublin, Ga.

I want to thank the Laurens County commissioners and Bryan Rogers for getting Holliday Road resurfaced. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you guys. If any way possible, please patch the holes on McLenndon Road. There are holes all up and down the road and also between Highway 19 and Rock Springs Road. Thanks very much.

People stop complaining about when you get your paper since the change and it's coming in the mail. I get mine on the day that it's supposed to come by noon. I'm very pleased. If yours is as late as you say, you might need to check with your mail carrier.

I've come to realize unless I or others like me were not born here in Laurens County, I cannot expect any one to patronize or listen to my fresh ideas because I'm an "outsider."

BUSINESS NEWS

Max Brown Pharmacy celebrates ribbon cutting in new location



Pharmacist and owner of Max Brown Pharmacy Al Purser, along with representatives from the Dublin-Laurens County Chamber of Commerce celebrate the opening of the long-time store's new location/SPECIAL, Dublin-Laurens Chamber of Commerce

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER HERALD

The Dublin-Laurens County Chamber of Commerce proudly hosted a ribbon cutting for Max Brown Pharmacy on June 19, celebrating the pharmacy's new location and the exciting addition of Uniform Carousel under the same ownership.

Community members, chamber ambassadors, local leaders and supporters gathered to commemorate this milestone as Max Brown Pharmacy officially welcomed customers to its new facility. The celebration also recognized the pharmacy's acquisition of Uniform Carousel, now conveniently located in the same building, creating a one-stop destination for pharmacy services and medical apparel.

The new location allows customers to receive the trusted pharmacy care they have come to expect while also shopping Uniform Carousel's selection of medical uniforms, scrubs, footwear and healthcare accessories—all under one roof.

"We are excited to celebrate this new chapter with Max Brown Pharmacy," chamber representatives said during the ceremony. "Their continued investment in our community and expansion of services demonstrate a strong commitment to serving the healthcare needs of Dublin and Laurens County."

The Dublin-Laurens County Chamber of Commerce congratulates Max Brown Pharmacy on this exciting expansion and wishes the team continued success as they continue serving the community.

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All in good 'fun'...

For the West Laurens softball team, a trying week of training, team-building each summer has turned to time-honored tradition

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

Scooter Rue Road... It's a little-known rural passage, part-gravel but mostly dirt, on the western side of Laurens County whose name (if we're correct in assuming some French origins, it translates to the redundant "Scooter Road Road") is surrounded by a certain mystery and mystique.

It branches from Ga. 257, just as you clear the S-curve headed into Dexter, and follows a zigzagging course through some woods and farmland about two and a half miles north to, and then a bit beyond, Hillbridge Road.

The route, dotted by a handful of homes, is an easy one to miss for most drivers on their way by who'd most likely only discover it as a shortcut or wrong turn.

West Laurens High School's softball team, however, knows this path all too well, as the setting of one of the least-looked forward to in an exhausting set of physical tasks that its athletes undertake, all over the course of a few intense days, before every season.

Though locally, the meaning of the road's name is largely unknown, there's no guesswork whatsoever as to its significance to these players, who have come to rue the day they have to run down it.

It's a route and activity that, one in the same, have come to represent everything the Raiders love to hate, or hate to love, about the few days their coaches dedicate to bolstering the team's conditioning and camaraderie about this time each summer.

"The rumor is, it meant so much to some, they stole the sign," said West Laurens assistant Jody Pollock. "They had to replace it."

The dreaded Scooter Rue run has more or less become the symbol of this annual ordeal – its 2026 edition wrapping up earlier this week – that highlights both the fun and fatiguing sides of team bonding.

Officially, the Raiders' annual retreat is called "fun week," although players, from its beginnings about 10 years ago, have substituted their own word, other than fun, to describe it.

Nobody really speaks of it fondly in the moment. But the experience, which has become a rite of passage through the years, is one that holds its important place at the start of each season.

"The most special part about this is just tradition," said junior Madison Brown. "I know so many girls before me that have had to do this same thing, and just getting to do it and push through and endure with your team, it just builds a special relationship."

Contrary to the name, the summer intensive typically lasts only 2-3 days, which only seem like a full week to players who are together pretty much the entire length of time, sharing meals and sleeping over (usually on air mattresses in the school's cheerleading room, or in this year's case, some swankier accommodations at a local hotel) in between near-constant activities.

But other than knowing a good bit of what's in store already, the players don't get an agenda in advance.

"We change it up," said head coach Mike Thompson. "We add different stuff every year."

This year, it lasted just short of 48 hours, covering a Monday and Tuesday that were jam-packed with training and team-building for the 16 players that make up the Raiders' 2026 roster.

The goal: Developing some grit that recent seasons have proven is the makeup of championship contenders.

"We think that's a big part of what we do: mental toughness, team chemistry and working together as a team," Thompson said. "We've had talented kids, but a lot of the years, we've played teams that had more talent than we do. We beat people because we are more mentally tough, we are more physically tough and we do have really good team chemistry, and the kids learn to pull for one another."

These are methods and tactics used by sports clubs, military squadrons, fire departments and other organizations the world over that operate in units, relying on chemistry and teamwork to solve problems, and overcome inevitable setbacks.

All have their versions of this torturous training that targets the mind as much as the muscles, with a mission of coaching members of a group to work for something bigger than themselves, while also teaching them that the physical limits their mind perceives don't really exist.

"They have to learn to deal with adversity, learn to be in tough spots and not knowing what the outcome is going to be like in a game, and learn they've gotta keep working and push through it," Thompson said. "They learn a lot about themselves. A lot of them think they can't do it and they want to quit, and a lot of them figure out that they can do it. In a game, it's late in a game, you go to extra innings or something, they've gotta know that they can't just quit and give up just because it's tough. That they've gotta fight through that and work at it."

A week from, you know where...

Deep inside every good coach is a sense of glee in coming up with unique ways to impose this kind of temporary agony that, long-term, benefits players by making controlled practice experiences so difficult that no one is fazed by anything else that a game or the season could throw at them.

This staff puts as much creative energy as any into designing challenges that are both effective to that end, and also memorable in a way that reinforces the shared struggle that each must endure to be part of the team.

The lineup varies every year, but always revolves around four key trials that have become a series of baptisms by fire for both newcomers, and returning upperclassmen.

One of them is Mount VA,



Coach April Swope snaps the picture as West Laurens softball players gather for their annual photo op at the Scooter Rue Road sign after running its roughly two-mile distance between Ga. 257 and Hillbridge Road this past Tuesday, in one of the grueling physical challenges that have become rites of passage for players during the several-day team retreats that serve as a season kickoff each summer/CLAY REYNOLDS

which consists of a cycle of sprints up the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center's embankment facing the Hillcrest Parkway-Veterans Boulevard intersection – a process they repeat as a team 21 times, for every out required in a regulation game.

There's the Fun Run, back on campus, which requires players complete 10 sprints up the slope ringing the softball outfield, run sets of steps across the home and visiting football bleachers at the SHU then do one lap around the track behind it within 20 minutes.

Another ordeal is the "mentally exhausting" two-hour CrossFit workout that has earned the nickname Midnight Madness, although it doesn't always happen in the middle of the night, as was the case this year. In the 2026 version, players began with a regimen of individual weight training and exercises at CrossFit DGA's new facility on Walke Dairy Road, then headed outside to run, with each player grasping part of a rope and rotating from back to front of the line, around several of the surrounding blocks.

"We all had to stay together and everything," said senior Chandler Malone. "All you've gotta do is just encourage and we've just gotta keep talking and keep us all up."

Then there's the long-distance run that has come to require no further explanation. Players simply refer to it as the Scooter Rue.

The test of endurance may be the most notorious of all, and is held with the greatest sense of reverence by players for which, through the years, this has come to represent a capstone of the week.

It often comes at or near the end, at sunrise or sunset, though the run has also taken place in the middle of the day or night in years past.

They seldom run it straight through. With different years come unique iterations that put a different and oftentimes unexpected spin on the activity in order to defy predictability.

In past years they've run it carrying weights, divided into teams or as a large group. At least a few times, it's been divided into sections with some surprises waiting



Raiders, with coaches in four-wheeled vehicles bringing up the rear, push down the home stretch of the "Scooter Rue" at twilight Tuesday evening/CLAY REYNOLDS

along the course like calisthenic exercises. Once, CrossFit DGA's Eric Bland – who plays a recurring role in the yearly festivities – met them halfway to conduct a 20-minute workout as an intermission between legs of the course.

This year's Scooter Rue was pretty much straight-up, or at least that was the impression players got after jogging the length, and taking their customary picture in front of the sign next to Hillbridge Road.

On the walk back, there was a bonus exercise (for the group, a burpee for each time someone had stopped running on the preceding trip) that proves you never can quite be sure of what Fun Week has coming your way next.

"I'd say the Scooter Rue and the fun run are pretty big staples, they're just so demanding," Brown said. "But it just grows us closer as a team, and helps us bond before the season."

Down a familiar road...

Come to find out, West Laurens athletic teams and Scooter Rue Road go back a lot further than this Raider softball tradition, and interestingly enough, even to before their current school building opened just about a mile away in 2009.

Dexter mayor Emmett Waites, who taught and coached on the Westside for 40 years, recalls former coach and principal Hugh Kight bringing his wrestlers out to the location (not coincidentally, pretty close to his home just a piece down 257) for conditioning from time to time, though there

were ample distance-running options with plenty of variety in terrain and scenery throughout the farmland and residential areas surrounding the old campus.

The preferred dirt road of coaches during that era was Billy Road, whose two-ish mile stretch made up the core of a circuit from the school to the area of Love's Travel Center and back that coach Clifford Garnto and his wrestlers dubbed "The Journey," as the Raiders' current head coach Mitch Lawhorn recalls.

In modern times, Scooter Rue remains a somewhat frequent practice stop for the West Laurens cross country team, among others.

"We usually run it at least once a year," said its head coach Danny Johnson. "It's a pretty challenging run with a few gradual hills."

Besides being a long and reasonably flat track with a surface friendly to runners, its appeal is mainly proximity, and minuscule traffic.

But through the years, the road has remained a go-to because its character kind of fits this particular type of training perfectly.

"I had been down it many times in my life because I live fairly close, and I knew it was a long, winding road, and that if they didn't know it, you used to never know when the end was going to be," Thompson said. "You'd go around a curve, and you think you're at the end, and it's not. The next hill, and it's not the end. From a mental standpoint, when you're already tired and sore, and you're thinking you're about done, and I clear this hill, and it's not the end, it just makes them mentally tough. It's the not knowing a lot with the girls that gets them. I think if they know what to expect, they can pace themselves a little better. But for me, not knowing makes them more mentally tough. They've got to keep working and pushing through it."

Origins of its unique name, unless associated with a 1990s-era racehorse Scooter Rue that it likely predates, are something of an enigma that leads down a small rabbit hole.

The history can be traced back through several time periods, the most recent when the road's name was likely assigned by the county fire department at whatever point in time that maps were being updated and standardized for use by mail and emergency services, typically for a person or family who lived on it, or a nearby landmark.

Waites holds that Scooter Rue,



Players do some work on the ski machines, under the watchful eye of CrossFit DGA's Eric Bland, during "Midnight Madness" early Tuesday morning/SPECIAL PHOTO, courtesy WLHS Softball



Climbing "Mount VA" after sunrise Tuesday/SPECIAL PHOTO, courtesy WLHS Softball

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according to at least one of the road's longtime residents, was derived from the name of a historic schoolhouse located close by whose designation, by the same token, was likely taken from that of the stream (officially known as Scooter Route Branch) that runs through the area, and actually underneath the road before forming a small lake and then feeding into Rocky Creek.

But at its source, we reach another dead end, where any explanation of when and why the brooklet was labeled (in the estimation of historian Scott Thompson, by either the earliest native Americans or the area's first outside settlers) with respect to any person or thing has surely been lost to time.

The first half of the title could have been associated with anything from someone's nickname to the actual two-wheeled scooter, of which unpowered prototypes date back to the early 1800s invention of a "running machine" by Baron Karl von Drais that predated the first bicycles. Etymology of "Rue" (French for road or street in its noun form, and as a verb, also an Old English and German term for regret or dread, which is fitting) point in the direction of some possible ancestral roots.

But in the absence of anything more definitive, "that's just what it's always been called" will have to satisfy our curiosity for now.

Are we having fun yet?

Fun Week always includes a variety of other things that will differ by the year, whether it's for the sake of trying something new or based on what coaches perceive to be the unique needs of a specific team.

This year, as opposed to most that have players seldom getting out their bats and gloves, featured a good bit more actual softball than the norm.

One season, they went hard on distance running, taking players to tear up several local cross country trails.

"They probably logged 20 miles that year. We ran a lot," Thompson said. "It just depends, from year to year, what we try to mix in."

It's not all torturous physical activity.

The schedule always factors in plenty of downtime: meals, devotionals, team-building exercises and other activities that build all-important camaraderie.

The past few years, a team doubles pickleball tournament has been a highlight. They had this year's, with the duo of Malone and Brown claiming the title of champions, at the new Southern Pines indoor complex.

Others have included some pool time, a lake outing, laser tag and go-karts, bowling and more.

The timing of these team mini-camps vary from early to late July, based on when everyone's summer schedules line up with a chunk of days available back-to-back.

This season, it happened to fall much earlier in July than the traditional spot late in the month, only a week or two before school starts back.

The custom, though, dates back almost a decade. In its present form, the tradition began in 2017 when coaches felt the need to give their offseason program a little jolt.

"We had had a pretty good year in '15 and '16, and actually '16, we thought we underachieved a little," Thompson said. "We still had a really good year, but we needed to do something different and mix things up a little bit."

Fairly often before that, they had hosted the team for some lock-in type occasions that mixed a little bit of softball work with some over-

RACING THIS WEEK...

Determined Briscoe earns 1st win

JOLIET, Ill. — It was astute strategy that gave Chase Briscoe the lead in the final stage of Sunday's eero 400 at Chicagoland Speedway.

It was determination that kept him there in a triumphant return to the 1.5-mile speedway after a seven-year hiatus.

In the closing laps of the 19th Cup Series race of the season, Briscoe stayed off the charge of his equally determined Joe Gibbs Racing teammate, Christopher Bell, to win for the first time this season, the first time at Chicagoland and the sixth time in his career.

Bell's pursuit of Briscoe fell short when his No. 20 Toyota tightened up in dirty air on the final lap, allowing Briscoe to power his No. 19 Toyota across the finish line 0.276 seconds ahead of his teammate.

With pole winner Denny Hamlin running third, Joe Gibbs Racing fashioned a 1-2-3 finish for the eighth time in organization history, most recently this season at Nashville Superspeedway. Seven Toyotas finished in the top 10—a high-water mark for the manufacturer in a Cup Series race.

"I feel so American winning in the Bass Pro Shop's Red, White, and Blue car, 4th of July weekend, 250 years," an elated Briscoe said after climbing from his car. "Man, just what an unbelievable race car. (Crew chief) James (Small) did a great job. Team did a (great) job. Honestly did not see this coming."

"I kind of felt like I was struggling in practice, in qualifying, but James and the group did a great job. Man, just so cool to get this paint scheme back in Victory Lane."

In the fight for the win, lapped traffic helped Briscoe maintain his edge over Bell.

"I kind of got lucky having lapped cars," Briscoe said. "I was struggling pretty bad. Christopher was certainly coming. Out of all the people to race against, I knew Christopher was going to be clean with me."

"I thought that was about as good a race as you could get. The cat-and-mouse game, and we were slipping and sliding around. So excited to be back in Chicagoland. Hopefully we can be back."

Bell has led 417 laps this season but has posted four runner-up finishes. "Yeah, it was a great day," Bell said despite the obvious disappointment of finishing second. "First race with (sponsor) Saia. Yeah, Toyotas are fast. It seems like a monkey can drive them, so it's just disappointing when you get beat by another monkey..."

"I'm just a second-place driver. That's what I am."

Fourth-place finisher William Byron held the lead, with Briscoe running second, when Briscoe steered his car to pit road for his final stop on Lap 215 of 267. Byron followed suit a lap later, but the driver of the No. 24 Chevrolet lost the lead in the exchange.

Briscoe held the top spot for the final 46 laps, as both Bell and Hamlin passed Byron for position in the closing laps.

The final stage ran caution-free from a restart on Lap 173—a far cry from the chaos of the first two stages.

The race was barely two corners old when a chain-reaction wreck sidelined star-crossed rookie Connor Zilisch. John Hunter Nemechek's Toyota forced the Chevrolet of Ricky



Chase Briscoe, driver of the #19 Bass Pro Shops Toyota, takes the checkered flag to win the Cup Series eero 400 at Chicagoland Speedway on Sunday. (Jonathan Bachman/Getty)

Stenhouse Jr. into the outside wall as the cars gained speed through Turn 2 after taking the initial green flag.

Collected were the Ford of Ryan Preece and the Chevrolet of Zilisch, which nosed hard into the inside wall, damaging the Camaro beyond repair. For the fourth time in the last seven races, Zilisch was eliminated from an event in last place, in this case 38th.

Preece lost four laps as his car was towed for new tires, but he returned to action and eventually to the lead lap under a succession of cautions. He finished 32nd.

Kyle Larson's fast car suffered its own version of rotten luck. Running third on Lap 93, Larson's No. 5 Chevrolet spun sideways in Turn 4 behind Hendrick teammate William Byron. Larson's car slid into the infield grass and required a tow truck with a tether to pull it back to the pavement.

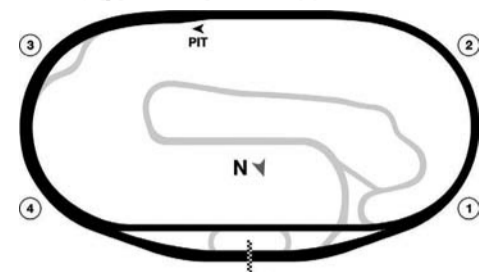
Larson lost two laps, dooming his chances to end a 42-race drought. The spin also made Larson, who finished 34th, the loser in his In-Season Challenge matchup against Byron, who led a race-high 94 laps before fading in the late going.

Tyler Reddick soon joined the parade of the unfortunate when an errant splitter stay from another car punched a hole in the radiator of the No. 45 Toyota, forcing a caution for fluid on the track on Lap 134. Reddick drove the car to the garage for a radiator change.

Having surrendered the series lead to 23XI Racing co-owner Hamlin last Sunday, Reddick lost 29 laps under repairs and fell 44 points behind Hamlin.

Alex Bowman ran fifth, his first top five result since finishing third at Texas in May. Bubba Wallace, Ryan Blaney, Ty Gibbs, Corey Heim and Riley Herbst completed the top 10.

NEXT: QUAKER STATE 400



EchoPark Speedway Atlanta
7 p.m. ET Sunday, TNT

- **Location:** Hampton, Georgia
- **Former names:** Atlanta International Raceway (1960-1990); Atlanta Motor Speedway (1990-2025)
- **Owner:** Speedway Motorsports (since 1990)
- **Opened:** July 1960
- **Capacity:** 71,000
- **Course:** Quad-oval
- **Length:** 1.540 mi (2.478 km)
- **Banking:** Turns, 28°; Straights, 5°
- **Cup race lap record:** 0:29.361, Josh Berry, Ford Mustang GT, 2024
- **Movie star:** The facility has been used for numerous films. It was first used for 1962's "Thundering Wheels," with driver Jack Smith featured. Since, it has been used for 1980's "Smokey and the Bandit," 1982's "Six Pack," and 1983's "Stroker Ace." The 2017 film "Logan Lucky" used the facility as a stand-in for Charlotte Motor Speedway.



Burt Reynolds in 'Stroker Ace'



Chase Elliott, driver of the #9 NAPA/Children's Chevrolet, celebrated in Victory Lane last year after winning at EchoPark Speedway. (Getty)

2026 CUP SCHEDULE & WINNERS

- FEB. 4, 3 PM, FOX:** Cook Out Clash at Bowman Gray (R. Preece)
- FEB. 12, 7 PM, FS1:** America 250 Florida Duel 1 at DAYTONA (J. Logano)
- FEB. 12, 8:45 PM, FS1:** America 250 Florida Duel 2 at DAYTONA (C. Elliott)
- FEB. 15, 2:30 PM, FOX:** DAYTONA 500 (T. Reddick)
- FEB. 22, 3 PM, FOX:** Autotrader 400 at EchoPark Atlanta (T. Reddick)
- MARCH 1, 3:30 PM, FOX:** DuraMax Grand Prix at COTA (TX) (T. Reddick)
- MARCH 8, 3:30 PM, FS1:** Straight Talk Wireless 500 at PHOENIX (R. Blaney)
- MARCH 15, 4 PM, FS1:** Pennzoil 400 at LAS VEGAS (D. Hamlin)

- MARCH 22, 3 PM, FS1:** Goodyear 400 at Darlington (T. Reddick)
- MARCH 29, 3:30 PM, FS1:** Cook Out 400 at Martinsville (C. Elliott)
- APRIL 12, 3 PM, FS1:** Food City 500 at Bristol (T. Gibbs)
- APRIL 19, 2 PM, FOX:** AdventHealth 400 at Kansas (T. Reddick)
- APRIL 26, 3 PM, FOX:** Jack Link's 500 at Talladega (C. Hcevar)
- MAY 3, 3:30 PM, FS1:** Würth 400 at Texas (C. Elliott)
- MAY 10, 3 PM, FS1:** Go Bowling at the Glen at Watkins Glen (S. v. Gisbergen)
- MAY 17, 3 PM, FS1:** NASCAR All-Star Race at Dover (D. Hamlin)
- MAY 24, 6 PM, PRIME:** Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte (D. Saurez)
- MAY 31, 7 PM, PRIME:** Cracker Barrel 400 at Nashville (D. Hamlin)
- JUNE 7, 3 PM, PRIME:** FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan (D. Hamlin)

- JUNE 14, 3 PM, PRIME:** Great American Getaway 400 at Pocono (D. Hamlin)
- JUNE 21, 4 PM, PRIME:** Anduril 250 at Naval Base Coronado (C. Heim)
- JUNE 28, 3:30 PM, TNT:** Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma (S. v. Gisbergen)
- JULY 5, 6 PM, TNT:** eero 400 at Chicagoland Speedway (C. Briscoe)
- JULY 12, 7 PM, TNT:** Quaker State 400 at EchoPark Atlanta (C. Elliott)
- JULY 19, 7 PM, TNT:** Window World 400 at North Wilkesboro (New)
- JULY 26, 2 PM, TNT:** Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis (B. Wallace)
- AUG. 9, 3:30 PM, USA:** Iowa Corn 350 at Iowa (W. Byron)
- AUG. 15, 7 PM, USA:** Cook Out 400 at Richmond (A. Dillon)
- AUG. 23, 3 PM, USA:** Cup Race at New Hampshire (R. Blaney-Playoffs)
- AUG. 29, 7:30 PM, NBC:** Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona (R. Blaney)

- PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 16**
- SEPT. 6, 5 PM, USA:** Southern 500 at Darlington (C. Briscoe)
- SEPT. 13, 3 PM, USA:** Enjoy Illinois 300 at World Wide Tech (D. Hamlin)
- SEPT. 19, 7:30 PM, USA:** Bass Pro Shops Night Race at Bristol (C. Bell)
- PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 12**
- SEPT. 27, 3 PM, USA:** Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas (C. Elliott)
- OCT. 4, 5:30 PM, USA:** South Point 400 at Las Vegas (D. Hamlin)
- OCT. 11, 3 PM, USA:** BofA ROVAL 400 at Charlotte (S. v. Gisbergen)
- PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 8**
- OCT. 18, 3 PM, USA:** Freeway Insurance 500 at Phoenix (New)
- OCT. 25, 2 PM, NBC:** YellaWood 500 at Talladega (C. Briscoe)
- NOV. 1, 2 PM, NBC:** Xfinity 500 at Martinsville (W. Byron)
- PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIP 4**
- NOV. 8, 3 PM, NBC:** Championship at Miami (K. Larson title; R. Blaney race)

2025 winners in parenthesis; 2026 winners in bold as the schedule unfolds; times ET

O'REILLY BONUS PIC



Brandon Jones, driver of the #20 Menards/MD Building Products Toyota, takes a bow in tribute to the late Kyle Busch after winning Saturday's Cuervo 300 at Chicagoland Speedway. J. Gilbert/Getty



Chandler Malone and Madison Brown hold court in the finals of the team pickleball tournament Tuesday afternoon at the Southern Pines indoor facility/SPECIAL PHOTO, courtesy WLHS Softball

night fun at the school. That summer, players came into the event expecting something similar, but received a literal rude awakening.

"We kept 'em over that first year, and they had no clue what we were doing," Thompson said. "We woke them up at midnight and carried them to CrossFit, and they weren't expecting it. They thought they were just going to, like they had done in the past, have a good time, eat snacks and just have a good time as kids."

Bland would eventually begin collaborating with Thompson (supported by assistants Pollock and April Swope) in envisioning what Fun Week would become, getting more involved in crafting several aspects of what it entailed beyond just the couple of odd hours the team stopped by the gym.

"He started giving us some ideas, and it's just kind of evolved from there over the years," Thompson said.

These singular sessions, in themselves, matter little in an athletic sense, as preparing for the grind of a season is much more about the consistency of what takes place for players over the full year than just a few days in July. (Most are also involved separately in regular guided training geared specifically to young athletes that's offered by CrossFit DGA and others).

With these, the end is mostly psychological: Pushing limits, and teaching players that they succeed and fail together, not simply as individuals.

"It's more mental than physical," senior Allie Sahli said.

Players who were polled while catching their breath after finishing the long Scooter Rue jaunt came to a consensus that Midnight Madness and the fun run are actually the toughest.

Is there an activity that any, besides those who en-



Following their initial run of Scooter Rue Road, players were treated to some lagniappe (a little, unexpected something extra) in the form of these burpees on the way back home /SPECIAL PHOTO, courtesy WLHS Softball

joy the agony of high-intensity interval training, are willing to say they prefer?

"I think my favorite is probably Chick-fil-A after the VA," Sadie Jo Alligood quipped.

The demands, which seem kind of steep from the outside looking in, also serve to set a certain standard for the buy-in expected of West Laurens softball players, who tend to get a reminder constantly from coaches, particularly Pollock whose well-known sayings "It ain't easy being a Raider" and "It ain't for everyone" are heard as much this week as they are year-round.

Each member of the staff, whether standing by with a stopwatch and whistle or riding along behind the group in golf carts and school buses during the more drawn-out intervals, stays on players to ensure that no one stops to walk or rest before it's time.

While some will com-

plete the tasks more quickly than others, the only thing that's unacceptable is giving less than your best effort. And that, amid the core fixtures of this week in their different form each year, is the only true non-negotiable.

"Different years, we've mixed in other things, but we're gonna do those four things, guaranteed, every year," Thompson said. "And if you can't do those four things, you can't play here. That's just how we do it."

Players who've been through it, then see the season through, can attest to what this does for team chemistry.

"It's pretty awesome that we all get to do this and all come together," Malone said. "It's all just team bonding. We've gotta become a family, work together and all come together. Really it is a very positive outcome. You just make friends, and you've gotta get the team to-

gether."

For this generation of Raider softball players, as much as others of seasons past, Scooter Rue Road will never again be a side street whose sign they look at the same way while driving by.

Despite the occasional disappearance of the marker, West Laurens coaches, much to the chagrin of those who may have been behind it, haven't forgotten how to find to this trail of toil and team-building either.

"They hope that, but we're not," Thompson said. "It's a staple of what we do. As long as we're here, we're gonna continue to do this."

Making the journey down it, while tedious, is something that few players ultimately come to regret.

"It's all hard, but if you make it through with each other, you'll come out and you'll be thankful you did it," junior Ella Thompson said.

Classifieds

Yard/Estate Sales

Estate Sale. House sold. Everything goes! Snapper riding lawn mower, Thomas Kincaid painting, furniture, china, lamps, rugs, smalls. Sat July 11, 9am, July 12 1pm, Fairfield Drive, Southern Estate Sales.

Legals

Legals

26-300 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from KATHERINE STOLT to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC, AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC DBA VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, dated March 26, 2024, recorded March 27, 2024, in Book 3463, Page 148, Laurens County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Five and 00/100 dollars (\$170,445.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Laurens County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE 1ST LAND DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AS LOT 49 OF VILLAS AT SHADOW POND, CONTAINING 0.15 ACRE, (6594 SQUARE FEET), MORE OR LESS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY BILLY FLANDERS & ASSOCIATES, INC., SURVEYOR, DATED AUGUST 12, 1999, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1065, PAGE 153, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS. THE COURSES AND DISTANCES OF SAID PLAT ARE INCORPORATED INTO AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE. SAID PROPERTY IS CONVEYED SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE COVENANTS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 713, PAGE 152, AND THE DECLARATION OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 713, PAGE 161, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS. SUBJECT TO COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **103 MUSGROVE ST, DUBLIN, GA 31021.**

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is KATHERINE STOLT, ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF KATHERINE STOLT, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 3043 Townsgate Road Suite 200, Westlake Village, CA 91361, Telephone Number: 1-866-549-3583. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
as Attorney in Fact for
KATHERINE STOLT

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992
Case No. PNY-26-02663-1
rslslaw.com/property-listing

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

26-286 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF Carol Ann Brown Martin, Deceased

All creditors of the estate of Carol Ann Brown Martin, 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. Jerome Martin & Sarah Winn
Executor of Carol Ann Brown Martin, deceased
3915 Hwy 126 Alamo, GA 30441
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 27, July 4, 11, 18, 2026

26-314 NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS

IN RE: ESTATE OF Nancy White Willis
All creditors of the Estate of Nancy White Willis, DECEASED late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
Wanda T. Ussery
Administrator
Executor of Nancy White Willis, deceased
104 St. Andrews Rd., Rincon, GA 31326
O.C.G.A § 53-7-41 states:

"...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 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

26-317 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Thurlan Wright to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Central Pacific Mortgage Company, A California Corporation., its successors and assigns dated July 18, 2002, recorded in Deed Book 1310, Page 222, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to NewRez LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3685, Page 214, Laurens County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$62,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2026, the following described property:
SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default having been made of the terms of the Note and Security Deed. The terms remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the total debt, including all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law which includes, but is not limited to, attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Prospective bidders must perform their own due diligence.

NewRez LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: NewRez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Suite 300, Greenville, SC 29601, (800) 365-7107.

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

Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as **428 Shannon Drive, East Dublin, GA 31027**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including some that go beyond the typical one-to-four family residence) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. If applicable, as part of this Rule, buyers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable.* This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

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

NewRez LLC
as Attorney in Fact for
Thurlan Wright

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Rd
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 86th G.M. District of Laurens County, Georgia, containing 2.0 acres, more or less, and being more particularly shown and described as Lot A-4 of Big Creek Estates as shown on a plat of survey prepared by Billy Flanders, Surveyor, dated July 2, 1993, and recorded in Deed Book 7, Page 111, Laurens County Records. The courses and distances of said plat are incorporated into and made a part of this description by this reference.

This is that same property conveyed to Thurlan Wright by Warranty Deed of Don Thompson and James O. Garrett dated February 24, 1994 and recorded in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 746, Page 38. SUBJECT TO:

- 1) All easements of record; and
- 2) Building set-back lines, general utility easements and other matters as may be disclosed on plats of record.

There is or will be located on the property hereinabove described and conveyed a manufactured

home more particularly described as a 2002 Horton Homes, 27 x 66, Serial Number H177154GL&R, and by agreement of the parties hereto, is affixed to the above described land in such a manner as to constitute a fixture pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-1-6(a), as amended, and has as of the date hereof become a part of the real property herein described. Accordingly, said home is to be treated and taxed as an improvement to real property for ad valorem tax purposes and the owner thereof agrees to apply for homestead exemption or take other applicable steps to ensure taxation of said home as real property at the earliest possible date under the laws of the State of Georgia. It being the unconditional and absolute intention that the manufactured housing as last described shall remain permanently attached in its place on the realty as hereinabove described.
CA August 4, 2026
Our file no. 26-21688GA
26-21688GA

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2026

26-316

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Susan Lynn Brown DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-104
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:

April Lynn Brown has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Susan Lynn Brown 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 August 10 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

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 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

26-308

TO Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that Dublin 206, Inc, Alcohol Agent has submitted an application to the City of Dublin for a 2026 license to sell Beer, Wine packaged to go at Spark Convenience Stores, located at 1015 Claxton Dairy Road, Dublin, GA 31021.

Further notice is given that the City Clerk will hear public comments on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 11:00am, in the City Clerk's office at City Hall regarding the issuing of said license.

This notice is given this 30th day of June, 2026.

July 11, 18, 2026

26-298 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF Laurens COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Sylvester Fielding, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-109
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:

Della Thomas Fielding has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Sylvester Fielding 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 Aug 3, 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

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-263

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

COMMUNITY BANK OF JOHNSON COUNTY, Plaintiff,

V. **DUBLIN FOOD SYSTEMS, INC. AND C. MICHAEL TURNER, Defendants.**

CIVIL CASE NO. 18-CG-0269-JG

NOTICE OF SCIRE FACIAS TO REVIVE DORMANT JUDGMENT

Defendant C. Michael Turner is hereby required, personally or by attorney, to be and appear at the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, to be held in and for said county, on the 13 day of August, 2026, to show cause why a certain judgment, Writ of Fieri Facias filed on February 8, 2019, in Lien Docket 304, page 200 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Ga., rendered in favor of the said Plaintiff on the 15th day of January, 2019, for the sum of \$43,130.62, \$561.96 interest, attorney's fees in the amount of \$6,553.39, court costs of \$321.76, and F. Fa. fees of \$5.00 for a total judgment of \$50,573.23, should not be revived and an execution issued upon the same, as provided in O.C.G.A. §§ 9-12-61 et seq., as in default of sufficient cause the Court will proceed as to justice shall appertain. Witness the Honorable Judson L. Green, IV, Judge of said Court, this the 1st day of June, 2026.

Judge Jud L. Green
Superior Court, Laurens County
Georgia

June 6, 13, July 4, 11, 2026

26-310

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, LAURENS COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Edith Amanda Crumley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Better Mortgage Corporation, ISAOA, its successors and assigns dated 10/12/2021 and recorded in Deed Book 3218 Page 42 Laurens County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Rocket Mortgage, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$162,011.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on August 4, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the Town of Montrose, Laurens County, Georgia and being on the southwest side of U.S. Highway No. 80 and facing on said Highway No. 80, 27 feet and extending back a distance of 280 feet, and being a part of Lot No. 3, according to plat and survey of the M.V. Pickron Estate, made by M.C. Carter, Surveyor, and which is recorded in Plat Book 1, Page, 247, Clerk's Office, Laurens County, Georgia, and further described as: BEGINNING at a point on the southwest side of U.S. Highway No 80 which point is the southeast corner of Lot No. 2 according to the above referred to survey and running thence southwest along said referred to Highway No. 80, 27 feet; thence northwest 280 feet; thence northeast 22 feet; thence in a southeasterly direction 280 feet to the point of beginning, and begin bounded as follows: on the north by Lot No. 2 of said survey now owned and second party; on the northeast by U.S. Highway No. 80 on the southwest by the remainder of Lot No. 3 and on the northwest by property of J.W. Whitaker estate. ALSO INCLUDED: All that tract or parcel of land, situated and being in Town of Montrose, GA, Laurens County, GA, and being six feet of Lot 77 and 94. Running 300 feet from Highway to South Street of the division of that part of the Stubbs tract of land lying on south side of Route 80 as shown by plat of Finn Garrett and Holcomb. Plat J.N. Stephens, C.E., as recorded in Deed Book 36, Page 489, and 490, bounded as follows on the east by R.W. Hodges on west by Mrs. Mattie Lee Wade north by Route 80 south by South St. ALSO INCLUDED: All that tract or parcel of that certain city lot in the Town of Montrose, Laurens County, Georgia, and known according to the official plat of the Town of Montrose as all of Lots No. 78-93 and part of Lots No. 79-92 and known according to survey and plat of the M.V. Pickron Estate, prepared by M.C. Carter, Surveyor in November, 1937 as Lot No. 2 of said estate; said plat prepared by M.C. Carter is recorded in the Clerk's Office of Laurens Superior Court in Book 1, of plats, page 247, said city lot fronting 73 feet on the southwest side of the Macon & Dublin Highway known as U.S. Route No. 80 and extending back in a southwest direction a depth of 280 feet and measuring 78 feet along the back or southwest line and bounded as follows: northeast by Macon & Dublin Highway No. 80; southeast by Lot No. 3; which is owned by J.W. Whitaker; southeast by Cook Street and northwest by lands of Mrs. E.L. Wade. Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements of record. Said property is further identified by the Laurens County Tax Assessor as 4272 US Highway 80 W., Montrose, GA 31065. Map & Parcel: 018C/012. ALSO INCLUDED: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 278 in the 22nd Land District in the Town of Montrose, Laurens County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows: 0.725 acre, more or less, shown as Tract 6 on a plat of survey prepared by Billy Flanders, Registered Land Surveyor, dated June 29, 1998, and recorded in Deed Book 979, Page 295, in the records of the Clerk's Office of the Laurens County Superior Court. The angles, distances, and dimensions as shown by said plat are incorporated in this description by reference thereto. This property fronts 222 feet on US Highway 80 W. Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements of record. Said property is further identified by the Laurens County Tax Assessor as 4267 Highway 80 W., Montrose, GA 31065. Map & Parcel: 018C-011 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **215 Palisade Dr, Dublin, GA 31021** together with all fixtures and personal property attached

to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Kenneth D. Simmons or tenant or tenants. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Loss Mitigation 3043 Townsgate Road #200, Westlake Village, CA 91361 1-866-549-3583 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which

might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. 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. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. Rocket Mortgage, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Edith Amanda Crumley Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1120-3507A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1120-3507A

July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 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

26-303

State of Georgia
County of Laurens.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors

All creditors of the Estate of Eunice R. Pope, 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 29th day of June, 2026.
Estate of Eunice R. Pope Peggy P. Hodges, Executor 709 Hatchee Ridge Road, Dublin, GA 31021

Margaret Greer Evans
Attorney at Law
State Bar No. 488189
(478) 272-2885

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-311

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, LAURENS COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Kenneth D. Simmons and Ashley B. Simmons to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Mortgage Network, Inc., its successors and assigns dated 6/22/2022 and recorded in Deed Book 3305 Page 282, and pursuant to that Default Judgment and Final Order recorded at Deed Book 3684 Page 104, Laurens County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$265,058.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on August 4, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being Lot 2 of Rollingwood Estates- Extension A in Land Lot 258 in the First Land District in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, as more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by Billy Flanders, Registered Land Surveyor, dated November 26, 1986, revised June 3, 1987, recorded in Plat Book 6, page 13, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia. Said plat and the record thereof are by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof. This is part of the land described in the Warranty Deed from Jerry A Romine and Inez C. Romine to N Kay Myers, recorded in Deed Book 769, page 20, in said Clerk's Office. Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements of record. Said property is further identified by the Laurens County Tax Assessor as 215 Palisade Drive, Dublin, GA 31021. Map/Parcel: D14F/010 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **215**

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 clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-279
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID
STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNIE ROSE WOHL-
RABE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBT-
ORS

All creditors of the estate of ANNIE ROSE WOHLRABE deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This 22nd Day of May, 2026
Emily F. Kight
Attorney for the Estate of ANNIE ROSE WOHLRABE
Kight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 2056
Dublin, Ga. 31040

June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2026

26-296
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
Laurens COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Betty Jean Brown,
DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24-12
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMIN-
ISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
Henry Lee Brown and Aretha Brown has petitioned for Henry Lee Brown and Aretha Brown to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Betty Jean Brown 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 before Aug 3, 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

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-295
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAU-
RENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF JERRY GRAND-
PIERRE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-94
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMIN-
ISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: JEROME GRAND-PIERRE and to whom it may concern:
TANESHA GRAND-PIERRE has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of JERRY GRAND-PIERRE 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 Aug 3, 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

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-309
The undersigned hereby certify that they are conducting a business at 2045 US Highway 441 N in the City of Dublin, County of Laurens, State of Georgia under the name of Gerber Collision & Glass, and that the nature of the business is NAICS Code: 811121-Automotive Body, Paint, and Interior Repair and Maintenance, and that said business is composed of the following partnership: JHCC Holdings LLC, 400 West Grand Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126.

July 11, 18, 2026

26-315
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Helen Knight Ford-
ham DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-103
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMIN-
ISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
April Lynn Brown has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Helen Knight Fordham 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 August 10 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

July 11, 18, 25, August 1 2026

26-275
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF PRESTON OSBORNE,
DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-74
NOTICE

IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s)) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.
TO: REBECCA E. CRISSMAN
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before July 20, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
101 N Jefferson St.
Dublin, GA 31021
(478) 272-2566

June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2026

26-294
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF ANGELA CHRISTYNA
CAIN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-108
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMIN-
ISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
Bridget Wommack has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of ANGELA CHRISTYNA CAIN 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 August 3, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: C Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31021
478-272-2566

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-302
State of Georgia
County of Laurens.
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the Estate of Eunice R. Pope, 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 29th day of June, 2026.
Estate of Eunice R. Pope Peggy P. Hodges, Executor 709 Hatchee Ridge Road, Dublin, GA 31021
Margaret Greer Evans
Attorney at Law
State Bar No. 488189
(478) 272-2885

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 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 ADMIN-
ISTRATION
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
P. O. Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
(478) 272-2566

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-305
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF
LAURENS
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLARISSA JUNE
GRAHAM, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-117
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMIN-
ISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
Wanda Garnto Gay has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Clarissa June Graham 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 Aug 3, 2026.
GenOLA O. JACKSON
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the Probate Court
Laurens County Probate Court
P. O. Box 2098
Dublin, Georgia 31040
478-272-2566

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-288
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDI-
TORS
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 July, 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

26-297
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF TERESA LYNN RO-
LAND, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-111
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMIN-
ISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
Kristal L. Porter and Mandi R. Hobbs has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of TERESA LYNN ROLAND 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 August 3, 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

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-318
To Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given that Katherine R. Pereyva, Alcohol Agent has submitted an application to the City of Dublin for a 2026 license to sell Beer, Wine, Liquor, Consumption on premises at Tokyo Group LLC, located at 1100 Hillcrest Pkwy, Ste A6 Dublin, GA 31021.
Further notice is given that the City Clerk will hear public comments on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 11:00am, in the City Clerk's office at City Hall regarding the issuing of said license.
This notice is given this 2nd day of July, 2026.

July 11, 18, 2026

26-307
TO: DONTE (LAST NAME UNKNOWN)
AND ANY UNKNOWN BIRTHFATHER
You have been identified as the biological father of Baby Boy Drafts born to Jessica Denise Drafts on May 7, 2026, in Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia. The natural and legal mother of the child has surrendered her parental rights and custody to the child to Covenant Care Services, Inc. for adoption. If you have any interest in the child, please contact Covenant Care Service, Ins., 3950 Ridge Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31210, (478) 475-4990 or toll free 1-800-226-5683. If you do not file a response to this Petition with the Court within **thirty (30) days of your receipt of this notice and provide a copy** to me as the attorney for Covenant Care Service, Inc., you will lose all rights you may have in and to the child and you will neither receive notice nor be entitled to object to the adoption of the child, pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated.
NOTICE OF HEARING
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that counsel of record for Covenant Care Services, Inc., will bring its Petition to Terminate on for hearing before the Superior Court of Bibb County, Bibb County Courthouse, 601 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia, at **12:00pm ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026**. THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE OF SAID HEARING.
H.J. STRICKLAND, JR., Georgia Bar No. 004450
Attorney for Covenant Care Services, Inc.
435 Second Street, P.O. Box 6437
Macon, Georgia 31208-6437
(478) 745-2821

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

26-277
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF ANNIE ROSE WOHL-
RABE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 20-83
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMIN-
ISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
April Lynn Brown has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Helen Knight Fordham 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 August 10 2026

June 20, 27, July 4, 11, 2026

26-305
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF
LAURENS
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLARISSA JUNE
GRAHAM, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-117
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMIN-
ISTRATION
NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
Wanda Garnto Gay has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Clarissa June Graham 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 Aug 3, 2026.
GenOLA O. JACKSON
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the Probate Court
Laurens County Probate Court
P. O. Box 2098
Dublin, Georgia 31040
478-272-2566

July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

NEWS DIGEST

The next regular meeting of the EAST DUBLIN MAYOR AND COUNCIL will be held at the city hall in the Terrie E. Drew Council Chambers on Monday, July 13 at 5:30 p.m. with pre-council beginning at 5 p.m. The agenda follows:

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

The CITY OF RENTZ will have a council meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 13 at city hall. The agenda follows:

- Call to order
- Invocation
- Approval of June minutes
- Approval of financial statement
- Acknowledge visitors
- Old business
- New business
- Comments
- Adjourn

RELIGION DIGEST

Free Vision Deliverance Outreach Ministry, 540 Charles W. Manning Sr. Way, has invited everyone to Chief Apostle Shirley Parker's 36th pre-pastor appreciation in the month of July. Services start at 7 p.m. nightly. Family night will be held on July 17 with in house speaker prophet David Austin. Pastor's night will be held on July 24 with Pastor Mary Paschal, from His Mercy Ministry in Milledgeville, speaking.

The Mount Tilla Baptist Church and Rev. Harold J. Banks will be celebrating their Women's Empowerment Service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 26. The guest speaker will be Francenia R. Whipple. The theme will be "Connect Heart's, Strong Faith." Everyone is welcomed.

Religion Digest is for special services and events at our local churches. Please send in announcements to tchnews-reporter@gmail.com by 9 a.m. every Thursday to appear in the upcoming Saturday edition of The Courier Herald.

AT THE LOCAL LIBRARY

Summer Reading Program at the Laurens County Library for children, teens and adults are invited to register by July 15. Everyone who completes their summer reading program challenge by July 31 receives a prize bag. Teens and adults can complete additional activities for chances to win additional prizes.

Bingo For Books at the Laurens County Library on Monday, July 13, from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Enjoy a morning of bingo at the library. You could win books and more! Coffee and tea will be served.

Mechatronics Monday: Summer Edition at the Laurens County Library on Monday, July 13, from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the learning lab. Drop by our LEGO technic lab. Build with LEGO gears, motors, and more! Learn coding, too. Ages 8+ recommended.

Children's Storytime at the Laurens County Library on Tuesday, July 14, at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the children's center. Join us for our weekly storytime where little ones can enjoy stories, dancing, and crafts.

Keepsake Coasters at the Laurens County Library on Tuesday, July 14, from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the learning lab. Turn cherished memories into functional art. Make a custom coaster using photos, handwritten notes, or recipes. Craft beautiful coasters to preserve your family's story. Supplies limited, registration recommended.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By LUCIE WINBORNE
King Features

* Though cannibalism is, thankfully, no longer practiced, Fijians today have embraced this aspect of their history: You can buy cannibalism forks and humorous cannibal dolls in many Fijian gift shops.

* NASA defines an astronaut as someone who has flown 50 miles above sea level.

* People are more likely to die in house fires while sleeping because the sleeping brain responds poorly to smoke odors.

* The U.S. maintains a Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the largest emergency oil stockpile in the world.

* When "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" made its debut in Great Britain, the publisher asked stores not to sell the book until schools were closed for the day, to prevent eager reader truancy.

* The first submarine used in warfare was the "American Turtle," a small submersible invented by David Bushnell, during the American Revolution, in 1776.

* Congress gave Native Americans the right to vote in presidential elections in 1924.

* During the Great Depression, many people tried selling apples to avoid the stigma of panhandling. In New York City alone, there were as many as 6,000 such vendors.

* Beatle George Harrison's song "Blue Jay Way" has led to the repeated theft of that street sign in Los Angeles.

* The science of kissing is called philematology.

* Flower girls traditionally threw flower petals in a bride's path to lead her to a sweet, plentiful future.

* After pirates kidnapped the entire male population of the Tongan island of 'Atu in the 18th century, the king of Tonga had the remaining women and children moved, and declared the island taboo.

* The mimic octopus can impersonate more than 15 different marine animals, including lionfish and flatfish, to fool predators.

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Wife Who Married Young Has Often Heard She Missed Out

DEAR ABBY: I married when I was 20 and my husband was 32. I grew up with a conservative view of marriage, so in a sense, I believed marrying early would grant me the most freedom as a woman. We have been married for five years and have a child.

Over the years, many people have offered unsolicited advice about how I "missed out on my 20s," or how our age gap is "disturbing." I have done my best to brush off these comments, but as I've grown and my views about life have evolved, these negative sentiments are becoming constant background voices in my head.

Our marriage has been generally good except for the expected stressors that come with being parents and other unforeseen struggles. There is also a big disconnect in our intimate life, and I wonder if it is due to our age gap. I don't know if we are in love or if my view on feeling in love has been romanticized by TV show depictions. My husband is kind, and he has given me the space to become the person I am today.

My question is: How do I deal with these nagging thoughts that I have missed out on life as a single woman? Am I being ungrateful for the kind and loyal husband I have, or is it OK to explore the possibility of returning to a single life and eventually, maybe, finding love again? -- DREAMING OF POSSIBILITIES

DEAR DREAMING: Have you expressed these thoughts to your husband? If he's as kind as you say, he should be willing to show you the romance you feel you've missed out on. I don't recommend looking for adventure outside the marriage until the two of you have made a sincere effort to satisfy these urges together. If you're not sure where to start, a licensed couples counselor may be of help.

DEAR ABBY: I work as a sports reporter, and I have been in an on-and-off relationship with my co-worker. We are both out gay men, but I am struggling to figure out how to take our relationship to the next level. We both enjoy going on cute dates at local sporting events and always get excited when the team puts us on the KissCam. What can I do to convince him that I am boyfriend material and even future husband material? -- LOOKING AHEAD IN INDIANA

DEAR LOOKING: Because you and your co-worker have been dating consistently and kissing on camera, many people in your community may already assume you are a couple. It seems the time has come for a conversation with him about your relationship and whether he thinks there might be a future for the two of you. Even if his answer is no, it is important for you to know if the feelings are mutual. Tell him teams do better than individual players, and you hope that by speaking up you won't strike out.

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Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

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7	3	6	5	1	2	8	4	9
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ANSWER:

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



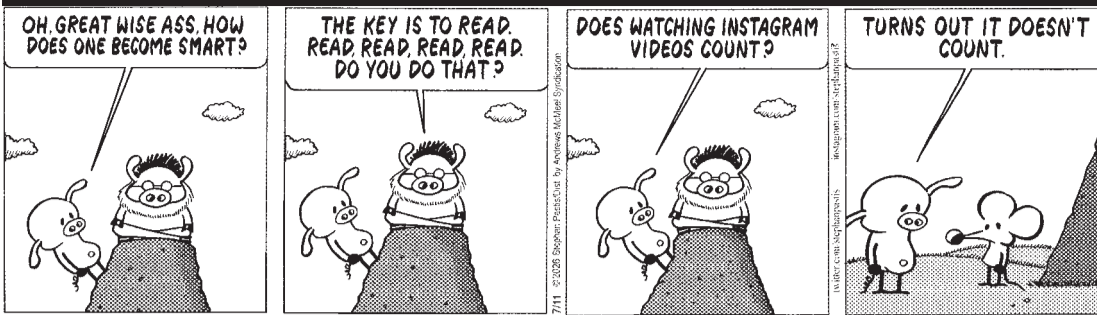
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pocket is missing. 2. Ear is different. 3. Blanket is smaller. 4. Leg is moved. 5. Bush is smaller. 6. Blanket is added to pot.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



OVERBOARD

BY CHIP DUNHAM



DEFLOCKED

BY JEFF CORRIVEAU



Wedding bouquets

In ancient Egypt, brides carried sheaves of wheat, symbolizing fertility and prosperity. During the Middle Ages, brides carried herbs and spices to mask unpleasant odors and ward off evil spirits. In the Elizabethan era, brides entwined their hair with flower garlands, and the Victorian era ushered in lilies, roses, and orchids adorned with ribbons, lace, and even jewels. Queen Victoria herself carried orange blossoms and myrtle stems in her wedding bouquet.

- Brenda Weaver

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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Book of maps
- 6 Umami additive: Abbr.
- 9 Overwhelming fear
- 14 Place for a trial
- 15 Indigenous Coloradan
- 16 Where gladiators fought
- 17 2019 film about Elton John
- 19 Sports data, for short
- 20 Large deer
- 21 Part of an airline seat
- 23 Tater
- 24 Moldable medium
- 25 Smell awful
- 27 Solemn pledges
- 30 Place to store weapons
- 34 Double-reed instrument
- 35 Champagne glass
- 38 Part to play
- 39 Self-published periodical
- 40 Flaxen cloth
- 41 Shakespeare's river
- 42 Refine, as prose
- 43 Lower in rank
- 44 Take care of
- 45 City NE of Atlanta
- 47 Distance units
- 48 Mandlikova of tennis
- 49 Go across
- 51 Make a seam
- 54 Like zebras and tigers
- 56 Quid quo
- 59 Lacking in delicacy
- 61 Act of mimicry
- 63 Give consent
- 64 Very long time
- 65 Tin or gold
- 66 KC MLB player
- 67 Pie in the
- 68 Contest form

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Created by Stella Zawistowski

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- 2 Hammer or pliers
- 3 Good fortune
- 4 Noah's boat
- 5 Is a thief
- 6 Embalmed body
- 7 Celebrity
- 8 Produces
- 9 Thick adhesives
- 10 "How Great Thou"
- 11 Shipshape
- 12 Really loving
- 13 Group of actors
- 18 _la-la
- 22 At peace
- 24 Fast, spotted cat
- 26 Protein in hair
- 27 Seeped (out)
- 28 Tolerate
- 29 Mixer with gin
- 31 New and original
- 32 "Leave me _!"
- 33 Lets borrow
- 35 Ostentatiously display
- 36 Book-loaning institutions
- 37 One, in Spanish
- 46 Curtain adornment
- 47 Frenchwoman's title
- 49 Cactus-like
- 50 Furry family member
- 51 Mark for life
- 52 Therefore
- 53 Cautious
- 55 "Don't worry about me": 2 wds.
- 56 "The _" (HBO medical drama)
- 57 Lion's sound
- 58 Sole
- 60 Whale's habitat
- 62 Top-_ list

Saturday, July 11, 2026

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1- North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K Q ♡ Q J 9 ♦ Q 8 3 ♣ 9 7 5 4 3

With the opponents' silent, North opens 1D. What call would you make?

Q 2 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K Q J 9 4 ♡ J ♠ K J 10 7 ♣ K 6

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♣ Pass 2♣ Pass
2♦ Pass 3♣ Pass

What call would you make?

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K J 10 8 ♡ A K 10 9 5 2 ♦ 4 ♣ A 7

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
1♣ 1♡ Dbl* Pass
3♣ ?

*Negative
What call would you make?

Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 8 3 ♡ K 10 3 2 ♦ A K 9 8 ♣ A 10

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♦ Pass 1♡ Pass
?

What call would you make?

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

♠ A 10 9 5 2 ♡ A 4 ♦ K J 5 ♣ K 10 4

As dealer, what call would you make?

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

♠ 7 ♡ K 6 5 3 ♦ A K 9 8 ♣ K 10 9 5

Right-hand opponent deals and opens 1D. What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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

FROM THE RECORD

Marriages: Wesley Kyle Foskey to Tiffany Renee Johnson; Michelle Marie Guzman to Alicia Santageta; Brian Lawrence Scott to Lori Lee Lesick; Jawan Laparker Thomas to Michele Smith; Andrew Lee Hall to Markesha Shunta McCloud; Leo Edgar Moore Jr. to Elizabeth Nichole Fry; Matthew Joseph Robert Scott to Elizabeth Maderson Price; William Mark Bateman to Janet Samantha Fearon; Colton Ridge Brewer to Gracie Lee Thompson; Jessica Ann Norris to Mason Mainor Loyd; Madison Katherine Bracewell to Jackson Steven Knight; Noah Richard Vermillion to Camie Annette Stuckey

Complaint for Divorce: Kembri Shropshire v. Dustin Shropshire; Diane Wilcher v Brock Wilcher

Affidavit of Financial Garnishment: De Lage Landen Financial v. Seal Team & Estate/Jerry Daniel & Farmers State Bank

Affidavit of Garnishment: Associated Credit Union v Joe Maus Dublin CDJR LLC & Morris Bank;

Garnishment: Midland Credit v. Chelsey Greenway & Dublin Women's Center; The Credit Union Loan Source v Reginald Whipple & Warehouse Home Furnishings

Contract: Bank of America v Bobby Culver; Bank of America v Aliesha Peavy; Bank of America v Amanda Vibelius; Bank of America v Melody Watson; Opportunity Financial, LLC v Willie Gilbert; HS Financial Group, N.A. v Kandace Jackson-Gamble; Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. v Daryl Fountain; JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. v Chris Cox

General Tort: Cynthia Dunson v Super Chicken Holdings, Squared Management, XYZ Corp & NOS 1-3

Real Property: Jason Strickland for Estate/Deborah Dominy v. Jeanette & Devin Nabors ET AL

Automobile Tort: Sandi Moore v Raymond Ragan

Complaint for Contract: Danny Martin v Messiah Faegin & Sandra Wallace

Modification-Child Support: GA DHS EX REL Lily Graham vs Kimberly Booth; GA DHS EX REL Kaidyn Denson ET AL vs Jalisa Denson

Complaint-Child Support: GA DHS EX REL Kyler Smith vs Benjamin Smith; GA DHS EX REL Amiyah Jones vs Cardale Gibbons; GA DHS EX REL Vonerick Mack vs Lee Vonerick Mack; GA DHS EX REL Donald Burns vs Donald Burns; GA DHS EX REL Rhydian Edenfield vs Logan Copping; GA DHS EX REL Honesti Mercer vs Jacoby Mercer; GA DHS EX REL Asiyah Profit vs Mario Myricks; GA DHS EX REL Blue R Hall, Jr vs Blue Hall; GA DHS EX REL Kyler Smith vs Benjamin Smith; GA DHS EX REL Amiyah Jones vs Cardale Gibbons; GA DHS EX REL Vonerick Mack vs Lee Vonerick Mack

Contempt-Child Support: GA DHS EX REL Vontavious Hudson vs Kenneth Mincey; GA DHS EX REL Zakiyyah Watkins ET AL vs Willie Watkins; GA DHS EX REL Za'Cameron Jerome Pierce vs Arthur Bell; GA DHS EX REL Ella Waters vs Donald Waters; GA DHS EX REL Emberleigh Fish vs Abigail Fish; GA DHS EX REL Jabari Sanders vs Samuel Owens; GA DHS EX REL Kaitlyn M. Lowery vs Billy Brown; GA DHS EX REL Jaquavious

D.Smith vs Henry L. Polk; GA DHS EX REL Destiny Smith ET AL vs Donovan Smith; GA DHS EX REL Easton White vs Keshara White; GA DHS EX REL Kerizma Bennett vs Jermal Mitchell; GA DHS EX REL Jeremiah White vs Deonte Ward; GA DHS EX REL Skylar Wright vs Markese Walker; GA DHS EX REL Javonte Ward ET AL vs Deonte Ward; GA DHS EX REL Roderick Fuller vs Roderick Allen; GA DHS EX REL Emberleigh Fish vs Abigail Fish; GA DHS EX REL Jabari Sanders vs Samuel Owens; GA DHS EX REL Kaitlyn M. Lowery vs Billy Brown; GA DHS EX REL Jaquavious D.Smith vs Henry L. Polk; GA DHS EX REL Destiny Smith ET AL vs Donovan Smith; GA DHS EX REL Easton White vs Keshara White; GA DHS EX REL Kerizma Bennett vs Jermal Mitchell; GA DHS EX REL Jeremiah White vs Deonte Ward; GA DHS EX REL Skylar Wright vs Markese Walker; GA DHS EX REL Javonte Ward ET AL vs Deonte Ward; GA DHS EX REL Roderick Fuller vs Roderick Allen

Reg. of a Foreign Order-CA: GA DHS EX REL David Andrew Stout vs Gerald Lerner

Security Deed: BWN Properties, LLC to Georgia First Bank; Mikel Leggett III Successor in Interest to Brittany Spaulding to Selene Finance LP as Attorney in Fact for U.S. Bank Trust; Walter D. & B Laurie W. Martin to Spring EQ, LLC; Brandon T. & Alyssa P. Roberson to Rocket Mortgage, LLC; Nathan L. Buckner to Rocket Mortgage, LLC; Daniel & Jamie Cyr to Rocket Mortgage, LLC; Central Crossing, LLC to First Laurens Bank; Willie Junior Brown to Great Oaks Bank; Corey Dewayne Kilgore Sr & Lacey Nicole Kilgore to Capital City Bank; Stacy Allen Smith to Farmers State Bank; Mathew K & Suzanne E Lake to Farmers State Bank; Kimberly Jeanette Reece to Community Bank of Dublin-Laurens County x2; TAC Properties, LLC to Sunmark Community Bank; BRTC Capital, LLC to Next Generation Lending II, LLC; Tyler Ashley & Abby Bridget Warren to The Citizens Bank of Cochran; K&J Services, LLC to First Laurens Bank; Sharon L. Lattimore & Anthony L Williams to Colony Bank; Collective Therapy, LLC to Sunmark Community Bank; Kingfisher Building, LLC to Georgia First Bank; Hilbert D. & Sara L. Knight to Rocket Mortgage, LLC; Cathie & Tracy W. Scott to American Financing Corporation; William Henry JR & Jessica Faith Canaday to Bank of Dudley; Bravo One LLC to Georgia First Bank x4; BWN Properties, LLC to Georgia First Bank; Mikel Leggett III Successor in Interest to Selene Finance LP as Attorney in fact for U.S. Bank Trust; Walter D & Laurie W Martin to Spring EQ, LLC; Brandon T & Alyssa P Roberson to Rocket Mortgage, LLC; Nathan L Buckner to Rocket Mortgage LLC; Daniel & Jamie Cyr to Rocket Mortgage LLC; Central Crossing, LLC to First Laurens Bank; Willie Junior Brown to Great Oaks Bank; Corey Wayne Sr & Lacey Nicole Kilgore to Capital City Bank; Stacey Allen Smith to Farmers State Bank; Matthew K & Suzanne E Lake to Farmers State Bank; Kimberly Jeanette Reece to Community Bank of Dublin-Laurens County x2; TAC Properties LLC to Sunmark Community Bank; BRTC Capital, LLC to Next Generation Lending II, LLC; Tyler Ashley & Abby Bridget Warren to The Citizens Bank of Cochran; K&J Services, LLC to First Laurens Bank; Sharon L & Anthony L Lat-

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Georgia election board adopts new rules targeting mistrust

By **TY TAGAMI**
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia’s election board adopted two rules Wednesday aimed at bolstering confidence in the state’s election system.

One of the rules will have no immediate impact since it bans a method of counting votes that will not be used anytime soon. The other could land the State Election Board in court after Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr warned that it was a constitutional overreach.

A third measure that would have banned the use of digital barcodes when tabulating votes failed over concerns that it conflicted with the will of the General Assembly. Lawmakers two years ago adopted a ban on QR codes that was to take effect at the start of this month. But they delayed implementation until 2028 during their recent special session.

Their new law also established a study committee that must recommend a replacement voting system based on hand-marked paper ballots.

The rules adopted by the election board are supported by people who lack confidence in Georgia’s current digital system. Voters tap their selections on a digital screen, and the system then prints out their choices on a sheet of paper that they deliver to a scanner that records the ballot.

The sheet of paper bears the names of their chosen candidates, along with a QR code with data that is supposed to match those selections. The scanners tabulate votes based on the QR code data, leaving skeptics to question whether the printed text and the QR code match.

Had lawmakers not delayed the QR code ban, the Georgia secretary of state’s office was prepared to use optical character recognition technology, or OCR, to tally votes, using the QR codes only as a check.

The first rule to pass the election board Wednesday would prohibit that. The new rule, adopted 3-1, would require that tabulation occur directly from a paper ballot and not an electronic copy.

Critics have pointed out that OCR technology uses digital images of ballots.

“The point is that the vote is contained on the paper ballot, not a copy of the vote,” said board member Salleigh Grubbs, who proposed the rule.

The next rule to pass would require that all vote tabulations and consolidations occur in public.

Results are tabulated at the precinct level. State law mandates election observers be allowed to monitor the process.

The secretary of state’s office receives those numbers and aggregates them into totals for each race.

Grubbs and other critics of Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger have complained that he has refused to allow most election board members access to his “bunker” on election nights, calling it a violation of the law.

So the second rule would pry open Raffensperger’s doors.

Grubbs was appointed by Lt. Gov. Burt Jones, a Republican.

Sara Tindall Ghazal, the only Democratic appointee on the board, objected, saying she sup-

ported more transparency but that the board lacked authority to give instructions to Raffensperger, who was elected by voters.

Board Chairman John Fervier, appointed by Gov. Brian Kemp, a Republican, pointed to a May 12 letter from Carr that said the election board lacked authority under state law to adopt this rule. He voted with Ghazal against it, saying it could trigger a lawsuit.

It still passed 3-2.

Grubbs lost support from another Republican on another vote.

Janelle King, an appointee of the Republican-controlled state House, said Grubbs’ proposed rule banning the use of barcodes conflicted with the new law delaying the QR code ban.

The proposal to initiate rule-making failed 2-3, as Fervier and King sided with Ghazal against adoption. That left Grubbs with just one ally in new Republican Party appointee Carolyn Roddy, who had supported her other measures.

Grubbs said the rule was needed to give voters confidence that the names printed on their ballots controlled the tabulation results, since voters cannot read the QR codes printed on their ballots.

Fervier said he trusted that the text matched the data in the QR code on his ballots.

“I don’t have the level of skepticism of some others on that,” he said.

The board also voted to begin a public comment process on a rule aimed at enhancing voter privacy. Ballot secrecy is a legal requirement, Grubbs said, but she said the “huge” displays on the current voting machines are subject to prying eyes.

Influential Georgia evangelical group fined for ethics violations

By **ROSS WILLIAMS**
Georgia Recorder

Frontline Policy, an influential Georgia conservative lobbying group, is facing \$17,500 in fines in connection to complaints over unregistered lobbying and failing to file more than \$380,000 in mandatory disclosure reports.

The fines were announced at last month’s Georgia State Ethics Commission meeting. Frontline was previously fined more than \$4,000 by the commission for violating lobbying laws, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Frontline is an evangelical organization that pushes for conservative legislation in the Georgia Capitol. Frontline’s website describes the group as a Christian ministry and “the state’s most impactful Christian, conservative organization.”

Since its founding in 2021, Frontline has touted its role in helping pass legislation, including a ban on transgender girls from girls’ school sports, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act that opponents say allows discrimination and a voucher program to provide state money for private school tuition for kids in low-performing districts.

But according to the ethics commission’s findings, Frontline skirted the law some of the time it was lobbying legislators.

In a complaint filed last year, attorney Bryan Sells accused Frontline of coordinating campaign contributions with candidates, not including mandatory disclosure statements in advertisements and failing to file required disclosure reports in 2022 and 2024.

Georgia State Ethics Commission Executive Director David Emadi said investigators looked into all the allegations but found only claims dealing with reports during the 2024 election cycle were actionable.

During that election, the ethics commission found that Frontline failed to report contributions of more than \$380,000, earning the group a \$10,000 fine, according to a June 24 consent order between Frontline and the ethics commission.

Emadi called the fines among the highest the commission has assigned for lobbying violations.

“Especially on the lobbying side, these are difficult cases to make because unless there’s evidence out there to pull or you’re physically there to see it, it’s hard to prove,” he said. “It’s one of the higher lobbying fines, it’s not the highest, but it’s one of the highest lobbying fines we’ve ever doled out.”

“And I don’t know that it’s super common to have the same group violate on multiple occasions in that space, but it’s not unprecedented,” he added.

Emadi, who will soon be stepping down from the commission after Gov. Brian Kemp appointed him to serve as a Superior Court judge last month, said Frontline could face stiffer consequences, including lobbying license suspension, for additional violations.

“I think that’s definitely a possibility, and our board, the commission actually addressed that for the first time at our June meeting, and I think that is something that they’re going to consider doing in the future with repeat offenders, if it comes to that,” he said.

Sells called the decision a victory for public disclosure.

“Really, it’s not about inflicting pain on any organization or anything like that,” he said in a phone call. “It’s just about making sure that the law is properly enforced so the public has the information that it’s supposed to have.”

“Frontline is a very active participant in Georgia politics,” he added. “It raises a substantial amount of money and gives a substantial amount of money to candidates, and so it’s important for the public to be able to know where that money is coming from and where it’s going, same with any other independent committee donor.”

In an email, Frontline’s president and founder Cole Muzio characterized the fines as the result of unintentional, minor mistakes.

“The Ethics Commission determined there was essentially a clerical error on our part so we have rectified that,” Muzio said. “Our goal has and remains to always abide by the letter and spirit of the law.”

Frontline accrued another \$7,500 in fines for 24 instances of lobbying without registering, according to another June 24 consent



Frontline founder Cole Muzio stumps for Georgia religious liberty law, which opponents said will allow for legal discrimination against LGBTQ Georgians. Frontline was recently fined for alleged ethics violations/ROSS WILLIAMS, Georgia Recorder

order. Frontline consists of a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible charity arm and a 501(c)(4) lobbying arm.

According to the consent agreement, Frontline Policy Action, the 501(c)(4), did not have any registered lobbyists in 2023 and

2024 but “regularly made communications discussing legislative work it had been involved in.”

At a meeting last week, ethics commission attorney Timothy Baywal told commissioners that lobbyists had registered to represent Frontline’s 501(c)

(3) arm, Frontline Policy Council, but not Frontline Policy Action, and that he identified 24 instances of unregistered lobbying, including social media posts and mass emails with calls for action to contact legislators.

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SHOOTING CASE

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hero. He came back like so many (soldiers) with a lot of problems.”

Buford and Green thanked the state for their work in this case.

“I think this (outcome) is appropriate,” the judge said. “I applaud Mrs. Weathers for going above and beyond on this. I am satisfied that (Fountain) was insane at the time of the crime.”

Fountain was originally charged with one count of aggravated assault on a peace officer and one count of aggravated assault. On Jan. 30, 2023, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation responded to an officer involved shooting in

the Ponderosa Trailer Park on Corbett Street. The investigation revealed that Fountain lived in Lot 18 and had been shooting at mobile homes inside the trailer park before the officer arrived near Lot 18. The officer got out of his vehicle and was immediately shot by Fountain. The officer returned fire, hitting Fountain.

Weathers was glad no one was seriously injured in this incident.

“The officer exercised tremendous restraint in not shooting and killing (Fountain),” she said. “It was truly by the grace of God that the officer did not get shot in a more significant way.”

People who lived at the trailer park informed law

enforcement and the DAS office that they had never had any problems with Fountain, who is expected to go to Central State Hospital where he will receive another evaluation.

Weathers believes they will receive an official opinion that Fountain needs to be classified as an inpatient commitment.

“I have every expectation that this is what they’ll conclude based on the history and severity of what he did,” she said. “Every year for the rest of his life he will come back. The department has an obligation to give the judge a report of how his last year of his commitment and treatment has been and rather he has been compli-

ant or non-compliant. Every year, the department will make a recommendation to maintain him at the hospital or to a secured apartment where he cannot leave. This is sort of a more humane way that we deal with people who have real mental health issues and are the reason they acted in a criminal manner.”

Weathers said the DAS office will receive reports from the department. If they ever recommend Fountain to be let go, the DA’s office will refute it.

“My objective is to keep him in a secure mental health facility,” Weathers said. “If he had been convicted, he would have been looking at spending the rest of his life in prison.”



Officers check for evidence following the incident at Ponderosa trailer park/PAYTON TOWNS III, File

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classically trained. She brings great energy and is on top of lines. She is somebody who is trapped in the confines of a world who wants her to be something else and she can bring herself out with confidence.”

Irby, who is from Macon, describes her character as complicated.

“That’s the best way to sum her up,” she said. “This is my first experience with ‘Grease.’ I didn’t grow up seeing the movie but my parents did. It is challenging to make Sandy an interesting character and let the audience see her story.”

Sandy is always listening and trying to be like others.

“At some point she realizes that she doesn’t need to be like everybody else,” Irby said. “This has been a wonderful experience so far. When I came to my first couple of rehearsals, the atmosphere has been so welcoming.”

Lindsey Morris, starring as Betty Rizzo, will be making her debut for DCT. She has enjoyed the chance to meet talented people and has made new friends.

“I have dreamt of playing Rizzo for a really long time, even though I have never done theater before,” Morris said. “I have always loved her snark and sarcasm. There are layers to her and it’s incredible to bring life to that character.”

D’Corrionne Shields, of Warner Robins, is also making his DCT debut as Kenickie. He really likes the fact that his character is the lead singer for the song “Grease Lightning.”

“I saw ‘Grease’ when I was a kid and I kept seeing it more and more,” Shields said. “Grease Lightning” made me want to do this.”

Shields was asked to be involved in this production of “Grease.”

“I love that this is a new cast for me here,” he said. “I usually know people when I perform in Macon, Perry and Warner Robins, so this is a fresh breath of air. The people here are very nice.”

Baird considers “Grease” a comedy. There is a lot of humor in it, and many attending the show may be surprised that some songs from the beloved movie version will not be in this production.

“There are different songs that I think enhance the comedy of the show,” Baird said. “I think the cast has picked up that this is a



Director Parks Baird, (right) talks with Arturo Ojeda, who is playing Danny Zuko/PAYTON TOWNS III

comedy. We ran through plenty of things to make sure to get good laughs but to also tug at your heartstrings.”

The music is being led by Chase Boatright, who will also star in the show. Boatright performed on stage in “Guys and Dolls” and is the drama teacher at West Laurens High School.

“He is a pleasure to work with,” Baird said. “We both have a love for music and a love for theatre as well. He has been a blast to work with and someone to bounce ideas off of.”

Baird’s girlfriend Denise Grace has taught the choreography for the show.

“I think this show has some of the most intense choreography we have ever had on the DCT stage,” Baird said. “When one thinks of ‘Grease’ there is dancing. (Grace) has had 20 years of experience in dancing. She has even directed a church version of ‘Grease.’ I think she has been terrific. I believe this is going to be the most impressive dancing that has been on DCT’s stage. I think it is going to knock the audience’s sock’s off.”

Morris likes to dance.

“There is a lot of that,” she said. “When I signed up for this, I did not know how much dancing I was signing

up for. I’m not a dancer. I have had to learn a lot very fast. But, if you can handle the pressure of it, you’ll succeed. Learning choreography in general is foreign to me. But Denise has been great.”

Ojeda has enjoyed the dancing scenes.

“Our choreographer is awesome,” Ojeda said. “She is talented and very disciplined. I think that has helped me as a performer and the whole cast.”

One scene puts Ojeda in a dance competition where he eventually gets to share the stage with Breona Jenkins, who will play Cha Cha Digregorio.

“(Jenkins) is awesome,” Ojeda said. “Whenever I first saw her she was dancing with someone else. I saw how good she was dancing and I was glad that I get to dance with her too.”

Tickets can be purchased by calling Theatre Dublin at (478) 272-2560 or by going online by typing in Purple Pass Grease and clicking on the link Grease presented by Dublin Community Theatre.

“I am very excited,” Ojeda said. “I believe we have come a long way. We have to keep pushing and we’ll get there. I’m sure people will be pleased with what they see.”

DUBLIN SCHOOLS

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lawmakers, confirmed the root causes – overhiring and overpaying employees, wasteful spending and lax oversight – but also identified specific concerns ranging from late tax payments to the IRS, “abnormally” high credit card spending and unwarranted travel and expenditures.

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

The GBI is investigating at the request of Dublin Circuit District Attorney Harold McLendon.

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

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

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

New provider for Irish Healthcare clinic

The board did, however, approve a new medical provider for its school clinic.

Members approved a memorandum of understanding with Community Health Care Systems, a Tennille-based nonprofit organization, to step in as medical sponsor.

Irish Healthcare opened in February 2025 at Moore Street School after Dublin City received almost \$1 million in grants for the clinic. It is one of more than 125 in state School-Based Health Centers in Georgia.

Community Health operates a half-dozen of the state’s school-based health centers. Those six school clinics combined saw about 1,500 patient visits last school year. Dublin’s center, meanwhile, logged more 1,000 visits.

The Dublin school system was one of dozens of systems awarded grants of up to \$1 million per project to support the planning and start-up of new school-based health centers across Georgia. The city schools received \$308,000 to renovate classrooms at Moore Street School into waiting and exam rooms, as well as \$682,000 for staffing, equipment, supplies and transportation.

The grants were expected to fund the Dublin center for three years.

The contract with Community Health runs through next June 30, with both parties to meet in May to discuss an additional contract year.

Community Health would charge patients on a sliding fee scale, according to ability to pay, with fees as low as \$25 per visit, no matter what services are provided. The organization has its own pharmacy but also maintains partnerships with Walgreen’s, Walmart and Kroger here in Dublin, where Community Health already has a clinic on Fairview Park Drive.

NEWS DIGEST

The DUBLIN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold a work session at 6 p.m. Monday in the Dublin High auditorium.

The agenda:

- Call to order
- invocation/pledge to flag
- Approval of agenda
- General administration
- FY27 new adult lunch prices

- Financials
- FY27 tentative budget
- Board member comments
- Executive session
- Discussion of personnel
- Discussion of real estate
- Discussion of litigation
- Return to regular session
- Adjournment

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