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City to property owners: Cut your grass

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The City of Dublin is warning residents to keep their grass cut - or else.

The timeline for property owners to clean up their land to keep it from becoming a nuisance has been limited after city leaders amended the ordinance for weed, grasses and plants to decrease the time necessary for enforcement and abatement actions. The move allows the city to be more responsive to complaints.

"In working with our code enforcement, staff and city planner, we determined that the existing ordinance had a very cumbersome process that takes a long time to get a result," said Dublin City Manager Josh Powell. "When you are dealing with overgrown grass every day counts. We have adjusted the ordinance to allow for a streamline approach."

The city will provide a notice of summons for overgrown properties. The owner will have 10 days to deal with the overgrowth.

"If they do not, the city will be able to go in at that time, declare it a nuisance

Jacqueline D. Jaudon-Wright speaks to the City Council in favor of the ordinance/PAYTON TOWNS III

and have the grass cut," Powell said. "The notice will provide a summons to come to court and the owner will be required to appear in court and answer to why the property wasn't cut and deal with any issues as far as costs and fines associated with not cutting the

grass."

Because it was a second reading, the council had to close the meeting and open a public hearing. Resident Jacqueline Denise Jaudon-Wright handed out information showing city council members some of the issues she had seen while she has been out and about downtown.

"I am in total agreement of fining people," she said. "It has gotten out of hand over the years. It is ridiculous. You need to not only do the residents but the commercial people too."

Dublin Mayor Joshua

Kight agreed with the comments he heard.

"Under our current ordinance it could have taken months to get any type of abatement or to get somebody out there to get the

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Dylan Harrison's family at the first Shields & Spurs Pro Rodeo held at Southern Pines Ag & Expo Center/DANNY SCARBORO, File

Rodeo honors fallen lawman, raises money for foundation

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

A local rodeo held to remember a fallen law enforcement officer will raise funds again this week to help a foundation assist others with their public safety careers.

The second Shields & Spurs Pro Rodeo, organized in memory of Dylan Harrison, is set for Friday and Saturday at the Southern Pines Ag & Expo Arena. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. with opening ceremonies beginning at 7 p.m. and the rodeo starting at 7:30 p.m., said Misty Brantley, the director and founder of the rodeo. The rodeo contractor is T-T Rodeo Company while the stock contractor will be Sundown Cattle Company.

Tickets can be purchased at the gate with cash, venmo or cashapp.

"Seeing the community come together last year

meant so much to us, and it showed that people truly want to support our law enforcement officers and keep the memory of our fallen heroes alive," she said. "What I love most is that it brings families, law enforcement, first responders and the community together for something positive. It's a fun rodeo, but there is a much deeper purpose behind it."

Harrison, who was a member of the Oconee Drug Task Force, was ambushed and killed on Oct. 9, 2021 outside the Alamo Police Department. That was his first shift working part-time for the APD.

"The idea came from wanting to create something that would honor Dylan Harrison and bring the community together in support of law enforcement," Brantley said. "I'm married to a state trooper who actually played taps at Dylan's funeral, so this hits

very close to home for me. I couldn't think of a more deserving family to honor. I wanted this to be an event people could enjoy with their families while also taking time to remember why we are there. Dylan's sacrifice should never be forgotten, and Shields & Spurs became a way to turn that remembrance into something meaningful year after year."

Harrison's father, Jeff, plans to have his son's car parked up front of the venue.

"We are expecting to have a pretty good turnout from the different law enforcement agencies," he said. "We have a great rodeo group and they have a lot of things planned between the rides. We have food vendors and a lot of other vendors who will be setting up crafts to sell."

From last year's fundraiser, the Harrison's were able to give a scholarship to Dayten Yarbrough, who like their son, attended West Laurens High School.

"Through much of (Yarbrough's) high school career, he had been go-

Committee pleased with applicants for Dublin school board

By RODNEY MANLEY
Staff Reporter

The committee tasked with nominating replacements for the suspended Dublin City Board of Education has closed its application window and is pleased with the number of residents willing to serve, a committee member said.

Georgia Board of Education member Matt Donaldson told The Courier Herald podcast "Slightly Off the Record" on Monday that he is confident the committee will recommend a full slate of qualified candidates for the governor's consideration by Sept. 1.

Donaldson, who represents Dublin's congressional district on the state board, said he was concerned that Dublin City's dire financial situation might scare off applicants.

"I was concerned there might be some worry with people applying for these positions, but thankfully the people of Dublin have heard the call and have started applying for these appointments."

The deadline to apply was 5 p.m. Wednesday. The committee will submit nominations to Gov. Brian Kemp, who will appoint the new board members.

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Jonathan Alderman reads the Declaration of Independence in front of City Hall/PAYTON TOWNS III

DAR preparing for Constitution Week

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

Dressed in period costumes, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution held an event to remind everyone about the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Standing outside of the Dublin City Hall, members stood near a podium as Jonathan Alderman, who grew up in Cochran and now practices law in Macon, read the Declaration of Independence. Alderman was dressed in 1776 period attire.

Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight then signed a proclamation declaring Sept. 17 as the start of Constitution

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OBITUARIES



Christopher Eugene Edwards

Funeral services for Mr. Christopher Eugene Edwards of East Dublin, Georgia, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Greater Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church North, 1824 Claxton Dairy Road in Dublin. Rev. Otis Mincey will deliver the eulogy. Interment will follow in the Laurens Memorial Gardens Cemetery in East Dublin.

Mr. Christopher Eugene Edwards was born on Thursday, Nov. 28, 1991 in Emanuel County, Georgia to Sherry & Eugene Edwards Sr. He passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2026.

He leaves behind a loving mother, Sherry Edwards, and a loving father, Eugene Edwards Sr.; five brothers, Markus Edwards (Shirica) of Dublin, Eugene Edwards, Jr. of Swainsboro, Gerald Griffin (Tish) of New York, Kent Johnson and Jaques Edwards; three daughters, Paris Janiyah Edwards of East Dublin, Aaleyah Kilgore of Brunswick, and Christina Trawick; one son, Christopher Edwards Jr., of Macon; and a host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.



Carolyn Grace Muns Carrier

Carolyn Grace Muns Carrier, passed away on Aug. 22, 2026, at the age of 76. She was born on Nov. 6, 1949, in Dublin, Georgia, and lived a life marked by kindness, devotion, and quiet strength.

Carolyn was the daughter of the late G.W. and Beatrice Muns and was also preceded in death by her brother, Charles Wilbur Muns. A devoted homemaker, Carolyn found her greatest joy in caring for others. She was of the Baptist faith, and her life reflected the values she held dear. She was loving, kind and selfless and those who knew her would remember that she would often do without so that others could be taken care of.

Carolyn had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to make jokes, bringing laughter and light to those around her. She was also a great cook, and many cherished memories were made around her table. Her family was the center of her world, and she took great pride in caring for them, supporting them, and sharing in their lives.

She is survived by her son, Mark Keith Alligood of Savannah; her daughter, Sonia Rene Bayto of Rentz; her son, Joseph Clyde Carrier, Jr. of East Dublin; and

How an Alamo restaurant operator found calling and community

By LOGAN REYNOLDS
GTLN

For the operator of Alamo’s Bulldog Grill, running restaurants seems to run in the family.

Toria Coleman’s parents did not begin in the restaurant business either, as her father was an accountant and her mother was a homemaker. However, her father was dissatisfied with his work, so he opened a restaurant called Carter’s Fried Chicken in 1976, then a small franchise.

Coleman’s father would later strike out on his own and open The Depot out of an old train depot in McRae. Originally, The Depot began as an all-take-out business, but later expanded to include a “nearly world famous” noon buffet. He would operate the restaurant until his death in 1997, after which Coleman’s mother took over until the building later burned.

Having been effectively raised in the restaurant business, Coleman decided



The Bulldog Grill in Alamo has operated under Toria Coleman for seven years, while the restaurant has been a part of the local community for 20 years/LOGAN REYNOLDS

at a young age she would pursue a different career.

“Growing up, it was absolutely, 100 percent something I did not want to do,” said Coleman. “I wanted to go to ‘work’ work, come home and not worry about work.”

So, she took up a profession as a school teacher, which she held for 12 years before she decided “that wasn’t it.” She likened her pivot to the restaurant industry to how she also took after her mother’s love for antiques.

“I guess it’s kind of in your blood,” said Coleman. “It’s kind of the same thing with antiques. My mama had antiques; she had a little antique business. I wanted everything I had in

my house to be brand new and all the drawers to work ... Now, that’s all I want to do, is go antiquing. So, I think things are just in your makeup.”

Coleman took over the Bulldog Grill in 2019, although the restaurant has operated in Alamo for over 20 years. Many of the restaurant’s patrons have been coming to the restaurant for a long time, so Coleman is careful when making alterations to the menu.

“They like something different every now and then, but they still like normal too,” said Coleman. “I can’t go too far out of the box.”

The new operation’s offerings do have some differ-

ences to what came before, such as blue plate orders and more variety in dinner plates.

During the lockdowns caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, Coleman began offering a variety of take-and-bake casseroles, which would then be delivered without contact to the customer’s home. Because of this strategy, the Bulldog Grill avoided shutting down during the lockdown period.

“That was a huge deal,” said Coleman. “I never had to shut down for COVID.”

According to Coleman, operating a restaurant is “the hardest work I’ve ever done,” being incredibly tiring despite her love for the work.

“It’s nonstop,” said Coleman. “When I go home, I’m still working. I’m still answering the phone.”

So, Coleman does not cook much throughout the weekdays anymore. She does cook on the weekends for the Bulldog Grill’s catering, which began two years ago and Coleman described as “booming.”

The hard work has paid off in a sense of normalcy and a connection to the local community. Many of Coleman’s customers are regulars with whom she has formed connections.

“They sit in the same spots,” said Coleman. “They know me, I know them.”

Coleman does not live in Alamo but instead 10 minutes away in Mcrae, her home of 50 years. However, she has formed a great deal of affection for the Alamo community in her time working in the Bulldog Grill.

“I love Alamo,” said Coleman. “I love the people. They have a great sense

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Marjorie Brown Brazeal

Ms. Marjorie Brown Brazeal of East Dublin, Georgia passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2026. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

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STRIKE ONE! - The Dublin Bricklayers Union, formed about 1903, was the first union in Dublin. In the summer of 1908, the group went on strike, refusing to lay any brick in the City of Dublin, which at the time was growing in leaps and bounds. Realistically, there were no bricklayers who were not in the Union. In return, the major property owners and other contractors, led by J.A. Kelly agreed in writing to blackball the union members. Neither group would budge and the war was on. Kelley and his strongly united supporters succeeded in hiring non-union bricklayers and the strike failed. Macon Telegraph, July 22, 1906. Dublin Times, July 1, 1907.

ONE COTTON-PICKING GIRL - Hattie Gilbert, a 16-year-old daughter of L.C. Gilbert, was proud of what she accomplished in the fall of 1911. Hattie, of Dexter, claimed that she set a record of 446 pounds of cotton picked in a single week. With 90 minutes to rest and to eat, Miss Gilbert filled bag after bag with 1,606 pounds in four and one-half days. A prize of ten dollars was posted to top Hattie's feat. If no one matched her four-fifths of a ton, Hattie would win the money. Americus Times, Oct. 28, 1911.

A LITTLE RAIN - The autumn of 1884 was dry as an old bone. In the three months preceding November 11, there was no rain in three months. Although the drought was broken, the light sprinkle was nothing to celebrate. Macon Telegraph, Nov. 13, 1884.

WHAT CAME FIRST THE CHICKEN OR THE ARACHNID? - Mrs. J.T. McDaniel was right proud of two dozen eggs which her husband bought for her to cook for their family. She broke several of them and noticed something strange inside of them. Inside the white of the egg was a

five-inch-long scorpion which had no legs, only nubs. To prove her story, she offered to produce Sheriff Dennis McLendon to testify to the veracity of the nauseating sight. Macon Telegraph, Feb. 24, 1884.

I CAN DO THIS - Jeff Daniel was born with no arms. But that didn't stop Jeff. Daniel took a job in the mail room of the Courier Herald. Jeff used his feet to sort papers for delivery to readers. Montgomery Adv. June 9, 1983.

HUNTING FOR GOLD - Two men who appeared to be foreigners were arrested on suspicion of being spies on April 7, 1917. E.F. Brackney, of Louisville, Ky. and G.S. Morton, of Winston-Salem, N.C., were seen about Dublin buying old things. Primarily, they were looking for old gold and silver jewelry, which could be used in the upcoming war in Europe. What must have piqued the suspicion of police officials is that they were buying sets of old false teeth. Durham, N.C. Morning Herald, April 7, 1917.

HERE COMES THE TRAIN! - The first trains to travel in Laurens County were those of the Dublin and Wrightsville Railroad, later the Wrightsville & Tennille Railroad, which were making regular runs to the border town of Lovett, nearly a year before coming into East Dublin. Atlanta Constitution, Oct. 9,1885.

VOWS IN SILENCE - In the first known marriage of its kind, Victoria Daniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Green Daniel, and D.S. Payne were married by the Rev. W.S. Ramsay. What was unusual was that neither the groom nor the bride could speak their wedding vows, because both were mute. Atlanta Constitution, Jan. 25, 1885.

DID YOU KNOW ...?

Did the first moon mission carry a piece of aviation history?

By JACK BAGLEY
GTLN

Here we are again, enjoying the “dog days” of summer. I know I’ve mentioned this many times, but for those who came in late: We call this time the “dog days” because Sirius, the brightest star in the sky beside the Sun, is visible in the Northern Hemisphere.

“So what?” you may be asking. Well, ancient people believed that in addition to light from Sirius, we also received heat, and that added to the sweltering temperatures August normally contains. We don’t, of course; it’s too far away.

It’s “dog days” because Sirius is the main star in the constellation Canis Majoris, or the Big Dog. Sirius is also called the “dog star.”

Yes, I’m Sirius about that. Just as I am about trivia ... so let’s enjoy some, right now!

Did you know ...
... dreams are very important? Research into sleep has shown that when people are deprived of dreams, they experience marked changes in their personalities. Some of the changes include becoming irritable and disoriented, experiencing hallucinations, and even showing signs of psychosis. Also, the first chance they get to actually dream, they do so excessively. This is called the “REM Rebound” for the rapid eye movement which denotes when a person is dreaming. (Life is, indeed, but a dream.)

... you may know someone with hyperthymesia? If you do, the two words you’ll never hear them say are, “I forgot.” A person with hyperthymesia, or Highly

Superior Autobiographical Memory, can remember every detail about every day of their lives. Perhaps the best-known person with this condition is actress Marilu Henner (born 1952), one of the stars of the 1980s series Taxi. Henner remembers everything about every day of her life, including things she’d probably prefer to forget such as embarrassments, conflicts, and losses. (With what I would have to remember it would be something of a curse.)

... the first mission to land on the Moon carried a piece of aviation history? Apollo 11, launched on July 16, 1969, carried three astronauts – Neil Armstrong (1930-2012), Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin (born 1930), and Michael Collins (1930-2021) – and also had with it small bits of the wood and fabric that made up the Wright Flyer, the first heavier-than-air powered aircraft. Those small bits went down to the surface of the Moon with Armstrong and Aldrin, then were brought back to Earth. The Wright Flyer was first flown at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 14, 1903, by Orville (1871-1948) and Wilbur Wright (1867-1912). Additional trivia note: Small pieces of the Wright Flyer were also aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger when it was destroyed in a 1986 explosion; the pieces were recovered from the wreckage. Another small piece of Wright Flyer fabric is on Mars, attached to the unmanned helicopter Ingenuity. (That old plane sure gets around!)

... no one knew what the far side of the Moon looked like until 1959? Due to the fact that the Moon is tidally locked in its orbit around



By SCOTT B. THOMPSON SR.

THAT YOUNG MAN MAY GROW UP TO BE IMPORTANT - In the late winter of 1960, Dublin High School hosted the playoffs of Region 2A. Playing for the Washington County Golden Hawks at forward and wearing No. 12, was an inconspicuous senior, John Nathan. The Golden Hawks were not favored to win and fell to Blackshear High in the first round of the playoffs. Few who were there that night remembered that forward from Washington County. He turned out to be a big winner, not on the basketball court, but in the field of government. For you see this young man became Georgia Congressman (1981-1993,) United States Congressman (1993-2010,) and Georgia governor (2011-2019, John Nathan Deal. Dublin Courier Herald, February 11-12, 1960.

SON DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S AIN'T SATURDAY- Laurens County native Ronnie Gay, a long-time trooper in the Georgia State Patrol. Gay appeared in the iconic movie Smokey and the Bandit, basically playing himself. IMDB.

DIVA ON A DIME

An easy, make-ahead breakfast

By PATTI DIAMOND
King Features

The trouble with breakfast isn't knowing it's important. The trouble is that it happens in the morning.

On busy school and workdays, breakfast competes with alarm clocks, missing homework, lost permission slips and grumpy people who insist they aren't hungry until three minutes before leaving the house.

This make-ahead breakfast combines the sweet-and-savory appeal of a famous fast-food sandwich with sheet-pan convenience. Instead of making pancakes, eggs and sausage while hunting for missing socks, we bake the whole delicious mess together.

The result is a fluffy, maple-kissed pancake filled with sausage and scrambled eggs. Cut it into squares for the table or grab-and-go breakfasts.

Make a batch over the weekend and freeze the squares. On a hectic Wednesday morning, Future you will be deeply grateful to past you. You may even forgive you for leaving dishes in the sink.

Use maple or regular breakfast sausage. Real maple syrup adds gentle sweetness; optional maple extract boosts the flavor without the stickiness. Cheddar is delicious but not necessary.

Serve with fruit, applesauce or maple syrup. Because everything is baked inside, the squares are tidy enough to eat on the run, although preferably not while literally running.

MAPLE SAUSAGE AND EGG SHEET-PAN PANCAKES

*Yield: 12 tot18 portions
Total Time: 45 mins., plus cooling*

For the filling:

- 1 pound maple or regular breakfast sausage
 - 8 large eggs
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 - 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, optional
- For the pancake batter:*
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
 - 2 tablespoons baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon salt

- 3 cups buttermilk
- 3 large eggs
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted and slightly cooled
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon maple extract, optional

Preheat oven to 400 F. Lightly grease a 13-by-18-inch rimmed sheet pan, then line the bottom with parchment paper. Grease the parchment.

Cook sausage in a large skillet over medium heat, breaking it into small crumbles, until browned and completely cooked. Transfer sausage to a paper towel-lined plate to drain and cool. Leave about 1 tablespoon of drippings in the skillet, if desired.

Whisk 8 eggs with salt and pepper. Pour into the skillet and cook over medium-low heat, stirring gently, until softly scrambled but still glossy. Remove from heat (the eggs will finish cooking in the oven). Let cool for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a large bowl. In another bowl, whisk buttermilk, 3 eggs, maple syrup, melted butter, vanilla and maple extract, if using.

Pour wet ingredients into dry ingredients and stir just until combined. A few small lumps are perfectly acceptable.

Gently fold the cooled sausage, scrambled eggs and cheese, if using, into the batter. Spread evenly in the prepared pan.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden, lightly puffed and a toothpick inserted into the pancake portion comes out clean. Don't overbake.

Cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then cut into squares. Serve warm with maple syrup or freeze.

To make ahead: Cool completely. Refrigerate in an airtight container for up to four days or wrap individual portions and place them in a freezer bag. Freeze for up to two months for best quality.

To reheat from frozen, unwrap and place on a microwave-safe plate. Cover with a paper towel and microwave in 30-second intervals until hot throughout. For crispier edges, finish briefly in a toaster oven or air fryer.

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Beware of politicians bearing economic statistics

I try not to think about the fact that college was almost four decades ago. Like many, so much of what I learned in Athens occurred outside the classroom yet occasional lessons from coursework appear as flashbacks in reaction to the modern world's events all these years later.

My degrees, a B.B.A. from UGA and later a Master's from Georgia State are in Economics. There's currently an online debate about who gets to call themselves (and demand others refer to them as) an Economist.

I don't, and I never have. I've been a banker, a builder, held a finance role for a large auto dealership group, helped manage a phone system for the U.S. Army Reserve, sold a similar system/program to NASA, and more recently have been a consultant, writer, publisher, and lobbyist.

For a brief while in all those years I was also an adjunct professor of Economics and Small Business. It was one of the endeavors I probably enjoyed the most. As someone trained in economics, I also understood the concept of opportunity cost.

Life decisions aren't all about what makes you the happiest, unfortunately. Fulfillment and enjoyment are certainly important.

Money isn't everything, either. I've turned down job opportunities and clients that would have paid very well. Each of those had high costs on my time, personal life, and/or morals and ethics.

Big life decisions have major opportunity costs. It's somewhat similar to



By CHARLIE HARPER

the 1970's game show "Let's Make A Deal". When you pick one door, you give up what is behind others. This is opportunity cost.

The problem with economics is few wish to study it or make an effort to understand it. The reaction to the subject, to quote one of my sisters, is "Ewwwww".

Yet many still wish to use the economic signals we get every day not just for their own choices, but for others. Many a political argument ends after making an often errant point with "it's just Econ 101".

The problem with this line of reasoning is that foundational classes in Economics are meat to teach the most basic of concepts. There are many assumptions one must make to have the elemental "Marshallian Cross" lines of supply and demand actually work that some can miss why signals sometimes fail in the real world.

It's hard to blame the general public for this when they have so much help in misunderstanding the complexities of economic action and reaction. Few journalists have even a foundational course in Econ. Many of

their stories begin with good intentions to inform, but their own industry's failures to understand markets and market reaction lead to poor reporting and thus greater public misunderstanding.

No better example of this is the coverage of the Federal Reserve setting a benchmark for short term interest rates. The Fed controls short term rates by buying and selling bonds to achieve a relatively stable price and thus interest rate on these instruments.

Too often the reporting of these decisions goes something like "The Fed raised interest rates today, so expect the cost of your mortgage to go up." The problem is, mortgage rates are long term rates, which the market sets generally based on long term inflation fears. Most of the time, a fed decision to raise or lower rates is to fight inflation, and thus the reaction between long and short term rates is like a see-saw.

Because raising short term rates shows the Fed is fighting inflation, mortgage rates will often actually come down when "interest rates are raised". Yet it's often reported as the opposite

cause and effect. Then there are politicians and their consultants. They want you to believe the slogans they put on bumper stickers which come from partisan dogma are long standing economic treatises. Too many conservatives believe every time you cut taxes you get an increase in revenue. If this were true, we would have infinite revenues just by eliminating taxes. That's what happens if you just keep cutting according to this bumper sticker theory. Too many progressives believe the government can spend its way into prosperity, even if it means confiscating the wealth of the prosperous. The people who want to take profits out of our system don't seem to understand that our entire tax system is based on taking a percentage of profits – while leaving an incentive for private citizens to take risks and make profits so that they can keep at least some of it.

Each side comes loaded with their own out of context economic headlines to "prove their points", not unlike an atheist quoting out of context scripture to assert moral high ground. We are at this point of the campaign cycle and on the precipice of a Presidential race where these examples abound.

They have me harkening back not to one of my Economics courses, but to my intro to Statistics taught by Dr. Whitten at UGA in the 1980's. Beware, she cautioned at the beginning of the course, of what you're about to learn. In this world, there are lies, damned lies, and then there are statistics.



By LORAN SMITH

soft spot in my life for farmers and agriculture.

A few facts about September:

- The hottest recorded temperature on earth for our ninth month was 127 degrees Fahrenheit on Sept. 1, 2022, set at Furnace Creek in Death Valley National Park, California.

- The summer is a great time to enjoy a hot dog. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Americans usually eat roughly 7 billion hotdogs, which would stretch from New York to London and back 25 times. If you haven't had a hot dog lately, there is time to help keep that statistic intact.

- The first Labor Day parade took place in New York City on September 5, 1882, when 10,000 workers marched for better hours.

- Most of us down South probably don't know about the "No White Rule." There once was a rule against wearing white after Labor Day for the wealthy elite

to signal they were back in town from summer resorts and a renewal of city life.

- This day became a national law when President Grover Cleveland's stroke of the pen made it a federal law in 1894 following a major railway strike in Chicago.

For October for fly fishing advocates, it is a welcome month, as the trout return to the Chattahoochee. Standing in Georgia's most romantic river and seeing a three-pound trout take in a tiny fly, dart away with fluid alacrity, and leap out of the water, intent on making a fool out of you, and eventually succumbing to a dipnet is one of the richest experiences there is.

The good news is that there are many Georgians who can enjoy that opportunity with just a little effort. And not only is that a cool experience, but you are also cool and comfortable as you do it.

TELL IT!



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The answer to property tax is not adding another tax. The math is simple, the tax assessor's office needs to stop raising our property taxes. This is not Atlanta. I am shocked that our mayor and county administrator are trying to sell this publicly with the angle that others from outside the area will be offsetting our taxes. We already have a TSPLOST, SPLOST and now want to add FLOST. The fact of the matter is this will cost the folks who live here daily more for everything they purchase. Enough is enough!

The school situation has been going on for a very long time. Evidently the state and the governor has decided what to do. It is time for the GBI and the FBI to do what they are supposed to do and not leave out the former superintendent and both prior financial directors. They had to know everything. It needs to be put to rest.

The kids were rushed out of the Irish Gifted Academy School to go to the Moore Street School when they have nothing over there situated. They don't have a playground. The gym is not worthy to be played in. It needs cleaning up. They have to go across the street to the park to the playground. Why did y'all rush them out of that school with nothing over there at Moore Street situated for them. That was not fair and something needs to be done about it.

I just spent over three minutes at a red light at Veterans Boulevard and Industrial Boulevard. It takes forever. Is there nobody in this town smart

enough to fix this mess? We have too many stuck red lights and too much time sitting and wasting gas on red lights to change. We need somebody to fix this mess.

Surely, none of the disgraced former members of DCS Board of Education will have the audacity to challenge their expulsion by reapplying to regain that position!

If you think a data center will heat the environment to the point warmer external temperatures will exist, I've got ocean front property on Buckeye Road to sell you.

Dudley deserves decisions made in the best interest of the people who call it home—not necessarily those who simply profit from owning property there.

Easy to criticize the people trying to improve a community when you don't live there and only view it as an investment. Seems rules interfere with your agenda. Jealous?

Someone is a bit delusional to think the City of Dudley can be compared to the school board. Dudley has never come close to a deficit and never missed an audit. Why don't you file to see the audit.

It's usually students getting suspended from school, for whatever reasons, not following rules, behavior, etc Now we've got the whole board of education suspended from Dublin City Schools. How do they plan to educate children by this example? We are living in strange days, indeed.

TELL IT! GUIDELINES

Have something to say about life in Dublin and Laurens County? We want to hear it. Tell It! is a space for community voices: praise, frustration, questions and everything in between.

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Labor Day goings on

For the first two weeks of September in Athens, Georgia, we can expect a transition to early fall weather, with an average daytime high of 84 degrees and nighttime lows dropping to a comfortable 60 to 65 degrees—all of which will be accompanied by sunshine, high humidity, and a chance of passing afternoon thunderstorms.

Athens is a place many Georgians will be on Labor Day—that pre-fall holiday that will be the focal point for tens of thousands (if not hundreds of thousands) of fans watching on television when Georgia hosts Tennessee State in its opening game. And, of course, a sold-out Sanford Stadium of 93,033.

I grew up in the dreadful heat of summer without a ceiling fan. I have never liked hot weather. I have driven a tractor all day long during summer's peak heat, wearing nothing but a pair of shorts. I practiced and played football in stifling heat, but I could do without September games. So, I never took the position that growing up in the South that I got "used to the heat."

Georgia's victory over Yale on Oct. 12, 1929, the dedication of Sanford Stadium, was a hot and humid day, which heavily favored

the Southern Bulldogs as they upset the Bulldogs of New Haven, Connecticut.

Yale unwittingly enhanced the UGA cause when the team dressed out in its traditional blue stockings that reached their knees. The team looked terrific in warmups, but when those heavy woolen stockings became sodden with perspiration, that heightened Georgia's advantage.

It can be hot during early October, but better weather—cooler temperatures—is what we all look forward to. In addition to football, there is the magnificent change of the leaves, fall fly fishing, and the harvest scenes.

On occasion in falls past, owing to football travel, there have been opportunities to visit other states in the Southeast and the Midwest. Across America, there are harvest scenes like what we experience in our own backyard.

Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado, Illinois, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas are among the states that underscore the harvest scenes as we do. It is the same with New England. Agriculture and related industries contribute significantly to the U. S. gross domestic product, right at \$1.5 trillion dollars. I will always hold a

DAILY SCRIPTURE...

"Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase."

- Proverbs 13:11

THOUGHT FOR TODAY...

"Everyone has talent at twenty-five. The difficulty is to have it at fifty."

- Edgar Degas

EVERY DAY'S A HOLIDAY...

August 27, 2026 is...
• International Lottery Day
• National Petroleum Day
• Just Because Day

YOUR TURN:

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Dublin Police Department

- Yolanda Vencitta Hall, 44, and Pamela Jo Wilson, 49, were both charged with theft by shoplifting at Belk on Veterans Boulevard around 11:41 a.m. on Aug. 10.

Officers responded to a call about women shoplifting at the store. Belk’s asset protection said Hall and Wilson entered the fitting rooms with a large amount of merchandise. The employee said the women had stolen merchandise from the store on multiple occasions but had not been able to apprehend them before they left the property.

The officers watched the cameras in the asset protection office while another officer was sitting outside in the parking lot waiting for Hall and Wilson to exit the store. From the video camera, the officers saw Hall and Wilson leave the fitting rooms and pass the last point of purchase before leaving the store. The officer outside the store saw both women in the Belk parking lot and was able to arrest both.

Hall was carrying a Belk bag that contained a total of \$936.09 of stolen merchandise at the time she was detained. Wilson put several articles of clothing underneath the clothing she was wearing at the time she entered the store but did not remove them until she was booked into jail. The total sum of the stolen merchandise she concealed was \$354.94.

Both were transported to the LEC. Around 2 p.m. that day, an officer met with a judge. Hall was charged with theft by shoplifting (felony) while Wilson was charged with theft by shoplifting (misdemeanor).

- Around 3:09 p.m. on Aug. 12, an officer responded to the area of Saxon Street and South Jefferson Street in reference to a reported fight on a school bus.

Upon arrival, an officer talked with the bus driver who said two juveniles had become involved in a physical altercation while on the bus. As the bus was approaching South Jefferson Street from Saxon Street, a female juvenile came from the back of the bus and struck a male juvenile in the head. After the bus driver stopped the bus and separated the juveniles, the female juvenile acted as though she was



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going to strike the male juvenile again.

The officer talked with the female juvenile who said the male juvenile had been speaking rudely to her and other individuals on the bus. She said the male juvenile then swung at her, and after he swung at her, she struck him. The officer also talked with the male juvenile who said he was seated toward the front of the bus when the female juvenile approached him from behind and struck him in the head.

The officer did not see any apparent injuries to either juvenile. The officers obtained video footage from the bus driver. Based on the information obtained during the investigation, the officer arrested the female juvenile for simple battery, involving unwanted touching or striking of another person. She was handcuffed and placed in the back of a patrol car.

The female juvenile was transported to the police department. The Department of Juvenile Justice was contacted and advised for her to be released to her mother. The officer completed a juvenile complaint form and left a copy in the clerk’s office.

- Hakeem Braddy, 36, was charged with disorderly conduct at Ronnie’s Food Mart Lot on North Jefferson Street around 3:20 a.m. on Aug. 16.

An officer was clearing the parking lot because of a large crowd being there. While an officer was conducting a standardized field sobriety test on another individuals, Braddy kept interfering with his investigation and continuing to get closer to them. Another officer asked him multiple

times to step back onto the sidewalk until they were done with the tests, but Braddy would not listen to the officer’s commands.

Braddy was detained and placed him into handcuffs. Officers attempted to calm Braddy down and began to get irate. Braddy was placed into the back of a patrol car and transported to the Laurens County Jail without incident. Braddy kept telling the officer that he would have him fired within two or three months.

Laurens County Sheriff’s Office

- On Aug. 12 at 5:16 p.m., a deputy responded to the LEC in reference to a requested call back on an incident that happened on Reedy Springs Church Road in Cadwell.

- At 4:51 p.m. on Aug. 16, a deputy went to DG Market on Highway 80 East for a report.

- On Aug. 13 around 4:45 p.m., a deputy talked with a woman by the telephone about a trespassing issue that had occurred on McDaniel Drive.

- A deputy was dispatched to South Green Street in Dexter in reference to loud music being played around 12:46 a.m. on Aug. 13.

- At 6:45 p.m. on Aug. 12 a deputy was dispatched to Short Street in Cadwell in reference to property damage.

- William Jason Tapley, 47, was charged with possession of firearms prohibited by convicted felons and possession of methamphetamine at the Earnest Stinson and Brewton Lovett on 10:47 p.m. on Aug. 11.

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.

Georgia Chamber to counter 'misinformation, disinformation' about data centers

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Data centers are a financial boon to communities, according to the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, which is pushing back on concerns about their impact on the environment, on utility bills and on their neighbors.

The pro-business organization is launching a messaging campaign that extols the jobs and property tax revenue that data centers provide while asserting that their impacts through water and energy use are not as significant as many believe. The Chamber’s new Georgia Digital Infrastructure Alliance includes industry leaders, utility representatives, policymakers and community members.

Chris Clark, the Chamber president and CEO, said the group will begin briefing policymakers statewide in September. The goal, he said, is "to be transparent, to make sure that we have responsible development and that we show the benefits to communities because obviously there's a lot of backlash and a lot of negative PR right now."

Polling suggests the public is souring on data centers.

The Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania found 61% of Americans opposed

the construction of new data centers in their area this summer, up 12 percentage points from the spring. The summer survey found opposition across party lines, with 69% of Democrats and 54% of Republicans opposing new local data centers.

The rising negative sentiment comes less than three months ahead of an election that will determine control over the state and Congress.

Former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, the Democratic nominee for Georgia governor, said at a Georgia Chamber event in early August that "we need a pause" on new data centers.

Rick Jackson, her Republican opponent, said at that same event that data centers produce so much property tax revenue that they can eliminate property tax bills for everyone else in at least 70 counties. Communities should get to choose whether to let one be built, he said.

In early April, Macon news station 13WMAZ reported that Jackson said he understands data centers because he invested in one in Texas.

Elsewhere, Republicans who once championed data centers are beginning to see them as a political liability.

Late last year, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, was touting data center investments. Then, in early August, he halted approvals

for new data centers pending audits of their power and water use and their impact on neighbors.

His Democratic opponent had been rising in the polls while attacking him on the issue, The Wall Street Journal reported last week.

President Donald Trump has argued that more data centers are necessary to win an artificial intelligence race against China. But he also suggested recently that data centers need "a little public relations help," according to multiple news reports.

Clark said the Georgia Chamber is pushing back with facts. Data centers use less water than a decade ago, he said, adding that in Georgia they are paying to build the energy infrastructure that will deliver power to them.

He challenged a central premise about the data center boom: that it is driven by AI.

"A lot of what we're building out right now is to handle your Facebook posts, your medical records, your bank transactions," he said.

Yet "AI" is in the name of the company behind the largest data center announced for Georgia so far. Project Camellia near Savannah, which is expected to need 3.2 gigawatts from Georgia Power, is for OpenAI.

The tech industry has been responding to concerns about water use.

OpenAI says its new data center will use a closed-loop cooling system, which reduces water consumption by reducing or eliminating discharge and evaporation. Other companies have announced similar systems.

However, closed-loop systems require more energy, and energy generation involves water.

Chris Manganiello, the water policy director for the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, said state records show significant water lost to evaporation at power plants.

In 2023, for instance, Plant McDonough, a 2.5 gigawatt facility in Cobb County fueled primarily by natural gas, withdrew an average of 10 million gallons of water a day from the Chattahoochee River, he said. It returned a quarter of that water.

Research indicates data centers are consuming a lot of water.

"The exponential growth of artificial intelligence (AI) has driven the rapid global expansion of data centers, raising serious concerns about their environmental impact — particularly water use," said an academic article published earlier this year.

Trade-secret protections and security concerns restrict what the public can know about data center water consumption, said the paper in AGU Advances, a peer-reviewed journal of the American Geophysical Union. But the paper added that available information suggests data centers rank among the top 10 water-consuming industrial or commercial sectors in the country.

Many Georgians are concerned about more than water.

Amy Sharma has been traveling around the state to attend town halls about proposed data centers.

The executive director of Science for Georgia said she and others are concerned the AI boom will turn into a bust, leaving communities

on the hook for half-built or abandoned data centers.

Local leaders should require developers to post a surety bond to pay for redevelopment should a project go bankrupt, she said.

She disagreed with Clark's sanguine outlook on protections for residential electricity ratepayers, pointing to a lack of legislation.

Last year, the state Public Service Commission, which regulates Georgia Power, did agree to the utility's plan for a rate freeze, but the plan excludes "reasonable and prudent" costs related to storm damage and will be in effect for only three years. Then, during Georgia's legislative session earlier this year, Georgia Power opposed a bill that would have made it illegal for the company to pass on costs for expanding the power grid to serve data centers for the long term. The bill was then weakened by amendments and did not pass.

And Sharma noted that a lawyer with the Southern Environmental Law Center told the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer in May that data centers are paying nothing toward the cost of new natural gas pipelines. Much of the additional generating capacity that Georgia Power is building to meet data center demand will be fueled by natural gas.

Public opinion will likely influence how big a welcome mat Georgia lays out for data centers, especially this November when voters head to the polls.

Sharma said she has witnessed growing opposition across ideological lines.

At one town hall, she listened as a man complained that the government first

wanted to force everyone to take a COVID-19 vaccine and now was pushing data centers. She said she also heard someone wearing Bernie Sanders apparel complain about data centers.

Clark said many people are simply misinformed. When communities have questions, they should get transparent and responsible responses, he said. "I think a lot of what we're seeing right now is both misinformation, disinformation, old information, and just the fear of the unknown."

Manganiello said the industry and local leaders have brought this on themselves.

"Some data center developers and local leaders have not been entirely transparent about proposed projects," he said. "When residents can't get their basic questions answered, they go out looking to fill the holes."

Manganiello welcomed an initiative by the Chamber to share more information before a project is approved.

"The question will be whether or not that is actually what happens," he said.

Sharma predicted that Clark's initiative would ignite more opposition.

"We're advocating for a community's right to choose the best path forward for themselves," she said, sounding like Clark.

"But the best path forward must provide transparency, an open and democratic decision-making process, sufficient power and water, and a surety bond," she said. "So I guess we're also advocating against data center misinformation."

Local 7-day Forecast:

The next 48 hours:



THURSDAY:

88°

Mostly cloudy and humid; a couple of afternoon thunderstorms.

Sunrise: 7:03 a.m.



THURSDAY NIGHT:

70°

Partly to mostly cloudy and humid with a couple of thunderstorms.

Sunset: 8:03 p.m.



FRIDAY:

85°

Mostly cloudy and humid with a couple of heavy thunderstorms.

Sunrise: 7:04 a.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT:

69°

Cloudy and humid with a stray thunderstorm.

Sunset: 8:02 p.m.

 Saturday 8/29 HIGH/LOW 85/70 Humid with times of clouds and sun; a thunderstorm in the afternoon. Sunrise: 7:04 a.m. Sunset: 8:00 p.m.	 Sunday 8/30 HIGH/LOW 88/70 Mostly cloudy and humid; a thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon. Sunrise: 7:05 a.m. Sunset: 7:59 p.m.	 Monday 8/31 HIGH/LOW 91/68 Intervals of clouds and sun with a thunderstorm in spots; humid. Sunrise: 7:06 a.m. Sunset: 7:58 p.m.	 Tuesday 9/1 HIGH/LOW 94/69 Partly sunny and humid; a couple of afternoon thunderstorms. Sunrise: 7:06 a.m. Sunset: 7:57 p.m.	 Wednesday 9/2 HIGH/LOW 93/69 Humid with some sun; a morning shower in spots followed by a couple of storms. Sunrise: 7:07 a.m. Sunset: 7:55 p.m.
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River levels...
Oconee (at Dublin) 1.55'
Ocmulgee (at Macon) 6.1'

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The City of Dublin is now accepting applications for a Water Treatment Plant Utilities Systems Maintenance Operator. This individual will perform skilled and technical work in the maintenance and operation of the City's Water Plant, Waste Treatment Plant, pumping stations and elevated storage tanks. This person will fill in as a plant operator as needed and perform emergency repairs during nights, weekends and holidays. Applicants must possess a Class III Water and Wastewater Operators License, as issued by the State of Georgia or the ability to acquire the same within one year of employment. A valid Georgia driver's license is required. Salary range is \$42,463.67 – \$65,818.68 annually based on experience and for an individual with both Water and Wastewater certification. Should you not have both Water and Wastewater Class III Certification, you will be paid according to your level of certification. An extensive fringe benefit package including health, dental and life insurance is also offered. The successful applicant must pass a drug screen. Applicants may apply online through our www.cityofdublin.org website until the position is filled. The City of Dublin is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Laurens County School District

East Dublin, Georgia

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- Date: August 12, 2026
- Time: 9:30 am
- Location: **East Laurens Middle School Gym (House of Gold) 920 US-80 E, East Dublin, GA 31027**
- Deadline for Requests for Information (RFIs):** August 19, 2026

Bid Deadline: September 2, 2026, 1:00 pm

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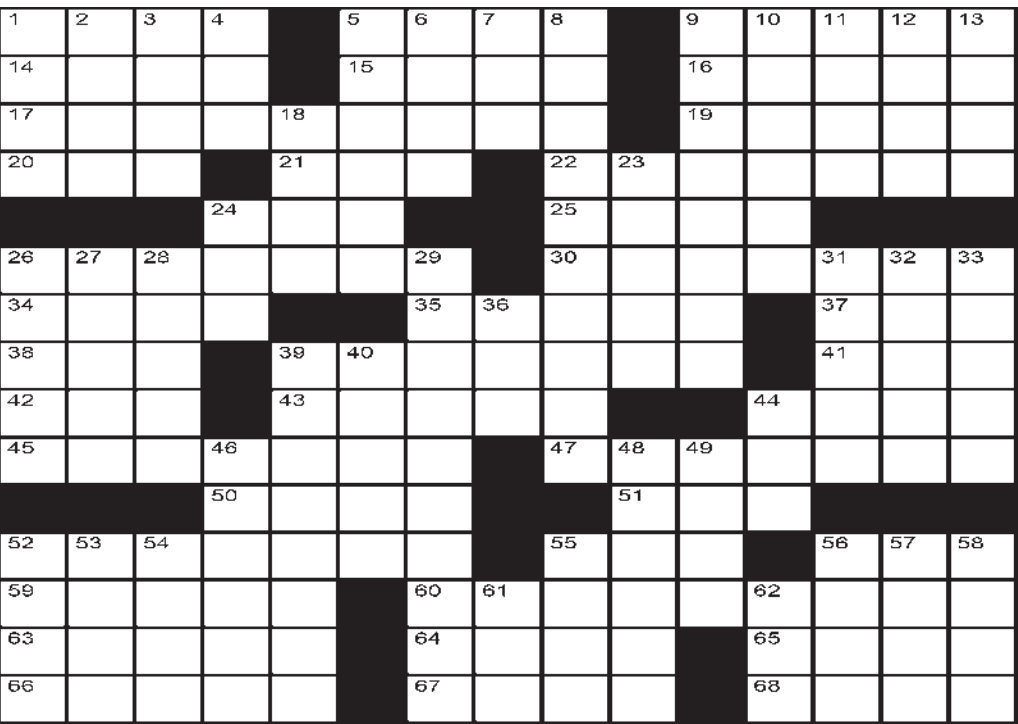
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Niece starts smear campaign against father

DEAR ABBY: I got permission from my estranged brother to invite his 17-year-old daughter, "Ella," to spend a month with my family this summer. We live on the East Coast, and she lives on the West Coast.

Ella is about to graduate from high school and has had a difficult home life and relationship with her dad and stepmother. After making her travel arrangements, I came across recent social media posts that my niece wrote disparaging her father. I'm in no position to discipline or judge her, but I felt that I had to say something so she knows that I don't condone what she has done.

I'm now second-guessing whether it's a good idea to have Ella around my 13- and 9-year-old children this summer. I told her the following: "I hadn't seen your post about your father and stepmother. As a loving adult, I want you to know I think it's very inappropriate. These kinds of postings tend to reflect more about the person posting than the people the post is about. For your own good, you should know that you, too, may be judged for what you have done -- if not now, possibly in the future when you least want or expect it."

Ella didn't respond to me and continues to write more disrespectful posts. Should I say anything more? I don't think my brother knows about the posts, though my niece complained online



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

about his having "hacked" her accounts. -- HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: I wish you had mentioned the reason for your estrangement from your brother. Contact him and ask if he is aware of the comments Ella has posted and continues to post. If he is unaware, you should alert him. The choice of whether to cancel your niece's visit is up to you, but from where I sit, she appears to be an unhappy girl who could use a break from Dad.

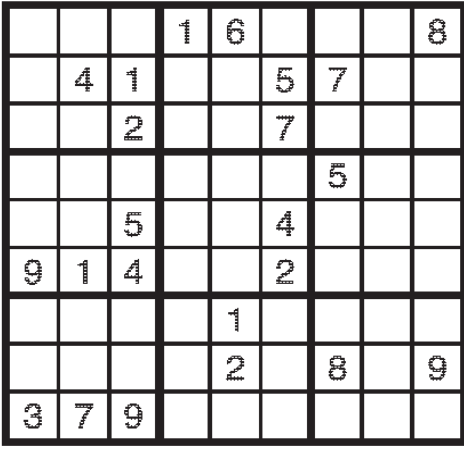
DEAR ABBY: I am a 63-year-old woman who retired about eight years ago. I have decided to go back into the workforce -- nothing huge, just a job to enable me to keep up with rising costs and to set some money aside. My problem is that everyone wants you to apply online.

I go online to look for work, I find something of interest, I click on it, and it takes me to a sign-in page for some sort of job site (such as Monster or Indeed). I fill out my information, and then I get a whole list of jobs, none of which are the one I originally clicked on. I have never had this much trouble finding a job. Any advice would be welcome. I am running out of options. -- WILLING TO WORK

DEAR WILLING TO WORK: Applying through those online job sites can feel like talking to a wall. Since you aren't looking for anything fancy, the old-fashioned approach may work better. Check the bulletin boards of community centers, senior centers, local colleges, libraries and similar establishments. When you are out and about, keep your eyes peeled for "help wanted" notices. If you find yourself near a place you'd like to work, it can't hurt to stop in and ask if they need help. Also, don't forget the classified ads in your local newspaper!

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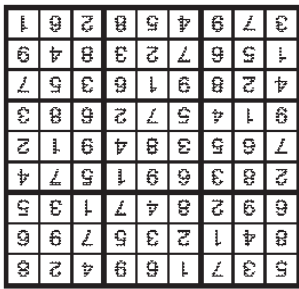


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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in 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!



ANSWERS

Thursday, August 27, 2026

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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SURPRISE RESULT

North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ J 9 2
♥ Void
♦ A K J 10 9 7 6 5
♣ 10 5

WEST
♠ 10 8 5
♥ K J 10 9 6 5 2
♦ 2
♣ 8 4

EAST
♠ A 6 4
♥ Q 8 7 4
♦ 8 3
♣ Q J 9 7

SOUTH
♠ K Q 7 3
♥ A 3
♦ Q 4
♣ A K 6 3 2

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♣ 3♥ 4♠ 6NT
All pass

Opening lead: 10 of ♥

Today's deal is from a pairs competition in Austria. Auctions varied greatly from table to table, but many North-South pairs reached the cold slam in diamonds. Some tried for the extra points by bidding six spades. This failed despite the friendly 3-3 trump split as West was able to get a ruff after leading a

diamond. A few pairs bid to six no trump, which seems hopeless on a heart lead, but a strange thing happened. Declarer could not afford to duck a heart or the defense would just cash the ace of spades. They won the opening heart lead and began to run the diamond suit. This was the position with one diamond left to cash:

NORTH
♠ J 9
♥ Void
♦ 6
♣ 10 5

WEST
♠ 10
♥ K J
♦ Void
♣ 8 4

EAST
♠ A
♥ Q
♦ Void
♣ Q J 9

SOUTH
♠ K Q
♥ Void
♦ Void
♣ A K 6

When South cashed the last diamond, East had to discard his last heart. South then discarded a low club from his hand and led a spade to set up his twelfth trick in that suit. Making six! This is another example of the magical things that might happen when you run your long suit.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

Dublin-Perry reunion, key tests for EL/Trinity in week 2

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

For two teams who are among each other's most common foot- ball rivals, Dublin and Perry have gone a long while without playing. The programs, whose 31 past meetings (the Irish lead the all- time series 21-10) place them seventh and fifth respectively on the other's list of most recurring opponents, last got together way back in 2003, when now-25th year Dublin head coach Roger Holmes was only a year removed from tak- ing over the program. The Panthers, who had been blown out on their home field amid a 14-game Irish win streak that led to the state title game the prior year, took that last reunion 14-0 in the Shamrock Bowl. After 23 years, their long-lot rivalry will be revived this Fri- day (7:30 p.m.) as Dublin returns

home for the first time this fall in search of its second win. The non-region matchup occu- pies the marquee on a busy week 2 in the Heart of Georgia, which will have the area's teams out to either build or establish momentum in some important games. The Irish (1-0 after last Friday's rolling of Jasper County) will have to contend with some slight ad- vantages held by Perry (0-1) in the size, strength and depth depart- ments that stem purely from some larger roster numbers at a bigger school, and ability to two-platoon, though Dublin's skill positions, de- fense and line units appear they'll be able to go toe-to-toe, if not play with the upper hand. Its range of big-play possi- bilities, and ground game that proved last week that it's capable of adapting to any tempo, may be a problem for the Panther defense, which struggled to contain or tack-

le a similarly-talented stable out of Peach County in its opener. Neither opening week went en- tirely well for East Laurens (0-1) or Southeast Bulloch (0-1), who collide in search of first wins in Brooklet. The Falcons were pret- ty squarely overrun by Johnson County's physical ground attack, and the Yellow Jackets the same against a 463-yard rushing effort from rival Statesboro. Taking better control of the trenches will be East's first priority against a Wing-T style ground at- tack of SEB that it can't allow to be the first offense of the two to gain its early-season confidence. Trinity (1-1) will look to seize the momentum it built up in a come-from-behind win at Robert Toombs last week as it returns home to face longtime rival Ed- mund Burke. Local product Andy Woodard has molded the Spartans (off to their fifth-straight 2-0 start

into a perennial title contender, though RTCA narrowly denied them a three-peat as state champi- ons in the 2025 Class A final. More of the physical ground game and opportune defense that carried the Crusaders last Friday will be needed to survive this latest test against a well-coached team whose strength and smarts have won out in three of the rivals' last four meetings, though last year's 3-0 victory hinging on a Wade Register field goal ran Trinity's all- time record in the series to 16-8. No matter how well Johnson County (1-0) performed in its de- but, its traditional week 2 tilt with Warren County (1-0, off a 35-27 victory over Jenkins County) nev- er fails to turn into a barnburn- er. Expect another challenge the Trojans will have to work hard to put away in the second half as the Screamin' Devils (this year led by new head coach Rashad Carter)

return to Herschel Walker Field. In the area's other top games, unbeaten Wheeler and Montgom- ery counties reconvene in Mt. Ver- non for one of the longtime rivals' most looked-forward-to match- ups in some time, and Bleckley County (1-0) returns home for a second-straight quality matchup against Cook (1-0). Washington County (0-1) also opens up the House of Pain for the first time in the Jay Ware era against a well-rounded ACE Char- ter (1-0), a fairly loaded Dodge County team goes on the road to show what it's got against upstart Lamar County (1-0), Brentwood (0-2) tries to dig out of its ear- ly-season hole back home against Gatewood (0-2), Twiggs County (0-1) visits Central of Talbotton (1-0) and Wilkinson County (0-1) tries for a bounce back at Greene County (0-1).

WEEK 1: HOW THE REST OF THE AREA FARED...

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

Montgomery Co. 22, Telfair Co. 15

A fourth-and-long completion from Rilynn Dees to Zaden Waller, followed by another fourth-down conversion on consecutive pass in- terference fouls, got the Eagles down the field on the 56-yard scoring drive to win the game with a few minutes left in the fourth quarter. Elijah McEwen, who rushed for 180 yards on 11 carries, scored from a short distance to help MoCo regain the lead, after its earlier advantage of 14-0 was overcome on back-to-back Telfair County touchdowns (and a two-point conver- sion) separated by a fumble on the kickoff re- turn in between. McEwen completed a 30-yard touchdown pass to Kenya Tate, and Kam Hen- derson broke free from 86 yards for the Eagles' early touchdowns.

Treutlen 36, Bryan Co. 7

Peanut Tobler, Peyton Miller, Jabari Taylor and Zion Brown all rushed for touchdowns, and Zan Stokes caught a pass for a fifth, in the Vi- kings' 402-yard total effort to open the season on the road.

Baldwin 47, Washington Co. 20

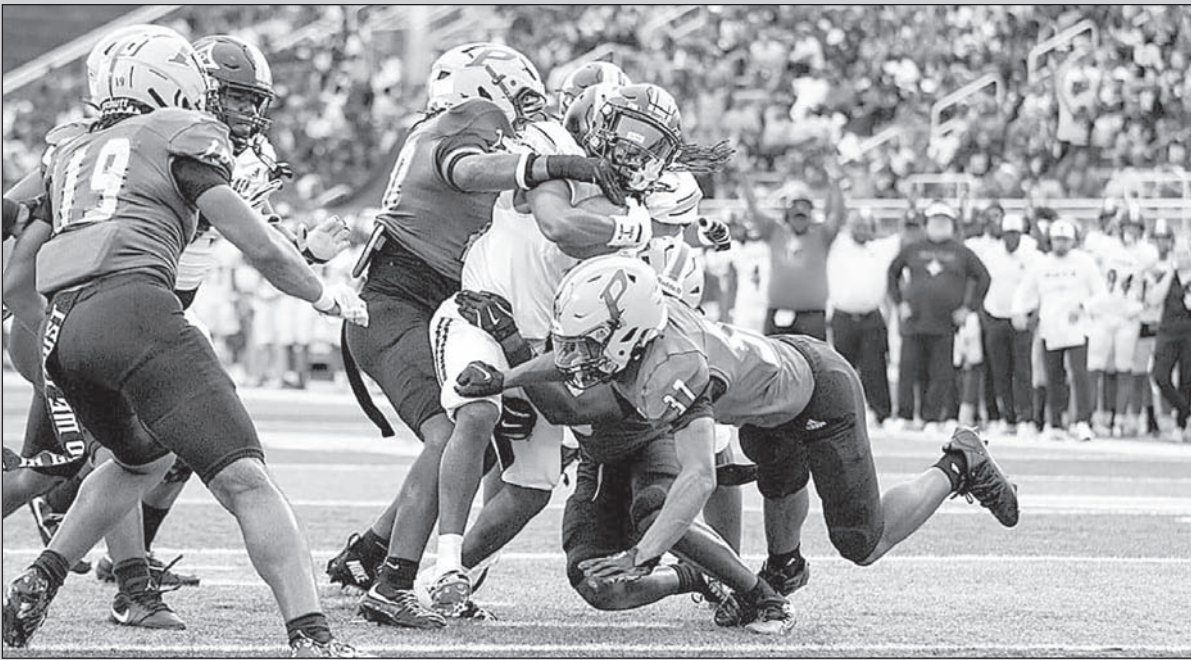
The Braves' Kamden Patterson completed 17 of 23 passes for 333 yards, and five touchdowns to equal a personal single game best dating back to last year's high-scoring duel with Ty Cum- mings at West Laurens, on top of 145 rushing. Baldwin's three-score advantage endured dents on WACO touchdowns by Kade Swint, Greg Gundy and Daveion Holmes.

ACE Charter 45, Wilkinson Co. 6

The Gryphons' Ace Hatcher rushed for three touchdowns on 10 carries for 145 yards, and threw for 47, combining with Jedd Kenley (who scored once on 69 yards rushing) for the bulk of the offense going either way. Defense and spe- cial teams accounted for a significant chunk of the action as ACE intercepted a pass and scored on Jackson Justice's return of a blocked Wilco punt. The Warriors' only touchdown came on a 44-yard fumble return by Tyler Hogan in the third quarter.

Bulloch 36, Brentwood 33

The Eagles couldn't keep their foot on the gas after going up 33-14 on Baylor Cobb's touch- down pass to Brayden Tyson (a fourth of the night for the senior, who hit Jaelen Johnson, Chase Daniel and Quez Collins for the others, on 296 yards, added 79 and a fifth TD rushing and intercepted a pass on defense), as Bulloch finished the game with three unanswered touch- downs to hand them their second-straight loss. Nick Eason picked off a pass to deny another scoring threat, and rushed for the Gators' next- to-last score in the comeback. A fumble sealed the game after B.J. Smart's go-ahead run to put them back on top. Brentwood's Tyson had seven



Perry tries, to no avail, to keep Peach County running back Ashton Barton out of the end zone. Barton scored three times, and the Trojans scored 63 points to roll past the Panthers in the teams' season opener last Friday/CLAY BROWN, Houston Home Journal

receptions for 112 yards.

Wheeler Co. 40, Portal 7

A couple of new running backs, John Mill- er rushing for 178 and Malik Madison for 157, scored twice each behind the same offensive line that led the Bulldogs to last year's state quarterfinal. Jah Dinkins added 70 yards on the ground and threw for a touchdown, to contrib- ute to a 490-yard total Saturday night at the Erk Russell Classic in Statesboro.

Cook 36, Swainsboro 35 (OT)

The Tigers erased a two-touchdown deficit, answered a fourth by Cook in the fourth quarter to force overtime and dialed up a double pass to get it from Shannon Benjamin to Ja'Bios Smith for the go-ahead score to open overtime. The Hornets, after a game-winning field goal missed at the regulation buzzer, matched the TD and went for two and the win, with Nole Register completing a pass to Carter Morrison for both sets of points. Swainsboro's Joshua Gray threw for 123 yards and two touchdowns, on a night that also included non-offensive touchdowns on fumble return by the Tigers' Christian Tar- ver and a kickoff return score by Cook's Jaquez Sharpe.

Central Macon 30, Greenville 0

Justin Hodges rushed and returned a punt for Charger touchdowns, in a string of 30 points scored before time was called, on what will go down as a first Central win since 2023, due to lightning late in the second quarter.

Peach Co. 63, Perry 24

The Panthers scored on a few possessions out of halftime to keep up the fast pace of offense, but their brand-new defense couldn't contain Peach County's bushel of big-play weapons, who combined to roll up 640 total yards. Ashton Barton rushed for 172 and three touchdowns;

Zion Ellison ran for 148 and three more; Caiden Ivory completed 10 passes for 231 and a couple of TDs to Tristen Brown.

Howard 27, Southwest Macon 6

Zavion Deshazier completed nine passes for 140 and three touchdowns. Florida State com- mit Ta'Shawn Poole caught one, and rushed for another, in the Huskies' opening win.

Toombs Co. 58, Benedictine 21

The Bulldogs took it to the defending AAAA runners-up, with 500 yards of total offense split almost right down the middle between the rush- ing phase, where Donterrius Mincey carried 19 times for 166 yards and four touchdowns, and passing, in which Joseph Owens was a close- to-perfect 14 of 16 for 258 with a touchdown to Brandon Stevens on one of his five catches for 122. The Toombs defense also recorded two takeaways, eight tackles for loss and one sack.

Other area finals...

Claxton 20, Twiggs Co. 7
Jeff Davis 37, Vidalia 0
Northside 42, Eagle's Landing 6
Windsor 7, Thomas Jefferson 6
Valdosta 52, Jones Co. 14
Stratford 46, Pacelli 14
Warner Robins 34, Veterans 23
John Milledge 38, Tiftarea 0
ECI 26, Metter 7
Hawkinsville 25, Marion Co. 6
Houston Co. 38, West Forsyth 14
Irwin Co. 35, Wilcox Co. 11
Macon Co. 36, Dooly Co. 0
Rutland 54, Crawford Co. 6
Northeast 39, Westside, Macon 0
FPD 13, Deerfield-Windsor 0
Mount de Sales 28, Creekside Christian 0
Sherwood 47, Central Fellowship 7
Tattnall Square 35, Piedmont 2
Westfield 17, Strong Rock Christian 9
Windsor 7, Thomas Jefferson 6

SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL
Monday
Jefferson Co. 6, Dublin 4

Tuesday
Bleckley Co. 13, Dublin 5
Stratford 11, Trinity 8
West Laurens 6, Houston Co. 0
East Laurens 3, ACE Charter 2

PREP SCHEDULE

SOFTBALL
Wednesday
East Laurens at ECI
Rutland at Dublin
West Laurens at Telfair Co. /5:30 p.m.

Thursday
Trinity at Gatewood/4 p.m.
Liberty Co. at WL/5 p.m.
Vidalia at Dublin/5:30 p.m.
Dodge Co. at EL/6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
Thursday
Lamar Co., Mary Persons at WL/5 p.m.

Saturday
WL at Crisp Co. tournament /8 a.m.

FOOTBALL
Friday
Perry at Dublin
EL at Southeast Bulloch
Edmund Burke at Trinity
Warren Co. at Johnson Co.
ACE at Washington Co.
Dodge Co. at Lamar Co.
Cook at Bleckley Co.
Gatewood at Brentwood
Twiggs Co. at Central, Talbotton
Wilkinson Co. at Greene Co.
Wheeler Co. at Montgomery Co./7:30 p.m.

CORRECTION...

A version of the recap from last Friday's East Laurens- Johnson County football game published in Tuesday's print edition should have attributed the Falcons' first touchdown to Jaden Griffin.



THE PANE... Last week's record	RODNEY MANLEY 9-3	PAYTON TOWNS III 6-6	KYLE DOMINY 5-7	JEREMY PAYNE 10-2	JANICE BALLARD 8-4	RAUL JACKSON 8-4	DON GARSWELL 10-2	FORREST KILGO 8-4
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THIS WEEK'S MATCHUPS...
Perry at Dublin
East Laurens at Southeast Bulloch
Edmund Burke at Trinity
Warren Co. at Johnson Co.
ACE Charter at Washington Co.
Dodge Co. at Lamar Co.
Cook at Bleckley Co.
Wilkinson Co. at Greene Co.
Wheeler Co. at Montgomery Co.
Swainsboro at ECI
Northeast Macon at Warner Robins
Bulloch at Tattnall Square

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CITY COUNCIL

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grass cut. Now we'll have a process and warnings for somebody who is not responding."

Kight referenced a property on Country Club Road where an out-of-state lender foreclosed on the home and was not doing anything with it.

"That is not fair to the rest of the neighbors when we've had grass [not] cut for sometimes an entire summer and sometimes years," Kight said. "This will allow the city to go in there and cut that grass. The cost of that will become the owner's of that property. Hopefully, this will give our code enforcement department the tools they need to help cleanup some of these overgrowing lots in town."

This ordinance will apply to residential property

and businesses.

In other news, council:

- Approved to replace five hydrants from Dublin Winwater Co. in the amount of \$16,164.01.

"We generated a list of hydrants that are either leaking or not functioning properly," Powell said. "We are working through that list now."

- Approved the rezoning that will allow expanding and providing parking for a medical office near the intersection of Industrial Boulevard and Fairview Park Drive.

- Approved a rezoning that will allow the property owner to combine two lots into one to open a neighborhood barbershop on East Mary Street.

- Approved an agreement with Momentum Telecom for broadband services for a three-year term of \$28,860 per year.

-Approved a renewal contract with 120Water for enhanced services upgrades for \$20,280. They have assisted the water department for the last two years.

- Approved Thomas and Hutton for their engineering services at the Water Pollution Control Plant.

- During citizens comments, Jaudon-Wright talked about the Aug. 9 flood that quickly hit the downtown area. She suggested a public alert system that will notify cellphones of impending dangers as well as radio announcements for local radio stations. She also said a backup water distribution location should be available in parking lots such as Kroger, city hall or across from the courthouse and tag office.

- Vonda Morton asked the council to assure the public that there are no backroom deals in progress



Councilwoman Sara Kolbie, Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight and City Manager Josh Powell listen during public comments at last week's meeting/PAYTON TOWNS III

to bring data centers to the area.

- Peter Lipski asked the council to explore regulation on the use of e-bikes.

"Officers can't stop on these bikes riding down the road," he said. "I had an issue where I lived about kids on golf carts. There is a reg-

ulation about that and they can stop those kids from using them. But they can't stop these kids and adults on these bikes."

HARRISON RODEO

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ing through EMT and firefighter courses and things like that," Jeff said. "He was a senior and already registered for school to further his education as an EMT. We presented him a scholarship to help out a little bit with his financial needs. Kathy had watched him throughout the years and the path he is taking is a lot like Dylan's path. He is a super-nice young kid from a great family. We were super excited to do that for him."

Which is what the rodeo was created to do.

"The proceeds will fund a scholarship for a high school senior who plans to pursue a career in public service and demonstrates the qualities Dylan embodied," Brantley said. "This scholarship will help honor Dylan's commitment to serving others while encouraging the next generation to follow his example. Through this scholarship, Dylan's name, service, and

legacy will continue to make a difference in the lives of others."

The crowd will be able to see bull riding, bronco busting and barrel racing. Brantley said competitors will be coming from across the Southeast, including Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

"It's exciting to see people willing to travel to Dublin to compete and be part of an event that has such a meaningful purpose," she added.

"We want everyone to know that this event is truly about honoring those who put their lives on the line to protect our communities. We hope people will bring their families, enjoy a great night of rodeo, and help us show our law enforcement families that they are supported and remembered. We also hope the scholarship will inspire a deserving student to pursue a career in public service while carrying forward the qualities Dylan represented. More than a rodeo, it's a tribute — because heroes should never be forgotten."



A rider competes in last year's Shields & Spurs Pro Rodeo at Southern Pines/DANNY SCARBORO, File

SCHOOL BOARD

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Donaldson said the committee hoped to find applicants with experience in education or finance.

"Anybody who has an education background would be beneficial," he said. "Also, anyone with a financial background, with the district's struggles with finances, would also be very additive to the board and would be highly considered in our appointment process."

The governor's appointees will serve on the Dublin board until their respective seats are up for election. The new board, not the state, will be charged with steering the school district through its latest financial crisis.

"That board, once appointed by the governor, will make those decisions and will lead," Donaldson said. "Those decisions will be on that local board."

"In Georgia, local control is paramount. The people we elect are the ones who make decisions for us, so they are very important. In this scenario, the people that the governor chooses



Members of the Dublin City Board of Education listen to testimony during their suspension hearing in Atlanta on Aug. 12/RODNEY MANLEY

will be making decisions for the district."

Donaldson also addressed complaints that the state should have intervened earlier in Dublin City's financial affairs. The system has struggled with a deficit for most of the past two decades and last year faced a projected \$13 million deficit after the state revealed the district owed \$6 million in past-due health plan payments.

However, when the district's accrediting agency, Cognia, downgraded Dublin City's accreditation to the level preceding revocation, state law required the state Board of Education to hold a suspension hearing. Following an almost 11-hour proceeding Aug. 12 in Atlanta, the state board voted to recommend to the governor that the local board be suspended and removed from office.

"Local control is very important. People attending meetings is very important. Voters know who they are voting for. A lot of these issues were very known in the community. That's the first thing to consider there," said Donaldson. "It is prescribed by state law that the state only gets involved when its accreditation is in peril. Then it begins the process that the state board undertook several months

ago."

Donaldson noted that legislation passed this year by the General Assembly actually gives the state Board of Education more oversight in local financial matters.

"We are building an audit committee around this new state law which we will be complying with going forward."

The financial crisis has generated more interest at the local school meetings, which despite the system's long history of money troubles, have mostly been sparsely attended over the years. Donaldson suggested that public participation will be key as the district continues to face tough spending choices.

"My advice is to make sure the money is spent in the best places. The government you elect is the government that you get, so I would hope the people would hold accountable those (officials) and make sure the money is being spent appropriately. And also make sure budgets are balanced. Governments all over Georgia are required to have budget hearings and are required to give public notice when budgets are be-

ing passed.

"It's important that citizens avail themselves to those opportunities to understand where their tax money is being spent. I would hope people would attend those meetings, be present and speak up for any spending that they do not see as necessary right now. For the next couple of years, Dublin City Schools is gonna have to spend their money in the best places."

Donaldson, a former city councilman and mayor of Twin City, has served on the state school board since 2021. He is joined on the Dublin City Nominating Committee by the area's local legislators, Sen. Larry Walker and Rep. Matt Hatchett, former Dublin Mayor Phil Best and local businessman Edwin May.

"At the end of the day, all this is for the children. Everyone deserves a quality education," Donaldson said. "We've got to make sure that the proper infrastructure is in place to provide that education, because without funding that can't be provided. So my charge to everyone in Dublin is hold your officials accountable."

CONSTITUTION WEEK

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Week. On that day, the DAR will hold Bells Across America at Railroad Park at 3:45 p.m. The children's choir from Southwest Laurens Elementary School will be performing.

This event is held to remember the signing of the Constitution that happened on Sept. 17, 1787, at Independence Mall in Pennsylvania.

This tradition was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, the DAR petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution week. The resolution was later adopted by then U.S. Congress and signed into public law No. 915 on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Since 2002, and in honor of this historic event, President George Bush declared the week of Sept. 17-23, as Constitution Week.



Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight signs a proclamation decalring Sept. 17 as the start of Consitution Week/PAYTON TOWNS III

