

Space heater cause of fatal fire

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

A space heater was the likely cause of a fire that killed an 89-year-old Dublin man early Thursday afternoon.

Howard L. Mitchell was pronounced dead at 12:38 p.m. by Laurens County Deputy Coroner Nathan Stanley approximately 30 minutes after Laurens County 911 was informed of a fire at 431 S. Washington St.

"It is a horrible tragedy," Stanley said.

Dublin Fire Chief Matthew Cutler said neighbors heard a fire alarm going off in one of the apartments

and could not get anyone to come to the door.

"They thought they smelled smoke," Cutler said. "Once fire units arrived, they were able to open the door and found that the apartment was full of smoke. They put it out quickly. By the time I got there, they had located the victim and brought him out. There was nothing that could have been done."

Firefighters put out a small fire in the kitchen area. They searched the apartment and found Mitchell in the kitchen. The Georgia State Fire Marshals' Office also responded to the scene. Officials agreed that it appeared to be an accidental

fire.

"Right now we don't expect any foul play," Cutler said. "It appears the fire started from a space heater that was too close to combustible materials. One of the neighbors or caregivers said he did like to warm up beside a space heater. We did find a space heater that was on at the time of the fire."

Mitchell's body will be transported to the Atlanta Crime Lab for an autopsy later to confirm the cause of death, Stanley said.

The apartment, which is part of the Dublin Housing Authority, sustained smoke damage.



Dublin Fire Department and other first responders at the scene of Thursday afternoon's fatal fire at an apartment on South Washington Street/PAYTON TOWNS III



TEEING IT UP: AREA TEAMS KICK OFF 2026 SEASON

Football is back under the Friday night lights as area high school teams recently kicked off the 2026 season. Clockwise, from top: West Laurens' Jace Williams carries the American flag as he leads the Raiders onto the field in last Friday's opener against Bleckley County; Raider Brigade member Cameron Danner plays the marimba during the marching band's first halftime show of the year; and Emerald City Football Officials Association referee Tanner Lords signals through the smoke lingering from Briarwood's entrance onto the field just before kickoff at Trinity's season opener on Aug. 14/DANNY SCARBORO, CLAY REYNOLDS



For Sale: Land Bank seeks developers to transform vacant lots

By KYLE DOMINY
Staff Reporter

The Dublin-Laurens Land Bank is seeking local developers to transform vacant, eyesore lots into affordable housing in neighborhoods across Dublin.

"We want to partner with developers in underserved communities, get houses on [these lots], said Matt Sweat, who chairs the Land Bank's governing board. "Once we get that snowball rolling it improves the entire block. It improves the entire neighborhood."



The Dublin-Laurens Land Bank Authority is working to entice developers to build homes on vacant lots across the city/KYLE DOMINY

The Land Bank authority is a quasi-governmental body that works to get abandoned or seized property, particularly residential parcels, into the hands of investors willing to build housing and make the land a viable part of the city tax rolls. The Land Bank has the authority to waive unpaid taxes on a property as well as work through the courts to obtain a clear land title, obstacles that could turn off most potential buyers.

Saving developers that time and money, Sweat said, helps keep costs low, allowing the houses to be sold cheaper.

In recent years the authority has worked to rehab existing structures into livable homes, but now it is sitting on an inventory of vacant lots and it needs builders to take them off its hands. At a recent meeting at Dublin City Hall,

Land Bank leaders showcased their efforts, as well as about a dozen lots in need of new owners and houses.

Highlighted lots were on South Church Street, Benton Street, Ray Street, Charles Manning Way, Johnson Street and Moore Street.

"All of these have potential," said Sonya May Calvin, land bank executive director.

The Dublin-Laurens Land Bank recently finished its first new development project, with a home at 109 Kennedy St. built by Purple Dog Properties. The structure was unveiled at an Aug. 12 open house.

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Business donates check to local elementary school

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

A local car dealership donated a big check to a local school, which plans to use the money to help students in different ways.

Dublin Chevrolet Executive Manager Don Carswell presented Hillcrest Elementary School principal Sherrell Edmond with a \$1,500 check on Monday, Aug. 24.

"We love when we have community partners willing

to think of us and think of our needs for our students and our staff," Edmonds said. "This is a large one. We have never had a business donate this amount for us. The timing right now was right for us."

The donation was made as part of the Chevrolet Back to School Program.

"We try to go around to various schools," Carswell

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Local fraternity presents scholarships

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. presented two \$1,000 scholarships to local graduates Urick Andrews and Kuanta Guyton. Andrews is a 2026 graduate of Dublin High School and is attending Georgia Southern University, majoring in computer science. Guyton is also a graduate of Dublin High School and is attending Augusta University, majoring in dental hygiene. Brothers in attendance for the presentation include (from left) Dr. George Harrison, Clinton Lowther, Greg Covin and TraVontae Basley/SPECIAL PHOTO



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OBITUARIES



Stanley Ralton Register

Stanley Ralton Register, known simply as Stanley, passed away on Aug. 24, 2026, in Canon, Georgia, at the age of 75.

Born on June 27, 1951, in Dublin, Georgia, Stanley lived a life marked by hard work, devotion to family and a deep love for the things that brought him joy. He was the son of the late James Ralton and Jimmie Nell Register, and he carried forward the values of dedication, integrity, and perseverance that were instilled in him from an early age.

Stanley spent many years building a respected career in automotive collision repair. He owned Register's Body Shop on Highway 19 for 30 years alongside his father, James Ralton Register, before closing the shop to become a full-time automotive collision instructor. He later served as an Automotive Collision Repair Instructor with Central Georgia Technical College, where he retired in 2020. Through his work in both the shop and the classroom, Stanley shared his knowledge generously and helped shape the careers of countless students and colleagues. He was known for his practical wisdom and the pride he took in teaching others the skills of a trade he deeply respected.

Stanley was also a man who enjoyed life's simple pleasures and memorable moments. He was an enthusiastic auto racing fan, especially of NASCAR, and he spent many Saturday nights at dirt tracks, with 441 Speedway in Dublin holding a special place in his heart. He thoroughly enjoyed technology and was an early adopter of satellite television. He also installed a surround sound system in his home that often rattled the wood paneling while blasting "Top Gun" and other blockbuster action movies from the 1980s and 1990s. He had a special appreciation for antique jukeboxes and kept a Rock-Ola jukebox in the dining room for many years, where his children and guests often gathered to enjoy music during visits.

Family was central to Stanley's life, and he cherished the people closest to him. He is survived by his wife, Marcia Register; his sons, Eric Register of Dublin, Georgia, Brandon Register and his wife Erin of Canon, Georgia, Kevin Register and his wife Crystal of Lake Stevens, Washington, and Adam Register and his wife Lindsey of Flowery Branch, Georgia; and his grandchildren, Claire Conner, Josh Register, Junior Register, Max Register, Miles Register, Sam Register, and Baker Register. He also leaves behind many extended family members and friends who will remember his kindness, humor and steady presence.

Stanley will be remembered as a hardworking man with a generous spirit, a love for teaching and a lifelong appreciation for family, music, racing, and the many comforts of home. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the lessons he shared, and the memories he created with those who knew and loved him.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 28, 2026, at Dublin Memorial Gardens. Rev. Britt Ginn will officiate.

Pallbearers will Chad Larkin, Clint Larkin, Travis Johnson, Matthew Jones, Austin Jones and Alex Jones.

Please visit www.townsendfuneralhome.com for service updates and to sign the online memorial register.



Marjorie Brazeal

Funeral services for Mrs. Marjorie Brazeal of East Dublin, Georgia, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026, at 1 p.m. at the Greater New Evergreen Baptist Church, 1599 Highway 80 East in East Dublin. Rev. Michael Kirkland will deliver the eulogy. Interment will follow in the Brazeal Memorial Cemetery, Manning Drive, East Dublin.

Mrs. Marjorie Brazeal was born on Sunday, Dec. 12, 1948 to the late Rev. Charles Brown Sr., and Ludie Brown. She was a 1966 graduate of B.D. Perry High School.

After graduating from high school Marjorie married William D. Brazeal, Sr. on Oct. 1, 1966 and remained

married for 53 years until his death on August 1, 2020. From this union, Marjorie and William had four children, Bryant (Ian) of Buffalo, New York, the late Tammi Brazeal-Brooks; William (Deborah) of East Dublin, and Stephini Brazeal Carey (Juan) of Covington.

Marjorie worked 30 years in the manufacturing plants in Dublin and Wrightsville before returning to nursing school at the age of 50 and graduating with a degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Marjorie retired after 14 years as a nurse working for the Johnson County Correctional Institute.

In addition to her children Marjorie leaves behind to cherish her memories, three grandsons; four granddaughters; three great-grandsons; four great-granddaughters; her sister, Martha Brown and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Public viewing was held on Friday, Aug. 28, 2026 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dudley Funeral Home.

Please post your condolences online at ServicesbyDudley.com.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.



Montgomery "Monty" Walker Toler

Memorial services for Montgomery "Monty" Walker Toler, 77, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026, in the Chan Stanley Memorial Chapel of Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory. Kelly Toler will officiate.

Mr. Toler was born on Aug. 20, 1949, in Dublin, Georgia. He retired after 33 years as a fireman with the City of Dublin. He enjoyed his family and being the best papa; he enjoyed hunting and fishing and watching football, NASCAR races, westerns and Andy Griffith. He was preceded in death by his parents, David "Doc" Toler and Hazel Walker Toler; sister, Diana Hollis; and brother, Greg Toler. Mr. Toler passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa Savage Toler of Dublin; sons, Kelly Toler (Julie) and Nicholas "Nick" Graham both of Dublin; daughters Kimberly Anthony (Travis) of Oak Park and Jennifer Renfroe (Dustin) of Rentz; brother, David Toler of Adairsville; sister, Teresa Bellflower (Bruce) of Dublin; 14 grandchildren, Meaghan Moses of Rentz, Addysen Deal (McKade Knight) of Mt. Vernon, Charlie Graham, Cresleigh Renfroe, Chase Renfroe and Carley Renfroe (Randall Westberry) all of Rentz, Lyndsey Graham (Maddie), Macee Graham (Chance Oliver) and Lily Graham all of East Dublin, Hope Bowen of Evans, Colo., Ashton Jackson (Evan) of Milledgeville, Anna Anthony, Sadie Tol-

er and Sophia Toler all of Dublin; five great-grandchildren, Hailey Jackson of Milledgeville, Atia Jaramillo, Ariana Jaramillo, Angelina Jaramillo and Marcos Jarmaillo all of Evans, Colo.; his childhood best friend, Wayne Starley of Fayetteville, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be past and present members of the City of Dublin Fire Department.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Family and friends are welcome to visit at the home of Jennifer and Dustin Renfroe, 2615 Chelsey Drive, Rentz, GA 31075.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Atrium Health Navicent Children's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Monty's memory.

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



Bessie Lou Lanier-Turner

Memorial services for Mrs. Bessie Lou Lanier-Turner of Wrightsville, Georgia, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Community Missionary Baptist Church, 627 James Grove Church Road in Wrightsville.

Mrs. Bessie Lou Lanier-Turner was born on Saturday, Feb. 16, 1935 in Wrightsville, Georgia to Arthur and Ivalene Beacham. Bessie was called home on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026.

Bessie was united in holy matrimony to James Lanier on July 6, 1952 and moved to Detroit. To this union, five children were born. After 38 years James Lanier preceded her in death. She married Rev. James Turner on Nov. 23, 1990. They later moved to Wrightsville to take care of her mother. After 18 years, James Turner preceded her in death.

Bessie accepted Christ at an early age, she was a hard worker and servant throughout her life. She was a gifted singer, a dedicated mother, grandmother and mentor to many. Bessie was full of energy, courage and determination; with strength and compassion she spoke her mind. Bessie was a great cook, family favorites were her fried fish, lemon cake, and fried apple pie, specially made for road trips between Michigan and Georgia.

While raising five children, Bessie worked at various part-time jobs using her special cleaning skills.

One job in particular was at Sands Motel in Dearborn where she was promoted to supervisor of housekeeping.

When Bessie moved back to Wrightsville, she joined a group called Joyful Band. They regularly ministered at nursing homes, churches and special events. She also worked with youth choirs in both Detroit and Wrightsville. She worked in various ministries with her husband Rev. Turner: prison ministry and minister's alliance in particular. Also in Wrightsville, she worked with a group called Helping Hands which aided people in various ways. Her testimony was truly, "my living is not in vain."

Also preceding her in death are her parents, Arthur and Ivalene Beacham; brother, Arthur "Buddy" Beacham Jr; sisters, Lillian Wright, and Dorothy Hudson; son, James Lanier Jr; grandson, James Lanier III; and granddaughter, Angela Lanier.

She leaves to cherish her memory, a sister, Earnestine Ricks; four children, Sherolyn Dowell, Keith Lanier, Karon Parker (Matt), and Marian Smith (Norman); ten grandchildren, Doriene, Edwin, Crystal, Richard, Matthew Jr., Tiffany, Michael, Kelly, Justin (Allie), and Amayz; eighteen great-grandchildren, Adrienne, Iyanna, Lakayvia, Devaughn, Tatiana, Niaa, Kailah, Jaden, Kavyian, Kanye, Evelyn, Christian, Mykayla, Mitchell, Madison, Myles, Ava, Arabelle; one great-great-grandson, Khalil; a special nephew, Rev. Arthur Beacham III; a special son, Peter Taylor; and countless number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Please post your condolences online at ServicesbyDudley.com.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.

Jenny Burch Brown

Jenny Burch Brown, age 71, of Chauncey, Ga., died, on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at Chauncey City Cemetery.

Survived by her husband – Roger Brown; daughters – Brande Brown Vaughn, Carrie Brown, and Caitlin Brown Roberts (Jamie); son – Jaye Brown (Lesley); seven grandchildren; mother – Laura Ann Harrell Burch; brothers – Charles Burch Jr. (Jan) and Harrell Burch (Donna Taylor).

The family will receive friends in Southerland Funeral Chapel from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27.

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

BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 29
Candice Haynes
Daisy Tucker

Aug. 31
Matthew Hester
Dan King
Mashah Morris
Barbara Wilbur



Erin Renee Howard

Funeral services for Erin Renee Howard, 39 will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026, at Baker Baptist Church with interment to follow at Cedar Grove Methodist Church Cemetery. Rev. Joey Diers will officiate.

Mrs. Howard was born June 16, 1987, in Dublin, Georgia. She was preceded in death by her father, Donnie Bishop Lampp. She was a member of Baker Baptist Church. She was a Nutritional Specialist at West Laurens High School. Mrs. Howard passed away Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2026, at her residence.

Mrs. Howard is survived by her husband, Justin Robert Howard of Dublin; her mother, Evonne D. Lampp of Cedar Grove; two daughters, Haley Morgan Howard of Dublin and Madison Brooke Howard of Dublin; four brothers, Daniel Christopher Lampp (Stephanie) of Cedar Grove, Timothy Adam Lampp (Jenna) of Dublin, Jonathan Mark Lampp of Cedar Grove, and Joshua Matthew Lampp (Bri) of Rentz; a father-in-law, Bruce Howard (Mary Ann) of Eastman, a mother-in-law, Tina Fordham of Rentz; and a grandmother-in-law, Faye Fordham of Rentz; and several nieces and nephews.

The Laurens County Fire Department will serve as Pallbearers.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 31, 2026, at the funeral home.

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



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Meta settlement would require new safeguards for teens and could deliver up to \$135 million to Georgia

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — An agreement to resolve a federal lawsuit brought by Georgia and other states and U.S. jurisdictions would require Meta to impose new limits on teen accounts on its social media platforms while also giving parents the option for more control.

The operator of Facebook and Instagram also agreed to pay up to \$17.1 billion to the plaintiffs as part of the settlement proposal filed Wednesday in federal district court in California.

The proceeds would be shared among 47 states, Washington, D.C. and several U.S. territories, with Georgia to receive between \$100 million and \$135 million, state Attorney General Chris Carr’s office said.

Carr called it a landmark agreement, suggesting in a statement that there could be future cases, “and while Meta is the first to come to the table, they shouldn’t be the last. It shouldn’t take lawsuits, legislation or investigations to do the right thing.”

The lawsuit grew from a bipartisan, nationwide investigation that alleged Meta had designed Instagram to addict children

despite the resulting mental health harms the company documented but did not publicly disclose, Carr’s office said.

The settlement also would resolve claims against Meta for sharing nonpublic information about Facebook users with Cambridge Analytica and others ahead of the 2016 election.

The leader of Fairplay, a Boston-based organization that has pressured state and federal lawmakers to act, heralded the settlement as a “watershed moment” protecting children from “addictive and dangerously designed social media.”

Still, Fairplay Executive Director Josh Golin said the court agreement did not exact enough concessions from Meta.

“We are disappointed that the settlement does not turn off by default recommendation algorithms that connect kids to predators and send young people down dangerous rabbit holes,” Golin said in a statement. “In general, the settlement is too focused on offering parents tools rather than restricting harmful features.”

The agreement calls on Meta to limit teen access to its platforms to two hours per day with access restricted from midnight to 6 a.m. and to restrict notifications during

school hours. It also would limit features linked to eroding mental health, such as plastic surgery filters and “like” counts.

Meta already bans accounts for those under 13. The settlement would require the company to implement better processes to identify users that young and delete their accounts.

The agreement also would require that Meta encourage parents of teens ages 13 to 17 to take supervisory control over their children’s accounts.

Parents who take that step would be notified if their child communicates with another adult on the platform or engages in repeated searches for terms related to suicide, self-harm or eating disorders.

Meta would also have to give teens a “reasonably accessible” option to turn off algorithmic feeds, something parents could also control if their child’s account was enrolled in parental supervision. The account would then be restricted to content from accounts the teen follows, in chronological order.

Child-protection advocates were disappointed that those features required parents to opt in.

“If it’s not a default, it doesn’t get picked

up,” said Sharon Winkler. “That’s pretty weak.”

Winkler has testified before the Georgia General Assembly about the risks of unbridled child access to social media.

Her son, Alex Peiser, died by suicide at age 17 in 2014, and she blames the Instagram algorithm that she said sent him dark memes, such as images of corpses, after he broke up with his girlfriend.

“He didn’t want to see pro-suicide stuff,” she said. “He wanted breakup songs” and support.

Winkler was also disappointed that the protections against child-adult interactions were optional rather than automatic.

“Good start but much more work to go,” she said.

Under the terms of the agreement, the settlement funds could pay for a variety of services, including crisis intervention, after-school or summer programs, youth mental health programming, outdoor activities, and investigations and litigation to improve teen safety on social media.

A spokeswoman for Carr’s office said Georgia’s proceeds would go into the state treasury.

Federal government completing distribution of rural hospital grants

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — The federal government announced the delivery Thursday of the rest of a \$218 million award to Georgia to support rural hospitals.

The \$93.3 million completes the first fiscal year of a five-year, \$50 billion national funding program approved by Republicans in Congress last year in President Donald Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services said the money will pay for technical innovations at rural hospitals, such as surgical robotics and telehealth, plus medical training and recruitment, maternal and behavioral services, and newborn screening.

It will also help 87 rural Georgia hospitals prepare to provide what the federal agency is calling “value-based” care.

Dr. Dean Burke, the physician who leads Georgia’s Department of Community Health, said in a statement Thursday that the program will “have decades of positive impact” on rural healthcare.

U.S. Rep. Mike Collins, R-Jackson, thanked the Trump administration for “prioritizing rural communities.”

Collins, who is running to unseat Democratic U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff, also attacked his opponent for voting with all other Democrats against the funding, which was part of the One Big Beautiful Bill and its budget and tax cuts.

Democrats had instead wanted to preserve funding for Medicaid, which the bill slashed by hundreds of billions of dollars.

Democrats have been attacking Collins and the GOP for their approach to healthcare, blaming it for rural hospital funding shortfalls.

For instance, the state Democratic Party asserted in late-July that Collins’ vote to pass “massive Medicaid cuts” had “solidified”

St. Mary’s Sacred Heart Hospital’s decision to close its labor and delivery unit.

The Democratic Party has portrayed healthcare in Georgia as a crisis caused by Republicans and their refusal to expand Medicaid in the state.

A recent survey conducted by the University of Georgia for the Georgia Health Initiative found rising healthcare costs to be a potent political issue, especially among Democrats.

Concerns about rising costs cross party lines, according to the UGA survey, with 54% of Democrats and 38% of Republicans saying they were very or somewhat worried about being able to afford their monthly premiums over the next year.

The federal Rural Health Transformation Program that emerged from the One Big Beautiful Bill is sending \$10 billion a year to the states over five years in the form of grants.

Georgia’s application last year netted the seventh-largest sum nationally.

The state Department of Community Health said less than 10% of the first year of funding will go toward administrative costs.

The state budgeted \$15.6 million to help seven hospitals prepare for the new federal efficiency and accountability program, along with 80 other hospitals that were awarded money previously.

Another \$6.2 million will support a “continuum of care,” such as medical transportation, school-based health services and newborn screening.

Eight hospitals will split a portion of nearly \$10.4 million for a dozen “telepods” for telehealth and for pediatric “telepsychiatry” training. The money will also cover other initiatives to improve healthcare access.

The second largest

amount, \$23.6 million, will go toward medical workforce development efforts, including training and nurse faculty recruitment at Georgia’s public universities.

More than a third of the funding, \$37.5 million is for technological innovations, such as surgical robots at 13 hospitals that will also get funding for surgeon recruitment and retention. The funding will also cover a grant to Equifax for “eligibility system enhancements” to expedite “eligibility determinations.”

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OBITUARIES

Howard L. Mitchell

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In accordance with Georgia law, all taxable property shall be assessed at forty percent of its fair market value, which will be determined by the Tax Commissioner of Laurens County. The taxable property shall then be taxed by the City at a millage rate of **5 mills**. By way of an example:

The average home in Montrose, Georgia has a fair market value of \$200,000. The property owner of the \$200,000 home would pay \$400 in property taxes, as calculated below:

40% of said value is \$80,000. Considering the millage rate to be 5 mills, the property owner shall pay \$5 per \$1,000 taxable value:

$$\$80,000 \times (5/1,000) = \$400.00 \text{ taxes owed.}$$

All concerned citizens are invited to attend the three public hearings regarding this tax implementation, millage rate adoption, and the tax increase to be held at **1090 First Street, Montrose, Georgia 31065** on:

1. **Tuesday September 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM,**
2. **Saturday September 12, 2026 at 9:00 AM, and**
3. **Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM.**

All concerned citizens are invited to join these public meeting.

Please take further notice that the City of Montrose is hereby moving its regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026 from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM.**

Please take further notice that the City of Montrose is hereby setting a specially set meeting to adopt the millage rate and tax levy implementation for **Tuesday September 15, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. at 1090 First Street, Montrose, Georgia 31065.**

City Council will render its final vote regarding the implementation of ad valorem property taxes and the proposed millage rate of 5 mills at 7:00 P.M. on September 15, 2026.

Public Notice to Interested Bidders East Laurens - Elementary School & Middle School Athletic Complex Project Laurens County School District East Dublin, Georgia

Lentile Construction Company is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified trade partner contractors for the East Laurens Elementary School & Middle School Athletic Complex Project for the Laurens County School District.

Bid Documents Available: August 7, 2026

Pre-Bid Conference (Non-Mandatory)

- 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

Bid documents will be available through Building Connected. To request bid documents, confirm attendance at the pre-bid conference, or submit Requests for Information (RFIs), contact Matt Chambers
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Dublin Police Department

- On Aug. 10, at 10:09 p.m., officers were traveling north on North Jefferson Street when a woman began waving them down and yelling at Express Mart on North Jefferson Street.

They turned into the parking lot and met with the woman. She pointed to Jarvis Antwain Coney, 38, who was walking away from the location. The woman said the man attempted to assault her and that he currently had warrants out for his arrest.

The officer observed the man open a gate on the fence leading into the old Maryland Fried Chicken. The officer drove over and attempted to make contact with Coney who then started to run. He was later caught by another officer.

Coney's information was run through dispatch and they confirmed that Coney had a probation violation warrant and a warrant through the police department for aggravated assault. He was transported to the Laurens County Law Enforcement Center.

- Jayme De Harris, 31, was charged with driving under the influence and open container of alcohol in motor vehicle at 3:36 a.m. on Aug. 16 on North Jefferson Street.

An officer was at Lucky's Food Mart clearing the lot when he approached a white car that had not left. He saw two men sitting in the vehicle and the driver had a bottle of Hennessy in his left hand. The officer asked the driver to step out of the vehicle and step to the back.

The driver was patted down and asked how much he had to drink. The man said he hadn't had that much. The officer asked about the half-drunk bottle of Hennessy. The driver agreed to do some tests.

After the tests, the driver, identified as Harris, agreed to blow into a portable breath test, which gave a sample showing of 0.195 BRAC. He was arrested and agreed to do a blood draw.

Harris was taken to Fairview Park Hospital for a blood draw before being booked into the Laurens County Sheriff's Office.

- Around 10:09 a.m. on Aug. 15, an officer was dispatched to the Econolodge on U.S. Highway 441 South in



POLICE BEAT...

reference to threats.

The officer made contact with Shaniyah Jateyah West who said her juvenile was making threats toward the family members at the hotel and taking items from family members. An officer made contact with the juvenile who was sitting in a chair holding a game console controller that belonged to her stepfather.

The officer asked the juvenile to step outside to talk. The officer returned the controller to the owner and continued the investigation into the threats. Upon further questioning, West said she wanted DJJ contacted. The officer called DJJ while explaining the process to the mother, who ultimately declined to make a report. The officer on scene then returned to duty.

About 30 seconds later, officers were dispatched to the same location. West was outside saying, "Y'all need to come get her," referring to the juvenile. Officers approached the room to find the juvenile standing in the center. The officer asked the juvenile to step outside to discuss the second event. The stepfather said that the juvenile hit him in the face. DJJ was contacted again to update the situation.

The officer was told to take the juvenile to Fairview Park Hospital for an evaluation. The officer instructed the juvenile to put on her shoes. The juvenile grabbed her shoes and a clear bag containing a green leafy and granular substance that gave off the odor of marijuana. West said the bag belong to the juvenile who declined that it was hers.

The officer recovered the drugs and placed them in evidence. West then stated that the drugs were hers while telling the person she was talking to on the phone, "The cops

done found my stash!"

West was arrested and transported to the Laurens County Jail where she was charged with possession of marijuana. The juvenile was evaluated by the hospital and released to the Department of Family and Children Services.

- On Aug. 15 at 10:59 p.m., an officer responded to Fairview Park Hospital in reference to a combative patient.

Upon arrival, an officer met with hospital staff who had Aleigha Savvanah Paige Johnston, 19, on the ground due to her trying to fight someone in a separate room. The hospital staff advised officers that they were both there in the ER being seen after taking gummies.

Johnston went into the room with another woman to try and fight but never touched her. Officers tried talking with Johnston to calm her down and she would not cooperate with officers.

Johnston was arrested and transported to the Laurens County Jail without further incident.

Laurens County Sheriff's Office

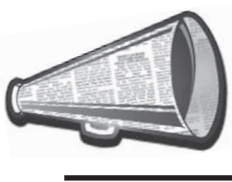
- Around 10 a.m. on Aug. 18, a deputy responded to Old Hawkinsville Road in reference to threats.

- A deputy met with a woman in reference to a fraud case about an incident that happened on Lisa Spur South in Rentz around 8:37 a.m. on Aug. 18.

- On Aug. 23, around 9:15 p.m., a deputy was dispatched to Ga. Highway 257 in reference to a missing vehicle.

- Property was damaged at 4:45 a.m. on Aug. 12 on Woodvale Drive.

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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The people complaining about the City of Dudley are just mad because they can't build anymore rental property. So glad they aren't actual Dudley residents, they can't run for city council!

I don't see how any member of the previous Dublin City School Board cannot say they did not know what was going on, especially for those who have been on it for years and years. How can they look the public in the eye?

These kids need a playground at Moore Street

School. When are they going to get one? They were rushed out of their school where they had all of that. They have to walk across the street to the park. It's not fair to them.

They need to take that \$60 thousand raise they gave (Fred Williams) back into the school. I pray they get out of this and keep their hands and feet clean. I don't really think the board of education had anything to do with the money being missing. ... I feel sorry for Dublin City Schools. I am an East Laurens person because that is where my children went to school. I pray

that God will bless each and every one of them.

It seems like we can't get decent people moving into Laurens County now. Every time I pick up the paper there is a sex offender moving into Laurens County. Gee, they'd should even let a sex offender move into nothing besides a jail.

Now the Dublin City School can hire a new superintendent that care about the children and staff not about their friends.

Kudos to all that worked so hard and long hours to get the water back

where it needed to be for everyone. Also to the city officials and to the police department. Thank you! We may not be a perfect community but we're a darn pretty good one. That's what makes Dublin such a great place to live.

Big money doesn't always win elections, especially in this election cycle, where voters are so angry at the incumbents. Voters across the political spectrum regularly reject heavy outside spending, viewing Super PAC blitzes as attempts by outside interests to "buy" an election. Voters in specific primaries or swing districts frequently favor candidates who feel authentic and deeply rooted in local issues rather than candidates reliant on na-

tionalized media buys.

I am extremely sorry for the loss of the business due to the terrible fire. I'm sure it must be a very hard thing to have happened to the owners. My prayers are that you will regroup and get back on your feet soon. And thank you to the hard working firefighters. You worked diligently to make sure that no other structures were lost or that anyone was hurt. We in Dublin appreciate you so very much.

Let us talk about our city government we have elected officials who do not work for the people who hire them and we the people should fire them all. This city is stuck with these quiet politicians.

The old administration led by Fred Williams, staff and board are now faced with the statutes that made them accountable for the past errors passed to them. That is so unfortunate.

Did it ever occur to the citizens of Dublin public schools 30 years ago that the administration then inclusive of the board were not capable of making sound financial decisions?

Will the newly recommended board appointed by the governor be allowed to dig deep into the trenches to come up with a workable resolution without being nontransparent? Who is ready for the challenge?

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RELIGION DIGEST

The Mount Tilla Baptist Church family will celebrate Family & Friends Day on Aug. 30 at 11 a.m. The guest Psalmist will be Elder Aisha Ware of Macon. Dress is casual and everyone is welcome.

Laurens Hill Baptist Church, 1404 Laurens Hill Church Road, will hold a revival service at 7 p.m. on Sept. 4. Guest speaker Rev. Tracy Wheeler of the Springfield Baptist Church of Atlanta while Dot Clark & Company will be the musical guest.

New Bethel AME Church will be celebrating its annual homecoming services with one service on Sept. 6 at 2 p.m. with Bishop K.E. Phillips of Kingdom Advancement Ministries in Sandersville. Dinner will be served. A three-night revival beginning at 7 will follow on Monday through Wednesday, Sept. 7 - 9 with the following evangelist: Rev. Jimmy Reeves Jr., Rev. Ceasar Johnson and Rev. Aketi Mayweather. Everyone is invited to attend.

Eason Hill Baptist Church homecoming will be held at noon on Sept. 6 with guest

speaker Pastor David Flowers and Buckeye Baptist Church Family. Dinner will be served. Revival service will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 10 and 11. The guest speaker will be Pastor Tracey Wheeler. Everyone is invited.

The Rose Hill Baptist Church family cordially invites you to their homecoming on Sept. 13 at 1:30 p.m. with Fred Williams and Turkey Baptist Church in charge of services. Revival will be Sept. 14-16 at 7 p.m. with Pastor Waylon Knight of West Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in charge of service. Everyone is invited.

The First Rehoboth Baptist Association will hold a worship service on the second Sunday, Sept. 13 at 4 p.m. Pastor Ellis Carswell and Central Baptist Church will lead the service. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

AT THE LOCAL LIBRARY

Coloring, Cards, & Coffee at the Laurens County Library on Monday, Aug. 31, from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Start your week with creativity, conversation, and a little fun. Bring your own craft, enjoy the library's adult coloring supplies, or relax with Mahjong, card games, and other tabletop games. Coffee and tea provided.

Mechatronics Monday at the Laurens County Library on Monday, Aug. 31, from 3:30 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-plus recommended.

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Children's Storytime at the Laurens County Library on Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. in the children's center. Join us for our weekly storytime where little ones can enjoy stories, dancing, and crafts.

BUILD! at the Laurens County Library on Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the children's center. For teens to toddlers, it's our weekly LEGO and Duplo building event!

DLCRA Senior Bingo at the Indoor Complex @ Southern Pines on Thursday, Sept. 3, from 10 a.m.

- noon. Free to play! For Blackout Bingo: a \$1 buy-in. Winner takes the pot! You must be 52 years of age or older.

NEWS DIGEST

Laurens County Board Of Commissioners will meet on Sept 1 at 5:30 p.m. The agenda

- Call To order
- Invocation
- Approve meeting minutes for Aug. 18, 2026
- Discussion/approval of proposed 2026 millage rate
- Discussion/approval of moving Sept. 15 commission meeting date
- Other business
- Citizen comments
- Adjourn

Record turnout, local growth in sport has Raider volleyball set to continue recent rise

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

The West Laurens High School gym has gotten to be a pretty busy place on weekday afternoons this fall.

Between its daily practices and recent home matches, the Raider volleyball team has had the place buzzing with as much activity as ever during the month of August.

Both participation and excitement are surging around the program thanks to record participation that has them carrying three squads, both "A" and "B" sub-varsity groups alongside the main club, for only the second time ever, and recent growth in the sport's local popularity that likely contributed to the turnout of more than 70 interested athletes when tryouts were held earlier this year.

"I don't know the exact number, but it was a lot," said West Laurens head coach Leigh Moore.

The mix of experienced upperclassmen and young up-and-comers (a handful from the exploding freshman and sophomore ranks who have contributed at the varsity level right away) among that number has the Raiders anticipating some good things in both the near and long-term future of their program, which has begun to come into its own over the last few seasons.

A month into the schedule, their 2026 varsity team is also hitting its stride.

Though Lamar County and Mary Persons combined to end its winning streak of five in the last of a three-event homestand Thursday, West Laurens was showing some signs its new lineup is starting to jell.

Early struggles were to be expected as the group – working to build familiarity and chemistry – took on some steep competition in the first few weeks, and suffered early shutouts at the hands of Veterans, Colquitt County, Mary Persons, Jones County, Jasper County and FPD, and salvaged just one set out of their first 15 in a 2-1 loss to Stratford.

But things have come together since a first victory over Covenant Aug. 13. The Raiders followed it with five wins in their next nine, the last several coinciding with three consecutive home tri-meets that included sweeps of Crawford County and Northside last Thursday, and Toombs and Peach counties earlier this week.

They stand with an overall record of 6-11 heading into a Saturday tournament in Cordele.

"This month of August, I've scheduled some very tough teams," Moore said. "The first few games were a little rough, but I know I scheduled a lot of 6A and 7A schools, with kids who play club year-round. It helps build more skills for the future, points out what we need to work on. I'm hoping that once we get to region, we'll do much better."



Hannah Wells keeps one in play for the Raiders Tuesday afternoon/CLAY REYNOLDS

There's a ways to go, but this team's goals are fixed just as high as they've been for those in the last three seasons that won back-to-back area championships in '23 and '24, and was runner-up a year ago.

West Laurens hosted state play-off matches all three seasons, but is yet to advance, after a 3-0 shut-out by Troup represented a third straight first-round exit in a 14-24 overall finish last November.

Clearing that stubborn post-season hurdle, and finishing at or near the top of the league again, are the objectives the Raiders will be shooting for when they enter their stretch run next month.

For the first time in a while, they'll be in a true region that mirrors their core of competition in other sports. The 3-AAAA schedule featuring several established programs, of which Liberty County, Harlem and Southeast Bulloch are all off to winning starts.

"We're working out a few things," Moore said earlier this week. "We've won our last five games in a row, so we've started picking it up a little."

Seven returning seniors – Chloe Kemp, Natalie Nguyen, Tan Moore, Piper Thomas, Jadah Philyaw, Daniella Manalo and Skylar Fountain – comprise the core of West's varsity lineup.

Kemp, who has a lot to offer all over the court, will be one of the leaders it relies on most heavily.

"She's always very consistent," Moore said. "Her serves and her hits have been pretty consistent this year. I expect her to do very well."

Among underclassmen, look for junior Hannah Wells, and a couple of standouts from that wave of younger players, to make an impact.

Though there are plenty of freshmen and sophomores who have entered high school with skills advanced well beyond the average, a couple of 10th graders – Kayleigh Mack and Jolee Hudson – have already broken into the varsity rotation.

"I've got some very talented sophomores," Moore said. "They've only been playing a couple of years, but to see them come and make varsity their 10th grade year is good to see."

There are plenty of other rising stars who will develop in JV competition, on either the "A" team or "B" squad made up almost exclusively of freshmen.

Players, across the board, have impressed Moore and her assistants Connor Buchanan and Luke Young (both West Laurens grads with collegiate volleyball playing and/or coaching experience) with their dedication to learn and get better.

"They are very coachable," Moore said. "They're willing to stay extra, they're willing to listen to suggestions in practice and put in the work to do better. That's why we're progressing like we are, because they are hard workers and dedicated to getting better, even coming to practices they didn't have to come to. They're all putting in the work to try to do better."

All is part of a very positive trend of local growth in the sport of volleyball, which is buoying the success of the Raiders' program in real time.

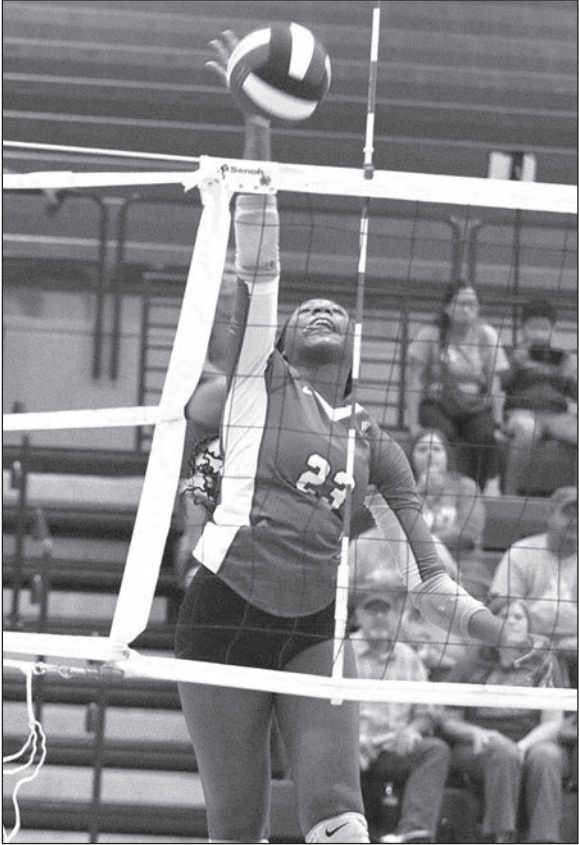
More and more young players are being introduced through Dublin Upward Sports, a program based at Dublin First Church of the Nazarene where many West Laurens players have been involved as players, and later coaches.

"A lot of these girls did play Upward, and were coached by my older girls," Moore said.

Similar to baseball and soccer, volleyball is a sport for which team and individual training outside of just the several months that make up the actual season is critical to development.

On top of beneficial space to practice and train (with at least one former Raider player offering regular youth lessons) becoming available at the new Southern Pines indoor facility, West Laurens athletes have increasingly been taking advantage of outside opportunities to improve their game, and get exposure to beneficial competition, in other places.

"I've been able to get a lot of girls into club, which I think has made a huge difference," Moore said.



Kayleigh Mack attempts a spike at the net late in the clinching set of Tuesday's 25-23 win over Peach County/CLAY REYNOLDS

"That's become a key element to building this program."

But as with any high school athletic program, the self-sustaining effect of success has been a biggest catalyst.

The school's volleyball program only dates back to the late 2000s, just a year or so before the move to the current campus outside of Dexter, but has covered a lot of ground in close to two decades establishing itself in a community where volleyball wasn't very widespread.

After a few strong seasons that were scattered among several average ones in their formative years, the Raiders have begun to really gain traction with three or four really good ones in a row.

"When I started coaching, our volleyball program was not very competitive, as far as winning any region titles," Moore said. "I think they had won one region title before. It is super hard in an area where you don't have a middle school program and you don't have a rec program to be very competitive."

West Laurens posted back-to-back 20-plus win seasons in 2023 and 2024, dropping just one out of 24 region matches in the span. Last year was a bit slower overall, though the Raiders still lost only three region matches in their runner-up finish to Mary Persons, and were at home again in the first round of the playoffs.

Competing consistently at a higher level will only continue to raise that profile.

"I think our success has built a lot of interest from other girls," Moore said. "I think that's why a lot of girls are starting to get interested in it, seeing a program that's doing more winning than losing."

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL Thursday Johnson Co. 35, Warren Co. 0
SOFTBALL Wednesday ECI 8, East Laurens 0 Dublin 18, Rutland 1 Telfair Co. 7, West Laurens 6
Thursday Gatewood 12, Trinity 2 WL 19, Liberty Co. 2 Vidalia 10, Dublin 1 EL 2, Dodge Co. 0

PREP SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL Friday Perry at Dublin EL at Southeast Bulloch Edmund Burke at Trinity 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.

SOFTBALL Monday Central Macon at Dublin /5:30 p.m.

Tuesday West Laurens at Southeast Bulloch/5 p.m. ACE Charter at Dublin EL at Bleckley Co./5:30 p.m. Trinity at Brentwood/6 p.m.

Wednesday Perry at EL/6 p.m.
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Thursday Warner Robins at EL (doubleheader)/4 p.m. Harlem at WL/5 p.m. Pinewood at Trinity /5:30 p.m. Dublin at Swainsboro /6 p.m.
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Saturday, Sept. 5 Lowndes at WL/10 a.m. Treutlen at WL/2 p.m.
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Remembering Coach J.B. Whitworth, and the ‘Serendipity Dogs’ of ‘59...

It has become customary in recent years for the leading football schools to open the season with a team perceived to have little or no chance of winning these so-called cupcake games.

However, you may recall that Appalachian State in the opening game Sept 1, 2007, upset Michigan at Ann Arbor, 34-32. Not only did the Mountaineers cash a \$400,000 check, but they also pulled off, perhaps, the greatest upset in college football history. Certainly, one of the greatest of all time.

Power 5 teams hosting lesser teams for a big payday still takes place, but I remember what Mountaineer coach Jerry Moore said about playing the Wolverines pre-season: "Opportunity of a lifetime." Not sure if he had a premonition about the game or not, but Las Vegas did not post a line for this game.

There is seasoned sentiment for playing such games. It is a long season and the tougher scheduling you play the more taxing it is on your personnel.

Younger players get experience right out of the box, and fans get to celebrate and gain momentum for the rest of the year. It is always favorable when your fans are in good mood, anticipating a successful season.

Since 1980, Georgia has only lost only 7 opening season games, with three of them being on the road—LSU, Clemson, and Oklahoma State.

One of my favorite games in UGA history was the opening game in 1959 with Alabama between the hedges. Bear Bryant was in his second year as the Tide head coach, coming off a surprising 5-4-1 record in his rookie coaching year in Tuscaloosa in 1958.

Georgia had a fresh face on the coaching staff, Coach J.B. Whitworth, who may have been the biggest factor in Georgia's upset of a school that had fired him two seasons prior.

He was a proven line coach and a masterful communicator. The players loved him and would tell you today that had he not passed away in early 1960 from a heart attack, things



By LORAN SMITH

might have been different in what turned out to be Coach Wallace Butts's final season.

The 1959 Bulldog team was led by Fran Tarkenton and Pat Dye who had performed noteworthy as sophomores in 1958 on a team that went 4-6, perhaps the best team in the country to lose six games.

It was the loss of a familiar face that may have been as key to success as Whitworth's leadership. Dave Lloyd, a brute of a man as a center/linebacker, certainly had the potential to earn All-America honors, but he had no problem punching out a teammate if he didn't like the way he said hello.

The coaches, especially

Coach Butts, lamented the loss, but the team cheered his departure. The absence of Lloyd's intimidating ways allowed for a bunch of happy campers. The seasonal results certainly reflected that it was not a loss in any respect.

The bonding for a serendipitous season began when the trouble-making Lloyd, who had been drafted as a "future" by the Cleveland Browns, left early for training camp.

Whitworth, the Erk Russell of his day, underscored team concepts across the board. Pudgy B-teamers who were not likely to make a big play, nonetheless, were allowed to dress out

for home games—a great boost to the morale of the team.

In an era of browbeating, he offered silver tongued inspiration, which led to this team playing over its head much of the time. Make no mistake, he, as Butts's first lieutenant, coached hard-nosed football, but he found a way to inspire his charges. He was one of the premier line coaches in the country.

From that auspicious start before a sold-out crowd of 40,000, these Cinderella Dogs would go undefeated with only an off day in Columbia, S.C., that kept them from having an undefeated season.

There was much to enjoy and appreciate, however. The Dogs beat Tech for the third year in a row, 21-14, on Grant Field; they slammed Florida in Jacksonville, 21-10; defeated Kentucky in Lexington 14-7 with two defensive gems, a blocked punt and an interception return for touchdowns.

By coming from behind in dramatic fashion against Auburn between the hedges with a 14-13 victory that clinched the SEC title, one

of the most heroic plays in UGA history—Tarkenton completing a 4th and 13 pass to Bill Heron, followed by the extra point kick of Durward Pennington. Icing on the cake came in the Orange Bowl when Georgia defeated a good Missouri team, 14-0.

What was so enriching to Bulldog fans was that the heavy favorites pre-season were the defending national champions LSU, Ole Miss, and Auburn.

Billy Cannon's 89-yard run in Baton Rouge on Halloween night eliminated Ole Miss, 7-3. The next week in Knoxville, LSU—after a week of partying—was ripe for the picking, and Tennessee stopped Billy Cannon on a goal-line plunge on a two-point play, which gave the Volunteers a 14-13 win.

Georgia won the SEC title with its classic performance over Auburn in Athens. No one knew it, but that opening game victory over Alabama signaled that these Dogs were ambitious and most of all opportunistic.

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Edgewater at Evergreen Event Center
943 Evergreen Road Dublin, GA 31021
AND THAT THE **NATURE OF THE BUSI-
NESS** TO BE CARRIED ON AT SUCH
ADDRESS IS:
Weddings, Family Retreats, and Business
Retreats
Matthew R. White
Person making declaration
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE
ME THIS 21 DAY OF August, 2026.
Cynthia Strange
NOTARY PUBLIC
August 29, September 5, 2026

26-352

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF
LAURENS**
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in
that certain Security Deed from Iva Jean
Lattimore and Marcia Lattimore to Mor-
tage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.,
as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker
Mortgage Corp, dated October 2, 2002,
and recorded on October 8, 2002, in Deed
Book 1565, at Page 196, and re-recorded
on August 26, 2004, in Deed Book 1575, at
Page 1, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior
Court of Laurens County, Georgia, said
Security Deed having been given to secure a
Note of even date, in the original principal
amount of Seventy-One Thousand, Six
Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$71,600.00),
with interest thereon as provided therein,
as last transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC
s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC, recorded
in Deed Book 3449, at Page 70, in afore-
said records, will be sold at public outcry
to the highest bidder for cash before the
courthouse door of Laurens County, Geor-
gia, or at such place as has been or may
be lawfully designated as an alternative
location, within the legal hours of sale on
the first Tuesday in September, 2026, all
property described in said Security Deed
including, but not limited to, the following
described property:
ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND IN LAND LOT
48 OF THE SECOND LAND DISTRICT OF
LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA,
CONTAINING 1.11 ACRES, MORE OR
LESS, AND BEING PART OF LOT 11 AND
PART OF LOT 12 OF TOWSON PLACE
SUBDIVISION AND BEING SHOWN
ON A PLAT OF SURVEY BY LARRY C.
JONES, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED
MARCH 18, 1998 AND RECORDED IN
DEED BOOK 1032, PAGE 120, LAURENS
COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS BY
THIS REFERENCE INCORPORATED.
SAID LOT FRONTS 100 FEET ON THE
NORTHEASTERLY MARGIN OF TOW-
SON DRIVE. THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS
CONVEYED SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE
COVENANTS FOR TOWSON PLACE,
DATED DECEMBER 1, 1995, AND RE-
CORDED IN DEED BOOK 834, PAGE 274,
LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH
COVENANTS ARE BY THIS REFERENCE
INCORPORATED.
**Said property may more commonly be
known as 1045 Towson Drive, Montrose,
GA 31065.**
The debt secured by said Security Deed
has been and is hereby declared due
because of, among other possible events
of default, non-payment of the monthly
installments on said loan. The debt re-
maining in default, this sale will be made
for the purpose of paying the same and all
expenses of this sale, including attorney's
fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's
fees having been given).
The individual or entity that has full authority
to negotiate, amend and modify all terms
of the loan is Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m
Nationstar Mortgage LLC, 8950 Cypress
Waters Blvd., Dallas, TX 75019; telephone:
(888) 480-2432.
Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis
without any representation, warranty or
recourse against the above-named or the
undersigned. The sale will also be subject
to the following items which may affect the
title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which
will be disclosed by an accurate survey
or by an inspection of the property; c) any
outstanding ad valorem taxes, including
taxes, which constitute liens upon said
property whether or not now due and pay-
able; d) special assessments; e) the right
of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all
outstanding bills for public utilities which
constitute liens upon said property; g) all
restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-
way and any other matters of record superi-
or to said Security Deed. To the best of the
knowledge and belief of the undersigned,
the owners and party in possession of the
property are Iva Jean Lattimore, Marcia
Lattimore and/or tenant(s). The sale will be
conducted subject to 1) confirmation that
the sale is not prohibited under the U.S.
Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation
and audit of the status of the loan with the
holder of the Security Deed.
Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar
Mortgage LLC, as Attorney-in-Fact for Iva
Jean Lattimore and Marcia Lattimore
Contact: PADGETT LAW GROUP, 6267
Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahas-
see, FL 32312; telephone: (850) 422-2520
26-013430
August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

26-377

PETITIONER: ANDREW DOERR
RESPONDENTS: A TRACT OF LAND
KNOWN AS **647 PINECONE DRIVE,
DUBLIN, GA 31021**,
MAP & PARCEL NO. 154C 051 B; And,
as their respective interests may be or
appear: TYRESS SMITH, HIS HEIRS,
ASSIGNS, SUCCESSORS, AND PER-
SONAL REPRESENTATIVES, KNOWN
AND UNKNOWN, AS THE CASE MAY BE;
AND ALL THE WORLD
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAU-
RENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA.
CIVIL ACTION NO: 26-CG-0564-JG
RE: Petition to Quiet Title for a tract of land
known by the Laurens County Tax Assessor
as 647 Pinecone Drive, Dublin, Ga 31021.
Map & Parcel No. 154C 051 B, and more
particularly described in the Petition filed in
the above-mentioned case (the "Property").
Action filed on July 2, 2026
Order for Service by Publication issued on
August 7, 2026.
TO: Respondents, any occupant or party
in possession of the Property, and any
party, known or unknown, who may have
an adverse interest or claim in the Property,
or all the world. You are hereby notified
that Petitioner has filed a Petition to Quiet

Title in the Laurens County Superior Court
to establish and quiet title against all the
world as to the Property, to, inter alia,
remove clouds on title caused by equities
of redemption following a tax sale, with all
other particulars of Petitioner's prayer for
relief being described and contained in the
original Petition, to which any interested
party is hereby referred.

You are further hereby noticed and com-
manded to be and appear at the Laurens
County Superior Court within thirty (30)
days of the Order for Service by Publica-
tion. You are further hereby noticed and
commanded to file any response or claim
to the Petition with the Clerk of the Superior
Court of Laurens County before the expira-
tion of thirty (30) days and to serve a copy
of the same upon the Petitioner's attorney,
whose name and address is as follows:
Cole Porter, Kight Law, LLC, 306 Academy
Avenue, Suite 200, Dublin, GA 31021.
WITNESS, the Hon. Judson L. Green IV,
Judge, Superior Court of Laurens County,
Georgia
DATE: August 7, 2026
By: /S/ GEORGIA JEFFCOAT
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR
COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEOR-
GIA
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

26-363

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAU-
RENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**
**In Re: Brittany Aynne Devaney-Watson
and Stormy Denise Devaney**
Civil Action File No.26-CD-0650-JH
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE
NAME**
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Brittany Aynne
Devaney-Watson, the undersigned, filed his
petition to the Superior Court of Laurens
County, Georgia on the 14th day of July,
2026, praying for a change in the name of
minor child(ren) from Stormy Denise Deva-
ney to Stormy Denise Devaney Watson. Notice
is hereby given pursuant to law to any
interested or affected party to appear in
said Court and to file objections to such
name change. Objections must be filed
with said Court within 30 days of the filing
of said petition.
This 14th day of July, 2026.
Brittany Devaney-Watson
Petitioner pro se
August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

26-374

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDI-
TORS**
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of William
Bruce Hinson, decedent, late of Laurens
County, are hereby notified to render in
their demands to Morgan M. Boulineau,
Attorney, Cadle & Boulineau, P.C., P.O. Box
68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to
law, and all persons indebted to said estate
are required to make immediate payment.
This 11th day of August, 2026.
Alan Hinson, Executor of the Estate of
William Bruce Hinson, decedent
Cadle & Boulineau, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

26-366

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAU-
RENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**
**IN RE: ESTATE OF THEO J. PULLINS
DECEASED**
ESTATE NO: 24-42
TO ANY HEIRS OF THE ESTATE AND TO
WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
ALBERT J. HOOD, ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE ESTATE OF THEO J. PULLINS,
DECEASED, HAS FILED A PETITION FOR
EXTRA COMPENSATION FOR ALLEGED
EXTRA SERVICES RENDERED TO SAID
ESTATE. FURTHER HE HAS FILED A
MOTION TO APPROVE A SETTLEMENT
PLAN FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE
ASSETS OF SAID ESTATE AND AN AD-
MINISTRATOR'S REPORT.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE
HEREBY NOTIFIED TO SHOW CAUSE
WHY SAID PETITIONS SHOULD NOT BE
GRANTED. ALL OBJECTIONS SHALL BE
FILED BEFORE OR ON THE DATE OF
THE HEARING. ALL OBJECTIONS SHALL
BE IN WRITING SETTING FORTH THE
GROUNDS FOR SAID OBJECTION. 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. ALL
OBJECTIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE
COURT ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF
THE HEARING.
SAID HEARING SHALL BE HELD ON
THE 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026
AT 10:00 AM IN THE PROBATE COURT-
ROOM, FIRST FLOOR OF THE LAURENS
COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DUBLIN, GA.
SO ORDERED THE 3 DAY OF AUGUST,
2026.
THOMAS C. BOBBITT III
JUDGE PRO TEM FOR LAURENS COUN-
TY PROBATE COURT BY CWARREN
CLERK OF LAURENS COUNTY PROBATE
COURT
PO BOX2098
DUBLIN, GA 31040
August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

26-355

**LAURENS COUNTY SEPTEMBER 2026
TAX SALE**
SHERIFF'S SALE
DARLA BROWN
EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
Under and by virtue of certain tax Fi.
Fa.'s issued by the **Tax Commissioner of
Laurens County, Georgia**, in favor of the
State of Georgia and County of Laurens
against the following named persons and
the property as described immediately
below their respective name(s).
There will be sold for cash or certified funds
at public outcry, at the **Atrium inside the
County Commissioner's Meeting Room
located at 117 East Jackson Street, Suite
B, in Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia**,
between the legal hours of sale, on the **first
Tuesday in September, the same being
September 1, 2026**.
The following property will be sold **between
the legal hours of sale, 10:00 AM and
4:00 PM**. The below listed and described
properties, or as much thereof as will satisfy
the State and County tax execution on the
respective individual and property. The
properties hereinafter described have been
levied on as the property of the persons
whose names immediately precede the
property description. Each of the respective
parcels of property are located in **Laurens
County, State of Georgia**. The years for
which said Fi.Fa.'s are issued and levied
are stated below the name of the owner
in each case.
**This is a buyer beware sale and all
property will be sold as is. The Tax
Commissioner makes no warranty,
neither expressed nor implied, as to
title, and all properties are subject to
all recorded covenants, easements, and
right of ways. Properties are sold under
the power of a tax sale deed with specific
rights of redemption.**

Each defendant and tenant in possession,
if applicable, has been notified of levy time
and place of sale. Purchaser shall pay for
title, all transfer cost, all taxes, advertising
cost and recording fees. At the discretion
of the Tax Commissioner's office, payment
will be required within one (1) hour of the
completion of the tax sale. In the event a
bid is not properly paid, the property may
be **re-offered later on the day of the
sale, or the following day that being
September 2, 2026.**

File #: 17

Map/Parcel Number: 079 023
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Bluewater Plantation
LTD Co; 079 023
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 3430/279
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 079
023, lying and being in Land Lots 121 & 122
of the 18th Land District, Laurens County,
Georgia, containing 98.50 acres, more or
less, being a portion of the property shown
in Plat Book 109, Page 599, described in
Deed Book 3430, Page 279, the description
contained therein being incorporated herein
by this reference, known as 575 Taylor
Rowland Road.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 19

Map/Parcel Number: D17A 122 A
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Bostic, Donald Et
Al; D17A 122 A
Current Property Owner: Bostic, Donald
Reference Deed: 2464/140; 3680/210
Property Description: All and only that parcel
of land designated as Tax Parcel D17A
122 A, lying and being in the City of Dublin,
Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.32
acre, more or less, being Lots 12 & 13,
Block C, Telfair City Subdivision, shown
in Deed Book 24, Page 402, described in
Deed Book 3680, Page 210, the description
contained therein being incorporated
herein by this reference, known as 1209
Telfair Street.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 32

Map/Parcel Number: E23F 021
Defendant(s) in FiFa: CCC Holdings LLLP
& CVE Properties LLC; E23F-021 / P/O Lot
31 on Railroad St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 1229/203;1229/207
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
E23F-021, lying and being in Laurens
County, Georgia, being a portion of the
property described in Deed Book 488, Page
133, the description contained therein being
incorporated herein by this reference.
Years Due: 2023-2025

File #: 34

Map/Parcel Number: 131 033
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Childers, Jack (L);
131 033 / P/O Lot D-2
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 1749/215
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
131 033, lying and being in Land Lot 261
of the 17th Land District, Laurens County,
Georgia, being part of Lot D-2, Deerwood
Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 6, Page
96, being part of the property described in
Deed Book 1749, Page 215, the description
contained therein being incorporated herein
by this reference, located on McLendon
Road.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 38

Map/Parcel Number: D19A 002 A
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Community Hope
Center, Inc; D19A 002 A, Lots 1A,2B
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 1203/149
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D19A
002 A, lying and being in Land Lot 259 of
the 1st Land District, City of Dublin, Laurens
County, Georgia, containing 0.6 acre, more
or less, being Lots 1-A & 2-B, shown in
Deed Book 1203, Page 148, described in
Deed Book 1203, Page 149, the description
contained therein being incorporated herein
by this reference.
Years Due: 2023-2025

File #: 41

Map/Parcel Number: 183 026 C
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Conley, Linda B; 183
026 C / Lot 4B Rock Springs S/D LL 301
Current Property Owner: Conley, Mac
& Linda
Reference Deed: 1125/255
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
183 026 C, lying and being in Land Lot
301 of the 17th Land District, 343rd GMD,
Laurens County, Georgia, containing 1.58
acres, more or less, being Lot 4B, Rock
Springs Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 7,
Page 676, described in Deed Book 1125,
Page 255, the description contained therein
being incorporated herein by this reference,
known as 1779 Rock Springs Road.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 44

Map/Parcel Number: D15F 390
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Curry, Julius; D15F
390, Lot 69 Blk 86
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 128/266
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15F
390, lying and being in the City of Dublin,
Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.17
acre, more or less, being Lot 69, described
in Deed Book 128, Page 266, the descrip-
tion contained therein being incorporated
herein by this reference.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 47

Map/Parcel Number: D17B 120
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Darden, Rosetta (P)
& Lorenza (aka Lorenza J Darden); D17B
120 / 131 Rio Vista Dr Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 619/79
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D17B
120, lying and being in Land Lot 209 of the
1st Land District, City of Dublin, Laurens
County, Georgia, being Lots 16 & 17, Block
B, Cascade Park Subdivision, shown in Plat
Book 4, Page 95, described in Deed Book
619, Page 79, the description contained
therein being incorporated herein by this
reference, known as 131 Rio Vista Drive.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 51

Map/Parcel Number: D15A 029
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Diers, Noah Elbert Jr;
157A 029, Lot 35 Southwood S/D
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2982/248
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
157A 029, lying and being in Land Lot 288
of the 17th Land District, Laurens County,
Georgia, containing 1.00 acre, more or less,
being Lot 35, Southwoods Subdivision,
shown in Plat Book 7, Page 286, being
Tract V described in Deed Book 2982,

Page 248, the description contained therein
being incorporated herein by this reference,
known as 3020 Woodfield Drive.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 95

Map/Parcel Number: D15F 389
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Ellington, Juanita;
D15F 389 / 502 McKinley St/Lot 67 Blk 86
Current Property Owner: Edmond,
Robert Sr
Reference Deed: 2093/36
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
D15F 389, lying and being in the City of
Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot
67, Block 86, described in Deed Book 2093,
Page 36, the description contained therein
being incorporated herein by this reference,
known as 502 McKinley Street.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 114

Map/Parcel Number: D15E 051
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hall, Robert Elbert;
D15E 051 / Blk 147 720 N Church St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2674/146
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15E
051, lying and being in the City of Dublin,
Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.24
acre, more or less, described in Deed Book
2674, Page 146, the description contained
therein being incorporated herein by this
reference, known as 720 North Church
Street.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 132

Map/Parcel Number: 203 060 A
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Holmes, Mazie M;
203 060 A, Triangle between Fulghum Rd
& Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 355/344; 1701/146
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 203
060 A, lying and being in the 52nd GMD,
Laurens County, Georgia, being a portion
of Parcel 1 described in Deed Book 1701,
Page 146, the description contained therein
being incorporated herein by this reference,
located on Fulghum Road.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 148

Map/Parcel Number: D15F 029
Defendant(s) in FiFa: JJWD Capital LLC;
D15F 029 / 408 N Washington St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2893/158; 2893/160
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15F-
029, lying and being in the City of Dublin,
Laurens County, Georgia, described in
Deed Book 2893, Page 160, the description
contained therein being incorporated herein
by this reference, known as 408 North
Washington Street.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 159

Map/Parcel Number: D16E 104
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Jordan, Willie; D16E
104 / 504 Rutland Dr/Lot 2 Blk Saxon
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 345/205
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
D16E 104, lying and being in the City of
Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot
2, City Block 264, Saxon Heights Subdivi-
sion, shown in Deed Book 321, Page 58,
described in Deed Book 345, Page 205,
the description contained therein being in-
corporated herein by this reference, known
as 504 Rutland Drive.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 160

Map/Parcel Number: D02B 009
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Jordan, Willie & Rosa
E; D02B 009 / Lot 45 & 45A Holly Hills SD
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 730/317
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
D02B 009, lying and being in Land Lot 226
of the 1st Land District, Laurens County,
Georgia, being Lot 45 & 45A, Holly Hills
Subdivision, shown in Deed Book 730,
Page 316, described in Deed Book 730,
Page 317, the description contained therein
being incorporated herein by this reference,
located on Trinity Road.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 161

Map/Parcel Number: D02B 010
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Jordan, Willie & Rosa
E; D02B 010 / 408 Trinity Rd/Lot 46 Holly Hi
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 728/295
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D02B
010, lying and being in Land Lot 226 of the
1st Land District, Laurens County, Georgia,
being Lot 46, Holly Hills Subdivision, shown
in Deed Book 610, Page 229, described in
Deed Book 728, Page 295, the descrip-
tion contained therein being incorporated
herein by this reference, known as 224
Trinity Road.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 162

Map/Parcel Number: 078 062
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Keene, James Cody;
078 062
Current Property Owner: Keene, James
David & James Cody
Reference Deed: 338/128; 363/28
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
078 062, lying and being in Land Lot 180
of the 18th Land District, Laurens County,
Georgia, containing 2.16 acres, more or
less, being Parcels A & B, shown in Deed
Book 338, Page 126, described in Deed
Book 3373, Page 2, the description con-
tained therein being incorporated herein
by this reference, known as 1302 Mark
Wood Road.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 163

Map/Parcel Number: 208 008 D
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Smith, Martha C;
Khan, Sharif; 208 008 D / Tract C Plat
9-402B
Current Property Owner: Khan, Sharif
Reference Deed: 3490/187
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
208 008 D, lying and being in Land Lot 298
of the 17th Land District, Laurens County,
Georgia, containing 2.002 acres, more or
less, being Tract C, shown in Plat Book 9,
Page 402-B, described in Deed Book 3490,
Page 187, the description contained therein
being incorporated herein by this reference,
located on Hall Road.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 169

Map/Parcel Number: E26B 048
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Laurens Pines LLC;
E26B 048
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2369/15

Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
E26B 048, lying and being in the 52nd
GMD, Laurens County, Georgia, Long
Pines Subdivision, Detention Pond, shown
in Plat Book 9, Page 293, described in
Deed Book 2369, Page 15, the description
contained therein being incorporated herein
by this reference.
Years Due: 2019

File #: 170

Map/Parcel Number: 029 069
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Lee, Juanita; 029
069 / LL 46, 65, LD 2
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 600/171
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 029
069, lying and being in Land Lots 46 & 65
of the 2nd Land District, Laurens County,
Georgia, being a portion of Share 4, shown
in Plat Book 1, Page 265, being a portion of
the property described in Deed Book 600,
Page 171, the description contained therein
being incorporated herein by this reference,
located on Old Macon Road.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 171

Map/Parcel Number: 029 070
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Lee, Juanita; 029
070 / LL 46 & 65 LD 2
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 408/766
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 029
070, lying and being in Land Lots 47 & 65
of the 2nd Land District, Laurens County,
Georgia, containing 83.00 acres, more or
less, being Share 3, shown in Plat Book 1,
Page 265, described in Deed Book 408,
Page 766, the description contained therein
being incorporated herein by this reference,
located on Old Macon Road.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 173

Map/Parcel Number: D16F 279
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Lewis, Frank ETAL;
D16F 279 / 107 Dasher St
Current Property Owner: Martin, Evelyn;
Lewis, Frank; Lewis, Jack & Lewis, Willie
Reference Deed: 631/239; 1019/294
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
D16F 279, lying and being in the City of
Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot
8, Block 282, described in Deed Book 1019,
Page 294, the description contained therein
being incorporated herein by this reference,
known as 107 Dasher Street.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 178

Map/Parcel Number: 070C 043
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Love, Shedrick &
Linda T; 070C 043
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 379/588
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
070C 043, lying and being in Land Lot 88
of the 2nd Land District, Laurens County,
Georgia, containing 1 acre, more or less,
being Lot 59, shown in Deed Book 322,
Page 382, described in Deed Book 379,
Page 588, the description contained therein
being incorporated herein by this reference,
located on Elmwood Road.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 187

Map/Parcel Number: D10D 054
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Martin, Robert &
Warnell; D10D 054 / Lots 2 & 3 & P/O 1
Current Property Owner: Martin, Robert
Reference Deed: 2653/156
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
D10D 054, lying and being in the City of
Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being
Parcels Y & Z, shown in Deed Book 243,
Page 482, described in Deed Book 2653,
Page 156, the description contained therein
being incorporated herein by this reference,
known as 1108 Stonewall Street.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 192

Map/Parcel Number: D17A 257
Defendant(s) in FiFa: McClinton, Willis &
Evelyn; D17A 257 / Lot 8 Blk F Saxon Hgts
Current Property Owner: McClinton,
Evelyn
Reference Deed: 416/761
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
D17A 257, lying and being in the City of
Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being
Lot 8, Block F, Saxon Heights Subdivision,
described in Deed Book 416, Page 761,
the description contained therein being in-
corporated herein by this reference, known
as 707 Hudson Drive.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 242

Map/Parcel Number: D17A 067
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Perry, Maurice
Orlando & Smith, Cynthia P (Perry); D17A
067, Lot 2 & p/o Lot 4 Blk 236
Current Property Owner: Perry, Maurice
Orlando
Reference Deed: 2788/237;2788/240
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
D17A 067, lying and being in the City of
Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being in
City Block 236, shown in Deed Book 222,
Page 579, described in Deed Book 2788,
Page 240, the description contained therein
being incorporated herein by this reference,
located on Woodard Street.
Years Due: 2023-2025

File #: 245

Map/Parcel Number: D16F 079
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Pooler, Hattie B (aka
Pooler, Hattie M & Pooler, Hattie Bell);
D16F 079, 919 Cherry St/Lots 12 13 Blk 2
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 159/562; 208/211
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
D16F 079, lying and being in Land Lot
210 of the 1st Land District, City of Dublin,
Laurens County, Georgia, being Lots 12 &
13, Block 1, City Block 271, South Dublin
Subdivision, described in Deed Book 159,
Page 562 & Deed Book 208, Page 211, the
description contained therein being incor-
porated herein by this reference, known as
919 Cherry Street.
Years Due: 2023-2025

File #: 249

Map/Parcel Number: 101C 163
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Rahman, Sheikh M;
101C 163 / LL 33 LD 1/257/ 257 Tract Sto
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 1312/155
Property Description: All and only that
parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel
101C 163, lying and being in Land Lots 33
& 34 of the 1st Land District, City of Dublin,
Laurens County, Georgia, being a portion

File #: 1
Map/Parcel Number: PB-6996
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Edge, Derek & Mel-
anie; PB-6996, 1993 28x48 Homes of Merit
Current Property Owner: Same as Defen-
dant(s) in FiFa

Property Description: MOBILE HOME ONLY: Laurens County, Georgia, PB-6996, being a 1993, 28X48, Homes of Merit, Pine Manor LTD Mobile Home, MFG ID# FLHMLCP5379019A & MFG ID# FLHMLCP5379019B, located at 824 Beaver Creek Road.
Years Due: 2021-2026
August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

26-403
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF LEWIS KENNON SMITH, JR.
All creditors of the estate of **LEWIS KENNON SMITH, JR.**, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Executor, Kenneth Ray Smith, under the Last Will and Testament of said Decedent.
This 24th day of August, 2026.
S. Ryan Dixon

Nelson & Dixon, LLC
125 North Franklin Street

Dublin, Georgia 31021
478-272-3545
KENNETH RAY SMITH
Executor of the Estate of
LEWIS KENNON SMITH, JR.
3875 Georgia Hwy 338
Cadwell, Georgia 31009
August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2026

26-392
NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: LUIS GERARDO CRUZ CASTILLO
Last known location: Mexico; current street address unknown
You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce was filed against you in the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, on July 13, 2026. By order of the Court for service by publication dated July 13, 2026, you are commanded to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. Plaintiff's attorney is: James C. Garner
James C. Garner Law, LLC
111 East Gaines Street
Dublin, Georgia 31021
Telephone: (478) 353-8651
Facsimile: (478) 353-8654
Email: jcgarnier@jcgarnierllc.com
Witness the Honorable **William D. Taylor, III**, Judge of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia.
This 18th day of August, 2026.
Tanya L. Rogers
Clerk, Superior Court of Laurens County
August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2026

26-386
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY H. WARREN
All creditors of the estate of **DOROTHY H. WARREN**, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Executor, Paul E. Warren, under the Last Will and Testament of said Decedent.
This 14th day of August, 2026.
S. Ryan Dixon
Nelson & Dixon, LLC
125 North Franklin Street

Dublin, Georgia 31021
478-272-3545
PAUL E. WARREN
Executor of the Estate of
DOROTHY H. WARREN
615 Evans Braswell Road
Dexter, Georgia 31019
August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2026

26-396
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of Wendell R. Johnson, decedent, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to Cadle & Boulineau, P.C., P.O. Box 68, Swainsboro, GA 30401 according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 20th day of August 2026.
Rosemary Bergeron Johnson,
Executor of the Estate of

Wendell R. Johnson, decedent
Cadle & Boulineau, P.C.
P.O. Box 68
Swainsboro, GA 30401
August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2026

26-398
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
All creditors of the Estate of Betty Jean Brown, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Administrators.
This the 19th day of August, 2026.
Henry Lee Brown and Aretha Brown, Co-Administrators of the Estate of Betty Jean Brown
Verna L. Smith
Attorney for Estate
P.O. Box 2014
Dublin, Georgia 31040
August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2026

26-376
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
All creditors of the Estate of Fred Lee Lattimore, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Executor.
This the, 11th day of August, 2026.
Mary M. Sparks Allen,
Executor of the Estate of
Fred Lee Lattimore
Verna L. Smith
Attorney for Estate
P.O. Box 2014
Dublin, Georgia 31040
August 15, 22, 29, September 5, 2026

26-385
State of Georgia
County of Laurens.
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the Estate of Waletha O'Neal Rozier, 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 13th day of August, 2026.
Estate of Waletha O'Neal Rozier
Priscilla O'Neal Boston and Johnny Willie O'Neal, Jr., Administrators

651 Ben Hall Lake Road, East Dublin, GA 31027
1212 Sherwood Estate, Dublin, GA 31021
Margaret Greer Evans

Attorney at Law

State Bar No. 488189
(478) 272-2885
August 22, 29, September 5, 12, 2026

26-354
CITY OF DUBLIN SEPTEMBER 2026 TAX SALE
TAMMY HAYES
CITY MARSHALL
CITY OF DUBLIN
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
Under and by virtue of certain tax Fi.Fa.'s issued by the **City of Dublin, Laurens County Georgia**. In favor of the **City of Dublin** and, against the following named persons and the property as described immediately below their respective name(s). **There will be sold for cash or certified funds at public outcry, before the steps of City Hall, City of Dublin, Laurens County Georgia, between the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in September the same September 1, 2026.** The following property will be sold between the legal hours of sale, 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The properties listed below and described, or as much thereof as will satisfy the City tax execution on the respective individual, will be sold. The properties hereinafter described have been levied on as the property of the persons whose names immediately precede the property description. Each of the respective parcels of property are located in the **City of Dublin, Laurens County, State of Georgia**. The years for which said Fi.Fa.'s are issued and levied are stated below the name of the owner in each case.
This is a buyer beware sale and all property will be sold as is. The City makes no warranty, neither expressed nor implied, as to title.
Properties are sold under the power of a tax sale deed with specific rights of redemption.
Each defendant and tenant in possession, if applicable, has been notified of levy time and place of sale. Purchaser shall pay for title, all transfer cost, all taxes, advertising cost and recording fees. At the discretion of the City tax collector's office, payment will be required within one (1) hour of the completion of the tax sale. In the event a bid is not properly paid, the property may be re-offered later on the day of the sale, or the following day that being **September 2, 2026.**

File #: 1
Map/Parcel Number: D17A 024
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Alston, Alvin D & Larhoda M; D17A 024 / 306 Woodard St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2903/134
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D17A 024, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 4, Block 237, being a portion of the property described in Deed Book 2903, Page 134, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 306 Woodard Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 2
Map/Parcel Number: D16D 233
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Baker, Gloria Brown; D16D 233, 303 Hudson St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Baker, Gloria Brown (LE); Waters, Patrick & Felicia Chantay & Baker, Mia Cheryl (Remainder)
Reference Deed: 354/158
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D16D 233, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.20 acre, more or less, being Lot 11, Block 4, Glenwood Avenue Urban Renewal Project, shown in Deed Book 237, Page 189, described in Deed Book 354, Page 158, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 303 Hudson Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 3
Map/Parcel Number: D16F 253
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Blue, Robert Jr; D16F 253; 1200 Carolyn Watson St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Wright, Chadri-una
Reference Deed: 335/447; 3635/124
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D16F 253, lying and being in Laurens County, Georgia, being a portion of Lot 22, Block 2, shown in Deed Book 95, Page 497, described in Deed Book 3635, Page 124, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1200 Third Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 14
Map/Parcel Number: D03A 137
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Carter, Steven & Coney, Yolonder; D03A 137 / 102 Westchester Dr Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2932/133
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D03A 137, lying and being in the 1st Land District, 342nd GMD, City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.34 acre, more or less, being Lot 16, Westchester Subdivision, shown in Deed Book 805, Page 222, described in Deed Book 2932, Page 133, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 102 Westchester Drive.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 15
Map/Parcel Number: D15E 055
Defendant(s) in FiFa: CB Johnson Construction & Masonry Inc; D15E 055, 808 N Church St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 3210/42
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15E 055, lying and being in Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.21 acre, more or less, being Lot 5, shown in Plat Book 2, Page 46, described in Deed Book 3210, Page 42, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 808 N Church Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 17
Map/Parcel Number: D15A 041
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Coney, Willie; D15A 041 / 502 Romine Ct Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 1211/48
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15A 041, lying and being in Land Lot 241 of the 1st Land District, City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.31

acre, more or less, being Lot 2, Ridgewood Mobile Home Estates Subdivision, shown in Deed Book 322, Page 68, described in Deed Book 1211, Page 48, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 502 Romine Court.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 22
Map/Parcel Number: D17B 120
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Darden, Rosetta (P) & Lorenza (aka Lorenzo J Darden); D17B 120 / 131 Rio Vista Dr Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 619/79
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D17B 120, lying and being in Land Lot 209 of the 1st Land District, City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lots 16 & 17, Block B, Cascade Park Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 4, Page 95, described in Deed Book 619, Page 79, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 131 Rio Vista Drive.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 26
Map/Parcel Number: D15F 389
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Ellington, Juanita; D15F 389 / 502 McKinley St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Edmond, Robert Sr
Reference Deed: 2093/36
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15F 389, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 67, Block 86, described in Deed Book 2093, Page 36, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 502 McKinley Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 27
Map/Parcel Number: D15F 283
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Espitia, Gladis A; D15F 283, 601 N Franklin St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2107/278
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15F 283, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being 8 City Block 110, described in Deed Book 2107, Page 278, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 601 North Franklin Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 30
Map/Parcel Number: D15F 385
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Gamble, Daisy Est (aka Gample, Daisy); D15F 385
Current Property Owner: Gample, Daisy; Rampley, Helen; Garrett, Lillie B & Hall, James
Reference Deed: 110/118
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15F 385, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 8, Block 96, described in Deed Book 110, Page 118, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 407 McKinley Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 36
Map/Parcel Number: D17B 094
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hall, Clemmie; D17B 094 / 1100 S Jefferson St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2021/203
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D17B 094, lying and being in Land Lot 210 of the 1st Land District, City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 9, Kingsview Subdivision, Section A, Part 1, shown in Deed Book 298, Page 134, described in Deed Book 2021, Page 203, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1100 South Jefferson Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 37
Map/Parcel Number: D15E 148
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hall, Jon M & Susan J; D15E 148 / 122 Hillcrest Dr Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 1974/183; 1450/17
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15E 148, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.33 acre, more or less, being Lot 12, Block A, Hillcrest Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 1, Page 263, described in Deed Book 1974, Page 183, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 122 Hillcrest Drive.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 38
Map/Parcel Number: D15E 051
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hall, Robert Elbert; D15E 051 / 720 N Church St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2674/146
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15E 051, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.24 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 2674, Page 146, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 720 North Church Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 45
Map/Parcel Number: D17A 234
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Holmes, Willie; D17A 234 / 711 Stewart Ave Dublin
Current Property Owner: Holmes, Annie
Reference Deed: 828/268; 3429/242
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D17A 234, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 2, Block A, Saxon Heights Subdivision Extension, described in Deed Book 828, Page 268, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 711 Stewart Avenue.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 46
Map/Parcel Number: D10F 017
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Howard, Sharon; D10F 017, 304 Eleanor Dr Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2460/286

Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D10F 017, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, located in McCall Subdivision, described in Deed Book 2460, Page 286, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 304 Eleanor Road.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 49
Map/Parcel Number: D15F 029
Defendant(s) in FiFa: JJWD Capital LLC; D15F 029 / 408 N Washington St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2893/158; 2893/160
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15F-029, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 2893, Page 160, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 408 North Washington Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 50
Map/Parcel Number: D16E 104
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Jordan, Willie; D16E 104 / 504 Rutland Dr Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 345/205
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D16E 104, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 2, City Block 264, Saxon Heights Subdivision, shown in Deed Book 321, Page 58, described in Deed Book 345, Page 205, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 504 Rutland Drive.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 51
Map/Parcel Number: D15F 141
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Kellam, Pennie Wee & Rowe K (Koot); D15F 141 / 503 Georgia St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 228/329
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15F 141, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 43, Block 3, described in Deed Book 228, Page 329, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 503 Georgia Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 52
Map/Parcel Number: D15F 152
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Kemp, Jawaun; D15F 152, 508 Florida St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2995/78
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15F 152, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.54 acre, more or less, being Lots 42, 44 & 46 shown in Deed Book 606, Page 4, described in Deed Book 2995, Page 78, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 508 Florida Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 53
Map/Parcel Number: D15F 261
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Kinsey, Anika Keyon; D15F 261 / 708 N Decatur St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Kinsey, Anika Keyon; Brown, Jackie
Reference Deed: 2295/233; 318/307
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15F 261, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.32 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 2295, Page 233, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 708 North Decatur Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 54
Map/Parcel Number: D16B 255
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Linton, Brady Jerome & Shequaitta (aka Ellington, Shequaitta Jamerretta); D16B 255, 502 Roosevelt St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 3195/175
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D16B 255, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.18 acre, more or less, being Lot 34 shown in Deed Book 11, Page 527, described in Deed Book 3195, Page 175, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 502 Roosevelt Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 57
Map/Parcel Number: D10D 054
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Martin, Robert & Warnell; D10D 054 / 1108 Stonewall St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Martin, Robert
Reference Deed: 2653/156
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D10D 054, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Parcels Y & Z, shown in Deed Book 243, Page 482, described in Deed Book 2653, Page 156, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1108 Stonewall Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 58
Map/Parcel Number: D17A 257
Defendant(s) in FiFa: McClinton, Willis & Evelyn; D17A 257 / 707 Hudson Dr Dublin
Current Property Owner: McClinton, Evelyn
Reference Deed: 416/761
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D17A 257, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 8, Block F, Saxon Heights Subdivision, described in Deed Book 416, Page 761, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 707 Hudson Drive.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 60
Map/Parcel Number: D10F 085
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Mitchell, Doris; D10F 085 / 106 Kingsby St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 290/570; 658/207
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D10F 085, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, described in Deed Book 658, Page 207, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 106 Kingsby Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 66
Map/Parcel Number: D15A 048
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Mobley, George Sr; D15A 048 / 0 Dublin
Current Property Owner: George H Mobley Sr Trustee of the George H Mobley Sr Revocable Trust dated April 9, 1999

Reference Deed: 1044/309
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15A 048, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being a portion of Tract 7 described in Deed Book 1044, Page 309, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 72
Map/Parcel Number: D16F 079
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Pooler, Hattie B (aka Pooler, Hattie M & Pooler, Hattie Bell); D16F 079, 919 Cherry St/Lots 12 13 Bk 2
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 159/562; 208/211
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D16F 079, lying and being in Land Lot 210 of the 1st Land District, City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lots 12 & 13, Block 1, City Block 271, South Dublin Subdivision, described in Deed Book 159, Page 562 & Deed Book 208, Page 211, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 919 Cherry Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 81
Map/Parcel Number: D16A 124
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Ringwood, Gloria; D16A 124 / 703 W Moore St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 1065/325
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D16A 124, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 3, Block 135-A, described in Deed Book 1065, Page 325, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 703 West Moore Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 83
Map/Parcel Number: D16D 112
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Washington, Sadie; D16D 112 / 615 S Jefferson St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Jones, Jonas (Jonest) & Bessie
Reference Deed: 429/764; 429/763; 379/51; 114/189
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D16D 112, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lots 5 & 6, M H Blackshear Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 1, Page 594, described in Deed Book 114, Page 189 and Deed Book 429, Page 764, the descriptions contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 615 South Jefferson Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 84
Map/Parcel Number: D11C 001 C
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Sharondom LLC; D11C 001 C / 0 Laurens Industrial Pkwy Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 3319/251
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D11C 001 C, lying and being in Land Lot 50 of the 1st Land District, 342nd GMD, City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 2.64 acres, more or less, being Lot 25, Laurens Industrial Park Subdivision, Phase IV, shown in Plat Book 10, Page 327B, described in Deed Book 3319, Page 251, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on Laurens Industrial Parkway.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 86
Map/Parcel Number: D17B 175
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Smith, Harold A & Shirley A; D17B 175, 226 Cascade Cir Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 487/134
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D17B 175, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.23 acre, more or less, being Lot 9, Block A, Cascade Heights Subdivision, shown in Deed Book 487, Page 133, described in Deed Book 487, Page 134, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 226 Cascade Circle.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 88
Map/Parcel Number: D15D 064
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Stanley, Temple Allen; D15D 064 / 105 New St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 108/451; 494/69
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15D 064, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 130, Block 93, described in Deed Book 108, Page 451, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 105 New Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 89
Map/Parcel Number: D03B 059
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Talbird, Charlotte B; D03B 059 / 411 Oasis Dr Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2704/205
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D03B 059, lying and being in the 1st Land District, City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.48 acre, more or less, being Lot 35, Brookwood Meadows Subdivision, shown in Deed Book 848, Page 328, described in Deed Book 2704, Page 205, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 411 Oasis Drive.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 92
Map/Parcel Number: D15F 022
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Thomas, Horace; D15F 022 / 201 Johnson St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 879/23
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15F 022, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 4, City Block 112, shown in Deed Book 524, Page 33, described in Deed Book 879, Page 23, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 201 Johnson Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 94
Map/Parcel Number: D10B 138
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Watkins, Ann; D10B 138, 1205 W Moore St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2382/48

Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D10B 138, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.46 acre, more or less, being Lot 8 & part of Lot 7, Block A, Whit-Lands Subdivision, shown in Deed Book 444, Page 312, described in Deed Book 2382, Page 48, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1205 West Moore Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 95
Map/Parcel Number: D16F 271
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Wilburn, Tawanna Walker & Terry; D16F 271, 116 Dasher St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Wilburn, Terry R & Wilburn, Terrike
Reference Deed: 3223/1; 3404/160
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D16F 271, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 3223, Page 1, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 116 Dasher Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 97
Map/Parcel Number: D15F 243
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Williams, James; D15F 243, 414 Tennessee St Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 3376/88
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D15F 243, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.14 acre, more or less, described in Deed Book 3376, Page 88, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 414 Tennessee Street.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025

File #: 99
Map/Parcel Number: D16F 034
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Woodfork, Deborah; D16F 034; 120 Forest Ave Dublin
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2504/43; 2997/14
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D16F 034, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 53, Thomas R Rowe and Emma S Rowe Subdivision, shown in Deed Book 24, Page 427, described in Deed Book 2997, Page 14, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 120 Forest Avenue.
Years Due: 2024 & 2025
August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

26-365
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF William Lloyd Goforth Jr, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of William Lloyd Goforth Jr, 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

Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E23A-021, lying and being in the 52nd GMD, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 57, J A Attaway Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 2, Page 61, described in Deed Book 3244, Page 255, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 207 Marion Street.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 28
Map/Parcel Number: E23B-041
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Rix, Roger D & Ashley, Zelos; E23B-041 / Tract 6 Forest Hills
Current Property Owner: Ashley, Zelos
Reference Deed: 3396/264; 490/35
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E23B-041, lying and being in the 52nd GMD, City of East Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being a portion of Tract 6, shown in Deed Book 356, Page 402, described in Deed Book 3396, Page 264, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference.
Years Due: 2023-2025

File #: 33
Map/Parcel Number: E23C-044
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Bell, Marqualaski R; E23C-044 / Lot 1 C & J Park
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 3207/121; 2737/46; 2079/85
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E23C-044, lying and being in Land Lot 55 of the 52nd GMD, City of East Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.55 acre, more or less, being Lot 1, shown in Plat Book 7, Page 315, described in Deed Book 3207, Page 121, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 311 Jordon Street (aka 311 Jordan Street).
Years Due: 2022-2025

File #: 37
Map/Parcel Number: E23C-099
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Moore, Bonita; E23C-099 / Lot 56 J A Attaway S/D
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 3244/255
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E23C-099, lying and being in the 52nd GMD, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 56, J A Attaway Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 2, Page 61, described in Deed Book 3244, Page 255, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 205 Marion Street.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 41
Map/Parcel Number: E23C-133
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Swint, Charity; E23C-133 / 406 Buckeye Rd
Current Property Owner: Swint, Richard & Charity
Reference Deed: 415/199; 1361/170
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E23C-133, lying and being in the City of East Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being a portion of the property shown in Deed Book 247, Page 145, described in Deed Book 415, Page 199, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 406 Buckeye Road.
Years Due: 2023-2025

File #: 42
Map/Parcel Number: E23C-136
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Johnson, Agnes; E23C-136 / Lot Off Buckeye Rd
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 1745/64
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E23C-136, lying and being in the City of East Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.15 acre, more or less, being Tract B, shown in Deed Book 924, Page 198, described in Deed Book 1745, Page 64, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 107 Derriso Lane.
Years Due: 2022-2025

File #: 43
Map/Parcel Number: E23C-153
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Joiner, Paula Hobbs; E23C-153 / 130 Circle Dr
Current Property Owner: Hobbs, Marcus; Joiner Kevin & Angel
Reference Deed: 3075/99; 458/24
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E23C-153, lying and being in the 52nd GMD, City of East Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being property described in Deed Book 458, Page 24, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 130 & 132 Circle Drive.
Years Due: 2022-2025

File #: 60
Map/Parcel Number: E24B-015
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Schmittell, Stephanie Anne; E24B-015 / Lot 3 Lakehurst S/D
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 3303/43
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E24B-015, lying and being in the 52nd GMD, City of East Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 3, Lakehurst Subdivision, shown in Deed Book 161, Page 474, described in Deed Book 3303, Page 43, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 305 Clover Street.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 69
Map/Parcel Number: E24B-084
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Jordan Ruth Properties LLC; E24B-084 / 201 Broad St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 3412/275
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E24B-084, lying and being in the City of East Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Parcel F, Block A, Lakehurst Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 3, Page 88, described in Deed Book 3412, Page 275, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 201 Broad Street.
Years Due: 2024-2025

File #: 70
Map/Parcel Number: E24B-156
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Williams, Shirley; E24B-156 / Lot 32 & P/O 31 Gettys S/D/117
Current Property Owner: Williams, Lamar
Reference Deed: 716/59
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E24B-156, lying and being in the City of East Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.32 acre, more or less, being Lot 32 & a portion of Lot 31, shown in Plat Book 3, Page 5, described in Deed Book 716, Page 59, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 117 Pinecone Drive.
Years Due: 2023-2025

File #: 71
Map/Parcel Number: E24B-158

Defendant(s) in FiFa: Joiner, Tracy (aka Tracey Joyner); E24B-158 / Lot 17 Gettys S/D
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 1602/18
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E24B-158, lying and being in the 52nd GMD, City of East Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 17, Gettys Subdivision, shown in Deed Book 961, Page 2, described in Deed Book 1602, Page 18, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 113 Pinecone Drive.
Years Due: 2023-2025

File #: 86
Map/Parcel Number: E26A-024
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Lattimore, Ella & Waymon; E26A-024 / P/O Lot 1
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2566/30
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E26A-024, lying and being in the 52nd GMD, City of East Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being a portion of Lot 1, described in Deed Book 2566, Page 30, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference.
Years Due: 2022-2025

File #: 89
Map/Parcel Number: E27C-005
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Rivera Sharon, Stephanie; E27C-005 / Lot 2 Samples & Perry
Current Property Owner: Rivera, Sharon & Rowland, Stephanie & Passmore, Tommy Joe Jr
Reference Deed: 3301/271
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E27C-005, lying and being in the 52nd GMD, City of East Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being Lot 2, Property of Samples & Perry, shown in Plat Book 2, Page 275, described in Deed Book 3301, Page 271, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on Coleman Avenue.
Years Due: 2023-2025

File #: 91
Map/Parcel Number: E27C-034
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Lumley, Linda Anne; E27C-034 / 111 Keen St/Lots 29 & 30
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 2692/247
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel E27C-034, lying and being in the 52nd GMD, City of East Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being part of the property shown in Plat Book 2, Page 27 and described in Deed Book 2692, Page 247, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 111 Keen Street.
Years Due: 2023-2025

26-334 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from JERRY B DANIEL, JR. to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., dated December 2, 2004, recorded December 8, 2004, in Book 1606, Page 108, 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 Four Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$104,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage 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 September, 2026**, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:
ALL THAT TRACT, LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 174 OF THE 17TH LAND DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 1 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, AND DESCRIBED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY DANIEL R. RIGGS, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED AUGUST 3, 1976 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 339, PAGE 511, DEED RECORDS OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEASTERN MARGIN OF A PUBLIC ROAD A DISTANCE OF 915 FEET NORTHEASTERLY FROM THE LAND LINE OF LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY VIOLA LOWERY, THENCE RUNNING NORTH 45 DEGREES 02 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERN MARGIN OF SAID ROAD A DISTANCE OF 175 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 49 DEGREES 02 MINUTES EAST TO THE SOUTHWESTERN MARGIN OF SAID PUBLIC ROAD A DISTANCE OF 249 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 45 DEGREES 02 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 175 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 45 DEGREES 40 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 249 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **1395 DAVID MULLIS RD, RENTZ, GA 31075.**

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is JERRY B DANIEL, JR., 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 Robin 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.

FROM THE RECORD

Marriages: Antonia Graddy to Tammie Sherral Willis; Orandy Lenin Perez Perez to Luzma Edith Lopez Morales; Dely Jenen Arnold to Antron Dontell Sims; Walter C. Blash Jr. to Jessica Denise Banks; Ada Elizabeth McCumbers to Landon Lewis Kicklighter

Petition for Citation of Contempt: Craig Overland v Dottie Leblanc

Contempt: Cody Crabb v Elizabeth Crabb

Complaint for Divorce: Nikia Brown v Marisha Brown

Contract: Capital One v Tameka Smith; Capital One v Joseph Rudolph; GISIB, Inc D/B/A Servpro of Dublin/Vidalia/Claxton & Crystal S. Silas; Georgia United Credit Union v James Harding

Affidavit of Continuing Garnishment: Prestige Financial v Jeremiah Roberson & Warehouse Home Furnishings

Automobile Tort: Dwane Moyer v Daphney Aills

Complaint—Child Support: GA DHS EX REL Elijah Reynaud Alvarez vs Ryan S Flowers; GA DHS EX REL Paisley Cooler vs Gregory Cooler; GA DHS EX REL Amayah Jones vs Cardale Gibbons; GA DHS EX REL Charlie Lassiter vs Nicholas Lassiter; GA DHS EX REL Kylie P Holliman vs Ardell Davis; GA DHS EX REL Korbin Gainey vs Kendrick Gainey

Contempt—Child Support: GA DHS EX REL Marilena Heath vs Christopher Heath; GA DHS EX REL Carter Edwards vs

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC sbm Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, Telephone Number: 888-480-2432/833-685-8589. 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.

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC S/B/M NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
as Attorney in Fact for
JERRY B DANIEL, JR.
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. NAT-26-03136-1
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August 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

26-397 STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN W. HICKS NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
All creditors of the estate of JOHN W. HICKS 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 20th Day of August, 2026
Emily F. Knight
Attorney for the Estate of JOHN W. HICKS
Knight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 2056
Dublin, Ga. 31040
August 29, September 5, 12, 19, 2026

26-407 NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated Section 10-4-210, et seq., there will be a public sale by Curry Management Corporation on September 15, 2026, starting at StorageAuctions.com. The proceeds of said sale will be used to first satisfy the storage fee and other expenses of the auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale.

Unit A28 **Daphne Nelson** Claxton Dairy HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Unit A29 **Saul Fluker** Claxton Dairy HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Unit H8 **Fannie Hughes** Scott Claxton Dairy HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Unit B11 **Shilano Howells** Kellam HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Unit C2 **Shaniko Pauldo** Market Square HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Unit D9 **Coretta Warthen** Market Square HOUSEHOLD GOODS
August 29, September 5, 2026

Quinton Edwards; GA DHS EX REL Stacia Durham vs Gregory Durham; GA DHS EX REL Deshawn Denson vs Johnny Denson; GA DHS EX REL Addilynn Thomas ET AL vs Michael Thomas; GA DHS EX REL Janiaya D May vs Jason K Bell; GA DHS EX REL Bennie Hammock, JR. ET AL vs Bennie Hammock; GA DHS EX REL Addilynn Thomas ET AL vs Michael Thomas; GA DHS EX REL Christopher Wrong Toby ET AL vs Tamika Plumley; GA DHS EX REL Zhariyah Cuyler vs Jason K Bell

Liens: Preston Floyd to Fairview Park Hospital; Mitchel Porter to Wells Fargo Bank NA; Joe Maus, Dublin CDJR, LLC to Fox Funding Group, LLC; Christopher L Cox to Wells Fargo Bank NA; JAC Holding, LLC to Larry C Jones; MGVG Living Dublin, LLC to Williams Evolutional Cleaning Service; Thomas Edmonds Jr to Plaza Services, LLC; Benjamin Rice to Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC; Glenda T Thompkins to Credit Acceptance Corporation; Jenna Lampp to Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC; Jelani J Wynn to Credit Acceptance Corporation; Ryan Griffery to Velocity Investments, LLC; Teresa Hay to Crown Asset Management, LLC; Lennie Tharpe to Crown Asset Management, LLC; Tramika Wells to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; Dublin Food Systems, Inc to Community Bank of Johnson County; Kariana Lauren Whitaker to Fairview Park Hospital; Joshua Denson to Robins Federal Credit Union; Keyondra Alexis Spikes to Robins Financial Credit Union; Tristie Walker to LVNV Funding, LLC; Rodney L Soles to Georgia Department of Revenue; John Wilson to Georgia Department of Revenue; Rodney L Soles to Georgia Department of Revenue; Next Generation Mechanical, LLC to Georgia Department of Revenue; Land Care Services LLC to Internal Revenue Service

Security Deed: Christopher Joseph Allen to Banksouth; Jeffrey Stone to Prosperity Home Mortgage, LLC; Wayne & Karen Howell to Goodleap, LLC; Arnold Channing Smith & Melisa Edenfield Smith to Pennymac Loan Services, LLC; Terry Hill Jr & Natoya Hill to Union HomeMortgage Corp; Kathy M Misner to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC; Joseph Mathews JR to Citizens Bank of Laurens County; Avanti R Forman to Alcovra Mortgage, LLC; Thomas Williams Jr to Andrew R Pickles; Melissa Wood & Elizabeth NeSmith to Rocket Mortgage, LLC; Katie Lynn & Chase Alton Sapp to Bank of Dudley; Roberta S Cohn as Trustee of The Family Trust of the Leonard A Cohn and Roberta S Cohn Revocable Living Trust Dated September 21, 1993 to First Merchants Bank; Joseph Mathews Jr to Citizens Bank of Laurens County; Brian S & Venesa W Godbee to Midsouth Community Federal Credit Union; Robert Earl Daniel to Farmers State Bank; David Clayton & Allie L Foskoe to The Citizens Bank of Cochran; Charles Thomas & Holly Hutcheson Stuttz to Georgia First Bank; William Wade & Christy Lynn Pharis Kendrick to Luminate Bank; Emmett Kale & Kristin Leigh Watson to Bank of Dudley; Jennifer & Robert Shaffer to Vallant Bank; Casey Daniel Cullen to Geneva Financial, LLC; Elaina & Ryan Harden to Rocket Mortgage, LLC; Brad Lee & Jenepher Mechaule Bentley to Bank of Dudley; Noha Soliman to Vallant Bank; Stuart & Vickie Sanders Deal to Wells Fargo Bank; Farrell Anthony Landrum to Bank

of Dudley; Phillip James Jones to Vallant Bank; Steven Kelly & Pamala Horne to Robins Financial Credit Union; Cole & Ashley Mullis to Farmers State Bank; Thomas R Wasdin II to The Four County Bank; Wesley Ballenger & Britney Ward Smith to Georgia First Bank; Lawton Eugene & Miranda Wills Basset IV to Ameris Bank; SL Global, Inc to PCB Bank; Dublin Shopping Center LLC to Wells Fargo Bank; Pautlette Sellers to CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC; Million Pine Farms, LLC to Mount Vernon Bank; Riley Dakota & Jaysa Cheyenne Cook to Georgia First Bank; Jessica Lowery & Cody Shane Gay to Georgia First Bank; Quantum Investment Partners, LLC to Georgia First Bank; William Richard Slade to Georgia First Bank; Patricia Dominy to Farmers State Bank; Michael Paul Sr & Melissa Sue Bryant to Rocket Mortgage, LLC; Mickey J Dudley to Bank of Dudley; Horseshoe Rentals LLC to Morris Bank; Orianna Investments, LLC to Georgia First Bank; Jennetta M & Vashonda L Bankhead to Colony Bank; Jonathan Shane Morris to Citizens Bank of Laurens County; April Brown & Mathew Wesley Floyd to First Laurens Bank; Lecresicia Stallworth to Sofi Bank National Association; Ashley Evans to Farmers State Bank; Southern Aces Collective, LLC to First Laurens Bank; Breonna & Alexander McRae to Guild Mortgage Company LLC; Kristin Horton to Penny-mac Loan Services, LLC; William David & Michael Elisha Daniell to Aggeorgia Farm Credit; SL Global, Inc to PCB Bank; 4 Guys Holdings, LLC to Sunmark Community Bank; Angeli-que Carlyle to First Laurens Bank; Randolph Sanchez to Vallant Bank; Silver Cedar LLC to Citizens Bank of Laurens County; Laurie Page & David T Smith to Assurance Financial Group, LLC; Victoria Renee Lawrence-Sanchez to Cross Country Mortgage, LLC; Lear Leasing, LLC to Colony Bank

Warranty Deed: Paul Perry to Victor A Sanchez; Sunmark Community Bank to Robert L Russell; Gena Harmon Taylor NKA Gene Taylor Walker to Jeffrey Stone; Eve A Taylor to Lanier Custom Builders, LLC; Bryant Rex Jackson to Vasyli Slipyy & Liliya Slipa; Marvin Hurst to Joseph Mathews Jr; Thomas E Kitchens Jr to Country Lots, LLC; Megan Grace McCary Webb & Nicholas Ryan Webb to Avanti R Foreman; Andrew R Pickles to Thomas Williams JR; Kristi Bernann Merriweather to Kristi Merriweather; Della Fielding to Della Fielding & Darryl Ross Fielding; Desiree & Steven Robert Cady Jr to Desiree Cady, Steven Robert Cady, Jr/Patricia Ann Cady; Nicodemus & Ruby Carroll to Brian S & Vanesa W Godbee; Earl & Chiquita A Anderson to Earl Anderson & Chiquita A Anderson, Trustees of the Earl & Chaquita Anderson Trust dated July 1, 2026; Donnie Michael & Kathy Morman Skipper to Charles Thomas & Holly Hutcheson Stuttz; Emmett Kale Watson to Emmett Kale & Kristin Leigh Watson; Turnpike Investment Group to Brad Lee & Jenepher Mechaule Bentley; James Craig & Mary Calvert to James Craig Calvert and Mary Kathleen Calvert as Trustees of the Jim and Mary Calvert Trust dated July 22, 2026; Susan W Thornton to Susan W Thornton & David Stephen Thornton; Steve W & Susan W Thornton to Steven W Thornton, Susan W Thornton/David Steven Thornton; Kelly Winnelle Edenfield & George David Edenfeild Jr to Tam

Vo/Sinh Tran; Susan East Moore to Kristin Leigh-Ann Grimes Tribble as Trustee of the East Moore Irrevocable Living Trust, Dated August 6, 2026; Suzanne East Moore AKA Suzanne E Moore AKA Suzanne E Grimes to Kristin Leigh-Ann Grimes Tribble as Trustee of the East Moore Irrevocable Living Trust, Dated August 6, 2026; Kenlie K Bell to Stuart & Vickie Deal; John Wayne Kemp to Christen Derochie; Latrelle Cyree to Phillip J Jones; Earlwood Investments LLLP to CV Properties of Dublin, LLC; J.R. Thompson Construction, Inc to Cole and Ashley Mullis; DRL56 Holdings, LLC to Thomas Raymond Wasdin, II; Dianne Wright Walker to Nicholas L Clover; Sandra H Serensky to Sandra H Serensky & Thomas Serensky; Damian & Brittany Newsome to Brittany Newsome NKA Brittany Hill; Jacob Thomas & Josie Lord to Lawton Eugene IV & Miranda Wills Bassett; Gail M Hester to H. Randolph & Catherine O Clark; Kellam Road Properties, LLC to SL Global, Inc; Claude Lee Sutton to Million Pine Farms, LLC; Barbara M Kilgore to Brisen Dyess; Franklin E Loyd Jr & Jeffrey S Reed to Terry Myers (50% Interest) Brett Myers (25% Interest) Chad Law (25% Interest); Jonathan F Braswell to Jaysa C & Riley D Cook; Tina Marie Arnold to SVT1 P1 LLC; SVT1 P1 LLC to Tina Marie Arnold; Bluebird Timber, LLC to Orianna Investments, LLC; Mike Brett JBP DUB, LLC; Brett Properties, LLC to JBP DUB LLC; E.C.S. Realty, LLC to Jennetta M & Vashonda L Bankhead; Jason Tyler Alonzo to B&W Adams Properties, LLC; Jacob Carpenter to Aleika Millis & Christian Millis; William Joseph Mullis to William Joseph Mullis & Faye B Mullis; Jean Johns to Ashley Evans; Rhett A Walker to Breonna & Alexander McRae; William J Daniell to William David & Michael Elisha Daniell; Country Lots LLC to Lester Brown; Lester Brown to Marty Thomas; Thuy Nguyen & Bang Tran to Duncan & Adam McEachern; Letha Copeland to Cynthia Thomas; Kenneth Hunter and James Michael Seward to Silver Cedar, LLC; JJ Southern Investments LLC to Victoria Renee Lawrence-Sanchez; Frank Joseph Marshall IV & Leslie Escorza to Long Branch Creek Farms, LLC; KMCR Properties LLC to Tevin Jones; James F Gay & Cassie G Day to Larry & Alice Dees

NEWS DIGEST

The city of Dudley will have its next city council meeting at 6 p.m. on Sept. 8 at the Dudley Fire Station. The agenda follows:

- Call to order
- Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll call
- Approval of agenda
- Approval of previous minutes
- Approval of bills
- Old business
- Update on the abandonment of the old well at city hall
- Filters at the new well
 - Land use ordinance
 - Sewer pope bursting project
- Water and sewer mapping project
 - New business
 - Annual audit report Nichols & Cauley CPA
 - First reading and hearing of an ordinance to abandon the northeast end of Third Street from US Highway 80 to Chappell Street
- Discussion and consideration of new city website
- Citizens comments
- Council comments
- Executive session (if needed)
- Adjourn



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Retired Husband Drives Remote Worker Wife Up a Wall

DEAR ABBY: I am at my wits' end with "Barney," my husband of 35 years. He retired two years ago, but I am still working and likely will for several more years. I've worked from home successfully since long before the COVID-19 pandemic, which was fine while Barney was working. When he retired, I talked to him about respecting boundaries during the day while I work. My home office is on the second floor of the house, which leaves him the entire downstairs to enjoy without disrupting me during work hours.

Unfortunately, Barney has not shown me the respect I asked for. He frequently yells upstairs for me to come help him with something, or he comes into the office and wants to talk. He wants to know what's for dinner, and he gets upset if I'm not done working at exactly 5 p.m. He also gets upset with me if I won't let him caress and hold me while I'm trying to work. When he worked, he often stayed late and went in after hours or on weekends. I never complained or showed him the disrespect he is showing me.

For a while, I tried to give Barney more attention because I do love him. Now, his constant complaining is so annoying that I don't even want to spend my free time with him. I am certainly not interested in any physical expressions of love. I've tried to discuss this with him and even asked if he'd consider going to couples counseling, but he refuses.

I'm a happy woman except when I'm with my husband. That makes me sad, and I'm tired of feeling this way. I'm not sure what to do. I've thought about renting office space, but that would only solve the disruption issues during my workday. It wouldn't solve the other issues, notably Barney's lack of respect for me. -- GIVE ME SPACE

DEAR GIVE ME SPACE: A partial solution is better than no solution. Go ahead and rent the office space. It will be helpful to learn how much of the pressure that relieves. Once your work frustrations are out of the picture, reassess Barney's treatment of you and decide how much relationship adjustment is still needed. Even if he refuses counseling, go by yourself! If you do, you may learn some techniques for dealing with his troublesome behaviors.

DEAR ABBY: My 40-year-old niece has lived in my sister's basement for five years now. She has had many ups and downs since running away at 15, but she was able to get a degree in engineering, fly helicopters, etc., so she is intelligent. I don't know why she has withdrawn to such a degree.

Should I ask my sister or brother-in-law how she is doing when I call? I feel it's normal and natural that I ask, but the question always brings a painful silence followed by, "She's figuring out her life." She does not work or look for it, hides from the public, and behaves like a 16-year-old. Should I quit asking? -- UNCLE IN THE DARK

DEAR UNCLE: If you do not ask how your niece is doing, it will appear that you do not care. So, the next time you speak to your relatives and your question is met with an uncomfortable pause, consider asking whether they would rather you not ask.

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

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

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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8	9	8	5	7	4	7	1	2
9	4	4	7	1	6	2	2	8
6	4	3	4	6	3	4	6	9
1	5	2	1	5	7	4	8	3
6	7	4	8	9	3	8	3	6

ANSWER:

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Glass is larger. 2. Hand is moved. 3. Bow tie is missing. 4. Mug is reversed. 5. Arm is longer. 6. Label is missing.

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Dog's foot
- 4 Obeys a red light
- 9 ___ Claus
- 14 In the past
- 15 Place to stay on vacation
- 16 Once more
- 17 Group with a sense of belonging
- 19 Satisfy a debt
- 20 Analytical piece of writing
- 21 Put on
- 22 Make smooth, as wood
- 23 Pitt athlete
- 27 Changing with the times
- 32 Bitter beer
- 33 Warner Bros. specialty
- 36 OR hookups: Abbr.
- 37 "Haha!": Abbr.
- 38 Pumpkin seeds
- 41 Golf-ball support
- 42 Run-bike-swim race, for short
- 43 Story surprise: 2 wds.
- 45 Doctors' group: Abbr.
- 46 Region of Greece
- 48 Animal with a "mask"
- 50 Feel sore
- 54 Operated
- 55 Marinara ingredients
- 59 Sits for a portrait
- 62 December holiday
- 63 Perspiration
- 64 Practical joke
- 65 Upper undergarment
- 66 Not watertight
- 67 ___ and regulations
- 68 Pig's home

DOWN

- 1 Treaties
- 2 Old Greek marketplace
- 3 Ladies

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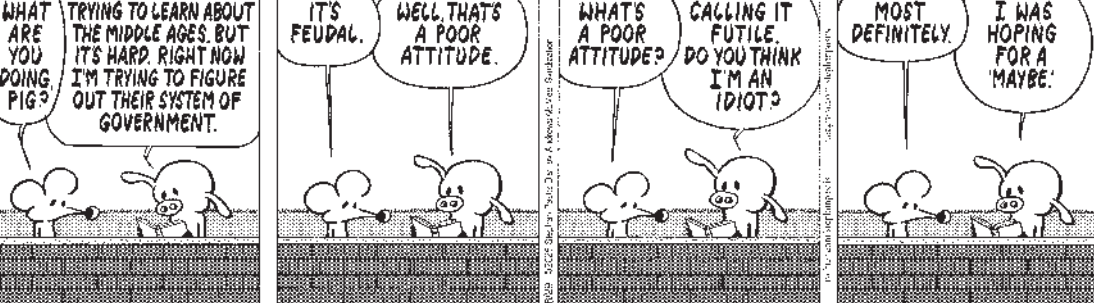
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- 47 Dearie
- 49 Old floor's sound
- 51 Hair-taming tools
- 52 Lettuce center
- 53 Piece of writing
- 55 No ___ Traffic
- 56 Spoken
- 57 Get ore from
- 58 Inquires
- 59 Starbucks drink: Abbr.
- 60 Be in debt
- 61 Manatee's home
- 62 Lifesaving skill: Abbr.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



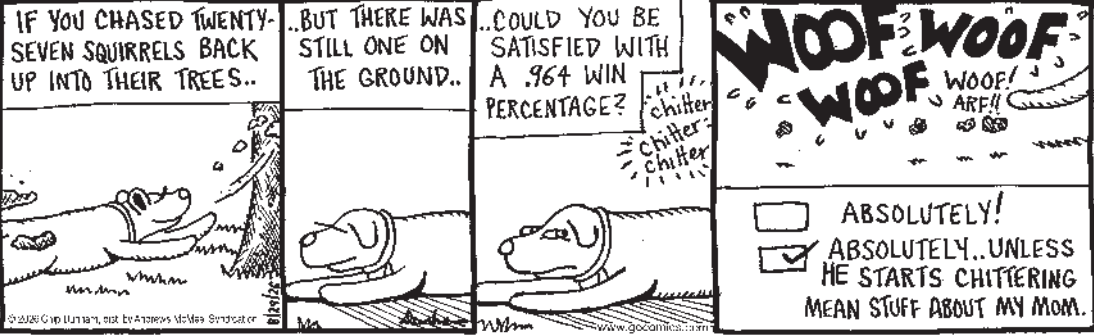
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BY JIM DAVIS



OVERBOARD

BY CHIP DUNHAM



DEFLOCKED

BY JEFF CORRIVEAU



Sweetspire

This shrub is found among wetlands and along stream banks. It can tolerate a wide range of soil and light conditions. Growing 4 to 8 feet tall, with graceful arching branches and fragrant bottlebrush-like flower clusters that appear in late spring, it boasts beautiful fall foliage. Its leaf colors range from copper to orange to gold, and last into winter. - Brenda Weaver

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GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1NT	Dbl	2♦	2♥
Pass	?		

What call would you make?

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

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

Q 3 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♦	2♣	Pass	?

What call would you make?

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

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	3♣	?	

What call would you make?

Q 5 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	2♣	Pass	2♥*
?			

What call would you make?

Q 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♦	1♥	3♣*	Dbl
Pass	?		

What call would you make?

Q 7 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♦	1♥	3♣*	Dbl
Pass	?		

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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



Sen. John Albers, R-Roswell, talks to reporters at the Georgia Capitol in Atlanta on Tuesday, Aug. 25, about a task force convened to address police misuse of the Flock Safety camera network/TY TAGAMI, Capitol Beat

Lawmaker exploring legislation to curb Flock camera misuse

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Growing public concern about license plate reader systems has led a key state senator to consider legislation to limit abuses by police.

After nearly weekly news reports of law enforcement officers accused of misusing license plate reader data for personal purposes, such as spying on friends and family, Sen. John Albers, R-Roswell, said on Tuesday that he was joining a new task force to explore whether legislation is needed.

He said other lawmakers also were invited to join.

“Like every citizen in our state, we’re concerned about the abuses that have taken place,” said Albers, who, as chairman of the Senate Public Safety Committee, has influence over law enforcement legislation.

News reports about police misuse of the camera systems in Georgia increased this year, as more local departments started auditing use and reporting potential abuses to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

As recently as last week, three former officers in Savannah were charged with misuse of a license plate reader system and violation of oath of office, WSB-TV reported Monday, noting that a fourth employee also was charged with misuse of the system.

In separate Georgia cases, former law enforcement employees also have been charged with misuse, as well as stalking and computer invasion of privacy.

Atlanta-based Flock Safety is one of the leading companies in the license plate reader industry. The company told Atlanta News First in 2023 that its cameras were watching in at least 70% of Georgia’s cities.

The proliferation of its cameras has been accompanied by concerns about privacy.

At least 30 localities across the country had deactivated their Flock cameras or canceled their contracts with the company since the beginning of 2025, NPR reported in February. That report noted that Flock CEO Garrett Langley had criticized DeFlock, a crowd-sourced mapping project.

As of Tuesday, DeFlock’s website reported that more than 130 cities had canceled Flock contracts, deactivated their cameras or otherwise rejected the systems. But the website said there were still at least 135,000 license plate readers in use.

In mid-August, Flock announced new accountability and privacy measures. The company said it was reducing its recommended default data retention period from 30 days to seven. It also said it was letting cities control the types of offenses that external law enforcement agencies could search their data for.

Flock’s network stitch-

es together law enforcement across the country. Last week, the Utah News Dispatch reported that 10 Flock cameras in one county had been searched more than five million times between February 2022 and July, nearly 97% of the searches coming from law enforcement in 45 other states.

Flock has said its technology helped locate 10,000 missing persons in 2025, adding that the cameras contributed “significantly” to the recovery of stolen vehicles.

Police in Cobb County credited interagency access to the Flock network for the capture of the suspect in a deadly Midtown Atlanta shooting in 2023, according to Atlanta News First.

Albers said the new task force was formed by the Georgia Association of Sheriffs and the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.

Speaking to reporters at the Capitol, he said he was unsure whether any legislation would emerge from their discussions. He noted the distinction of legislating Flock cameras on public versus private property, and he emphasized their value to police work.

“People have concerns and public trust is paramount,” he said.

LAND BANK
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To future improve Dublin's neighborhoods, Calvin is working to organize a community cleanup day this fall. She is seeking churches, civic groups and other volunteers to spearhead a "Fight the Blight" initiative to clean blighted properties, remove trash and debris from streets and help cut grass and weeds in yards.

Calvin is theming her effort after "Green Acres," the 1960s TV sitcom about wealthy city socialites moving to a rural community.

"Dublin is 'the place to be,'" she said referencing the show's theme song. "It's our home and we should treasure it. When people visit Dublin they should want to move to it, to help develop it."

City leaders have taken several recent actions to tackle blight and attempt to kickstart housing development. The city has tightened and increased penalties against homeowners



Sonya May Calvin, executive director of the Dublin-Laurens Land Bank speaks during a meeting with area developers at Dublin City Hall. The Land Bank maintains an inventory of abandoned and seized property, looking to get it back in the hand of investors/KYLE DOMINY

who fail to maintain their yards and property. Home builders also will see decreased costs tied to fees and permits within the city limits. Building within the city's Urban Development Areas or on blighted property is further incentivized with deeply reduced or even waived permit costs on everything from demolition fees to expenses tied to connecting to city utilities.



Principal Sherrell Edmond accepts a \$1,500 check from Dublin Chevrolet Executive Manager Don Carswell earlier this week in front of Hillcrest Elementary School/PAYTON TOWNS III

SCHOOL DONATION
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said. “I knew Dublin City Schools needed some good news and to me this was some good news.”

Dublin Chevrolet will also hold a test drive at Hillcrest later this fall where an additional \$500 can be raised.

“People will be able to come by and register for a test drive,” Carswell said. “It’s just part of Chevrolet and Dublin Chevy, GMC giving back to our community and we try to do that a few other things. It is just part of what we do.”

Edmonds said the funds will help the Hillcrest Local School Governance board provide for various student incentives during the school year.

“This is a nice big boost to get us started,” she said.

State sets new execution date set for Cobb County killer

By TY TAGAMI
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ATLANTA — Georgia will execute Stacey Ian Humphreys on Sept. 16 after postponing a prior execution scheduled for late last year.

Humphreys was convicted of murder and other crimes in the 2003 deaths of Cyndi Williams and Lori Brown in Cobb County.

Georgia Department of Corrections Commissioner Tyrone Oliver selected the new execution date after a Cobb superior court judge ordered it between Sept. 16 and Sept. 23.

Humphreys exhausted his appeals in October when the U.S. Supreme Court decided against him after twice declining to hear his earlier appeals. The Georgia Supreme Court had twice issued decisions against him.

Humphreys was born in 1973, the year Georgia reinstated capital punishment after a brief pause over litigation.

He was sentenced to death for the murders of two real estate agents during the lunch hour on Nov. 3, 2003. The women worked in a construction company’s model home at a new Cobb subdivision when Humphreys walked in and killed them.



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