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'This facility is going to give people hope'

Officials open Quentin's Place crisis center

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The crowd cheered Wednesday as the green ribbon was cut on Quentin's Place, a new center where people in a health crisis can look for hope.

The behavioral health crisis center held a ribbon cutting ceremony at its new location at 326 Johnson Drive. The building, named after the late Dr. Quentin Price, was packed with community leaders, law enforcement officers, Community Service Board of Middle Georgia representatives and other members of the community.

"I remember gathering here May (2025) for a groundbreaking, and there was a plan, vision and commitment for stronger support services in this area," said Commissioner Kevin Tanner with Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. "Today, that becomes a reality. This facility is going to give people hope. It is open 24 hours a day, and people will be able to receive care and services."

Denise Forbes, chief clinical officer at CSBMG, called Quentin's Place a client service center with 24-hour access, which includes a 16-bed temporary obser-



A crowd celebrates the opening of the Quentin's Place crisis center with a ribbon cutting/PAYTON TOWNS III

vation unit and a crisis stabilization unit with 24 beds. She recalled how they gathered on April 12, 2005 to dedicate a different facility to Price, posthumously. He had been a family physician for more than 33 years, and after retirement, worked as a part-time physician with the CSBMG, until passing away at 76.

"For those who had the privilege of knowing and working with Dr. Price, it was easy to see the passion he brought to his work, especially with those dealing with substance use problems," Forbes said. "He worked tirelessly to ensure



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Quentin's Place includes a 16-bed temporary observation unit and a crisis stabilization unit with 24 beds/PAYTON TOWNS III

ELECTION 2026: STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 155

Hatchett wants to use experience under Gold Dome to help counties

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

Matt Hatchett likes to help people.

The Republican incumbent for Georgia House of Representatives District 155 has been doing this since he first took office as a state representative in 2011.

This is the first time since 2012, when he beat Democratic challenger Sheikh Rahman, that Hatchett has faced opposition. Earlier this year he beat Republican challenger Charles Cook 6,056 to 613 in the primary. Now he faces Democratic challenger Joe Powers, who did not have opposition in the primary, picking up 3,223 votes in May.

Hatchett has spent the last 26 years serving the public in an elected capacity, with 16 underneath the Gold Dome in Atlanta. Before that, he spent 10 years as a Dublin city council member.

"I've learned a lot about



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how the government works and how the government does not work," Hatchett said. "I am in a pretty good position with my peers in the Legislature in getting things done that are hopefully good for Laurens and Johnson counties and for the state in its entirety."

He has been focused on the budget over the last four years, and admits that it sometimes takes two or three years to get a bill through.

"You have to do a lot of convincing, meet with the right people and get it across the finish line," Hatchett said. "Even then, you have to make sure the governor doesn't veto it. I bring that experience and knowledge of how the system works."

He has been the Appropriations chairman for the last four years. In this role, Hatchett oversees the House budget-writing committee and state spending legislation.

"You have to build the respect around you from leadership," Hatchett said. "The role became open and I let it be known that I was interested. I was fortunate to be asked to serve in that capacity."

Financial records from the state ethics commission show Hatchett has spent more than \$490,000 and raised more than \$600,000. It takes money to run a campaign, said

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Powers taking a grassroots approach to court district voters

By KYLE DOMINY
Staff Reporter

Joe Powers knows how to hold a conversation.

With myriad experience in media and sales, talking is how the Dublin resident has earned a living for the better part of two decades. This year he has been making a different kind of sales pitch - courting himself to voters he hopes will propel him to the Georgia House District 155 seat.

"The thing I hear most often is, 'Nobody has ever done this before,'" Powers said about his practice of canvassing neighborhoods and knocking on doors. He said full days have been spent walking the streets of Dublin, sitting and talking with residents in their homes and yards.

His campaign against Republican incumbent Matt Hatchett has centered around social media posts and showing up at community events and public meetings. Powers caused quite the stir this summer when he publicized a rumored data center coming to Laurens County.

After discovering a grant application from the Atlanta Regional Commission highlighting the old



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Mohawk plant on Nathaniel Drive as a prime location for a large-scale data center, Powers encouraged residents to show up to county commission meetings to voice their opinion. And show up they did. A standing room-only crowd attended the July 21 commission meeting, mostly demanding the county take action to prevent such a facility from coming.

The grant application, which was denied, was for Environmental Protection Agency funds to check for brownfields, or contaminated industrial land. It listed the Mohawk plant site as a

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OBITUARIES



Jimmie Daniel Norris

Funeral services for Mr. Jimmie Daniel Norris will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026, at 2 p.m. at the Buckeye Baptist Church, 2176 New Buckeye Road in East Dublin. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Jimmie Norris was born on Feb. 6, 1935, in Laurens County, Georgia, to the late Vernon Norris and Ossie B. Norris. He was the second of three children. He was raised by Mary L. Wright and Doretha Marshall.

At a young age, Mr. Jimmie dedicated his life to Christ and became a member of Buckeye Baptist Church, where he faithfully served for many years as a deacon and as a member of the usher board.

"Mr. Buck" was a dedicated mechanic for many years and had the opportunity to retire from the Claxton-Lawrence Ford shop after a long and honorable career.

Jimmie was a devoted and nurturing father who lovingly raised four children: James (Peggy) Norris, Retta Norris, Prophetess Gretta Smith, and Brittany (Rawn) McPhee. He was joined in holy matrimony to Frances Norris. Prior to their union, Frances has a daughter, Teresa (Dewey) Ayers, and a son, the late Frederick Allen.

On the evening of Sept. 18, 2026, a golden heart stopped beating, and hard-working hands were laid to rest. Mr. Jimmy Daniel Norris, affectionately known as "Buck," transitioned peacefully into eternal rest at his home, surrounded by his loving wife and family.

Jimmie was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Vernon Norris and Ossie B. Norris; his sister, Gwen Edwards; and his brothers, Lester Marshall Sr., Robert Wright, Daniel Wright, Lovester Marshall, Willie Lewis and Melvin Marshall.

Jimmie leaves to cherish his memory to his devoted wife, Frances Norris; his children, James (Peggy) Norris, Retta Norris, Prophetess Gretta Smith, and Brittany (Rawn) McPhee

all of Dublin, Georgia; and Teresa (Dewey) Ayers Atlanta, Georgia. He also leaves eight sisters, Beatrice Plummer, Lorraine Reynolds, Mamie Lou White, Pearl Mayfield, Rosa Pullens, Carrie (Ernest) Bush, Ruth Jordan, and Marilyn Allen; one uncle, L.W. Norris; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Please post your condolences online at Servicesby-Dudley.com

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.



Ginger Watson Carter

Ginger Watson Carter, known as Ginger, 60, of East Dublin, Georgia, passed away on Sept. 23, 2026. She was born on Jan. 22, 1966, in Dublin, Georgia, and lived a life marked by devotion to her family, her faith, and the many relationships she nurtured with kindness and care.

Ginger was the beloved wife of Rickey Carter, and they shared 41 years of marriage filled with love, commitment and steadfast companionship. Together, they built a family that was the center of her world. She was a devoted mother to Lewis Jevon Carter and his wife, Crystal, Daniel Carter and his wife, Cameron, Jesse Carter and his wife, Amber, and Felicia Carter-Cason and countless others that she raised. Her children were a source of great pride and joy and she cherished each of them deeply.

She was a treasured Nanny to Cheyenne Carter Hood and her husband, Tyler, Cayleigh Carter Franco and her husband, Kevin, Shelby Carter, Ava Carter, Addie Carter, Elizabeth Cason, Gage Carter, Brody Carter, Noah Fratilla, and Devin Leton. Ginger was also a great-grandmother to Giovanni Franco and Georgia Hood. Her love for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren was boundless, and she found great happiness in the time she spent with them, celebrating their lives and accomplishments with a proud and tender heart. She was an aunt to numerous nieces

and nephews that she loved with all her heart.

Ginger was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Burnette Watson; her paternal grandfather, Grady Watson; her paternal grandmother, Lucille Padgett; and her maternal grandparents, William Day Dudley and Eva Eloise Dudley.

She is survived by her sisters, Sherry Watson, Gay Shepard and her husband, Stacey, and Teresa Ivey and her husband, Ken, as well as her brothers, Lance Watson and his wife, Carla, Rex Watson and his wife, Karen, and Cliff Watson and his wife, Lori. Ginger valued the bonds of family and remained connected to her siblings with love and loyalty throughout her life. These relationships were an important part of the foundation that helped define her as a person.

A homemaker by trade and by calling, Ginger devoted herself to creating a warm and loving home. She was known for her thoughtful nature, her passionate spirit, and the loving way she cared for those around her. Her presence brought comfort and strength to her family, and her gentle heart left a lasting impression on all who knew her. She was the kind of woman who remembered the details that mattered, offered encouragement when it was needed, and gave of herself freely and sincerely.

She was a member of Graham Memorial Church of the Nazarene. Her Christian faith guided her steps and reflected the grace and compassion she showed to others. She found strength in her beliefs and lived in a way that demonstrated her devotion to God and to the people she loved.

Those who knew Ginger will remember her as loving, thoughtful, passionate, and faithful. She had a gift for making others feel valued and cared for, and her life was a testimony to the power of family, faith, and steadfast love. Her memory will live on in the hearts of her husband, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, extended family, and all who were blessed to know her.

Pallbearers will be Richie Carter, Seth Howell, Charlie Shepard, Kevin Howell, William Watson and Mark Graham.

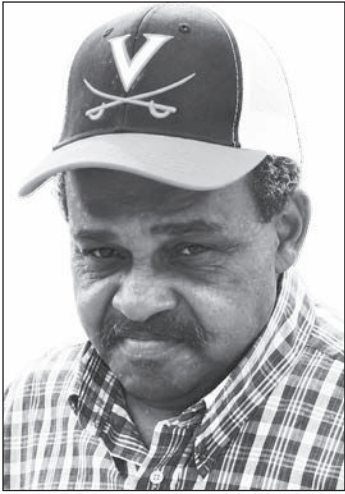
Honorary escorts will include Stanley Soles, Jake Howell, Joe Howell, Reggie Carter, Tommy Hughes, Clay Hughes, Jeremy Stone, Logan Watson, Matt Gonzalez and Jimmy Graham.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 25, 2026, at Graham Memorial Church of the Nazarene Cemetery, with Rev. Jacob Hughes officiating.

Please visit www.townsendfuneralhome.com

to sign the online memorial register.

Townsend Brothers Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements.



George Linder

Funeral services for Mr. George Linder will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026, at 2 p.m. at the Sand Hill Baptist Church in Wrightsville, Georgia. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Mr. George Linder was born on Feb. 13, 1935, Johnson County, Georgia. His parents died at an early age and George was raised by his grandfather, Edward Linder.

George attended school in Johnson County for a few years and later became one of the best truck drivers around. He was known to the truck driving world as "Bebop." George hauled material and different products all over the nation for over 50 years. He worked and drove for John Powell Logging Company of Wrightsville, J&M Tank Line of Milledgeville, Williams Trucking of Wrightsville and United Trucking Co. of Wrightsville.

George was a lifelong member of the Sand Hill Missionary Baptist Church and there held commitment and his faith to God and his church family.

George, a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend to many, passed away peacefully on Sept. 18, 2026, at the age of 90. George was preceded in death by his parents, Ella Mae Daniels-Linder and Floyd D. Linder; grandfather, Edward Linder; and his first wife of many years, Ms. Robbie Clyde Linder.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Shirley Linder; his children, John (Sharon) King, Eugene Hall, and Cassandra Linder all of Wrightsville; his bonus children, Burestine Irwin, Shirley Thomas, Kenny

Ervin, Lisa Ervin, Pauline Ervin, Edward Ervin, Christian Ervin and Shykemmia Ervin.

He is also survived by his brother and sisters-in-law, Willie James Irwin, Bobbie Jean Wright, Lousie Norris, Aliene Taylor, Virginia Scott; devoted cousin, Martha Knight; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; a host of step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

George legacy of faith, love, and kindness will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

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Celestine Willoby Ross

Memorial services for Celestine Willoby Ross will be held on Monday, Sept. 28, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2424 Highway 441 South in Dublin.

Celestine Willoby Ross was born on July 15, 1947, in Washington, D.C., to the late Leland Jackson Sr. and Agnes Jackson. Her life ended on Sept. 8, 2026, leaving behind a beautiful legacy of love, family, faith and service.

Celestine was raised in Washington, D.C., where she attended the District of Columbia Public Schools. She later graduated from Margaret Washington High School of Nursing and began a career devoted to caring for others. She worked at Georgetown University Hospital for more than 20 years, touching countless lives through her service and dedication.

Later in life, Celestine made Dublin, Georgia, her new home with her husband, Samuel Ross. Although she had earned the

opportunity to retire, sitting still simply wasn't her style. She enjoyed staying busy by working locally and spending time doing the things that brought her joy. Celestine loved cooking for her family and friends and was especially known for her famous homemade rolls. She also enjoyed fishing and traveling, creating many special memories along the way. Whether she was working, cooking, fishing, traveling or simply spending time with the people she loved, Celestine embraced life in her own special way.

It was also in Dublin that Celestine found a spiritual home at the Kingdom Hall of Dublin, Georgia. Celestine was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. There, her faith continued to grow, and she developed an extended spiritual family whose love and friendship remained with her throughout the final chapter of her life.

Celestine experienced both great love and great loss during her lifetime. She was preceded in death by Edward Willoby, the father of her three children, who passed away in 2005. She later married Samuel Ross, who preceded her in death on Feb. 2, 2026. She is also preceded in death by her siblings, Rudolph David Martin, Fredrick Rowe, Leland Jackson, Jr., Alphonso Martin, Billy Jackson and Carolyn Miller.

At the center of Celestine's life was her family. She was the loving mother of Frank Willoby (Michelle), Casey Willoby and Steven Willoby (Melissa). Through them, her family continued to grow, and she had the blessing of seeing generations come behind her. She also leaves to cherish her memories her grandchildren, Lavonnia, Frank Jr., Franzel, Trey, Christian, Trenton, Daniel, Jada, Justyn, Niya, and Steven Jr.; great-grandchildren, Ava, Franzel Jr., Zakia, Zaia, Zorah, and Arys; sisters, Charlotte Boyd, her twin sister, and Willie Mae Rowe

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT YATES PROPERTIES HAS SUBMITTED A REZONING APPLICATION FOR .49 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1619 RICE AVENUE, DUBLIN GEORGIA. REQUEST TO REZONE FROM R1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO P (PROFESSIONAL). PROPOSED USE IS A COUNSELING OFFICE.

THIS REQUEST WILL BE HEARD BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD ON OCTOBER 13, 2026 AT 5:30 P. M. IN THE HENRY "BUD" HICKS JR MEMORIAL CHAMBERS. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING TO GIVE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS REZONING REQUEST.

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

Decoration maxxng: Changing a stance on an old belief

Money is getting a little tight out there. Diesel fuel is at an all-time high - just in time for cotton and peanut season – not to mention gas and energy prices as a whole; groceries are more expensive; and every statement that comes in the mail, from taxes to the WiFi bill, is creeping up. Despite all of that, people are still willing to throw some cash around as the spooky season approaches.

The National Retail Federation is predicting Halloween spending to also reach an all-time high this year, about \$13.5 billion, this season. That's a lot of people buying decorations, costumes and candy. And not to continuously drive this point home, but cocoa and candy are also extremely expensive now.

But this is not a rant about how costly life is becoming or how people spend their hard-earned money. If buying costumes for your dog brings you joy, by all means dress your pet up for every occasion. What I'm interested in is the infringement of holidays and notable seasons to other parts of the calendar.

The internet calls it maxxng – taking a habit or hobby, whether for good or ill, and pushing it to the extreme. I see a lot of decoration maxxers out there.

In the past, I've taken a strict approach on when it is appropriate to decorate for various holidays, notably Christ-

It's beginning to look a lot like...

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

mas. I've publicly declared that no Christmas tree should be trimmed before Thanksgiving or a giant skeleton installed before Labor Day.

And you know what? I was wrong.

Along the route of my daily commute I pass a home

that, as far as I know, has had a towering skeleton figure in the front yard for months if not all year long. Wrapped around the boney neck of its lanky frame is what appears to be a red, white and blue necktie, still unchanged from the summer holidays like July Fourth.

Another house fully crowds a corner of the yard of skeletons, spiders and other spooky decor in early September. Last year the skeletons remained by the road until New Year's, wearing pilgrim hats in November and Santa Claus hoods through Christmas.

Very soon, probably before we experience any real change in the weather, some people will begin decking the halls, hanging garland and setting up Nativity scenes. And now I'm all for it.

It's been another strange year. Whether from political strife at home, wars overseas, the never-ending debate over data centers and artificial intelligence and not to mention expensive living, we're all frazzled and a little over stimulated. Some twinkling lights, whether orange and purple or silver and gold, may do us some good.

So decorate away, good people. Put up your inflatable Frankenstein's monsters and have Santa Claus on deck. If it makes you happy and brings a little peace to the world, I won't complain anymore.

Dear Middle Georgia, I'm back!

My first day at work as the publisher and editor at The Courier Herald, a trusted news source in Dublin and greater Laurens County for decades, was Monday, Sept. 21. But it wasn't my first time working as a journalist in Middle Georgia. During my 20-year career as a sports, religion, real estate, and political reporter and editor, most recently as the Editor in Chief at The Atlanta Voice, I have had the opportunity to join communities in Atlanta, Savannah, Newnan, Greensboro, Eatonton, Jonesboro, Forest Park, and Riverdale. That said, there was no place that challenged and changed my career like my time in Middle Georgia.



EDITOR'S NOTES...

By DONNELL SUGGS

Dear Middle Georgia, I'm back!

For more than four years, I worked as the sports editor at the Houston Home Journal (HHJ). The coverage area included Perry, the HHJ's home base, Warner Robins, and Kathleen, and each city had strong high school sports programs in particular sports. The high school football, basketball, baseball, softball, and track & field coverage kept me at six schools on every side of town in all three cities night after night. With that much exposure to the student-athletes, coach-

es, school administrators, parents, fan bases, and in particular, the cities, Middle Georgia just grew on me. Hopefully, I grew on them, too. I still get Facebook messages from people from Warner Robins about former Warner Robins High School Demons and Northside High School Eagles players on the collegiate and professional levels. Those were some good times.

Being back in Middle Georgia I was one of the key reasons I accepted the opportunity to be the new publisher and editor at The Courier Herald. The people made that move easy when I started at the Houston Home Journal in the fall of 2016. A decade later, I have returned, and I can't wait to meet the people of Dublin.

By the time you read this, I will have already had lunch at Miller's Soul

Food and a peaches-and-cream danish at Petals and Pastries. I plan on attending Dublin Fighting Irish football games, beginning on October 9 against Swainsboro and West Laurens, and East Laurens softball games. I want to attend Mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and visit the comic book store across the street from Company Supply. I walked past it last week, and can't wait to pop in and say hello.

To sum it up: I want to be a part of this community.

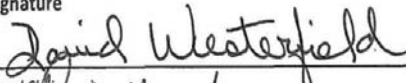
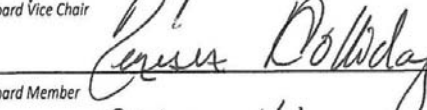
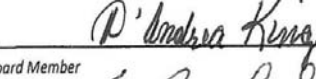
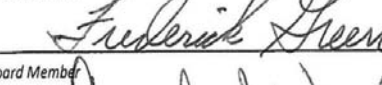
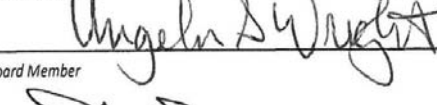
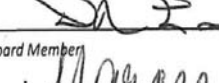
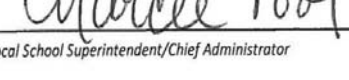
I'm back in Middle Georgia, and more specifically, I am the new publisher and editor of a community newspaper that means a lot to this community. I'm happy to be here, and I look forward to meeting you wherever that may be.

HERE'S A TIP

- * Spring bulbs need a few weeks in the ground to get established before the first of the frosts. If you're just getting around to planting your spring bulbs, here is a great garden design tip: Use kebab skewers to figure out the bulbs' placement in the garden.
- * "Place an ice cube (or chips) in carpet divots left behind by furniture legs. This will

help the fibers "plump up," and the spot will disappear!" -- A.L. in Utah

* Felt circles are great for putting under small appliances on the kitchen counter. They shift better, but they don't scratch the countertops. You can find them at the hardware store, or make your own custom ones by cutting out what you need from a piece of felt and attaching it to the bottom of your appliance with double-stick tape or even a drop of glue!

(UNAUDITED) STATEMENT OF ACTUAL FINANCIAL OPERATIONS			
Dublin City Schools, Georgia			
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026			
Published pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-67, in the form specified and prescribed by the State Auditor			
	General Fund	All Other Governmental Funds	Total
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	13,360,825		13,360,825
Sales Taxes	1,042,033	3,032,552	4,074,585
State Funds	17,670,493	979,578	18,650,071
Federal Funds	123,252	7,205,412	7,328,664
Other Revenues	1,098,022	1,464,084	2,562,106
Total Revenues	33,294,624	12,681,627	45,976,251
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Instruction	17,063,845	3,083,036	20,146,881
Support Services			
Pupil Services	1,674,291	1,526,308	3,200,599
Improvement of Instructional Services	1,134,450	741,092	1,875,543
Educational Media Services	328,583	312,142	640,725
General Administration	292,129	123,252	415,381
School Administration	2,264,232	105,519	2,369,751
Business Administration	1,357,435	2,844	1,360,279
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	3,164,478	72,631	3,237,108
Student Transportation Services	1,366,208	24,073	1,390,281
Central Support Services	765,005		765,005
Other Support Services	365,523	73,349	438,873
Enterprise Operations		72,304	72,304
Community Services	274,716	7,203	281,919
Food Services Operations		2,834,034	2,834,034
Capital Outlay		1,082,395	1,082,395
Debt Service	311,120	483,323	794,443
Total Expenditures	30,362,016	10,543,503	40,905,519
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	2,932,608	2,138,124	5,070,732
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Other Sources			-
Other Uses			-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,932,608	2,138,124	5,070,732
Fund Balance, Beginning	(3,864,237)	318,555	(3,545,681)
Fund Balance, Ending	(931,628)	2,456,679	1,525,051
CERTIFICATION: We, the undersigned, being all of the members of the governing board of the above-named local school system/state charter school and the local school superintendent/chief administrator, certify that this Statement of Actual Financial Operations for the fiscal year shown above, prepared on the form specified and prescribed by the State Auditor pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-67(c), has been examined by each of us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, fairly presents the actual financial operations and current financial status of the school system/state charter school. Executed prior to publication as required by law.			
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Moment of Inspiration

Are You Preparing to Worship?

“O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.”
- Psalm 95:6

Worship is more than attending church, singing a song, or listening to a sermon. Worship begins in the heart.

Before we enter God's house, we should prepare our hearts to meet with Him. We can lay aside distractions, worries, and the cares of life and remind ourselves of who God is. He is our Creator, our Savior, and our Lord.

Psalm 95:6 calls us to “worship and bow down” and to humble ourselves before Him. True worship begins when we recognize that God is worthy of our praise and that we are dependent upon Him.

So, before you come to church, ask yourself: Am I preparing my heart to worship? Come with a thankful heart. Come with a humble spirit. Come expecting God to speak through His Word. Don't just prepare your clothes for worship—prepare your heart.

Prayer: Lord, prepare my heart to worship You. Help me lay aside the distractions of life and come before You with humility, thanksgiving, and praise. May my worship be pleasing and honoring to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

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CRISIS CENTER

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that individuals served received the best possible care. He never grew tired of learning and continued to keep up with new techniques and practices in the field of addiction for as long as he worked."

Twenty-one years later, Forbes noted how they were once again dedicating a new building for Price.

“Though our team held discussions about naming the facility, it was an easy decision that this building would be known as the Quentin Price, MD, Behavioral Health Crisis Center, still affectionally known as Quentin’s Place,” she said. “I’ve often thought of Dr. Price and his time spent with our agency. I know he would be extremely pleased to see the outgrowth of the seeds he sowed in helping those most in need. Through his efforts with public health and mental health initiatives, Dr. Price helped strengthen and expand crisis stabilization services and addiction treatment as important service options for citizens in our rural area.”

Price's family attended the event. State Rep. Matt Hatchett, of District 155, called on Quentin's son, Jim, to speak.

"This is a great honor," Jim said. "This is really, really something."

Dr. Price worked as a family practitioner from 1960 until he retired. He then went on to work part-time in the prison system and later in mental health.

"To get a place named after you for only working part-time is pretty good," his son said. "I'd like to thank Matt, Kevin and so many people who worked so hard to get this done."

Hatchett remembers seeing the budget three or four years ago and saw a new behavioral crisis center to be built in Dublin. It needed the support of Tan-



Denise Forbes, chief clinical officer, recalls the history of the naming of Quentin's Place/**PAYTON TOWNS III**

ner and Kemp. It also needed the support of the leaders of the CSBMG. Hatchett also thanked former Georgia Speaker of the House David Ralston.

“Without him being passionate about helping mental health become recognized as just health, we would not be here,” Hatchett said. “We have put billions of dollars into mental health and without him, we would not be here.”

Tanner thanked Hatchett, saying the new facility would not be where it was without him. Tanner also gave kudos to Gov. Brian Kemp.

“Since 2019, Georgia has invested well over a billion dollars in increase funding in mental health,” Tanner said. “That would not have been possible without Gov. Kemp.”

O.J. Hall, chairman of the Dublin-Laurens Chamber of Commerce board of directors and CSBMG board member, thanked the employees for the work they have done. Hall, who is also the Laurens County Schools superintendent, informed the public that when the



Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
Commissioner Kevin Tanner thanked the community for making
Quentin's Place a reality/**PAYTON TOWNS III**

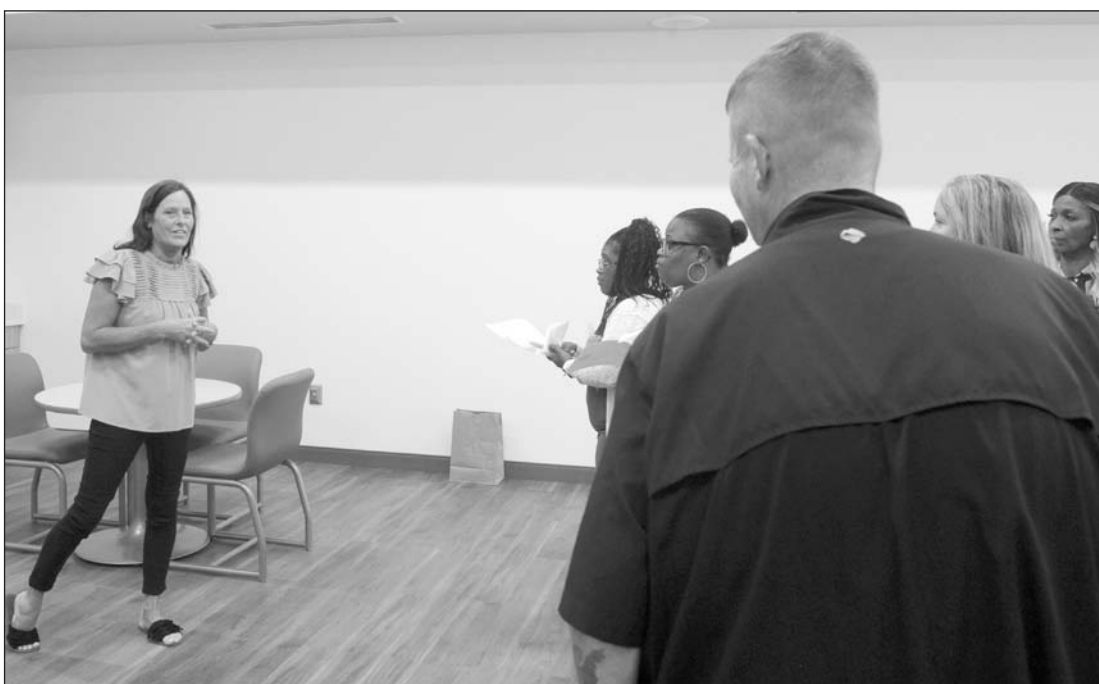
like this, the small stuff can make a very big difference. Your dedication, your expertise and your commitment to the people we serve are reflected throughout this building."

Montford also spotlighted the employees at Quentin's Place.

"You are the heart of this organization," she said. "You are the people who will sit with someone when they are hurting. You will listen when they feel no one else will. You will offer reassurance when they are afraid. And sometimes, you may simply be the person who helps someone believe that tomorrow can be better than today."

Which is the real purpose of the building.

“Someone will walk through these doors on what may be the worst day of their life,” Montford said. “And because of Quentin’s Place, they will have somewhere to go. They will have someone to talk to. They will have an opportunity to stabilize, to heal, and to find a path forward. And perhaps most importantly, they will have hope.”



A group is led on a tour of the facility following the ribbon cutting/PAYTON TOWNS III

CSBMG is helping a child or student in crisis, they are also helping their family.

Lisa Montford, chief executive officer, said Quentin's Place is the result of a vision that people experiencing a behavioral health crisis deserve a safe, welcoming and dignified place to receive the help and care that is required. She thanked architectural firm

Hussey Gay Bell, and Akins, the general contractor. Cindy Levi, former CEO of Avita Community Partners, was thanked for her technical assistance, experience, encouragement and willingness to answer many emails and phone calls.

Montford also thanked Renee Moore, Quentin's Place program manager, and Nurse Manager Sheree

Skipper for working behind the scenes.

"They have spent countless hours ... working through the many details that most people will never see – but that are so important to creating a safe environment for individuals in crisis," Montford said. "Thank you for caring enough to sweat the small stuff, because in a place



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His work ethic has proven to be second to none, and his "happy go lucky" personality was always present even while confronting challenging issues. Ash's family legacy of service to the century old business is carried on by his sons Jackson and Wesley, both active in the wholesale food operation and the "Cash and Carry".

We will miss you Ash and hope that you and Leisha have a great time boating, fishing, and chasing grandkids as you enter a new season of life!

Much love from the Cochran Brothers family!

OBITUARIES



Idris Chwdra Stephens Sr.

Funeral services for Mr. Idris Chwdra Stephens Sr. will be held on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026, at 3 p.m. at the Baker Baptist Church, 1610 Baker Church Road in Rentz. Rev. Joey Diers will deliver the eulogy.

Mr. Idris Chwdra Stephens Sr., 46, of Dexter, Georgia passed away on Sept. 22, 2026.

Born on March 5, 1980, in Newark, New Jersey. He was a devoted Christian, a loving husband, and a dedicated father whose life was centered on his family and his faith. For many years, he was a familiar face along Highway 80 in Jeffersonville, Georgia, before making his home in Dexter with his beloved family.

A hard-working and dependable man, he dedicated 21 years to the road as a truck driver, taking great pride in his work to provide for those he loved. Outside of work, he found his greatest peace in God's creation, loving nothing more than spending quiet mornings fishing or spending time hunting.

He was a deeply devoted husband to his wife of 29 years, Masheiva (Josey) Stephens, and a proud father of Zy'Anee, Zy'preshous, Ziya, Zi'Jahni, Idris Jr. and Teomesio. His surviving family includes his mother and father, Wanda and

Ricky Stephens; brothers, Ricky Jr (Mychael), Gary (Carla); sister, Jennifer (Ray); devoted aunts, uncles, cousins, church family and friends.

His steady presence, warm heart, and strong faith left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

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Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.



Benjamin Thomas Woodard

Benjamin Thomas Woodard, known as Benjamin, passed away on Sept. 24, 2026, in Macon, Georgia. He was born on Jan. 10, 1992, in Dublin, Georgia.

Benjamin lived a life marked by love, faith and purpose. He was the beloved son of Thomas and Kathy Woodard, who cherished him deeply throughout his life. He was also the treasured grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Alex Woodard and the late Mr. and Mrs. James E. Ward Sr. His family will remember him always for the kindness he showed, the strength he carried, and the steady encouragement he offered to those around him.

A devoted Christian, Benjamin was a faithful member of Dexter Baptist Church, where his life reflected his commitment to the Lord and to serving others. He was known not only for his words, but for the way he

lived them out each day. He disciplined others with humility and sincerity, and he led many to the Lord through his witness, his compassion, and his example. His faith was not simply something he professed, but something he practiced with conviction and joy.

Benjamin was a man of many interests and disciplines. He was an avid runner who found joy in movement and perseverance, and he also enjoyed lifting weights and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. He valued strength, discipline, and self-care, and he approached these pursuits with the same dedication he brought to every part of his life. He also loved traveling and embraced the adventure of seeing new places and experiencing the world beyond his hometown.

Those who knew Benjamin would describe him as loving, adventurous, and faith-filled. He had a warm spirit that drew people to him and a generous heart that made others feel seen and valued. He carried himself with quiet confidence and genuine care, and he left a lasting impression on everyone blessed to know him. His life was a testimony to the power of faith lived out with consistency, humility, and love. Benjamin will be remembered for the way he encouraged others, the example he set, and the devotion he showed to God, his family, and his church.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 26, 2026, at Dexter Baptist Church Cemetery with Pastor Jeremiah Sluss officiating.

Please visit www.townsendfuneralhome.com to sign the online memorial register.

Townsend Brothers Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements.

Dublin Police Department

- Luis Lopez III, 40, was charged with criminal trespass at Valero on Bellevue Avenue around 8:46 p.m. on Sept. 14 in reference to a suspicious person outside the location.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with the individual who was later identified as Lopez. The man appeared to be sweating and experiencing discomfort from the heat. Lopez said he had been traveling from state to state and from county to county. Lopez said he wanted to have his prescription medication refilled.

Officers on scene contacted EMS and requested that they respond to the location to speak with Lopez. While waiting for EMS to arrive, Lopez dumped two bags containing paperwork onto the ground in front of him and began going through the items. Lopez refused EMS services for evaluations. Officers advised Lopez to gather his paperwork and leave the property. He asked them to help him recover \$25,000.

Lopez was asked to leave but looked through his paperwork and ignored instructions. After Lopez was given another opportunity to comply and failed to do so, the officer arrested him. Lopez was transported to the sheriff's office.

- At 7:22 p.m. on Sept. 17, an officer was contacted by another officer about a domestic dispute happening on Woodlawn Drive.

Upon arrival, an officer met with a woman who said that she and her boyfriend got into an argument about a photoshoot they were having. She stated



ed that she got in his face, arguing with him and he shoved her back. She said that after that, she came to him again and hit her in the mouth with a closed fist, causing a laceration to her lip.

The man, identified as Mr. Baker, told the officer they were arguing over a photoshoot, she got into his face and he shoved her head back to get away from him. She then came back and he hit her in the face. Mr. Baker had two scratches on his face from the woman.

Mr. Baker was arrested and transported to the sheriff's office. The officer planned to see the magistrate judge about warrants for simple battery family violence.

- Mylan Nevaeh Broxton, 19, was charged with theft by shoplifting at Walmart on Highway 80 West at 8:26 p.m. on Sept. 17.

An officer arrived at the store and talked with an employee in the asset protection program for Walmart. The employee pointed out a woman wearing a pink shirt and pink pants with yellow stripes. The woman, identified as Broxton, that she had paid for the things in her buggy. The officer asked if she had anything else that belonged to the store that she did not pay for. After hesitating, Broxton admitted to having things in her bag.

The officer observed

multiple cleaning items such as lysol wipes, spray and Tylenol, \$29 worth of merchandised not paid for. The woman was arrested, transported to the police department, fingerprinted and released on a citation.

Laurens County Sheriff's Office

- Gage Wynn, 19, of East Dublin was charged with criminal damage to property in the second degree on Carolyn Avenue at 12:36 a.m. on Sept. 11.

- On Sept. 12 at 7:53 p.m., a deputy placed a phone call to a concerned citizen regarding a vehicle dispute on Hungerford Road.

- A deputy was dispatched to Arthur Graham Road in reference to an animal complaint at 6:22 a.m. on Sept. 13.

- A deputy received a phone message regarding property retrieval on Blackshear Ferry Circle at 4:39 p.m. on Sept. 14.

- A John Doe was arrested after a deputy responded to a trespassing call on Highway 19 around 10:51 a.m. on Sept. 8.

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.

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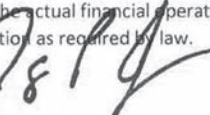
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Laurens County School System, Georgia			
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026			
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	General Fund	All Other Governmental Funds	Total
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	20,260,904		20,260,904
Sales Taxes	381,289	10,144,275	10,525,564
State Funds	63,201,732	2,452,302	65,654,034
Federal Funds		12,484,207	12,484,207
Other Revenues	2,330,446	48,140,016	50,470,462
Total Revenues	86,174,371	73,220,800	159,395,171
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
Instruction	55,854,107	8,180,309	64,034,416
Support Services			
Pupil Services	6,733,067	3,267,831	10,000,897
Improvement of Instructional Services	1,443,001	97,879	1,540,880
Educational Media Services	1,005,011	72,599	1,077,610
Federal Administration		30,740	
General Administration	2,676,324	18,622	2,694,947
School Administration	5,238,652	83,059	5,321,711
Business Administration	926,444		926,444
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	6,262,246	381,986	6,644,231
Safety	1,263,358		1,263,358
Student Transportation Services	4,716,646	823,148	5,539,793
Central Support Services	699,126	89,041	788,167
Other Support Services	71,390	976,341	1,047,731
Enterprise Operations		151,013	
Community Services		800	
Food Services Operations	274,193	8,447,051	8,721,244
Capital Outlay	233,524	591,989	825,513
Debt Service		4,738,157	4,738,157
Total Expenditures	87,397,087	27,950,566	115,347,654
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	(1,222,716)	45,270,234	44,047,518
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Other Sources			-
Other Uses	450,718	(8,775,066)	(8,324,349)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	450,718	(8,775,066)	
Net Change in Fund Balances	(771,998)	36,495,167	35,723,169
Fund Balance, Beginning	28,623,409	19,529,665	48,153,073
Fund Balance, Ending	27,851,410	56,024,832	83,876,242
CERTIFICATION: We, the undersigned, being all of the members of the governing board of the above-named local school system/state charter school and the local school superintendent/chief administrator, certify that this Statement of Actual Financial Operations for the fiscal year shown above, prepared on the form specified and prescribed by the State Auditor pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-67(c), has been examined by each of us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, fairly presents the actual financial operations and current financial status of the school system/state charter school. Executed prior to publication as required by law.			
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WLHS named region winner of Georgia EMC-sponsored sportsmanship award

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

If you attend local sporting events with any regularity, you're likely used to hearing the Georgia High School Association's sportsmanship statement read by public address announcers before the start of competition.

In fact, avid attendees can probably recite it by heart from hearing the script week after week, season after season.

But in addition to proclaiming those ideals at games, the GHSA also takes steps to recognize member schools who best represent them each year.

West Laurens High School is one of 64 statewide being honored for their noticeable emphasis on sportsmanship with the Georgia EMC Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award.

The distinction, extended to one school per region each academic year, highlights athletic programs – together with their communities – whose student-athletes, coaches, administrators and spectators best display the respect, fairness, honesty and responsibility that the state association holds among its core values.

The award was presented to school and district administrators Monday at the start of a special event kicking off the Raiders' homecoming festivities at the SHU.

WLHS principal Lyn Long extended as much credit to fans and the community who fill the stands and make athletes' playing experience so fulfilling, as those affiliated with the school itself who played a part.

"One of my goals was to make sure that the community was invited in, and make sure that they knew that we wanted their support," Long said. "This truly lets you know, like, we did it. The kids, they recognize it, they eat it up. And so when it feeds our kids, it



West Laurens High School principal Lyn Long (second from left) receives the Georgia EMC Cooperative Spirit Sportsmanship Award from Little Ocmulgee EMC's Levi Thomas and Oconee EMC's Jennifer Bryant (center), as GPB Sports' Jon Nelson (far left), Laurens County Schools Superintendent O.J. Hall (second from right) and WLHS athletic coordinator Carlos Jones (far right) look on during Monday's presentation/CLAY REYNOLDS

feeds us. I'm so thankful."

West Laurens has received the award a number of times in the past, most recently during the 2023-24 academic year. Neighboring East Laurens has been recognized as well, at least twice in recent memory.

Winners are selected by consensus of each region's athletic directors, with the help of a scoring system that evaluates not only the conduct of administrators, coaches, athletes, cheerleaders and fans, but also the ways that schools stress the importance of good sportsmanship to all of the above.

Unsportsmanlike conduct violations by coaches or athletes carry heavy weight, and schools with three or more ejections in a given school year are disqualified from consideration. But it goes much further than simply rewarding schools with a track record of avoiding unacceptable behavior.

The award criteria also take into account simple, but notable details like the involvement of administrators at regular events and region tournaments/meetings, hospitality by host schools, visitors' respect



WLHS principal Lyn Long and Raider mascot "Rowdy" are interviewed by GPB Sports' Jon Nelson before Monday's presentation Monday night at The SHU/CLAY REYNOLDS

for opposing facilities and the general positivity and "class" displayed by anyone representing a given institution at events.

"It not only deals with the schools and sports and their athletes, but it also deals with the parents and the interactions and the community really, as a whole, teachers, administrators," said Oconee EMC Chief Administrative Officer Jennifer Bryant, who was on hand to take part in Monday's recognition. "The fact that West Lau-

rens has won this this year speaks very highly of West Laurens, its teachers, administrators, school, student-athletes, just all that we already know them to be, so the state can also see that."

Football Fridays in Georgia anchor Jon Nelson also joined in the presentation, which was filmed by a GPB Sports crew to be included in a feature that will air in a rotation with those highlighting other recipient schools during its high school football program-

ming later this fall.

The occasion was part of a special homecoming pep rally leading up to the school's annual powder puff football game.

Long, inspired by her own desire as a parent to be there to be able to make special memories with her kids, tried something new last year by reimagining the event – one that would normally take place during or just after school hours – and moving it to the evening in order to invite families and other supporters to take part.

"Some parents were having to get off work, and some people couldn't," Long said. "We moved it to nighttime, so now, they can. this is as many people almost as you would see on a Friday night, so that speaks volumes to the support that these kids and our school has."

Activities leading up to the actual game, pitting the juniors against seniors and a crew of coach-officials suspected to be in the pocket of the upperclassmen, included presentations of four class dances, introductions of the homecoming court and performances by the Raider Brigade and cheerleaders.

That mission of getting the community involved in the experience of students and athletes, beyond just game day, has turned this – and events like a similar football pep rally held during last year's state playoffs – into new traditions.

"I tell these kids all the time, enjoy high school, because it doesn't last long, and then you're paying bills for the rest of your life," Long said. "I want them to enjoy these milestone moments."

Those bonds between the school, its sports teams and the larger community go a long way toward creating the positive environment and atmosphere the award seeks to celebrate, and hold up as an example.

"As a mom, I can't tell you how much I appreciate that," said Bryant, whose oldest son is a West Laurens

SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL
Wednesday
ACE 5, East Laurens 3

Thursday
Vidalia 15, Dublin 1
Briarwood 18, Trinity 10
Harlem 6, West Laurens 4
EL 13, Dodge Co. 3

FLAG FOOTBALL
Thursday
EL14, Glenn Hills 6

PREP SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL
Friday
Dublin at Bleckley Co.
Southeast Bulloch at WL
Swainsboro at EL
Trinity at Gatewood
Johnson Co. at Glascock Co.
Montgomery Co. at Atkinson Co.
Pinewood at Brentwood
Telfair Co. at Treutlen
Twiggs Co. at Wilkinson Co.
Washington Co. at Westside Augusta
/7:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL
Monday
Gatewood at Trinity
/4:30 p.m.
Bleckley Co. at Dublin
/5:30 p.m.
WL at EL/6 p.m.

Tuesday
Edmund Burke at Trinity
/4:30 p.m.
Long Co. at WL/5 p.m.
Swainsboro at Dublin
/5:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Telfair Co. at WL/5 p.m.

Thursday
Dublin at ACE Charter
/5:30 p.m.
Bleckley Co. at EL/6 p.m.

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graduate and youngest is a current junior. "To see how both my boys come home talking about the staff and the administrators and how much they love and care for them, it just means the world."

Crusaders battle back, but can't catch Bucs in back-and-forth loss

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

Trinity has had a tough time keeping up on the scoreboard this season with opponents who are averaging 13 runs a night, but its bats have seldom failed to put up a quality fight.

The Crusaders, pounding out about 4-5 per game going the other way, have stayed in a number of those high-scoring affairs though their first win of the season has remained elusive even in the closest calls: losses of three runs to Stratford Aug. 25 and two at Edmund Burke Sept. 14.

An eight-hit effort in Thursday's home rematch with Briarwood plated a season-high 10 runs as the sides traded some back-and-forth volleys of cannon fire. Both sustained multiple broadsides, but the Bucs got off a few more over the course six frames to sink Trinity's chances, and win it 18-10.

Four games remain in the Crusaders' regular season. The next two, Monday against Gatewood and Tuesday vs. Edmund Burke, will finish up the home portion of their schedule.

Briarwood put up between three and five in every inning except a scoreless second inning. Trinity's biggest were a four-run second, to briefly grab the lead, and sixth, to go out with a bang – though a run short of what would have been needed to force a seventh.

Liza Gay, who was 3-for-4 to lead all Crusaders at the plate, pulled a double inside the third base bag for a two-out spark after the Bucs opened with three in their half of the first. Eden Rowe



Ella Kendrick (left) slides into the plate to score the tying run, and Chloe Rozier (right) rounds third on her way in for one of two go-aheads in front of a screaming dugout and head coach Gary Sanders, during the four-run rally that gave Trinity a 5-3 lead after two/CLAY REYNOLDS

followed by fitting one in down the right field line to drive her in and make it 3-1.

Anna Hazel Preston made the catch in left for two of the three outs to keep the Bucs from adding in the second, before Trinity's go-ahead surge in the lower half.

Sara Beth Gay and Ella Kendrick both drew walks to lead off. One scored on a throwing error, the other on a Lyley Mills squeeze play, to tie the game. Chloe Rozier singled and Liza Gay picked up a second base hit to drive her home and put Trinity in the driver's seat, up 5-3.

But Briarwood brought in new pitcher Courtlyn Smith, and three of the remaining four innings were comparatively quiet.

The Bucs quickly took back the

lead with the help of hits by Whitney Rabun, Rebekah Grimaud and Chloe Brown in the third, and only extended it from there.

Rowe, Kendrick and Preston had hits to produce a single Crusader run in the fifth, though Smith's bases-loaded strikeout dashed hopes for more.

A third Liza Gay hit, and RBIs by Sara Beth Gay and Preston highlighted the sixth-inning outburst to trim the deficit to eight. But a line drive that Thompson secured in right field brought the late rally to an end.

This week in softball...

Region setbacks for East and West Laurens shook up the top tier of the region 2-AA and 3-AAAA softball standings this week.



The Falcons (17-7, 9-1 region) suffered their first league loss, 5-3, to ACE Charter on Wednesday, but remain by themselves in first place courtesy of a head-to-head victory earlier this month over Vidalia.

Their rematch set for Tuesday week, Oct. 6, and a home game against Bleckley County (still in striking distance at No. 3 with a record of 5-3) next Thursday, will determine the final course of the region race, after East bounced back with a 13-3 win at Dodge County the following day.

The Raiders (16-7, 5-2) and co-region newcomer Harlem (last year's champion in 4-AAA) both trailed unbeaten Long County coming into their Thursday rematch in Harlem. West Laurens, for a second-straight visit, had

a close one get away 6-4. The result effectively clinches the region title for the Blue Tide (who are only twice-beaten overall, and 7-0 in league play), though they are scheduled to visit Dexter for both teams' region finale on Tuesday.

Dublin (8-14, 0-8 region 2-AA) has had a few close ones get away in its search for a region victory, but the Irish, after defeating Central Macon 6-2 and falling to Vidalia 15-1 earlier this week, remain in the AA playoff hunt from their spot at No. 44 in the GHSA Post Season Rankings, as of Friday.

Region matchups against Bleckley, Swainsboro, Dodge and ACE still remain, along with three non-region matchups, with a win or two needed to boost their chances of advancing to the postseason.

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26-418
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF TIMOTHY R. MADDOX, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-162
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Ashlie Maddox and to whom it may concern:
Lisa Robin Schrader has petitioned for Lisa Robin Schrader to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Timothy R. Maddox deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before Oct 5, 2026
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
BILL TO" Atty. Jackson Dixon
Clerk of the Probate Court
Post Office Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

26-443
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Georgia, Laurens County.
All creditors of the Estate of Estate of Bruce Lorenzo Rhynne, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render in writing their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 16th day of September, 2026.
Loren Audria Rhynne,
Administrator of the Estate of Estate of Bruce Lorenzo Rhynne, deceased
c/o J. Jackson Dixon
Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC
205 N. Franklin Street
Dublin, GA 31021
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

26-390
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: Brian Keith Dyer, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-155
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The petition of Julie Stewart Dyer, for a year's support from the estate of Brian Keith Dyer, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before October 5, 2026, why said petition should not be granted.
All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098 Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

26-408
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
State of Georgia
County of Laurens
All creditors of the Estate of Jack Ralph Spearing, 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 Estate of Jack Ralph Spearing.
This 25th day of August, 2026.
Bradley Kyle Spearing
Administrator of the Estate of Jack Ralph Spearing
Darley Law Firm
121 W. Jackson Street, Ste 101
Dublin, Georgia 31021
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

26-414
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: Brittany Kay Sealy
CIVIL ACTION NO.26-CD-0742-JG
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Georgia, Laurens County
I, Brittany Kay Sealy, filed a petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the Aug 5, 2026, to change my name from Brittany Kay Sealy to Maven Harmony Lofie.
Any interested has the right to appear in this case and file objections.
Signed this 5th day of August, 2026.
Brittany Kay Sealy
848 WoodVale Drive
Dublin, GA 31021
239-207-4079
Petitioner
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

26-409
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS:

All creditors of the Estate of **FRANCES P. FOUNTAIN**, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This 28th day of August, 2026.
RANDALL FOUNTAIN, Executor of the Estate of FRANCES P. FOUNTAIN, Deceased
2157 Fountain Road
Rentz, GA 31075
MELODY E. COLEMAN, Executor of the Estate of FRANCES P. FOUNTAIN, Deceased
2149 Fountain Road
Rentz, GA 31075
RUSSELL L. CLARK
Attorney for Executors
P. O. Box 645
Alamo, GA 30411
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

26-445
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF Mary Lynn Reid, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Mary Lynn Reid, DECEASED late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
Keith Anthony Gillis
Executor of Mary Lynn Reid, deceased
110 Sheldon Ridge Ct Bonaire, GA 31005
O.C.G.A § 53-7-41 states:
"...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

26-416
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by ROBERT E. BOYD to BANK OF DUDLEY in the original principal amount of \$55,500.00 dated May 30, 2000, and recorded in Deed Book 1121, Page 51, Laurens County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST in Deed Book 3673, Page 236, Laurens County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on 10/6/2026, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 36 OF THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 5 CONTAINING 1.05 ACRES OF THE CARRINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY BILLY FLANDERS, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED 1/23/98, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 627, OFFICE OF THE CLERK, LAURENS SUPERIOR COURT, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.
Said property being known as: **250 CARRINGTON HEIGHTS DR, DUBLIN, GA 31021**
To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are ROBERT E. BOYD or tenant(s).
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
Said sale will be conducted subject to the following: (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.
The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:
Selene Finance LP
3501 Olympus Boulevard, 5th Floor,
Suite 500
Dallas, TX 75019
877-768-3759
Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST,
as Attorney-in-Fact for
ROBERT E. BOYD
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450
Alpharetta, GA 30004
Phone: 470-321-7112
Firm File No. 25-307327
September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

26-412
re: kenneth hunter
210 washington street
dublin, ga 31021
map/parcel:d16b 134
Notice of Foreclosure of Rights to Redemption
Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
All and only that parcel of land designated as D16B 134, in the 1st Land District, City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.12 acre, more or less, being a portion of Lot 15, Section 14, Block 32, described in Deed Book 3369, Page 119, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 210 Washington Street.
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 30th day of October, 2026.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 5th day of August, 2025, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3622, at page 64.
The property may be redeemed at any time before the 30th day of October, 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
Dublin-Laurens Land Bank
Attn: Cole Porter, Esq.
306 Academy Avenue
Suite 200
Dublin, GA 31021
Cole Porter, Esq.
Attorney for the Dublin-Laurens Land Bank
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

26-401
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF John W. Hicks
DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-756
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
Rickey Montford has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of **John W. Hicks** deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before October 5, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

26-440
NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated Section 10-4-210, et. Seq., there will be a public sale at the location listed below, the proceeds of said sale will be used first to satisfy the storage fee and other expenses of this auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale. The sale will be held as follows:

A06 Jones, Tara S
A49 Manning, Andre
B01 Ward, Clarence
D32 Reece, Jimmy

Name and address of storage facility: ORR SELF STORAGE 1705 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD DUBLIN GA 31021
Time and date of sale: Tuesday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m
September 19, 26, 2026

26-444
TANYA ROGERS, CLERK
LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
PERSONNALLY APPEARED THE UNDERSIGNED WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT:
Premier Talent and Logistics LLC/ Courtney Coney
112 Rowe Street Suite 3B, Dublin, GA 31021
803-995-1910
IS/ARE DOING BUSINESS IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA., UNDER THE NAME OF: Court Tours
112 Rowe Street Suite 3B, Dublin, GA 31021
AND THAT THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE CARRIED ON AT SUCH ADDRESS IS:
Passenger Transportation services, including shuttle, group transportation, charter and motor coach services.
Courtney Coney
Person making declaration
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 22nd DAY OF September, 2026.
Sarah Cothern
NOTARY PUBLIC
September 26, October 3, 2026

26-447
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
STATE OF GEORGIA, EX REL. HAROLD D. MCLENDON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY DUBLIN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, **Plaintiff,**
DA 26LAU01231
V.
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 0.52 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 14, WHITE OAK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 632, PAGE 191, CLERK'S OFFICE, LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. THIS IS THE SAME PROPERTY THAT WAS TRANSFERRED FROM JERRY WAYNE HANKINS TO ALEXANDRIA VANN BY WARRANTY DEED BOOK 03399, PAGE 0112, ON JUNE 23, 2023. A COPY OF SAID DEED AND PLAT OF SURVEY IS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A" AND IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE; **Defendant Property, In Rem,**
NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE
TO: ALL OWNERS, INTEREST HOLDERS, LIENHOLDERS, OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that, on SEPTEMBER 4, 2026, the State of Georgia filed a verified Complaint for Forfeiture in the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, pursuant to the Georgia Uniform Civil Forfeiture Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 9-16-1 et seq. The civil action is styled State of Georgia v. Real Property Located at 105 White Oak Cir, Dublin, GA 31021, Laurens County, Georgia. The State seeks forfeiture of all right, title, and interest in the following real property:
Street address: **105 White Oak Cir, Dublin, GA 31021**
Tax parcel number: D03F-024
Record owner: ALEXANDRIA VANN
Legal description: The complete legal description is contained in Exhibit 'A' attached to the Complaint for Forfeiture filed in this action and is incorporated into this notice by reference.
The State alleges that the Defendant Property is subject to forfeiture because the Property was used or intended to be used to facilitate violations of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act and/or constitutes proceeds derived from such violations, as

more fully alleged in the verified Complaint for Forfeiture. Any owner or interest holder claiming an interest in the Defendant Property may file an answer asserting a claim against the property. If personal service of the summons and complaint has not been made, the answer must be filed in the Superior Court of Laurens County within thirty (30) days after the date of the final publication of this notice. The answer must be verified by the claimant under penalty of perjury and must comply with O.C.G.A. § 9-16-12(c), including the requirement that it state:
The claimant's name;
The address at which the claimant resides;
A description of the claimant's interest in the property;
The circumstances under which the claimant obtained the interest, including, to the best of the claimant's knowledge, the date the interest was obtained and the name of the person or entity that transferred the interest;
The nature of the relationship between the claimant and the person who possessed the property at the time of seizure, if applicable;
A copy of any documentation in the claimant's possession supporting the claim; and Any additional facts supporting the claim.
The answer must be filed with:
Clerk of Superior Court Laurens County Courthouse
101 N. JEFFERSON STREET, 1ST FLOOR
Dublin, Georgia 31040
A copy of the answer must also be served upon the attorney representing the State: Office of the District Attorney
Dublin Judicial Circuit
101 N. JEFFERSON STREET, 3RD FLOOR/ PO BOX 2029
Dublin, Georgia 31040
Failure to file a timely and legally sufficient verified answer may result in the forfeiture of any interest the claimant may have in the Defendant Property without further notice or hearing.
September 26, October 3, 2026

26-417
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF JACOB BLAKE WILKERSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO.
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: JERRY WILKERSON and to whom it may concern:
JAN CORBIN has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of JACOB BLAKE WILKERSON deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before Oct 5, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Cwarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 2098
Dublin GA 31040
478-272-2566
September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

26-406
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, Laurens County
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from NELSON E AMMERMAN to BANK OF DUDLEY dated 06/27/2005, recorded 06/28/2005 in Book 1672 at page 162, and Loan Modification Agreement recorded on 04/06/2016 in Book 2686 at page 219, 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 Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five and 00/100 dollars (\$167,375.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2020-2, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Laurens County, **During the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative,** within the legal hours of sale on the **10/06/2026**, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 32 IN THE 1ST LAND DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 1.264 ACRES, DESIGNATED AS LOT 13 OF PINEGROVE SUBDIVISION, AS DESCRIBED BY THAT PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY BILLY FLANDERS & ASSOCIATES, SURVEYORS, DATED MARCH 20, 2002 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 256, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION. SAID TRACT IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TO FIND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF PINEHILL ROAD WITH THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 474, AND RUN THENCE ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY OF PINEHILL ROAD IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 505.29 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUN THENCE ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY OF PINEHILL ROAD, NORTH 64 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 205.06 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; RUN THENCE NORTH 28 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 265.52 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; RUN THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 88.64 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; RUN THENCE SOUTH 49 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 188.13 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; RUN THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 203.72 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT IS BOUNDED, NOW OR FORMERLY AS FOLLOWS: NORTHWEST BY LOT 14; NORTHEAST

BY LOTS 11 AND 12; SOUTHEAST BY LANDS OF ROY AND ELMA WILLIAMS (SHOWN AS "OUT" ON THE SUBDIVISION PLAT); AND SOUTHWEST BY PINEHILL ROAD. THIS IS A PORTION OF THE LANDS CONVEYED FROM MRS. ROBERTA VEAL BURCH AND BEN C. BURCH TO JAMES ROY MALONE, SR., BY DEED DATED JANUARY 17, 1973 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 306, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS. SAID TRACT IS SUBJECT TO THAT DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS DATED DECEMBER 16, 1993, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 733, PAGE 345-347, LAURENS COUNTY DEED RECORDS.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **290 PINEHILL RD, DUBLIN, GA 31021.**

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is NELSON E AMMERMAN, or tenants(s).

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., Loss Mitigation Dept., PO Box 65250 Salt Lake City, UT 84165-0250 Telephone Number: (888) 818-6032. 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.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2020-2
as Attorney in Fact for
NELSON E AMMERMAN
THE BELOW 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.
Contact: Premium Title Services, Inc.,
114 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 100, El Paso, TX 79912
Telephone Number: (866) 337-7097
Case No. TS No.: 2026-00056-GA-SPS
https://www.altisource.com/LoginPage.aspx
September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

26-413
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE. NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF LAURENS Pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain security deed executed by CARRIE A SASNETT and TIMOTHY E SASNETT, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to The United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, its successors and assigns, dated July 29, 2021, and recorded on July 29, 2021 in Deed Book 3192, beginning at page 222, of the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, and by virtue of a default under the terms of said security deed, and the related note, the undersigned attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor (which attorney-in-fact is the present holder of said security deed and note secured thereby) will sell at public outcry before the door of the courthouse in Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale, for cash, to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in October, 2026, all property described in said security deed including but not limited to the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 1309th G.M. District of Laurens County, Georgia, containing 0.96 acre, more or less, and being more particularly described according to a plat of survey prepared by Marvin D. Clements, Land Surveyor, dated August 19, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 8, Page 815B, Laurens County Records. The courses and distances of said plat are incorporated herein and made a part hereof. Said property may more commonly be known as **1519 OLD LOVETT ROAD, E DUBLIN, GA 31027** 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 be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable); any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, and all other matters of record superior to the said Security Deed. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, its successors and assigns, United States Department of Agriculture, as Transferee, Assignee, and Secured Creditor AS attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor Please note that if any borrower or obligor has received a discharge in a bankruptcy case filed under Title 11 of the United States Code, no personal liability will arise from this foreclosure action against that individual. This foreclo sure action is being pursued solely against the real property to enforce the lien created by the Security Instrument. Respectfully,

Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 16415 Addison Road, Suite 725 Addison, TX 75001 (401) 234-9200 (401) 398-2594 THIS 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
A-4884814

September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

26-436
STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF LAURENS
TAKE NOTICE THAT:
TO: THE ESTATE AND THE HEIRS OF EVA MITCHEL MAYWEATHER D16F-309, 127 MARSHALL STREET DUBLIN, GA 31021
The right to redeem the following described property to wit:
See Exhibit "A"
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after November 11, 2026.
The tax deed for which this notice is related is dated the August 5, 2025 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3622, page 67, Laurens County Records. Please be governed accordingly.
SCOTT B. THOMPSON, SR.
Attorney for SHEENA LANIER
1306 Bellevue Avenue
Dublin, GA 31021
(478) 272-4460
EXHIBIT "A"
All that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, designated as Tax Parcel 16F-309, being known as Lot 7C, Block 281 of the City of Dublin, and known as 127 Marshall Street, Dublin, GA. Said property is more particularly shown and described on a plat of survey prepared by Marvin D. Clements, Surveyor, and recorded in Deed Book 398, page 342, Laurens County Records. This is the same property described in a Joint Survivorship Warranty Deed from H. Dale Thompson to Ralph Mayweather and Eva M. Mayweather, recorded in Deed Book 398, page 312. Ralph Mayweather predeceased Eva M. Mayweather, who died on November 5, 2022. Ralph Mayweather died on November 12, 1997.
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 2026

26-430
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
In Re: ESTATE OF TERESA LYNN ROLAND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All creditors of the estate of TERESA LYNN ROLAND 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 9th Day of September, 2026
Cole Porter, Esq.
Attorney for the Estate of TERESA LYNN ROLAND Knight Law, LLC
306 Academy Ave., Ste. 200 Dublin, Ga. 31021
September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

26-371
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN SECURITY DEED
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
By virtue of the power of sale contained in the SECURITY DEED given by **RICKY ALAN RICKS, JR. to CITIZENS BANK OF LAURENS COUNTY** dated July 16, 2024, and recorded in Deed Book 3495, Page 187, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Ga., conveying the below-described property, to secure that certain Promissory Note given by Ricky Alan Ricks, Jr. to Citizens Bank of Laurens County in the original principal amount of \$113,028.00 with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder before the Courthouse Door at Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in October, 2026, the following described property: Property 1:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 20, in the 1682nd G.M. District, in the City of Cadwell, in the 17th Land District of Laurens County, Georgia, described as containing 0.35 acres, more or less, as more particularly described by reference to a plat of survey made by Brent E. Tanner, Registered Land Surveyor, Tanner & Associates, dated April 20, 2024, and recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 935, Laurens County Records. Said plat and the description are by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more accurate description.
Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements of record.
For Information Only:
Property Address: 2768 Walnut Ave., Cadwell, GA 31009
Map/Parcel: A Portion of 060D/064
Property 2:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Town of Cadwell, Laurens County, Georgia, located on the northern margin of Burch Drive, and more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at an iron pin on the northern margin of Burch Drive a distance of 225.0 feet southeasterly from the center of Dexter Street; thence running in a northeasterly direction a distance of 206.7 feet to an iron pin; thence running in a southeasterly directions a distance of 88.0 feet to an iron pin; thence running in a westerly direction a distance of 207.0 feet to an iron pin located on the northern margin of Burch Drive a distance of 88.0 feet to an iron pin, the point of beginning. Said property is improved with a one story residence and is further described and delineated on a plat of survey prepared by Jack C. Brantley, Land Surveyor, dated March 4, 1961, recorded in Deed Book 190, Page 219, records of the Clerk of Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, which plat is incorporated herein for a more particular description of the property. Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements of record.
For Information Only:
Property Address: 1000 Burch Street, Cadwell, GA 31009
Map/Parcel: 060D/080
THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 2768 WALNUT AVE., CADWELL, GA 31009 AND 1000 BURCH STREET, CADWELL, GA 31009.
To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the person or persons who may be in the possession of such property is Ricky Alan Ricks, Jr.
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make payments in accordance with the terms of said Promissory Note. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees.
Said property will be sold subject to all outstanding ad valorem taxes and/or assessments and/or restrictions and/or zoning ordinances and/or covenants; matters that may be disclosed by an accurate survey and/or inspection of the property; and matters of record superior to the Security Deed.

Notice has been given of intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the Promissory Note secured by the property.

Additionally, this sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U. S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

THIS LAW FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Security Deed is Mr. Kory Tokar, Senior Vice President, Citizens Bank of Laurens County, 101 West Jackson Street, Dublin, Georgia 31021, 478-272-7775.

Citizens Bank of Laurens County
Attorney-in-Fact for
Ricky Alan Ricks, Jr.

Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040
478-272-9965
ebcatty@bellsouth.net
September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

26-434
TANYA ROGERS, CLERK
LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
PERSONALLY APPEARED THE UNDERSIGNED WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT:
D. Least, Lost & Left Out
244 Chase Drive
478-595-2091
and
Live, Lost, Learn
244 Chase Drive
478-595-2091
IS/ARE DOING BUSINESS IN LAURENS COUNTY, GA., UNDER THE NAME OF:
D. Least, Lost & Left Out
244 /chase Drive East Dublin, GA 31027
AND THAT THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE CARRIED ON AT SUCH ADDRESS IS:
244 Chase Drive East dublin, GA 31027
Person making declaration
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 15 DAY OF Sept, 2026.
Eloise Rainey Phillips
NOTARY PUBLIC

September 19, 26, 2026

26-419
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF BRIAN HUGH JOHNSON DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-157
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
Grady Hugh Johnson has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Brian Hugh Johnson deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before Oct 5, 2026.

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

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

September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

26-441
NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to the official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 10-4-210 there will be a public sale at Little House Self Storage, 1854 Marion Street Dublin, on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The proceeds of said sale will be used first to satisfy the storage fee and expenses of the auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale.

#161 Carol Higdon
#46 Rhonda Wells
#113 Hans Cone

Little House Self Storage
1854 Marion Street
Dublin
478-272-6892

September 26, 2026

26-432
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF SELENA VICTORIA POPE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-148
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: and to whom it may concern:
MATTHEW STEVEN POPE has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of SELENA VICTORIA POPE deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before October 19, 2026.

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

Genolo O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: C Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2026

26-425
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS

IN RE: ESTATE OF O.L Glover, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of O.L Glover, DECEASED late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

Tamatha McTier
Executor of O.L Glover, deceased
845 Ethridge Rd, Haddock, GA 31033
O.C.G.A § 53-7-41 states:
"...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."

September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

26-388
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF Laurens COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Joshua Austin Wynn, DECEASED
ESTATE NO.26-154
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: James Anthony Wynn, Sr and to whom it may concern:
Vicki S. Wynn has petitioned for Vivki S. Wynn to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Joshua Austin Wynn, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before October 5, 2026.

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

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

September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

26-446
STATE BAR OF GEORGIA
STATE DISCIPLINARY BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC DISCIPLINE
RE: In the Matter of William Jason Rowland In accordance with Rule 4-219(a), disciplinary action has been taken against the following attorney in Georgia:
William Jason Rowland
1808 Bellevue Road
Dublin, GA 31021
State Bar No. 972807
Supreme Court Docket Number: S26Y1005
Date of Opinion: August 11, 2026
Disbarment/Voluntary Surrender of License

September 26, 2026

26-433
Request for Proposals for Coordinated Transportation Services
The Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission (HOGARC) is accepting proposals for DHS Coordinated Transportation services for Appling, Bleckley, Candler, Dodge, Emanuel, Evans, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Wayne, Wheeler, and Wilcox counties. The transportation services will involve transporting Department of Human Services clients to various destinations within the DHS Service Delivery Region 9. The average volume per year is approximately 80,648 trips, and transportation providers interested in submitting proposals for this project must have the resources on hand to accommodate this trip load. To obtain the Request for Proposal Package, visit the HOGARC website at (https://www.hogarc.org) and navigate to Opportunities. All proposals are due to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 13, 2026.

September 19, 26, 2026

26-391
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL STEWART MANNING, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-152
PETITION BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WAIVER OF BOND AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS
NOTICE

Laura Michelle Manning-Hudson has petitioned for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or for the grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261 in regard to the above estate. All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before October 5, 2026.

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

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

September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

26-427
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Notice of Sale Under Power.
State of Georgia, County of Dougherty, Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by Tracy R Sapp to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Grantee, As Nominee For Homestar Financial Corp, Its Successors And Assigns, dated 08/26/2016, and Recorded on 08/29/2016 as Book No. 4348 and Page No. 108-119, As Affected By Modification Book 4580, Page 146-157, Dougherty County, Georgia records, as last assigned to Pennymac Loan Services, LLC (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount

of \$87,362.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Dougherty County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2026, the following described property: All That Tract Or Parcel Of Land Lying And Being In Dougherty County, Georgia And Being More Particularly Described As Follows: All Of Lot 113 Of Westwood Subdivision, Section Three According To A Map Or Plat Of Said Subdivision As Recorded In Plat Book 4, Page 88 (Plat Cabinet 1, Slide B-30) In The Office Of The Clerk Of Superior Court Of Dougherty County, Georgia. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Pennymac Loan Services, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Pennymac Loan Services, LLC, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with Pennymac Loan Services, LLC (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, Pennymac Loan Services, LLC may be contacted at: Pennymac Loan Services, LLC, 3043 Townsgate Road, Suite 200, Westlake Village, CA 91361, 866-549-3583. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **1506 Westwood Drive, Albany, Georgia 31721** is/are: Tracy R Sapp or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Pennymac Loan Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Tracy R Sapp. This Law Firm Is Acting As A Debt Collector Attempting To Collect A Debt. Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. 00000010364222 Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addition, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341-5398.

September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

26-431
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by April L Mobley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Morris Bank, its successors and assigns dated June 26, 2015, and recorded in Deed Book 2624, Page 78, Laurens County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$86,734.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, November 3, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit: **All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Rentz, Land Lot 110, in the 17th Land District of Laurens County, Georgia, containing 3.26 acres, more or less, fronting on Georgia Hwy 117 and County Road 264 as more particularly described and delineated on a plat of survey prepared by Larry C. Jones, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor, dated March 13, 1987, and recorded in Deed Book 481 , Page 229 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia. Said plat and the record thereof are by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof.**

Said property is further identified by the Laurens County Tax Assessor as 2206 Hwy 117, Rentz, GA 31075, Map/Parcel: 107-A015.

Said property is known as **2206 Highway 117, Rentz, GA 31075**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor.

The property is or may be in the possession of **April L Mobley, a/k/a April Leigh Mobley, successor in interest or tenant(s).**

Rocket Mortgage, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for April L. Mobley

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September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

26-429
State of Georgia
County of Laurens.
Notice to Debtors and Creditors

All creditors of the Estate of Donald R. Fordham, Sr., late of Laurens County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law; and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 9th day of September, 2026.
Estate of Donald R. Fordham, Sr.
Richard Lee Fordham, Executor
PO Box 1534
Dublin, GA 31040

Margaret Greer Evans

Attorney at Law

State Bar No. 488189
(478) 272-2885
September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 2026

26-420
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF ISAIAH FREEMAN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 260-149
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern:
Vivian Mariduena has petitioned for Vivian Mariduena to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Isaiiah King Freeman deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before October 5, 2026.

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

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

September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

26-437
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: Monserrate Caban Vializ
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 26-CG-0696-WT
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Notice is hereby given that Monserrate Caban Vializ filed a Petition to Change Name in the Superior Court of Laurens County, State of Georgia, on the 17th day of August 2026 requesting that his name be changed from **MONSERRATE CABAN VIALIZ to MONTY CABAN VIALIZ**.

Any interested or affected party has the right to appear and file objections to the Petition. Any objections shall be filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County within thirty (30) days of the filing of the Petition.

This 16th day of September, 2026.
/s/Ralph N. Jackson
RALPH N. JACKSON
Attorney for Petitioner
State Bar No. 387629
The Jackson Law Firm
1101 Bellevue Avenue
Dublin, GA 31021
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Fax: (478) 272-0946
ralph@gqa-laws.com

September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2026

26-387
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF Laurens COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF Anne Whiddon Kirkland, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-153
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: James Jeffrey Kirkland III and Kristen Blair Kirkland Rutherford and to whom it may concern:

Douglas Randolph Kirkland and John Owen Kirkland has petitioned to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Anne Whiddon Kirkland deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before October 5, 2026.

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

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September 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026

26-426
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Notice of Sale Under Power.
State of Georgia, County of Laurens. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by Grace Simmons to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Grantee, As Nominee For Morris Bank, Its Successors And Assigns, dated 10/31/2016, and Recorded on 11/01/2016 as Book No. 02735 and Page No. 00250, As Affected By Modification Agreements Book 2955, Page 270, Book 3295, Page 194 And Book 3425, Page 47-55, Laurens County, Georgia records, as last assigned to Pennymac Loan Services, LLC (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount

of \$195,252.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned 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 October, 2026, the following described property: All That Tract Of Land, Containing 1.28 Acres, More Or Less, Being Lot 9 Of Northwood Of Dudley Subdivision, Phase II, Section I, As Shown On A Plat Of Survey By Billy Flanders, Land Surveyor, Dated October 3, 2003, And Recorded In Plat Book 8, Page 455, Laurens County Records, Which Plat Is By This Reference Incorporated. Said Lot Lies At The Corner Of The Intersection Of The Northwesterly Margin Of Turner Lane In The Southeasterly Margin Of Northwood Trail. The Above Property Is Conveyed Subject To Protective Covenants Which Are Recorded In Deed Book 954, Page 244, Deed Book 1380, Page 173, Deed Book 1383, Page 11, And Deed Book 1385, Page 71, Laurens County Records. This Is A Portion Of That Property Conveyed To Thomas M. Veal In A Warranty Deed From Millrock Farm, Inc. And Recorded In Deed Book 1691, Pages 34, Aforsaid Records. The Debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Pennymac Loan Services, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Pennymac Loan Services, LLC, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with Pennymac Loan Services, LLC (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, Pennymac Loan Services, LLC may be contacted at: Pennymac Loan Services, LLC, 3043 Townsgate Road, Suite 200, Westlake Village, CA 91361, 866-549-3583. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **303 West End Lane, Dudley, Georgia 31022** is/are: GRACE SIMMONS or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Pennymac Loan Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Grace Simmons. This Law Firm Is Acting As A Debt Collector Attempting To Collect A Debt. Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. 00000010076073 Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addition, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341-5398.

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26-438
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF KAY F. HUTCHESON SMITH
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All creditors of the estate of KAY F. HUTCHESON SMITH 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 16th Day of September, 2026
Emily F. Kight
Attorney for the Estate of
KAY F. HUTCHESON SMITH Kight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 2056
Dublin, GA. 31040

September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2026

26-372
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN SECURITY DEED

GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
By virtue of the power of sale contained in the SECURITY DEED given by **RICKY RICKS, JR. to CITIZENS BANK OF LAURENS COUNTY** dated April 26, 2022, and recorded in Deed Book 3288, Page 93, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Ga., conveying the below-described property, to secure that certain Promissory Note given by Ricky Ricks, Jr. to Citizens Bank of Laurens County in the original principal amount of \$54,999.97 with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder before the Courthouse Door at Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in October, 2026, the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 52nd G.M. District of Laurens County, Georgia being known as Lot 15 of the property of E. Earl Edenfield and Ernest E. Price, according to a plat of survey of said land prepared by Jack C. Brantley, Land Surveyor, on December 10, 1969, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Laurens Superior Court in Deed Book 4, Page 43. The courses and distances of said plat are hereby made a part of this description by reference.

Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and casements of record.
Said property is further identified by the Laurens County Tax Assessor as 631 Kenneth Hilburn Circle East Dublin, GA 31027. Map & Parcel: 224C/037.
THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT: 631 KENNETH HILBURN CIRCLE, EAST DUBLIN, GEORGIA 31027

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the person or persons who may be in the possession of such property is Ricky Ricks, Jr.
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make payments in accordance with the terms of said Promissory Note. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees.
Said property will be sold subject to all outstanding ad valorem taxes and/or assessments and/or restrictions and/or zoning ordinances and/or covenants; matters that may be disclosed by an accurate survey and/or inspection of the property; and matters of record superior to the Security Deed.

Notice has been given of intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the Promissory Note secured by the property.

Additionally, this sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U. S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Opinions Differ on Multi-Birthday Gift Exchange

DEAR ABBY: I have a group of friends who get together once a month, usually for a casual dinner. Next month's gathering will be to celebrate three birthdays, one of which is mine. While planning this gathering (via text), I asked if we could skip exchanging presents and just enjoy our time together. The response from my friends was "No! We're doing presents." I know their intention is good; these are very generous friends. But I'm working only part time and have to pay for my health insurance out of pocket. They said I don't need to get them presents, but they will be getting me presents, so naturally I feel the pressure to reciprocate. While I'm not the most creative person, I could get away with making them something, but I'm also a bit put off. Shouldn't my wishes have been respected since it's my birthday? -- BIRTHDAY GIRL IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR BIRTHDAY GIRL: Happy birthday! Your friends understand why you don't want to exchange gifts, and they want to give you something anyway. They aren't doing it to pressure you; they're doing it out of love. If giving them a handcrafted item would help you feel better, that's fine, but please don't feel disrespected by their generosity.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of two years and I are opposites when it comes to planning. He's spontaneous and acts on the spur of the moment. I'm the type who plans everything down to the last nanosecond (slight exaggeration).

Everything came to a head last Saturday when he suddenly decided to start a household project at 5 p.m. We were supposed to meet another couple for an evening out at 7. When he started the project, I reminded him of our date and asked him to let the other couple know that something had come up and we wouldn't make it. I thought he had taken care of it until they texted me at 7:15 wanting to know where we were. I texted back, "Been delayed, on my way." I dressed hurriedly, put on makeup in the car, broke all speed records and arrived there about 45 minutes late. I made excuses for him, knowing he has done this to them before. We were halfway through the meal when he showed up, wearing the same "work around the house" clothes from earlier. (I was surprised the hostess even seated him.) I was embarrassed, the other couple was understandably peeved, and I have had it with his inconsiderate behavior! Please advise. -- NOT OK IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR NOT OK: If your husband doesn't know what a faux pas he committed by leaving the other couple hanging, tell him. His behavior was thoughtless and rude. Because you know he is forgetful, you should have kept asking him if he had made the call, or you could have done it yourself. I think your biggest mistake was trying to cover for him by fibbing. In the future, make sure you arrive promptly. Let him do his own explaining, make his own apologies and experience the fallout.

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

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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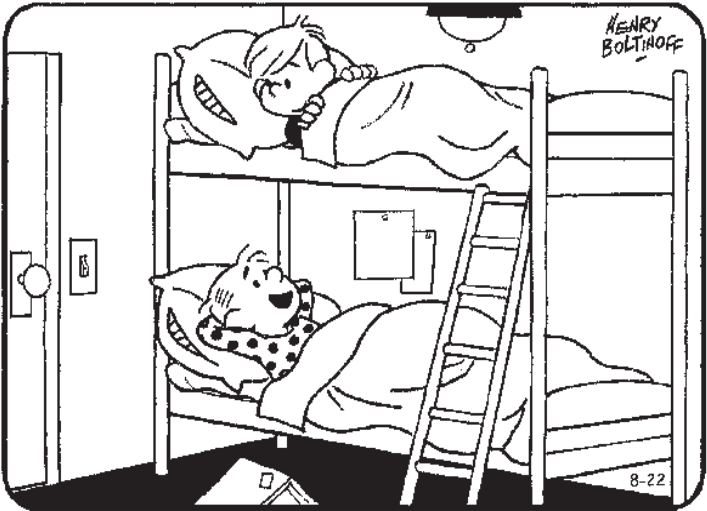
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Fun By The Numbers

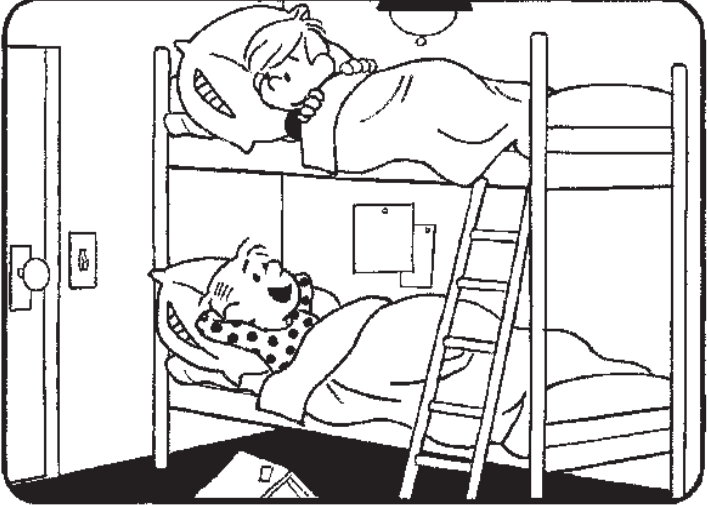
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Light is moved. 2. Pillow is larger. 3. Top rung on ladder is missing. 4. Bedpost is taller. 5. Bedspread hangs down more. 6. Rear bedpost in corner is not seen.

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

- 1 Tastes of a drink
- 5 "The Book of Mormon" song; 2 wds.
- 10 Piece of concrete
- 14 Tie the ___ (get married)
- 15 Intestinal bug; 2 wds.
- 16 Ripped
- 17 Rights-defending group; Abbr.
- 18 Opposite of old
- 19 Commuting option
- 20 Hot-dog brand; 2 wds.
- 23 Tavern
- 24 &
- 25 Florida reptile, for short
- 28 Describe in detail
- 34 "I'm ___ of the situation"
- 35 Spoken exams
- 36 Actress Laverne
- 37 Great discomfort
- 38 Noggins
- 39 Smallest of a litter
- 40 Heart test; Abbr.
- 41 Handbag
- 42 Singer Cetera
- 43 Squiggly-tailed marine creatures
- 45 La Scala show
- 46 Departure's opposite; Abbr.
- 47 Bitter beer
- 48 Votes; 4 wds.
- 56 Greek war god
- 57 Unwanted plants
- 58 Fibbed
- 60 Buy and ___
- 61 New York Liberty mascot
- 62 Happily ___ after
- 63 Stockings
- 64 Shoulder muscles
- 65 Disavow

DOWN

- 1 Jamaican music genre
- 2 1/36 of a yard
- 3 ___ vaulting
- 4 Unwilling to yield

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Created by Stella Zawistowski

- 5 Novelist Stephenie
- 6 "Don't have ___ man"; 2 wds.
- 7 Part of speech
- 8 Arm brace
- 9 Side braids
- 10 Took big steps
- 11 Mortgage, for example
- 12 Elaborate solo song
- 13 End-of-class signal
- 21 Steakhouse order
- 22 Rustic lodges
- 25 Stares open-mouthed
- 26 Not asleep
- 27 Forest biome
- 28 Active people
- 29 Wipe chalk from
- 30 Highway divisions
- 31 Sudden and severe
- 32 Skincare product
- 33 Additional
- 38 Dig a tunnel
- 39 Drove away

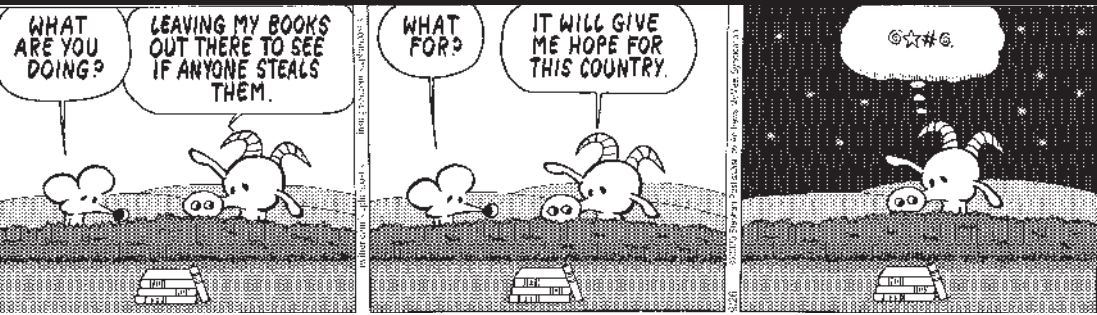
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- 41 "Tawny" wine
- 42 Marco (pool game)
- 44 Troublesome task
- 47 Vaulted church areas
- 48 Deep cut
- 49 Nabisco cookie
- 50 Slithery fish
- 51 Prefix with "phone"
- 52 Satan's realm
- 53 Make revisions to
- 54 Dwell
- 55 Observed
- 59 Lacking in moisture

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



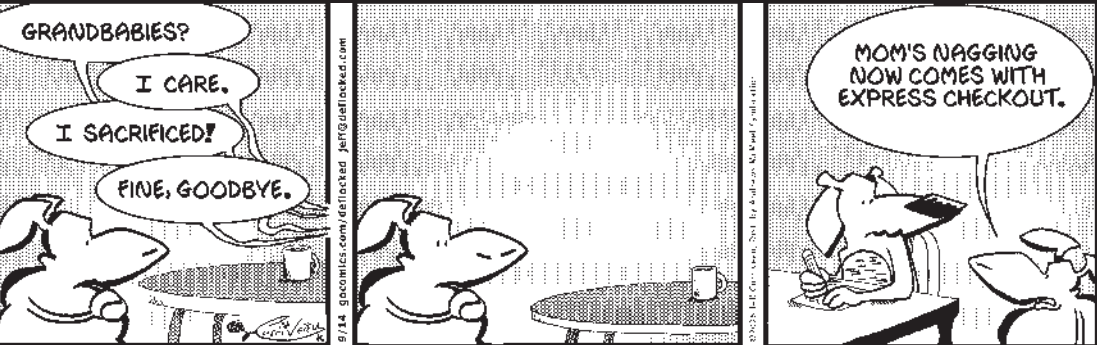
OVERBOARD

BY CHIP DUNHAM



DEFLOCKED

BY JEFF CORRIVEAU



Known as "Red Hot Poker" or "The Torch Lily," this perennial is native to Africa. It thrives in well-draining soil, needs little care and resists pests.

Red Hot Poker

Each flower spike can grow 3-4 feet tall and displays brilliant yellow to orange to red petals. They are attractive to hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies. Fortunately, deer don't like them!

Grow your red hot poker plants in full sun for the best blooms. They will tolerate some shade, and can benefit from it where summers are most brutal. - Brenda Weaver

Source: thespruce.com, greatgardenplants.com

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Saturday, September 26, 2026

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A Q 10 9 6 3 ♥ 8 6 3 ♦ 8 4 ♣ 9 6

Right-hand opponent opens one no trump. What call would you make?

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

♠ K 2 ♥ 10 ♦ K J 9 6 5 2 ♣ K 7 5 4

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

Q 3 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 8 7 6 2 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ 9 ♣ A Q 9 3

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

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

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

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

♠ A K 9 7 2 ♥ 9 8 ♦ A ♣ K 10 8 7 3

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

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

♠ A K Q 4 3 ♥ Q 7 5 ♦ A 6 2 ♣ A 5

As dealer, what call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

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

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possible use for the funds. Its owner, a Pakistani textile entrepreneur, has the property for sale, marketed for use as a manufacturing facility or a data center.

Commissioners told the audience that there were no plans to build a data center in Laurens County, and have so far, to the ire of residents who still appear at meetings to voice their opposition, have taken no action to limit or regulate the construction of one.

In hindsight, Powers admits he didn't intend to cause a sensation, however, he achieved his goal of getting people in the community talking.

"I really could have been proactive in my communication to [commissioners] on what I identified," Powers said. "It was a misstep of a young man trying to do something right, in the honest effort to try to make people aware of these things."

Powers said he wasn't necessarily against data centers, but a priority, if elected, would be seeking ways to better plan for and regulate the construction of such centers.

"We are one of the most unregulated states when it comes to data centers," he said. "How do we protect ourselves from being steam-rolled like what's happened in other places across the state and the country? A data center, unregulated with no community guidelines, do we need that? No. We need to put plans and guardrails in place to protect ourselves."

Creating public conversation is the center of Powers' campaign. He says his opponent, a veteran lawmaker who chairs the powerful house appropriations committee, has lost focus on local issues, and is galvanizing action across the

district.

Powers said that he sees the house seat as a local leader, helping funnel state resources to the district while mobilizing and encouraging residents to be engaged in public affairs.

"The focus has been on Atlanta and it has been for too long," Powers said. "It should be my job to care about other people's well being and concerns. Let people know they are being heard. If you let people know they have a voice and it's being heard, things line up and happen."

Powers lists the Dublin City School System's financial crisis as the "catalyst" encouraging his house run. He points to years of mismanagement and lack of state intervention as evidence of current leadership being out of touch with local needs.

"The business people in our community had been aware of potential lack of direction with spending and resources, and the community at large was aware that we seemed to be out of balance with other school systems in our area and similar sized systems," he said. "It goes back to the whole things of 'where's the attention and where's the focus?'"

Powers has been a visible presence at local school board meetings as well as both state hearings regarding the school system's finances.

While state lawmakers have implemented stricter controls and oversight of school system finances, Powers said enough isn't being done to support families and promote parental and civic group engagement in schools.

Another priority for Powers, if elected, is the expansion of Medicaid. Georgia remains one of only 10 states that have not fully expanded the federal program

under the Affordable Care Act.

Powers has also criticized Hatchett's campaign funders. According to financial records filed with the state ethics commission, Hatchett's campaign has spent more than \$490,000 and raised more than \$600,000. While Hatchett's war chest has been fueled by dozens of local residents and businesses, Powers questions the dollars coming from out-of-state entities, particularly super PACs with ties to data centers.

"When there are a lot of people spending a lot of money you have to ask why," he said. "The people of house district 155 come in all different classes and varieties. My job is to listen to them and help them, not listen to whoever sent four mailers on my behalf in a primary."

His own campaign pocketbook is much thinner, with only \$1,325 raised. He has yet to file the latest financial disclosures, and State Ethics Commission records lists his campaign with delinquent fees. Powers said he is aware of the charges noting a change in how campaign records are filed this year, and is working to submit the appropriate paperwork and payment to the state.

While not claiming any party affiliation, Powers is running under the democratic ticket, giving him until Nov. 3 to convince voters to send him to Atlanta.

And he plans to keep the conversation going.

"I got into this race because I wanted the conversation to be heard and questions to be asked all the way until November," he said. "I want people to see somebody that cares for them, that loves them regardless of party, socioeconomic background, regardless of any of those typical categorizing things."

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Hatchett when asked about the amount his campaign finances.

"People have supported me since the first time I ran," he said. "I was the lone Republican when I first ran so I had a lot of money that supported me then and I've had support since then. ... (campaign finance) is a necessary thing. We represent roughly 60,000 people in the House and you have to be able to get your message out to them one way or the other."

Plus, a political campaign is not cheap.

"When you get into the role like I am in, and you've been the chairman of the Republican caucus for nine years, you have people give you donations," Hatchett said.

Data centers and the situation with Dublin City Schools have popped up as hot topics during this year's election cycle. When it comes to data centers, Hatchett said it is the local governments who should make that call.

"It's their decision whether to let that come to our community," Hatchett said. "It's the development authority, city councils and county commissioners. You entrust them with making the decisions that are best for the community."

"I've always been a believer of local control."

According to Hatchett, there are good and bad data centers. A lot of the earliest ones that were placed in communities throughout the country used a ton of water and electricity, and brought other things that were not pleasant, Hatchett said.

"I'm not for one of those at all," he said.

When it comes to Dublin City Schools, Senator Larry Walker and Hatchett both asked for an audit to do a financial review of the Dublin City School System. Cognia, the accrediting agency for the state, also did its review and released its findings. This led to a state school board hearing on Aug. 12.

That board recommended Gov. Brian Kemp suspend the seven Dublin City Board of Education members. Hatchett, Walker, former Dublin Mayor Phil Best, Edwin May and Matt Donaldson, state board of education member, were selected by Kemp as a nominating committee to select a new Dublin City Board of Education.

They interviewed candidates and selected seven new members, who held their first meeting on Sept. 14.

"They will have a job to do," Hatchett said. "One of the first things they'll have to do is set the millage rate. They've got to come in and evaluate the budget that has already been passed. They'll need to talk with the superintendent and the finance person. Either they move on with the budget they've got and set the millage rate or they get back in the nitty-gritty on the budget. They'll have to get to work quickly."

Hatchett said it is important to move forward and keep the Dublin City School System surviving. He is interested in the school system because he went to and graduated from Dublin City Schools.

"I want to see it be a great school system again," Hatchett said. "I want it to get back where they were and the community to heal."

"I'm not pointing fingers. We just need to move forward."

If he wins another two-year term, Hatchett wants to continue to see improvements in infrastructure projects. He realizes these types of projects are not impressive, but they are needed.

"That stuff is not glitzy and glamorous, but you have to have it," he said.

Hatchett believes there are "great" leaders in the various governing groups in Laurens and Johnson counties.

"We are fortunate," he said. "We've got some good leaders."

Hatchett does not like to talk. He listens.

"You work to gain the respect of those around you," he said. "Hopefully, when I do talk, people will listen to what I have to say."

Hatchett takes his job "very seriously." He considers Laurens and Johnson County his home and enjoys working for everyone living there.

"I have communities that have some great people who serve it and communities who recognize how good their servants are and thank them," Hatchett said. "Our communities come together in our times of need."

Hatchett has been asked why he continues to serve as this area's state representative. When he receives a call from a constituent, there is usually a problem. But that is not how he looks at it.

"Whatever that issue or problem is, I know who to call and when I call something usually happens," Hatchett said.

"Now, it may not be the answer they want but they will get a response. I love being able to help people get something solved."

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