

10 percent of Laurens County voters have made their selections

By DONNELL SUGGS Editor Election Day is only two Tuesdays away. Though midterm elections notoriously see less participation than presidential elections, Tuesday, November 3, will play a large part in how Georgia's political scene and the national political landscape will look going forward. On the morning of Monday, October 19, a small group of people made their way into the Laurens County Board of Elections & Registration to cast their ballots.

They were greeted by two signs outside the couple doors that read: no callphones beyond this point and vote here. In Laurens County, participation in the early voting period -which ends on Friday, October 30- has been solid, if not spectacular to this point. After a week of early voting, 10 percent of the county's registered voters have cast ballots, according to data from the Office of Georgia's Secretary of State. Of the 2,951 early votes that

have been cast, over 200 have been cast by mail. The votes are broken down as follows: 54% of the votes have been cast by voters 65 years old and older, while 29 percent have been from voters between the ages of 50-64. Voters ages 40-49, traditionally an active voting block on Election Day, have contributed 7 percent of the current tally. The first week turnout is 14 percent lower than what Laurens County voters did during the 2022 election. During that equal-

ly important and groundbreaking election, 3,4345 votes were cast during the first week of early voting. Georgia experienced nearly 200,000 votes cast during the first week of the early voting period. Laurens County, though 43rd on Georgia's registered voter by county list, has 36,000 of its 51,000 residents registered to vote, so there are potentially thousands more votes to be cast during the final two weeks before Election Day.



Nearly 10 percent of Laurens County voters have cast ballots during the first week of early voting/DONNELL SUGGS



TES crews work on West Moore Street, replacing a storm drain/PAYTON TOWNS III

City street projects looking to wrap up by the end of 2026

By PAYTON TOWNS III Senior Reporter The city of Dublin is hoping to have two of its road improvement projects completed by the end of this year. Total Earth Services (TES) is currently working on road improvement projects on West Mary Street and West Moore Street. Matthew Bradshaw, director of engineering, said crews are redoing the road while adding a curb, gutter, storm drains and sidewalks on West Mary Street. For West Moore Street, TES is replacing the storm drain crossing under Moore Street. "These are two projects that are so close together,"



Sidewalk was closed and being constructed/PAYTON TOWNS III

Bradshaw said. "The water comes from West Mary and runs through a ditch down to West Moore. When it gets to West Moore, it gets in our pipe underneath and we have it piped over to West Roosevelt Street." For the West Mary Project, the city received a Community Development Block Grant worth \$940,000. Before the latest improvements on West Mary Street, there was a paved road with a ditch on each side and no sidewalk. "Due to some drainage problems there, and some flooding near some houses, we were able to get awarded the grant," Bradshaw said. "And that is what funded the project." The finished work will be a big improvement, especially with the sidewalk. "We had seen a lot of people walking in the street," Bradshaw said. "We had a lot of pedestrian traffic over there. We

wanted to add the sidewalk to give people a safe place to walk." The sidewalk will go from North Jefferson Street to the Dublin Housing Authority. This project began in May and should be completed by the end of the year, Bradshaw said. Officials hope to start paving on both projects soon. On West Moore Street, the storm drain has been replaced. "There was a storm drain under the street that had been there for a long time," Bradshaw said. "It had failed. A lot of different pipes had been patched over the years and the road was having some problems. We dug all of that completely out and put in a new 36 inch pipe. The drainage part will be a huge improvement. What the curb and gutter does is keeps all the water that falls on the road out of their yards."

Testing: Almost all Dublin City third graders reading at grade level

By RODNEY MANLEY Staff Reporter The first assessments of the school year show that almost all Dublin City third graders were reading at or above their grade level, according to information shared at the city Board of Education's meeting last week. Students were tested using the state-approved DRC BEACON assessment at the start of the year, and 99 percent of third-graders at Hillcrest Elementary were shown to be reading at or above the third-grade level. Susie Dasher Elementary scored even better, at 100 percent, district spokesman Jason Halcombe told the school board. Experts say that reading at grade level by third grade is the single greatest predictor of future success. That's when students begin reading to learn, rather than learning to read, and students who struggle generally face a more difficult time learning other subjects, making it harder to graduate on time and

leading to problems with future employability. One prominent study found children who are not proficient readers by third grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school. "Third graders being at or above reading level is so exciting right now," Hillcrest third grade teacher Romain Findlay said in the school news release. "Because, coming from second grade there are a lot of gaps and hurdles the students have to jump over. This gives us a good footing to accelerate what the previous teachers have done and also get the students to a level of proficiency where they're able to apply the skills and strategies they have learned onto the Georgia Milestones." BEACON is an assessment tool that helps teachers measure students' academic progress and identify strengths and areas where additional support may be needed. For elementary students, these assessments provide valuable insight into reading and other foundational

skills, helping teachers tailor instruction to meet students' individual needs. KeShawn Hurst, a third grade teacher at Susie Dasher Elementary, said being at or above grade level in reading is so much more than a benchmark. "It also challenges them to become better readers," Hurst said. "Not only are we preparing them to be learners today, but we also want to prepare them to be lifelong learners." BEACON can be an early indicator of how students will perform on the Georgia Milestones testing later in the year. The results give teachers an early snapshot of where students are academically and how to guide instruction as the school year progresses. "From Pre-K to second grade, students are learning to read," said interim Superintendent Marcee Pool. "What makes third grade so pivotal is now they're reading to learn. This is a great testament to the hard work being done by our teachers and, especially by our students."



Children gather candy during the annual Spooky Treats in the Downtown Streets, which will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22/PAYTON TOWNS III

Downtown Dublin preparing for some Halloween treats, scarecrows

By PAYTON TOWNS III Senior Reporter Downtown Dublin will be holding several Halloween type events tied to local businesses. First up is the annual Spooky Treats in the Downtown Streets, which will go from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22. "The merchants and businesses will be handing out candy," said Hannah Cochran, marketing director for Downtown Dublin Main Street. "The parents can also bring their kids to Jackson Plaza and there

will be music and dancing." Costume contest winners will be announced around 7:30 p.m., Cochran said. They are also currently holding a Downtown Scarecrow contest. "Voting has already started and it will end at 11:59 p.m. Friday," Cochran said. As of Monday afternoon, the following businesses are taking part in this competition: Pitts Toyota, Grand Real Estate, Curry Maffett Insurance, G. Rhythm Performing Arts Center, ACTS Direct Pri-

mary Care, Limited Edition Glam Studio, Bank of Dudley, Drip Mode, Finish Line Nutrition, Smith's of Dublin, Citizens Bank of Laurens County, Dublin City Hall, GovStrive and Mulberry Kitchen. Cochran thanked all of the merchants who have participated in their way to help make downtown festive this year. For more adult fun there will be a showing of "Young Frankenstein" at Theatre Dublin at 2 p.m. on Oct. 28 and a Halloween movie marathon from 6 p.m. to midnight on Oct. 30.

OBITUARIES



Keyun Quantaé Dudley

Funeral services for Mr. Keyun Quantaé Dudley will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026, at 1 p.m. at the Dublin High School Auditorium, 1127 Hillcrest Parkway in Dublin. Apostle Kenneth Kates will deliver the eulogy. Interment will follow in the Dudley Memorial Cemetery in Dublin.

Keyun Quantaé Dudley, affectionately known as “Dudley, Lil Dudley and Dudley Head” was born on Jan. 12, 1990, to his loving mother, Melinda Swint, and his late father, Michael Dudley. From the moment he entered this world, Keyun became a cherished part of his family, leaving a lasting imprint on the hearts of those blessed to know and love him.

Keyun was employed with AmWaste of GA, LLC, where he truly enjoyed his work. He loved being outdoors and took great pride in helping keep his community clean. For Keyun, sanitation was more than just a job; it was a passion and a way to serve the community he loved. He found joy in knowing that his work made a difference, and he genuinely loved what he did. His dedication to his job reflected his hardworking spirit, his love for his community and the pride he took in making a positive impact on the lives of others.

To know Keyun was to love him. His spirit was contagious, his heart was full of love, and his presence brought something special into every space he entered. He had a gift for connecting with people and making lasting impressions without even trying. Keyun was loved by so many because of who he was, and the love he shared will continue to live on in the hearts of everyone he touched.

Keyun was preceded in death by his father, Michael Wayne Dudley; paternal grandfather, Billy Dudley Sr.; maternal grandfather and grandmother, William and Beatrice Ricks; great aunts, Annie Sinkfield, Jeanette, Annette, and Essie Mae; uncles, Timothy Ricks, Billy Dudley Jr., and James Phillips; aunt, Shirley Wells; and two special cousins, Kawasaki and Koaknee Ricks

Keyun leave to cherish his precious memories, his mother whom he loved deeply Melinda Swint; step father, Johnny Swint; paternal grandmother, Essie Dudley; his children whom he loved with his whole heart, DeYanous Dudley, Juwan Dudley, Kemoviyun Dudley, and A’Zuri Dudley; his sisters, Lakeitha Coney, Siedah Ricks (Jon), Alexis Lewis, D’Asia Lewis; brothers, Michael McClendon, Demeatrus Lewis, Octavius Lewis, Ramon

Wright; great aunts, Linda and Gladys Devoe; aunts Beverly Ricks Phillips, Elizabeth Ricks Stanley, Ruby (Herman) Adams, Brenda Green, Glenda and Latasha Dudley, Brenda (Willie) Stanley, Linda Jackson, and Precilla(Londa) Axson; uncles, William Ricks III, Bobby, Dale (Annie), Mickey (Patricia), Billy Jr., Benton Dudley, and Mario Coney; four special cousins he spent most of his time with growing up Lakeisha Lloyd, Cordy Smith Jr., Marquita (Lorenzo) Williams, and Quantika (Troy-male) Charleston; God siblings, Nicole Washington, Candice (Stacey) Wilburn, X’zavious Durham, Chaquan Holloway, and Drake (Alyssa) Hicks; a dear and special friend, Mario Maddox; and a host of nieces and nephews, other aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and family.

“Though our hearts are broken by his absence, Keyun’s love, laughter, contagious spirit, and the memories he created will forever live within us. His life was a gift, his presence was a blessing, and his legacy of love will never fade. He may have taken his final breath here on earth, but his impact will live on through every life he touched. Forever loved, forever missed and forever in our hearts.

Please post your condolences online at Servicesby-Dudley.com.

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Larry James Dixon

Funeral services for Mr. Larry James Dixon will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026, at 3 p.m. at the First AB Church, 405 Telfair Street in Dublin. Interment will follow in the Dudley Memorial Cemetery in Dublin.

Mr. Larry James Dixon was born on Oct. 25, 1952 to the late Clester W. Coneway and Emma Lee Johnson. He was a member of William Grove Baptist Church where he served as the President of the Male Ushers Ministry. He was employed with Perdue Farms in Perry, Georgia. He loved fishing and watching NFL Football where the Pittsburgh Steelers were his favorite team.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Robert Carswell Sr.; and brothers, Nathan Carswell and Nathaniel Coneway.

He leaves to mourn his devoted wife, Sandra Dixon; three sons, Reginald (Letitia) Demmons of Memphis, Tenn, Deme-trius Wiggins and Renard Dixon; three daughters, Georgina (John) Downie, Lashana Dixon of Vidalia and Shakera (Lee) Wiggins; devoted granddaughter, Renylah Dixon; one uncle, Willie James Dixon; aunt, Lola Mae Powell; four brothers, Robert Carswell Jr., Rodriguez (Vanita)

Johnson of Maimi, Fla., Shundre’ Joiner of Gainesville, Willie (Mae) Kinsey of Miami, Fla.; six sisters, Delinda Peacock, Betty Carswell, Patricia Dixon, Mattie Walton all of Miami, Fla., Patrina (Herbert) Deese of Dublin, Shambria Joiner of Silver Springs, Md.; 19 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Clifford “CB” King

Funeral services for Mr. Clifford “CB” King will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Pine Hill Christian Church, 2908 Fountain Road in Cadwell. Bishop J.B. Carr will deliver the eulogy. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Mr. Clifford “CB” King was born on March 24, 1955 in Laurens County to the late Mr. Bobby King Sr. and Cathlee P. Austin. He attended the U.S. military for several years, drove trucks for Dublin Construction and retired from landscaping before his health declined. Mr. Clifford loved baseball and loved being outside even more.

Mr. Clifford passed away on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026. He was preceded in death by his father, mother, two brothers, two nephews and one step niece.

Mr. Clifford is survived by his brother Leon (Charlotte) King of Eastman; two sisters, Sally King Mackey and Rosa King both of Dublin; one aunt, Willie Mae Harper of Plymouth, Fla.; a special friend of many years, Eunice Bolden of Dublin; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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Tony Cross

Mr. Tony Cross of Dublin, Georgia passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

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Georgia early voting tops 1 million ballots

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — A record number of Georgia voters have cast early ballots in person for a midterm election, surpassing 1 million on Tuesday.

“We continue to break records each day of early voting,” Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said in a statement Tuesday afternoon.

Early voting started Oct. 13. By noon Tuesday, 1,007,015 voters had cast a ballot in person ahead of the Nov. 3 election, according to Raffensperger’s office.

That is up by more than 12% from the 894,412 who had voted early in person by the same point in the run-up to the 2022 general election.

Including the 48,916 absentee ballots, total turnout was 1,055,931.

It is unclear whether Democrats or Republicans are the ones casting those ballots because Georgia does not register voters by party.

Democratic voters outvoted Republicans in the

May primary, marking a reversal of turnout in the 2022 primary, when GOP voters had the larger numbers.

In May, Democratic primary turnout in the governor’s race was up by half from 2022, while GOP turnout for governor fell by a quarter. The proportions were similar in other statewide races.

Democrat Stacey Abrams ran unopposed in the 2022 primary for governor, which may have depressed her party’s turnout that year.

Raffensperger pointed to the elevated turnout Tuesday as evidence that voters trust the state’s election process.

His message came nearly three weeks after James Mills, executive director of the State Election Board, a rulemaking body, sent correspondence to the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security asking them to intervene in Georgia’s election process.

Critics of the Republican-controlled State Election Board called the move a continuation of a false

narrative of election fraud.

“There is no evidence of voting security threats or massive voter fraud,” the Southern Poverty Law Center said after Mills sent his correspondence.

“The election denialists at the Georgia State Election Board are trying to sow chaos into the midterms before voting takes place,” Kristin Nabers, Georgia state director of All Voting is Local, said at the time.

On Thursday, Carolyn Roddy, the election board member whose Sept. 28 resolution had authorized Mills’ action, wrote a memo defending Mills after some board members complained that they had not had a chance to approve the correspondence before he sent it.

“The Resolution imposed no such requirement,” Roddy wrote to her fellow board members.

Her memo said Mills had faithfully communicated the resolution’s intent. The resolution raised concerns about outdated software on the voting machines, among other things.

HERE’S A TIP

By JOANN DERSON
King Features

- You can cut the bitterness in some varieties of greens by soaking them in ice water for roughly an hour before serving. Use a salad spinner to get all of the water off.
- To freshen carpets, there’s no need to purchase expensive or heavily perfumed carpet deodorizers -- baking soda can do the job. Sprinkle carpets liberally. Let set for 30 minutes to an hour, then vacuum thoroughly.
- “If you are serving many side dishes at your large family holiday gathering, try this trick to keep casseroles and oven-cooked meats hot while waiting for other items to finish in the oven. Use a clean ice chest to store hot sides. Simply cover the bottom with a few

trivets or a couple kitchen towels, and set dishes inside. Most people use a cooler to keep things cold, but the insulation works just as well to keep hot things hot -- at least a little while.” -- M.E. in West Virginia

• Recipe Substitution: If you need 1 teaspoon of pumpkin pie spice, use 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon ginger, 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg and 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves.

• Blood pressure can be affected by many things: Seeing the doctor is one of them. Request that your blood pressure be taken by a nurse or physician’s assistant. Having a full bladder can also make your pressure reading higher, as can positioning your arm below heart level.

• Remove the annoying sticky residue from price

tags with WD-40 or baby oil. This is for use only on hard surfaces. If you are unsure, test in an inconspicuous place first to make sure the oil doesn’t leave a stain where the tag was.

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CINEMA SUPERLATIVES - The Zebulon Theater in Cairo is believed to be the oldest of the last surviving three single screens in Georgia. The Zebulon in Cairo even has a historical marker which states that the first movie was shown on April 15, 1936. Hold it! “The Dublin” beats that record by almost two years. Construction was well under-way in the summer of 1934. On Sept. 24, 1934, featuring Warren William in “The Match King.” In the late 1930s, the Ritz and Rose theaters in the second block of West Jackson and dominated the Dublin Theater, leading to the closure of the 1800 seat auditorium. The owners leased it to W.H. Lovett as a cotton storage warehouse. In the last years of World War II, R.E. Martin, a theater magnate, bought the property and turned it into one of the best small city theaters in the state. Following Martin’s death in the late 1940s, all of Martin’s theaters were renamed Martin. In the day when theaters were brightly lit. Martin erected the first theater in Georgia to have six colors of gas on the marquee in the state. Check out the bright green shamrocks underneath the marquee. Martin claimed his Dublin theater had the widest screen in the state. Except for a 15-year hiatus, local donors and the City of Dublin restored the magnificent building into Theatre Dublin 1995. Dublin Courier Herald Jan. 31, 2008.

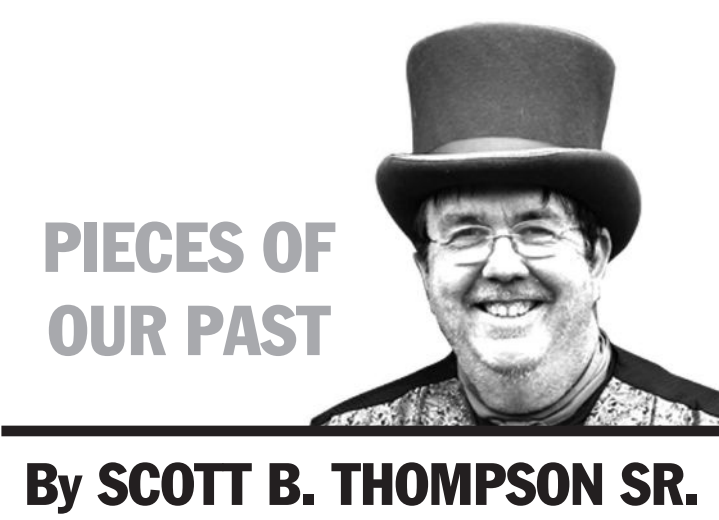
THE NIGHT THE HOSPITAL BURNED - Usually it is common for people who are caught in a fire to be taken from their homes to a hospital. Such was not the case on the evening one week after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. A massive fire broke out in the Claxton Hospital on Bellevue. Police Chief Otis Sanders reported that the fire broke out in a boiler in the basement. Claxton reported that five or so of the patients were in rough condition. Bystanders and

fire crews rushed in and saved all 28 patients inside. Many of the rescued patients were taken to nearby homes before the physicians of other private hospitals came for further treatment. Birmingham News, Dec. 15, 1941.

DE JA VU ALL OVER AGAIN - H.B. Bass, of Dublin, was ready to get out of his sick bed to do some chores he had not been able to do. On the way to town, a neighbor’s car ran into Bass and knocked him to the ground. Bass was rushed to the hospital in the same neighbor’s car to the hospital where the doctor found him unhurt and in good condition. After being dismissed, Bass got back into the car that struck him. As he was returning home, the neighbor’s car had a wreck. All of the occupants were stunned and shaken, except Bass, who survived the second crash with no injuries. Huntsville Times, Dec. 9, 1941.

LAST ONE OUT LOCK THE GATE - Dublin City Judge Dawson Kea sentenced a defendant to serve his sentence by helping out the sexton at Northview Cemetery. The helper left work as soon as the sun went down. Kea and his wife lost track of the time. When they tried to leave, the couple found that they were locked in. After three hours of yelling and hollering for help, the embarrassed duo was finally released. Dothan Eagle. April 12, 1942.

ALL POLITICAL NEWSPAPER - Frank Lawson, formerly with the Dublin Courier Herald and Dispatch, started the only statewide newspaper which he dubbed “The Statesman.” Lawson sold the paper to Eugene Talmadge, former Governor of Georgia, who served as editor until his death in 1946. Decatur, Alabama Democrat, Dec. 22, 1946.



REV. AINSWORTH GOES TO CHINA - Rev. William N. Ainsworth, former minister of First Methodist Church of Dublin, became Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church later in his career. In the 1930s to work with Methodist missionaries in China. Along with Rev. Silas Johnson, who served Methodist churches in southern Laurens County, he served as President of Wesleyan College in Macon. Ainsworth became close friends with Charles Soong and his three daughters, all of whom graduated from Wesleyan. Eling Soon married H.H. Koong, once a minister of commerce and industry in China. Secondly, Chun Soong married Sun Yet Sen, the leader of the Chinese Revolution. Lastly, and more importantly, Mai Ling lived with the Ainsworths until she was able to attend Wesleyan. Mai Ling married Chiang Kai -Shek, who was the leader of China from 1937 to his death in 1975. Ainsworth served as bishop of the Methodist Church in Japan, Korea, and China until the Chinese army until the Chinese Civil War in1949. Birmingham News, July 7, 1942.

DID YOU KNOW ...?

Did the world almost come to an end in 1989?

By JACK BAGLEY
GTLN

Well, since we now know who said what (check last week’s column if you don’t know what I’m talking about), it’s time to get back to the real business here - sharing incredible trivia.

Also, be on the lookout for some classic Halloween costume ideas. I might actually go to a party this year. Imagine that, me getting out and partying.

On second thought, don’t imagine it. The picture is too unsettling.

Here’s what we should be doing ... sharing the trivia. Enjoy, friends!

Did you know ...

... the pilot of the bomber which dropped the first atomic bomb used in wartime had no regrets about the mission? Colonel Paul Tibbets (1915-2007) was at the controls of the *Enola Gay*, a B-29 Superfortress, which dropped the atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima, Japan, on August 6, 1945. To the end of his

life, Tibbets said he had no regrets and never lost a single night’s sleep about the mission. Additional trivia note: Tibbets was concerned about his gravesite or headstone being a focus for anti-war or anti-nuclear protesters following his death. So he was cremated, and his ashes were spread across the English Channel.

... swimming trunks for men did not appear until the 1930s? Prior to that decade, men wore swimsuits that had a top as well as a bottom. In 1932, the first “detachable” top for a men’s swimsuit, the “Topper,” was introduced. Under the law at the time, however, men who chose to remove the top were often charged with indecent exposure. The laws were relaxed during the latter part of that decade, and swim trunks without a top began to be offered. (And today many men swim with a t-shirt. Go figure.)

... one gallon of used motor oil can ruin one million gallons of fresh water?

(Among other things.)

... the Pentagon has twice the number of bathrooms it needs? Headquarters of the United States Department of Defense in Arlington, Virginia, the Pentagon was constructed in 1941 and opened in 1943. At that time, the state of Virginia still enforced segregation laws, and whites and blacks were required to use separate restroom facilities. So the building was designed and built with twice the number of bathrooms it needed. Additional trivia note: Due to those ridiculous, discriminatory laws, the Pentagon also has twice the number of water fountains it should have.

... the world almost ended in 1989? On March 22 of that year, an asteroid named Asclepius crossed the orbit of the Earth, undetected by science. In fact, Asclepius wasn’t even discovered until nine days later, after it had passed by. The big mountain-sized rock came within 500,000 miles of Earth, and if it had hit our world the con-

sequences would have been catastrophic. Asclepius is several times larger than the meteor that wiped out the dinosaurs. The most amazing part of the whole thing is ... Earth had occupied the spot where Asclepius crossed its orbit only eight hours earlier. Even if we had known about it, there would have been nothing we could have done. (I am glad we didn’t know about that in advance, myself.)

... a species of shrimp has evolved aluminum armor to protect itself? Found in the Marianas Trench in the Pacific Ocean, the species *Hiron-della gigas* has evolved a protection from the crushing pressure of seven miles of water above it – an exoskeleton made primarily of aluminum. The little crustacean has evolved a way to draw the metal from the sediment of the ocean floor and cover itself with it, keeping the incredible weight of the ocean from crushing it out of existence. (Wonder how they

taste?)

... “foreign accent syndrome” is a real disorder? The disorder is found in some patients of recent brain trauma. It causes a change in the patient’s speech so that it sounds as if they are speaking with a foreign accent, much different than their natural speech pattern from before the trauma. Oddly, in most cases, the sufferer does not speak another language fluently enough to trigger the accent. The good news is, in most cases the effect is not permanent. (Und zen vhat?)

... one of Jupiter’s moons has more water than all of Earth’s oceans combined? Europa, discovered in 1610 by Galileo Galilei (1564-1642), is a small moon orbiting Jupiter. It is slightly smaller than Earth’s Moon and covered in ice. Beneath that ice, scientists say, lies an immense ocean with more water than all of our oceans combined. We have no idea how deep the water goes, and even less of an idea if anything lives in it. But Europa

is considered the best place in the Solar System to look if we’re trying to find extra-terrestrial life. (E.T., phone Europa.)

... a dog in Colombia has figured out the monetary system? Bear with me a moment. A dog named Blackie, who lives at the Diversified Technical Education Institute of Monterrey Casarne, observed the habits of students using money to buy food. One day the dog decided to try it for himself – he brought a leaf into the store and sat wagging his tail. Store staff figured out what Blackie was doing, and gave him a cookie in exchange for the leaf. This happened in 2018, and the dog has been coming into the store almost every day since with a leaf to get his cookie. The staff of the store limits the dog’s purchases to one or two a day, to prevent the leaf’s value from being hit by inflation (and to protect Blackie’s waistline from another kind of inflation). (Good boy. Very good boy.)
Now ... you know!

COUCH THEATRE

By DEMI TAVERAS
King Features

The Death of Robin Hood (R)

Don't be misled by the name of this thriller film and sit the kids down to watch this one; this definitely isn't Disney's version of Robin Hood's story. Based on the 17th century ballad "Robin Hood's Death," this film is led by none other than Hugh Jackman ("The Sheep Detectives") with a supporting cast that includes Jodie Comer ("28 Years Later") and horror aficionado Bill Skarsgard ("Dead Man's Wire"). Jackman portrays the aged outlaw Robin, who is widely known as a folk hero across 1247 England but remains tormented by the crimes he's committed. After a few more treacherous duels leave him delirious, Robin finds himself on a remote island at the Priory of St. Clement, left only with the reminder of his sins as Sister Brigid (Comer) nurses him back to health. Out now. (HBO Max)

Crystal Lake (TV-MA)

Calling all slasher lovers! (Because I fear I am not one.) This new series starring Linda Cardellini ("DTF St. Louis") serves as a prequel to the 1980 film "Friday the 13th." Cardellini takes on the role of Pamela Voorhees (originally played by Betsy Palmer in the 1980 and 1981 films in the franchise), who has a young son with physical differences named Jason. (Hint, hint.) While Pamela's working as a lunch lady at Camp Crystal Lake, where her son's also a camper, Jason mysteriously drowns in the lake when the camp counselors aren't looking. Traumatized by grief, Pamela attempts to go back to work at the camp a year later but is unable to move on. Simultaneously, dead bodies begin appearing around town. All eight episodes are available to stream now! (Peacock)

Phony (TV-MA)

Sam Nivola follows up his brother-loving role in season three of "The White Lotus" with a mother-loving role in this comedy-mystery series, co-starring Connie Britton ("Rooster"). Nivola plays teenage boy Sonny, who lives with his mom, Ellen (Britton), and has a great relationship with her. After a wild car accident places Sonny in the hospital, he awakens to his mom in the hospital with him -- or so he first thinks. Upon further investigation, Sonny gets the feeling that his mom has been replaced with an impostor. Although his friends deny that this is possible, Ellen appears different than before the accident and doesn't remember their secret hand signals, leaving Sonny's mind completely scrambled. The first two episodes of the eight-episode series premiere on Oct. 20. (Hulu)

Lorne

As the title suggests, this documentary film focuses on the career of film and television producer Lorne Michaels ("Saturday Night Live"). Beginning with his work on Canadian television, the doc walks viewers through the moments in Michaels' life that led him to create the legendary sketch-comedy show. It also touches on his five-year departure from the show from 1980 to 1985 and how he eventually returned to serve as the executive producer. The list of celebrity appearances in this doc is enormous, but a notable few include Tina Fey, Jimmy Fallon, Alec Baldwin, Bill Hader, Steve Martin and Chris Rock. Additionally, behind-the-scenes footage of "SNL" episodes is featured! Check it out now. (Netflix)
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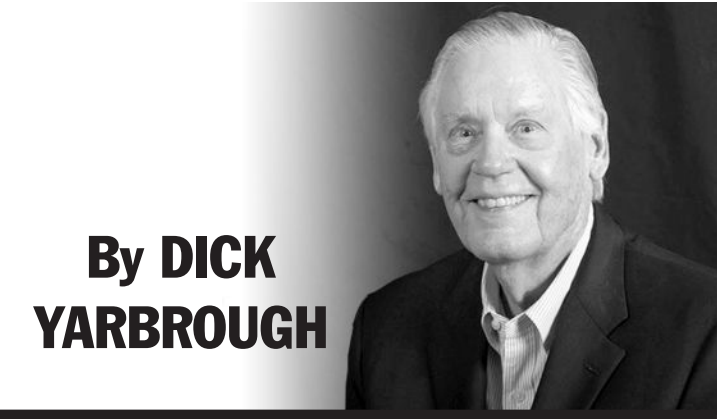
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Here's one know-it-all that doesn't know it all



By DICK YARBROUGH

Some of you out there won't be surprised by this, but to be the know-it-all I claim to be I must confess that there are some things I just don't understand. Let's start with the recent ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit that says Georgia can enforce its new law requiring social media platforms to verify the age of account holders and restrict its use by minors.

The state law aims to prevent children under the age of 16 from having social media accounts without a parent or guardian's permission. (Let's read that last part again – "without a parent or guardian's permission.") The law also limits advertising on and the collecting of information from minors' social media accounts.

The suit had been brought by NetChoice, a trade association of online businesses like Amazon and Meta and eBay and Google, that says it is an advocate for free expression and free enterprise on the internet. NetChoice

had sued Georgia's Attorney General Chris Carr in 2025, claiming the law, entitled the Protecting Georgia's Children on Social Media Act, chills the rights of all Georgians to engage in anonymous speech online, contrary to the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Chill the rights of kids under the age of 16 from getting on social media without their parents' approval or knowledge and engaging in anonymous speech online? Like cyberbullying or bomb threats? Oh, please.

With all due respect to kids under 16, what is wrong with getting parental or guardian approval? To the NetChoice lawyers, same question. Sadly, there are likely enough parents who want so badly to be their kid's BFF, that they would probably say yes anyway. They are probably also the ones that would buy their child an AK-47 for the same reason.

And then there was the crash on Interstate 20 in DeKalb County when a Georgia State trooper spotted a car weaving through traffic at

roughly 110 mph and without headlights. The driver fled a traffic stop attempt, lost control and caused a 10-vehicle crash that tragically killed a 7-month-old infant and the driver.

I held my nose and got on Reddit, (which happens to be a member of NetChoice, by the way), and read the comments of oh-so-cute anonymous appellations like "bunnysuitman" and "Single_Bar_1836" who seem to want to blame the GSP for the audacity of stopping a car with no headlights doing 110 mph while weaving in and out of traffic on a major interstate. I don't understand their reasoning except they seem to not care much for the police.

I don't know why the state of Tennessee was unable to execute death row inmate Christa Pike after two attempts. In 1995, Pike and an accomplice lured Colleen Slemmer, a fellow Job Corps trainee, to an isolated area at the University of Tennessee agricultural campus, tortured her and beat her to death because Pike thought Slemmer was trying to steal her boyfriend. Pike bashed Slemmer's head in with a chunk of asphalt and then kept a piece of the skull as a souvenir.

Pike survived two doses of pentobarbital meant to kill her. She ended up in the hospital and was later discharged and sent to the women's prison in Nashville. Not sure what happens next.

Okay, so what do I know? I know the Protecting Georgia's Children on Social Media Act is a positive development. Children under the age of 16 have no business being on social media anonymously. They are not mature enough at that point. I know the lawsuit brought by NetChoice was ill-conceived and ill-advised. The association and their lawyers ought to be ashamed of themselves. Why don't they spend their time helping us from being hacked by bad people?

I know the Georgia State Patrol did the right thing in trying to stop that maniac on Interstate 20 before he killed someone else. As for "bunnysuitman" and "Single_Bar_1836", they are proof-positive why not letting anonymous pubescent on social media is a good thing. Reading their post-pubescent comments made me wish the law had been passed a decade earlier.

I know that in all the hue-and-cry over the botched execution of Crista Pike, she has come across looking like the victim and we want to forget it was really Colleen Slemmer who was the victim. She and her family. They deserved better.

I know that some of you will agree with me and some of you won't. And I know your comments won't be anonymous. Thank you.

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All prison vans should park at the very front door of the hospital. Line them up. This way we will know exactly what we are up against before we ever walk in the door.

One government could make it easier to compare spending, track projects and identify who is responsible for decisions. Transparency should be central to consolidation.

Imagine Dublin and Laurens County negotiating one contract for fuel, insurance, equipment and supplies. Consolidation could give taxpayers greater purchasing power.

How much do two governments spend maintaining separate administrative systems? A consolidation study could identify savings before taxpayers are asked to support change.

I am the hateful man who calls in about the prisoners being in the hospital when they don't have a dime to be in it and christianity has nothing to do with it.

Next time you chastise someone about your religion, maybe you should look at your church about your remarks. People who go to church are sinners, just like the folks in the jailhouse.

If you are so worried about them being a victim at the county jail, well you call yourself a Christian, why haven't you been praying for them and doing something about getting them out of the jail. If you had been doing your job, they wouldn't be in jail.

Next time you call into Tell It to talk about the prisoners, maybe you need to pick up the newspaper and actually read the Police Beat where you see all kinds of people harassing the medical people at the hospital. It is getting dangerous.

Alright Tell It master, I am calling in to apologizing about that fake Christian. But I cannot stand a fake Christian. I was speaking on a public forum, not a religious forum.

Dublin-Laurens County, consolidation is what we need. Consolidation of governments and services will allow us to move forward as a unified County with clear goals and solidarity. We are currently a fragmented, two headed monster, continually at odds with itself and no plan for the future.

Hey hypocrite, you are one of the reasons why a lot of people quit going to church, because you think you are more of a know-it-all about Christianity and anybody else. Just like you are sitting there blasting the other person because they were worried about public safety with criminals out everywhere. Yet, you think your way is right, hypocrite. That is why you are losing members in your church.

You know I was just reading the Tell It, somebody put in there whichever one supports the city taking over Laurens County gets my vote. I don't vote for Dublin to take over any county, the west or the east side. That is all we hear about is people over in Dublin wanting to consolidate.

Support for very different candidates

I have mostly avoided direct campaign contributions over the past few cycles. I know many of the candidates running, can't contribute to all of them, and in many cases, my money isn't going to make that much of a difference in a race once millions are being spent.

I wrote two checks during the primary cycle, one for a State Senate candidate and one for Georgia's Supreme Court. For the general election I chose four candidates for the State House. Three are incumbents, with the fourth running for an open seat.

Three are outside of the areas where print publications run these columns. I'm sharing because while they're each very different in geography and seniority, there are some common threads among the differences that highlight qualities I look for in a legislator beyond being "someone I know" or "good to have a friend in that office".

Sharon Cooper was my Representative when I first moved to Marietta and is one of the longest serving legislators. She's currently the Chair of the Public Health Committee, which oversees many of the bills for which she is uniquely suited as a former Registered Nurse.

I've seen her take on numerous thankless battles – including those within her own party and party's leadership – to make sure that someone else's sloganeering don't negatively affect medical care delivery in Georgia. Her expertise has earned deference. Her persistence and work ethic has improved many bills that meant well but at least in part were misguided. Georgia needs more

legislators with this dedication to detail.

A relative newcomer to the Capitol is Representative Bethany Ballard of Warner Robbins. We had been Facebook friends for years prior to her 2022 election, but I mostly knew of her then as a Republican Party leader and her social media posts mostly about being a wife and mom of two teenage boys.

Her posts about her family haven't changed much in the past four years, and her dedication to her family remains the priority. She's grounded. But those who underestimated her ability to get things done in Atlanta have been sorely mistaken.

She quickly became the driving force in the House, then the Capitol as a whole, as the leader in education reform with a laser-like focus on increasing standards and student achievement. She's just getting started, and I want to continue to work with her to get more done – and more to join with her sense of urgency on this topic.

Jack Miller of Milton is nearing the end of his first campaign, where he is seeking the seat currently held by House Speaker Pro Tempore Jan Jones. He won't have her titles nor experience if he's elected as a Freshman, but he has that long term potential.

I first met Jack when he was volunteering on a campaign for Congress almost a decade ago, when he was still a teenager. Even then, he stood out. He was the proverbial "work horse, not a show horse" among his peers in the volunteer group and led them by example.

He was driven and focused with some very specific life goals and plans. When life



GEORGIA POLITICS

By CHARLIE HARPER

events changed some major parts of that plan, he adjusted in real time with new goals that put him on different paths with the big goals largely intact. I don't recall him ever saying public office was on that list, but the opportunity before him fits him and his big picture. I can't think of anyone in his generation I'd rather have in the Georgia House.

All three of those candidates are Republicans. The last is Representative Esther Panitch, a Democrat from Dunwoody.

Rep. Panitch and I shared a bit of time a decade ago at Atlanta's NBC television affiliate, with her as a legal analyst and me coming in from time to time as a political analyst. We made a bit of small talk but I didn't really get to know her until she was a member of the House – and until October 7th happened.

She is the House's only Jewish member, and has worked tirelessly across the aisle to get a legal definition of antisemitism into Georgia law so that it can be considered when sentencing for convictions of Georgia's hate crime law. She's also been willing to call out members of her own party when issues important to Jewish Georgians were being ignored.

Her independence was rewarded by a primary challenge from a candidate with the backing of the Democratic Socialists of America. She could have just pretended it was a routine intra-party challenge and ignored the far left nature of the opposition.

She didn't. Instead, she made it clear that socialism isn't compatible with Georgia and Georgians, directly and repeatedly.

She, too, is quite grounded. She understands the importance of the office she holds, who she is, and how those two must be leveraged for our state to survive and thrive.

Yes, she's an elected Democrat. Yes, I come from a long Republican background.

I've got my hands full pushing back on a party catering to populists and too often dabbling in crony capitalism. I'm happy to back someone doing her part to defeat socialism within the Democratic party, before it becomes a binary choice at higher levels between Democrats and whatever flavor of Republicans they choose to nominate next.

I've chosen to support leaders who lead. I'm less concerned these days about party labels, and more concerned about supporting those who know when to do the right thing, even when the easier answer would be to go along quietly and find a different, largely costless battle to fight.

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"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

- Psalm 18:12 (New International Version)

THOUGHT FOR TODAY...

"Every fall in your story is a setup for a rise that only God can author."

- Ibrahim B. Amunikoro

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- International Caps Lock Day

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Region leaders, playoff hopefuls face key tests in week 10

After being shut out in back-to-back losses, Montgomery County (4-3, 0-1 region 3-A) needs to find some points that may be just as short in supply against the well-tested defense of ECI (3-4, 1-0 region, while Wheeler County (3-4, 2-1 region 4-A) will look to extend its two-game winning streak at winless Wilcox Co. (0-8, 0-4 region), Twiggs County (1-7, 0-4 region 5-A) tries its luck at GMC (3-4, 0-3 region) and Wilkinson County (3-5, 2-2 region 5-A) plays its next-to-last of the regular season at Jenkins County (3-4, 3-0 region).

Fleming, Bleckley win quality QB duel with Dodge; Brentwood survives barnburning battle at Briarwood

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Montgomery Co.
Burke Co.
Jenkins Co.
Mary Persons
Briarwood
Houston Co.
Cook
Peach Co.
John Milledge

GHSA PLAYOFF NOTEBOOK

Falcons beat out by Berrien in 2nd-round softball series; NW Whitfield gets best of Raiders in 1st-round V-ball match

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Postseason road trips ended with elimination for two local teams in the past week, East Laurens softball after a two-plus hour journey south to Nashville and West Laurens Volleyball an even longer three and a half hour drive north to Tunnel Hill. The Falcons were swept in their second-round series against No. 6 seed Berrien. The Raiders rallied to claim a set out of the four in their first-rounder at 12th seed Northwest Whitfield, but couldn't catch up with the Bruins in any of the three others.

For East, scoring was limited to single runs in the opening innings of both games in its Monday doubleheader.

The Rebelettes, with a matching run in their half of each frame, scored the final eight in the remaining four to take the opener 9-1, and nine over the same span to run away with game 2, 10-1, and clinch their spot in Columbus.

The Falcons (21-11, 10-2 region 2-AA) had their opportunities to get some additional runs across the plate, but couldn't make enough sharp contact against Berrien's ace pitcher Layla Rashford, who worked the first seven out of 10 innings in the series, and allowed only five total hits.

They got to her for an early run to open the series as DeAndrea Lowther led off with a single, moved up on a sacrifice bunt laid down by Amiya O'Neal and scored on a base hit up the middle by Avery Smith, whose bat has been the clutchest in the East Laurens lineup since the

start of October.

A chance to get more with the bases loaded, after back-to-back batters were hit by pitches, escaped the Falcons as a runner got cut down at the plate, and the first inning ended on a groundout with no further scoring.

The Rebelettes got the run right back, cashing in a walk with Zoe Hutto's RBI single to tie it at 1. The rest of their eight unanswered runs would come a few at a time starting in the second with the go-ahead RBI single of Caydance Harmon, who led the team with three hits. Chason Warren's two also yielded three RBIs.

East Laurens went in order from there until the fifth, when Mad-die Rogers drew a leadoff walk, a dropped fly ball in center put two on and Lowther singled again (it was the Falcons' last of only three hits) to create another bases-loaded situation with nobody out.

But a pickoff, and two ground balls, got them three outs in a snap to end the inning. And the bottom half of the inning would bring their game-clinching ninth run, as Harmon singled and scored on an error.

Rashford struck out two and walked one in her five innings, while Lowther allowed eight hits, walked three and struck out seven for the Falcons in four innings and a third.

Game 2 started with another trade of runs in the first, both on two-out doubles by Berrien's Hutto and East's Reagan Sasser.

But a big second inning by the Rebelettes broke it open much wider, much sooner. They scored eight on five hits, two walks and two er-

rors in the top of the second to go up 9-1.

Berrien's only other run went on the board in the top of the fifth.

Rashford set East Laurens down 1-2-3 in the second, although the Falcons created some opportunities to chip away that didn't come to fruition in their three other turns at-bat.

They got two on against new pitcher Cacie Hale in the third, and another runner reached in the fourth before being erased on a double play. In the fifth, two last-chance singles by O'Neal and McKinley Canady, along with a walk drawn by Smith, once again loaded the bases with two outs. But a fielder's choice ended the game.

Canady led East Laurens with two of its four hits, two each against the pair of pitchers, who struck out one each.

Berrien, led by the two hits each of Hutto and Nikki Cribb, came up with eight against Lowther, who walked two and struck out four over the five innings. The Falcons also committed three errors.

A valiant effort...

West Laurens didn't go down without a fight, but a late rally last Friday didn't create enough momentum for the Raiders to reverse the direction of their first-round match at Northwest Whitfield.

The Bruins, after outrunning them in the first two, took a fourth set handily to clinch the win – and advance to visit Columbus in round 2 – by a count of 3-1.

Northwest started the evening the way it finished, in firm control.

The Bruins won 14 of the opening set's first 16 points, and rolled from there to win 25-11.

West Laurens got some confidence going in the second, staging a four-point run early to prevent a Northwest runaway, and hanging about that many back until the home squad once again pulled away. The Raiders, trailing 20-15, made their best run on a string of four-straight points between time-outs to get within one of the tie. But a block at the net by Mary Susan Broadrick ended the Bruins' slide, and they'd win the next five in a row to prevail 25-19, and go up 2-0 for the match.

West fell behind by seven early in the do-or-die third set, but once again found some life on a five-point rally that began with a spike by Kayleigh Mack.

Northwest Whitfield hit one into the net, Rylee Sherwood hammered one home and Skylar Fountain set for Mack on the go-ahead winner to give the Raiders their first lead of the day, 16-15.

It changed hands several times from there, but West finished off the set win with three straight points on the service of Fountain, the last an ace, to break the last tie and win 25-22.

There were no further openings in a fourth set that Northwest Whitfield quickly put away after running out to a 20-3 lead.

The Raiders (19-24, 6-3 region 3-AAAA) made their final stand on a 6-1 run late, but the Bruins took five out of the last six points to take the winning set 25-10.

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL Friday Northwest Whitfield 3, West Laurens 1
FOOTBALL Friday Dublin 60, ACE Charter 14 East Laurens 21, Vidalia 19 West Laurens 48, Long Co. 26 Flint River Academy 34, Trinity 13 Bleckley Co. 28, Dodge Co. 21 Brentwood 24, Briarwood 18 Jenkins Co. 46, Twiggs Co. 0 Portal 28, Montgomery Co. 0 Thomson 35, Washington Co. 14 Glascock Co. 56, Wilkinson Co. 28 Wheeler Co. 37, Turner Co. 27
SOFTBALL Monday Berrien 9, East Laurens 1 Berrien 10, EL 1
FLAG FOOTBALL Monday EL 20, Montgomery Co. 0

PREP SCHEDULE

SOFTBALL GHSA Playoffs, Round 2 Wednesday Adairsville at West Laurens (doubleheader)/4 p.m.
Thursday Adairsville at West Laurens (game 3, if necessary)/TBD
FOOTBALL Friday Dodge Co. at Dublin Trinity at Piedmont WL at Liberty Co. Hancock Central at Johnson Co. Vidalia at Bleckley Co. Brentwood at Thomas Jefferson ECI at Montgomery Co. Twiggs Co. at GMC Washington Co. at Burke Co. Wilkinson Co. at Jenkins Co. Wheeler Co. at Wilcox Co. /7:30 p.m.

AREA

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80-yard scoop-and-score in the final few minutes.

Troup 63, Baldwin 32

There were, in fact, some punts in this Thursday-night shootout, but the Braves had three of out of only four that went along with three turnovers as the likely difference in a match-up of two rampant offenses. Troup had the slight numbers advantage with 720 total yards against Baldwin's 611. The Tigers' Chase Mosley completed 10 of his 14 attempts for 280 and six touchdowns, Javarris Warner logged 23 carries for 341 and Trey Dean caught four passes for 132 yards and two touchdowns. The Braves' Kamden Patterson countered with a 21-of-35 line for 465 and four touchdowns, but was picked off twice by Troup's Markell Smith. Three of the TD catches, totaling 175 yards, belonged to Tavares Hooks, who had 15 runs for 122. Justin Burton had eight receptions for 139 and the other score. Jerliondus rushed for a touchdown and had an interception.

Mary Persons 28, Howard 21

Zavion Deshazier tied the game with a touchdown run, and two-point conver-



Tattnall quarterback Angelo Bellamy Jr. passes under pressure from an FPD defender/DONN RODENROTH, for The Telegraph

sion, for the Huskies early in the fourth quarter. But one more shot to win this one in regulation came up too short on time as a final drive reached the Mary Persons 31 at the end of regulation. The Bulldogs pulled it out in overtime as Jordan Singleton – responsible for both a passing and rushing touchdown earlier in the night – scrambled in from nine yards for the lead, and Howard came up empty on four chances from inside the 5. Deshazier carried 19 times for 68 yards and one other touchdown, and threw to Tashawn Poole for the other on a 7-of-10 line

Toombs Co. 76, Islands 0

Joseph Owens was a perfect 6-of-6 passing for 191 yards and five touchdowns, to Nick Carroll (2), Brandon Stevens, and Jayden McNeil and Jayden Greene, in the Bulldogs' third 70-plus point scoring effort (and sixth time out of seven breaking 50) of the season. Donterrius Mincey also carried three times for touchdowns totaling 53 yards. Alex Scott, McNeil and Zay Walton added three others. The Toombs' D had 10 tackles for loss and intercepted two passes, via Carroll and

Cesar Adams Jr.

Thomasville 28, Jeff Davis 25

The Yellow Jackets were in it the whole way, but couldn't score more than once to answer after Thomasville took a three-point lead up to 10 on a 33-yard touchdown pass to Kensley Reddick with just under 10 minutes left in the game. Jacob Laney rushed for a four-yard score to cut the gap to three in the last 90 seconds, but Jeff Davis would be unable to get any closer. The Bulldogs' Hayes rushed for a touchdown on 11 carries for 117, and was 6-of-8 passing for 92 and two more. Makari Williams caught one of Hayes' TDs, and threw 35 yards for another. T'ville's Cam Samuel and Jayden Jones combined for five sacks, and a forced fumble. Braylon Varnadore had 137 of the Jackets' 301 rushing yards.

FPD 26, Tattnall Square 12

A field-flipping run by Dylan Reeves early in the fourth quarter set up the first of two touchdowns that gave the Vikings some separation late in a close game that they led by just six with 12 minutes to go. Two interceptions of Tattnall quarterback Angelo Bellamy, who was 15-of-27 for 200 and a touchdown to Champ Price, and a fourth-down stop in

the third were key in helping prevent the Trojans from regaining the lead after back-to-back FPD touchdowns (involving a run and pass by Cash Walker) to offset their first of the night on a run by Micah Clyde.

John Milledge 63, Mount de Sales 12

Nathan Snow completed five of his seven attempts for 161 yards and two touchdowns, Asa Wall rushed for a pair on six carries for 44, and had another two on his three catches for 106. The JMA defense posted eight tackles for loss, and got interceptions from Abe Gainous and Parker Soltay. Mount de Sales' Ben Burney was 4-of-8 passing for 151 and both his team's touchdowns to Braylon Mitchell and Eli Battle, but the Cavs were held to negative net yardage rushing.

Other week 9 finals...

Edmund Burke 34, Pinewood 26
Jenkins Co. 46, Twiggs Co. 0
ECI 42, Claxton 8
Coffee 27, Houston Co. 13
Cook 21, Fitzgerald 14
Hancock Central 22, GMC 0
Lee Co. 37, Northside 0
Telfair Co. 34, Wilcox Co. 14
Thomas Jefferson 49, Robert Toombs 8
Westfield 57, CFCA 7
Windsor 33, Piedmont 0

Off week offers No. 1 JoCo time to reflect on perfect start, season's potential

By RALPH JACKSON
Correspondent

After seven games, the Johnson County Trojans are hoping they have another eight to play. If they are right, last week's open date offered something of a midseason break and an opportunity to examine the numbers behind their success.

The Trojans are 7-0, ranked No. 1 in Class A by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and in the driver's seat to capture their fifth consecutive region championship.

With three regular-season games remaining, Johnson County is also among the leaders in the Georgia High School Association's (GHSA) Post Season Rankings (PSR), a formula used to determine playoff qualification and seeding. Unlike traditional polls, the PSR considers a team's winning percentage, the records of its opponents and the records of

those opponents' opponents.

Rankings are one thing, but there are plenty of numbers to back up the notion that the Trojans are among the state's best.

Through seven games, Johnson County has scored 350 points, averaging 50 per contest, while permitting just 70. The Trojans have accumulated 3,027 yards of total offense, an average of more than 432 yards per game.

The ground game has been particularly impressive, producing 2,295 yards and 37 touchdowns. Johnson County is averaging an eye-catching 10.1 yards per carry. The Trojans have added another 732 yards and 10 touchdowns through the air.

Junior Jeremiah Scott has been at the center of that offensive success, putting together a remarkable individual season. Scott has rushed for 885 yards and 17 touchdowns while catching 13 passes for

another 325 yards and six scores. He has also scored on a kickoff return and a punt return, giving him 25 touchdowns and 150 points through seven games.

Among the Trojans' other offensive weapons, Jeremiah Taylor has rushed for 435 yards and four touchdowns, while sophomore Kelsey Waters has contributed 338 yards and five scores. Senior Jacaden Webb has added 311 rushing yards and five touchdowns, giving Johnson County four players with more than 300 yards on the ground. QBChance Wombles has provided balance through the air, completing 30 of 50 passes for 726 yards and 10 touchdowns against just one interception.

Scott leads the receiving corps with 13 catches for 325 yards and six touchdowns. Daezon Devero follows with 10 for 236 yards.

Scott's 150 points lead the team by a considerable margin,

but Webb and sophomore kicker Grayson Jackson are tied for second with 38 points apiece.

Jackson has quietly put together one of the state's most productive kicking seasons, converting 38 of 42 extra-point attempts, a 90.5 percent success rate.

Under defensive coordinator Devin Cannon, the Trojans have been just as impressive on the other side of the football. Johnson County has recorded 344 tackles, including 62.5 tackles for loss, along with eight sacks, eight interceptions and five fumble recoveries, according to MaxPreps.

Cedric Bridges leads the team with 42 tackles, followed closely by Jeremiah Taylor with 40. Dewayne Abrams has contributed 32 tackles and a team-leading 3.5 sacks, while sophomore Kelsey Waters has added 31 tackles and a sack. The secondary has also produced its share of big plays. Deve-

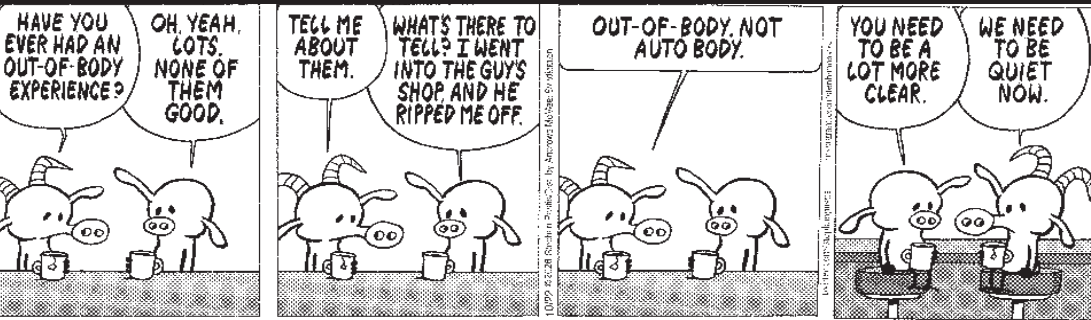
ro leads the team with three interceptions, while Webb has collected two. Jenkins also has two sacks.

Those statistics reflect the depth of a Johnson County team that has found success in a variety of ways. While the offensive stars have generated impressive individual totals, much of that success begins up front, where the offensive line has consistently opened running lanes and provided pass protection. Defensively, the Trojans have combined pressure behind the line of scrimmage with an opportunistic secondary.

Johnson County returns to the Blue Monster Friday to face Hancock Central before hosting Georgia Military College the following week. The Trojans will then travel to Jenkins County for their regular-season finale, with a fifth consecutive region championship and favorable playoff positioning at stake.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS



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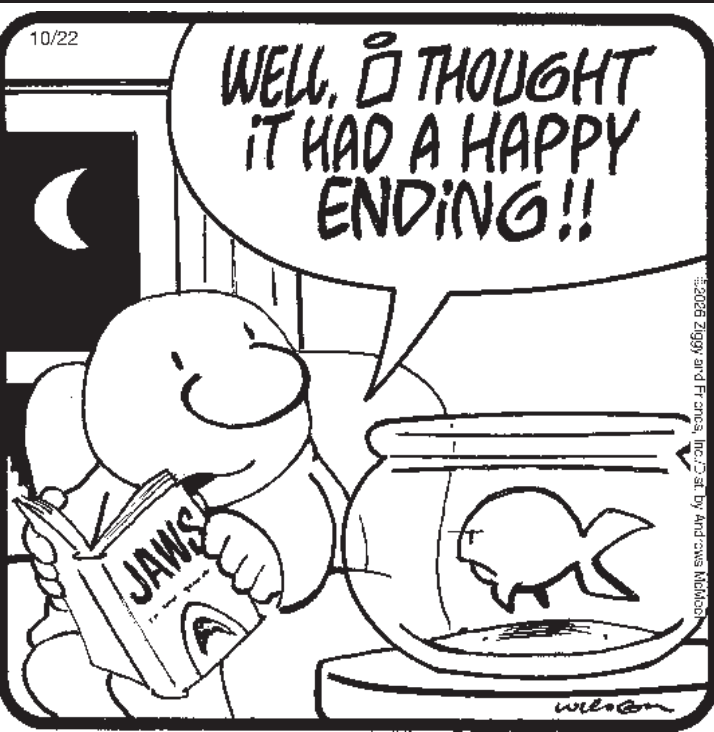
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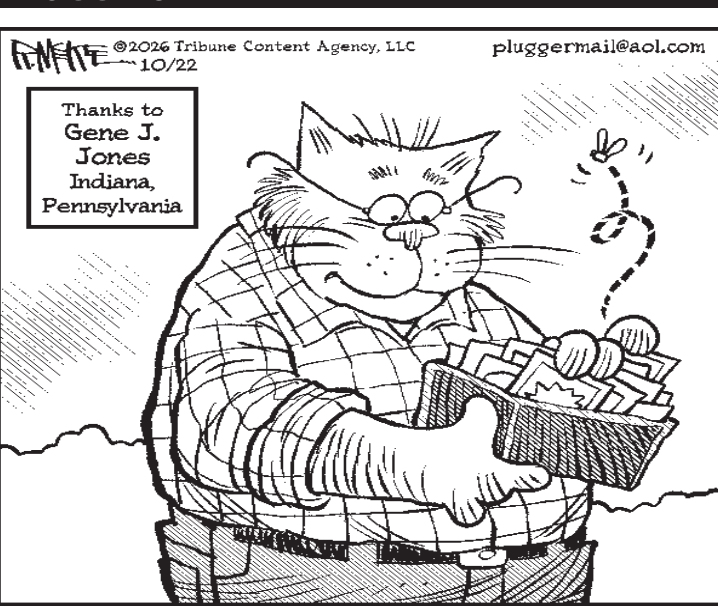
ZIGGY

BY TOM WILSON



PLUGGERS

BY JEFF MACNELLY



Most plugger wallets contain lots of family photos and coupons but very little money.

Bachelor Trip Turns Into Financial Headache

DEAR ABBY: I helped plan a 12-guy bachelor party in Boston. The best man's initial email outlined the itinerary -- two nights away and a Bruins game -- and included a link to the Airbnb. Everyone RSVP'd with an enthusiastic "yes." With headcounts locked, we booked the lodging and group-rate tickets. The total came to \$565 per person (including covering the bachelor).

Once the price was announced, three guys backed out. I offered installment plans, but they refused. We filled one spot but were still left holding a huge deficit. While on the trip, the remaining attendees agreed that the dropouts should help cover the nonrefundable losses. We asked them for a reduced fee of \$200 each. One of them paid, one sent half and the third has gone silent. They are all furious. I understand money is tight, but they shouldn't have committed before we pulled the trigger on bookings. Are we wrong for asking them to pay for backing out late? -- STUCK WITH THE BILL

DEAR STUCK: Airbnb and traditional hotels ask for a booking deposit so that they won't lose money if someone backs out of a reservation. You should have done the same. If you had collected some or all of the money for the trip before making the deposit, you wouldn't have suffered such a big loss when people



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

changed their minds. Because there is fault on both sides, \$200 seems like a reasonable compromise to me. Thank the man who paid the full requested amount. I wouldn't pressure the others or ever mention it again -- even if they choose not to pay. They're probably embarrassed that they couldn't afford to join in, and as the saying goes, "You can't squeeze blood from a stone."

DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter, "Melanie," hates me. She is 11 and a pre-teen, but she has been like this for many years. I don't know why. Melanie won't even say hello to me when I greet her. She'll let me take her and her friends to places that cost lots of money, but she doesn't want to be with me. She's hateful, and I correct her sometimes, but her parents never correct her when she does it. Melanie never, ever says thank you when I do something for her and never lets

me touch her. Should I give up and wait to see if she will come back to me? -- MISSING HOW IT COULD BE
DEAR MISSING: The fault for your granddaughter's misbehavior lies with her parents, who should have taught her common courtesy and respect for others. Rather than give up, take a step back. Quit rewarding her bad behavior. Shut your wallet, stop buying her gifts, and stop taking her and her friends places. Do not try to touch her.
When you see her at family gatherings smile, say "Hello, Melanie, how are you?" When she ignores you, concentrate on the other relatives and let yourself have a good time. Melanie may or may not grow out of her bratty stage, but you are being foolish to let it affect you.

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GOREN BRIDGE

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RESOURCEFUL PLAY

North-South vulnerable, North deals

NORTH		EAST	
♥ 7	♠ 6 4	♥ 7 2	♠ K J 9 8 6
♦ K J 10 5 4	♥ 7 2	♦ K J 9 8 6	♠ K J 8 5
♣ A 5 4 2	♥ 7 2	♦ K J 9 8 6	♠ K J 8 5
♣ 9 2	♥ 7 2	♦ K J 9 8 6	♠ K J 8 5

The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♥ 2NT* 3♣** 5♣
Dbl Pass 6♣ Pass
6♦ Pass 7♠ All pass
*Both minors
**Forcing with spades

Opening lead: Three of ♦

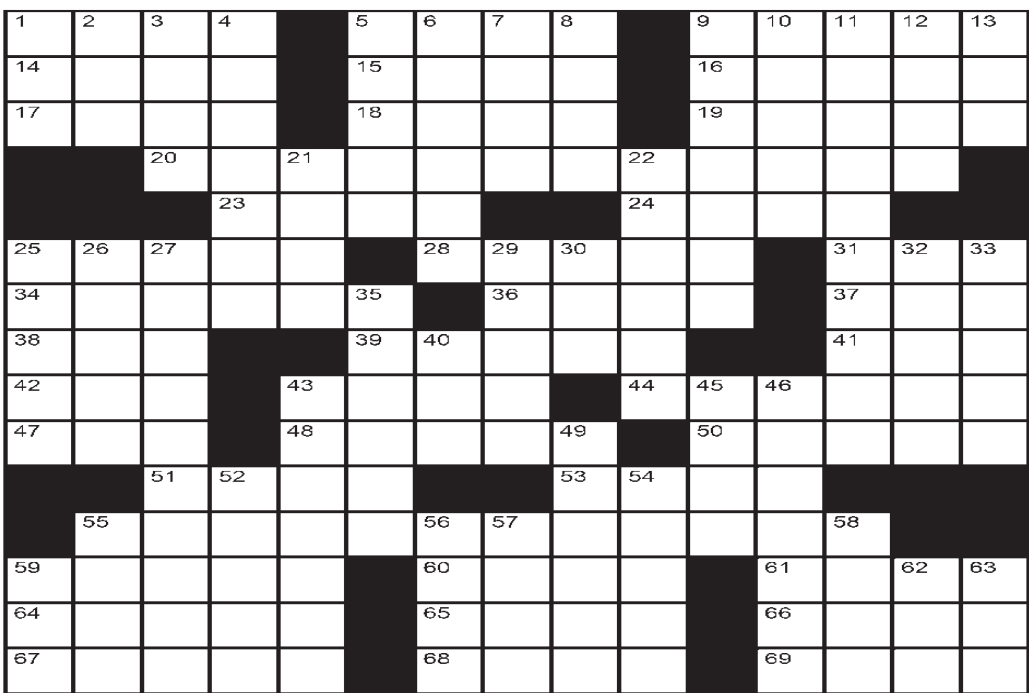
and drew trumps. He only had 11 top tricks. The heart suit might give him two more, but a winning heart finesse would not be enough and a 3-3 heart split was not possible after East followed to two spades. Needing something good to happen, Bogo began to run his trumps. This was the position with one trump remaining:

NORTH		EAST	
♥ Void	♥ K J 10 5	♥ Void	♥ 7 2
♦ Q	♦ 9	♦ K J	♦ K J
WEST	♥ Void	♥ Void	♥ 7 2
♥ Q 8 6 3	♥ Void	♥ Void	♥ 7 2
♦ Void	♥ Q 10	♥ Void	♥ 7 2
♣ Q 10	♥ Q 10	♥ Void	♥ 7 2
SOUTH	♥ 3	♥ A 9	♥ A 3
♥ A 9	♥ 10	♥ A 3	♥ A 3
♦ A 3	♦ A 3	♦ A 3	♦ A 3

Bogo cashed his last spade and West had to discard a club to keep all his hearts. Dummy and East discarded diamonds. Bogo cashed the ace of hearts and led a heart to dummy's jack for a winning finesse. The king of hearts ruined East, who had to discard the king of diamonds or a club, giving Bogo a thirteenth trick either way. He chose a club and the three of clubs took the last trick. Beautifully played!

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski

- ACROSS**
- 1 Frisbee, for example
 - 5 Snake's sound
 - 9 Get up
 - 14 Geometry calculation
 - 15 Prepare for publication
 - 16 In a heap
 - 17 Coors product
 - 18 Choral voice part
 - 19 False name
 - 20 "My Cherie Amour" singer: 2 wds.
 - 23 Frank and candid
 - 24 "Très ___!"
 - 25 1953 Alan Ladd film
 - 28 Shred, as cheese
 - 31 Hardwood tree
 - 34 Groupings of trees
 - 36 Author Gawande
 - 37 "___ house always wins"
 - 38 Pooh's marsupial friend
 - 39 Attempts
 - 41 Nest-egg option: Abbr.
 - 42 Sponsored magazine pages
 - 43 Service charges
 - 44 Reverberated
 - 47 Arizona clock setting: Abbr.
 - 48 Elizabeth of cosmetics
 - 50 Pig's sounds
 - 51 Annoy
 - 53 "Think nothing ___": 2 wds.
 - 55 Last remaining money: 2 wds.
 - 59 Error of inattention
 - 60 Pakistani language
 - 61 Imitatae
 - 64 Really hate
 - 65 ___ and pepper
 - 66 Long-eared animal
 - 67 Nerds
 - 68 Overly cutesy
 - 69 Golf club type



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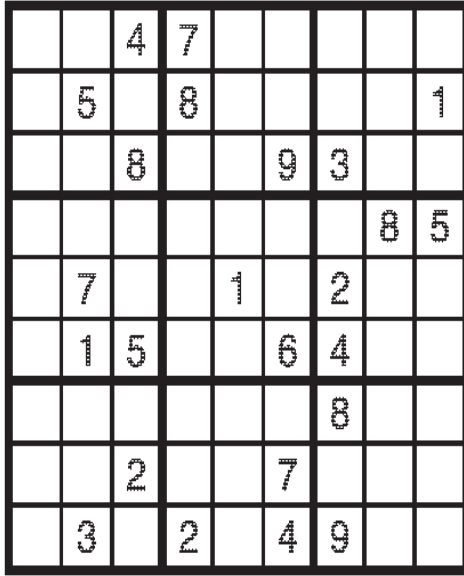
- DOWN**
- 1 Bit of lotion
 - 2 Great anger
 - 3 Notices
 - 4 Milk holders
 - 5 Give the ___-ho
 - 6 Doing nothing
 - 7 Location
 - 8 Put in an overhead bin
 - 9 Cocker ___ (dog breed)
 - 10 Squiggly symbol
 - 11 Isolated feeling
 - 12 Close by
 - 13 Dental degree: Abbr.
 - 21 Fencing sword
 - 22 Not acute or right
 - 25 "Get out!"
 - 26 Parts of some sweatshirts
 - 27 Symbol of a contraction
 - 29 Salary bump
 - 30 Consumed
 - 32 Movie ogre
 - 33 Department leaders
 - 35 Sound system



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- 40 Little ___ Riding Hood
- 43 Loses confidence
- 45 Spiral shape
- 46 Old Japanese TV brand
- 49 Piece of spaghetti
- 52 "No worries": 2 wds.
- 54 Champagne glass
- 55 "I Got You ___"
- 56 Has to
- 57 Allure
- 58 Lion's cry
- 59 Trail behind
- 62 Paid player
- 63 Strong desire

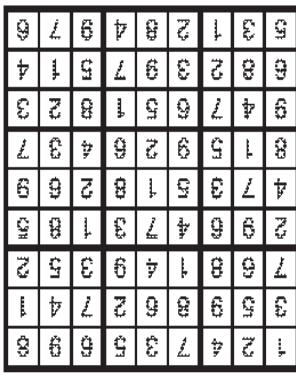
SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

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!



ANSWER:

Dublin Community Theatre's 'Elf Jr.' to kick off Christmas season

By **PAYTON TOWNS III**
Senior Reporter

The weather outside was slightly frightful as the outer bands of Hurricane Isaias made its way through middle Georgia. But that did not come close to slowing down rehearsal of Dublin Community Theatre's early Christmas present.

A cast featuring a talented cast of those aged 18 and below will take the stage for "Elf Jr. The Musical," which will be held at 7 p.m. on Nov. 20, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Nov. 21 and at 2 p.m. on Nov. 22 at Theatre Dublin. Tickets can be purchased on Purplepass or by calling Theatre Dublin at (478) 277-5074.

"This show is so full of joy," said Director Misty Mullis. "It is a joy to work with these actors and a joy to listen to the songs. This show is light-hearted and I think it will be fun for the audience. We want to have fun putting this on, but our goal is for the audience to have fun watching the show."

Mullis, who led last year's "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," has enjoyed working with assistant director Elaine Avery on the musical version of "Elf," a Christmas classic that starred Will Ferrell as the title character.

"I really do love this show," Mullis said. "For those who do not necessarily love the movie "Elf," it is different enough."

Swayer Morton, freshman at WLHS, returns to the stage as Buddy the Elf, after he was a part of the ensemble in DCT's production of "Grease" last summer.

"Buddy is a great way to be as a person," Morton said. "He is clueless, but so lovable and kind and he is always a caring guy. It is such an honor to play someone like that."

Morton learned a lot from his experience in "Grease."



Director Misty Mullis demonstrates a move in one of the musical numbers in "Elf Jr. The Musical"/PAYTON TOWNS III

He enjoyed being on stage and likes being someone different than himself.

"These experiences have allowed me to grow so much as a person," Morton said. "I got so many great tips (in "Grease") and I hope to be the one others feel comfortable asking tips from."

Mullis has enjoyed directing a young cast, many of whom have participated in three if not more DCT shows in the last couple of years.

"The kids have been awesome," Mullis said. "We have a good mix of new and returning. It is so much fun to see them come back and see how much they have grown from year-to-year."

And there are some who will be making their DCT debut. Which is the case for Lydia Garnto, a senior at Johnson County, who will be playing Jovie, the love interest for Buddy the Elf.

"I had been into the stuff happening at the theater for so long, but I was too scared to do anything until my mom told me to go start out in Dublin," Garnto said. "I did it and I'm enjoying it."

Garnto remembered being on the stage at Theatre Dublin as a mouse in "The Nutcracker."

"I was six years old," she said. "This will be the first time that I have been in any play. I thought it would be something good for me to do,

because that is what I'm interested in."

Jovie is sarcastic, Garnto said.

"I like her character development," she added. "She goes from being rude to being happy about Christmas time."

A difference between last year's "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" and this year's production is that "Elf Jr." is a musical. Mullis took dance and was a cheerleader in high school, which has come back to help her direct the cast for the show.

"This has definitely been a stretch for me to create the choreography and teach the choreography," Mullis said. "Of course we have some actors who are great dancers and we have some who can't dance at all. There is a big difference between stage movement and choreography. I would say what we are doing is more like stage movements versus choreography. I'm hoping the audience will love seeing the ensemble numbers on stage."

Both Morton and Garnto have enjoyed Mullis' honesty as a director.

"That is what's going to help me get better," Morton said. "She is nice to me and she honestly makes me feel good about myself when I do something right."

Garnto has enjoyed working with the younger actors.



Director Misty Mullis watches as members of the cast practice at Theatre Dublin/PAYTON TOWNS III



Sawyer Morton, who stars as Buddy the Elf, listens as Lydia Garnto, Jovie, sings/PAYTON TOWNS III

"They are like little siblings," she said. "They are super sweet."

Morton is sharing the stage with his sister, Lily, who plays Elf No. 5. Other siblings include Coy Lausch, who plays Michael, and his sister Callyn, who is playing Elf No. 3.

Lausch, a fifth-grader from Northwest Laurens Elementary School, likes the fact that he is playing a character his age.

"He is a very sweet kid," Lausch said about Michael. "He is very up and about. This is the character I ask for and I got it. I feel very good about being in this show."

Michael's father, Walter Hobbs, will be played by Leo Herrera, a junior from WLHS. Herrera likes the fact that he is playing "a grumpy-old dad."

"It's funny because you get to see how serious he is the whole time, especially when he is right next to Buddy," Herrera said. "It's a really good contrast and I really like how his character evolves."

Mullis' daughter, Lorelei, convinced Herrera to be in the show.

"She thought I would be a good mall Santa," Herrera said. "Then I got Walter, which is a big role."

Lorelei, who is a freshman from WLHS, plays Hobb's wife, Emily. She accepts Buddy when he comes into her family.

"She thinks (Buddy) is cool," Lorelei said.

Lorelei believed it was going to be weird to be directed by her mother, something that had never happened before.

"It has been really fun.

I'm glad I did it," Lorelei said. "Plus, I pulled some of my friends from high school in. It's really fun to have people my age. And most of us have done stuff before. It's a really good experience. This cast is very good. A lot of them were in "The Best Christmas Pageant" and other shows. It has been so great to see them become great actors. And the more they act, the better they will get and it will get easier."

It is an experience that her mother has also enjoyed.

"I just try to treat her like everybody else," Mullis said. "She is another actor while we're here. At least I try to do that. But a lot of these actors have worked together for years so there is a lot of chemistry on stage. I think that has helped this show."

About a month away from the curtain rising, the director and cast are excited about kicking off the entertainment portion of the Christmas season.

"I really hope people will come see this show as a kickoff to the holiday season," Mullis said. "It will be a fantastic show to get people into the Christmas spirit. I have to thank everyone for always supporting the Dublin Community Theatre and thanks to Glenda Berry for always steering the ship in such a great way and having us on a clear trajectory that is always moving us forward. And thanks to everyone in the community who supports us because we couldn't do this without their support."

Buddy the Elf and the other characters are looking forward to the community receiving an early Christmas present.

"I love Christmas," Morton said. "It's my favorite time of the year. It's a time of giving. I'm a Christian and I love going to church during Christmas. Opening Christmas for our town and city is a big honor."

Dublin CWC hosts autumn auction and bake sale luncheon

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All ladies are invited to the Dublin Country Club on Thursday, Oct. 29, to enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon and participate in the fun of our annual fundraiser auction. Each year, the ladies of the Dublin Christian Women's Connection bake homemade cakes, pies, breads, and cookies to sell by silent auction at our October luncheon.

There will also be an array of gift items, holiday decorations and home décor to choose from. Proceeds will go to benefit Stonecroft Ministries, which is the parent organization of Dublin CWC and Dublin After Five. Stonecroft provides support for women's groups throughout the United States and in 60 countries, including military wives and victims of abuse.

The buffet luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m., but plan to come early to place your bids. Many ladies take this opportunity to purchase delectable desserts to freeze for upcoming holiday events. Anyone

who would like to donate a baked item, a gift item, or home accent for the auction should plan to arrive before 11 a.m. so that a bid sheet can be attached. All donations are gratefully appreciated, but certainly not required to come and join in the fun.

Buffet music will be provided by talented pianist Brenda Holloway.

We are excited to have as our guest speaker for the event Angie Morgan, from Waleska, Georgia. She is a cardiology nurse whose expertise goes beyond the medical realm. She draws from her experiences as the child of a mother suffering with mental illness, growing up in a broken home, and being the mother of a child who suffered a traumatic brain injury in an accident. Her message of hope and joy tells audiences "How to Protect your Heart During Life's Trials and Sorrows."

The cost for this event is \$21 inclusive. Reservations must be made by Monday, Oct. 26, at 5 p.m., by calling Emily at (478) 278-7829. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to Lake's Alignment



The Dublin Christian Women's Connection will hold its annual fundraiser auction on Oct. 29/SPECIAL PHOTO

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Make your reservations early and plan to attend this much-anticipated yearly event!

Let's make a bid for Dublin After 5

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Dublin After Five Women's Connection cordially invites all ladies to join us at the Dublin Country Club on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for our annual cake and silent auctions. A large assortment of cakes will be up for bidding during our live auction and Jeff Kidd of Dublin Auctions will be the auctioneer. A collection of varied items will be available for our silent bidding auction.

If you're one of the people who like auctions where the proceeds go to a good cause, where you find great bargains, like friendly competition and enjoy the adren-

aline rush that accompanies the bidding process, we are looking forward to seeing you at our auction.

Jami Stokes will be entertaining us with her amazing singing talents. She lived in Lake Butler, Florida before moving to Dublin in December 2024 due to the transfer of her husband Tommy's job. Jami was a teacher for 23 years and now spends much of her time with a new hobby of rock painting. She has hidden her painted rocks around Dublin and other places she has traveled. You can check out her unique painted rock creations at Jazzy's Joyful Rocks on Facebook. Our beautiful buffet music will be provided by the talented

Regina Rowe.

Angie Morgan of Waleska, GA, an acute cardiac RN, a native of Indiana, will be speaking on "How to Protect Your Heart During Life's Trials and Sorrows." Angie will tell her story of her difficult childhood, a mentally ill mother, parents divorcing, a child with a traumatic brain injury and losing a son.

Please call Dianne (478) 272-6341 or Marge (478)875-3948) for reservations or cancellations by Tuesday, October 27, 2026. The buffet cost is \$21 inclusive and requires a reservation. We ask that you honor your reservation, cancel it, or give it to a friend. The printing of our invitations is a courtesy and generosity of SunMark Community Bank.



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