

Dublin mayor excited about amenities coming to Springdale Park

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight smiled when asked about the upcoming work scheduled for Springdale Park. In the next couple of months, phase 1 for the park, located off of Claxton Dairy Road, will begin with work done by Dublin Construction Company. The city plans to hold a ground breaking for this work in November or December. After this happens, Springdale Park will be closed for phase I to begin. "The work they'll be do-

ing in phase 1 is all of the dirt moving, road work and trail building," Kight said. "They'll get the parking areas, roads and all of the underground infrastructure placed in there and the electricity." This will set the foundation for all of the amenities that will be coming during phase 2, with work done by Thomas and Hutton Engineering Company. That phase will include the dog park, playground, the natural playground, the ninja course, pickleball courts, the dock and renovation of the baseball, softball

and football fields. "Those fields will be brought up to modern specs," Kight said. The Springdale Park project will provide amenities that are not possible at the other parks because it is bigger and has a lot of space to work with. "We have a fishing pond and a dock that will go out into the fishing pond," Kight said. "We'll have a walking trail that will go all the way around the park and a nature trail that goes through the wooded area at the back of the park. That will include a bicycle track so you can

walk or ride a bike there and it will connect to the pond and major stuff up front." That is where a large open field which can be used for anything. Around this central-field will be an overlook pavilion, pickleball courts and a natural playground. "Most playgrounds, like we have in our other parks, are manufactured playgrounds," Kight said. "This one will have natural objects like wood, pieces of lumber, rope and mounds of dirt. It's basically a playground that is incorporated into the natural beauty." There is also going to be a



The new Springdale Park will have a large dog park /PAYTON TOWNS III

Ninja course and a large dog park. "What we are trying to do is offer some things you will not see in the other parks," Kight said. "We will have room to do it here. Springdale is going to be a tremendous asset for the community. It's going to be a crown jewel of our park system."



Monday night's public hearing and vote on the Dublin City school tax increase was held in a near-empty Dublin High auditorium/RODNEY MANLEY

Dublin school board OKs tax increase

By RODNEY MANLEY
Staff Reporter

Most Dublin property owners will pay a little more in school taxes to offset revenue lost from a senior citizen tax break approved by city voters last November. The Dublin City Board of Education quietly passed the 3.9 percent tax increase Monday night, approving a new millage rate of 18.772. Despite the hike, the district is projecting just \$40 more in local school taxes than was collected last year. "It's to keep us pretty much where we're at, dollar-wise," said board chairman David Westerfield. The tax increase drew

no objections or input from the public. No resident spoke at any of the three public hearings on the rate hike. Monday's hearing was held in a near-empty Dublin High auditorium, a stark contrast to two years ago when standing-room-only crowds packed the board's office to protest a 25 percent tax increase. Many of those residents were senior citizens who said they were already having a hard time making ends meet. That led to the school board and local lawmakers to call for a referendum on an additional local homestead exemption for elderly property owners, which voters passed. Without the tax increase, the cash-strapped district would receive about \$680,000 less in local taxes than last year. "We know we're in a

crunch right now. We need to make sure we do not go backwards," said board member D'Andrea King. The school district ended fiscal year 2026 with a \$3.8 million deficit. Its new budget finishes with a projected \$821,000 surplus. Board member Doug Eaves noted the district's tenuous cashflow projections, saying, "We don't need to dig that hole deeper." "Nobody wants a tax increase, but it's much needed at this time," he said. "What's right is not always what's popular. What's right in this instance is to protect our students, our teachers, and our parents." For homeowners, the 3.9 percent tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$125,000 is about \$35 – almost as much as the total additional revenue

the increase will generate for the schools. "Even though the millage rate is increasing, this is, in essence, revenue-neutral with taxes," board member Randy Green said. "We hope the community will support us as we work toward getting the school system back on its feet financially." The district should get a break of its own when tax season arrives this winter. The Dublin City Council recently approved a one-time cap of \$200,000 on its fee for collecting school taxes. The city charges 2.5 percent, the most common collection rate charged for collecting school taxes in Georgia. The break could potentially save the district about \$171,000.

Dublin firefighter, LCSO deputies honored by Dublin Exchange Club

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The Dublin Exchange Club honored two deputies who chased a man who shot at one of them only to render aid to him when he crashed, and a firefighter who saved a person from cardiac arrest this year. The club named Laurens County Sheriff Department Sgt. Nick Bush and Deputy Shawn Morningstar, its law enforcement officer of the year, while Dublin Fire Sgt. Jamie Juarez was selected as the firefighter of the year at the 2026 Exchange Club Law Enforcement and Firefighter of the Year meeting on Oct. 27. "It is good to be able to recognize people in the community who have done the work that we have heard about and have prayed about," said Matthew Bradshaw, who co-chairs the club's firefighter and law enforcement officers of the year with Tommy Bobbitt. "Every year we seek nominations from all of the law enforcements and fire departments in Dublin and Laurens County."

When it came to law enforcement officer of the year, the club named Bush and Morningstar. Bradshaw read the nomination letter written by Laurens County Sheriff Larry Dean. On March 6, 2026, Morningstar and Bush were involved in a high-speed pursuit that entered Laurens County from Twiggs County. "The suspect was traveling at speeds near 120 mph, driving recklessly, blacking out the vehicle's lights, and eventually fired multiple rounds from the vehicle during the pursuit," Bradshaw read from what Dean wrote. "Sgt. Bush attempted a PIT (Precision Immobilization Technique) maneuver and was later struck by gunfire to his patrol vehicle while trying to get back into position." Bush and Morningstar remained in the pursuit and continued assisting until the suspect crashed in Treutlen County. "After the crash, both immediately shifted from apprehension to helping the people

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From left: DFD Sgt. Jamie Juarez, Laurens County Sheriff's Sgt. Nick Bush and Deputy Shawn Morningstar stand with Dublin Exchange Club member Matthew Bradshaw /PAYTON TOWNS III

Aspen Dental to offer free dental care for Veterans

By DONNELL SUGGS
Editor & Publisher

Veterans Day is Thursday, November 11, and there are many reasons to celebrate the men and women who have and continue to fight for this nation. Among the companies looking to give back to our veterans is Aspen Dental. The national dental care provider will have a day of service to veterans on Saturday, November 7 in honor of Veterans Day. The day of service includes a 30-minute dental visit, with care focused

on the patient's, in this case the veteran's, most urgent need, according to a release from the company. Appointments can be scheduled via this link, and are limited. Aspen Dental is located at the appropriately-named 2005 Veterans Blvd., Suite D4, in Dublin. Other Aspen Dental locations in Atlanta, Augusta, Austell, Brunswick, Milledgeville, Newnan, Statesboro, and in Middle Georgia, Warner Robins, are also participating in the day of service.



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OBITUARIES



Annie Ola Skipper

Funeral services for Annie Ola Skipper, 88, were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30, 2026, at Dexter New Beginnings Church with burial to follow in Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Tom Vann will officiate.

Ms. Skipper was born on April 20, 1938, in Dodge County, Georgia. She was a member of Dexter United Methodist Church and retired from Forstmann. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hardy and Nancy Ruth Sellers Bellflower and her husband, George Billy Skipper. Ms. Skipper passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026, at Scott Health and Rehab.

She is survived by her daughter, Melinda DeLoach (Ken) of Dexter; son, Keith Lloyd Skipper of Dublin; sisters, Mollie Austin of Centerville, Kathleen Jones of Saucier, Miss., Carolyn Goodson of Gray and Linda Conley of Dublin; brother, Don Belflower; three grandchildren, Kip Skipper of East Dublin, Jessie Monroe of Dexter and Ansley Watson of Dublin and six great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Ward, Ben Ward, Seth Ward, Frankie Bellflower, Bruce Belflower, Mitch Belflower and Zack Watson.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the church prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Scott Health and Rehab, 12 Smith Lane, Adrian, GA 31002.

Stanley Funeral Homes and Crematory/Dublin Chapel has charge of the funeral arrangements.

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Tony Cross

Funeral services for Mr. Tony Cross were held on Friday, Oct. 30, 2026, at 1 p.m. at the C.D. Dudley Memorial Chapel in the Dudley Funeral Home, 617 East Jackson Street in Dublin.

Mr. Tony Cross was born on Monday, Sept. 3, 1962 in Dublin, Georgia to Dorothy Williams Cross and the late Allen T. Cross Sr.

He attended West Laurens High School, then continued his education at Mercer University.

He joined the U.S. Army, and later transferred to the U.S. Navy, where he served his country with honor, dedication

and pride.

Throughout his career, Tony worked for the Fairfax County Health Department as a Senior School Health Aide at South County Middle School in Lorton, Virginia. He also worked at a group home, helping children with special needs.

Tony was a man of principle, compassion, and strength - someone who made a lasting impact on everyone he met. His heart was big, his smile was contagious, and his presence brought comfort, encouragement, and joy to so many.

He leaves to cherish his memories his family and close relatives - mother, Dorothy Williams Cross; siblings, Terry Williams, Allen T. Cross Jr., Ivory (Latricia) Cross, David (Raqual) Cross, Gary (Allegra) Cross, Deyana Cross, Satara Cross; and his other beloved brothers and sisters; cousins, Alice M. O'Neal and Aurtha (Mae) O'Neal; close friends, Carmenleita Reid and Carolyn Jones-O'Neal.

Please post your condolences online at ServicesbyDudley.com.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.

Tom Horn

Funeral services for Mr. Tom Horn will be held on Monday, Nov. 2, 2026, at 11 a.m. at the Jordan Grove Christian Center, US Highway 319 North in East Dublin. Interment will follow in the Dudley Memorial Cemetery in Dublin.

Mr. Tom Horn was born in Dublin, Georgia on Saturday, Aug. 29, 1953 to mother, Wessie Mae Taylor and father, W. J. Horne. He attended school in the Laurens County School System. "Tommy" as most called him, was a jokester and very full of life. He never met a stranger, and his presence was a joy, and you never knew what to expect. Throughout his life he worked continuously as a laborer and construction worker.

Mr. Horn passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026 in Dublin, Georgia while under hospice care. He was preceded in death by both parents; parents-in-law; son, Michael Cason, daughters, Melissa Horne and Nichelle Butler; sisters, Ester Walker, Rena Graddy and Mary Alice Samuel; brother, A.W. Horne; and his best friend, Cleveland Moorman.

Mr. Horn leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Geneva Horn; four sons, Malachi Horne of Lyons, Calvin Horne, Shawn Jackson of Dublin and Tommy Davis of Wrightsville; two daughters, Felicia Horne of Savannah and Victoria (Octavious) Swint of Dublin; nine sisters, Ella Mae Wesson, Gwinavera Horne, Lois (Eric) Stanley, Ella Pearl Holliman, Lois (William) Davis, Teresa Horne, Kimberly Horne of Dublin, Mary Alice Hudson, and DeLores (Elder Jeffery) Marion of Wrightsville; two brothers, Willie James (Sonja) Horne and William Horne; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren; two special nieces, who were also caregivers, Kimberly Horne and Shaquita Turnley; a special nephew, who was also a caregiver, Joaquin Horne of Dublin; and

a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Please post your condolences online at ServicesbyDudley.com.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.

Robert "J.J." Curry

Funeral services for Mr. Robert "J.J." Curry will be held on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026, at 2 p.m. at the Nu-Hope Baptist Church, 408 Plummer Street in Dublin.

Mr. Robert Curry aka J.J. was born on Sept. 15, 1950 to Arthur Curry and Annie Bell Wright. He retired from Laurens County Public Works after 37 years. He was a heavy equipment operator. On his job he met many and was loved by many more. He never met a stranger. His favorite times were sitting and visiting on the front porch and talking to the neighbors.

Mr. Curry passed away on Oct. 26, 2026 after a brief illness. He was preceded in death by Lakeith Moore, daughter; parents, Mr. Arthur Curry and Ms. Annie Bell Wright; grandparents, uncles, aunts, and four sisters.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife, Mrs. Sheila Edmond Curry; daughter, Ms. ChiQuetta Moore of McDonough; granddaughter, Breanna Wright; grandson, Darren Gibbs; brothers-in-law, Judas Edmond of Texas, Sammie (Earnestine) Edmond of Texas, Bobby (Helen) Edmond of Dublin, Willie (Nellie) Edmond of Texas, Sherwood Edmond and Ulysses Edmond of Texas, and Michalangelo Edmond of Dublin; sisters-in-law, Sandra Torrence of Texas, Cambelo Edmond (Larry) Cannon, and Rosetta Edmond; a big number of favorite nieces and nephews; loving friend and always a nephew, Phillip (Toni) Fields; a special and honorary son, Willie Gene Coney; and host of friends and loved ones.

Please post your condolences online at ServicesbyDudley.com.

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.

Janice Ann Guyton

Celebration of Life Services for Ms. Janice Ann Guyton will be held Monday,

Nov. 2, 2026, at 11 a.m. Location: Serenity Funeral Home 414 Telfair Street - Dublin. Interment will follow at St. Luke Baptist Church Cemetery.

Janice Ann Guyton was born on May 22, 1956, to the late London Guyton Jr. and Elizabeth Guyton. She lived a life filled with love, dedication, and compassion, leaving behind precious memories that will forever be cherished by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

Janice was a proud graduate of West Laurens High School, Class of 1974. She dedicated many years of service to Dodge State Prison before retiring. Following her retirement, she became a private sitter, a role she truly enjoyed and embraced wholeheartedly. Her caring spirit and willingness to help others were evident in the work she did and the lives she touched.

Janice was also a licensed cosmetologist who took pride in her talents and abilities. In her spare time, she enjoyed cooking and sewing.

At an early age, Janice joined Beulah Hill Baptist Church, where she began her spiritual journey. Her faith and the values instilled in her remained an important part of her life.

Janice leaves to cherish her loving memory her children, Maurice Guyton and Mendrell Lemon; her siblings, Delois "Kitty" Smith, Queen Evans, Martha "Susie" Guyton (Charles) Lee, Myra Guyton, and Valerie Rena (Johnny) Tharpe; six grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Clara Guyton; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Though her presence will be deeply missed, the love she shared, the memories she created, and the lives she touched will remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Forever loved, forever remembered, and forever cherished.

Public viewing will be held on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026, at the funeral home from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Serenity Funeral Home - Dublin has charge of arrangements.

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Georgia Ponzi schemer gets 15 years for \$76 million fraud

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Edwin Brant Frost IV will spend 15 years in federal prison for operating a Ponzi scheme that bilked more than 300 investors out of more than \$76 million, federal prosecutors announced this week.

Frost, 69, ran the scheme through Newnan-based First Liberty Building and Loan. By 2021, First Liberty was not taking in enough revenue to meet its obligations, prosecutors said Monday. Then, instead of disclosing the shortfalls, Frost used new investors' money to make payments to existing investors.

Frost held his company out as a politically conservative, Christian lender, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia. U.S. Attorney Theodore S. Hertzberg likened Frost to a "false prophet" who exploited investors' faith, adding that he "used religion, politics, and promises of profitable returns to lure investors into giving him their hard-earned money."

Frost was sentenced to 15 years in prison followed by three years of supervised release, and he was ordered to pay more than \$76 million in restitution.

He was convicted of wire fraud on May 12 after he pleaded guilty.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By LUCIE WINBORNE
King Features

* A cook actually cuts himself or herself less with a sharp knife because the latter uses less force to cut through food.

* Goslings begin communicating with their parents while they're still in their eggs.

* Baseball's L.A. Dodgers, originally founded in Brooklyn, were named after the legendary skill local residents showed at "dodging" the city's trolley streetcar system.

* Since Pablo Picasso died without a will, his estate tax was paid with his paintings.

* On May 19, 1956, Kermit the Frog received an Honorary Doctorate of Amphibious Letters from Southampton College in New York. He also gave the commencement speech.

* In August 1914, German troops shot and killed 150 civilians at Aerschot as part of a war policy called Schrecklichkeit, or "frightfulness." Its purpose was to terrify civilians in occupied areas so they wouldn't rebel.

* About 1% of people have feet that are the same size.

* According to the U.N., the world's industries use enough sand to build a wall 88.5 feet tall and 88.5 feet wide around the Earth every day.

* South Carolina is the only state to own and operate its own school bus fleet.

* In a survey of 5,000 singles conducted by Match.com, 43% said fresh breath mattered the most before a date.

* A turkey's skin can either turn blue, vivid red or white when it's excited, frightened

or attracting a mate.

* The South Pole's Don Juan Pond is too salty to freeze, even during Antarctica's winters.

* As recently as the 18th century, American women washed themselves in the warm urine of a young boy to erase their freckles.

Thought for the Day: "Everyone may not be good, but there's always something good in everyone. Never judge anyone shortly, because every saint has a past and every sinner has a future." -- Oscar Wilde

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Man sentenced in Dublin federal court on dogfighting charges

By RODNEY MANLEY
Staff Reporter

A Wilcox County man was sentenced this week in Dublin on federal charges of possessing dozens of dogs for animal fighting in Johnson and Crawford counties.

U.S. District Court Judge Dudley H. Bowen sentenced Bernard Wallace, 54, of Rochelle, to 37 months in prison and a \$4,000 fine, after pleading guilty to 40 counts of possessing a dog for the purposes of an animal fighting venture. His prison sentence will be followed by three years of supervised release.

Wallace kept the dogs tied or chained to trees, barrels and other objects, and without access to food and



water, authorities said.

Court documents and testimony showed the investigation into Wallace began in Crawford County in September 2022, after the sheriff's office there received multiple reports of animal cruelty in Knoxville,

Georgia. Deputies found Wallace with 35 dogs chained up without access to food and water. Most were malnourished and did not have adequate shelter.

Two years later, the Johnson County Sheriff's Office began receiving sim-

ilar complaints reporting animal cruelty on a property in Wrightsville. Investigators determined that Wallace was the property's owner and connected him to earlier reports in Crawford County.

Authorities called in the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assist. The investigation revealed that Wallace possessed multiple dogs tied to trees and barrels who lacked proper access to food and water, and that Wallace was using Facebook to sell the animals.

In December 2024, the Inspector General's office, the FBI, the U.S. Marshals Service and Johnson County sheriff's deputies exe-

cuted a search warrant on the Wrightsville property. They found dogs housed "in conditions that fostered aggression," chaining them to objects that limited movement. Wallace was also found in possession of equipment to breed the dogs and train them to fight.

"Thanks to the diligent, collaborative efforts of our local and federal law enforcement partners, this defendant's operation has been permanently dismantled," Margaret E. "Meg" Heap, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, said in a news release. "We remain deeply committed to prosecuting animal fighting ventures and protecting the community from

those who foster violence and neglect."

This case was investigated by multiple agencies – the FBI, USDA Office of Inspector General, U.S. Marshals Service, Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Crawford County Sheriff's Office and Animal Control.

"Dogfighting is violent and inhumane, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture OIG will continue to pursue those who commit this heinous crime," USDA Inspector General John Walk said in the release. "I commend our USDA OIG special agents, the U.S. Attorney's office, and law enforcement partners who brought this defendant to justice and rescued 40 dogs from ongoing cruelty."

FROM THE RECORD

Marriages: Damian Javius Wynn to Alexis Ellen Ricci; Joshua Stephen Layne to Alyssa Channing Brimmigham; Vashon Donnell Brown to Natoysa Nicole Wells; Billy W. Whittington Jr. to Callie Louise White; Thomas Lee Wilson to Tina Louise Wilson; Felicia Sharrone Roberts to Keith Oneill Perkins; Shawn Michael Nabus to Tricia Sue Lamm; Justin Tyler Giddens to Courtney Elizabeth Smith.

Divorce: Gregory Leuenberger v Kayla Miller; Arthur W Hudson v Maranda Kay Moore Hudson; Jason Meade v Michelle Meade
Complaint for Divorce: Awstin Anderson v Cameron Anderson; Jayce Cox v Jeremiah Cox

Petition to Change Name: In Re: Jenny Nash
Complaint for Child Custody: Michael & Amanda Connell v Morgen Tyson & Peter Vanderlin, V & DFCS

Paternity/Legitimation: William Thomas Watson v Kimberly Moore Ramirez

Automobile Tort: Alvin Embry v Brandy & Chester Brantley; Sterling Logan v Michael Adams & Ryland Environmental, Inc; Jamie Oliver v Johnson's Wrecker Service & Jimmy Johnson

Real Property: NR Deed, LLC v Larry & Vaylanda Denson, RAB Performance, City of Dublin, Laurens County

Contract: Credit Acceptance Corporation v Canita Truitt; Barclays Bank Delaware v Charles Murray

Complaint: Michael Taylor v Dublin Police Dept
Complaint-Child Support: GA DHS EX REL Melodi Flowers vs Timo-

thy Flowers; GA DHS EX REL Piper Cope vs William Cope; GA DHS EX REL Jahendrix Plummer ET AL vs Ja Tavious Martin; GA DHS EX REL Zaniyah Wright vs Zatoniah Wright; GA DHS EX REL Artiana Watkins vs Arthur Watkins; GA DHS EX REL Maurion Stephens ET AL vs Maurice James Stephens; GA DHS EX REL Kyre Webb vs Terriance A McLendon; GA DHS EX REL Aubrey Jackson vs Lat- evya Jackson

Contempt-Child Support: GA DHS EX REL Haiden Bedingfield ET AL vs William Bedingfield; GA DHS EX REL Trinity Jani- yah Hart vs Kennard Walk- er; GA DHS EX REL Jakayla Robinson vs Joshua Coney; GA DHS EX REL Chris- tian Boston ET AL vs Mark Boston; GA DHS EX REL Hilda Flanders vs Mark Boston; GA DHS EX REL Ksyn Davidson vs Nicholas Tucker; GA DHS EX REL Eva Pippen vs Allen Pippen; GA DHS EX REL Zakayla Moriah Harvard vs Xavier Harvard; GA DHS EX REL Jaylon Holliman vs John- ny Smith; GA DHS EX REL Jerani T Smith ET AL vs Johnny Smith; GA DHS EX REL Jaquan Smith ET AL vs Johnny Smith; GA DHS EX REL Zi'Onnah Symone White vs Quentin Gibson; GA DHS EX REL Derryunte Rozier vs Johnny Smith; GA DHS EX REL Ty Merical Spikes vs Quentin Gibson

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FIFA: John Crowe to LVNV Funding, LLC; Yuri Rozier to LVNV Fund- ing, LLC; Charles Edward Brown to 1st Franklin Corp; Brandy Bassett to Crown Asset Management, LLC; Juan Flores to JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA; Miracle Natanya Howard to DNF Associates, LLC

Warranty Deed: David G Shores to David G Shores and Tanya L Shores, as Trustees of The Shores Family Revocable Living Trust, Dated October 14, 2026; Eugene JR & Linda H Brazeal to Angela Brazeal & Francina Casandra Brazeal; Sharon Kay Gouge & James Tyler Fountain to Summer Daughtry; Gregory & Rebecca Chapman to John & Lee Martin; Virgil & Rosa M Watkins to Virgil Wat- kins, Sr & Rosa M Watkins as Co-Trustees of The Wat- kins Revocable Family Liv- ing Trust Dated 8/24/2026; Carlotta Michelle Banks to Peyton Ansley Bates; Pame- la Virginia Frantz to Ken- neth Crawford; Frederick Cannon & Katelin Bren- dle Warnock to Mathew Harrison & Jennifer Peek Dempsey; Hal M Smith Jr to Carrabelli Properties, LLC; Blake & Jessica Bracewell to Harold J Henderson JR & JoAnn H Henderson, Trust- ees of The J and J Trust Dated February 20, 2026, and Any Amendment; Ju- lie Suzane & Chadrick H Hutcheson to Mark Leon- ard & Katherine Sink Boles; Jennifer C Jorns & Wyatt D Currie to James Steven Jus- tice; Zola Marie Epting to Zola Marie & Dorothy Jane Epting; Cass F Bracewell to Kanda & Russell Brooks; Sandra K Allen & Genevieve Howell to Paul W & Ash- ley Paige Brooks; Walter C Drawdy Jr & Kimberly F Drawdy to Kenneth Blake & Jessica Bracewell; James F Nelson Jr Family Limited Partnership to Lynn B & Ken P McDonald; Lynn B & Ken P McDonald to Shellie Purser Sterling; M Ira Brown & Susan M Brown to Joseph Ira Brown; Susan M Brown to Joseph Ira Brown; Allen Morris, Debbie F Mor- ris AKA Debbie Morris AKA Deborah Fussell Morris to Mickey Chad Webb & Tam- my Morris Webb; Latrell McGee to Latrell McGee & Stevie McGee; Bazemore Capital LLC to Bazemore Capital 4 LLC; Bazemore Capital LLC to Bazemore Capital 5, LLC; Bazemore Capital LLC to Bazemore Capital 2, LLC; Lan Proper- ties, LLC to Garbutt Family Properties, LLC; Virgil Wat- kins Sr to Richard Moore; R & B Oil, Inc to Cochran Bros Company, Inc; Patrick F Reams to Destini Price; Lu- cas Land LLC to Ian & Megan Mosley; Deed Co, LLC to NR Deed, LLC; Shamrock Vending, Inc to Laurens Industrial Properties, LLC; D&W Development, Inc to Jacob Ryan Lunsford; Ja- cob Ryan Lunsford to John Paul Jones, III x2; Greg Bol- ger to Deep Patel & Ashaben Shah; Patricia Whitfield to

Patricia Whitfield & Chris- topher Cornelius Whitfield; Eleanor F Wynn & Michelle Greenwall to Logan Garrett Ward; Kenneth G & Kim- berly T Evans to Caila Paige & Tanner James Evans; Timothy J Parrish to Jo- seph Wade & Abby David- son Phillips; Catherine Co- thran & Michael Davidson to Nest Egg Acquisitions, LLC; Established Carpentry & Consulting LLC to Dal- ton Anthony Perry; Stanley Farms LLC to Griffin Grad- ing & Concrete, LLC; Rod- ney Charles Martin to Rob- in Ballard & James Douglas Ballard Jr; Kenneth Wayne Jr & August Megan Toler to Kenneth Wayne Toler Sr; Dyes Home Builders, Inc to Joshua & Doryn R Clark x2; Andrew Fraser Rudd III to Walter Drawdy JR & Kimberly Drawdy; Deed Co LLC to NR Deed LLC; Rich- ard O Sr & Peggy A Scott to Richard O Scott II; Turn- er Investment Group, Inc to Monica & Jireh Bernard Hills; Morgan Danielle & Marshall Wade Floyd to Corbin Joseph Turner; Al- bert T Jr & Carol J Mullis to Long Branch Creek Farms, LLC; Jonathan Keith Wil- liams to Robert Cody Lew- is; Berhart Investments, Inc t Rabin Doobay; Sherry Mathis to Brandy Mathis; Al Russell to Tara Lynn & Del- win Thomas Clements

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Moment of Inspiration

Called to Serve: Following God's Calling

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." - Isaiah 6:8

God has a purpose for every believer. He has called us not only to attend church, but to serve, encourage one another, and help carry out the work of His kingdom. Every act of service matters, whether it is seen by many or done quietly behind the scenes.

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Prayer: Lord, show me where You want me to serve. Give me a willing heart, strength to do Your work, and courage to follow Your calling. Help me be faithful in serving Your church and sharing the love of Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Peyton Crabb sends one to right center field for the game-winning RBI in Wednesday's ninth inning/**DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**



Audrie Edenfield slides in to score the winning run of the Raiders' opening victory of the GHSA state fastpitch tournament/**DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**

GHSA STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Crabb's walk-off wins WL's extra-inning debut
Raiders beat Bluff Thursday to move within one win of state finals

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

Mike Thompson went into full windmill mode from the second the ball, off the bat of Peyton Crabb, dropped into the right center field gap.

The West Laurens head coach rotated his left arm clockwise furiously, at a rate to rival an airplane propeller, to direct his runner Audrie Edenfield, breaking off of contact from first base, in the direction of home before she had even reached second.

"I felt like if I waved my arm faster, she'd run faster," he said.

The freshman got the message, and summoned every last bit of juice she had to make it there on a feet-first slide, just a beat in front of the Ridgeland relay throw.

It was right on the money, but a tad late, as Edenfield scored the winning run of the Raiders' third consecutive come-from-behind victory in this year's playoffs.

They defeated the Panthers 5-4 in two extras Wednesday night to keep a postseason unbeaten streak going strong, and advance at the GHSA state fastpitch softball tournament in Columbus.

Thompson's shoulder may have been worse for the wear of nine innings than any of his players' limbs or joints. But West Laurens iced 'em up for its next game on a quick turnaround Thursday, which proved to be a much more easygoing victory.

"The arm feels good," he said with a chuckle. "It was definitely exciting. (More exciting than I would) have hoped, but we'll take the win."

This is the third year in a row that the Raiders (25-7, 6-2 region 3-AAAA) have won their opener at the state tournament. But round 2

of the winner's bracket is where their teams with the stuff to go the distance have truly turned the corner, the last before this season's 2022 squad that went on to win the state title.

That's where this year's Raiders won again with flying colors, defeating No. 3 overall seed Cherokee Bluff 10-4 to ensure themselves — one way or another — a place among the tournament's final three teams on Saturday.

The late-game magic that defined all three early games of that 2022 run seemed to be back in effect Wednesday night as Crabb, one of their multiple hitters who've displayed a similar clutch factor at the plate this season, stepped up with two outs.

Edenfield was on first, after reaching base on a dribbling single through the middle before pop flies turned to outs 1 and 2 of the inning.

"She's a really good right center gap hitter," Thompson said of Crabb. "When people try to go away from her, it kind of feeds into her strength a little bit. I felt like they were trying to stay away from her a lot, and I felt like if she got a pitch over the plate, she could hit it hard somewhere. She's been swinging it hard the last couple of weeks."

The junior, fresh off the three-RBI single that put West Laurens ahead in the fifth inning of their clinching win over Adairsville at home in the second round, delivered another perfect swing for the moment to go the opposite way, splitting defenders and sending the ball all the way to the fence to give Edenfield a shot to score.

And Thompson, who's had a hot hand lately when it comes to decisions on sending runners, was pretty dead set giving her the wave no matter what.

"I had done made up my



Demmie Moss roars on her way in after hitting a second two-run home run of this week's GHSA state tournament Thursday, to put West Laurens ahead of Cherokee Bluff 6-1 in the third inning/**DARRELL ROADEN, for the GTLN**

mind before that if we got one in the gap right there, we were going to try to end it and make them throw us out," he said.

Come on back, now...

For a second-straight game, a multi-part pitching effort was key in turning the tide for the Raiders, who started in a hole and trailed all the way until scoring a tying run in the last frame of regulation.

Crabb once again got things started, with two walks and strikeouts as Ridgeland struck for eight hits over the first five innings and change. Demmie Moss, who's been a closer of sorts, took over after Maddi Champagne's leadoff single in the sixth, and held the Panthers to only one hit the rest of the way.

The sophomore struck out nine — including the side in the eighth — and walked only two (one intentional to set up a two-out force play in the seventh).

"Peyton didn't throw bad, we just felt like at that time, we needed to change it up a little bit," Thompson said. "They had seen her twice through the lineup, and we felt like we needed to give them a different look."

The switch-up succeeded in changing the pace of at-bats for Ridgeland hitters, who couldn't adjust to Moss' strong fastball.

"Demmie was on last night," Thompson said. "They struggled with her velocity a little bit. Coming in and getting the strikeouts there, I think they hit over 40 home runs as a team. We knew they were going to swing the bat, and we knew we were going to have to score with them."

The Panthers scored a run each in all of the first five innings except the third, striking first on an RBI single by Alaina Shaver, then adding to their lead with solo homers by Kacey Hart (in the second and fourth) and Ari Sanderfur (to make it 4-1 Ridgeland in the top of the fifth).

One other potential blast in the fourth was robbed at the fence by West Laurens center fielder Allie Sahli.

The Raiders' first counter came in the bottom of the third on a leadoff solo shot by Maggie Shea Lord.

Two errors and a walk loaded the bases behind her for a chance to tie or take the lead, but two flies and a groundout ended the inning before West could get any-

one else across the plate in a 2-1 game.

Moss clubbed a two-run bomb to left, capitalizing after Madison Brown's two-out single extended the fifth inning, to make it a one-run game.

The pair of home runs, Nos. 30 and 31 of the season, tied and broke the program's existing season record from 2011 in a trend of power that continues to be one of this season's most pleasant surprises.

"We didn't really expect to hit home runs like we've hit them," Thompson said. "We felt like we could be a decent hitting team, but we felt like we were going to be more of a small ball, hit it on the ground and run kind of team. They've really swung the bats well, and surprisingly hit for power."

Those homers have come as much from typical long-ball threats in the heart of the order as from those like Lord, for whom the third-inning blast was a third of the season. For this group, unlike many teams of late, the clutch hits have been just as spread out among members of the lineup.

"What's really good about this team is it's not the same kids," Thompson said. "It's somebody different all the time. There's never anybody in our lineup that we've got to get it back to. Any of our nine at any point through the season have come up for us and gotten on base and scored runs and come up with big hits. It's really a very balanced attack."

Paisley Powell singled and Edenfield doubled to put the tying and winning runs in scoring position out of the gate in the bottom of the seventh.

Ridgeland's Chesney Pritchett got a strikeout before issuing an intentional walk to Moss that loaded the bases. She'd lose Crabb on ball four to tie the game, but got the next two outs on

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a grounder to short that the Panthers got to the plate in time to get Edenfield on a force play.

They tracked down a pop fly that was looking for the gap in right center to send the game to extras.

The teams finished with nine hits apiece. Edenfield, Powell and Moss had two each for the Raiders. Pritchett walked eight and struck out two.

Moss and Ella Thompson homered Thursday as West Laurens out-hit Bluff 13-5 to cruise into the winner's bracket semifinal, and a Friday head-to-head with North Hall to decide who will be in the driver's seat for Saturday's finals, and which team must play its way back in for a shot at the state crown.

See [courierheraldtoday.com/sports](#) for updates on the Raiders' progress the rest of the weekend.

Auburn downturn proves difficulty of playing peak football every week...

It is never any fun to lick your wounds when you lose an important game, especially after faltering when you feel you should have wound up in the winner's circle.

Georgia partisans must do as Kirby Smart has done: Pay tribute to Auburn for succeeding when the whole world counted them out and look on the bright side—there are a lot of games left to play, and Georgia can still achieve its objectives.

You can hark back to 1976 for a similar scenario that has illuminating insight. Georgia shut out Alabama between the hedges, 21-0, and I don't think there has ever been a post-game celebration to match that one. I was not here in 1929 when the upstart Bulldogs of UGA also shut out the Bulldogs of Yale, 15-0. That had to be a monumental celebration for the times.

Celebrations back then did not reach the combustion point of latter-day out-

bursts since the drinking and imbibing mores elevated with the passing of time. The more the capacity of stadiums grew, the more liberal the imbibing of the clientele increased.

In 1976, the shutting out of a Bear Bryant-coached team was as unlikely as a hurricane in the Sahara. There has never been a celebration to equal that one. Classes were called off for two days. Some students stayed home for the entire week. Ice became scarce and hangers per capita reached an all-time high.

Vince Dooley, ever cautious, enjoyed his team's dominance to the fullest. After all, he was an Auburn man, and putting a hurtin' on Alabama was a double-your-pleasure moment even if you had changed loyalties. However, he knew the challenge that awaited him and his coaching staff. Coming down from the ultimate high is never easy. On top of that, the next game



By LORAN
SMITH

With Ole Miss was in Oxford.

In those days, Ole Miss often played some of its bigger games in Jackson, but Ken Cooper, former Georgia player and coach, wanted to increase the barriers for the Bulldogs. At that time, UGA had to bus to the Atlanta Airport, fly to Memphis, bus to some place like Tupelo for the night, and after the game "retrace" those outposts back to Athens.

I think that was the most miserable trip I ever made in my years with UGA football. Even with perfect con-

ditions from travel to weather to favorable team health, it is difficult to render peak performances on back-to-back weekends. There is a reason pitchers get four days rest between starts.

Over the years, I have listened to coaches and read biographies of the great coaches. The consensus of the leading coaches was that Gen. Bob Neyland of Tennessee influenced the game of football more than any coach.

Neyland did such things as bringing about spotter

The best coaches of the past were also the best schedulers. Ole Miss went through a period with Johnny Vaught when they did not play enough conference games to qualify for the conference championship. The league let them designate a non-conference opponent as a league game. Does it come as any surprise that the Rebels chose Chattanooga?

What hurts is that you expect Georgia to win close games in Sanford Stadium. There was opportunity, but following the last turnover, it seemed to be pre-ordained that UGA was not going to win that football game, even starting out with a bang.

Smart told his team after the game that it is possible that this year's national champion is likely to have multiple losses. We have reached that point where that may become standard. The fans may like that, but there will be hell to pay for the coaches.

Dublin Police Department

- William Febret Page, 68, was charged with theft by shoplifting at Walmart on Highway 80 West at 12:05 p.m. on Oct. 12.

An officer met with loss prevention personnel at the store. The employee witnessed a person conceal two items under his clothes and tried to leave the store without paying for them. The person was identified as Page.

The officer reviewed the video footage and saw Page conceal the items under his clothing and then try to exit the store without paying for them. The items were two boxes containing hair clippers and trimmers at a value of \$89.

Page was trespassing and told that he was ban from all Walmart properties. He was transported to the police department where he was fingerprinted, issued a citation and released.

- On Oct. 12 around 11:10 a.m., an officer responded to South Jefferson Street in response to a trespassing complaint.

The officer found a man, identified as Chadwick Williams, 44, in the backyard of the location. A woman said this was the second time Williams had been in her backyard without permission. Officers responded two days before and found Williams in her backyard. Officers instructed Williams to leave the property at that time. Because this was the second incident, she wished to press charges.

Williams was arrested and transported to the police department where he was fingerprinted and released on



summons.

- On Oct. 12 at 10:29 a.m., an officer made a traffic stop based on a no insurance violation on a white Nissan Altima at the intersection of 441 South and Travel Center Boulevard.

The driver informed the officer that he did not have a license, and identified himself as Doryan Gorham. The officer discovered that Gorham's license was suspended for failure to appear.

Gorham was arrested and transported to the police department, where he was fingerprinted for driving while license suspended and cited for no insurance.

- Tammy Rachell Townsend, 47, was charged with driving while unlicensed at the intersection of Veterans Boulevard and Hillcrest Parkway around 3:12 p.m. on Oct. 13.

An officer initiated a traffic stop based on a seat belt violation on a silver Chevrolet Silverado. The driver, identified as Townsend, told the officer she did not have a license. Her identification card was entered and came back that she was

not licensed.

Townsend was arrested and transported to the police department.

Laurens County Sheriff's Office

- A deputy responded to Byrd Hill Drive in reference to vandalism and damage to property on Sept. 30.

- Nicholas Otto Carr, 32, of East Dublin was charged with criminal damage to property in the second degree and criminal trespass after a deputy was dispatched to Rex Miller Road in reference to a burglary.

- On Oct. 5, a deputy responded to Holiday Lane in reference to entering auto.

- A scam occurred on Daniel Mimbs Road around midnight on Oct. 4.- A deputy responded to a threat that happened around 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 2.

- Ricky Joe Hartley, 54, was charged with escape and obstruction of law enforcement officers around 12:15 p.m. on Oct. 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. Police Beat does not identify minor children, victims of sexual assault, suicide attempts or medical conditions. Cases dismissed do not appear if the newspaper is notified before the deadline.



Early voting ends with strong turnout in Laurens County

By DONNELL SUGGS
Editor & Publisher

There were no long lines outside of the Laurens County Board of Elections & Registration office in downtown Dublin on Friday morning, the last day of early voting in Georgia. However, that was not an indication of the level of turnout that took place during the early voting period.

Laurens County saw 22.5% of its more than 36,000 registered voters cast ballots for candidates running for offices in the midterm election. The total number of votes cast, 8,100, is a couple of percentage points higher than during the early voting period for the 2022 midterm elections (7,913). Though a small percentage, that is a higher voter turnout by any measure.

The early vote tally breakdown is 7,478 in person and 622 by mail. According to data by Georgia Votes, there were spikes in voter turnout late this week in comparison to the first days of early voting some two weeks ago.

With some 27,000-plus registered voters still deciding to vote or waiting to vote on Tuesday, November 3, Election Day, local polling stations -NOTE: the Laurens County Board of Elections & Registration office is not a polling station on Election Day- there should be an expectation of wait times to cast ballots.

There are several polling stations in Dexter, Dublin, Dudley, East Dublin, and Rentz, including Cedar Grove Fire Station, the Buckeye Fire Station, in the Stubbs Park Community Center gym, at the Hampton Mill-Dexter Community Center in Dexter, Dudley Fire Station #4 in Dudley, at the Reedy Springs-Rentz Fire Department on 2115 Davidson Street in Rentz, and at the Smith Precinct Building on 102 Broad Street in East Dublin.

Polls open at 7am and close at 7pm. The Courier Herald will follow all of the races, including the race for House Representative 155 seat, in print, online, and on via a live blog on Facebook.



Early voting ended on Friday, Oct. 30, 2026. More than 8,100 registered voters cast ballots in Laurens County /DONNELL SUGGS

Work truck hits school bus while trying to go around in no passing zone

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

A 36-year-old Dublin man was cited for causing a wreck with a school bus after he tried to pass it in a no-passing zone.

At 3:34 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23, Georgia State Patrol troopers responded to a wreck involving a school bus that happened at the intersection of Ga. 338 and Beasley Road.

According to a GSP incident report, Michael

Perry was driving a 2014 Ford Super Duty work truck heading east on Ga. 338 while a Laurens County School Bus, driven by Lisa Ware, 59, was in front. The Ford attempted to pass the bus in a no passing zone. At that time, the bus attempted to complete a left turn onto Beasley Road. The Ford struck the driver's side front of the bus with its passenger side. The area of impact occurred within the intersection.

Following the impact, the Ford rotated clockwise and traveled approximately 25 feet before exiting the road on the north shoulder. The Ford traveled approximately 90 feet before overturning. After overturning, the truck went approximately 54 feet before coming to an uncontrolled final rest facing south on the north shoulder of Ga. 338.

The bus went approximately 45 feet before

coming to a controlled final rest facing east in the westbound lane of Ga. 338.

Perry received a traffic citation for passing in a no-passing zone.

Laurens County Superintendent O.J. Hall said the bus was not damaged and there were only a small amount of kids in the vehicle at the time of the incident.

"No one was hurt," Hall said.

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of Thomas H Rogers, Jr, by administra-
tor's deed, recorded on December 21,
2016, Deed Book 2747, pages112-113,
Laurens County Deed Records. Subject
to all easements, ordinances, covenants,
conditions, restrictions, and rights-of-way
of record, if any Map/Parcel: D21F 008
Address: 872 Henderson Road, Dublin,
Georgia 31021 This conveyance is made
subject to all zoning ordinances, easements
and restrictions of record affecting said
bargained premises. The debt secured by
said Security Deed has been and is hereby
declared due because of, among other
possible events of default, failure to pay the
indebtedness as and when due and in the
manner provided in the Note and Security
Deed. The debt remaining in default, this
sale will be made for the purpose of paying
the same and all expenses of this sale, as
provided in Security Deed and bylaw,
including attorney's fees (notice of intent to
collect attorney's fee having been given).
The entity having full authority to negoti-
ate, amend or modify all terms of the loan
(although not required by law to do so) is:
Amerihome Mortgage Company, LLC they
can be contacted at 866-978-2622 for Loss
Mitigation Dept, or by writing to Amerihome
Mortgage Company, LC 9726 Old Bailes
Rd Ste 200, Fort Mill SC 29707 to discuss
possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.
Said property will be sold on "as-is" basis
and subject to 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, covenants, and

matters of record superior to the Security
Deed first set out above. To the best
knowledge and belief of the undersigned,
the party in possession of the property is
Donald Wells, Single Man or tenant(s); and
said property is more commonly known
as 872 Henderson Rd, Dublin, GA 31021.
The sale will be conducted subject to (1)
confirmation that the sale is not prohibited
under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final
confirmation and audit of the status of the
loan with the holder of the security deed and
(3) any right of redemption or other lien not
extinguished by foreclosure. Amerihome
Mortgage Company, LLC as Attorney in
Fact for Donald Wells, Single Man. Sokolof
Remtulla, LLP c/o First American Title
Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd,
Mail Code 1011-F Irving TX 75063 866-
429-5179 GA2600295852

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

26-485

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAU-
RENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: Jenny Leigh Nash, Petitioner
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CD-0896-WT
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE
NAME
Notice is hereby given that Jenny Leigh
Nash, the undersigned, filed his petition
to the Superior Court of Laurens County,
Georgia on the 22nd day of October, 2026,
praying for a change in name of the petition
from Jenny Leigh Nash to Jenny Leigh
Keene. Notice is hereby given pursuant to
law for any interested or affected party to
appear in said court and to file an objection
to said name change. Objections must be
filed within said court within thirty (30) days
of the filing of said petition.
This 22nd day of October, 2026.
Jenny Leigh Nash, Petitioner

October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2026

26-477

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDI-
TORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF Daryle Keith Walker,
DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Daryle Keith
Walker, 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.
Valencia Seals Walker
Administrator of Daryle Keith Walker,
deceased
713 Linwood Avenue, Dublin GA 31021
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..."

October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026

26-462

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Pursuant to the power of sale contained
in the Security Deed executed by BREE-
ANNA MORGAN WILKINSON to MORT-
GAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC., AS GRANTEE, AS
NOMINEE FOR HOMESTAR FINANCIAL
CORP. in the original principal amount of
\$106,060.00 dated January 12, 2022, and
recorded in Deed Book 3248, Page 215,
Laurens County records, said Security
Deed being last transferred to CONVEN-
TIONAL/ FHA/VA/RHS: ROCKET MORT-
GAGE, LLC in Deed Book 3640, Page 22,
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 11/3/2026, the property in said Security
Deed and described as follows:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND
LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF DUB-
LIN, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND
BEING KNOWN AS LOT 5 AND PART OF
LOT 6, AND BEING MORE PARTICULAR-
LY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ACCORD-
ING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED
BY BILLY FLANDERS & ASSOCIATES,
SURVEYORS, DATED MAY 7, 1992, AND
RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 657, PAGE
308, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS, THE
COURSES AND DISTANCES OF SAID
PLAT ARE INCORPORATED INTO AND
MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION
BY REFERENCE.

SAID PROPERTY IS IMPROVED WITH A
RESIDENCE KNOWN AS 213 OUTLER
STREET, DUBLIN, GA 31021.
SUBJECT TO COVENANTS, RESTRIC-
TIONS, RESERVATIONS AND EASE-
MENTS OF RECORD.
SAID PROPERTY IS FURTHER IDENTI-
FIED BY THE LAURENS COUNTY TAX
ASSESSOR AS 213 OUTLER STREET,
DUBLIN, GA 31021, MAP/PARCEL:
D16C/051.
Said property being known as: 213 OUT-
LER ST, DUBLIN, GA 31021
To the best of the undersigned's knowledge,
the party or parties in possession of said
property is/are BREEANNA MORGAN
WILKINSON 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 au-
thority to negotiate, amend, and modify all
terms of the mortgage is as follows:
Rocket Mortgage LLC
8950 Cypress Waters Blvd.
Coppell, TX 75019
1-888-480-2432
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.
CONVENTIONAL/ FHA/VA/RHS: ROCK-
ET MORTGAGE, LLC,
as Attorney-in-Fact for
BREEANNA MORGAN WILKINSON

Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane &
Partners, PLLC
13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450
Alpharetta, GA 30004
Phone: 470-321-7112
Firm File No. 26-444240

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

26-496

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID
STATE AND COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF BOBBY STEVE
GARNER
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBT-
ORS
All creditors of the estate of BOBBY STEVE
GARNER 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 26th Day of October, 2026
Emily F. Kight
Attorney for the Estate of BOBBY STEVE
GARNER Kight Law, LLC
P.O. Box 2056
Dublin, Ga. 31040

October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2026

26-472

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE
NAME
GEORGIA
Laurens County
Notice is hereby given that Brandi Sue
Lopez, the undersigned, filed her petition
to the Superior Court Laurens County,
Georgia, on the 30th day of September,
2026, praying for a change in the name of
petitioner's minor child from Landon Brice
Lopez to Landon Brice Perez. Notice
is hereby given pursuant to law to any
interested or affected party to appear in
said Court and to file objections to such
name change. Objections must be filed
with said Court within 30 days of the filing
of said petition.
This the 6th day of October, 2026.
s/Ralph N. Jackson
RALPH N. JACKSON
Attorney for Petitioner
State Bar No. 387629
Ralph Jackson, P.C.
1101 Bellevue Ave.
Dublin, GA 31021
Phone: (478) 272-7607
Fax : (478) 272-0946
ralph@gga-laws.com

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

26-487

TANYA ROGERS, CLERK
LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
PERSONALLY APPEARED THE UNDER-
SIGNED WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND
SAYS THAT:
WJ Bev StandCo 65, LLC
100 Dunbar Street, Suite 304, Spartanburg,
SC 29306
IS/ARE DOING BUSINESS IN LAURENS
COUNTY, GEORGIA UNDER THE NAME OF:
7 Brew Coffee – Veterans Pkwy Dublin
1957 Veterans Parkway
Dublin, GA 31021
AND THAT THE NATURE OF THE BUSI-
NESS TO BE CARRIED ON IS:
Food and Beverage
Mark Robinson
Person making Declaration
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE
ME THIS 28 DAY OF September, 2026.
NOTARY PUBLIC

October 31, November 7, 2026

26-468

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBT-
ORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD MARION
EPTING
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
All creditors of the Estate of Richard Marion
Epting, deceased, late of Laurens County,
Georgia, are hereby notified to render their
demands to the undersigned according to
law, and all persons indebted to said Estate
are required to make immediate payment to
the undersigned.
Jane Weatherly Epting
Executor of the Estate of
Richard Marion Epting
C/O Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney for Executor
P. O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040

October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

26-460

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale
contained in a Security Deed given by Cody
Travis Stroup and Madison Payne Stroup to
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems,
Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Mortgage
Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United
Home Loans, its successors and assigns
dated October 6, 2023, recorded in Deed
Book 3426, Page 105, Laurens County,
Georgia Records, and as modified by
that certain Loan Modification Agreement
recorded in Deed Book 3574, Page 39,
Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last
transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by
assignment recorded in Deed Book 3560,
Page 69, Laurens County, Georgia Re-
cords, conveying the after-described prop-
erty to secure a Note in the original principal
amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE
THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE
AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$169,569.00), with
interest thereon as set forth therein, there
will be sold at public outcry to the highest
bidder for cash before the courthouse door
of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such
place as may be lawfully designated as an
alternative, within the legal hours of sale
on the first Tuesday in November, 2026,
the following described property:
SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO
AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

**Sheriff Larry Dean reports
the notice of sex offender moving into
Laurens County:**

Name: Winslow Stanley
Address: 102 Celia Drive
East Dublin
Date of Birth: 09/01/1994
Date of Arrest: Unknown
Place of Arrest: Unknown

Crime: PEEPING TOM
Disposition: UNKNOWN
Date Placed on State Registry: 10/23/2026

For additional information regarding the Georgia Sex
Offender Registry - www.ganet.org/gbl or contact
Laurens County Sheriff's Department 478-272-1522



Said property will be sold subject to any
outstanding ad valorem taxes (including
taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and
payable), the right of redemption of any
taxing authority, any matters which might
be disclosed by an accurate survey and in-
spection of the property, any assessments,
liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances,
restrictions, covenants, and any matters
of record including, but not limited to, those
superior to the Security Deed first set out
above. Said property will be sold on an "as-
is" basis without any representation, war-
ranty or recourse against the above-named
or the undersigned. Prospective bidders
must perform their own due diligence.
Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar
Mortgage LLC is the holder of the Security
Deed to the property in accordance with
OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to ne-
gotiate, amend, and modify all terms of
the mortgage with the debtor is: Rocket
Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage
LLC, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell,
TX 75019, (888) 480-2432.
Note, however, that such entity is not
required by law to negotiate, amend or
modify the terms of the loan.
Upon information and belief, said prop-
erty is more commonly known as 1203 Sky-
line Dr, Dublin, GA 31021. Should a conflict
arise between the property address and the
legal description, the legal description shall
control.

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

*The Rule is the subject of ongoing litiga-
tion in several jurisdictions. We suggest
that you seek your own legal counsel if you
have questions about the status of the Rule
and its applicability to your sale, if any.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to
confirmation that the sale is not prohibited
under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final
confirmation and audit of the status of the
loan with the holder of the Security Deed,
and (3) to confirmation that the successful
bidder has timely provided all information
required for reporting under the Rule, 89
FR 70258, if applicable.

Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar
Mortgage LLC
as Attorney in Fact for
Cody Travis Stroup and Madison Payne
Stroup
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
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EXHIBIT "A"

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ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING LOT 11 IN BLOCK B IN SAXON-HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 0.25 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING BOUNDED NOW OR FORMERLY AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTHEAST BY LOT 10 OF SAID SUBDIVISION; ON THE SOUTHEAST BY THE NORTHWESTERN MARGIN OF WOODRIDGE AVENUE; ON THE SOUTHWEST BY LOT 12 OF SAID SUBDIVISION; AND ON THE NORTHWEST BY LOT 6 OF SAID SUBDIVISION. SAID PROPERTY IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AND DELINEATED ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY LARRY C. JONES, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2189, DATED NOVEMBER 29, 1999, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1085 PAGE 46 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

Tax Parcel ID: D17B 063

Being real property commonly known as 705 RIDGEWOOD AVENUE DUBLIN, GA 31021

The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is".

The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to 1) confirmation and audit of the status of the loan by the holder of the security deed, 2) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, 3) procedures for rescission of sale under O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, whereby 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 above.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows:

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suites 1030, 1300 & 1400 Orange, CA 92868, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.

Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a deed under power will be issued for covered transfers. The Buyer may be required to pay charges associated with the gathering and reporting of information to FinCEN. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers-and-https://www.fincen.gov/irre-faqs#D_5

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Jacqueline M. Rozier For Foreclosure sale information please contact Vylla Solutions, LLC, P.O. Box 3309, Anaheim, California 92803, Phone: (888) 313-1969 TS # 26-43166

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026, January 2, 2027

26-486
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF G. GILBERT TURNER TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
All creditors of the Estate of G. GILBERT TURNER, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
GEORGE CHRISTOPHER TURNER
Executor of the Estate of
G. GILBERT TURNER
C/O Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney for Executor
P. O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040
October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2026

26-474
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF THEO PULLINS DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 24-42
NOTICE
IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before Nov. 9, 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
October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

26-498
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF LAURENS.
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE:
The Estate of Preston Osborne, deceased.
All debtors or creditors of the Estate of Preston Osborne, 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 to make immediate payment to me.
This 27th day of October, 2026.
DANIEL J. O'CONNOR
Attorney for Executor, Wanda Dawn Conner
BRYANT & O'CONNOR LAW FIRM
P. O. Box 28
Vidalia, GA 30475
October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2026

26-471
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA
Laurens County
Notice is hereby given that Brandi Sue Lopez, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, on the 30th day of September, 2026, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Brandi Sue Lopez to Brandi Sue Perez. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.
This the 6th day of October, 2026.
/s/Ralph N. Jackson
RALPH N. JACKSON
Attorney for Petitioner
State Bar No. 387629
The Jackson Law Firm
212-H West Jackson Street
Dublin, GA 31021
Phone (478) 272-7607
Fax: (478) 272-0946
ralph@ga-laws.com
October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

26-475
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF CATHERINE GAYLE PARKER
All creditors of the estate of CATHERINE GAYLE PARKER, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned Executor, Barney Melvin Parker, under the Last Will and Testament of said Decedent.
This 7th day of October, 2026.
S. Rylan Dixon

Nelson & Dixon, LLC
125 North Franklin Street
Dublin, Georgia 31021
478-272-3545

BARNEY MELVIN PARKER
Executor of the Estate of
CATHERINE GAYLE PARKER
1281 Alice Brewer Road
Dudley, Georgia 31022
October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2026
26-503
TANYA ROGERS, CLERK
LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
PERSONAL APPEARED THE UNDERSIGNED WHO ON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT:
SFAM, Inc
113 Walke Ridge Trl, Dublin, GA 31021
IS/ARE DOING BUSINESS IN LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA UNDER THE NAME OF:
The Timepiece Standard
113 Walke Ridge Trl., Dublin, GA 31021
AND THAT THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE CARRIED ON IS:
Home-based online timepiece sales and trading, with limited inventory and no showroom
William L. Danner
Person making Declaration
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 28 DAY OF October, 2026.
Allycia Boland
NOTARY PUBLIC
October 31, November 7, 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-A/015.
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
File no. 26-084873
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP*
Attorneys and Counselors at Law
1050 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 500
Atlanta, GA 30338
(770) 220-2535
<https://www.logs.com/>
*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026

26-461
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, LAURENS COUNTY Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Kenneth D Simmons and Ashley B Simmons to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Mortgage Network, Inc., its successors and assigns dated 6/22/2022 and recorded in Deed Book 3305 Page 282, and that Default Judgment and Final Order recorded in Deed Book 3684 Page 104, Laurens County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$265,058.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on November 3, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being Lot 2 of Rollingwood Estates- Extension A in Land Lot 258 in the First Land District in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, as more particularly described on a plat of survey prepared by Billy Flanders, Registered Land Surveyor, dated November 26, 1986, revised June 3, 1987, recorded in Plat Book 6, page 13, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia. Said plat and the record thereof are by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof. This is part of the land described in the Warranty Deed from Jerry A Romine and Inez C. Romine to N Kay Myers, recorded in Deed Book 769, page 20, in said Clerk's Office. Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements of record. Said property is further identified by the Laurens County Tax Assessor as 215 Palisade Drive, Dublin, GA 31021. Map/Parcel: D14F/010 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as 215 Palisade Dr, Dublin, GA 31021 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Kenneth D Simmons or tenant or tenants. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Loss Mitigation 3043 Townsage Road #200, Westlake Village, CA 91361 1-866-549-3583 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Kenneth D Simmons and Ashley B Simmons Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1120-9168A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1120-9168A
October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026



Million Pines Arts and Crafts Festival returns with over 250 vendors

By LOGAN REYNOLDS GTLN

The Million Pines Arts and Crafts Festival will return to Soperton's Iva Park on Nov. 7 and Nov. 8 with over 250 vendors, the most in the festival's history.

"We're completely packed," said event organizer Tammy Pullen. "We've got a waiting list now, probably 50, 60 on there by now."

The Million Pines Arts & Crafts Festival's creation was spearheaded by Jack Pournelle and Mary Pournelle in 1972 to support local civic groups and local communities, giving them a venue to sell and promote their products. Since then, the event has achieved statewide acclaim, receiving upwards of 10,000 visitors each year according to Soperton City Mayor John Koon.

"It was just kind of a community gathering, and for years, even after I moved here, it was almost a big reunion for the people who had moved away, and they would come home," said Koon. "And it started maybe with five or ten little booths, people selling chili, and baked goods, and candy and stuff like that, and it grew upwards to... 180, 190 booths at one time."

According to Koon, the festival has a major impact on the community both financially and culturally, driving over 10,000 people to the area during the event weekend to experience the town as well as the event.

"It's my opinion that as the Arts & Crafts Festival goes, so does the city," said Koon. "It's our biggest attraction of the year."

As the festival has grown over the years, the local nonprofit Treutlen Booster Club has been responsible for organizing the event. Husband and wife duo Joey Pullen and Tammy Pullen have taken the helm of the organization in recent years, with Joey acting as president for over twenty years and Tammy as secretary for three to four years.

As secretary, Tammy's role in preparations primarily revolved around marketing and vetting vendor applications.

Festival organizers will ordinarily accept vendor applications until the day of the festival, charging \$100 for a 15 foot by 15 foot booth, but organizers announced applications were closed on Oct. 13, five days earlier than in 2025.

According to Tammy, the 2026 festival has attracted over 250 vendors, including "food trucks, and food vendors and informational vendors."

"We're actually having to create spaces this year, which is kind of scary, but at the same time, we're real proud of it," said Tammy.

To ensure Iva Park will have enough space to accommodate the large number of vendors, the city of Soperton have removed three trees from the park. In addition, Police Chief Brian Scott suggested the city council block off additional areas around the park, more than the usual one block.

The suggested areas included a section of Georgia Avenue from William Street to Manning Street, and a section of Manning Street from Georgia Avenue to Alabama Avenue.

"I know that one of the residents last year was a little ill because they were parking in his yard without permission and a lot of his driveway," said Mayor Koon during the city council's October 20 meeting, when the issue was discussed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Xandra Brown offered a motion to close off the suggested areas during the festival's operating hours, which passed unanimously.

The festival also gained 10 sponsors for the event, including GA First Bank, Premier Heating and Air, Altamaha EMC and Fiber, Subway of Soperton, Dennard Drugs and True Value, Sammons Funeral Home, The Sportsmans Corner, Broom-sedge Rod and Gun, AmWaste, Coca Cola, Farmers Furniture and SIC Septic.

The festival will see musical performances from the Treutlen County High School Marching Band, Tres Hombres, the High Mileage Band and Love 2 Dance on Saturday and from King's Cross Quartet and Seth Hutcheson and Son on Sunday.



Soperton's Million Pines Arts and Crafts festival returns Nov. 7-8 /LOGAN REYNOLDS, File

Dublin High put on lockdown, cleared after phone threat

By RODNEY MANLEY
and PAYTON TOWNS III
The Courier Herald

Dublin High School was put on lockdown Thursday morning after police received a phone threat regarding the school.

Multiple law enforcement agencies responded to the campus, including Dublin police, Laurens County sheriff's deputies and Georgia State Patrol troopers. The lockdown was lifted after a sweep of the campus found no weapons.

"Dublin Police Department contacted Dublin City Schools this morning regarding a phone threat concerning Dublin High School. School officials acted immediately, placing the campus and Board Office on soft lockdown," school district officials said in a statement.

Dublin Police Chief Keith Moon said the phone threat appeared to be a robocall.

"We are pretty sure it was a robocaller or AI by the way it sounded," Moon said. "Just to take precautions, they locked the school down and we checked it."

Moon said a small contingent of officers will be left at the school Thursday.



Dublin police kept a presence at Dublin High School after the lockdown was lifted Thursday morning/RODNEY MANLEY



"We are looking into the call," Moon said. "We are trying to figure out where the call came from because it came from unknown numbers."

District officials said they were grateful for the quick response from authorities.

"Within minutes, a coordinated response involving District Safety Director Tim Chatman, Dublin Police Department, Dublin Fire, Georgia State Patrol, Laurens County Sheriff's Office, and Laurens County EMS began. Responding

agencies conducted a thorough sweep of the campus, including both interior and exterior areas. Once the campus was cleared, students and staff resumed regularly scheduled classroom activities.

"We are grateful to all responding agencies for their prompt and coordinated response, as well as to our students and staff for their poise and composure as we worked together to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community. A light police presence will be in place at all campuses for the remain-

der of the day. The investigation by the Dublin Police Department is ongoing."

Classes resumed but not

for all students. A steady flow of parents were coming and going before lunch, pulling their children from

school early.

Anyone with information can call 911 or the DPD at (478) 277-5023.

SOUTHLAND NURSING HOME HOLDS ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL



Southland Nursing Home held its annual Fall Festival in its front parking lot on Tuesday, Oct. 27. Various booths were set up for the children to play games, and receive candy /PAYTON TOWNS III

Man injured in Dublin hit and run

By KYLE DOMINY
Staff Reporter

Dublin police are investigating a hit and run after a man on a bicycle was struck by a car around mid-day Thursday.

Officers, along with rescue personnel, were dispatched to the 200 block of Franklin Street, near the intersection of E. Gaines Street, around 11:30 a.m. The victim, who has not been identified, was transported to the hospital via ambulance. Officials described his injuries as "nonlife threatening."

Officers recovered a broken side mirror at the scene.



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