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The Dublin City Board of Education meets Monday night for its monthly workshop. Board members discussed a "wishlist" of capital projects, saying they want to prioritize upgrades to school buildings and classrooms/RODNEY MANLEY

New Dublin school board looks to prioritize capital projects list

By RODNEY MANLEY
Staff Reporter

The new Dublin City Board of Education got its first look at the district's capital project list Monday night as it seeks to prioritize spending of sales tax revenue.

Money from the E-SPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) can be spent only on capital outlay projects, such as new school construction, facility renovations, classroom technology, school buses and safety and security upgrades. It cannot be used to fund day-to-day operations.

Chief Financial Officer Teresa Lounder provided the new board with a long listing of potential projects, some from an "inherited" list and others from a "wishlist" solicited from maintenance staffers.

"You can see the wishlist is $8 million," she told the board. "I wanted to be able to give you all a list, and you can assist in how y'all think that should start looking and in prioritizing."

Voters in November 2025 renewed the one-cent sales tax for both the Dublin City and Laurens County districts. The city school budget for the current fiscal year includes $3.6 million for capital projects, but the budget was approved by the previous city school board prior to its suspension and removal by Gov. Brian Kemp in September.

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Dexter, Dublin Christmas parades gearing up for a day of activity

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

Laurens County will continue the tradition of holding two Christmas parades on the same day.

The town of Dexter will get things kicked off with its 18th annual parade at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 5 while the Dublin Christmas Parade will be held at 6 p.m.

Line-up for Dexter's parade will begin at 8 a.m. at Possum Hollow, said Mayor Emmett "Rod" Waites.

"We really want people there before 10 a.m.," Waites said. "It's a good 20 to 30 minute parade."

The grand marshal for their parade this year will be Lord's Sausage & Country Ham.

"They have been in business since 1928," Waites said. "That's a long time. As far as I know, they are the longest ones who have had a business in Dexter."

He added that the West Laurens Lady Raiders softball team, who recently won a state title, will be in the parade along with other

The deadline for registration for this parade is Dec. 2.

For more information about the Dexter Christmas Parade, call city hall at (478) 875-3838.

"We usually have a big crowd," Waites said. "Both sides of the street are full of people. The parade is not too long and it is not too short. It is just right."

Participants for the Dublin Christmas Parade will begin lining up at 4:30 p.m. on Telfair Street, said Michael Edge, chairman of the Christmas Parade held by the Dublin Exchange Club.

Since switching to a night time parade, participation has improved.

"We have received more participants since then," Edge said. "The only negative comments we have heard is that the parade is happening on the same day as the SEC Championship game."

The deadline for entry is Nov. 20 and no entries will be accepted after Nov. 27.

"When I was a kid growing up, I did not know that a club like the Exchange Club was raising money through the entries," Edge said. "The more entries we have the more money we raise. That money goes into scholarships and other organizations like Stepping Stone. Our club's goal is against child abuse."

The Exchange Club sponsors the last float, which will feature Santa Claus. The parade will also feature the local high school bands and organizations. The club will contact the participants on the week of the parade with their line-up number. Due to safety requirements, participants are asked not to throw any items, including candy, from floats, vehicles or while walking during the parade.

"We will judge the church and business floats," Edge said. "We are looking forward to seeing all of the floats lit up and everybody downtown."

For more information about the Dublin Christmas Parade, call Edge at (478) 697-2866.

Local ministry to hold live nativity in early December

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

A local ministry recently began working on scenes to bring a live nativity drive-thru to the area in early December.

Sonny D. Wilkes Ministries will present "No Wonder They Call Him Savior" at City on a Hill, 2778 Ga. 257 from 6 p.m to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4 and Saturday, Dec. 5.

Wilkes and his wife, Joanie, spent 25 years in Tennessee where they did four similar events. This will be their first one like this in Laurens County.

"There will be nine scenes," Wilkes said. "People will drive through and look at each scene."

The free event will start with a welcome table for them to receive information. They will be able to scan a code and hear Wilkes talk about each scene and the scripture relative to it.

"This is a good location," he said. "There is plenty of room. We will have parking lot attendants to make sure people will go the right way. In Tennessee, we had hundreds come through and I am hoping for the same here. This will involve around 40 people and we may even have more. It's a big deal."



Sonny D. Wilkes looks at the manger scene that was constructed in early November/ PAYTON TOWNS III

The birth of Jesus at the nativity is the first scene participants will drive up to. They will then see scenes of Jesus teaching in the temple, Jesus blessing the children, Jesus heals the blind man, Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane, the last supper, the crucifixion, the empty tomb and Jesus' accession.

Wilkes said they are praying people will see the scenes and find out more about Jesus.

"That is my prayer," he said. "We are all praying for that. If people want to pray after seeing this, we will pray for them."

This event is something Wilkes has been working on all year.

"We've had meeting after meeting after meeting," he said.

There will be a table set up where people can donate money to the Smokey Mountain Children's Home located in Sevierville, Tenn., an orphanage where parents have given up their children.

"I had three of my cousins who went there," Wilkes said. "Their family split up and they went to the Smokey Mountain Children's Home and it has been a special place in my heart. My ministry sends them a check every month. It is something we believe in."

Hillcrest Elementary Celebrated Veterans Day

By DONNELL SUGGS
Editor & Publisher

The annual Hillcrest Elementary School Veterans Day Parade took place on Wednesday afternoon. A large crowd of parents and veterans gathered outside and later inside the school's hallways to say thank you to veterans in our community and all over the world.

Children of all ages held red, white, and blue handmade signs reading, "Happy Veterans Day. Thank you for all you do" and "We thank you for your service." Other kids performed during the ceremony, including saying the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Hillcrest Elementary jump rope team using the occasion for their first public performance.

Hillcrest Elementary School media specialist Jessica Dial said the school tries to do something different to honor local veterans, but the overall goal is to

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OBITUARIES



Stevie Franklin White

Funeral services for Stevie Franklin White, 64, will be held at 12 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026, in the Chan Stanley Memorial Chapel of Stanley Funeral Home and Crematory.

Mr. White was born April 5, 1962. He was the son of the late Wilbur White and Carolyn Dixon White. He was a mechanic for White Well Drilling. Mr. White passed away Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2026, at Fairview Park Hospital.

Mr. White is survived by his children, Stephenie Schmittel (Paul) of Dublin, Stephen White of Dublin, and Emily Strickland (Thomas) of Dublin; three sisters, Cathy Hanson, Debbie Moltz, and Janice White; and six grandchildren, Noah Strickland, Zachary Schmittel, Elizabeth Schmittel, Brookelynn Schmittel, Ryan White and Kayla White.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026, at the funeral home.

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



Josie Mae Herring

Celebration of Life Services for Mrs. Josie Mae Herring will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026, at 1 p.m. Location: St. Peters Baptist Church – 912 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Dublin, Georgia 31021. Pastor James Baker will serve as eulogist.

Our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother was born on July 16, 1945, in Alamo, Georgia, to her loving parents, the late Rev. Sammie Chapman and Mrs. Eula Mae Chapman.

Mrs. Josie Mae Herring transitioned on Friday, Nov. 6, 2026. In addition to her parents and beloved husband, Freddie Herring, she was preceded in death by her brothers, James Chapman and Joseph Chapman.

Mrs. Josie Mae Herring was employed by the Laurens County Board of Education, where she served as a dietitian at West Laurens Middle School until her retirement. She was also a faithful member of St. Peter's Baptist Church, where she served as a Mother of the Church for 34 years.

Mrs. Josie Mae Herring leaves to cherish her precious memory her four children: Rosa (Robert) Howard of Atlanta, Georgia; Casandra Boney of Dublin, Georgia; Freddie (Regina) Herring of Stockbridge, Georgia; and Vashon (Dorothy) Herring of Dublin, Georgia. She also leaves two brothers, Sammie (Toni) Chapman of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Johnny (Dorothy) Chapman of Charlotte, North Carolina; 14 granddaughters; 23 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A wake was held in honor of Mrs. Josie Mae Herring on Friday, Nov. 13, 2026, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Location: Serenity Funeral Home – 414 Telfair Street Dublin, Georgia 31021.

Serenity Funeral Home & Crematory Services of Dublin has charge of arrangements.



Mary Jo Bracewell

Mary Jo was born on March 17, 1937, in Griffin, Georgia, to the late Lowell and Estell Jones. She lived a life marked by kindness, devotion and steadfast faith, and she was cherished by all who knew her. Her gentle spirit, warm smile, and caring heart left a lasting impression on her family, friends, and community. Mary Jo, passed away on Nov. 10, 2026, at the age of 89.

Mary Jo worked for many years at L&H Shirt Factory, PL Garment, Bruster's Ice Cream and part owners of Dudley Garment, where she was known for her dependable nature and strong work ethic. She approached every responsibility with grace and determination, and she took pride in doing her best in all that she did.

A devoted Christian, Mary Jo was a faithful member of Rentz Baptist Church. Her faith was an important part of her life and guided the way she loved and cared for those around her. She found joy in fellowship, worship, and the comfort of her church family, and she lived her beliefs in quiet and meaningful ways each day.

Mary Jo also shared her love of dance with others for many years. She taught line dancing for 27 years for the Laurens County Recreation Department, where she brought energy, encouragement and enjoyment to countless people. She was also a member of the Irish Reelers Square Dancing Club for 45 years, a commitment that reflected both her enthusiasm for life and her appreciation for friendship and community. Through these activities, she touched many lives and created memories that will be treasured for years to come.

Family was central to Mary Jo's life, and she deeply loved those closest to her. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lowell and Estell Jones; her first husband, Ollie Rowland; her grandson, Micky Barron; her grandson-in-law, Matt Guthrie; her sister, Juanita Sirmons; and her brothers, Ray Jones, Douglas Jones, and Charles Jones. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Elwin Bracewell; her daughter, Teresa Barron and Jimmy; her granddaughter, Amanda Guthrie; her great-granddaughter, Tiffany Barron; her great-great-grandson, Gabe Sanchez; her brother-in-law, Billy Sirmons; her sister-in-law, Katherine Jones; and her special nephew, Jonathon Bracewell and Allyson. She will also be remembered with love by many extended family members and dear friends whose lives she enriched over the years.

Mary Jo will be remembered as a loving, kind and faith-filled woman whose presence brought comfort and joy to those around her. Her life was a beautiful example of devotion to family, commitment to church, and generosity of spirit.

Services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 13, 2026 in the Mary Whitaker Townsend Memorial Chapel with Rev. Tom Vann and Steve Sirmons officiating. Visitation will be held on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Townsend Brothers Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Rock Springs Baptist Church.

Pallbearers will be Henry Bracewell, Logan Palmer, Tracy Butler, Cade Spires, Steve Spires, Cole Spires. Honorary pallbearers will be the men of Rentz Baptist Church.

Flowers will be accepted but those wishing to donate can make contributions, in Memory of Mary Jo Bracewell to Rentz Baptist Church P.O. Box 35 Rentz, GA. 31075 or Family Hospice 1825 Veterans Blvd. Suite 1 Dublin, GA. 31021.

Townsend Brothers Funeral Home in Dublin, Ga., is in charge of arrangements. Please visit

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



Glenda June White

Glenda June White, known lovingly to family and friends as June, passed away on Nov. 10, 2026, in Dublin, Georgia, at the age of 88.

June was born on Sept. 28, 1938, in Cedar Grove, Georgia, to the late Wade and Iris Wommack. She grew up with the values of hard work, faith, and family that would guide her throughout her life. She was a loving, kind, and giving woman whose presence brought comfort and warmth to those around her. Her life was marked by devotion to her family, her church, her community, and the many people whose lives she touched over the years.

June was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Wayne White; her parents, Wade and Iris Wommack; her sister, Marilyn Burnett; her brother, Wayne Wommack; and her granddaughter, Amber Braddy Plsek. She is survived by her daughter, Shelia Braddy and her husband Greg; her brother, Jimmy Wommack; and several nieces and nephews.

A woman of deep Christian faith, June was a faithful member of Union Springs Baptist Church. Her faith was an important part of her life and was reflected in the way she treated others with grace, patience, and compassion. She lived her beliefs through quiet acts of kindness and a steady commitment to serving others.

June devoted many years of service to her community and to the people of Laurens County. She worked at the UGA Extension Office and served as District Poll Manager for the Laurens County Board of Elections for more than 60 years, where her dedication and reliability were deeply appreciated. Her long tenure was a testament to her strong work ethic and her sense of responsibility. She took pride in doing her part and was respected for the consistency and care she brought to her work.

Her involvement extended well beyond her employment. June served as state chairman for Georgia Farm Bureau for women for several years and was a member of the Board of Directors for the Laurens County Farm Bureau. She was active in community activities and gave generously of her time and energy to causes and organizations that mattered to her. She believed in the importance of service and leadership, and she carried those convictions with humility and grace.

June also had a great love for travel, and she found joy in seeing new places and making memories along the way. Whether at home, at church, in her work, or while traveling, she carried herself with quiet strength and a kind heart. Her life was a reflection of devotion, perseverance, and love for others. She will be remembered for her gentle manner, her faithful spirit, and the many ways she enriched the lives of those who knew her.

Services will be held at 1:30 PM, on Saturday Nov. 14, 2026 at Union Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Ronny Powell and Rev. Patrick Barnett officiating. Visitation will be held an hour before the service. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Townsend Brothers Funeral Home in Dublin, Ga., is in charge of arrangements. Please visit

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

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 14
Ray Curry

Nov. 15
Marjorie Alligood
Damien Roberts

Nov. 16
Kristopher Edwards
Conner Rozier
Leon Wilcher

ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 14
Franchais & Nakayla Hogue

Nov. 15
Michael & Lecresicia Stallworth



Farrah Lynn Infinger

Services for Ms. Farrah Lynn Infinger of Soperton will be held Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Higgs Funeral Home. Rev. Daniel Walker will officiate. Ms. Infinger died Nov. 10, 2026.

Ms. Infinger, 34, was born in Valdosta, Ga. on May 3, 1992 and was an honor graduate of East Laurens High School. She had been a resident of Laurens County for the past fifteen years before recently moving to Soperton. She was employed as a server for the LaJoya Mexican Restaurant in Dublin for the past seven years. Farrah loved her family, greeting people at work and her fiancé stated "she had a "spooky heart" and her smile always lit-up the room." She was a Christian by faith and her father, Bobby Infinger, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her fiancé, Dylan Anthony Schriber; son, Colby Travis Smith and daughter, Cynclaire Amelia Schriver, all of Soperton; mother, Kitty P. Thomas of East Dublin; two brothers, Austin (Shcarlie) Parker of Adel and Gage Brooks of Homerville; two sisters, Cheyenne (Hunter) Collins of Tifton and Amber Brooks of Waycross; paternal grandparents, James and Nadine Hendry of Valdosta and maternal grandmother, Janice Abel of East Dublin.

The family will receive friends beginning at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Higgs Funeral Home (higgsfuneralhomeandflorist.com and facebook) of Soperton has charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Williams Cross

Mrs. Dorothy Williams Cross of Dublin, Georgia passed away on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

www.ServicesByDudley.com.

Latonya Williams

Mrs. Latonya Williams of Wrightsville, Georgia passed away on Friday, Nov. 13, 2026. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

www.ServicesByDudley.com.



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Dublin is initiating an amendment to the City's Future Land Use Map in the Laurens County Joint Comprehensive Plan.

The public hearing for this amendment will be held in the Council Chambers of the Dublin City Hall in Dublin, Georgia on Monday, **November 30, *2026*** at ***12:30 P.M.***

All interested persons are invited to attend.



It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas



EDITOR'S NOTES...

By DONNELL SUGGS

I am a Scorpio. Born in November in between Election Day and Veterans Day, I like to hold onto the month of November as long as possible. Not to mention, my favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. No matter how I try to slow down the hands of time, it's still starting to look like it's Christmas time around here.

This will be my first Christmas season as the editor and publisher of The Courier Herald and down the street from our office I can see how Christmas has quietly crept into the zeitgeist. The Laurens County courthouse is decorated in reefs and red ribbons. There's even a miniature Nativity scene out front. A block away on West Jackson, the Bank of Dudley branch and Smith's jewelry store are both decked out in their Christmas finest as well.

The exterior of Smith's, with its red ribbon extended across and above the facade, makes the store front look like a big Christmas present.

Walk a couple of more feet and the red ribbons and holiday cheer just doesn't stop. Fountain Park is decorated for the occasion. Even Theatre Dublin has gotten in on the act (pun clearly intended!) with a three-day showing of Elf, Jr. prominently displayed on the theater's marquis.

At Dublin Service League's Fair & Marketplace, which took place at the DuBose Porter Center on the campus of Oconee Fall Line Technical College earlier this week, Christmas was most definitely in the air. There were trees all over the place and kids singing Christmas carols. Spend 30 minutes in that place and anyone would be ready for the holiday season.

Walk into the Family Dollar down the street and there are more Christmas decorations on display than you can shake a Christmas tree at. That pun was also very much intended. I'm going to have to accept the way things are these days. As soon as we're done with Veterans Day, apparently, it's Christmas time.

That said, I love Christmas and everything that comes along with the 30-40-day sprint to December 25, including buying gifts for coworkers, decorating the house, interior and exterior, and attending Christmas parties, so I am perfectly fine with seeing it everywhere I go.

Being new to town, seeing all of the Christmas decorations does make me feel at home. My family, my wife Chia in particular, treats preparing for Christmas like a high school football coach prepares for the Georgia High School Association state playoffs. In other words, it's a big deal in the Suggs household.



The Bank of Dudley's downtown Dublin branch is currently decorated like a Christmas gift/DONNELL SUGGS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around here and I can't wait to provide coverage of all the happenings surrounding December 25. Even if it is November 14.

Scott Thompson - Highway 80 turns 100



PIECES OF OUR PAST

By SCOTT B. THOMPSON SR.

We call it the Old Macon Road or the Old Savannah Road, depending on which way you are traveling. It was once the way to Macon for Christmas shopping. It was once the way to Savannah, Tybee Island and fresh seafood dinners. It was once the primary coast-to-coast route across the southern half of the United States. It brought travelers, some rich and famous and some just regular folks, through our community, ranging from Dr. Martin Luther King to Henry Ford to Elvis Presley. It was known by those living west of El Paso, Texas, as the "Broadway of America." Texans called it "The Main Street of Texas." Those east of Texas called it the "Dixie Overland Highway." It was Highway 80, "America's first All Weather Coast to Coast Highway." Some say that portions of the highway followed an old Spanish Trail from St. Augustine to San Diego.

The planning stages for the Dixie Overland Highway began in 1915. By the summer of 1916, Dublin was chosen to be located on the route. The highway was formally opened in the fall of 1917. On Nov. 11, 1926, United States President Calvin Coolidge designated the 2,734-mile-long highway as U.S. Highway 80. Much of the credit for the highway's location through Dublin belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and Congressman W.W. Larsen for their unceasing efforts in the project. The highway began on the Atlantic Coast at Tybee Island, a premier summer resort. After running along the palm-lined Victory Drive near the heart of Georgia's ancient city of Savannah, the highway passes through the east-central Georgia cities of Statesboro, Swainsboro and Adrian. In the early 1930s, legendary gangster John Dillinger traveled along the highway between the latter two cities.

Highway 80 wasn't paved throughout Laurens County until the 1930s. The portion between Scott and Dublin was paved first in 1931. The benefits of the national highway, although substantial, were heavily outweighed by the burden of the economic depression of the 20s and 30s. Automobile magnate Henry Ford was a regular visitor to Dublin on his trips to his home near Savannah. From Dublin the highway ran to Macon in the heart of Central Georgia. From Macon, it followed the fall line to the West Georgia city of Columbus. During World War II, Highway 80 was an important link between Fort Benning at Columbus, Camp Wheeler in Macon and Savannah.

As the highway entered the state of Alabama, it passed through Phoenix City, one of the most notorious hives of immoral activities in the 1930s and 1940s. Next, the highway passed through the town of Tuskegee, where George Washington Carver established a college for Negroes and where the legendary Tuskegee Airmen trained for aerial service in World War II. The capital of Montgomery is the next stop on the highway, where it runs by the Alabama State House, where the Confederate States of America organized in 1861. Highway 80 between Montgomery and Selma is one of the most famous stretches along this 2700 mile highway. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led his famous march along the highway. The march, which included unfortunate deadly acts of violence, led directly to the enactment of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In the state of Mississippi, the highway passes through the state capital of Jackson. West of Jackson, Highway 80 comes near the site of the Battle of Baker's Creek, which was fought on May 16, 1863, and caused deaths and severe injuries to more than a dozen young Laurens County men serving in the 57th Ga. Infantry. After the defeat at Baker's Creek, the battered Confederate Army retreated along the approximate route of the highway to the bastion of Vicksburg on the Mississippi River. The Union Army laid siege to the embattled Confederates for six weeks until the city was surrendered on July 4, 1863. After crossing the Mighty Mississippi River and before entering Texas, the highway passes through the Louisiana cities of Monroe and Shreveport.

On May 23, 1934, Bonnie and Clyde Barrow, two of America's most infamous outlaws, were ambushed and killed on a country road, eight miles south of Gibsland, Louisiana, on Highway 80 between Shreveport and Arcadia.

"The Main Street of Texas" runs into Dallas, where it becomes Commerce Street. On Nov. 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on Elm Street, a short distance from Commerce Street. From Dallas, the highway goes to Fort Worth, the livestock capital of Texas. It passes along the old trail from Fort Worth to Abilene and runs southwest to the western tip of Texas at El Paso.

After leaving El Paso, Highway 80 passes within a short distance of Mexico before heading up the Rio Grande River to Las Cruces, New Mexico. At Las Cruces, it joins with Highway 70 for a short distance along a route where the two highways cross the Continental Divide. The highway then turns south toward the New Mexico/Mexico border. The route turns north near the border and heads into the infamous Old West town of Tombstone.

On Oct. 26, 1881, Wyatt, Virgil and Morgan Earp, along with their compatriot, "Doc" Holiday, walked down Fremont Street, which later became part of Highway 80, to C.S. Fly's Boarding house. There they met the Clantons and the McLaurys in the famous "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral. Just outside of town, overlooking old Highway 80, is the equally famous burial ground, dubbed "Boot Hill" by the locals.

The highway passes northwest toward the cities of Tucson and Phoenix through miles and miles of desert. At Phoenix, Arizona, Highway 80 passes by the Arizona state capitol, the third and final capital along the route. From Phoenix, the highway passes through the famous Gila Bend area of Arizona. After passing through Yuma, Arizona, Highway 80 enters the California Desert. In the early days of Highway 80, auto passengers had to drive over 12' x 8' sections of cross ties, bound together with steel bands. In the lower edge of California, Highway 80 passed by the legendary Petrified Forest. The highway nears its end as it enters the city of San Diego, where it passes by Balboa Park, home to the world-famous San Diego Zoo. Highway 80 originally ended at its intersection with Hwy. 101. The highway was unofficially extended to the San Diego Bay during World War II to accommodate military operations in the area. Finally, at Cabrillo National Monument at Point Loma, Highway 80 comes to an end at the Point Loma Lighthouse, which was built in 1854.

Today, Highway 80 no longer officially exists west of Dallas, Texas. What remains of that original route has been blown away by desert winds or replaced with interstate highways and new state roads. Fortunately, for those of us east of Dallas, Highway 80 is still with us - a reminder of when travel was at a much easier pace, and the coast-to-coast route was lined with good eating places, gas and comfort stations and plenty of good folks.

Moment of Inspiration

No Matter What Comes, We Will Serve the Lord

"...choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." – Joshua 24:15

We live in uncertain times. Political changes, division, and concerns about the future can cause fear in the hearts of God's people. But we must remember that our hope is not in a president, a political party, or a government. Our hope is in Jesus Christ! Leaders will come and go, and circumstances will change, but God remains on His throne. His promises are still true, His Word still stands, and His love never fails.

As Christians, we should pray for our nation, pray for our leaders, stand for biblical truth, and continue sharing the Gospel. We must not allow fear or political division to distract us from the work God has called us to do.

Whatever tomorrow brings, let us make the same commitment Joshua made: "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!" Our circumstances may change, but our Savior never changes!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us keep our eyes on You during uncertain times. Remove fear from our hearts and strengthen our faith. Help us pray for our nation, stand for Your Word, love others, and remain faithful to Your calling. No matter what comes, may we always serve You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

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POLICE BEAT...

Dublin Police Department

- On Oct. 11 around 7:23 p.m., an officer responded to Walmart on Highway 80 West in reference to a man and woman who reportedly shoplifted merchandise at the grocery-side self-checkout registers.

Before arriving, an officer was advised by dispatch that the individuals were described to be a man wearing a black shirt and a woman wearing a pink shirt and black pants.

The officer met with an employee with Walmart's Asset Protection Program. The employee told the officer that his coworker saw both of the individuals, later identified as Samuel O'Neal, 30, and Jayleen O'Neal, 30, failing to properly scan merchandise in their shopping carts.

After both passed the final point of sale, they were escorted to the Asset Protection office. The officer reviewed the surveillance footage and saw Samuel O'Neal stack multiple identical items on top of one another and scan only the bottom item. This was observed multiple times involving various items in the shopping cart. The officer saw Jayleen O'Neal paying for the merchandise using a payment card accessed through Apple Wallet on her iPhone.

Samuel was seen scanning only select items while his wife completed the payment transaction for the merchandise. Although some items were scanned correctly, other items were not properly scanned. An employee advised that the total value of the merchandise that was not property scanned was $277.

Based on the information obtained, and the surveillance footage reviewed, both were charged with theft by shoplifting. Walmart wished to prosecute both individuals for theft by shoplifting.

Both were transported to the police department to be fingerprinted and released on citation. Both were also issued trespass notices prohibiting them from returning to Walmart.

The officer transported them back to their vehicle at Walmart and they were escorted off the property without further incident.

- On Oct. 17 around 3:19 a.m. an officer was dispatched to Burch Street in reference to an assault.

While turning on Burch Street, an officer passed a white Dodge Charger and was notified that David Wright Jr. was in that car. Officers were instructed to pull the Dodge over. Wright was detained and eventually transported to Burch Street to be interviewed by another officer.

A woman was crying in the yard and an officer was able to see that her right knee and the area near her left eye were both bleeding. EMS responded to the scene. An officer also noticed that the woman's natural hair appeared to be in a state of disarray. The woman told an officer that she woke up to see Wright stealing money from her purse and she confronted him. He began striking her in the face with a closed fist, the woman said. The woman said the man drugged her from the bedroom into the living room.

At some point in the interview, the woman said the altercation began when she was punched in the face while sleeping because Wright found evidence in her phone that she had been cheating. Officers informed the woman about contacting WINGS and being interviewed at Stepping Stone.

Wright said he was assaulted by the woman due to her going through his phone and she found out he was cheating. When asked about the stuff being thrown around the house, Wright said they had recently moved there.

The investigation led to Wright being charged with battery family violence and transported to the Laurens County Jail.

Laurens County Sheriff' s Office

- On Oct. 10 at 9:30 p.m. a deputy responded to Dublin Trails Nursing to speak with a man in reference to a burglary that happened on Oct. 5.

- A deputy received a call about a walk-in about an incident that happened on Annadale Drive in Rentz around 6 p.m. on Oct. 9.

- A vehicle was stolen on Bay Springs Church Road in East Dublin around 8 a.m. on Sept. 15.

- Property was damaged on Roundtree Drive at 5 a.m. on Oct. 12.

- While serving civil papers on Jasmine Road at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 12, a deputy was bitten by a dog.

- Property was damaged on Bush Lane around 10:50 p.m. on Oct. 8.

- On Oct. 7 around 2:15 p.m., a deputy talked with a woman over the phone regarding financial transaction card fraud.

- Andre Antonio Hayes, 40, of Dublin was charged with criminal trespass around 9:56 p.m. on Oct. 12 after a deputy responded to a possible burglary. ß

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Students and teachers at Hillcrest Elementary School in Dublin took part in an annual Veterans Day celebration on Wednesday, November 11, 2026/**DONNELL SUGGS**



Hillcrest Elementary School music teacher Lauren McGuire (above) played Taps during the Veterans Day celebration on Wednesday, November 11, 2026/**DONNELL SUGGS**

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Both boards, however, agree that new roofs at Susie Dasher Elementary, Dublin Middle School and the Irish Academy should be a top priority.The three roofs are expected to cost about $1 million each.

"Everything with a building is important," said board member Randy Green. "That environment for education is critical."

Bids for new heating-and-air units at Susie Dasher and Hillcrest Elementary were approved last month. New units for the Susie Dasher cafeteria were approved earlier this year and are about 50 percent complete. Another proposed project would replace 54 units – all 35 years old – at Susie Dasher at a cost about $1.1 million.

In total, heating-and-air projects, those already in progress and proposed, would total $2.5 million.

Lounder said the sales tax generates about $300,000 a month. The district began FY27 in July with about $3.8 million in the capital project fund.

"We're at $4.6 million now," she said.

The district is applying for state capital outlay funds to help pay for the roof replacements at Susie Dasher and Dublin Middle. The new roof at the Irish Academy, the former Moore Street School, is in the architectural stage.

At least one project proposed by the former school board – an indoor baseball facility – is on hold. The components of the building have been purchased for almost $100,000, but the labor to put it together is expected to cost $800,000, according to the project list.

"It is in storage right now. We have the pieces for the facility at the bus shop," Pool told the board. "It will cost us labor to set up, and there are some other things that are more important."

The project list also includes about $450,000 for technology, mostly for computer hardware and software, including $171,000 to replace old Chromebooks for students and teachers.

The list does not include any new school buses.

Two resurfacing projects are included – the high school tennis courts and track. The tennis court project is out for bid. It has an estimated cost of $478,000.

Resurfacing the track is expected to cost more than $689,000. Bids have not been solicited for that project.

Board member Doug Eaves asked that list be broken down into sections – already in progress, already approved and those in "wish-list" status. He also suggested the board adopt an official list.

"We need to approve a capital improvement plan for the next couple of years," Eaves said.

The referendum to renew the tax included "acquiring, constructing and equipping" a new elementary school, with the intention of allowing the district to build a new elementary school, to replace Hillcrest, should it decide to do so.

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make sure the students get an opportunity to say thank you.

"Everybody in the school takes part in this event," Dial said.

The school's music teacher, Lauren McGuire, played taps on an oboe during the celebration. The brief but powerful rendition of the time-honored tune, which is often used to signal a celebration of life for members of the military, set the mood for the afternoon. The group of parents and veterans in attendance, and most notably, the children, all fell silent in a strong showing of respect.

McGuire said she was proud to perform during the Veterans Day event because she has direct ties to the United States military. "It is important to me because my grandfather, father, and uncle served this country," she said. "It's important to remember them because they fought for this country."

A pair of students were equally as powerful in their performance. The girls read, "Ode to a Vietnam Veteran," the poem by Steven D. Jones.

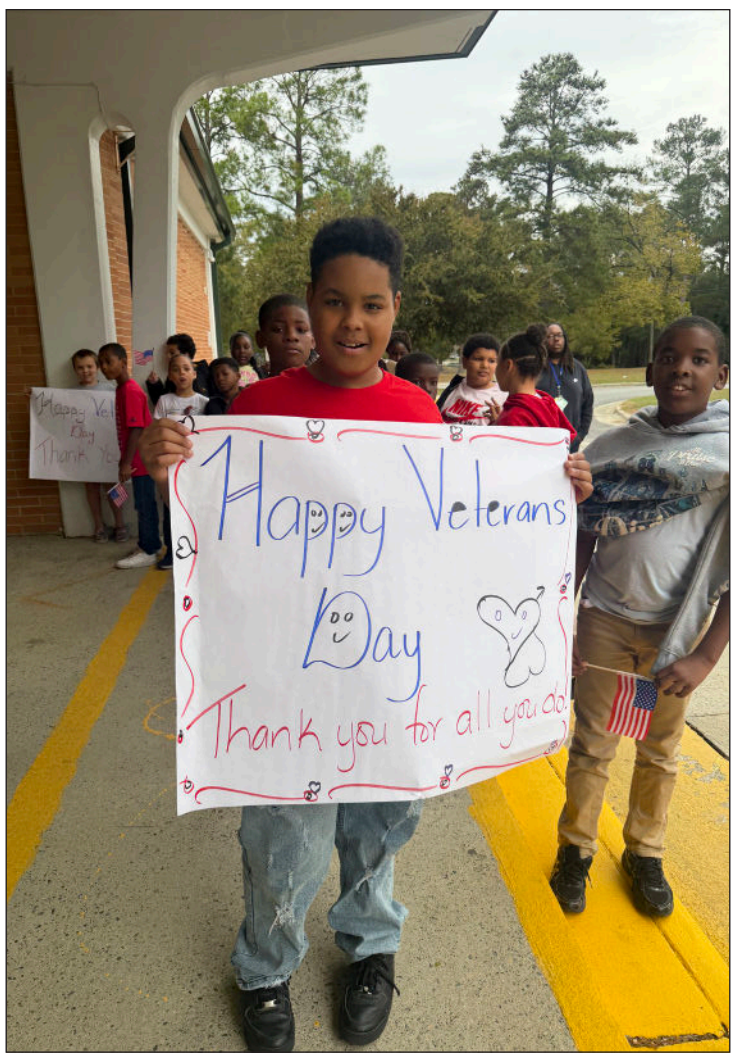
The opening stanza of the poem: "The war seems over, but the scars remain.

As time passes by, it lessens the pain."

United States Marine Corps veteran (retired) James Lindsey (was in attendance and said the celebration was necessary for the current generations of Americans being represented at Hillcrest Elementary School. "This is important so they can know more about veterans and what being a veteran stands for," he said.

During the pledge, poem and playing of Taps, Lindsey could be seen holding his veterans fatigue military cap to his chest.

Following the performances, the veterans in attendance were asked to line up outside the school doors so they can receive a proper thank you for their service to the country. Dozens of students lined the hallways and clapped, cheered, and some even saluted the veterans as they passed.



A Hillcrest Elementary School student (above) shows off one of the Veterans Day sign she and her classmates made for the occasion/**DONNELL SUGGS**

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Insurance money brings with it greed and discord

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law "Leah" has been a poor money manager all her life. She is in significant credit card debt and had to borrow money to help pay for her wedding, despite the fact that she has been a teacher for decades. She has never been a saver -- always a spender.

When my husband passed away recently, he left me with $1 million in life insurance proceeds. When Leah found out about it (I'm not sure how), she asked me to lend her some money to get back on her feet. When I refused, my other sister-in-law chastised me, saying that my husband would have lent her the money. Leah has been bailed out a few times by her sister but never by my husband. Am I wrong to stand my ground? -- NOT AN ENABLER

DEAR NOT AN ENABLER: My heart goes out to you for the loss of your husband. Leah may be using the word "lend," but believe me when I say you would never see that money again. If she wants to get out of debt, she needs to speak to a credit counselor, not her brother's grieving widow. If she brings it up again, tell her to visit the National Foundation for Credit Counseling at nfcc.org.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 70-year-old divorced man. For the past 10 years, my ex-wife has been living with me. Due to her medical condition and lack of family support, she has no one else to assist her. My own health is declining, so caring for her is a physical strain and emotionally stressful. She refuses any suggestion of a senior living facility because her only income is a small Social Security benefit.

How do I move on without fighting and accusations? I know I facilitated this by allowing her into my home in the first place. Any ideas where to begin? -- FRUSTRATED IN TEXAS

DEAR FRUSTRATED: You were kind to take in and care for your ex a decade ago, but this arrangement is now affecting your health. To protect your own well-being, you must put your foot down. Help your ex-wife one last time by finding her a facility she can afford. Do not expect the transition to be pleasant, but the result will be an improvement for both of you.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a happily married woman who went through a midlife crisis more than 20 years ago. At the time, I left my husband for another man, who gave me an expensive cocktail ring. When my relationship with the new man started to suffer for various reasons, I returned to my husband. Our marriage has remained strong ever since.

I have never worn the ring and have always felt guilty for having it. Should I contact my former lover and return it? Should I pawn it and send him the proceeds? Or maybe you have another suggestion? -- RINGS HOLLOW IN ARIZONA

DEAR RINGS HOLLOW: Sell the ring and donate the proceeds to a worthy charitable cause. Do not open the door to further contact with your former lover.

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Level: Advanced

Fun By The Numbers

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

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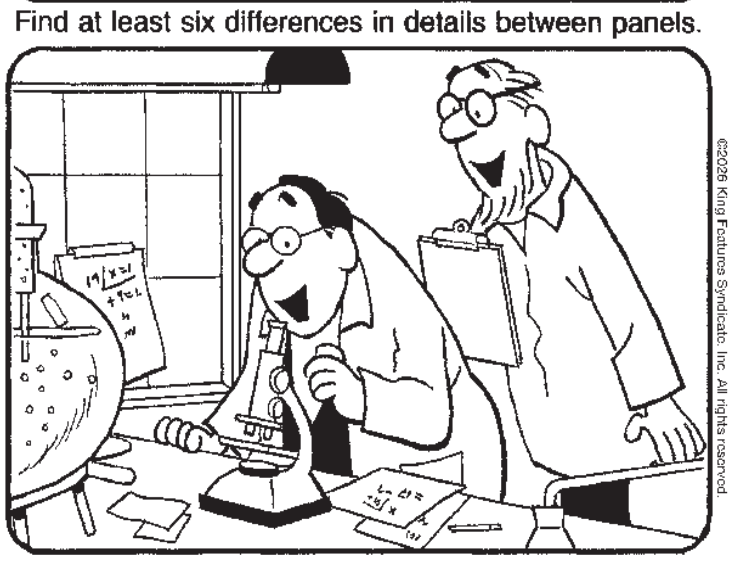
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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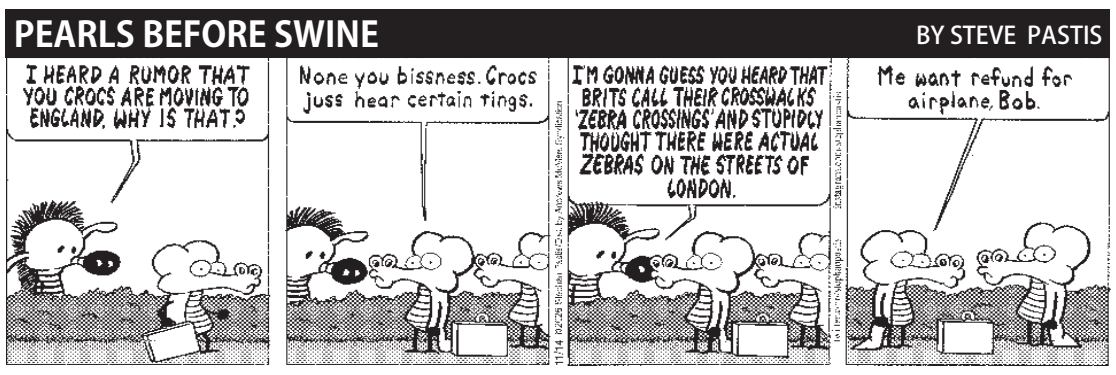


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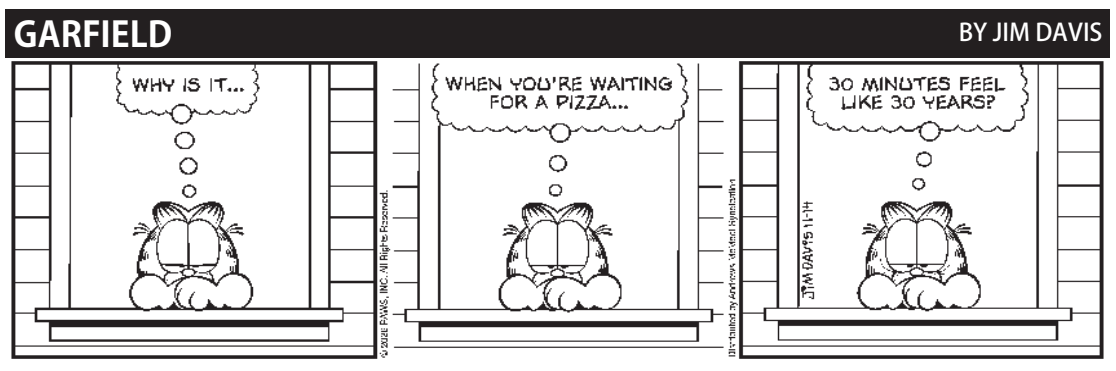
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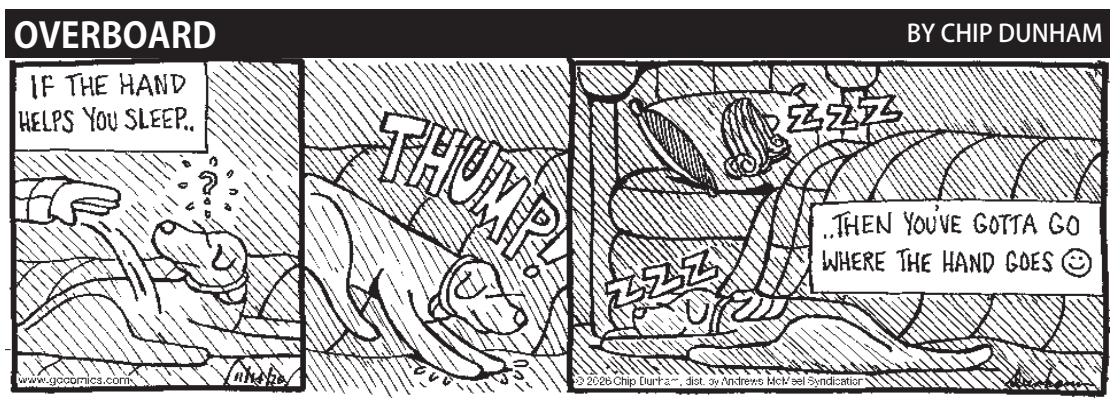
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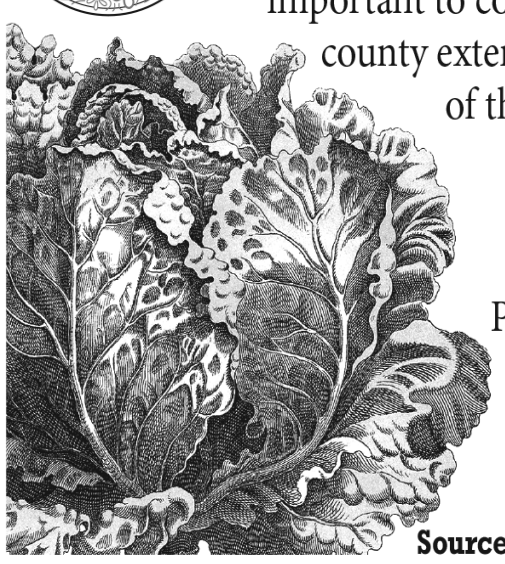
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The Garden Bug

Cold weather veggies



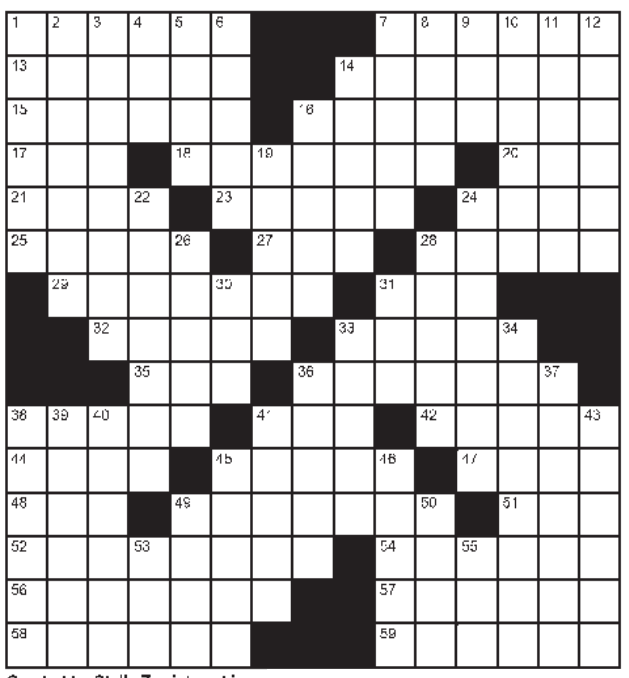
For growing vegetables in the cooler months, it's important to consult local garden authorities or county extension agents for the average date of the first hard frost in your region. Understand the growing time for each of your vegetables: is it 30 days, 60 days, 90 or more? Plant your crops at the right time so they can reach maturity **before** that killing frost.

– Brenda Weaver

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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski



Created by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

1 Baseball hitter's attempts
7 "Crazy Rich Asians" genre
13 Singer Crow
14 Middle Eastern dessert
15 Frozen part of an ocean: 2 wds.
16 Processed, as food
17 Possess
18 Actively fought
20 Historical period
21 BBQ entree
23 Pavarotti, e.g.
24 Quick haircut
25 Game-catching devices
27 Compete in a 5K
28 Poles on ships
29 Self-absorbed person
31 Day on Mars
32 Oscar winner Emma
33 Big string instrument
35 Heavy weight
36 Acknowledging gestures: 2 wds.
38 Fawned (on)
41 Singer Benatar
42 In the lead: 2 wds.
44 NW German river
45 Door fastener
47 "The Secret of __" (1982 film)
48 Had a meal
49 Korean side dishes
51 Goat's sound
52 Reliant automaker
54 Watchful nighttime rituals
56 AirPods, e.g.
57 Infant's garment
58 Perspires
59 Marks in "$1,000,000"

DOWN

1 Place in groups
2 2000s HBO series: 2 wds.
3 Squishy chairs
4 Journalist Shapiro
5 Old toy-car brand
6 Took a nap
7 Wild party
8 Said yes to
9 LA Galaxy's group: Abbr.
10 Provides food for
11 Ready to move on: 2 wds.
12 Women's titles
14 Shaggy bovine
16 Treat with a hole
19 In itself: 2 wds.
22 Weightlifter's helper
24 Estonia's capital
26 Got to one's feet
28 Very, in music
30 Holiday __ (hotel brand)
31 Ready to go
33 Ball-throwing game
34 Positive attitude
36 __ a plot
37 Ethopia neighbor
38 Window coverings
39 Ban
40 "And __ off!"
41 Breathes heavily
43 Stages of development
45 Praises
46 Widespread destruction
49 Boxing match
50 Composer Rota
53 Wharton degree: Abbr.
55 Precious stone

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GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

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

♠ J 10 3 ♡ A J 3 2 ♢ Q J 8 ♣ K 5 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

Right-hand opponent opens one spade. What call would you make?

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

♠ A K ♡ Q 10 9 ♢ K Q 10 4 3 ♣ 6 4 3

Right-hand opponent opens one spade. What call would you make?

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

♠ 4 ♡ K Q 5 4 ♢ A K 9 4 ♣ K 8 7 3

Right-hand opponent opens one spade. What call would you make?

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

♠ Q 7 6 ♡ A K Q 8 3 ♢ 7 6 4 ♣ A Q

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

♠ A K 10 3 ♡ 4 ♢ A J 8 5 ♣ 10 9 3 2

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

Q 6 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 9 ♡ A J 9 4 ♢ K 7 5 ♣ A K Q 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2NT	Pass	3♢*	Pass
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***Transfer, 5 hearts any strength**

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.





The region 3-AAAA champion West Laurens girls cross country team (left) finished sixth overall at last Saturday's GHSA state championships. The Raider boys (right), shown at the previous Saturday's sectional race in Ludowici, would place eighth and 13th overall in their season's final events /SPECIAL PHOTO, courtesy West Laurens Cross Country

West Laurens girls XC team wraps season with region title, best-ever finish at state

Young potential has Raiders optimistic about path ahead

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

After a 2025 season that went down as one of the best of all time for the West Laurens boys cross country team, this fall was the Raider girls' turn to make some history.

They capitalized on their opportunity with strong showings over consecutive weeks starting late last month by capturing the top prize at the region 3-AAAA championships, then placing third at sectionals. At this past Saturday's GHSA finals in Carrollton, the West Laurens girls would make their highest finish ever at sixth overall – an improvement of two spots from a year ago, and one better than the race's projections – to close out their campaign in confident fashion.

"I was elated," said West Laurens head coach Danny Johnson. "If you go by what they call the virtual meet, we were predicted to finish seventh, and our girls picked up one (spot) from that virtual finish. We beat one of the teams from the northern sectional."

The Raiders walked away from the first of the three postseason performances with some hardware, and the remaining two with a lot to like about how they fared, and prospects for their program in the not-too-distant future.

The region championship, doubling as a sectional warm-up race for some guests like Savannah Christian and Islands who were non-members of region 3, took place Oct. 24 at the same Long County High School course where the bigger meet would take place the following weekend.

This year was a departure from the pattern of the past two, in which West's former region opted to forego holding a separate race and award the championship to its top finisher at sectionals.

"Our region chose to have a separate region meet the week before sectionals, and the results didn't change any," Johnson said. "We were the first from our region in the sectional as well."

West Laurens would produce four of the top seven finishers in the first race as Rylee Howard, Landry Hall, Raidyn Joiner and Caitlyn Mathis all broke 22 minutes.

They'd go in the same order the following weekend, with some quicker traffic up ahead from powerhouses Columbus and Peach County, who would be the only two ahead of the Raiders on the sectional leaderboard.

The Blue Devils would go on to win it all, while the Trojans finished just ahead of the Raiders at No. 5 overall, Saturday in Carrollton where Howard and Raidyn Joiner were the first two Raiders across the line, and just a few seconds apart in 27th and 28th. Howard had a time of 22:20.70 and Joiner 22:24.86.

Those two and third-place finisher Hall, who was 36th, were the team's pace-setters all throughout the season, and each took the honors of being the team's first finisher at least once.

Constant competition among the trio at the front of the pack helped make each member, as well as teammates behind, a lot better as the year went along.

"I would say that's a pretty good nucleus," Johnson said.

Others in Saturday's state championship field were freshmen: Caitlyn Mathis, a steady No. 4 in the lineup throughout the year, had the next-best finish at 44th. Maddyn Joiner and Brene' Caldwell, who took turns serving as an all-important fifth finisher crucial to the team scoring, were 90th and 101st.

None of the above, a collection of two sophomores and one junior ahead of the three ninth graders, will be going anywhere next year, when West Laurens is only due to add to its ranks of strong runners, and likely to build on the success.

"We didn't graduate anybody from last year's team, out of our top seven, and this year we're not graduating anybody either," Johnson said. "Plus, we're picking up a few that should contribute from our middle school team for next year. It looks like we're in a good place as far as girls cross country, although you don't win on paper.

"Hopefully, we can continue to improve and remain relatively injury-free. And we should be very competitive for the next couple years."

Another good run...

Last year's was a tough act to follow, but the West Laurens boys put together another quality season as they cycled through some turnover and attrition over the course of the fall to finish second at region, place eighth at sectionals and wrap up 13th at state.

The Raiders were replacing three of their top five runners from a year ago, and one of those two who returnees – Ronan Pangie – fought through a knee injury all season that kept him from running anywhere near his best on the home stretch.

The region, including well-established programs out of Long County (which finished right on their tail in the standings) and Southeast Bulloch (just ahead at both region and as the 11th-placer at state), was also highly competitive.

But West Laurens held its own as some new faces, both young and experienced, stepped up.

"We were rebuilding, yes, but I thought we could still have a good year," Johnson said.

Senior Nathan Larson would emerge as the team's new top runner, and ran an 18:35.08 at state to finish 25th overall.

"He was a No. 5 or No. 6 guy for us last year in most races, but he learned a lot from Levi (Dailey), who kind of took him under his wing last season. He improved his speed tremendously, got his mile under five minutes, and he kind of led the way the last several races."

Junior Fisher Smith, a few spots behind at 32nd, and sophomore Oliver Petrie, West's top runner at region who also finished among the state's top 50 at 43rd, completed their core. Senior Isaac Cross (who was a fourth-best 110th at state) came on late in the season to help anchor the top five, as did Bennett Smith, who checked in at 131st.

Pangie finished sixth out of the Raiders' seven at 135th overall. Sawyer Morton brought up the rear at 162nd.

"Success is doing the best you can with what you have, and I thought the guys did a good job of reaching potential there at the end," Johnson said. "We mightn't've done as well as we'd've wanted, but I'm certainly proud of the guys for finishing it out as strong as they did."

And a healthy number of young runners who are expected back and even better next fall will likely put some good things on the horizon for the West Laurens boys just the same.

"Everything bodes well for us in the next few years," Johnson said.

SCOREBOARD

FLAG FOOTBALL
Thursday
East Laurens 14,
Statesboro 0

PREP SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL
GHSA Playoffs, Round 1
Friday
East Laurens at Jeff Davis
Vidalia at Dublin
Greene Co. at Johnson Co.
Dodge Co. at Berrien
Jefferson Co. at Bleckley Co.
Montgomery Co. at ECI
Treutlen at Wheeler Co.
Washington Co. at Rockmart
/7:30 p.m.

Saturday
Westover at West Laurens
/7 p.m.

BASKETBALL
Thursday
Claxton at WL
(scrimmage)/**5 p.m.**

Saturday, Nov. 21
STC Tip-off Classic
(Vidalia)
WL (girls) vs. Bacon Co./
2 p.m.
Hugh McBride Tip-off
(at Jeff Davis HS)
WL (boys) vs. Coffee/
5:30 p.m.

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CHECKERED FLAG FOOTBALL: EL CROSSES REGULAR-SEASON FINISH LINE ON SIX-GAME WIN STREAK

The East Laurens flag football team completed a perfect final lap of the regular season Thursday night as it defeated Statesboro 14-0 to finish this inaugural campaign with a 15-3 overall record. The Falcons had long since qualified for the state playoffs, which they'll start next week with an expected home game, but maintained their position in the top 10 of the GHSA's Division 1 Post Season Rankings with four wins over three days to close out on a six-game winning streak. Victories over Wheeler County, 13-7, and Hawkinsville, 25-0, on Monday were turns 1 and 2, and East Laurens steered onto the home stretch with No. 3 in a 42-0 shutout of Statesboro's STEAM Academy Tuesday before heading home Thursday to meet the Blue Devils for a second time, and celebrate senior night. Breakthroughs on their only two red zone trips of the night helped the Falcons gain separation in the slow-paced and defense-dominated battle. Zahmaria Robinson threw to Quean Washington (top left, on an earlier play) for the game's first touchdown late in the second quarter, and found her center Kassidie Lovett (top center) over the middle for the second on the last play of the third. Lovett also had the receptions (top right) to tack on an extra point to both scores. Faithful flag-pulling, including for losses on at least two by Andrea Wright (bottom left), kept Statesboro in check offensively for the duration of the night. Robinson (bottom right), Washington, Garyunna Mitchell, Tytiuna Page and DeAndrea Lowther contributed other big plays offensively/**CLAY REYNOLDS**







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RACING THIS WEEK...

TRUCKS CHAMPIONSHIP

• **Friday's** CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP, Homestead-Miami



WINNER: KADEN HONEYCUTT

Under caution with 27 laps left in Friday night's Championship Race at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Chase leader Kaden Honeycutt was debating whether to pit for fresh tires.

"I say we pit, put 'em on and go for it," Honeycutt radioed to crew chief Scott Zipadelli.

That's exactly what Honeycutt did. Gaining the lead after a restart on Lap 121 of 134, he pulled away from runner-up Christian Eckes to win not only the race but his first series championship.

Knowing the title was his—and screaming with raw emotion—Honeycutt powered his No. 11 TRICON Garage Toyota across the finish line 1.038 seconds ahead of Eckes to score his fifth victory of the season, his first at Miami and the fifth of his career.

"Man, this is amazing," Honeycutt exulted. "I've worked so damn hard to be here. Thank you to every owner, thank you everybody that's let me drive the race car for them, whether it was dirt, asphalt, road course, doesn't matter.

"That is because of you guys I'm sitting right here with this group behind me as champions. I'm so out of breath, I wish I could talk harder. Thank you, fans, for showing up. We just won Homestead and the damn championship."

Honeycutt's decision to abandon the conservative approach he had adopted early in the race paid enormous dividends.

"The first half of the race I did not want to push it too hard," he said. "It fell in our hands. I put my nuts on the dash and wanted to win the race."

The drivers' championship was the 11th in the series for Toyota, achieved in the same No. 11 Toyota Corey Heim drove to a single-season-record 12 victories and the title last year.

Billed as a shootout between Honeycutt and Layne Riggs, the head-to-head battle never materialized. After side-to-side contact with the No. 77 Chevrolet of pole winner Nick Sanchez on Lap 2, Riggs No. 34 Front Row Motorsports Ford was never the same.

Daniel Hemric, Eckes' teammate at McAnally-Hilgemann Racing, finished third, followed by Ty Majeski and Stewart Friesen. Heim was sixth in the No. 1 TRICON Garage Toyota after winning the first and second stages.

Despite competing in only nine of the 25 Truck Series races, Heim scored three victories this season and finished 17th in the points.

Chandler Smith, Jake Garcia, Grant Enfinger and Corey LaJoie completed the top 10. Smith finished third in the standings behind Riggs, his teammate.

Zipadelli claimed his second straight championship as a crew chief, having guided Heim to the title last season. Honeycutt gave Zipadelli enormous credit for his steady-handed encouragement.

"Scott Zipadelli is the best damn crew chief on that pit road," Honeycutt asserted. "He's the best man out there. He's not just a Hall of Fame crew chief, he's a Hall of Fame man. He's done nothing but mentor me and make me better every single week."

Obviously, the guidance bore fruit on Friday night.

CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

On Sunday in Miami, Kyle Larson became the 11th driver to win three or more championships in NASCAR's top division. Larson joined an elite group of three-time champions that includes Hall of Famers Lee Petty, David Pearson, Darrell Waltrip, Cale Yarborough and Tony Stewart, along with current driver Joey Logano.





Kyle Larson, driver of the #5 HendrickCars.com Chevrolet, celebrates with his son Cooper and daughter Audrey after wining the 2026 NASCAR Cup Series Championship with a 12th place finsih at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Sunday. (Sean Gardner/Getty)

Once again, Blaney gets the win, Larson the title

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Ryan Blaney stole the consolation prize from Tyler Reddick with two laps left in Sunday's Cup Series Championship Race at Homestead-Miami, but it's Kyle Larson who will leave South Florida with the championship trophy.

Blaney passed Reddick on Lap 266 of 267 in the final race of the reconstituted NASCAR Cup Series Chase presented by Mobil 1 and powered his No. 12 Team Penske Ford across the finish line 0.314 seconds ahead of the Reddick's 23XI Racing Toyota.

Long before Blaney secured his fourth victory of the season and 21st of his career, Larson had clinched his second straight championship and third overall with a fourth-place finish in the first stage.

After multiple brushes with the outside wall, Larson eventually rolled home in 12th in the No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet, becoming the first Cup Series driver to win back-to back titles since Hendrick legend Jimmie Johnson claimed five straight from 2006 through 2010.

"I got word that we clinched it, and I started driving like an idiot," Larson said with a laugh.

Larson became the 11th driver to win three or more championships in NASCAR's top division. As broadcaster Jeff Burton pointed out earlier in the weekend, more humans have walked on the moon (12) than have won three Cup titles.

Larson joined an elite group of three-time champions that includes NASCAR Hall of Famers Lee Petty, David Pearson, Darrell Waltrip, Cale Yarborough, Tony Stewart and current Team Penske driver Joey Logano.

The championship was the 16th for team owner Rick Hendrick, extending Hendrick Motorsports' series record.

"I'm just so proud of my team, first and foremost," said Larson, who finished 49 points ahead of second-place Christopher Bell and 56 in front of third-place Denny Hamlin. "Hendrick Motorsports, this was statistically probably one of our worst years. To still come away with the championship shows how resilient everybody at the race shop is, everybody on my 5 team, all my teammates, 24 (William Byron), the 9 (Chase Elliott), the 48 (Alex Bowman). GM (General Motors), too, Chevrolet, all the key partners there.

"We absolutely could not have done what we did in the Chase without the teamwork that it took. That's what this championship is, makes it so meaningful, just the teamwork. This one more than any of them took teamwork."

Larson's third championship was official when pole winner Chase Briscoe's engine blew on Lap 78, ending the first stage. Larson was running fourth at the time, one position behind Bell, with Hamlin in sixth.

By scoring seven stage points to Bell's eight and Hamlin's five, Larson put the title out of the reach of his Joe Gibbs Racing pursuers. Hamlin and Bell were left to battle for second in the standings.

Blaney's journey to the checkered flag was convoluted, to say the least. During the first stage break, he returned to pit road to remedy a loose wheel and restarted at the back of the field. By the end of Stage 2, he had climbed to fifth in the running order.

In the final stage, Blaney ran long and pitted on Lap 220 and was running down Byron and Reddick from five seconds back when a caution bunched the field and set up a restart with eight laps left.

Blaney restarted fourth, passed Bell on lap 263, slipped past Byron a lap later and made the winning pass of Reddick on Lap 266 of 267.

"Pretty cool night battling back from coming down pit road," said Blaney, who avenged a haunting last-lap loss to Reddick at 1.5-mile Homestead in 2024. "Car was really, really fast. I appreciate everybody for sticking with it.

"Even though we weren't part of the championship fight, our goal was to try to win the race, end on a high note, get the most points we can."

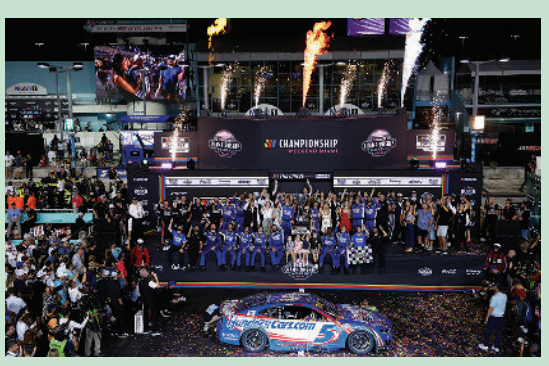
The victory elevated Blaney three positions to fourth in the final standings, 94 points behind Larson.

Hamlin came home sixth, followed by Austin Cindric, Suarez, Gragson, and Michael McDowell.

Notes: Hamlin led a race-high 87 laps, followed by Reddick with 53, Bell with 46 and Byron with 38. Blaney led seven laps... J.J. Yeley finished 36th in his 400th Cup start, one spot ahead of Casey Mears, who achieved his personal goal of 500 Cup starts... Justin Haley ran 21st, subbing for suspended driver Carson Hocevar.

CUP TITLE WINNER QUOTE

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— Kyle Larson, who finished 12th to take the Cup Chase title Sunday at Homestead-Miami



Kyle Larson in Victory Lane Sunday at Miami.

JARED C. TILTON/GETTY

XFINITY CHAMPIONSHIP

• **Saturday's** O'REILLY AUTO PARTS SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP, Homestead-Miami Speedway





RACE WINNER: BRANDON JONES (L)
TITLE WINNER: JUSTIN ALLGAIER (R)

Joe Gibbs Racing's Brandon Jones took the lead with 14 laps remaining and pulled away to a nearly four-second victory in Saturday night's Championship Race at Homestead-Miami.

Just behind all the admirable work out front, JR Motorsports Justin Allgaier claimed his own hardware – his seventh-place finish in the No. 7 JRM Chevrolet good enough to earn the 2026 series championship trophy; his second title in the last three years, the first driver in JRM history to claim multiple championships.

Five drivers came into the night eligible to decide the title, and Allgaier's four closest contenders certainly kept him honest. All but one of those drivers (Hendrick Motorsports' Corey Day) led laps. Haas Factory Team's Sheldon Creed led a race best 99 of the 200 laps.

But the 40-year-old Allgaier did exactly what he needed to, if not pacing the field, at least keeping the leaders in sight. A career-best six-win season and just enough of a points advantage at the drop of the green flag kept him tops at the wave of the checkered flag, too.

"Means more than you'll ever know," Allgaier said. "It's obviously not the finish we wanted tonight. Wanted to be in Victory Lane. But this team never quits."

Not only did the championship contenders deliver a suspenseful, action-packed night at the 1.5-mile South Florida track, but the 29-year-old Jones – also a Chase driver – reminded everyone that he expects to be part of that title mix going forward too. The win – by 3.937 seconds over JR Motorsports' Carson Kvapil – marked his second of the year (Chicagoland) and ninth of his career.

JGR's Brent Crews finished third, with championship contender Richard Childress Racing's Jesse Love finishing fourth and Viking Motorsports' Parker Retzlaff rounding out the top-five.

Despite his massive time out front of the field, Creed finished sixth, followed by Allgaier, Austin Hill, Sam Mayer and William Sawalich.

The 2027 O'Reilly Auto Parts Series season begins Saturday, Feb. 20, at Daytona International, with all 33 races airing on The CW.

2026 CUP SERIES FINAL STANDINGS

***Champion 1** + 29 as of November 8*

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 Kyle Larson #5	**2501**	16 Chris Buescher #17	2212
2 Christopher Bell #20	2452	17 S v Gisbergen #97	774
3 Denny Hamlin #11	2445	18 Ross Chastain #1	752
4 Ryan Blaney #12	2407	19 Brad Keselowski #6	723
5 Tyler Reddick #45	2397	20 Michael McDowell #71	691
6 Chase Briscoe #19	2386	21 Todd Gilliland #34	656
7 Joey Logano #22	2386	22 Josh Berry #21	651
8 William Byron #24	2344	23 Erik Jones #43	643
9 Ty Gibbs #54	2335	24 Austin Dillon #3	607
10 Austin Cindric #2	2306	25 AJ Allmendinger #16	606
11 Bubba Wallace #23	2293	26 Alex Bowman #48	594
12 Chase Elliott #9	2287	27 Zane Smith #38	584
13 Daniel Suárez #7	2243	28 Ricky Stenhouse Jr #47	527
14 Carson Hocevar #77	2234	29 J. H. Nemechek #42	517
15 Ryan Preece #60	2226	30 Riley Herbst #35	495

2026 O'REILLY FINAL STANDINGS

***Champion 1** + 19 as of November 7*

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 J. Allgaier Chevrolet	**2477**	11 P. Retzlaff Chevrolet	2263
2 J. Love Chevrolet	2463	12 R. Caruth Chevrolet	2224
3 C. Kvapil Chevrolet	2449	13 B. Crews Toyota	878
4 S. Creed Chevrolet	2444	14 W. Sawalich Toyota	838
5 C. Day Chevrolet	2416	15 R. Sieg Chevrolet	758
6 S. Mayer Chevrolet	2387	16 A. Alfredo Chevrolet	735
7 S. Smith Chevrolet	2352	17 D. Thompson Toyota	620
8 B. Jones Toyota	2314	18 B. Poole Ford	605
9 T. Gray Toyota	2300	19 H. Burton Toyota	571
10 A. Hill Chevrolet	2281	20 J. Clements Chevrolet	570

NEXT RACE: UNITED RENTALS 300, Daytona International, Saturday, Feb. 20, 2027, CW

2026 TRUCKS FINAL STANDINGS

***Champion 1** + 19 as of November 6*

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1 K. Honeycutt #11	**2471**	11 Jake Garcia #98	614
2 Layne Riggs #34	2388	12 Stewart Friesen #52	536
3 Chandler Smith #38	2340	13 Brenden Queen #12	514
4 Ty Majeski #88	2319	14 Tanner Gray #15	510
5 Christian Eckes #91	2308	15 Justin Haley #16	496
6 Gio Ruggiero #17	2252	16 A. Perez De Lara #44	487
7 Daniel Hemric #19	2249	17 Corey Heim #1	431
8 Ben Rhodes #99	2241	18 Cole Butcher #13	378
9 Grant Enfinger #9	2210	19 Landen Lewis #45	375
10 Tyler Ankrum #18	2196	20 Dawson Sutton #27	366

NEXT RACE: FRESH FROM FLORIDA 250, Daytona International, Friday, Feb. 19, 2027, FS1

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Randy Deloach: 912-282-4300 day, 912-739-4124 night. 1026 Herman Lynn Rd, Claxton, GA.

Real Estate

For Rent/Lease

Efficiency-House for rent at 714 Blaine St, Dublin, GA. One bed/full bath, combined kitchen & dining room, with large yard. Rent $500, Deposit $500. Stove/Refrigerator included. Contact Jerry Davis 478-697-6817.

Legals

Legals

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

26-484
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
LAURENS COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by, Jacqueline M. Rozier, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Taylor, Bean, & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., Corporation, dated 5/28/2002, and recorded on 6/4/2002, in Book 1297, Page 77, Rerecorded on 08/14/2002 as Book No. 1317, Page No. 103, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last assigned to as last assignment to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment recorded 9/19/2025 as Instrument No. in book 03622, Page 0215, conveying the after described property securing the payment of a Note in the amount of $29,216.00 with interest thereon as set forth therein.
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 1/5/2027 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash: During the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Laurens County, Georgia, the following described property situated in Laurens County, Georgia, to wit:
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/rre-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

26-493
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIE FRANK CASSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-25
NOTICE
IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: Yvette Gamble, Dion Cason, Michelle Shepard and (all and singular the heirs of said decedent,) (the beneficiaries under the will,) and 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 December 7, 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
Post Office Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-511
Re: Clyde Green and Oreatha Green
410 Pine Street
Dublin, Ga 31021
Map/Parcel: D16E 194
Notice of Foreclosure of Rights to Redemption
Take notice that:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D16E 194, lying and being in the City of Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, being a portion of Lot 4, Block 268, described in Deed Book 491, Page 253, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 410 Pine Street
will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 28th day of December, 2026.
The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 5th day of August, 2025, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3622, at page 65.
The property may be redeemed at any time before the 28th day of December, 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
Purple Dog Properties, LLC
c/o Kight Law, LLC
306 Academy Avenue
Suite 200
Dublin, GA 31021
Cole Porter, Esq.
Attorney for the Purple Dog Properties, LLC
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-501
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN C. PITTS, JR., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 09-118
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: John C. Pitts, III and to whom it may concern:
Angie Pitts Simpkins has petitioned for James Albert Hood to be appointed administrator of the estate of John C. Pitts, Jr., deceased, of said county. The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261. All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before Dec 7, 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
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-491
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: EMANUEL EDWARD ROSE DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-183
NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT
The petition of JEANESE ROSE for a year's support from the estate of EMANUEL EDWARD ROSE deceased, for decedent's (surviving spouse), having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before DECEMBER 7 2026 why said petition should not be granted.
All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 2098
DUBLIN, GA 31040
478-272-2566
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 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 DEBTORS
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

26-498
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

26-509
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY B. COOPER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-198
NOTICE
The petition of JUANITA COOPER for an order declaring no administration is necessary in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,
TO: Whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition, in this Court on or before December 7, 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: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
(478) 272-2566
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-510
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF LINDA HOWELL MALLETTE
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
All creditors of the Estate of Linda Howell Mallette, 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.
Michael Walters Mallette and Jamie Mallette Moore
Executors of the Estate of
Linda Howell Mallette
C/O Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney for Executors
P. O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-515
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Georgia, Laurens County.
All creditors of the Estate of Timothy R. Maddox, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render in writing their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 26th day of October, 2026.
Lisa Robin Schrader,
Administratrix of the Estate of
Timothy R. Maddox, deceased c/o J. Jackson Dixon

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



Name: LISA MCCOY
Address: 911 Louis Rd
Rentz
Date of Birth: 10/19/1964
Time of Arrest: 04/30/2002
Place of Arrest: Laurens Co,
Crime: CHILD MOLESTATION, CHILD MOLESTATION, RAPE
Disposition: 22 YEARS, REMAINDER 8 YEARS PROBATION
Date Placed on State Registry: 11/9/2026
For additional information regarding the Georgia Sex Offender Registry – www.ganet.org/gbl or contact Laurens County Sheriff's Department 478-272-1522

Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC 205 N. Franklin Street Dublin, GA 31021
November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2026

26-500
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF LEISA MURKERSON OWENS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 17-239
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern:
Lindsay P. Owens and Caleb L. Owens has petitioned for Lindsay P. Ownes and Caleb L. Owens to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Leisa Murkerson Owens deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before Dec 7, 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.
Jackson Dixon
Genola L. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court Post Office Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-516
CITATION
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF: SA Initials
SEX:M FILE#34.13920.1781
DOB:08/20/2026 CASE #26J-0299
A Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, HEATHER ANDREWS AND
UNKNOWN FATHER, UNKNOWN ADDRESSES, and anyone claiming to have a parental interest in the minor child named above, The mother of said child is HEATHER ANDREWS.
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the above styled action seeking CUSTODY in the above-named child was filed against you in said Court on the 7th day of October 2026, and that by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 10th day of November 2026;
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Laurens County, Georgia, in Dublin, Georgia, on the 16th day of December 2026, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. The hearing is for the purpose of CUSTODY.
WITNESS THE HONORABLE PENNY MANNING SNIPES, Judge of said Court, this 10th of day of November 2026.
PENNY MANNING SNIPES, JUDGE
LAURENS COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
Presented by:
Charles C. Butler, Attorney for Laurens County Division of Family and Children Services
PO Drawer 4430
Dublin, Ga 31040-4430
State Bar No. 099517
34.13920.1781
November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2026

26-505
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLIFFORD ALBERT BROWN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-197
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern:
Terri L. Watson has petitioned for TERRI L. WATSON to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of CLIFFORD ALBERT BROWN deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before Dec 7, 2026.
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Edward Claxton
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 2098
DUBLIN, GA 31040
478-272-2566
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-485
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS 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

26-508
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS

Estate No.: 26-87
IN RE: ESTATE OF HORACE MARVIN BREWER
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of Horace Marvin Brewer are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned in accordance with the law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This the 4th day of November, 2026.
Clayton Lewis Brewer and Tina Louise Brewer Holt, Co-Administrators of the Estate of Horace Marvin Brewer, Deceased
1761 Mack Brewer Road
Cadwell, GA 31009
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-507
To Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given that Srinivas Bellamknoda, Alcohol Agent has submitted an application to the City of Dublin for a 2026 license to sell Beer, Wine, retail, packaged to go at TTD Food Mart LLC, located at 909 Martin Luther king Jr Dr Dublin, GA 31021.
Further notice is given that the City Clerk will hear public comments on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 11:00am, in the City Clerk's office at City Hall regarding the issuing of said license.
This notice is given this 3rd day of November, 2026.
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-517
NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia, Annotates Section 10-4-210, et. Seq., there will be a public sale at the location listed below, the proceeds of said sale will be used first to satisfy the storage fee and other expenses of this auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale. The sale will be held as follows:

A07 Foskey, Michelle
B29 Smith, Greg
B28 Taylor, Prentice
C13 Hancock, Leigh
A49 Manning, Andre
B34 Singleton, Nakia
D49 Hancock, Janet
C05 Hancock, Michelle
A03 Coney, Dennis
A48 Brown, Patricia
C20 Batts, Brittany
C44 Bell, Jason
D32 Reece, Jimmy
A27 Romero, Sharaya
C10 Tanjanikia Smith, Robert Ross

Name and address of storage facility: ORR SELF STORAGE 1705 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD DUBLIN GA 31021
Time and date of sale: Tuesday, November 24 at 10:00 a.m.
Place of sale: ORR SELF STORAGE 1705 CLAXTON DAIRY ROAD DUBLIN GA 31021
November 14, 21, 2026

26-497
IN THE PORBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLARIEN DIXON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-166
NOTICE
The petition of REGGIE EDWARD DIXON, for an order declaring no administration is necessary in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,
TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition, in this Court on or before December 7, 2026.

LOCAL MATTERS

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STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS FOR THE WEEK 11/8/26

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

November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-504
Prepared by and return to:
Premium Title Services, Inc..
114 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 100
El Paso, TX 79912
TS No.: 2026-00079-GA-SPS
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, Laurens County

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from EDDIE OMAR DURDEN AND JACK H FISHER to Argent Mortgage Company. LLC dated 05/25/2004, recorded 06/04/2004 in Book 1548 at page 70, Laurens County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Eighty-One Thousand Ninety and 00/100 dollars ($81,090.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee , for Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-WCW1, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Laurens County, During the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Laurens County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative., within the legal hours of sale on the 12/01/2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN 1309TH GM DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING KNOWN AS LOT 25 OF SHADDOCK CREEK ACRES SUBDIVISION, CONTAINING 1.1 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 428, PAGE 617, LAURENS COUNTY RECORDS. THE COURSES AND DISTANCES OF SAID PLAT ARE INCORPORATED INTO AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE.
INCLUDED AND MADE A PART OF THE REAL PROPERTY IS A 2004 FLEETWOOD MOBILE HOMES, 32 X76, SERIAL NUMBER NCFL341A/B56053-C413.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 132 SHADDOCK CREEK CIRCLE, EAST DUBLIN, GA 31027.

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

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

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is EDDIE OMAR DURDEN AND JACK H FISHER, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc , Loss Mitigation Dept., PO Box 65250 Salt Lake City, UT 84165-0250 Telephone Number: (888) 818-6032. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee , for Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-WCW1
as Attorney in Fact for
EDDIE OMAR DURDEN AND JACK H FISHER
THE BELOW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Contact: Premium Title Services, Inc..
114 Mesa Park Drive, Suite 100, El Paso, TX 79912
Telephone Number: (866) 337-7097 Case No. TS No.: 2026-00079-GA-SPS
https://www.altisource.com/LoginPage.aspx

November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-489
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD MERVIN WILKES, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-189
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern:
CHARLES JOSEPH WILKES
has petitioned for CHARLES JOSEPH WILKES to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of RICHARD MERVIN WILKES deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before Dec. 7, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566

November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-488
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY FRANCES DOMINY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-181
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern:
DARRELL G. DOMINY has petitioned for DARRELL G. DOMINY to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of BETTY FRANCES DOMINY deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before DECEMBER 7 2026
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
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Judge of the Probate Court
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Clerk of the Probate Court
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November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-499
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER
LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Ronnie Hackle to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Morris Bank, dated January 3, 2023, and recorded in Deed Book 3355, Page 57, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on July 27, 2026 in Book 03734 Page 0246 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and 0/100 dollars ($80,750.00), 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, within the legal hours of sale on December 1, 2026, the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 57 of the 1st Land District, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 1.94 acres, more or less, and being more particularly shown and described on a plat of survey prepared by Larry C. Jones, RLS, for Charles Keith Hall, dated October 4, 2017, and recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 32, Laurens County Records. The courses and distances of said plat are incorporated into and made a part if this description by reference.
Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements of record.
Said property is further identified by the Laurens County Tax Assessor as 911 Campground Rd., Dublin, GA 31021. Map & Parcel: 129/055
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 by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Freedom Mortgage Corporation they can be contacted at (855) 690-5900 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 11988 Exit 5 Pkwy, Bldg 4, Fishers, Indiana 46037, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.
Said property will be sold 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 Ronnie Hackle or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 911 Campground 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.
Freedom Mortgage Corporation as Attorney in Fact for Ronnie Hackle.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Suite 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S file no.: 26-31148

November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-492
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF
LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF LARRY TORY CARROCCINO, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2-193
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: CHRISTI MITCHELL and to whom it may concern:
Deborah Marilyn Kea has petitioned for DEBORAH MARILYN KEA to be appointed Administrator of the estate of LARRY TORY CARROCCINO, deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before Dec. 7 2026.
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GENOLA O. JACKSON
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the Probate Court
Laurens County Probate Court
P. O. Box 2098
Dublin, Georgia 31040
478-272-2566

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26-506
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Sandra Lee McKinnon, 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 required to make immediate payment.

This 3rd day of November, 2026.
JULIA KATE MCKINNON, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA LEE MCKINNON, DECEASED
Ms. Julia Kate McKinnon
109 Geneva Street, Unit A
Dublin, Georgia 31021

November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-490
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF EMANUEL EDWARD ROSE, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-183
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE
TO: DOMINIQUE ROSE and to whom it may concern:
JEANESE ROSE has petitioned for
to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of EMANUEL EDWARD ROSE deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before DECEMBER 7 2026
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November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-513
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: Jacob Manning Rowland, Petitioner
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CD-0940-JH
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Notice is hereby given that Jacob Manning Rowland, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 6th day of November, 2026, praying for a change in name of the petition from Jacob Manning Rowland to Junabelle Angelica Rowland. 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 6th day of November, 2026.
Jacob Rowland, Petitioner

November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 2026

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NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated Section 10-4-210, et seq., there will be a public sale by Curry Management Corporation on December 1, 2026, starting at StorageAuctions.com. The proceeds of said sale will be used to first satisfy the storage fee and other expenses of the auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale.
SPACE Hope Gregory Claxton Dairy F4
HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE Shawanda Smith Claxton Dairy A24
HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE Gabriel Williams Claxton Dairy A14
HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE Joyce Browning Kellam D17
HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE Shilano Howell Kellam B11
HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE William Bennett Market Square B18
HOUSEHOLD GOODS

SPACE Willie Wright Market Square G4-G17
HOUSEHOLD GOODS

November 14, 21, 2026



Home Instead Dublin has moved to a new building off Hillcrest Pkwy. The building offers ample office space as well as a large training center allowing staff hands on experience before taking to the field/**KYLE DOMINY**



Billy Frost has owned and operated the local Home Instead since 2005. Beginning with a staff of 14 people, he now employs nearly 160 caregivers and other staff members serving a nine county area/**KYLE DOMINY**

New Home Instead office focuses on training, caring for caregivers

By KYLE DOMINY
Senior Editor

Home Instead Dublin is getting settled into its new home.

The senior care service business recently put the finishing touches on a 5,000-square-foot facility off of Hillcrest Parkway behind Robins Federal Credit Union, doubling its footprint and providing ample headquarter space for the company that assists seniors residents in a nine county area between here and Statesboro.

"I wanted something that was visible and a building that looked nice from the road," said Billy Frost, who has owned and operated the franchise for more than 20 years.

But the location serves as more than just another attractive business front along one of Dublin's busiest corridors, but was built to improve support given to Home Instead's staff of about 160 caregivers. The new building features an expanded training room giving Frost better ability in preparing his staff for what they might encounter in a client's home.

While the company only provides basic care - such as hygiene and bathing; light housework and meal prep; and escorting patients to appointments - staff must be able to operate hospital beds, patient lifts and a variety of handicap accessories to safely do their jobs. The new training room is equipped with it all, and a few extras the old office couldn't accommodate.

"Trying to adequately prepare our caregivers to go into the home of a senior and provide the kind of care we want to provide is a challenge," Frost said. "We are committed to continually improving the quality of the training and the support once they get into the field doing their jobs. That was a big focus of this building, to have the room and the space to be able to do that."

The new building was built to support the staff in other ways as well, like in case of an emergency. In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, Frost opened his office, then in the Oak Ridge Shopping Center, to staff allowing them to use showers and electricity. A full bathroom for staff and an expanded kitchen and breakroom in the new location gives workers a little slice of home when they can't use their own.

Frost launched the local Home Instead in 2005 at the suggestion of his sister. The two were facing a common dilemma - searching for a way to care for aging parents while keeping them at home. Home Instead focuses on the smaller, seemingly simple things, like doing laundry and even just keeping patients company while their family members work or attend to other duties.

The business started with two office staff and 12 caregivers and has done nothing but grown. Home Instead now works with a wide variety of clients from Alzheimer's patients to war time veterans through the VA.

"We cater to people who want to be at home, or families that want to keep their loved one at home," Frost said. "But visit nursing homes, assisted living homes and even the hospital. We go to wherever people call home."

DUBLIN SERVICE LEAGUE'S FAIR & MARKETPLACE 2026

Large crowds turned out for shopping, food and entertainment at the Dublin Service League's Fair & Marketplace. Held this week at the DuBose Porter Center at Oconee Fall Line Technical College, the annual event featured more than 25 vendors offering everything from boutique clothing and jewelry to toys and games. Visitors enjoying lunch in the Tea Room were entertained with patriotic and holiday songs from the Melody Makers, the student choir from Northwest Laurens Elementary School. Proceeds from the event benefit the Service League's scholarships and community service initiatives/**KYLE DOMINY AND DONNELL SUGGS**



















