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Coca-Cola returns to Dublin bringing 60 jobs in a $20 million capital investment

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

Coca-Cola is coming back to Dublin, Georgia.

A groundbreaking was held Wednesday morning for the Coca-Cola news sales and distribution center, which will be located on 128 Innovation Way.

Coca-Cola officials and leaders from the city of Dublin and Laurens County used shovels to dig in dirt and shovel it following a short celebration. The new building will be a capital investment of $20 million, for a facility the size of approximately 33,000 square feet on roughly 10 acres. The office space was listed as 6,500 square feet for 60 associates.

The warehouse and support will be 18,500 square feet while the loading area will be 8,000 square feet.

Victor Ragland, vice president for the East region, said this new plant will serve 10 counties.

"This is especially meaningful to me to share this occasion with our associates and our customers, community partners and local leaders," said Fernandez Jordan, sales center manager, said. "We are proud to be a part of the Dublin community and excited to celebrate the next chapter."

Jordan thanked the local leaders and partners for this project. That support was instrumental to the groundbreaking Tuesday.

"I am proud to celebrate this milestone with you," Jordan said.

Ragland was glad to have people from the community gather to celebrate Coca-Cola United Dublin. He was proud to announce the $20 million investment.

"This investment reflects our confidence in Dublin and our long-term commitment to the state of Georgia," Ragland said. "To my associates, this new facility represents an investment and the resources they need to succeed. To our customers, this will strengthen our ability to provide dependable service that they deserve from us every day."

Construction is anticipated to be completed by October of 2027.

"We are so grateful to the local leaders and the community partners that have made this possible," Ragland said. "We look forward to building on the relationship that we help take Dublin to the next phase."

Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight thanked Coca-Cola for returning to the city. He reminded the crowd that the company has had a long

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Coca-Cola officials and Dublin, Laurens County officials shovel dirt during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new bottling plant/RODNEY MANLEY



Eighth-graders Jagger Cook and Lyfe Range sign their REACH contracts, pledging to make good grades and stay of trouble/RODNEY MANLEY

Cook, Range names Dublin City Schools' new REACH Scholars

By RODNEY MANLEY
Staff Writer

Dublin City Schools eighth-graders Jagger Cook and Lyfe Range have definite plans in mind for their academic future.

Jagger wants to attend the University of Georgia and major in biology. Lyfe plans to study criminal justice at Middle Georgia State University.

The pair of standout students picked up some financial help in pursuing those goals as they were recognized this week as the district's 2026 REACH Georgia Scholars.

"This year's REACH Scholars truly represent the best of what Dublin City Schools has to offer," said Jackie Curtis, executive director of Communities in Schools of Dublin-Twiggs County, the local REACH program sponsor. "I know they will flourish and do well in this program."

REACH Georgia is a needs-based mentoring and scholarship program by the Georgia Student Finance Commission aimed at helping promising students graduate from high school and succeed in college.

The program's Scholars are eligible for a $10,000 scholarship – $2,500 per year at a HOPE-eligible Georgia college or university – but there are strings attached. The students must make good grades, stay out of trouble and, of course, graduate and enroll in college.

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Flames and smoke rise from a debris pile on fire at the US 1 Recycling early Thursday morning/PAYTON TOWNS III

Firefighters fought blaze at US 1 Recycling

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter



Fire trucks arrive and leave the scene of a blaze at US 1 Recycling/PAYTON TOWNS III

Firefighters spent the majority of Tuesday fighting a fire at US 1 Recycling, receiving assistance from numerous agencies in Laurens County and nearby counties.

Laurens County Fire Chief Josh McCard said crews were still on the scene around 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Almost eight hours earlier, Laurens County received a call about a debris pile on fire around 6:20 a.m. on Nov. 19.

"Probably about a quarter or a half of the pile was on fire," McCard said. "There was heavy fire on the pile. I had people saying that the flames were probably 80 to 90 feet into the air and the plume of smoke was very large. Initially, the fire crews tried to extinguish what they could with what they had. We had our tankers heading this way and began calling for reinforcements from surrounding agencies offering to come

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LCBOE approves reading plan to evaluate students' performance

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The Laurens County School Board showed how important they believe reading is, passing a plan that will allow educators to keep up with how students are performing in literacy.

The board approved the Georgia Unified Literacy Plan 2026, which is a state requirement, said Laurens County Superintendent O.J. Hall. The plan will allow the school system to have measurers and assessments to monitor the students.

"It will also require us to have an intervention plan in place for students who are not reading at the appropriate age and grade level," he said. "From the state, there has been a much needed literacy push for us to try to work with our students and to try to ensure that when students walk across our stages as seniors to graduate, they have a diploma in their hands that signifies that they are able to read at a certain level."

That is their goal.

"In order for that to happen, we have to start early and that is what this unified literacy plan puts in place and focuses on us being able to monitor and assess through this process early, so that we can also intervene early if we notice the data is not trending in the direction it needs to be for that student," Hall said.

The board's plan will be submitted to the state, and they will let the system know if there are any revisions needed.

"It's not final, but it had to be board approved and submitted to the state by January," Hall said.

In other meeting news, the LCBOE:

- Recognized the West Laurens High School girls softball team for winning the state title. The Lady Raiders lost one game to North Hall before winning one game in the loser's bracket before facing and beating North Hall in back-to-back games.

"They were the comeback kids," Hall said. "They had a fight in them."

- Honored the WLHS girls cross country team for winning their region.

- Approved the FY 27 budget amendment.

- Approved the FY 28 budget development calendar that shows the timeline where the board will be informed about the budget for FY28.

"We show that these are the dates we have set up to get the budget approved," Hall said.

- Celebrated East Laurens Primary School for winning the Clean School Award for the month. The custodians at ELP are Gerald Jackson, Raymond Palmer, Marsha Williams and Demetrice Wright.

- Approved the following new hires: Hayden Barlow, para pro at East Laurens Middle School, Makinna Faircloth, parapro at Northwest Laurens Elementary, Tommy Gardner, bus driver for Laurens County Schools, and Tabatha Price, bus driver at Laurens County Schools.

- Approved the following resignations: Warren Council, custodian at Southwest Laurens Elementary Schools, Karessa Hinson, parapro at ELE, Dorothy Pierce, parapro at ELMS and Jada Perry, teacher at SWLE.

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OBITUARIES



Starla Renee Warner

Memorial services for Starla Renee Warner, 64, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 23, 2026, at Oaky Grove Church at 54 Oaky Grove Church Road, Wrightsville, Georgia 31096. Dr. Tom Akins will officiate.

Starla was born Sept. 28, 1962, in Folkston, Georgia. She was the daughter of the late Brenda Elizabeth Loper Majo. She was a member of Oaky Grove Church. She was a retired Correctional Officer for the State of Georgia.

Starla was a beautiful blend of sass, strength, and unconditional love. She loved motorcycles, hot rods, and above all, the Lord and her family. Her babies and grandbabies were her entire world, and she loved them more than life itself. She had a presence that could fill any room and a laugh you could recognize three doors down. She never left you wondering where you stood and could tell you exactly what she thought one minute and hug your neck the next. Starla was tough as nails, soft as a lavender rose, and loved with her whole heart. Her feisty spirit, unforgettable laughter, and fierce love will live on in everyone blessed enough to know her. Heaven surely got a little louder and a whole lot sweeter. Starla passed away Sunday, November 15, 2026, at her residence.

Starla is survived by her husband, Adam Frank Warner; a father, Dale Curtis Majo; three sons, Anthony "TJ" Fred Taylor, Max Warner, and Tyler Warner; two daughters, Niki Warner and Crystal Trull; and 8 grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in memory of Starla to Oaky Grove Church in c/o Donna Stroud at 1218 Hawhammock Church Road, Swainsboro, GA 30401.

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

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LaTonya King Williams

Funeral services for LaTonya King Williams will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026, at 2 p.m. at the Sand Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 1793 Gumlog Road in Wrightsville. Reverend Jerry Walden will deliver the eulogy. Interment will follow in the Church Cemetery.

LaTonya King Williams of Wrightsville, Georgia, passed away on Nov. 13, 2026, at the age of 51.

LaTonya was born on May 6, 1975, in Swainsboro, Georgia, to Charles Littles and Martha Jean Easterling. She graduated from Swainsboro High School and worked at Piggly Wiggly until her health failed.

LaTonya was strong-willed and faced her illness with determination. Through it all, she never lost faith in God. In the early morning hours of November 13, God called her home to rest. She loved her family dearly and was always there for her husband and sons. Whenever someone needed a helping hand, LaTonya was there.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Littles and Martha Jean Easterling, her brother, Timothy "Tim" Germaine Easterling, her maternal grandparents, Buford Easterling Sr. and Annie Louise Smith Easterling, her uncles, Johnny Easterling and Beauford Easterling Jr., and her parents-in-law, Albert "Jack" Oliver and Juanita Smith Williams.

LaTonya leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband, Jason Williams, and her three sons, Jonathan King, Jaycson Williams, and Cayden Williams. She is also survived by her brothers, Rodney Tito Brown, Dezrick Littles, and Delvecchio King, and her sisters, Kesha Easterling, Stephanie Easterling, and Tara Easterling.

Her extended family includes her aunts Mattie Louise Rolle, Betty Walton, Leola Easterling, Gloria Jones, Katherine (Dewey) Wallace, and Eva Easterling, and her uncle A.C. (Earnestine) Oliver.

She also leaves her brothers-in-law, Isaac (Latha) Williams, Willie (Delois) Williams, and Robert (Pamela) Williams, and her sisters-in-law, Annie C. Davis, Emily Williams and Kathy (Eric) Davis.

LaTonya also leaves to cherish her memory a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. She will be dearly missed by all who loved her.

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

Services by Dudley Funeral Home and Cremations of Dublin.



Marlon Phillip Durden

The loving family of Marlon Phillip Durden, 90, of Loganville, Ga., shares his peaceful passing on Nov. 17, 2026, after a lengthy illness.

Born on July 14, 1936, in Swainsboro, Ga., he was the fourth and last surviving of six children of the late Morris Leon and Mattie Bush Durden Sr. Preceding him in death were his parents; sister, Carolyn; brothers and sisters-in-law, Kelmer and Willie T., William (Bud/Bill) and Pat, Morris (Junior) and Martha, Johnny (Elk) and Jeanelle, parents-in-law, Jack and Loney Warnock Pope.

Marlon is survived by his wife, Greta Pope Durden, daughter and son-in-law, Jone and Duane Stone of Cumming, Ga.; granddaughter, Ashley Stone of Cumming, GA; grandson, Phillip (Taylor) Stone of Bloomington, lnd.; and loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Marlon never forgot where he came from, his life defined by valued lessons of grit and determination learned as a sharecropper's son. He was gifted in music, his talents passed down from both sides of his family. A special childhood memory was of his mother gathering the children around after supper and singing hymns.

Deciding to follow in his brother, Kelmer's footsteps as a Master Barber, he attended barber school in Jacksonville, FL, with his first job being at Jack's Barber Shop in Swainsboro, Ga. lt was the beginning of a successful, rewarding career that spanned 45 years.

With retirement in 1999, came new interests and adventures. While there were many, RVing topped the Iist. Marlon and Greta's journeys took them into many states, "Out West" being his favorite .They made many lasting memories and he never tired of reminiscing about those happy times.

Marlon was a proud veteran of the United States Army and a longtime, faithful member of the Monroe Church of God.

A celebration of life will be held on Monday, Nov. 23, 2026, at 2 p.m. in the Mary Whitaker Townsend Memorial Chapel of Townsend Brothers Funeral Home, 215 West Jackson Street, Dublin, Ga. with Pastor Barry Peavy officiating. Visitation will be held an hour earlier, from 1:00 PM until 2 p.m. at Townsend Brothers Funeral Home. Marlon will be laid to rest in the family plot at Northview Cemetery, 1225 North Franklin Street, Dublin, Ga. The funeral service will be live-streamed via the funeral homes website.

Nephews will serve as pallbearers.

ln lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a favorite of Marlon's, or a charity of your choice. Please visit www.townsendfuneralhome.com to view the live stream, for service updates, and to sign the online memorial register.

Evelynn Johnson

Ms. Evelynn Johnson of East Dublin, Georgia passed away on Friday, November 20, 2026. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

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BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 21
Wiley Beall
Catherine Steele

Nov. 22
Bonnie Coney
Derek Griffin
Amigene Wright

Nov. 23
Bernice Jones
Bethany Salter
Devaghn Salter Jr
Trellie Smith
Lucianna Wright

ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 21
Stanley & Brandi Hanks

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with tankers."

McCard described it as a 40-foot, mixed pile of various materials that the business had ready to go into the shredder.

"It was all types of metals and just a miscellaneous pile that was on fire," he said.

Smoke and flames were seen coming from the building, located at 1259 Ga. 199 S., a little after 8 a.m. Many vehicles slowed down or stopped to look at the fire, which could be seen from the intersection of Highway 199 and Nathaniel Drive.

"It has been a process to get it put out," McCard said.

By late Thursday afternoon, McCard said the fire had been contained for several hours.

"We've been cooling the pile and working with the staff from US 1 Recycling," the chief said. "We are trying to peel back the onion and expose the heat and fire under the top of the pile so that we can cool it and get it put out. For the most part, it's out."

There have been no injuries. McCard said the cause of the fire is currently, "undetermined."

"Nobody was on site when the fire started," he said. "I believe one of the truck drivers came in early and a resident in the nearby neighborhoods made a phone call to 911."

Laurens County, Dublin and East Dublin fire departments responded along with firefighters from Johnson and Bleckley County. McCard said they requested Department of Correction firefighters from Johnson, Montgomery Dodge, Hancock and Wilcox counties.

"We have one common goal and that is to put out the fire and keep everybody safe," McCard said. "I made a phone call to the Dublin Fire Department and they had their ladder truck here before I arrived on scene. Johnson County's fire chief called me and helped get things mobilized. I made a call to the Department of Corrections director, and he started getting crews rounded up and headed this way to help with the efforts. I am extremely grateful for everybody who showed up. The main thing is nobody, including workers from US 1 Recycling, has reported injuries."

The chief also thanked the American Red Cross and several businesses for donating food and water.

"We really appreciate them helping us," McCard said. "Laurens County is very blessed to have the firefighters and fire departments and good neighboring counties that we have, along with the officials and community that provides for us and comes together in a time of need."



The fire wasn't completely extinguished until later in the afternoon/PAYTON TOWNS III







My first time at the Minute Grill, but not my last



EDITOR'S NOTES...

By DONNELL SUGGS

Under an intense deadline on Friday the 13th, I walked into the Minute Grill looking for a quick bite to eat. My reasons for dropping by the local institution were simple: It's located around the corner from The Courier Herald office in downtown Dublin and it had "minute" in its name and that was all the time I had to eat.

The only issue I had, or I thought I had, was that I was coming into the family-owned diner at 4:13 pm and it closes at 4:30pm. If I knew that before I walked in and saw the hours of operation on the door, I wouldn't have even tried to get a meal this close to closing time. I'm glad that I did drop in.

As someone who doesn't eat beef or pork, doesn't drink coffee, soda or alcohol, there have been plenty of times that I have walked into a dining establishment in Georgia (Note: I have worked for newspapers in Atlanta, Eatonton, Newnan, Greensboro, Perry/Warner Robins, and Savannah) and left empty-handed and empty-stomached (if that's such a thing). The ladies at The Minute Grill didn't mind that I came in to eat as late as I did and the level of customer service was like Chick-fil-A and QuikTrip had a baby! Five stars all the way.

I had a chicken sandwich and an order of fries. Both were hot, tasted great, and were cooked in about four minutes (sic). On the wall near one of the friers are two signs that read "If You Saw The Minute Grill on True South. Please Inform DONNA or Staff." After I left the restaurant, I ran to Google as fast as I ran into The Minute Grill to watch the episode or some clips. ESPN doesn't allow any of their programs to be viewed without signing up for something or paying some astronomical amount of money, so I just watched a three-year-old news clip. It's so cool to know that the diner I was just in was full with a camera crew.

The Minute Grill saved the day for me. Part of the reason for this column is to officially apologize to Ms. Donna (she had just left minutes before I arrived) and her amazing crew for not having had my Minute Grill virginity taken two months ago when I started this job. No excuses, but everything was moving so fast for me when I began on September 21, somehow I forgot to try the place next door to the office. Again, no excuses, but I will make up for it by coming back. Next time it will be a lot earlier than 4:30pm.



The Minute Grill is located around the corner from The Courier herald, but somehow it took me two months to step inside/**DONNELL SUGGS**



The chicken sandwich and fries at The Minute Grill/ **DONNELL SUGGS**

EMANUEL COUNTY



PIECES OF OUR PAST

By SCOTT B. THOMPSON SR.

HOW DARE YOU! - Professor C.A. Keith, the principal of Swainsboro High School, and Franc Mangum, editor of the Forest Blade, had an unusual disagreement. It was not a difference on a political or religious issue. Instead, the discord arose from an issue at the high school. Mangrum's daughter ignited the controversy between the two men. No, his daughter was behaving. She simply went against Professor Keith's directive. Keith promulgated a rule that no student in the school could attend motion picture shows.

Keith expelled the young girl for going to the thearer. Mangrum was livid. He hired an attorney, who took the case to the Georgia Supreme Court. Mangrum took advantage of his position and published an editorial condemning the professor, who demanded a retraction.

Mangum, who worked with the Macon News, refused, and a violent row was on. When tempers cooled, the men agreed to be nice to each other, at least in public. Editor Mangum left Swainsboro to live in peace in Americus, presumably where the high school principal allowed students to attend the silent movies of the day. Brunswick News, March 1, 1917. Macon News, Sept. 5, 1917.

PROUD OF OUR HORSES AND MULES - The farmers of Emanuel County were right proud of the horses and mules they raised. They even organized the first annual Gray Horse and Gray Mules Convention on August 16, 1905. S.J Tyson was chosen as President of the Horse and Mule Association. Some five hundred persons showed up to see the fine animals from their home county. All the four-legged animals paraded through town. Macon Telegraph, Aug. 17, 1905.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE - The practice of this principle was thrown out in Swainsboro in 1910. With no place else to go, the Presbyterians of Swainsboro needed a place to worship. They settled on the seat of government in Swainsboro, the Emanuel County Courthouse, until they could secure enough funds to build their own church. Two African-American churches moved into the courthouse when they lost their almost-complete buildings in recent fires caused by a spark from a passing train. Macon Telegraph, February 21, 1910.

MISERABLE MEASLES - In the autumn of 1881, Mrs. J.P. Coleman had eight of her children sick with the measles. Which one was the most miserable? Columbus Enquirer, Nov. 8, 1881.

WHERE'S THE MEAT? - For two weeks around Thanksgiving in 1877, the hamlet of Swainsboro, Georgia was completely out of meat, much to the chagrin of the town's omnivores. Columbus Ledger Enquirer, Dec. 1, 1877.

SHEEP JAM - In the 1800s, it was not unusual to see cattle passing through town, especially in cow country. In the spring of 1878, Major Wilkins of Burke County drove three hundred to four hundred of his fine sheep through the middle of Swainsboro. Atlanta Constitution, May 23, 1878.

LITTLE OLD LADIES ALWAYS WIN - In most court cases, the little ladies always win. The same is true in this case. Mrs. Lewis Collins, of Emanuel County, was returning home after a visit with one of her daughters. All of a sudden, she felt a pain in her foot. Turns out the ache came from three or four bites of a rattlesnake. As the venom began to take effect, Mrs. Collins sat down. She remembered that she had been raised to go back and kill the snake. She grabbed a limb and murdered her attacker. The poison kept spreading, and Mrs. Collins, who was in her seventh decade of life, lay down ready to die. That's when God sent a Samaritan, her neighbor, to rescue the old lady, who, after taking antidotes, survived in short order. Atlanta Constitution, Oct. 21, 1877.

CHURCH EXPLOSION - In 1874, there were 18 churches in Emanuel County. In four short years, that number exploded by 67 percent to 30.

Sunday School attendance more than doubled. Macon Telegraph.4.23.78

Bridal REGISTRY

Bailey Bryant & David Coleman
Blaire Bullard & M.D. Snipes
Madelyn Chance & Cameron Thompson
Caileigh Crozier & Hunter Brantley
Cammie Dalley & Joe Dranikoski
Kardyn George & Jackson Morris
Katie Glass & Andrew Jackson
Casie Graham & Logan Ward
Sydney Hayes & Landon Ott
Laura Hession & Trey Mills
Lily Hiller & Ben Butler
Grace Catherine Hood & Jake Walker
Kathryn Howard & Ethan Hart
Isabella Ingrando & Zach Howell
Kate Kolbie & Tanner Humphrey
Addison Lewis & Trey Miller
Lily Lovett & Tyler Edwards
Laura Beth Mason & Nathan Duke
Julia McKinnon & Guy Anderberg
Graycee McNease-Keaton Brown
Brooke Miller & Stephen Nimalasuriya
Madison Powell & Steven Mullis
Reid Ragan & Wade Brantley
Jolea Robertson & Sabetay Fernandez
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The City of Dudley does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at City Council Meeting to be held at the Dudley Fire Station on **December 8th, 2026 @ 5:00 P.M.**, and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A 48-5-32, does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax diegst and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

	City of Dudley	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	Real & Personal	12,034,564	14,383,285	15,701,143	19,490,096	24,218,750	28,211,063
	Motor Vehicles	229,640	225,450	233,350	241,760	222,600	239,480
	Mobile Homes	68,759	76,689	75,335	91,338	82,038	82,592
	Timber - 100%						
	Heavy Duty Equipment						21,880
	Gross Digest	12,332,963	14,685,424	16,009,828	19,823,194	24,523,388	28,555,015
	Less Exemptions	223,749		265,512	353,439	1,414,775	1,203,126
	NET DIGEST VALUE	**12,109,214**	**14,458,872**	**15,744,316**	**19,469,755**	**23,108,613**	**27,351,889**
	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	5.9500	5.3400	5.2130	8.1310	7.2320	6.6930
	Less Rollbacks (Local Option Sales Tax, Insurance Premium)	1.4600	1.5400	1.7130	5.0160	4.4830	3.9970
	NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	**4.4900**	**3.8000**	**3.5000**	**3.1150**	**2.7490**	**2.6960**
TAX	**NET M&O TAXES LEVIED**	**$54,370**	**$54,944**	**$55,105**	**$60,648**	**$63,526**	**$73,741**

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That should be nothing new for Jagger and Lyfe. They were nominated and selected by teachers and administrators who lauded their strong academics, positive behavior and consistent attendance.

The two signed their commitment forms, or scholar contracts, during Monday night's Dublin City Board of Education meeting. The agreements were also signed by their mothers, promising to support and hold their sons accountable, and by interim Superintendent of Schools Marcee Pool.

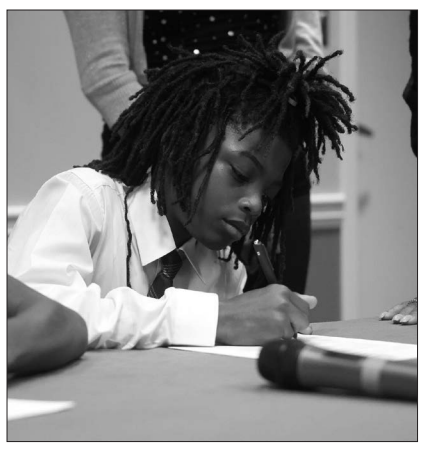
"It's not just an honor ... it's a commitment," Curtis said.

As REACH (Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen) Scholars, they committed to maintaining strong attendance, positive behavior and at least a 2.5 HOPE GPA; participating in all REACH activities; remaining drug- and crime-free; and meeting regularly with mentors and academic coaches.

That commitment does not end in high school. In college, Scholars must maintain full-time enrollment, keep at least a 2.0 cumulative HOPE grade point average (GPA) and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each award year to qualify for and keep their scholarships.



Dublin City Reach Scholars Jagger Cook and Lyfe Range are joined at Monday's contract signing by their mothers, along with interim Superintendent Marcee Pool (back, left) and Communities in Schools Executive Director Jackie Curtis (right) /**RODNEY MANLEY**



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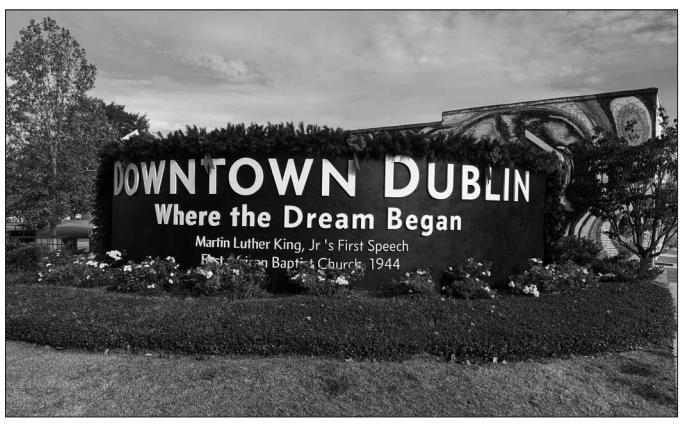

Small Business Saturday is November 28/ **DONNELL SUGGS**

American Pickers, the television show that highlights unique collections and the interesting people behind them, is searching for and one-of-a-kind items with incredible stories—collections the Pickers have never seen before.

If someone is interested in being considered for the show, please have them contact American Pickers at:

Phone: (646) 493-2184

Email: AmericanPickers@cineflix.com

They are asking people to include their full name, city and state, contact information, and a brief description of their collection.

The Pickers only visit private collections. They have expressed that they are not looking for stores, malls, flea markets, museums, auctions, businesses, or collections that are open to the public.

Author to Author

Author, independent filmmaker, director, minister, and publishing consultant Ms. Johnnie M. Goolsby will host a book signing and educational seminar, "How to Become a Self-Published Author," on **Saturday, November 21**, 2026, at Barnes & Noble in Macon.

This event will bring an educational opportunity to the Middle Georgia community, encouraging aspiring writers to explore self-publishing while providing readers an opportunity to meet an author of 31 faith-based books.

The Barnes & Noble is located at 5080 Riverside Drive.



POLICE BEAT...

Dublin Police Department

- On Oct. 1 around 1:20 a.m. was patrolling the area of Veterans Boulevard while patrolling near the Golden Corral and was flagged down by the driver of a tank truck.

The driver exited his vehicle and approached the officer's patrol vehicle. The man said he was an oil contractor employed by Dar Pro and advised that several individuals had been stealing used cooking oil. The man said he had recently seen the individuals in another oil tank truck in the Walmart parking lot and believed they might be preparing to steal additional oil from the store.

The officer relayed the information to dispatch and proceeded to the Walmart location to investigate. Upon arrival, an officer saw an oil tank truck parked alongside the Walmart building near the online shopping entrance and the exterior oil collection access point. The officer exited his patrol vehicle and approached the tank truck. He asked the driver and passenger why they were at the location. Both men, identified as Luis Angel Pinto Feliciano, 26, and Kelvin Noel Feliciano Jaime, 20, had limited English proficiency. The officer contacted another officer to assist with translation.

The individuals provided identification cards displayed on their cellular phones. They told officers that they did not know anything about the reported activity. While one officer was talking to both men, the other relayed their identification information to dispatch for a records check. Both returned with suspended driver's licenses out of Florida.

The man who flagged the officer down said he had seen both men stealing used cooking oil from Little Tokyo restaurant and Holy Smokes. He also suspected that Red Claw might have been targeted. The man said that he and his company had been attempting to identify the individuals responsible for the thefts for approximately six months. He had seen them operating the same tank truck during that period. He explained that he typically approached the men when he encountered them, causing them to leave the area.

The man also reported that he had recently observed the individuals stealing used cooking oil from the Huddle House in East Dublin. The man explained that he encountered the men because he was the only person working the night shift in his role, allowing him to observe their activities during those hours.

Both were arrested for criminal attempt. The driver was additionally charged with driving while his license was suspended. They were both transported to the Law Enforcement Center. Additional charges may be pending review of surveillance footage from the affected restaurants and further investigation.

- Danny Arlanda Cheeks, 46, was charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and failing to yield after stopping at a stop sign at the intersection of MLK Jr. Drive and West Garner Street around 7:22 p.m. on Oct. 27.

An officer saw a black sedan fail to stop at the stop sign and made a traffic stop. Cheeks said he was experiencing mechanical difficulties with his vehicle and acknowledged that he had failed to stop at the stop sign. Dispatch advised the officer that Cheeks' driver's license was suspended.

Cheeks was arrested and transported to the police department for fingerprinting and subsequently released to a licensed driver.

Laurens County Sheriff's Office

- On Oct. 14, at 8:26 p.m., a deputy was dispatched to Highway 441 South and Baggett Lane regarding a road rage incident causing damage to a vehicle.

- A deputy received a call in reference to a removal call on Carolyn Avenue at 9:09 p.m. on Oct. 14.

- On Oct. 20 at 11:03 a.m., a deputy responded to Brewton Lovett Road in reference to a scam and text.

- A deputy was dispatched to Parker Dairy Road in reference to trespassing on Oct. 19 at 4 p.m.

- While on a separate call for service on Oct. 17, was approached by a person needing a police report about an incident that occurred on Moore Station Road around 4:14 a.m.

- At 9:39 p.m. on Oct. 17, a deputy was dispatched to Daniel Estate Lane in reference to a suspicious activity.

- On Oct. 18 around 2:19 p.m., a deputy was dispatched to Southern Pines Road in reference to an incident that occurred on Winchester Court.

- Juan Calixto, 29, of Marydel, Maryland, was charged with driving under the influence, open container and speeding on Highway 441 South and Capps Browning Road around 12:02 a.m. on Oct. 16. A deputy was working on patrol when he made a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding.

- At 3:31 p.m. on Oct. 15, a deputy responded to the sheriff's office regarding a citizen who needed to file a report about an incident that had occurred on Oxford Lane.

Editor's note: This information is public record and was taken from reports of local law enforcement agencies. These reports do not reflect guilt or innocence. An "arrest" does not always indicate incarceration. Readers are cautioned that people may have similar names. Police Beat does not identify minor children, victims of sexual assault, suicide attempts or medical conditions. Cases dismissed do not appear if the newspaper is notified before the deadline.

Moment of Inspiration

Marks of the Almost Christian

"Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." - Acts 26:28

One of the saddest words in Scripture is the word "Almost." King Agrippa heard Paul preach about Jesus Christ. He listened to the truth, understood the message, and was almost persuaded. But almost is not enough!

There are many people today who are almost Christians. They attend church, know the Bible, believe in God, and try to live a good life. But knowing about Jesus is not the same as personally accepting Him as Savior.

You can be close to the church and still be far from God. You can know the hymns, hear the sermons, and understand the Gospel, yet never surrender your heart to Christ. Romans 10:13 reminds us, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Today, don't put off what God is calling you to do today. Don't be almost persuaded.
Make sure your heart belongs to Jesus!

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

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The Courier Herald office **WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH** AND WILL BE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day and Friday Nov 27.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Lady Raiders head coach Tyler Rogers introduces his team to fans and families during a special season-preview event earlier this week/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



West Laurens boys head basketball coach Izell Stephens speaks with his players at the end of a recent practice/**CLAY REYNOLDS**

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL OUTLOOK

West Laurens teams expecting improvement

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of stories previewing the upcoming high school hoops season. Look for more coverage on area programs coming soon.

Coming into a new season, having a senior-led lineup always means good things. Especially when those players already have multiple years of playing experience under their belts.

Such is finally true for a West Laurens girls basketball team that's carried the label of young and/or inexperienced for most of the time its current members have been in high school.

After spending several in various states of progression, the Lady Raiders are expecting to take the next step this season with the long-anticipated peak for a group of 12th graders ready to see their dues and development come to fruition.

Brooklyn Jackson, Jahalee Snead, Jadah Philyaw and Tangela Moore – players who all have a lot invested in the ups and downs of that recent growing process – make up the small, but well-traveled class that will be supported by one of the program's deepest rosters in years as it leads the West Laurens girls onto the floor to begin the season this weekend.

"We've got a good rapport and relationship with them. We expect to really lean on them throughout the season," said head coach Tyler Rogers. "Jahalee and Brooklyn, they contributed their sophomore year. Last year, all of them got major minutes. Tan and Jadah became starters part-time last year. This year, I think they are ready. They've played a lot of basketball over the course of their lifetime, middle school and up to the high school level. I think everybody's kind of understanding what their role is. You're kind of trying to figure out what you do well, what you might not do great. The girls are setting a great example of knowing what their role is and what our expectations of our program are for the younger girls."

The Lady Raiders' overall record has hovered around .500 for each of the past two seasons as those key players, who were each kind of forced to cut their teeth on the varsity court as underclassmen, learned their way.

Last year, they finished 13-15 overall, and 9-7 for a fourth-place finish in region 4-AAA. They beat a lot of teams, though the most elite in their region (and a Luella team they drew in the first round of the state playoffs) were a good bit out of reach.

That gap could close a little, or a lot, based on how well the lessons and experience of that journey pays off for the seniors at the top, and how quickly the wave of exciting younger talent on the squad rolls in.

But the roster, top to bottom, has Rogers excited about what the season holds.

West Laurens will open against Bacon County Saturday at Vidalia's STC Tip-off tournament, and return Monday to play the hosts.

The Lady Raiders will remain on the road until they host Liberty County for their home debut Dec. 8.

While they'll have a lot of different players, both familiar faces and new, involved in the rotation, Jackson will remain the "cornerstone" on both ends of the court. .

The rising senior, who surpassed a 1,000-point career scoring milestone late last year, averaged 13.3 points and 9.4 rebounds per game, and posted 115 steals and 39 blocks.

"She was kind of the pillar of what we were doing last year, with 1,000 points scored," Rogers said. "She's really worked on her game in the offseason. She's worked hard on her jump shot, which is something that she's got to continue to progress at. She's worked on her right hand, being able to finish around the rim."

The last time West Laurens advanced in the playoffs – with an 18-10 record in 2022 – it had some heavy involvement of softball players who, coincidentally, were also coming off a state crown.



The West Laurens Lady Raiders stream onto the court for a meet the players night this past Tuesday/**CLAY REYNOLDS**

While a crossover or two from the diamond has remained common in the seasons since, this will be the first since that point with two or more that will play a significant role.

And if the past is any indication, those players' talent and competitive edge usually carry over in a noticeable way.

"Hopefully they're going to bring that luck with them to the hardwood," Rogers said.

One of those who's returning is the sophomore Demmie Moss, off an MVP performance in the box and circle at the GHSA state tournament, who has the ability to be the same type of game-changer at multiple spots on the floor.

In her freshman season, she chalked up a solid four and a half points and four rebounds per game.

"She's a really great hustle player with a high basketball IQ," Rogers said.

Fellow slugger Audrie Edenfield (joined by Demmie's younger sister Finlee) will be one of several potential standouts from a large and promising class of incoming freshmen.

"She's a high IQ player. She reminds me a lot of McKenzie Maddox my first year," Rogers said.

Among other ninth graders set to contribute right away, keep an eye on the "long, athletic" forward Tesia Thomas.

"She's going to help us a lot around the rim, give us some good minutes," Rogers said.

Likewise for guard Aquene Coleman.

"She's a little undersized, but she is quick," Rogers said. "She is straight-line fast. She's somebody I think can give us some really good minutes."

Rising sophomore London Williams, who saw some action as a first-year and scored a little south of three points per game but was the team's second-leading rebounder with 6.5 per, will also have some major upside.

"I expect a lot of things from her If she continues to grow, and work on her craft," Rogers said. "She can potentially be a college basketball player."

All of the above are solid athletes who will do a lot for their depth, and most importantly, defensive range.

"We have a lot of length and athleticism," Rogers said. "Normally, the last couple of years, we've had some really, really good ballplayers, but we haven't had the athleticism and the quickness that we have this year. That's something that we can really play. We can mix and match some different zones, try to play fast at times. If we need to slow it down, I think we'll be able to do that."

They don't expect cohesiveness right away. But this roster will have the tools to do a lot of things, offensively and defensively, that will make them competitive.

For many of the younger folks, experience will be the key to tapping into the best of this season's potential.

"It's going to be everybody finding what their role is and trying to put all the pieces together," Rogers said. "The biggest thing is just maturing from the younger girls. We don't have any juniors on our team. We've got three sophomores, and everybody else is freshmen... We're gonna have some girls having to play some big

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Mizzou goes down...



By LORAN SMITH

Missouri came to town last weekend with high expectations. They're an ambitious team that might not have all that much flash, but a solid team that is far more capable than some soothsayers might forecast.

However, they had not played a team like Georgia, which is becoming a force on both sides of the ball. It is ideal to build your team around skilled playmakers, but they often become flashes in the pan if you don't have a healthy LOS (line of scrimmage). Georgia has a LOS that is showing marked improvement in recent games.

The Tigers play hard and they expect more of themselves than many in the forecasting business appreciate. All last week, you would not have heard a negative comment from any of the Georgia coaches about Mizzou. It is smart to heap praise on your opponent before you play them. While Kirby Smart is a master of hyperbole, his won-loss record reminds us that he has never lost a game with his mouth.

The tone was ramped up with Missouri, which it has always been with Eli Drinkwicz's teams. There was abiding respect in all scouting reports and appraisals. The Bulldogs had prepared well for Mizzou, and much of that came from a healthy respect for the Tigers.

Mizzou, from all reports, is pleased with the decision to join the Southeastern Conference because of the financial opportunity. It has given the Missouri athletic complex a recent upgrade of $50 million dollars.

One of the interesting things about Missouri has always been the influence on college football by the legendary Don Faurot, for whom the Mizzou stadium is named. Faurot, longtime Tiger coach, invented the Split T Option, which stood the test of time.

Also a basketball coach, Faurot developed the option with a basketball technique. If you bring the ball down the court, you eventually will come to a point where the defense forces you to make a decision. If the defense comes out to challenge you, you pass off the ball and work it to the basket. If the defense lays back, you take the ball into the scoring zone, hoping for a layup.

In football, the quarterback takes the ball down the line of scrimmage. If there is an opening at guard or tackle, he runs inside. If there are no holes inside, then the quarterback can either run the end or option to a trailing halfback.

Faurot enjoyed golf, and I learned one spring that he and some of his friends were playing golf in the Ponte Vedra area. I had gotten Faurot's contact information from former Oklahoma coach, Bud Wilkinson, who learned the Split T from Faurot during World War II at the Jacksonville Naval Air Station. I called Faurot and made arrangements to video tape him explaining how he came up with the Split T option.

Many college teams, most notably Army and Navy, use a variation of the triple option, which means that Don Faurot's option concept has been around for well over three quarters of a century.

Mizzou gets high marks from SEC coaches today because of the respect they have for Eli Drinkwicz who is a fundamentally sound football coach.

However, when the Tigers lined up between the hedges last Saturday, they met an improving Georgia team, which knows a thing or two about fundamental football. This team is certainly opportunistic and controls its destiny.

The intensity level with which it practices confirms that this is an ambitious team whose individuals care about each other, are willing to work indefatigably, and play with an accent on toughness that characterizes championship teams.

Their leader, their head coach, won't let them rest on their laurels and slough things off. If you noticed last Saturday, even when the game was safely in the winner's circle, he was rip-roaring ticked off at sloppy play, and he let the culprits know it.

This is a good team which seems to be jelling at the right time—but don't think they won't be reminded that while they get high marks with what they have accomplished, they must work harder to reach the pinnacle of the college football world.



The Raider boys anticipate a resurgence this year with almost all of their playing rotation returning/CLAY REYNOLDS



West Laurens hoops cheerleaders perform during Tuesday night's preview event/CLAY REYNOLDS

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minutes that are freshmen. I feel confident about their ability and what they're going to be able to do."

West Laurens kind of fit right into the middle of the old 4-AAA, which had some super-elite teams the caliber of Baldwin and Cross Creek at the top.

The Lady Raiders' new league, on average, will still be strong, but with some much more reasonable competition, with few on the schedule that they won't have a shot to compete with.

West Laurens will be one of many teams in the running.

"There's some really good teams there," Rogers said. "I do think one thing we have going for us is we have been battle-tested over the years. Us being in a region with Baldwin and Cross Creek, who are traditionally really strong girls basketball programs in the years before that, then before that, Baldwin and Griffin, who played for the state championship.

"We've played some really good teams. I think if we show up and we compete, we're going to have an opportunity to compete for a region title."

'I think the work ethic has picked up'...

Most years, it's coaches who have to take it upon themselves to track down their athletes and get them back together for offseason workouts and activities during the spring or summer.

It was the other way around this past year for West Laurens boys basketball head coach Izell Stephens, whose returning players were the ones chomping at the bit to get the ball rolling for the next season, and only days after their last one had ended.

"Those guys, they didn't even want to take a break," Stephens said. "They were like, 'Hey coach, we want to get back in the weight room, in the gym and work on our game and develop more as a team.'"

Their hunger and drive shown over many months well in advance of the season has him encouraged about what's ahead for a Raider boys team that has its work cut out in moving forward from a 2025-26 season that was defined mostly by struggles and growing pains.

Those were not at all surprising for a team that experienced heavy losses from the year before, and had to pretty much start from scratch with a roster exceedingly light on playing experience.

They only had three seniors, including Shannon Adkins and Juvon Hill, who were college football signees that could have easily foregone playing hoops in order to begin preparing for the next phase of their careers.

Adkins, in fact, actually passed on the chance to enroll early at Charleston Southern for that very reason.

"He said, 'Coach, I will feel like I have let the players down and you down if i didn't stay," Stephens said. "That was big for me, and that shows the type of character those guys had. They could've just been satisfied by their final four (in football) run and chose not to play basketball, but they did. We really didn't win a lot, but those guys kept the morale up, and they knew that we were young."

West Laurens finished 4-22 overall, and 2-14 in region 4-AAA, with an overtime win over Dublin, two league victories over Aquinas and a W at an out-of-state tournament among the limited bright spots.

While West Laurens got wiped out by several it faced, there were competitive performances including multiple tight ones with Hephzibah (the first decided in double overtime) and brushes with victory against ARC and Westside of Augusta amid the journey through a brutal region 4-AAA, in which five rivals made the state playoffs, and both Harlem and Cross Creek would advance to the state title game.

But the upside of last season's low points was valuable development for underclassmen getting that experience ahead of schedule.

"With a young group, we fought, competed, and that showed a lot about those guys," Stephens said. "They got a lot of court time, got to play early. Some of these freshmen didn't even really play JV like that. They immediately, boom, jumped up to playing varsity and held their own."

Where's he seen the most improvement from last year to this one?

"I think the work ethic has picked up," Stephens said. "Being in that tough region last year, and just seeing some elite basketball teams, Cross Creek, Baldwin, Westside, Hephzibah, Harlem, nobody in your region was a gimme game. You had to play ball every night.

"Seeing the approach that those guys took, I think it opened some of those kids' eyes: Maybe I need to look at myself in the mirror and say, hey, like, how much do I love basketball? Am I willing to put in the work to be better?"

This year won't be a night and day difference by any stretch, because at the end of the day, the Raiders remain pretty young across the board.

"We're still in that stage, I don't want to say rebuilding. But we've gotta catch up," Stephens said.

But the list of returning players with that experience under their belt, and nowhere to go but up, is pretty extensive.

Senior Brandon Stephens, rising junior Kingston O'Neal and upcoming sophomore Drew Kinchen were last year's leading scorers.

O'Neal averaged 11.7 points per game, Stephens and Kinchen had eight apiece and Ezekiel Floyd chipped in 4.4.

A senior class that may be small in number but is big in leadership includes Stephens, Jaquan Hicks (back out after last playing as a sophomore), Jeremiah White and Isaac Cross, whose journey back to the court this year is quite noteworthy.

After first picking up basketball as only a sophomore, he missed his whole junior season with an ACL injury suffered during Cross Country season, only to return this year with a lot to contribute.

"He has worked extremely hard," Stephens said. "He has developed a game. We've worked on his shooting form. We've worked on him finishing around the basket. It still doesn't look as polished as it should be a senior, but the amount of growth he's made in a span of two years has been phenomenal. I haven't seen anything like it. That's just a testament to his work ethic, his dedication and his commitment to not only getting himself better, but also helping this team be better.

"He's dunking now. It's crazy."

Cross, Brayden Bailey, Devin Watkins and Brycen Holliman are listed as the true forwards, but the roster – pretty much in its entirety – is composed of guard-like players who will have to focus on spacing, shooting and open-court defense to make up for their lack of size around the basket.

"We don't have really big men," Stephens said, "so we've got to try to develop everybody else to be good ball-handlers, good finishers and play incredible defense. If we can shut people down and limit their scoring opportunities, we'll be alright."

The Raider boys open as they typically do in the Hugh McBride Tip-off Classic at Jeff Davis High School starting Saturday, when they're set to open the regular season against Coffee. They'll return Tuesday night to play Camden County.

This team still has a ways to go, but its strides through the offseason have been noticeable.

"We're not super polished, and I'm not saying we're going to go out and win a state championship right now, but we're going to be more competitive," Stephens said. "We're just trying to play a better brand of basketball, and something that is pleasing to our fans, our school, our community and themselves. We want to lay it all out on the floor every night and let the chips fall where they may."

Eyes are on some longer-term goals than this year, but how much West Laurens manages to improve and how far it can go in the near future will have a lot to do with correcting some details that have been points of emphasis.

"We just made a lot of mistakes last year as far as turning the ball over and maybe dribbling the ball too much and not boxing out," Stephens said. "You take care of those little things, and the big things are going to handle themselves, and that's going to equate to wins, dominating wins, competing for region championships and also making runs in the state playoffs."



Senior Brandon Stephens, one of the Raider boys' top three scorers last season, goes up toward the rim at the conclusion of an end-of-practice shootaround Tuesday night /CLAY REYNOLDS

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STC Tip-off Classic
WL (girls) at Vidalia
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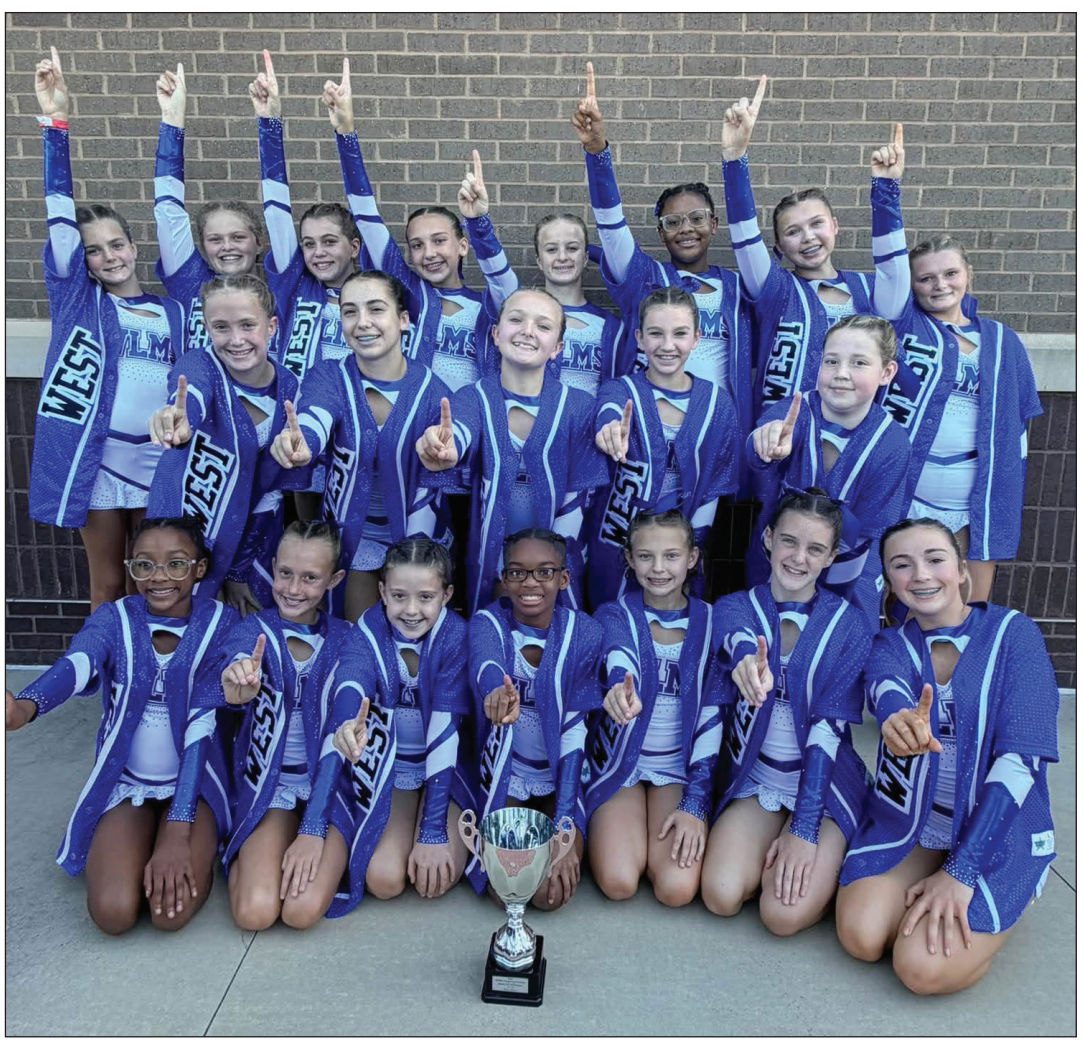
West Laurens assistant basketball cheer coach Twanda Pauldo prepares to introduce members of her team/CLAY REYNOLDS



WLMS competition cheer team takes top honors at Middle Georgia Cheer Classic

The West Laurens Middle School competition cheerleading team won 1st place in the "Middle Georgia Cheer Classic" at Houston County High School on Sept 26/SPECIAL PHOTO



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Near-sexagenarian still dreams of fatherhood

DEAR ABBY: I am a 59-year-old male wheelchair user and survivor of Guillain-Barre syndrome, which struck me in 2023. I've never been married nor had kids. I'd still like to get married and have at least one child. Considering my age, I realize that if I have a kid at 61, the kid would be 10 when I'm 71, and so on. Would it be better not to have kids due to my age, or is it more moral and ethical to become a father while I can? -- DAD IN WAITING

DEAR DAD IN WAITING: Unless your spiritual adviser insists otherwise, there's no moral imperative for you to have a child. For now, focus on your marriage goal by building a relationship. Do you have someone in mind? If your partner wants to have a child, discuss your concerns about your age before proceeding. To offset the age gap, you might consider adopting an older child. If you decide to follow through with either option, the two of you will need a childcare plan that accounts for your physical limitations and financial situation.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently visited my mother and her husband. It's a two-day drive. They have two small yapping dogs and one large yapping dog. The three animals have the run of the place. I get it; these are their beloved dogs. When I complained about the yapping and barking, I was told to "get over it." Am I wrong to hope they remove the dogs from rooms we inhabit, like the living room and kitchen? -- DOGS RULE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DOGS RULE: Their house, their rules. You asked, and your request was denied. Instead of staying with the dogs while you visit, consider a nearby hotel or B&B. Invite your mom and stepdad out for a meal so you won't be subjected to the constant barking. If these options are too expensive, or if Mom won't cooperate, choose to see them less often. Much less.

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DEAR ABBY: My 25-year-old grandson has cut off all contact with his mother (my daughter). I can't say I blame him; she can be toxic, and his childhood was difficult. He left home on his 18th birthday and has since moved across the country. I am in regular contact with him. My daughter has grown some since he was a child and has been a better mother to her younger children, but the damage is done.

The problem is that she knows I know how to reach him, and she's desperate to reestablish contact with him. She's alternately angry or tearful, begging me to reveal his location. I can see both of their points of view. She says she loves him and wants a relationship; he does not. Am I right to honor my grandson's wishes at the expense of my daughter, whom I also love? -- TORN IN TWO

DEAR TORN: This is your daughter's problem, not yours. Your grandson moved across the country for a reason. He wants nothing more to do with your toxic daughter (who has "grown some"). If you divulge his location, you will have betrayed his trust, and it's likely he will have nothing more to do with you. Don't do it!

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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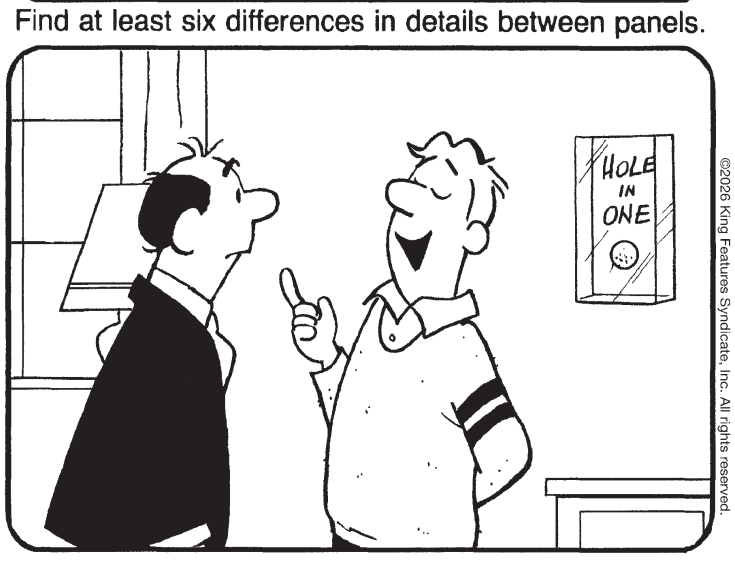
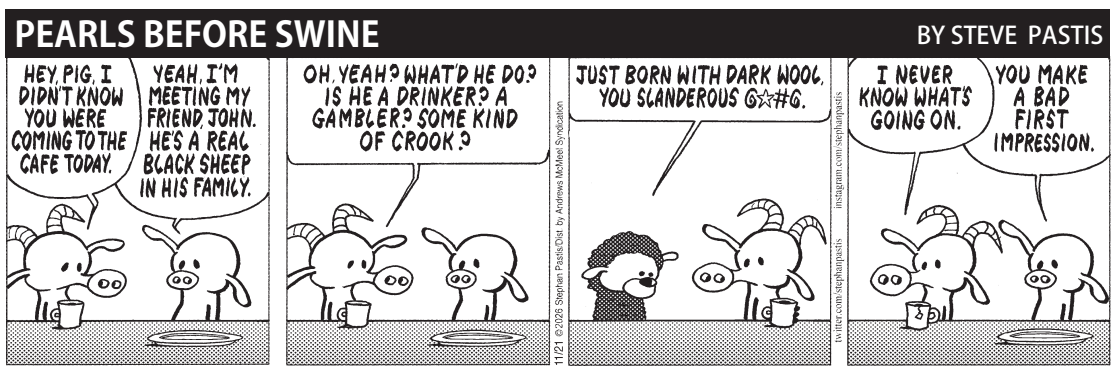


Differences: 1. Hand is moved. 2. Stripe on sleeve is moved. 3. Sleeve is longer. 4. Lampshade is different. 5. Windowpanes are different. 6. Ear is smaller.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEVE PASTIS



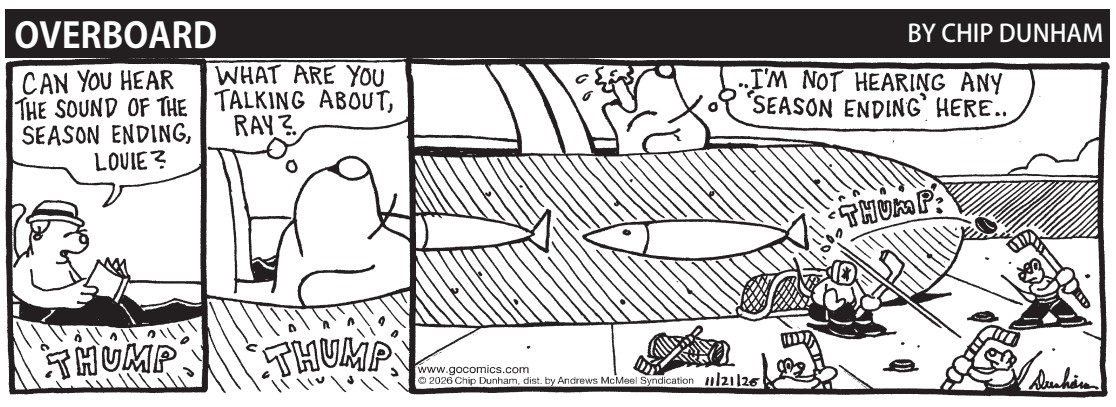
GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



OVERBOARD

BY CHIP DUNHAM



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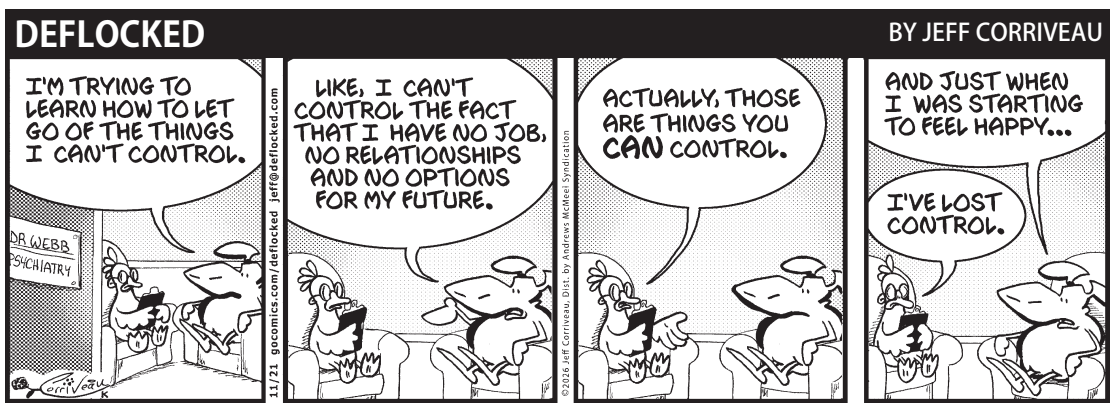
BY JEFF CORRIVEAU



The Garden Bug



Winter wonders

Hellebores bloom in the colder months. They can be planted in spring or fall (some species might require two seasons before they bloom). *Helleborus niger,* also known as the Christmas rose, can bloom in December in zone 7 or warmer; most hellebore species can bloom sometime between December and April, and stay in bloom for a month or longer. Do not give hellebore plants too much nitrogen, as this causes lovely foliage but too few blooms. – *Brenda Weaver*

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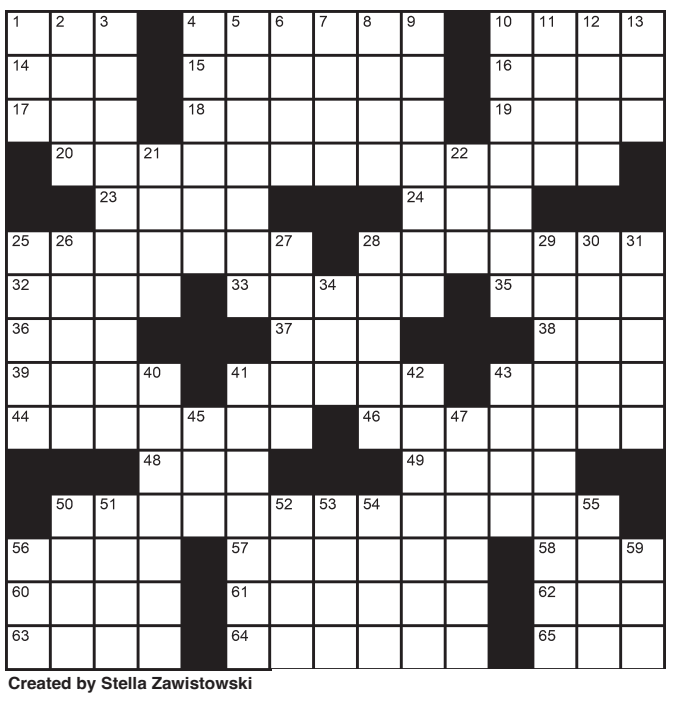
THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski



ACROSS

1 TV show interruptions
4 Smiles or chuckles, e.g.
10 Corn bin
14 Head covering
15 Bonus performance
16 Detest
17 India Pale __
18 Actor John
19 Like some cheese and wine
20 Phrase on U.S. coins: 3 wds.
23 Double agent
24 Country hotel
25 Male chicken
28 COVID-19 vaccine company
32 Prefix with "room"
33 Fancy gown fabric
35 Some summer babies
36 "Kinda"
37 Singer Damone
38 Network with MLB games
39 Consider to be
41 Quick summary
43 Indigenous Canadian people
44 Stars and __
46 Bearded male animals
48 At this time
49 German grocery chain
50 Kids' doctors
56 "What a shame!"
57 Turn the page: 2 wds.
58 Charged particle
60 Used to be
61 Discover
62 Privacy document: Abbr.
63 Right, on a map
64 Moves with stealth
65 The "G" in LGBTQ

DOWN

1 "Eureka!"
2 Over hill and __
3 Fairy-tale villain, often
4 Upshot
5 Main courses
6 Purple berry
7 Hair-taming tool
8 Drop __ (moon someone)
9 Congressional period
10 Passage for water
11 Pasta sauce brand
12 Article
13 Place to sleep
21 Suffer defeat
22 And, in German
25 Hostile incursions
26 Starting period
27 Speaks wildly
28 Old Testament book
29 Learning for a new job
30 "I pass" in gambling: 2 wds.
31 Long-eared equines
34 __-Tac-Toe
40 Attitude
41 Loyalty perks
42 NBC streaming service
43 Musical ending
45 Mashed taro dish
47 Flashes of light
50 "Not guilty," e.g.
51 Listening body parts
52 High-schooler, usually
53 Assign a ranking to
54 Notion
55 Fizzy drink
56 Reverent feeling
59 "Yea or __?"

Created by Stella Zawistowski

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Saturday, November 21, 2026

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

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

♠ K Q 10 8 ♡ K 10 4 ◇ A 8 7 6 ♣ A 6

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

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

♠ A 7 6 3 ♡ Q 9 4 2 ◇ K Q 8 7 ♣ 7

Partner opens one heart and righthand opponent passes. What call would you make?

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 10 9 8 3 ♡ Void ◇ K 4 ♣ Q J 9 8 6 4

As dealer, what call would you make?

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

♠ J 4 ♡ 5 3 ◇ A K 6 3 ♣ A Q J 8 2

As dealer, what call would you make?

Q 5 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K Q 5 ♡ A Q 10 6 4 ◇ J 7 2 ♣ 10 9

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♣	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

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

♠ K 10 3 ♡ K J 4 ◇ Q ♣ A Q J 10 9 8

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

Look for answers on Monday.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001.)

Classifieds

Services

Skid Steer Services: offering hole drilling, brush cutting, log removal, trenching, stump grinding, and more. Call or text 478-290-4567

Wanted

To the lady who purchased a handheld harp on Airport Rd in the yard sale on Halloween, it was sold by mistake. Will buy it back 3x the amount sold for. Call 918-851-3653

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

26-522
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: Terrie Headrick, Petitioner
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CD-0956-JH
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Notice is hereby given that Terrie Headrick, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia on the 13th day of November, 2026, praying for a change in name of the petition from Jaelynn Alaynah Dekle to Jaelynn Alaynah Headrick. 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 16th day of October, 2026.
Jacob Rowland, Petitioner
November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 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 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.
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

26-493
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.
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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.
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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.
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Judge of the Probate Court
By: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
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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

26-525
NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to the official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 10-4-210 there will be a public sale at Little House Self Storage,1854 Marion Street Dublin, on Wednesday, December 9, 2026 beginning at 10:00 A.M. The proceeds of said sale will be used first to satisfy the storage fee and expenses of the auction. Any other proceeds will be used to satisfy such creditors as present their claims in advance of sale.
#288 Tyler Sperzel
#160 Betty Higdon
#208 Trevarauis Kennedy

Little House Self Storage
1854 Marion Street
Dublin
478-272-6892
November 21, 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
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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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

26-517
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

26-504
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

26-484
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

26-497
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.
BE NOTIFIED FURHTER: 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

26-500
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
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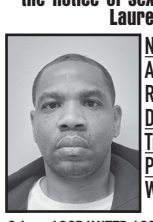
26-516
CITATION
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY

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



Name: RODDRICK ONEAL
Address: 1748 Mt. Olive Road
Date of Birth: 11/15/1988
Time of Arrest: Unknown
Place of Arrest: Washington Co.

Crime: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
DISPOSITION: UNKNOWN
Date Placed on State Registry: 11/13/2026

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

LOCAL MATTERS

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STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS FOR THE WEEK 11/15/26

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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

26-491
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

26-506
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

26-498
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

26-526
To Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given that Sanjaykumar Patel, Alcohol Agent has submitted an application to the City of Dublin for a 2026 license to sell Beer, Wine packaged to go at Dublin 2026, Inc d/b/a Spark Convenience Stores, located at 1015 Claxton Dairy Road, Dublin, GA 31021.
Further notice is given that the City Clerk will hear public comments on Wednesday, December 2, 2026 at 11:00am, in the City Clerk's office at City Hall regarding the issuing of said license.
This notice is given this 18th day of November, 2026.

November 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
Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC 205 N. Franklin Street Dublin, GA 31021

November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 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

26-488
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
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 2098
DUBLIN, GA 31040
478-272-2566

November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-519
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

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

26-511
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

26-518
Notice to Debtors and Creditors
All creditors of the estate of Rhonda Neal Rogers late of Laurens County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 21st day of November, 2026
Name: Brooks M. Neal
Title: Administrator
Address: 7393 Hodgson Memorial Drive Suite 202 Savannah GA 31406

November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 2026

26-527
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF MITCHELL ELTON FROST, JR.
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
All creditors of the Estate of Mitchell Elton Frost, Jr. , deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Eve Zimmerman
Administrator of the Estate of
Mitchell Elton Frost, Jr.
C/O Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney for Executors
P. O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040

November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 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

26-528
NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated Section 10-4-210, et seq., there will be a public sale at Little House Self Storage, 2420 US Highway 80 West in Dublin on Wednesday, December 9, 2026, beginning at 11:00 AM. The proceeds of said sale will be used first to 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.

Occupant/Unit:
Kelsey Ashley
#0941
Jasmine Y Delbert
#0523
Tykarah M Fluellen
#1119
Doryan T Gorham
#1026
Makayley M Grimes
#0922
Shumida O'Neal
#1122
April Y Smith
#0624
LaShondria Roberts
#0428
Trindy Tucker
#0733

November 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

26-521
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, Johnny A. Gaines, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, dated 3/27/2025, and recorded on 4/2/2025, in Book 03565, Page 0176, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last assignment to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment recorded 11/9/2026 as Instrument No. in book 03769, Page 0016-0017, conveying the after described property securing the payment of a Note in the amount of $282,310.00 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 2/2/2027 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash: Before the Courthouse door of the Laurens County Courthosue, 101 N Jefferson Street, Duplin, Georgia 31040, the following described property situated in Laurens County, Georgia, to wit:
ALL THAT PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF LAURENS AND STATE OF GEORGIA DESCRIBED AS:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 41 OF THE FIRST LAND DISTRICT, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, COMPRISING 0.96 ACRES AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 45, SECTION B, TANGLEWOOD SUBDIVISION,
ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 748, PAGE 286, CLERK'S OFFICE, LAURENS SUPERIOR COURT.
SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES.
SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, ORDINANCES, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD, IF ANY.
BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JOHNNY A GAINES BY LUCAS SARTOR AND PATRICIA SARTOR, IN DEED DATED 5/31/2024 RECORDED 6/4/2024 IN BOOK 3484 PAGE 105, IN THE COUNTY OF LAURENS, STATE OF GEORGIA.
Tax Parcel ID: 073C-018
Being real property commonly known as 840 TANGLEWOOD CIR 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 Johnny A. Gaines
For Foreclosure sale information please contact Vylla Solutions, LLC, P.O. Box 3309, Anaheim, California 92803, Phone: (888) 313-1969
TS # 26-43427
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2026, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2027

26-520
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF Anne Colquitt Page, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Anne Colquitt Page, DECEASED late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all person indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
Hardy E. Wheeless Jr
Executor of Anne Colquitt Page, deceased
106 Prince Plaza Dr, Bonaire, GA 31005
O.C.G.A § 53-7-41 states:
"…Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."

November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 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

26-496
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

26-492
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.
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 and 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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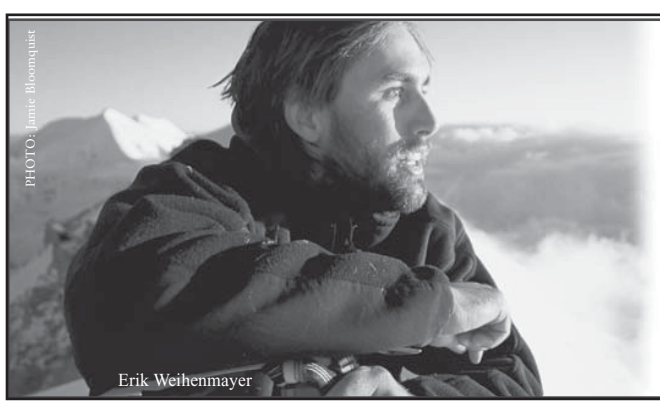

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COCA-COLA

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long history for the Dublin, Laurens County community when it had a bottling facility on East Jackson Street. Years ago, they moved out of that facility, and gave its old building to the city of Dublin who uses it for its gas department.

"Coca-Cola always brings their products to our city events," Kight said. "Coca-Cola wanted to contribute and that has happened multiple times, over and over again. This has happened multiple times. This is exactly the kind of quality growth we want. Coca-Cola is a tremendous partner in making this community strong."

Laurens County Commissioner Gerad Mathis was saddened when Coca-Cola left last time. He was glad they were returning.

"Coca-Cola has always been an amazing company to me," Mathis said. "There is not a gas station in America, or maybe other countries, where you won't see a Coca-Cola product. Very rarely can you go somewhere and not see Coca-Cola. We appreciate Coca-Cola and we appreciate you coming back to Dublin."

Roger Folsom, with the Dublin-Laurens Development Authority, was also glad Coca-Cola returned.

"We appreciate their investment and a chance to employ our own citizens," Folsom said. "It has been a great pleasure to work alongside this Coca-Cola team in this project. We appreciate the team who worked on this alongside Coca-Cola and we look forward to future growth.

"The relationship between Coca-Cola, the Dublin-Laurens Development Authority and the Dublin, Laurens County community, is like the old Coca-Cola slogan, "It's the real thing," he added.



Victor Ragland, vice president, east region for Coca-Cola, informed the crowd that this new plant will serve 10 counties/**RODNEY MANLEY**



Coca-Cola officials stand behind hard hats during a groundbreaking celebration for the new Dublin Coca-Cola Bottling company, 128 Innovation Way/**RODNEY MANLEY**

Representative Matt Hatchett was the final local speaker to address the crowd. He said the previous speakers had "stolen all of my words."

"That read my speech," Hatchett said. "When you think of Georgia globally, you think of Coca-Cola. They are a staple of our state."

Hatchett recalled when Coca-Cola met with him years ago to say they were going to leave Dublin, he was not happy.

"But we moved on," he said. "This year, they asked to have another meeting with him. When they told me they were coming back to Dublin, it was a great day and I am thankful that y'all are coming back. We can't express how grateful we are to be riding down that road and we'll be able to see that bright red Coca-Cola emblem in the city and county again."

Jordan ended the event by leading everyone with holding up a Coca-Cola bottle for a toast.

"Thank you for being a part of Coca-Cola United," he said.



Laurens County Commissioner Gerad Mathis was happy Coca-Cola was returning to Dublin, Laurens County/**RODNEY MANLEY**



State Representative Matt Hatchett remembered when Coca-Cola informed him they were leaving. He was grateful that he will be able to see the red Coca-Cola sign again in town/**RODNEY MANLEY**



Roger Folsom, an official with the Dublin-Laurens Development Authority, called Coca-Cola returning, "the real deal."/**RODNEY MANLEY**

