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Rain does not slow down church's annual Thanksgiving event

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

It may have been raining, but that did not stop a local church and other organizations from handing out Thanksgiving boxes filled with food on Saturday.

Many volunteers threw on jackets and held up umbrellas during the fifth annual Greater New Friendship Baptist Church Thanksgiving Give-Away Boxes, where they gave away all 500 boxes by 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 21.

There was a line waiting to receive a box when event organizers arrived around 7:30 a.m.

"I spoke with the first people in the first car and they said they got there at 7 a.m.," said Greater New Friendship Baptist Church Pastor Ernest Jones. "We had people beat us to the site. I walked the car line and went up to the first 20 cars that were doubled up. To see how long that line was up like that, it brought to mind how many people we were able to reach."

The rain was intermittent, but it was the smiles on the people's faces receiving the boxes that warmed the hearts of those serving.

"We were rain on, but we were not rained out," Jones said. "There was nothing about the weather that caused anyone to complain. Interestingly, the people inside the vehicles were smiling while people outside working were smiling too. We saw the same smiles as if it was an 80 degree day and the sun was out. It was a blessing to see so many different people out there. We had an assignment to do and we completed it with joy."

Jones did not know where all of the volunteers were from, but knew many came from other churches or organizations.

"I know some are attached to Lillie Hobbs and other places," he said. "We had a bunch out there on Friday filling up the boxes. I know on Saturday, there were as many as six different churches and organizations helping. I just introduced myself to everybody I could."

Jones said there was no telling how many lives were touched through this event.

"Only God knows what that number is," he said. "He is far more reaching than we are."

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Young people were seen loading Thanksgiving boxes on carts and rolling them out to the distribution lines/PAYTON TOWNS III

Dublin Police awarded more than $100,000 H.E.A.T. grant

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The heat will remain on in Dublin.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) recently announced that the Dublin Police Department was one of 32 law enforcement agencies in Georgia who will receive a Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T.) grant for federal fiscal year 2026, which begins on Oct. 1, 2026 and ends on Sept. 30, 2027.

"The safety of our residents is always a top priority, and this grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety allows our police department to continue taking proactive steps to ensure that everyone who lives in or visits Dublin can travel our roads more safely," said Dublin Police Chief Keith Moon. "We are proud to be part of a statewide effort to reduce dangerous driving behaviors and keep our community protected."



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The DPD's award totaled $104,995.84. The DPD's H.E.A.T. unit will use the grant to develop strategies to help reduce local traffic crashes that mostly come from aggressive and dangerous driving behaviors.

"Crash data shows enforcement and education of traffic laws are two of the most effective countermeasures to help our state and nation reduce crashes and eliminate deaths and serious injuries on our roads," said Allen Poole, director of GOHS. "Each life saved on our roads is one less family that will have to live with the pain of losing a loved one whose life was taken from them in a traffic crash that was preventable."

This is the goal of the H.E.A.T. program. Most of the injuries and fatalities are caused by impaired driving and speeding. The program will also focus on the importance of seat belt use and educating the public about traffic safety and the dangers of DUI, GOHS officials said.

The H.E.A.T. program began to help jurisdictions in the state with the highest rates of traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities with grants awarded based on impaired driving and speed data.

From Oct. 1, 2025 to Sept. 30, 2026, there were 1,179 seat belt contacts made, 1,613 speeding contacts made, 145 DUI contacts made and 392 distracted driving contacts.

The DPD will participate in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over DUI campaign and the Click It Or Ticket seatbelt campaigns. They will also conduct mobilizations throughout the year in coordination with GOHS's year-round campaigns of high visibility patrols, multi-jurisdictional road checks and sobriety checkpoints.

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Holiday Shopping Season is Here: Black Friday + Small Business Saturday + Cyber Monday

By DONNELL SUGGS
Editor & Publisher

This is an important week for local and small businesses. There are dozens of locally-owned businesses that will take part in Black Friday, the annual post-Thanksgiving shopping day, Small Business Saturday, the celebration of small businesses in one's community, Cyber Monday, the post-Black Friday online shopping day, and of course, holiday shopping.

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Laurens County jury finds man not guilty of fatal shooting

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

A Laurens County man was found not guilty in his third trial stemming from a 2023 Labor Day shooting that killed a 29-year-old man.

Roshoun Jacarri Jenkins was acquitted by a Laurens County Superior Court jury on Oct. 30. They found him not guilty of felony murder and two counts of aggravated assault in the Sept. 4, 2023 shooting that killed Richard Collins and injured three other people.

Catherine S. Bernard of Bernard & Johnson, LLC said the jury deliberated for two hours before coming out with their decision.

"I think the jury saw the sadness of Richard Collins' passing," she said, adding that it was another man, not her client, who found a gun and try to commit an armed robbery in a crowd of people. "I think the jury recognized that."

Bernard said there had been a big party at a local restaurant before it went to another location and spilled out into the street. That was when Jenkins became a victim of an armed robbery, Bernard said.

"We knew Mr. Jenkins was drawing his gun but he had actually been shot twice in the arm," she said. "It was never 100 percent clear if he was able to shoot after that. He remembers defending himself, but he does not know if he was able to get off any shots or not."

Jenkins' first two trials ended in mistrials.

OBITUARIES

Shirley Walker

Ms. Shirley Walker of Dublin, Georgia passed away on Monday, November 23, 2026. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Gloria M. Hicks

Ms. Gloria M. Hicks of Dublin, Georgia passed away on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 24
Anne Brown

Nov. 27
Shermicheal Smith
Donald Way

Nov. 28
Lisa Binns
Zach Ritchison
Latonya Mae Rozier
Brenda Williams
Jayla Williams

Nov. 29
Eli Ballard
Debra Banks
Ida Daniel
Javonne Dean
Sonny Hogan
Anthony Jordan

Nov. 30
Johnny Roy Anderson
Tracie Rozar
Ashley Shrewsbery

ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 26
Kenneth & Tammy Coney

Nov. 27
Wayne & Shelia Hines

Nov. 28
Leroy & Wanda Street

Nov. 30
Jerry & Sharon Chapman

Georgia Tech names Lieuwen permanent president

By TY TAGAMI
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Less than a month after he stepped in as interim president of Georgia Tech, Timothy C. Lieuwen will become the permanent president.

On Tuesday, the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents named Lieuwen president, effective Wednesday, as students head home for Thanksgiving.

Lieuwen, whom the regents named the sole finalist for the job Nov. 17, said in a statement that he was eager to ensure the institute "remains a powerful force for good in our state and around the world."

Before Lieuwen stepped into the interim presidency on Nov. 1, he was executive vice president for research at Tech, overseeing the Georgia Tech Research Institute, the Enterprise Innovation Institute and 11 interdisciplinary research institutes.

He is succeeding Ángel Cabrera, who left to become president and CEO of the Aspen Institute.

Lieuwen graduated from Calvin College (now Calvin University) in Michigan before completing master's and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering at Tech.

He held the David S. Lewis Jr. Chair in the Daniel Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering at Tech and is a Regents' Professor. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and has served as executive director of Tech's Strategic Energy Institute. His expertise includes clean energy, propulsion and national security, according to the university system.

'Christmas in the Country' luncheon features music

By ROBBIE CURRIE
Tom Maxwell

All ladies are invited to the Dublin Country Club on **Thursday, December 3,** from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. for an unforgettable holiday treat! Take time in the hustle and bustle of this wonderful season to enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon and a delightful concert!

The musical entertainment will begin as talented pianist Brenda Holloway sets the holiday mood. We are thrilled to welcome Dublin native and musician Robbie Currie, who along with Tom Maxwell will treat us to a concert that will turn your heart to the country for the holidays! Currie graduated from West Laurens High School in 1982. Shortly thereafter, he set out for California, where his love for music and remarkable talent opened many doors. Throughout the 1990's he led a band in California. Now back to his roots here in Laurens County, he shares his talent generously. Currie says of his music, "It can't be a hobby. It must be a conviction."

Our guest speaker is Sue Hall, from Wrightsville, Georgia. She is a lady of many talents. With her vibrant personality and wonderful singing voice, she has blessed our group on several occasions with a concert of songs from various decades. She was an elementary educator for more than 30 years. Now she enjoys being "GiGi" to three adorable grandchildren. Sue describes herself as an ocean girl, learning many life lessons from the ocean. She traces how those lessons have created the design for her life.

This event is sponsored by the Dublin Christian Women's Connection. The cost is $21 inclusive. Reservations must be made by Monday, Nov. 30, at 5 p.m., by calling Emily at 478-278-7829. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to Little House Self Storage for sponsoring our invitations.

Call a friend, make your reservations, and join us for this delightful holiday event!



Volunteers with rain gear on place a Thanksgiving box in a a truck/PAYTON TOWNS III

EVENT

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The one thing about this event that he hates is those vehicles who drive up after the final box is handed out.

"I could see eight cars in line and we had four boxes left," Jones said. "I know I had to stand in front of those last vehicles and sadly tell them that we are out."

But he knows the boxes went to the people who really needed them.

"That was my prayer when we started last week," Jones said. "I knew God would let the families in need get boxes."

They have already begun making plans for 2027's event. For one, they are looking at moving it next door to the old West Laurens Middle School.

"There is an overhead where cars can drive through and receive boxes," Jones said. "That is better suited if it should rain. We will be able to stand under that and keep the boxes dryer."

No matter what happens, rain or shine, the Greater New Friendship Baptist Church plan to hand out Thanksgiving boxes next year.

"We will make sure those boxes are going to somebody," Jones said. "The rain will not prevent it. This is the first time in five years that we've had to deal with weather. We've dealt with chilly weather, but this was the first time with rain. But we found out that we can still get it done."

Laurens County
Invitation to Bid

Sealed Bids will be accepted on the resurfacing of various county roads until 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, December 15, 2026 and will be opened at the Public Bid Opening to be held in the Commissioner's Office located at 117 East Jackson Street Dublin, Georgia. A complete set of specifications can be obtained at the Laurens County Commissioner's Office or by going to the County website at Laurenscoga.org. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. All bids shall include providing all labor, equipment, grading, striping and materials or other things necessary to complete the projects.

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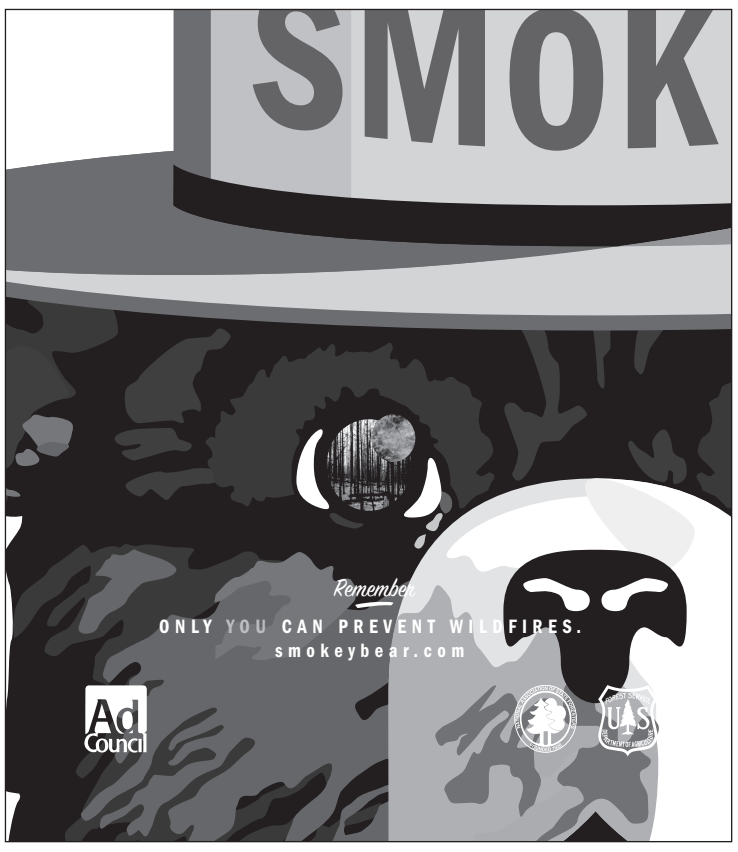

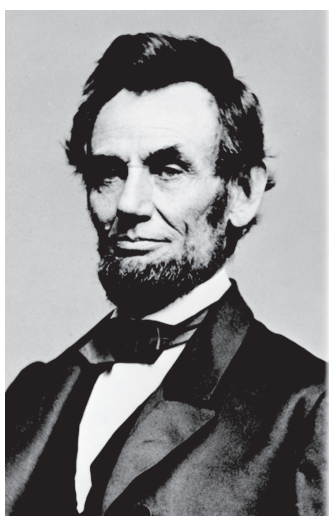

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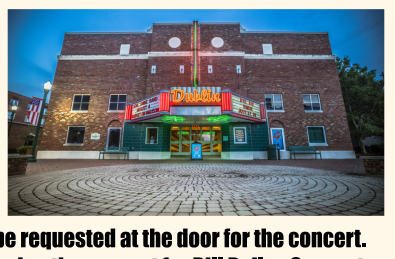

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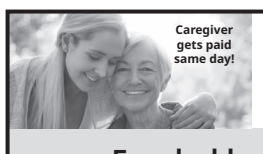

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Meet the Editor, why don't you?



EDITOR'S NOTES...

By DONNELL SUGGS

I have officially been the editor and publisher of The Courier Herald for 68 days (if you're reading this on Saturday) and though that doesn't necessarily warrant a milestone, it has been very interesting. During these past two months, I have met so many amazing people in the Dublin/Laurens County community. Whether it's while eating at the Minute Grill or at the Five Points barbershop, or just crossing Jefferson Street, folks have been so welcoming.

On Tuesday afternoon, while making my way from The Henry to The Courier Herald building I ran into a young man named Tyrone who introduced himself and thanked me for what I was doing. "Hey, I see you on Facebook, man," he said. "Keep doing your thing with the paper."

Tyrone works at Dough Bros. and he was taking out the trash when we had that encounter in between the buildings. I don't know if we are ever going to see each other again, but I want to go on record as saying his words will stick with me for a long time. I needed to hear exactly what he said at that exact time.

Now I want to hear from everyone else. And trust me, it doesn't have to be as positive as Tyrone's words were, though it couldn't hurt. I want to begin planning a Meet the Editor event at our office. Nothing fancy, just a chance for readers (and non-Courier Herald readers alike) to meet me face-to-face if we haven't met already. The purpose and privilege of running a community newspaper, particularly one as entrenched in the culture and history of Laurens County like The Courier Herald is here, is to be one with the people and places you cover. What better way to meet and greet people than a meet-n-greet?

Now, I don't have an actual plan at this point and time. I want to start with the idea and then work on planning for it after the holidays. It's way too busy around here to think we can host an event, and you guys are way too busy getting ready for Christmas and New Years to be thinking about meeting me.

That said, a "meet the editor" is definitely on the agenda for 2027. Send me a note/suggestion of what you would like to hear from me or what kind of swag you might like to pick up during the meet-n-greet at donnell@courierheraldtoday.com . I look forward to hearing from you, but more importantly, if I don't see you around town during the next couple of months, I look forward to seeing you then.



The people of Dublin have been great to me during my first two months as the editor and publisher of The Courier Herald/DONNELL SUGGS

The et cetera chronicles - vol. 147: African American history



PIECES OF OUR PAST

By SCOTT B. THOMPSON SR.

THE COLORED KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS - Forty-five African American male citizens of Dublin gathered together to organize a lodge. They called their new lodge "The Gem City Lodge 98 of the Knights of Pythias. The initial officers were W.L. Simmons, F.O. Cuyler, R.W. Ketchum, Prof. D.M. Smith, A.L. Simmons, O.B. West, G.P. Proudfoot, N.P. Proudfoot, J.W. Jenkins, John McCall and H.T. Jones. Dublin Courier Dispatch, Dec. 18, 1902.

BENNIE AND BENNIE - Bennie Lee Davis, of N. Decatur St. and Bennie Smith of Route 1 Montrose were the first two African American men from Laurens County to be drafted during World War II. Macon Telegraph, Oct. 25, 1940.

TO KILL A RABID DOG - Before rabies was kept under control in Laurens County, people were terrified of rabid dogs, known more commonly as "mad dogs." W.C. Stafford heard the call of a "Mad Dog" down by the Oconee River. When law enforcement officers J.C. Branch and Jack Moye arrived on the scene, they found Stafford standing still with his hands around the neck of the dog. As the officers approached, Stafford loosened his grip and the dead dog fell to the ground. Macon Telegraph, Feb. 29, 1940.

FOOD FOR THE SERVICE MEN - Members of the African-American community of Dublin had a mission. They dedicated thousands of hours to canning food to donate to the war effort. Emory Thomas, the local farm agent, led the effort to can fruits and vegetables. Most of the canning took place in homes as there was only one canning site. Thomas eventually led the project to establish a canning plant in the first permanent 4-H Center in Dublin. In the first six months, the volunteers canned an amazing 102,271 quarts of much-needed food. Macon Telegraph, July 30, 1942.

WE ARE PATRIOTS, TOO! - A week after the United States formally declared war on Germany and entered World War I, a large crowd of African Americans gathered at the courthouse to show that they were patriots as well. The white people were invited to come to the patriotic rally. The county's African Americans served primarily in service, non-combat roles during the war. An integrated program was held a year later. Despite the roles, some 25 African American soldiers lost their lives. Macon Telegraph April 13, 1917.

A TRADITION CONTINUES - When the members of First Baptist Church began to build their magnificent brick church in 1907, the question arose, "What do we do with the old church?" The solution was simple. The members of Scottsville Baptist Church needed a building, so the church bought the 40-year-old wooden church and moved it to the Negro church on North Decatur Street. Macon Telegraph, Aug. 3, 1965.

GEORGIA'S FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY - T.H. Overby, a businessman and real estate developer, began to build a community in the area of the plant of the Dublin Furniture Company in the Scottsville neighborhood in northeastern Dublin. Overby figured if he worked with the residents of Scottsville, all of them could profit from selling insurance to themselves and around the area. Overby took advantage of the fact that the larger insurance companies would not insure the lives of African Americans. The company was billed as the first such company in or the South to offer insurance to African-Americans.

Macon Telegraph Feb. 16, 1900. New Orleans States, March 13, 1900.

THE PREACHING EDITOR - Rev. W.R. Mack was the most well known news editor for African Americans in Georgia in the early years of the 20th Century. Mack edited the "Dublin Enterprise" from 1904 to 1908, the first African-American newspaper in Dublin. He founded the Americus Chronicle and operated it for nine years. The Chronicle was the official newspaper of the Georgia Knights of Phythias and the Southwest Georgia Baptist Association. In 1918, Rev. Mack was elected the Grand Lecturer of the Georgia Knights of Phythias. In 1923, Rev. Mack concentrated on his work in the Walker Baptist Association. A graduate of Savannah State College, Rev. Mack died in July 1959. Augusta Chronicle, Dec. 27, 1925, July 11, 1959.

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Thankful for life's many blessings over the years

THE NEW SOUTHERN DAD



By KYLE DOMINY

Like all holidays the way we mark Thanksgiving is rooted in money.

While a day to give thanks goes back to colonial times and the charity of this land's native people, who showed mercy to the strange folk who came by boat, ill prepared to take care of themselves (talk about no good deed goes unpunished), a fixed schedule for a day of thanksgiving was set within the last 100 years. While many presidents declared Thanksgiving to be celebrated, it was Abraham Lincoln who designed it should take place in "late November," on a Thursday.

Which Thursday, however was up to whoever was in charge. How early, or late, Thanksgiving fell on the calendar became an important decision to the nation's retail industry. A late Thanksgiving meant less shopping days before Christmas. Most chief executives kept to Lincoln's precedent, but during the Depression years, when stores wanted as much time as possible to get as much they could from a cash-strapped populace, FDR bumped up the holiday.

In 1941 Congress officially declared the Fourth Thursday in November to be Thanksgiving Day. About a decade later, the term Black Friday was introduced. The busiest shopping day of the year was named by police officers in Philadelphia, preparing to deal with rowdy crowds and an annual uptick in crime.

Way leads on to way, and soon there was Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday and countless other gimmicks to get people to part with their money. These days it is never too early, or too late, to do your Christmas shopping, and Thanksgiving is seemingly forgotten about, relegated to a long weekend between Halloween and the most wonderful time of the year. That is, until someone develops a lucrative decorations market.

Thanksgiving, and I think most people understand this, is one of the most important dates on the calendar. Everyday should be spent in gratitude, but it's easy to take things for granted in the daily hustle of life. A day to purposefully reflect on one's blessings is an easy ask. Many people mark this season with a day of service, making sure friends, neighbors and strangers alike have a hearty meal and a warm place of refuge.

This will be my first Thanksgiving without a living grandmother. I'm thankful that I went 41 years on this earth able to celebrate a holiday at my grandparent's table. I'm thankful to still have healthy, able-bodied parents to pick up traditions and carry them on for the future generations. I'm thankful for my little family, a wife who supports my hair-brained ideas and children coming into their own in this world. I'm grateful for the friends I made and the adventures I had over the years.

I started writing this column in November 2018, and I am thankful for all the people who have read and supported me over the years, for all the people who took the time to write letters, invite me to events and stop me in the grocery store because something I wrote made them laugh or remember a story or character from their past.

But all things eventually come to an end, the time has come to put this project to bed and this is the last of these features.

Happy Thanksgiving to your family from mine.







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DAILY SCRIPTURE...

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. "

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (King James Version)

THOUGHT FOR TODAY...

" like football. I find it's an exciting strategic game. It's a great way to avoid conversation with your family at Thanksgiving."

- Craig Freguson

EVERY DAY'S A HOLIDAY...

Nov. 26, 2026 is...

- Thanksgiving
- Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Turkey Free Thanksgiving
- Unthanksgiving Day
- National Law Day
- National Family Health History Day
- National Day of Mourning
- National Cake Day

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Since the FLOST passed, when does it start, how long does it last and how does it work? And does it help the county residents as well to lower their property taxes?

What a refreshment to have a new governor coming into office that can take a new look at issues that matter like the overpopulation of deer on the roads and prisoners at Fairview Park Hospital.

The blue Georgia on this year's tags caused the blue wave! Shame on whoever was responsible for that. I want a red Georgia option for my tag.

Our local community let's do something positive and get together and show out for Martin Luther King Parade.If you can go to a night club and community events lets be pack downtown on this day.

With the tax increase by the county commissioners can we get much needed updates to the inside of the courthouse? Wall painting, a reliable elevator, new plumbing fixtures, a working clock, etc.

At least the landfill on North Jefferson has a city of Dublin dumpster at it to put trash in.

Speed bumps are needed on West Avenue. The city manager, mayor and city council all have been notified about this matter since 2024. No speed bumps yet and the speeders keep speeding. Help Ward two now.

Southside and Scottsville park matters. Ward one is in need of park update equipment.

We are tax payers in this community and our community should be on the list in early 2027 before the summer.

Why has the From The Record section been missing from the Saturday paper a few times in the last couple of months?

Now that the FLOST passed, what happens when the state and federal government goes to a flat tax ? Buy a car or refrigerator? I believe that in a year I will pay more tax than my property tax.

Does anybody know what happened to the old hospital fund from the sale of the Laurens County Hospital ?

The people of north Laurens County would like to know when our end of the 441 bypass will get paved?

Are we ever going to get streetlights at the intersection of the bypass and Highway 257?

Dear DOT, why does the traffic light at Airport Road and US 80 respond as soon as a car pulls up, while Industrial at US 80 leaves me waiting long enough to be late for work? These lights are up the road from each other.

I am confused as to why only the city municipalities will have their share of local property taxes wiped out with the FLOST and not people in the county. Could someone explain?

Jesus said don't give up on man. Lucifers said mankind is like all day lollipops - all day suckers.

TELL IT! GUIDELINES

Have something to say about life in Dublin and Laurens County? We want to hear it. Tell It! is a space for community voices: praise, frustration, questions and everything in between.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Keep it local. Submissions should focus on issues, people and places in Dublin and Laurens County. We are not the right venue for commentary on national politics or public figures outside our community.

Be civil. Personal attacks, profanity and hate speech will not be published. Criticism is welcome; name-calling is not.

Stick to the facts. Submissions must not contain false statements of fact about identifiable individuals or organizations. We cannot publish content that is defamatory or exposes the Courier Herald to legal liability.

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Thanks For The Food And For The Memories



By CHARLIE HARPER

Last week I found myself back home. I continue to travel to or near the Atlanta area a couple of times per month, and this trip provided the window to join my mother for lunch, at Judy's Restaurant in Fairburn.

While I grew up in Fayette County, this South Fulton city was in the family's mailing address for the decades our house was on acreage on Hwy 92, about halfway between Fairburn and Fayetteville. Much of my childhood was spent with a run to "town" meaning Fairburn before school assignments pivoted us to Fayetteville.

Groceries were bought from Mrs. Lillian at the Twilight Food Palace. Our shoes were bought from Gordon's. "Mr. Harold" ran the barbershop where Dad and I got our haircuts, and the rest of the men in town hung out to solve all the world's problems. Shannon Mall didn't exist yet. Nor does it now.

My Grandfather had a small gas station and an ice cream parlor there once upon a time. It and he were gone before I came along.

My church also stood at the halfway point between the towns in the community of Fife. You could literally see the county line sign from the back steps.

On one side you had a county that was experiencing the first waves of suburban growth. On the other, part of a county that had to be absorbed by Fulton during the Depression and was experiencing outmigration. The central place that kept me grounded had one foot planted on each side, paradoxically going in opposite directions at the same time.

Dad used to call Fairburn "a dying little town". Somewhere along the way, it seemed to find its stride again.

Despite some of the main downtown buildings burning down in a few separate incidents, new shops began to fill the old storefronts. Amos' Pharmacy has given way to a pizza place. And then there's Judy's, where I found myself dining with Mom last week.

Judy's was originally in a spot in an older shopping center before they recently moved to a new (to them) freestanding building. The cafeteria menu and food remains largely the same. Wednesday is still "catfish day". Thursday offers an excellent turkey and dressing option. Fried chicken is a daily staple.

When we arrived mom noted a plaque above the serving line that read "Meals and memories are made here". She read it aloud. The connections immediately landed.

Judy's was introduced to our world by "Big" Frank Flanders, or as he was known in our house, "Uncle Frank". I don't recall my first visit, but I do remember it was after weeks of Dad raving about this new place where he and his lifelong friend had quickly become regulars.

The last time I took Dad to a UGA football game, we arrived late - just before kickoff and without a parking spot because he "needed" to have breakfast with Uncle Frank before we could leave. The walk from the East Campus lot to the stadium caused blisters that almost cost him his diabetic foot. But the man had priorities, and a good breakfast with his friend to solve some of those problems that weren't solved decades earlier at the barber shop was chief among them.

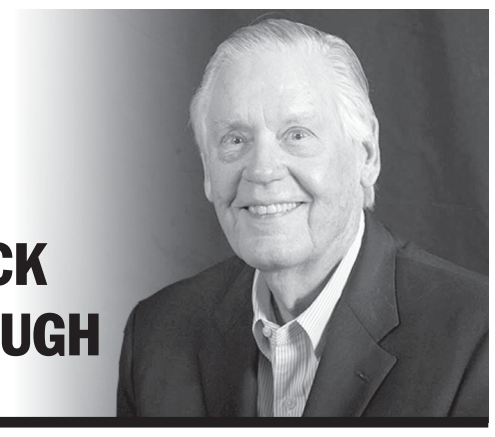
Mom and I had a good visit. We talked about some of those memories in Judy's old location decades ago – about Dad, Uncle Frank, and many others no longer with us. We talked a bit about the future. But mostly, we were present – with one foot honoring the past, one looking ahead to what's next for us and the rest of our loved ones. Being present with a parent is the best grounding exercise ever invented.

We'll gather again this week, on Thursday. Judy's will be closed but Turkey will again be on the menu. The number at the table will be larger. It will be at "home" in Sharpsburg, a dozen miles and a county away from the old house on Hwy 92. There will be an entire generation there that never got to meet their granddad, an unfortunate family tradition. But there will be stories, and memories, bound together by food from recipes that are largely the same as they were decades ago.

This week we'll give honest thanks. For the food. For those around the table. For those who came before us, and those no longer with us.

And then there's the memories. There are those that we treasure. There will be those that we'll share. And most of all, there will be those that we make, present and together.

Reflections on birthdays past, present and future



By DICK YARBROUGH

If I seem a bit slower than usual today, I have a good excuse. I have just had another birthday. Another in a long line of birthdays. A very long line. The first thing I did this morning was to check the obituaries and be sure my name wasn't listed. At my age, one can never be too sure.

As has been the custom for the past 17 years, I celebrate the occasion at the annual Birthday Bash with great grandson, Cameron Charles Yarbrough, whose birthday is a couple of days before mine. When we began this tradition, Cameron Charles was in a highchair. Today, he is taller than his great grandfather. Times have changed but not the Birthday Bash. It remains a cherished family tradition.

Birthdays seem to be coming around faster than they used to. And everyone draws me closer to the end of my time on this earth. I used to think time was plentiful. Now, I wondered what happened to all the days past. And how many I squandered because I knew there would be another one awaiting me to get things right. I don't think that way anymore. Time is precious. Life is short.

My birthday always falls just before, just after or smack dab on Thanksgiving Day. That makes me a Sagittarius for whatever that's worth. We Sagittarians are supposed to be humorous. I suspect there are one or two of you reading this who might disagree with that, maybe even a Sagittarian or two. We are also known to be blunt which can come across as tactless or harsh. Guilty as charged. I'll try to do better in the future. But no promises.

There have been some memorable birthdays, like when The Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name hired an airplane to fly over Sanford Stadium on a football weekend with a banner proclaiming, "Nifty. Nifty. Dick Yarbrough is 50" to the cheers and jeers of 76,000 of my closest friends. Not sure what precipitated her doing that except perhaps for the surprise (to her) mock funeral lamenting the passing of her youth on her 40th birthday. The woman obviously had a long memory.

Birthday or no birthday, Thanksgiving is a time to take stock of my life and to give thanks for what I have been given. And I have been abundantly blessed. My family. My friends. Anything and everything about the University of Georgia, the oldest state-chartered university in the nation and home of my beloved Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communications.

I am thankful for my church and all within it who labor daily to save my sorry soul. My breakfast buddies, Dale and Mary Jane. Lois and Linda. Dora, Paul and Caryl. We haven't solved all the world's problems yet but we are working on it. These things take time.

I am thankful that God gave me the ability to paint a lick but didn't let me know it until later in life. It has given me something to look forward to in my old age besides aching knees and doctor visits.

I am thankful that I had 63-and-a-half years with The Beloved Woman Who Shared My Name and that her legacy will live on in supporting the efforts of deserving second-career nursing students at Kennesaw State University to get their degree and to enter the nursing profession and who might not otherwise have had the opportunity.

I am thankful for Regina who cuts my hair and has being doing so for the past ten years; for Olivia, the greatest retail clerk in the history of the world, who makes me feel special every time I walk in the store; for Melissa, Alina and James who have taken care of me since my mangled toe surgery; for Philip, who drives me wherever I need to go. Little things mean a lot.

I am thankful for the opportunity to chat with you each week and to the editors for giving me the chance to do so. I don't take myself seriously but I take this job very seriously. It is a privilege and I must never forget that.

So, another birthday come and gone. What now? The Welsh singer Shirley Bassey says you don't get older, you get better. That is my birthday wish for us all. Older and better. And may we continue this journey together. Thank you.

You can reach Dick Yarbrough at dick@dickyarbrough.com or at P.O. Box 725373, Atlanta, Georgia 31139.



Moment of Inspiration

A Heart of Thanksgiving

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Thanksgiving is more than a day on the calendar; it is an attitude of the heart. As Christians, we have so much to be thankful for. God has blessed us with life, family, friends, daily provisions, and most importantly, the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Sometimes we become so focused on what we don't have that we forget to thank God for what He has already given us. Even when life brings hardships, disappointments, and struggles, we can still be thankful because God never changes, His love never fails, and His promises remain true.

Let us not wait until Thanksgiving Day to express our gratitude. Let every day be an opportunity to thank God for His goodness and faithfulness.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for Your many blessings and for Your unfailing love. Forgive me when I take Your goodness for granted. Help me to have a thankful heart, not just today, but every day. Thank You most of all for Jesus Christ and the gift of salvation. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

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Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight discussed the importance of a contract amendment for Municipal Gas Authority/ **PAYTON TOWNS III**

City officials hoping gas contract approval will lead to more industries coming to area

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

City of Dublin officials are hoping that by approving additional firm natural gas capacity, it will lead to more industries coming to the area.

Southern Natural is doing a pipeline expansion project, which will allow the city to gain some additional firm natural gas capacity that would be available around 2030, said Dublin City Manager Josh Powell. The city purchases its natural gas through the Gas Authority of Georgia.

"They are asking us to commit to the firm capacity at this point in time," Powell said.

If the city wanted to increase their daily firm capacity of 6,091 per day, this was the opportunity to increase it by as much as 1,192 per day, Matthew Bradshaw, director of engineering, wrote in a recommendation.

Powell said they expect future growth in the city's natural gas usage. Dublin Mayor Joshua Kight believes this will help attract future industries' interest in coming to the area.

"One of the first things that industrial companies look at when they are considering locating to Dublin, Laurens County, is how much gas can we supply to them? That is generally a very large or great profit for the city of Dublin," Kight said. "In addition to allowing those companies to locate here, those companies that need natural gas cause additional capital investments and jobs. To be able to get a 15 to 20 percent increase in that capacity, doesn't come along much."

Kight said these types of projects take many years to complete. It will likely be four years before the capacity is available.



Citizen Gwen Mack hands Dublin City Manager a snack pack, thanking the city and its employees for its "Rock the Block" campaign held last week/**PAYTON TOWNS III**

At the end of the meeting, Gwen Mack thanked the council for selecting a section of East Mary Street for one of this year's "Rock the Block Project." On Monday, Nov. 16, she saw various departments in the city "move with purpose," to achieve the goals of safety and beautification.

"Our street was cleaned and the trash and debris was removed," Mack said. "Smoke and fire alarms were installed, and we even discussed re-starting our Neighborhood Watch Program. I appreciated that."

She then gave Powell a box of snacks to share with the city's employees.

"We want to move together in peace and goodwill," Mack said.

In other news, the council:

- Heard the first reading of rezoning 0.49 acres at 1619 Rice Ave. from a single family residential zone to a professional zone. The proposed use is for professional services. A second reading and public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 3.

- Heard the first reading of annexing two pieces of land into the city off of Highway 257. A second reading and public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 3.

- Heard the first reading of an ordinance of rezoning 0.32 acres from professional to a single family residential zone at 109 Vernon St. A second reading and public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 3.

- Heard the first reading of an ordinance to clarify the use and regulation of city owned cemeteries and to provide a streamlined procedure for purchases, sales and transfers. A second reading and public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 3.

"We have been going through our cemetery ordinances and making updates in some places where the ordinances currently don't provide some regulations where they are needed," Powell said.

Commissioners to hear proposal for a well-owner protection agreement amid data center concerns

By CAROLINE WEATHERSBY
Staff Reporter, Times Journal Post

Twiggs County Commissioners may soon consider the adoption of a well-owners protection agreement, following growing concerns about the upcoming data center.

During a council meeting on Thursday, resident Norma Stone approached the board with a written statement asking commissioners to compile a well-owners protection agreement for potential buyers.

The proposed agreement would require the company using the center to financially back water safety testing and any repairs to resident wells broken or contaminated while the center is in operation. They would also need to agree to these terms before construction.

Stone read the statement aloud to the board.

"We need a binding perpetual guarantee held in an independent escrow account that the company, not the homeowner and not Twiggs County taxpayers, remains financially responsible for our water supply for the entire lifespan of the facility," she read.

Stone proposed multiple ideas for the agreement including regular third-party water quality testing, a maximum response time when well issues are identified and an "end-of-life" decommissioning bond, in the case the project is abandoned.

"The developer must post a dedicated decommissioning bond up front so that if the facility is ever abandoned or becomes obsolete, Twiggs County is not left with empty industrial complexes," she explained.

According to Stone, these issues must be addressed before construction. If not, residents could be left high and dry with depleted or contaminated wells.

"We need your protection now more than ever," she told the board.

In September 2025, commissioners approved a rezoning request on Adams Park Road allowing for the construction of a 291.5 acre, multi-million dollar data center.

In the following months, two lawsuits were filed against Twiggs County and the land owner, Weyerhaeuser Forest Holding, by residents, citing environmental concerns including well depletion. In February, however, both suits were dismissed.

"Like my neighbors, my home and land rely entirely on well water," Stone said. "We trust you, and we need you."

Following Stone's presentation, Chairman Ken Fowler agreed to put the issue on the next meeting agenda, when County Attorney Kerry Howell could be present.

The next county commission meeting is currently scheduled for Dec. 3 at 9 a.m.



Twiggs County resident Norma Stone is requesting commissioners compile a well-owners protection agreement before data center construction begins/ **CAROLINE WEATHERSBY**

Thanksgiving Holiday Publishing Schedule for The Courier Herald

The Courier Herald will publish on Tuesday, Nov. 25, and a combined paper for Thursday, Nov 26, & Saturday, Nov 28.

Deadlines for the Thurs-Sat combo paper will be
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Happy Thanksgiving!



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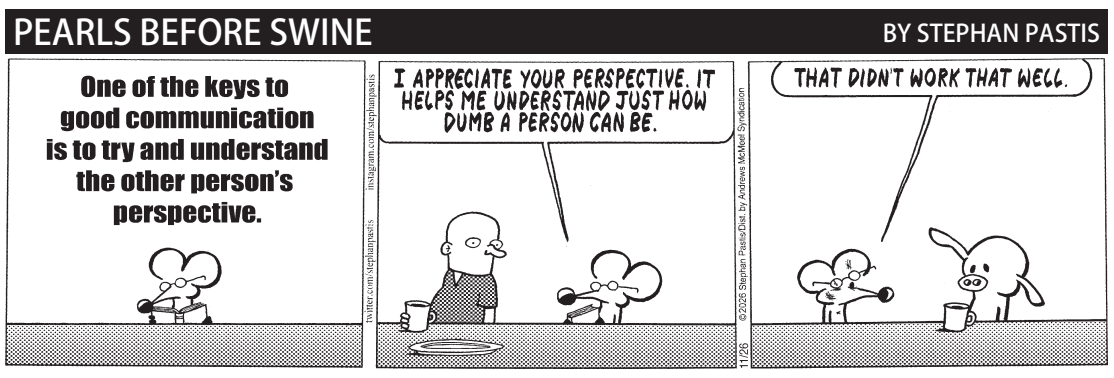

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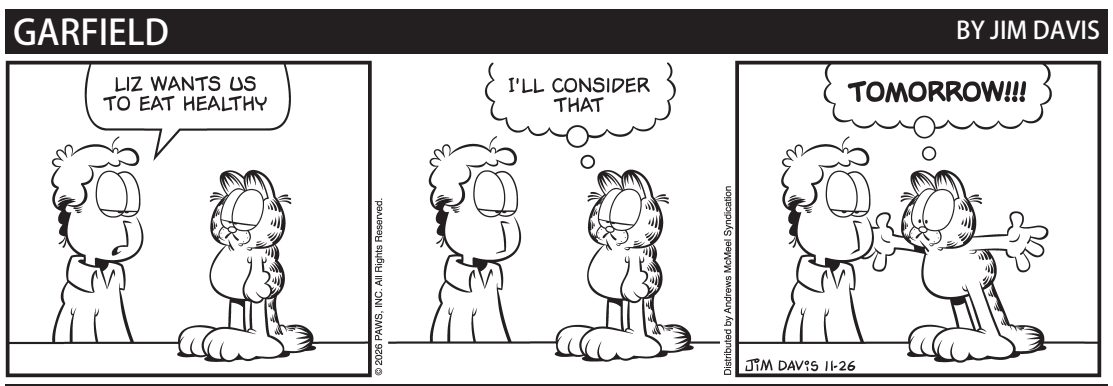

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Adult feels judged for youthful outlook



DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: When major tragedies shake our world, my immediate instinct isn't to harden my heart or get cynical. Instead, I feel a profound need to protect my inner peace by holding on to a childlike state of mind. To me, retaining pure imagination, intense curiosity and joy in small things is a radical act of self-preservation. It's the emotional fuel that gives me the energy to keep going.

Unfortunately, many adults around me view this perspective as a lack of awareness or a refusal to grow up. They mistake my intentional wonder for immaturity. How can I effectively communicate to others that keeping my childlike innocence alive is not a flight from reality, but rather my shield against the darkness of the world? -- WONDERING IN THE WORLD

DEAR WONDERING: For some, being an adult involves an acceptance that the world can be a dark and scary place. Your words alone are not going to convince those people that your state of mind is anything but Peter Pan syndrome. However, you can show them with your actions.

Even as you hold on to that youthful energy, always strive to be punctual, thoughtful and kind. Follow through on your promises and make wise decisions. If you consistently act like a responsible grown-up, your critics may begin to view your whimsy and exuberance as positive traits, not signs of true immaturity.

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DEAR ABBY: When I asked "Janice" to marry me last spring, she was a pack-a-day smoker. I asked her to quit, and she promised she'd try. A few weeks before the wedding, she said she wouldn't be able to quit because of wedding stress. The week of our wedding, she was still puffing away, but I asked her to be smoke-free at least on our wedding day. Again, she said she would try.

Janice smoked heavily on our wedding day. She bummed a cigarette from a bridesmaid just a few minutes before the ceremony started. I could taste the tobacco when we kissed to seal our vows. Janice looked beautiful at the reception but smelled like an ashtray. There are even several pictures of her with a cigarette in her hand in our wedding album.

I haven't told my wife how disappointed I was that she smoked at our wedding. Should I? And why was she not able to put down her cigarettes for just that one day? -- DISAPPOINTED IN ALABAMA

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: I see no reason for you to keep your feelings to yourself. While sharing them, however, please recognize that Janice appears to be severely addicted to tobacco. That's why she was unable to put her cigarettes down even for one special day.

Unless Janice is willing to enter a smoking cessation program of some kind, I seriously doubt she will ever be able to kick the habit. If children are to be a part of your future together, I recommend that she enroll in one before she becomes pregnant, because nicotine and tobacco smoke aren't healthy for babies or small children.

TO MY READERS: I hope Thanksgiving brings you and your families together in love and gratitude for our blessings. I'm thankful for each and every one of you and the wonderful conversations we've had over the years. Because I love hearing from you, and because I still see a number of letters being forwarded from the old Los Angeles address, I want to remind everyone of my new physical mailing address: Dear Abby, P.O. Box 270135, Kansas City, MO 64127. -- LOVE, ABBY

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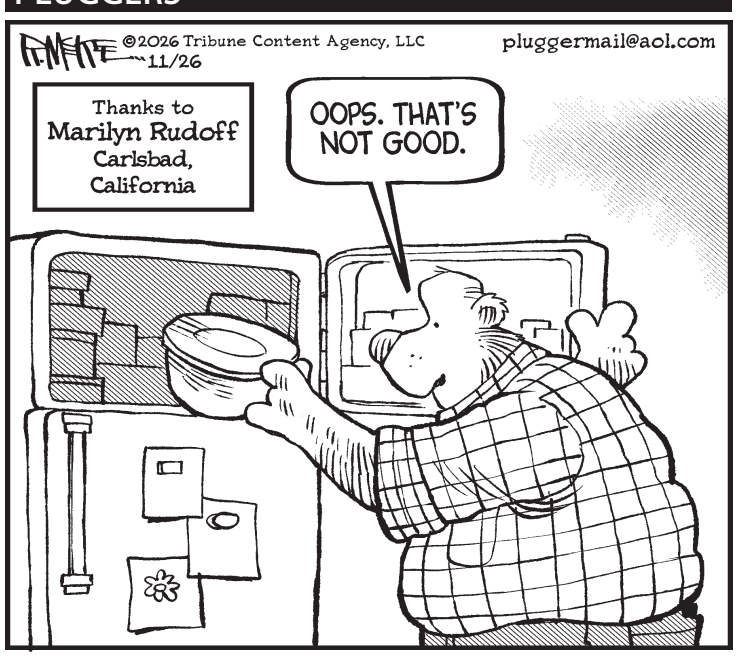

You're a plugger if you still have last Thanksgiving's leftovers in your freezer.

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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Saturday, November 28, 2026

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

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

♠ Q 10 7 5 ♡ K ◇ Q 9 7 5 4 ♣ A 7 4

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1♡	?

What call would you make?

Q 2 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A Q 10 7 6 5 ♡ 6 5 ◇ Q 2 ♣ Q 8 4

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

What call would you make?

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

♠ K 2 ♡ Q 3 ◇ Q 8 6 ♣ A K Q 10 4 2

As dealer, what call would you make?

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

♠ A ♡ A 10 9 6 ◇ K 8 7 3 ♣ 9 8 7 3

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

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

♠ K J 9 2 ♡ 7 4 ◇ 4 2 ♣ A K 10 6 2

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	Dbl	Pass	?

What call would you make?

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

♠ K 9 7 2 ♡ K 9 6 ◇ A 9 7 ♣ K 9 5

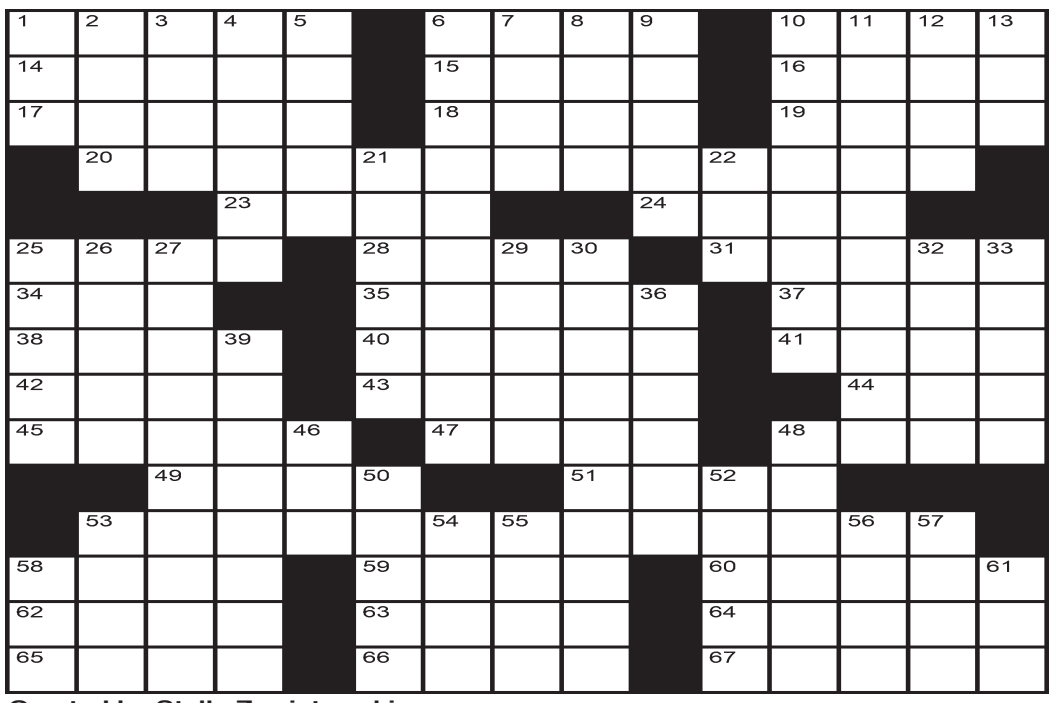
SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
?			

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.)

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Stella Zawistowski



Created by Stella Zawistowski

ACROSS

1 "You're ___ friends"
6 Saloon fixtures
10 Laundry-day appliance
14 Opposite of major
15 Taken by mouth
16 Extinct bird
17 Opening statement
18 Sake grain
19 Prestigious U.K. school
20 Annual Des Moines event: 3 wds.
23 Poker payment
24 Friends
25 Baby kangaroo
28 ___ Romeo (car brand)
31 Old computer inserts
34 Large coffee server
35 Flashy jewelry, slangily
37 Come across as
38 NYC NL East team
40 "___ Doone" (1869 novel)
41 Family diagram
42 Keats or Yeats, e.g.
43 Come next
44 Not feeling well
45 Some antidepressants: Abbr.
47 "___ be fine!"
48 Annoying person
49 Earnest request
51 Flaky mineral
53 Pirate's buried box: 2 wds.
58 Way of walking
59 Go across
60 Fully awake
62 Soft drizzle
63 Revision
64 Skateboarding trick
65 Singer Laine
66 Lots (of)
67 Beauty shop

DOWN

1 "___ going too far?": 2 wds.
2 Pint-sized
3 "I'm ___ you!"
4 Oslo's land
5 Sound of pain
6 Kind of stuffed pasta
7 Opera song
8 Covenant
9 Get forty winks
10 Dreamer
11 Chicken cooker
12 Sign of spoilage
13 French "no"
21 Firmly fixed
22 Short-lived mania
25 Springs upward
26 Creme-filled cookies
27 "Star Trek" ship
29 Gold medalist's place
30 Negations of marriages
32 ___ over (faints)
33 Silvery fish
36 Celtic language
39 Spiky heel
46 Vast body of water
48 Spanish rice dish
50 Good thing to have
52 Utter confusion
53 Surveil by following
54 High hairstyle
55 Wet weather
56 Put on the market
57 The Kingston ___
58 Yukon automaker
61 Two times five

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ANSWER:

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5	9	4	3	6	8	5	4	1
7	6	9	4	5	2	3	8	2
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NWLE students hold their dictionaries in front of them/**PAYTON TOWNS III**

Dublin Rotarians hand out dictionaries to 3rd grade students for the 12th straight year

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter



Lehaman Routh, Dublin Rotary Club president, hands out dictionaries to third grade students at Northwest Laurens Elementary School on Nov. 20/**PAYTON TOWNS III**



Bubba East, a Dublin Rotarian who is the chairman of the dictionary project, talks to third grade students at NWLE/**PAYTON TOWNS III**



Laurens County Superintendent O.J. Hall, and a Dublin Rotarian, gives dictionaries to third grade students at NWEL/**PAYTON TOWNS III**

A student who was handed a dictionary from a Dublin Rotary Club member asked if it was theirs to keep. When the Rotarian member said yes, that student and those around her, celebrated.

That was the reaction seen across the gymnasium as members of the Dublin Rotary Club wrapped up their dictionary project at Northwest Laurens Elementary School on Friday, Nov. 20. In all, the club had handed out more than 700 dictionaries to third grade students attending Dublin City Schools, Laurens County Schools and Trinity Christian School.

It was a project started in 2014, said Dublin Rotary Club President Lehman Routh.

"I know a lot of the third graders learn on computers and things like that," Routh said. "The dictionary stays with them. They can take it home and they will always have it. They don't need a subscription to it and they don't need to recharge it or put batteries in it. I think it's an important thing for them to have."

Bubba East, chairman of the dictionary project, is happy that the club has continued providing the books to third graders in the county.

"Just about every teacher in the schools has told me how this has benefited the students," East said. "Third grade is the perfect age to give them the dictionaries where they can look up the words."

Laurens County Superintendent OJ Hall is in his first year as a Rotarian. As an educator, he is happy to have community partnership and civic organizations engaged with students.

"We are making a big push in literacy and vocabulary is a huge part of it," Hall said. "Good vocabulary is the key to a lot of doors. It's always a great opportunity to have a community partnership like that."

Hall has two daughters. One received a dictionary three years ago and the other will have an opportunity to get one in 2027.

"In education, we became so ingrained in technology, and the students were able to look up everything they wanted," Hall said. "Being able to take a word and hold a book in your hand and look up the meaning of it and the pronunciation of it, I think is still valuable. I think it still has its place."

Hall said they are trying to reduce the amount of times they are in front of screens. This dictionary will help with a miscellaneous amount of information in the back of the book.

"It's good to see the kid's faces light up when they receive a dictionary," Hall said. "We believe reading provides an open door and creates an opportunity that you cannot get anywhere else."

NEWS DIGEST

'Christmas in the Country' luncheon features music by Robbie Currie, Tom Maxwell

All ladies are invited to the Dublin Country Club on **Thursday, December 3**, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. for an unforgettable holiday treat! Take time in the hustle and bustle of this wonderful season to enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon and a delightful concert!

The musical entertainment will begin as talented pianist Brenda Holloway sets the holiday mood. We are thrilled to welcome Dublin native and musician Robbie Currie, who along with Tom Maxwell will treat us to a concert that will turn your heart to the country for the holidays! Currie graduated from West Laurens High School in 1982. Shortly thereafter, he set out for California, where his love for music and remarkable talent opened many doors. Throughout the 1990's he led a band in California. Now back to his roots here in Laurens County, he shares his talent generously. Currie says of his music, "It can't be a hobby. It must be a conviction."

Our guest speaker is Sue Hall, from Wrightsville, Georgia. She is a lady of many talents. With her vibrant personality and wonderful singing voice, she has blessed our group on several occasions with a concert of songs from various decades. She was an elementary educator for more than 30 years. Now she enjoys being "GiGi" to three adorable grandchildren. Sue describes herself as an ocean girl, learning many life lessons from the ocean. She traces how those lessons have created the design for her life.

This event is sponsored by the Dublin Christian Women's Connection. The cost is $21 inclusive. Reservations must be made by Monday, Nov. 30, at 5 p.m., by calling Emily at 478-278-7829. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to Little House Self Storage for sponsoring our invitations.

Call a friend, make your reservations, and join us for this delightful holiday event!



Jingle in your Jammies, a holiday-themed Zumba class led by W.P. Candle CO. owner and certified Zumba instructor Salt Dixon, will take place in the Dublin Mall on Saturday, December 12 from 1-2 pm/**DONNELL SUGGS**

First Friday's with a Christmas Feel

The Dublin-Laurens County Chamber of Commerce's First Business Friday will take place on **Friday, December 4 from 7:30-9am.** The monthly meeting is held at the McGrath-Keen Conference Center, which is located at 1200 Bellevue Ave. in Dublin.

Georgia Farm Bureau (GFB) members will gather on Jekyll Island on Dec. 6-8 for the organization's 89th annual convention.

The convention theme, "Strong Farms. Strong Georgia." highlights GFB's commitment

to ensure that the state's farms endure.

Agriculture has long been the cornerstone of Georgia's economy. According to UGA's Georgia Ag Impact report, farming and related businesses contributed $100.4 billion to the state's economy in 2024, providing more than 370,000 jobs and serving as the primary driving force of many of the state's rural communities. Georgia's farmers and ranchers produced commodities valued at more than $18 billion.

This year will be the 62nd time GFB has held its convention on Jekyll Island, where members celebrate agriculture's historic and far-reaching impact on the state while charting the organization's course for the coming year.

Jingle in your Jammies

Jingle in your Jammies, a holiday-themed Zumba class led by W.P. Candle CO. owner and certified Zumba instructor Salt Dixon, will take place in the Dublin Mall on **Saturday, December 12 from 1-2 pm.** Participants are asked to wear their Christmas pajamas.

Call Dixon at W.P. Candle Co. for more information: 478-410-2257

The Town of Cadwell will hold its next meeting on Monday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Cadwell Town Hall. The agenda follows:

- Call meeting to order
- Invocation
- Approval of minutes
- Approval of financial statement
- Old business
- New business
- Comments
- Acknowledge visitors
- Adjourn

Judge grants directed verdict for defendants in 2022 fatal shooting

By PAYTON TOWNS III
Senior Reporter

The Laurens County Superior Court Chief Judge ruled a directed verdict acquittal for two men who were facing malice and felony murder counts during court on Friday, Nov. 20.

Willie Spikes and Antonio Henderson were also acquitted on three aggravated assault counts, a charge under Georgia's Street Gang Terrorism and Prevention Act, and a charge of possessing a firearm during the commission of a felony in a shooting that killed Joshua Allen Miller, 24 on Sept. 4, 2022.

Spikes' attorney, Catherine S. Bernard of Bernard & Johnson, LLC made the motion for a directed verdict after the state presented its case, saying they failed to establish a link between the defendants and the shooting. Judge Jon Helton agreed, saying the evidence would not support a finding of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

"Having viewed the evidence in the light most favorable to the prosecution, the Court concludes that a rational trier of fact could not find the essential elements of the crimes in Counts 1-7," Helton wrote.

Henderson was represented by Taylor Rinberger, an assistant public defender with the Dublin Circuit Public Defender's Office.

On Sept. 4, 2022, a search warrant affidavit described reports of gunfire in the Jones Village area. Miller was found with a gunshot wound after a crash near Academy Avenue and Kingsby Street. He later passed away at Fairview Park Hospital.

Bernard said Miller was shot once. She said it appeared that Miller was actively engaged in shooting at someone when he was shot.

"My client was not there at the time," Bernard said. "Whoever fired that bullet was very likely involved in self-defense. I believe that went a long way in the judge's decision."

Bernard said Spikes and Henderson went to Jones Village to pick up their cousin because it was his birthday. While there, people started shooting at them. She said the men took their cousin, who had been shot in the face, to a hospital in Dodge County.

"We had some witnesses lined up who would have confirmed the order of events and everything that happened after Willie and Antonio were attacked and people were shooting at them," Bernard said. "There was no evidence that Willie and Antonio were the people in the car 45 minutes later when the state was alleging there was a confrontation with Joshua Miller."

PLAYOFF FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

Johnson, Bleckley, Dodge counties carry Heart of Georgia's flag into state quarterfinal showdowns

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

Though the last of Laurens County's playoff teams were eliminated a Friday ago, three from the Heart of Georgia remain in the post-Thanksgiving hunt this week as the GHSA's state championship road narrows from eight lanes, to four.

No. 1 Johnson County will be out to take a step closer to a potential state title as it makes its fourth quarterfinal appearance of the Don Norton era, and the school's 11th in history.

The unbeaten Trojans (12-0, 6-0 region 5-A) will go up against the seventh seed Macon County (11-1, 5-1 region 6-A), whose only blemish on a next-to-perfect record (in their first season under former Westside Macon head coach "Spoon" Risper) came in overtime against Schley County Oct. 9.

The Bulldogs' big weapon is running back Jakeyveon Parker, who last week broke the 2,000-yard and 30-touchdown marks for the season with close to 300 in their rout of Portal. He combines a quick-cutting, tough-to-tackle downhill running style that will test the resolve of all 11 on JoCo's defensive side of the ball.

The Trojans may well need more of the rock-solid determination they showed last week in the same clutch moments of the second half in order to reach the semifinals for the fifth time ever.

Over in Cochran, it's a marquee battle of championship-minded contenders as No. 5 Bleckley County (11-1, 5-1 region 2-AA) plays host to a quarterfinal for the first time ever, and welcomes fellow once-beaten No. 7 Bremen (11-1, 6-1 region 6-AA) to Shelly Hayes Field.

The teams' two top-rated quarterbacks, the Royals' Brody Fleming (on the verge of breaking his school single-season passing record from last year) and the Blue Devils' Eli Brock (as fearful a running threat as he is a passer), will have center stage. But the underrated factor will be Bremen's ability to slow down the steady rushing production of Zyion Love and Kix Foskey (who together are averaging a solid six yards per carry) that Bleckley has hung its hat on even in the slowest of games this fall.

Dodge County (7-5, 3-3 region 2-AA) is in the midst of its deepest playoff run since 1999, when Coach John Peacock's squad also reached the quarters with its 12th win in the program's best finish ever. The Indians have come from behind in back-to-back weeks to knock off higher seeds on the road. Do they have what it takes to do it for a third time, against maybe the most impressive team they've seen so far?

The Tigers (11-1, 4-1 region 8-AA) are big and solid, and have averaged in the low 40s per game while allowing just more than 10. Their offense has carved teams up as much through the air as on the ground, with the one-two punch of 1,900-yard, 23-touchdown passer Tate Kirk and 1,738-yard, 29-touchdown rusher Demarco Huff leading the way.

But finding answers to score the key points against a defensive front that's been difficult to run the ball on, and even more stubborn at holding off threats in the red zone, may be Dodge's steepest challenge in the matchup.

Other Middle Georgia teams who remain in the running are ECI, which will go on the road to face a highly-touted Taylor County, Northeast Macon, set to host Stephens County in hopes of reaching the semis for a second time in three years, and Toombs County, which will try to make it three round-of-four appearances in a row as it hosts KIPP Collegiate of Atlanta.

ROUND 2: HOW THE REST OF THE AREA FARED

Dodge Co. upsets Thomasville, Bleckley pounds Pepperell to give midstate two more in quarterfinals

John Milledge, Windsor roll to GIAA state championships

By CLAY REYNOLDS
Sports Editor



Asa Wall leaps the final yard to the end zone for one of his many scores against Westfield in the GIAA AAA state championship game Friday night in Statesboro/CLAY BROWN, Houston Home Journal

Dodge Co. 35, Thomasville 31

A series of clutch plays by Aamaury Fountain highlighted the Indians' thrilling comeback to pull off likely the state's biggest second-round upset. The Florida commit hauled in a 65-yard Kain Mincey pass for Dodge's go-ahead touchdown deep in the fourth quarter, and then forced a fumble as Thomasville threatened to take back the lead in the remaining time. He was just as instrumental in re-tying the game at 21 before the half, with a 53-yard kickoff return to open a drive that ended with his own six-yard TD pass to Jauriel Bray. Mincey was 18-out-of-38, and threw for 377 yards as the Indians' main passer. His touchdown to Bray and a short Kawaski Robinson run gave the Indians a 14-0 lead to start the game. Christian Hayes threw and rushed for Thomasville touchdowns in a streak of three unanswered (with the help of a fumble) to grab the lead. The Bulldogs took it back, and went up 10, in the third quarter with a Camdon Christie field goal and a second Hayes touchdown run from 25. Dodge chipped away with a long drive for another touchdown by Robinson, who was the Indians' leading rusher with 65 of their 82 yards on the ground. Fountain had seven receptions for 184 yards and eight tackles. Bray had seven grabs for 134. Robinson, with 12 tackles total, one for loss and a sack, and Peyton Butts, with nine and two, paced the defense.

Bleckley Co. 49, Pepperell 9

It was another air show for Brody Fleming, who threw just one incompletion on 12 attempts, and had 211 yards, in one of his most impressive efforts of the season. He found Jayson McNulty and Gage Harris on a couple touchdown passes each to get the Royals out to a 28-0 lead in the first half. Kix Foskey and Zyion Love added rushing scores, and McNulty a long punt return for a third-unanswered TD before Pepperell drove the field and connected on a field goal for its only points of the first half. The Dragons rushed for 142, and threw for 70 with a pair of QBs, including their lone touchdown on a completion from Riley Millican to Carson Crabtree in the second half. McNulty had five receptions for just over 100. Love rushed for a little past 90. Patrick Beck intercepted a pass.

Lincoln Co. 28, Treutlen 0

Peanut Tobler broke 100 yards rushing, and the Vikings' defense forced four turnovers, but they couldn't capitalize on any of the myriad opportunities to put points on the board as Lincoln County remained unscored-on through two rounds of postseason action. The Red Devils rushed for 347 yards and scored in every quarter. Jonathan Norman had seven carries for 119 and two touchdowns. Aiden Jones and Travis Franklin also ran for 70-plus each. Heavy losses on sacks, and at least one bad snap, set back Treutlen's progress on the way into opposing territory multiple times. But that's where the Vikings would turn the ball over almost as much, twice on downs and once each via fumble and interception.

John Milledge 31, Westfield 14

The Hornets held their own through a half of the GIAA AAA state final Friday night, but didn't stand a chance of stopping Asa Wall, who rumbled to 411 yards and three touchdowns on 26 carries. Multiple long runs by the Georgia commit produced an early touchdown, and set up another for Lane Rhodes that got JMA ahead by a 14-0 score early in the second quarter. Westfield fought back with a Brock Johnson touchdown run, and a Brooks Bentley interception in the end zone to keep it a single-score game going to the half. But Wall and his prolific stiff-arm helped the Trojans rattle off the rest of their 17 points in the third, with Westfield's only answer coming on a long TD pass from Johnson to Win Hoots. Jamel Cooper added 16 rushing attempts for 119 yards to take JMA to 552 total yards, all without a completed pass. Abe Gainous had 11 total tackles, two for loss and two sacks to lead the Trojans defensively.

Douglass 56, Baldwin 19

The high-powered offense of the Braves couldn't come close to keeping up in the boatrace that broke out as Douglass gunned the throttle early, and kept it wide open all the way to 502 total yards. The Astros rushed for 360 yards, with five backs – all whose names start with the letter J – combining for their six touchdowns. Jamari Smith, with 150, and Jecori Anderson, with 103, reached triple figures, and Janarius Gooden was the only member of the group with two touchdowns, on his 84. Kamden Patterson threw to Tavares Hooks and Justin Burton for first-half touchdowns that both cut the early Douglass lead to 14, but the Astros were unable to strike again until a run by Jacob Hester much later in the game.

Windsor 21, Thomas Jefferson 0

Heath Woodard threw for 63 yards, and rushed 30 times for 132 yards and the touchdowns in quarters 2, 3 and 4 that broke the Knights through to claim the Class A state title Saturday in Statesboro. Jaquan Lewis added 20 attempts for 141, and a reception for 44, that helped keep the Windsor offense moving steadily. It hit some road blocks in the form of a turnover on downs at the end of a long first drive, and a second quarter interception that prevented a 7-0 lead from growing until after the half. But the Knights added to it in the third with a six-plus minute drive, including multiple fourth-down conversions, and again in the fourth as Jadyn Hardeman's interception set up Woodard's final TD.

Bulloch 28, Stratford 0

The Eagles' attack seemed dampened by the weather, and Bulloch's option game and defense were both at its best, as the hometown Gators took Saturday's nightcap at Paulson Stadium for the AAAA state crown. Stratford hung in for a while, but got worn down physically by defensive front and pass rush that was too strong to overcome, despite a change at quarterback from Tucker to Jett Johnston, who'd be picked off twice down the stretch. The Gators broke through with a Connor Perry touchdown run in the second quarter, but rode the game's biggest momentum swing as Sam Hubbard dashed 86 yards for a touchdown from deep in their own territory – and a potential kill shot – early in the third. Perry added another rushing touchdown late in the same period, and Billy Crider threw for a touchdown to finish things off in the fourth.

Last week's other scores...

ECI 56,
Washington-Wilkes 27
Appling Co. 34,
Lamar Co. 24
Pierce Co. 42,
Hapeville Charter 27
Northeast Macon 50,
North Murray 12
Toombs Co. 35,
Carver, Columbus 16
Fitzgerald 35,
Social

SCOREBOARD

GIRLS HOOPS
Monday
Westfield 55, Trinity 43

Tuesday
Screven Co. 53, Dublin 43
West Laurens 55, Vidalia 41

BOYS HOOPS
Monday
Camden Co. 68, WL 61
Trinity 64, Westfield 56

PREP SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL
GHSA Quarterfinals
Friday
Bremen at Bleckley Co.
Dodge Co. at Commerce
Macon Co. at Johnson Co.
/7:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL
Monday, Nov. 30
Fullington at Trinity
/6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 1
WL at Houston Co.
/5 p.m.
Thomas Jefferson at Trinity/**6 p.m.**

Friday, Dec. 4
WL at Long Co./**5 p.m.**
Trinity at FPD/**6 p.m.**
Wheeler Co. at EL/**7 p.m.**

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THE PANEL...	RODNEY MANLEY	PAYTON TOWNS III	KYLE DOMINY	JEREMY PAYNE	JANICE BALLARD	RALPH JACKSON	DON CARSWELL	FORREST KILGO
Last week/OVERALL	9-3/126-41	7-5/119-48	6-6/105-62	9-3/125-42	6-6/114-53	7-5/119-48	7-5/120-47	6-6/113-54
THIS WEEK'S MATCHUPS...								
Macon Co. at Johnson Co.	Johnson Co.	Johnson Co.	Johnson Co.	Macon Co.	Johnson Co.	Johnson Co.	Picks not submitted by press time	Johnson Co.
Bremen at Bleckley Co.	Bleckley Co.	Bleckley Co.	Bleckley Co.	Bleckley Co.	Bleckley Co.	Bleckley Co.		Bleckley Co.
Dodge Co. at Commerce	Commerce	Commerce	Commerce	Commerce	Dodge Co.	Commerce		Commerce
ECI at Taylor Co.	ECI	Taylor Co.	Taylor Co.	Taylor Co.	Taylor Co.	ECI		Taylor Co.
Swainsboro at Jeff Davis	Swainsboro	Jeff Davis	Jeff Davis	Jeff Davis	Jeff Davis	Jeff Davis		Jeff Davis
Fitzgerald at Heard Co.	Heard Co.	Heard Co.	Heard Co.	Heard Co.	Heard Co.	Heard Co.		Fitzgerald
Pierce Co. at Appling Co.	Appling Co.	Appling Co.	Appling Co.	Appling Co.	Appling Co.	Appling Co.		Appling Co.
Stephens Co. at Northeast	Northeast	Northeast	Northeast	Northeast	Northeast	Stephens Co.		Northeast
KIPP at Toombs Co.	Toombs Co.	Toombs Co.	Toombs Co.	Toombs Co.	Toombs Co.	Toombs Co.		Toombs Co.
Mary Persons at Dougherty	Dougherty	Dougherty	Dougherty	Dougherty	Dougherty	Dougherty		Dougherty
Bowdon at Randolph-Clay	Bowdon	Randolph-Clay	Randolph-Clay	Randolph-Clay	Randolph-Clay	Bowdon		Randolph-Clay
Buford at Valdosta	Buford	Buford	Valdosta	Buford	Buford	Buford		Valdosta

Classifieds

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

Yard/Estate Sales

Moving/Estate Sale: Fri. Nov 27th. 8am-until. Sofas, small freezers, chairs, clothing & more.

Legals

Legals

26-500
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF LEISA MURKERSON OWENS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 17-239
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: whom it may concern:
Lindsay P. Owens and Caleb L. Owens has petitioned for Lindsay P. Ownes and Caleb L. Owens to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Leisa Murkerson Owens deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before Dec 7, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Jackson Dixon
Genola L. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court Post Office Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-508
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

26-504
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

26-501
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN C. PITTS, JR., DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 09-118
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: John C. Pitts, III and to whom it may concern:
Angie Pitts Simpkins has petitioned for James Albert Hood to be appointed administrator of the estate of John C. Pitts, Jr., deceased, of said county. The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261. All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before Dec 7, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson.
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 2098 Dublin GA 31040
478-272-2566
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-509
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY B. COOPER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-198
NOTICE
The petition of JUANITA COOPER for an order declaring no administration is necessary in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,
TO: Whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition, in this Court on or before December 7, 2026
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: C. Warren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
(478) 272-2566
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-527
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

26-510
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY.
IN RE: ESTATE OF LINDA HOWELL MALLETTE
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
All creditors of the Estate of Linda Howell Mallette, deceased, late of Laurens County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Michael Walters Mallette and Jamie Mallette Moore
Executors of the Estate of
Linda Howell Mallette
C/O Edward B. Claxton III
Attorney for Executors
P. O. Box 16459
Dublin, Georgia 31040
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-515
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Georgia, Laurens County.
All creditors of the Estate of Timothy R. Maddox, deceased, late of Laurens County, are hereby notified to render in writing their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 26th day of October, 2026.
Lisa Robin Schrader,
Administratrix of the Estate of
Timothy R. Maddox, deceased c/o J. Jackson Dixon
Smith Dixon Law Group, LLC 205 N. Franklin Street Dublin, GA 31021
November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 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

26-490
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.
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

26-523
RETAIL PACKAGED BEER & WINE ADVERTISEMENT
Notice is given that KAIRAV 20, LLC., Through Alpitaben Patel (Managing Member), 201 Fox Den Court, Dublin Georgia 31021 has applied for a license to sell beer & wine packaged to go at 514 Buckeye Road, East Dublin, Ga 31027. Further notice is given that the City Council will hear public comments on Monday, December 14, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Terrie E. Drew Council Chambers at City Hall regarding this issue of said license.
November 28, 2026

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

26-488
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
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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 Courthouse, 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

26-529
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
IN RE: ESTATE OF SELENA VICTORIA POPE
All creditors of the estate of SELENA VICTORIA POPE, 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 Administrator, Matthew Steven Pope, under the Last Will and Testament of said Decedent.
This 19th day of Novmembert, 2026.
S. Ryan Dixon
Nelson & Dixon, LLC

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MATTHEW STEVEN POPE
Administrator of the Estate of
SELENA VICTORIA POPE
1093 Wrights Road
Dublin, Georgia 31021
November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 2026

26-530
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, LAURENS COUNTY
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from DEVONTAY VICKERS and DIAMOND VICKERS to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC., dated July 11, 2019, recorded August 5, 2019, in Book 2978, Page 79, Laurens County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Ninety-Five Thousand Four Hundred Two and 00/100 dollars ($95,402.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Laurens County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2027, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:
ALL THAT TRACT AND PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE 22ND LAND DISTRICT OF LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING 1.01 ACRE IN LAND LOT NO. 342 IN SAID DISTRICT, AS SHOWN ON A SURVEY OF LAND FOR DEVONTAY AND DIAMOND VICKERS, PREPARED BY RONNY BARRON, LAND SURVEYOR, DATED JUNE 5, 2019 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 318, LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CLERK`S RECORDS. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN.SAID TRACT OF LAND IS THAT SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED UNTO DIAMOND STURRUP BY QUITCLAIM DEED OF TYSHEIKA DUDLEY DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2018, RECORDED IN DB 2902, PG 289, LAURENS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CLERK`S RECORDS.
ATTACHED HERETO AND CONVEYED HEREWITH IS A 2019 HINESVILLE HOME CENTER, INC./SCOTBILT HOMES, INC. MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBER SBHGA21800624AB
Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 1476 WILLIS JACKSON RD, DUDLEY, GA 31022.
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 DEVONTAY VICKERS, DIAMOND VICKERS, or tenants(s).
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) purchaser's tendering to Rubin Lublin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale.
The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Rocket Mortgage, LLC sbm Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, Telephone Number: 888-480-2432/833-685-8589. 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.
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC S/B/M
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
as Attorney in Fact for
DEVONTAY VICKERS, DIAMOND VICKERS
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. NAT-26-02098-3
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November 28, 2026, January 9, 16, 23, 30, 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

26-505
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.
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Edward Claxton
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
PO BOX 2098
DUBLIN, GA 31040
478-272-2566
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-493
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIE FRANK CASSON, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 26-25
NOTICE
IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: Yvette Gamble, Dion Cason, Michelle Shepard and (all and singular the heirs of said decedent,) (the beneficiaries under the will,) and to whom it may concern:
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before December 7, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Genola O. Jackson
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk of the Probate Court
Post Office Box 2098
Dublin, GA 31040
478-272-2566
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-254
RETAIL PACKAGED BEER & WINE ADVERTISEMENT
Notice is given that FRIENDLY GUS STORES #6 & #19 Through Matt Jones (Managing Member), 876 Cochran Farm Road, Dublin, GA 31021 has applied for a license to sell beer & wine packaged to go at 415 Soperton Avenue, East Dublin, GA 31027 and 309 Central Drive, East Dublin, GA 31027. Further notice is given that the City Council will hear public comments on Monday, December 14, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Terrie E. Drew Council Chambers at City Hall regarding this issue of said license.
November 28, 2026

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

26-513
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

26-492
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.
GENOLA O. JACKSON
Judge of the Probate Court
By: CWarren
Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the Probate Court
Laurens County Probate Court
P. O. Box 2098
Dublin, Georgia 31040
478-272-2566
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-499
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER
LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Ronnie Hackle to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Morris Bank, dated January 3, 2023, and recorded in Deed Book 3355, Page 57, Laurens County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on July 27, 2026 in Book 03734 Page 0246 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and 0/100 dollars ($80,750.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Laurens County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on December 1, 2026, the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 57 of the 1st Land District, Laurens County, Georgia, containing 1.94 acres, more or less, and being more particularly shown and described on a plat of survey prepared by Larry C. Jones, RLS, for Charles Keith Hall, dated October 4, 2017, and recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 32, Laurens County Records. The courses and distances of said plat are incorporated into and made a part if this description by reference.
Subject to covenants, restrictions, reservations and easements of record.
Said property is further identified by the Laurens County Tax Assessor as 911 Campground Rd., Dublin, GA 31021. Map & Parcel: 129/055
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Freedom Mortgage Corporation they can be contacted at (855) 690-5900 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 11988 Exit 5 Pkwy, Bldg 4, Fishers, Indiana 46037, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Ronnie Hackle or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as 911 Campground Rd, Dublin, GA 31021.
The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.
Freedom Mortgage Corporation as Attorney in Fact for Ronnie Hackle.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Suite 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S file no.: 26-31148
November 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026

26-518
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

26-526
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

26-506
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

26-489
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

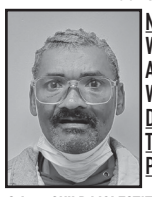
26-531
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
All creditors of the Estate of Brian Hugh Johnson, late of Laurens County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
Dated this 23rd day of November, 2026.
Grady Hugh Johnson, as Administrator of the Estate of Brian Hugh Johnson
Address: 219 Earlwood Drive
Dublin, GA 31021
David S. Hollingsworth
Smith, Hawkins, Hollingsworth & Reeves
PO Box 6495
Macon, Georgia 31208-6495
November 28, December 5, 12, 19, 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

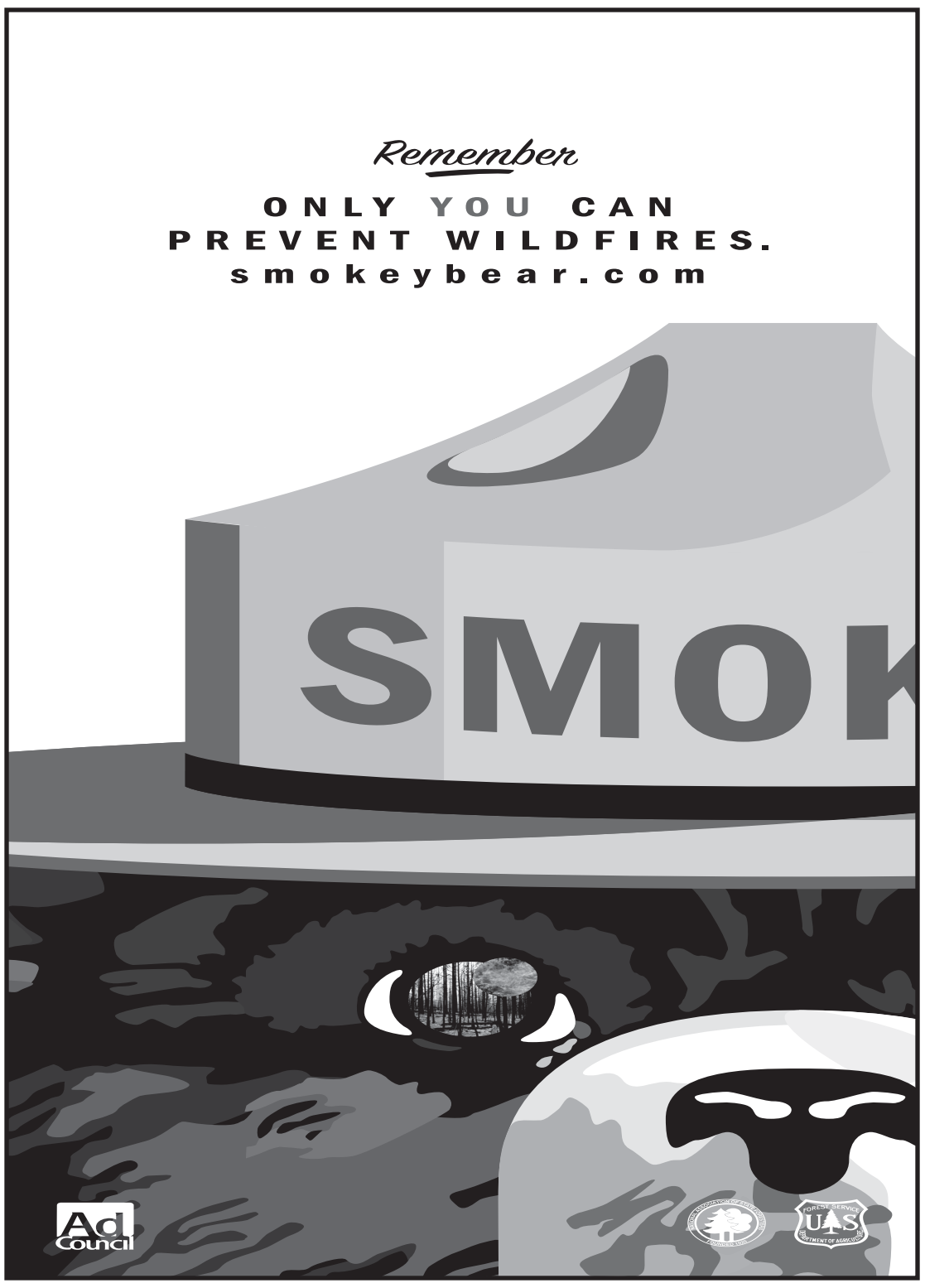
26-516
CITATION
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF LAURENS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF: SA Initials
SEX:M FILE#34.13920.1781
DOB:08/20/2026 CASE #26J-0299
A Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, HEATHER ANDREWS AND UNKNOWN FATHER, UNKNOWN ADDRESSES, and anyone claiming to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

26-484
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

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



Name: CHRISTOPHER WASHINGTON
Address: 1939 Isaac Watkins Rd., Montrose
Date of Birth: 09/27/1963
Time of Arrest: Unknown
Place of Arrest: Baldwin Co
Crime: CHILD MOLESTATION, AGGRAVATED CHILD MOLESTATION DISPOSITION: UNKNOWN
Date Placed on State Registry: 01/28/2016
For additional information regarding the Georgia Sex Offender Registry – www.ganet.org/gbl or contact Laurens County Sheriff's Department 478-272-1522



HIGHLIGHT REEL: SIGHTS, SOUNDS OF HEART OF GEORGIA FOOTBALL

The regular season is in the books, and the state playoffs in progress, as the area's football season winds down. But here's a quick look back at some scenes from outside the lines at games from earlier this fall...



The Fighting Irish Band plays out the final minutes of Dublin's first-round win over Vidalia/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



Trinity cheerleaders get the fans going during the Crusaders' home game against Edmund Burke in August/**DANNY SCARBORO**



Band of Gold dance team members do the motions to Michael Jackson's Halloween-themed hit "Thriller" during their halftime show on the eve of Halloween Oct. 30/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



West Laurens JROTC cadets present the colors before kickoff against Harlem Oct. 9/**DANNY SCARBORO**



The drum major of Bleckley's Royal Kingsmen conducts during their halftime show at East Laurens Oct. 30/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



Irish fans celebrate from the stands after their win over Dodge County Oct. 23/**HORACE AUSTIN**



Trinity Crusaders take the field for their final home game against Riverside Military Nov. 6/**DANNY SCARBORO**



East Laurens trumpet soloist Emily Lopez plays during the Band of Gold's Michael Jackson-themed halftime show Oct. 30/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



A Bleckley County flagline member wearing facial paint resembling Batman's Joker performs at halftime at the new Falcon Field/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



Dublin Fighting Irish Band dancers perform at halftime of their first-round game against Vidalia/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



Bleckley County assistant coaches use some poster boards with a random selection of clip art images to help signal in an offensive play at East Laurens Oct. 30/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



East Laurens saxophonist John Luke Brown performs along with the Band of Gold from the stands at the Falcons' home game vs. BC Oct. 30/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



Trinity headmaster and acting head coach Larry Collins leads a word of prayer after the Crusaders' home game against Flint River in October /**DANNY SCARBORO**



The East Laurens flag football sideline gets excited after a big play in their final home game vs. Statesboro Nov. 3/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



Bleckley County Royal Kingsmen auxiliaries form a multidirectional kick line during their halftime show at East Laurens/**CLAY REYNOLDS**



West Laurens players celebrate during head coach Kip Burdette's postgame address after their first-round win over Westover Saturday, Nov. 14/**DANNY SCARBORO**

HOLIDAY

Continued from page 1

The Courier Herald has put together a list of local businesses, excluding restaurants, which will be highlighted in another story at another time, that are taking part in some and all of the shopping observations. Businesses that were started by families, businesses that were started by entrepreneurs, businesses that run on blood, sweat, tears, and the help of the community that they serve, Laurens County.

W.P. Candle Co. at 131 E. Madison Street, is another female-owned business in downtown Dublin. Mrs. Salt Dixon, the owner and operator of the candlemaking business, told The Courier Herald that the four core principals of her business are creativity, connection, movement, and growth. Customers can take group classes on candle making inside the business or have Dixon conduct a class on the site of their choice.

Gee Gees Everyday Boutique, which is located in suite 4 at 1006 Hillcrest Pkwy. in Dublin, is already decorated for the Christmas holiday. Even so, there are extended hours for Black Friday (10am-7pm) and Small Business Saturday (10am-5pm).

Glitzy River Boutique offers customers sweatshirts, shoes, t-shirts, and accessories. The "Count Your Blessings and not how many deviled eggs I'm eating" t-shirt is a popular one this time of year. The boutique is located at 1817 Rice Avenue in Dublin.

Pure Body Co. , located at 109 E. Columbia Street, offers its guests skin care services, massages, tanning and waxing.

The Rusty Goose is another of Dublin's colorful boutiques. The Rusty Goose is located in The Oaks Shopping Center on Veterans Blvd.

Salty Halo is a halo therapy spa at 907 Hillcrest Parkway. Advertised as kid-friendly and walk-in ready, the spa offers 15-minute therapy sessions.



Emerald City Treasures Too is located within the Williamsburg Village Shopping Center/**DONNELL SUGGS**



A decorative table inside Gee Gee's Everyday Boutique/**DONNELL SUGGS**

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Soperton resident heads holiday event organization efforts

By LOGAN REYNOLDS
Staff Reporter

The city of Soperton will see a number of community events within the next year, beginning with the "Christmas in the Pines" on Nov. 28.

The initiative is spearheaded by Misty Lee Brantley, a member of the local community service board who previously served as a marketing coordinator for Easterseals Disabilities and Community Services. During her time with Easterseals, she organized several events, including five kilometer runs, golf tournaments and a rodeo. She also operates the rodeo company Shields and Spurs Pro Rodeo.

"I have a lot of background in doing events, and coordinating things and putting things together," said Brantley.

This background led her to organizing events alongside the city of Soperton in a "volun-told" position. Brantley and her husband, Clint Brantley, restarted the city's annual Christmas tree lighting event in 2014, and have been asked to return to the event after some time away to "make it big again and make it epic."

Soperton's tree lighting ceremony "Christmas in the Pines" will be held on Nov. 28 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Soperton town square. The event will feature musical performances from the Treutlen County High School Marching Band and a guest performer, Christmas carols, a Christmas message and a Santa Claus performer, before the city's Christmas tree is lit for the first time.

"Chirstmas in the Pines" is only the first in a number of planned events for the Soperton community. Brantley's goal in organizing these events is to utilize more of Soperton's public spaces each quarter of the year while also encouraging residents to spend more time in the city, as opposed to leaving to find activities in other communities.

"With us being such a small community, it's important that you see each others' smiling faces and support each other, and support our local businesses," said Brantley.

Brantley's suggestions for future events under this initiative include fall festivals in Jean Gillis Memorial Park, Easter egg hunts and public showings of movies in local parks, among others. She aims to schedule these events quarterly.

"There's so many things we can do, so each quarter we plan on doing something," said Brantley.

She also spoke to the Soperton City Council during their meeting on Nov. 16 regarding her plans to hold events for residents of all ages. The mayor and council members expressed their support for Brantley's efforts.

"So, we have several things that people are getting excited [for], and they want to see Soperton grow and not have to go to Vidalia, or Lyons or Dublin when we can do it here," said Brantley when speaking to the council. "We have the ability to do it here."

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- Clinical Trials Access
- Genetic Counseling Arrangements
- Bone Marrow Transplant Arrangements

NEW & EXPANDED SERVICES
- ACHC-Accredited Medically Integrated Dispensing **Pharmacy** — Faster, safer access to essential oral oncology medications.
- **In-House Flow Cytometry** — Accelerated diagnostic results for blood cancers and immune disorders.
- **Mental Health Support in Partnership with Colla Health** — Virtual access to licensed clinicians focused on emotional well-being.
- **Bispecific Antibody Therapies** — Next-generation treatments for advanced hematologic and solid tumors, available locally.

LEADERSHIP IN VALUE-BASED CANCER CARE
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