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Local Firefighters Battle Vienna Apartment Fire



Photo by Don Williford

Contributed by
EMS Director Don Williford

Dooly County Emergency Services was dispatched to a Vienna Apartment Complex structure fire on Holiday Street Friday afternoon, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. The Vienna

Volunteer Fire Department responded along with Pinehurst and Drayton Fire Departments, Vienna Police Department and Dooly County EMS. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered a structure fire that involved two structures including 508 and 510 Holiday Street. Suppression of this fire was successful and the fire was

extinguished. There was no loss of life or injury noted from the fire. The American Red Cross was contacted to support the family residents of those structures. All units returned to service with no other issues.

Karing Heartz Comes to Dooly County Library



Pictured left to right: Aisha Reynolds and Nahesa Davis with Karing Heartz CDC

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

Nahesa Davis and Aisha Reynolds with Karing Heartz Community Development Corporation were in Vienna last Wednesday. According to Dooly County Library Manager Jill Kloberdanz, "Karing Heartz will be here every

Wednesday in July from 12 Noon until 2:00 p.m. distributing food for kids 18-years and younger." Ms. Davis explained, "We have been servicing the Atlanta area as well as multiple cities and counties in Georgia: Griffin, Spalding, Douglasville, Henry County and Clayton County for the past seven years. We are here during the



Karing Heartz distributing food for kids 18-years and younger

School Board Holds Called Meeting

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

The Dooly County Board of Education met last Monday, July 7 in executive session to make a personnel decision for the upcoming school year. Officials had accepted the resignation of Yolanda Duncan as middle school counselor effective June 23 and agreed to appoint Ms. Eliza Bryant as the new DCMS School Counselor effective July 1.

CCSO Makes Burglary Arrest

Contributed

The Crisp County Sheriff's Office received reports of a burglary in progress Tuesday night, July 8 at approximately 9:00 p.m. at a business within the city limits. When deputies arrived at the scene, a male suspect attempted to flee but was apprehended and arrested. Upon

**ARREST
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Unadilla Mayor Discusses 'Unflushable' Debris Wreaking Havoc on System During Council Meeting

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

Unadilla Mayor Myron Mixon announced and expressed concern over an issue with the Cherry Street Lift Station, "That is the main lift station for the entire city. We are having a problem with rags and all kinds of debris that's being flushed in the toilets throughout the city. We're burning up lift station motors from anywhere between \$12,000-\$20,000-a-piece because of cloth rags that we have going through there. Anything that's 100% biodegradable, like baby wipes, hand wipes and cleaning wipes are not flushable. What's it's going to cause us and what's fixin' to happen is,

we're going to have to raise our water rates. If we don't stop having rags and the city cannot afford \$20,000 pump motors every other month. We're not going to do that. We're asking the citizens to please speak with members of your household and make sure they're not flushing objects that are not capable of being broken down. We just can't continue to do this. Once we start raising water rates because what we're collecting now doesn't cover that. We never anticipated this. Our engineers said that they have several cities that they represent throughout the south and we're the worst city out of everyone they represent for rags. I don't get that and why would you

want to throw cloth rags down a toilet and nine times out of ten whoever's doing it, isn't paying the bill."

Concerning another matter, the mayor stated, "The Department of Community Affairs contacted me and they went back and looked at our documents and all of our 'stuff' that we used to apply for a CHIP grant and all of our leg-work and we got accepted for a CHIP grant of \$500,000. I'm so happy that we got it. We worked hard to get it. The City of Unadilla, council members, the mayor, and city employees are not going to make the decisions on who gets this grant. It is administered by the DCA. It's a fed-

eral-state grant and it will be federal-state officials that will set it up and let us know in advance when people can come and fill out those applications. It probably will be here at city hall, not over at the community center. Again those people are going to be the ones that make the call. If you make the qualifications, you'll get funding and you'll get your work done, but it will be none of us making those decisions. If we do it and administer it correctly and they administer it correctly, we can apply for that every year. Unlike CDBG grants where you can only do it every other year."

**UNADILLA COUNCIL MEETING
CONTINUED PG 3A**

Dooly County Canning Plant Closed This Week

Contributed By Ag. Teacher
Roger Teeple

The Dooly County Canning Plant will be closed thru Wednesday, July 16 for the Agriculture Teacher Conference. We will reopen on Thursday, July 17. Starting July 21, we will open by appointment only. We have done nearly 1,300 jars-cans and nearly 700 bags of produce. Again, thank you. We've had a busy summer canning peaches, greens, greens, peas, butter beans and now canning salsa.



Also this hot summer, we have done tomatoes, turnips, rutabagas, corn, collards, beans, peas and squash. One day, we canned 78 quarts of beans and peas. This plant is owned and operated by the Dooly County School System for the benefit of the population of Dooly County and the surrounding area. Canning/preserving food is our purpose. For more information about the Dooly County Canning Plant, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/286782366976973> or to make an appointment feel free to call Roger Teeple at 828-391-0537.



Unadilla Back-2-School Bash

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The City of Unadilla is holding its annual Back-2-School Bash Saturday, July 19 from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in Downtown Unadilla. The Dooly STEM Bus will be on hand providing educational games for the kids along with a Bouncy House and free school supplies. Also providing snacks will be Sno Biz, Salsa's Mexican Grill, The Twisted Lemon, Alley Wings, Sweet T's Food Truck featuring BBQ and Country Cookin'.



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

Athens Hill Baptist Church

Vienna, GA 229-268-4883

AOH Church of God

Vienna, GA 229-268-1903

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Vienna, GA

Bay Point CME

Byromville, GA

Bethel Baptist Church

Vienna, GA

229-268-2848

Bethlehem Baptist Church

Byromville, GA

229-433-2102

Big Poplar Baptist Church

Unadilla, GA

Brown Chapel Baptist Church

Unadilla, GA

478-627-2505

Byromville Baptist Church

Byromville, GA

229-433-2505

Byromville Methodist Church

Byromville, GA

229-321-9292

Camp Creek Baptist Church

Unadilla, GA

478-627-3929

Vienna Church of Christ

Vienna, GA

229-268-1994

Vienna Church of God

Vienna, GA

229-268-1404

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Unadilla, GA

Destiny Worship Center

International Ministries

Vienna, GA

(478) 273-8112

Dooling Baptist Church

Byromville, GA

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Church

Unadilla, GA

229-268-8456

Drayton United Methodist

Vienna, GA 229-321-9292

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Vienna, GA

229-268-2964

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Vienna, GA

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Eddie Conner, Manager

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121 N. 3rd Street
P.O. Box 486
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Evergreen Baptist Church
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229-645-3476

Faith Baptist Church
Vienna, GA
229-268-2798

Forest Chapel Baptist Church
Unadilla, GA 478-645-3476

Harmony Baptist Church
Unadilla, GA

Healing and Deliverance Church
Unadilla, GA

Liberty Baptist Church
Pinehurst, GA
229-645-3584

Lilly Baptist Church
Lilly, GA

Lilly Methodist Church
Lilly, GA
229-433-5691

Macedonia Baptist Church
Vienna, GA
229-268-1582

Little Poplar Baptist Church
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Unadilla, GA

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church
Vienna, GA

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
Vienna, GA

New Bethel Baptist Church
Unadilla, GA
478-627-3775

Mt. Zion CME
Vienna, GA
229-268-6013

Northside Missionary Baptist
Church
Vienna, GA

New Bethel CME
Pinehurst, GA

Pinehurst Baptist Church
Pinehurst, GA

Pinehurst Methodist Church
Pinehurst, GA

Pleasant Hill Freewill Baptist
Church
Vienna, GA 229-268-8746

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church
Byromville, GA

Richwood Baptist Church
Vienna, GA

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church
Pinehurst, GA
229-645-3713

Reedy Branch Baptist Church
740 Church Avenue
Byromville, GA

Riverview Baptist Church
Vienna, GA

Shady Grove CME Church
Vienna, GA

Shiloh Methodist Church
Vienna, GA

Smyrna Baptist Church
Vienna, GA
229-268-6852

Snow Methodist Church
Unadilla, GA

St. John Baptist Church
Vienna, GA

Springhill Baptist Church
Vienna, GA

St. Luke CME
Lilly, GA

St. Mark's Baptist Church
Vienna, GA

Tippettville Baptist Church
Vienna, GA

Trails of Faith Deliverance
Holiness Church
Vienna, GA
229-268-4377

Turkey Creek Baptist Church
Lilly, GA

Unadilla First Baptist Church
Unadilla, GA
478-627-3615

Unadilla United Methodist
Church
Unadilla, GA
478-627-3330

Vienna Congregation
Vienna, GA

Vienna First Baptist Church
Vienna, GA
229-268-4386

Vienna Methodist Church
Vienna, GA
229-268-4207

Dooly County Community CALENDAR

email: thenewsobservereditor@gmail.com



Byromville Baptist Church 'A Night of Praise and Worship'

Byromville Baptist Church Student Ministry invites you to 'A Night of Praise and Worship Sunday, August 10 at 6:00 p.m. Guest Speaker is Ben Hunley, Worship Pastor at Oak Hill Church Williamson, Ga. Music Leaders Jesse and Chelsea Adams will also lead the program. All ages welcome with food and fellowship to follow.

Bingo Night in Byromville

Enjoy Bingo Game night on the second Thursday of every month starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Byromville Municipal Complex. This is for individuals 55 and older. Free entry-fellowship-games and prizes.

Town of Dooling Meeting

The Town of Dooling-Town Meeting will now be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month starting at 6:00p.m. (Except for the months of July & Dec. when no meeting will be held.) If you plan to bring an issue to the board, please contact the Mayor in writing a week before the town meeting to be placed on the agenda.

Bobcat Bulletin

Please watch Bobcat Bulletin via Facebook - Instagram. FB Dooly County High School. IG doolycounthigh. Every Monday at 1:00PM. Courtesy of Mr. A. Kendrick's A/V Class.

Bethlehem Baptist Church

Worship With Us Each & Every Sunday. Worship starts at 11:00am. Bible Study on each Sunday at 5:00pm. Jerry Jamal Sanders, Sr., Pastor. (TN)

Dooly County Library

1200 East Union St., Vienna

Mon. - Thurs. 9AM-6PM

Summer Reading Club Theme 'Color our World'

Summer Reading Club programs are FREE. All of the Elizabeth Harris Library Programs will be on Wednesdays in June at 4:00 p.m.

June 18 - Care of Magical Creatures

June 25 - Wildlife Wonders

"An Hour of Encouragement"

Pastor Dean and the New Poplar Spring Baptist Church would like for you to join us every Wednesday night @7pm for "An Hour of Encouragement" on our Conference Call line. Please dial (253) 993-3761. (TN)

The Elizabeth Harris Library

Unadilla Location:

Tues-Thurs 8:30AM-6PM

Friday 9AM-4PM

Saturday 9AM-12PM Noon

Byromville Location:

Tues-Thurs 2:30PM-5:30PM





Photos Contributed

The July Yard of the Month Winner, the Offenberg Family at 626 East Railroad Street in Unadilla.

UNADILLA COUNCIL MEETING CONTINUED FROM 1A

The Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Contract was approved for the contractor to begin work on the project along East Railroad Street, "Toward the prison. They're fixin' to start on that and we had not approved the contract itself." Public Works Superintendent

Leon Lester reported that, "We finished pouring the driveway at the Cherry Street Apartments. We've got a trailer that we got a quote for because the other trailer got damaged and we're trying to get it replaced." The council learned that the Dooly State Prison once again has a Fire Chief Trent Hampton from Kathleen, Ga. Unadilla's new online payment option has 'launched' as of July 1 allowing customers to access their utility accounts and

property taxes through payment services network. The link is located on the City of Unadilla's official Facebook page. The City of Unadilla will host a Back-to-School Bash this Saturday, July 19 from 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. downtown. There will be a live DJ on site, food trucks, bouncy houses, game truck and free school supplies given away. The Dooly County STEM bus will be there. Parents can enter their children's names for a chance to

win four tickets to Rigby's Water World. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact city hall. The mayor announced, "The July Yard of the Month winner is the Offenberg family located at 626 E Railroad Street. This beautiful yard is adorned with Hibiscus, Petunias, Zinnias and Mexican Petunias. Mrs. Judy takes pride in working in her yard and gets her green thumb from her late mother, Jessie Mae."

Missing Person Update – Nyeasha Pickens

Cordele Police Department

MISSING PERSON

NYEASHA PICKENS
AGE: 19

SEE SOMETHING

SEND SOMETHING

ANY INFORMATION: USE THE "SeeSend APP"
Use Keywords: "Nyeasha" or "Cordele Missing Person"

Or
CALL THE TIPLINE: 1-800-597-8477

By Cordele Police Department

On July 11, Cordele Police Department Lieutenant Charles Pheil was joined by Turner County Sheriff's Office Deputy Lieutenant Justin Partain to continue our search efforts in the case of missing 19-year-old Nyeasha Pickens. Using drone technology, they were able to search areas that had previously been inaccessible by foot and had not been covered thoroughly until now. We want to extend our sincere thanks to the Turner County Sheriff's Office and especially to Lt. Partain for dedicating his time and resources to assist in this search. The collaboration and support from neighboring agencies have

been instrumental in helping us work every possible lead. Unfortunately, an aerial search did not uncover Nyeasha or any new evidence connected to her disappearance. Our investigation remains active, and we are committed to continuing every effort to bring her home. We also want to thank the community for the outpouring of support, tips, and encouragement. Your continued concern for Nyeasha and her family means more than words can express.

If you have any information—no matter how small—please contact the Cordele Police Department at 229-276-2921, call 911, or call the GBI Tip Line at 1-800-597-8477

Angie Burton Donates New Ag in the Classroom Book



Photo by Julianne Woodward Bartlett

Bartlett at 312 Harman Street in Unadilla, call 478-627-9303 or by email: rwbartlett@lbrls.org.

by Library Manager Rhonda Woodward-Bartlett

Thanks Angie Burton for our new Ag in the Classroom book at Elizabeth Harris

Library, "Spin a Scarf of Sunshine" written by Dawn Casey is a delightful book. For more information, contact Library Manager Rhonda Woodward

Know Signs for Heat Related Emergencies

Contributed by Nurse Manager Cyndi Mercer

Know the signs for heat related emergencies, dizziness, fainting, headache, confusion, intense thirst, elevated body temperature, excessive sweating, no sweating, rapid weak pulse, rapid strong pulse, nausea, muscle cramps, fatigue, etc. Drink fluids that will keep you hydrated. Take the necessary precautions and act promptly when signs are

present for yourself or those around you. Also, please come by the Dooly County Health Department and get your child ready for school with screenings and vaccines done. We do the whole screening for hearing, vision, and dental. Get it done in one spot with those who do it best. For more information, call 229-268-4725 or go by the office at 204 West Union Street in Vienna.



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Coffee and Classics Book Club Coming in September

By Library Manager Jill Klobertanz

Starting in September, we will read the classic books you've always wanted to read but never got around to it. We will vote from a list of books in September so be sure and come to that

meeting to cast your vote and see your friends.

Coffee and Classics Book Club will meet the second Thursday of each month starting September 11 at 1:15 p.m. at Café 41. Presented by Dooly County Library and Café 41.

The News Observer

We'll be there, so you can be there, too.

Reminder & Deadlines for All Newspaper Submissions

All submissions need to be turned in no later than Friday, the week before the first publication. Preferably by noon on Friday.

Submissions include: advertisements, classifieds, legal notices, news article submissions, community calendar notices.

DOOLY COUNTY BOBCATS '74

OPEN HOUSE 2025

Dooly County K-8 Academy
July 29, 2025
3-5PM

Dooly County High School
July 29, 2025
5-7PM



In The Garden With LAWN TIPS FOR JULY

July continues to be a busy time for gardeners. Consider the following reminders to help your lawn to be the envy of the neighborhood.

* Frequent mowing during periods of active growth makes for easier mowing. Generally, no more than one-third of the total grass blade length should be removed at any single mowing. If more than this is removed, the grass may become weak and stunted, especially during times of drought. In other words, try not to scalp your lawn!

* Grass kept at the proper height will help keep the soil shaded and relatively cool and tends to discourage weed growth. If weed seeds do germinate, the relatively tall, vigorous grass will tend to smother the weed seedlings.

* Clippings more than an inch long are likely to remain on top of the grass until they turn brown. Since they detract from the uniform appearance of the lawn, they should be raked up and removed. Clippings shorter than one inch will sift through the grass and decompose rapidly and will not contribute to thatch buildup.

* Your lawn may be suffering from a nematode infestation. Nematodes are microscopic worms that live in the soil and feed on plant roots, weakening the host plant. Symptoms include off-colored, yellow, stunted blades

of grass. The grass may appear to be suffering from lack of fertilizer or water but will not respond to applications of either. Nematodes are particularly troublesome in light, sandy to sandy loam soils.

Carefully examine the roots of the grass for signs of abnormal growth. Affected roots will appear shriveled, blackened, and stubby. Fewer small, white feeder roots will be observable. If nematodes are suspected, it is best to contact your county extension service for positive identification and proper methods of control.

* Is your centipede declining? If your centipede lawn has failed to green up properly, it could be that the lawn is suffering from centipede decline. Factors thought to contribute to this problem include high phosphorus levels, too low or too high pH, high nitrogen applications, heavy thatch buildup, compacted sod, winterkill, insect damage, and mowing too high. These factors may act independently or in concert with other factors to cause the problem.

Try this for small, workable areas—remove any thatch in the dead areas and till the soil to a depth of about six inches. Then resod or seed at the recommended rate and keep watered to establish the grass. Withhold any fertilizer or lime applications from the newly established grass unless a soil test indicates otherwise.

Maintain a proper mowing height and remove all clippings from the area.

* Insect damage to lawns is not easy to determine. One way to check if you have harmful insects is to "float" them out. Mix two ounces of lemon-scented dish detergent in two gallons of water. Pour this solution over a two-foot by two-foot area. Insects such as sod webworms and chinch bugs will come wriggling to the surface. Collect the insects and have them identified by your local Extension Service or lawn care professional.

* Even on a well-established lawn, mowing in the same pattern over and over will result in compaction where the wheels roll. It is wise to use a different mowing pattern (vertical, horizontal, or diagonal) each time you mow.

* Turfgrasses have varying degrees of drought tolerance. Ranked from highest drought tolerance to lowest:

First: Bermuda
Second: St. Augustine
Third: Centipede, Fescue, Zoysia

* Fertilizing the lawn is an important step for ensuring an attractive landscape.

Bermuda: fertilize now (and again in August and September)

St. Augustine: fertilize now
Zoysia: do not fertilize now unless a previous feeding was missed

Fescue: to avoid disease and drought related problems, do not fertilize fescue during the summer

I hope these pointers will help you in maintaining your lawns.

Tim Lewis is a Georgia Green Industry Association Certified Plant Professional, gardening writer, and former Perry High School horticulture instructor. He can be reached at (478)954-1507 or timlewis1@windstream.net.

SIDE BY THE LANDS FORMERLY OF JOHN THOMAS BRANNEN, NOW OF RONNIE BRANNEN; ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE BY THE LANDS OF FORMERLY OF MOLLIE LANE, LATER OF C. F. BLACKMON, DECEASED, LATER OF MARCUS W. EVERIDGE AND RONNIE J. EVERIDGE, NOW OF JOHN WILLIAM SCOTT, JR.; AND ON THE WESTERLY SIDE BY THE LAND FORMERLY OF RUTH P. BLACKMON, JOANN B. EVERIDGE, DOROTHY B. HAMMOND AND JEAN B. LASHLEY, NOW OF JOHN H. SMITH. SAID IMPROVED TRACT BEING THE IDENTIC REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN AND CONVEYED BY DEED DATED MARCH 19, 1976, FROM LAIDLOR HORACE BRANNEN TO CAPERS DAVID JONES AND ESSIE T. JONES, RECORDED MARCH 25, 1976, IN CLERK'S OFFICE, DOOLY SUPERIOR COURT IN DEED BOOK 126 AT PAGE 325. SAID IMPROVED TRACT BEING KNOWN ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT (2003) NUMBERING OF IMPROVED PROPERTY IN DOOLY COUNTY AS 8515 HIGHWAY 230. DEED BOOK 422 PAGE 220 PARCEL ID: 73A11 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 8515 HWY 230

Said property being known as: 8515 GA HIGHWAY 230, UNADILLA, GA 31091

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are JO ANN KIRKUS or tenant(s).

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any mat-



Writings From The Heart

HEY, CHRISTIANS, NEED SOME INSPIRATION?

DR. LANIER ROBERTS

Columnist

The following was stated over two thousand years ago by none other than Jesus Christ Himself: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for everyone that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened. Matt. 7:7-8. (It does NOT get any better than that!).

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry. Psalm 34:15. (Come on now, just knowing His loving eyes are watching over us everywhere we go and whatever we are doing, speaks volumes about our Great God. And His ears are listening to whatever we call upon Him for now, tomorrow, and until the day we go to meet

Him in heaven. Did y'all comprehend what I just wrote? Did y'all? WOW!).

This is Jesus saying again in Matthew 11:28. "Come unto Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Goodness gracious sakes alive, y'all know we can rest our weary souls through this wonderful Savior. All we have to do is to transfer our heavy load over to the broad shoulders of Jesus Christ and let Him carry it for us. After all, when we see only one set of footprints, those are not ours walking alone, but His as He carries us through thick and thin things in life. LET HIM HAVE THEM!).

I promise y'all, Jesus loves us to heaven and back. Have a blessed week, Until next time.



Parables To Ponder

PRIDE GOES BEFORE DESTRUCTION

BILLY POWELL

Columnist

The Holy Bible warns: "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16: 18). There are more than 50 bible verses condemning pride. Jesus was the prime example of One who disdained pride. As Philippians 2: 8-11 states: "Jesus being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him a name that is above every name." This passage closes accordingly: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

Pride is one of the seven deadly sins. The other six are: lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, and envy. Zeroing in on lust, which is the pitfall of many, commandment number 7 states: "You shall not commit adultery." Adultery is specifically defined as the act of sexual intercourse between a married person and someone other than his or her spouse, whether or not the other person is also married. A 2021

survey by the Health Testing Center polled 441 people and reported: over 46 percent of respondents, who were in a monogamous relationship, said they had affairs with the opposite sex. This means that nearly 24 percent of marriages were impacted by infidelity.

Keying on the subject of pride was Rev. Billy Kimbrel, pastor of the Marshallville United Methodist Church, who posted "Mother Teresa's Humility List" in his Sunday church bulletin. The ten selected attributes chosen by Rev. Kimbrel were: 1. Speak as little as possible about yourself. 2. Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others. 3. Do not interfere in the affairs of others. 4. Accept small irritations with good humor. 5. Do not dwell on the faults of others. 6. Accept censures even if unmerited. 7. Give in to the will of others. 8. Accept insults and injuries. 9. Accept contempt, being forgotten and disregarded. 10. Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by someone.

While traveling from Calcutta to Darjeeling, Mother Teresa heard the Voice of God and became moved to reach out to Calcutta's poor

est citizens. Her ministry blossomed into the formation of Charity Missionaries which operate today in many countries. Mother Teresa's tireless efforts on behalf of God's most vulnerable children made her the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. She became the example of millions worldwide who were devoted to the struggle for human life and dignity. On September 4, 2016, Mother Teresa became Saint Teresa of Calcutta. The Catholic Church celebrated her profound legacy and declared with joy her sainthood before the world. Her feast day is celebrated each year on September 5.

Space does not permit covering all attributes listed by Mother Teresa, but we'll address a few. With regard to numbers 8, 9, and 10, suggest taking a deep breath and be calm instead of snapping back. Later on, try responding with an act of kindness. Doing so could break the cycle of rudeness by allowing the other person to match your behavior. If this tactic doesn't work, you can still be proud you didn't succumb to negativity. Above all, avoid mean and toxic people to the extent possible. In His sermon on the mount, Jesus summed it up in one fell swoop: "Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5: 44).

having postal address of 1603 Macon Road, Apt. 148, Perry, GA 31069. Teressa Duncan

Administrator
LAW OFFICE OF NICHOLSON C. EDWARDS, LLC
Attorney for Administrator
7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 2025
0718-VNO

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
**STATE OF GEORGIA
DOOLY COUNTY**
IN RE: MADISON CHERIE' ADAMS

All creditors of the estate of Madison Cherie' Adams, late of DOOLY 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 30th day of June 2025
Christopher Wade Adams
Administrator for Madison Cherie' Adams
501 Main Street
Weaver, AL 36277
7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 2025
0720-VNO

ters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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

The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:

PNC Bank, National Association
3232 Newmark Drive
Miamisburg, OH 45342
800-367-9305 (ext 4120611209)

Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Undersigned, Teressa Duncan,

Administrator of the Estate of Earl Cherry, hereby gives in terms of establishment comprising Section 5-7-41 of the Official Code of Georgia

Annotated notice to all creditors and claimants of the above named decedent's estate to render in an account of their demands, properly attested, to said Administrator and all persons owing to said estate are required to make prompt payment to said Administrator

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOOLY
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by JO ANN KIRKUS to RBC BANK (USA) in the original principal amount of \$50,000.00 dated July 28, 2009, and recorded in Deed Book 436, Page 256, Dooly County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to RBC BANK (USA), the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on August 5, 2025, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:**

THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY SITUATE IN UNADILLA, COUNTY OF DOOLY AND STATE OF GEORGIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
ALL THAT IMPROVED TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 12, THIRD LAND DISTRICT OF DOOLY COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 2 ACRES, FRONTING ON THE NORTHWESTERLY SIDE OF STATE HIGHWAY NO. 230 FOR 212.5 FEET, AND RUNNING SOUTHERLY AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE SAID SIDE OF SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY 409.99 FEET, THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF WHICH SEGMENT IS DISTANT 468 FEET EAST OF THE DISTRICT LINE BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD LAND DISTRICTS OF THE SAID COUNTY AND WITH ABUTTALS OF THE SAID SEGMENT ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE BY THE SAID HIGHWAY: ON THE EASTERLY



Christ Chapel Unadilla's Food Drive

Photo and story contributed

Friday, July 11, CCU along with Middle Georgia Community Food Bank we were honored to feed our community again at the community center in Unadilla. Thanks to our volunteers that showed up even when we said take the day off. We love this community.

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arrival at the jail, it was discovered that the suspect, identified as Bobby Johnson, had provided a false name and date of birth. Bobby Johnson, a 50-year-old male of Cordele, has been charged with the following: Burglary, second Degree, Obstructing or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers, Giving False Name, Address, or Birthdate to Law Enforcement.

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DCSS Hosts Two Football Informational Meetings



Photos contributed

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

Athletic Director Brandon Dawkins and new Head Football Coach Tony Alexander were on hand last Monday for a Dooly County football parent meeting. Coach Alexander following a great week of work last Friday by the Bobcats concluded, "The young men are progressing daily and building a brotherhood. Seven on Seven at Americus allowed us to compete against Turner, Dougherty, and Sumter County. The young men also assist with the setup of the parent meeting and classrooms around the high school and we are building champions on and off the

field." Coaches were available to answer questions about this year's football program including schedules, requirements and what to expect for the upcoming season. The high school meeting featured a special award of a football helmet that was presented to Mr. Earl Clark for his contributions to the football program. What made that more poignant was that he helped in serving the meal to the parents and students in attendance following an update on the upcoming season by Head Coach Alexander. There was a similar meeting held for parents of DCMS students with Athletic Director Chanin Hamilton and Head Coach Marcus Bryant that will be participating in football

this year. Coaches are anticipating another great season. Parents were also reminded that each child must have a current physical on file to participate in both the varsity and middle school programs this year. The Dooly County Bobcats varsity schedule starts Friday night, August 15 as the teams travels to Lyons, Ga. to take on Toombs County with the kickoff at 8:00 p.m. Dooly County then will be on the road again Friday night, August 22 to Camilla, Ga. to battle Mitchell County at 7:30 p.m. The Bobcats will then board buses for a game against Worth County in Sylvester, Ga. Friday Night, August 29 again with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. Dooly County finally will be home for a tough

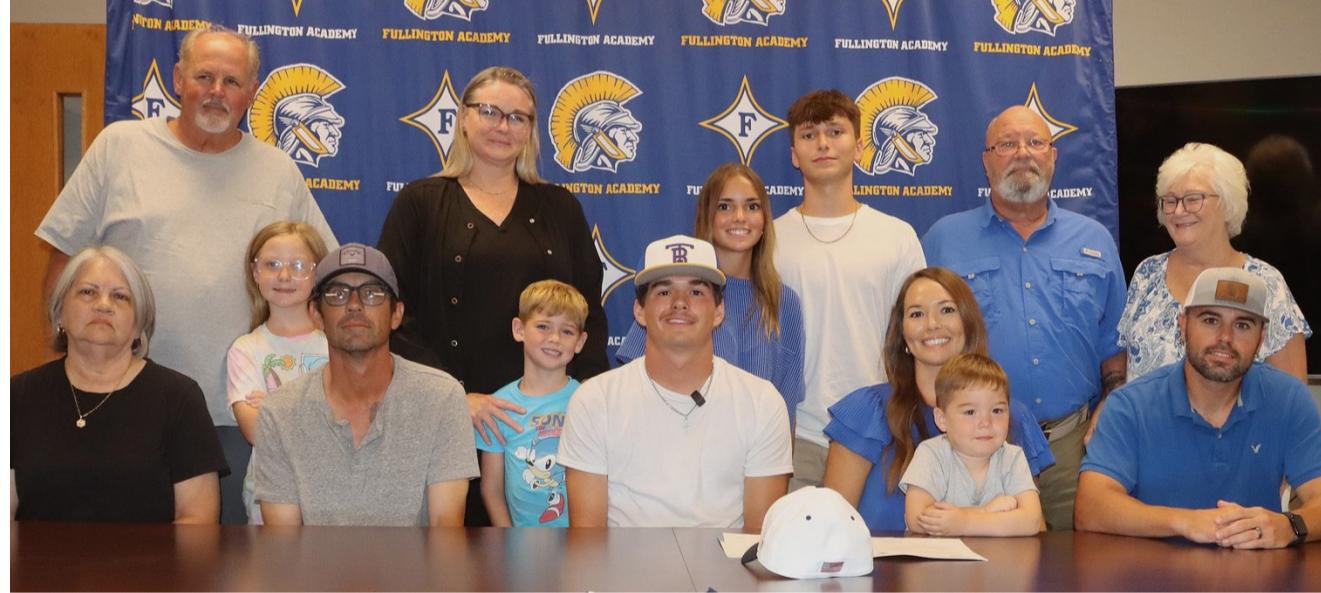
matchup against Irwin County out of Ocilla, Ga. Friday Night, Sept. 12 with the kickoff in 'The Grove' at 7:30 p.m. The Bobcats region schedule begins Sept. 19 versus Wheeler County at home Sept. 19, Montgomery County on the road Sept. 26. Wilcox County, a huge rivalry battle will take place in 'The Grove' Oct. 10. The squad will travel to Soperton, Ga. Oct. 17 to take on Treutlen. Dooly County hosts the region opponent Telfair County Oct. 24 and will wrap up the regular season traveling to Hawkinsville to take on the Red Devils Oct. 31. Head Coach Tony Alexander stated, "A new era is on the horizon for the Bobcats."

Bryson Faulk Signs With Trinity Baptist College

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

Fullington Academy held a press conference last Thursday to announce that Bryson Faulk who graduated as a member of the Class of 2025 has signed a letter of intent to attend Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville, Fla. Coach Mike Ashley said, "I'm very fortunate in the time that I've been here to be able to sign two kids two years in a row to go play baseball. That goes out to a lot of people. That's Benji Brown, Little John Bryant, Jim Hartin, Van Bailey, our AD who gives us a lot of support and gives us everything that we need. I'm just very fortunate to have Bryson Faulk come into our school and our lives. I was really proud to have him. I knew the first time I met him that he had a little bit of an attitude but I kind-a liked that. It brought a little fun to the program. He was one of our most consistent pitchers on the team and one of the few bright spots that we had last year. We had some good seniors

last year that did some good things even though the record didn't show that. It takes more than just a couple of seniors to go out there and have a successful program. We started working with a couple of schools early and have talked to about 300 of 'em every month. I'm sending a lot of film, stats, grades staying on the phone 'bugging' the heck out of people trying to get our guys to the next level. When Bryson came to me and told me that he wanted to go to the next level, I told him as long as he kept himself out of trouble and kept his grades right, I would do everything I could to get him there. Trinity Baptist is a really good school and had a really good program this year. They missed going to their World Series by one game. From the first year I started following Trinity, they've really turned that program around. I'm really excited to see what Bryson accomplishes down in Jacksonville. He's got great support from his family, team mates."



Photos by Bonnie Hauesler



DCSS STEM Bus is Heating Up This Summer

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As we roll through these sunny days, we're bringing STEM adventures out into the community. You never know what we'll come up with on the bus - every stop is a new opportunity to explore, create, and discover. Don't miss out on the fun. Check out our upcoming stops and make plans to join us for an unforgettable learning experience. The Dooly County Schools STEM bus will be at the Unadilla Back-to-School-Bash Saturday, July 19 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for

lots of fun, food and school supplies. Thursday, July 24 join us at the Dooly County Recreation Department from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Black Lotus will also be on hand with food giveaways from 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Then Saturday, July 26, we will be parking at the Vienna Back-to-School Bash in Vienna City Square from 10:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. for lots of fun, food and school supplies. Our STEM Bus is ready to fuel your passion for discovery and spark curiosity.

Free DCRD Basketball Camp

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Get ready to level up your game this summer at the DCRD Basketball Camp hosted by the Dooly County Rec Department. It will be held in the Dooly Rec Gym, 216 Ninth St, Vienna, Ga. Boy's Camp: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday-July 22, 23, 24 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. each day. It's for boys Ages: 7-14 and the cost is free. Whether you're just starting out or sharpening your skills, come join the fun, learn from great coaches, and make new friends on the court. For more information, call the Rec Office at (229) 268-9176.