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By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

Following a recommendation by the mayor, the council on a vote two in favor and one opposed agreed to increase the reconnect fee to \$75.

Mayor Eddie Daniels made a statement before officials voted, "This is not for the city to make any money. We've got four men and we've got 80-100 people every month. You can pay your bill by the tenth without any late fee. Anytime after the tenth, you've got to pay that fee. This thing was first at \$50 then under another administration, it went down to \$40. This is a business just like all the other ones. We're doing this in conjunction; four men, two or three days reconnect fees. City hall has at least two women working overtime just to accom-

modate the ones who are not paying the fine. We have some of the best drinking water around and it's been recognized statewide. You can also call city hall and come and make arrangements with staff. By the tenth, we need an arrangement made."

The mayor noted that there will probably be a notice coming out in next month's bill when that increase will go into effect. Diquita Mathis spoke to the council about some concern that she had about an alleged altercation involving an unnamed council member. On another topic she said, "If a resident's water service is disconnected for failure to pay, would it be illegal for them to reconnect on their own?" She, "Respectfully urge city leaders in law enforcement to hold all individuals regardless of title or status accountable under the same legal

standards." She requested action and an answer to her concerns.

City Administrator Michael Bowens reported, "That we're still working with the insurance company on repairs to the fence over at Anthony Bowens Park and getting those signs over there. We met with a consulting engineer about the House of Raeford where wastewater consumption increases by about 2,000 gallons-a-day. We've got a plan and the costs involved by adding new equipment and sections there. We had a meeting with the owners of the Timberidge Apartments as they are looking to remodel the apartments and construct additional units at that site." Councilman Walter Brown spoke about, "The railroad tracks on Union Street and Pine Street that are in bad shape. We have a lot of abandoned houses around here.

They need to get fixed up, torn down. It makes the city look bad."

Mayor Daniels stated, "We'll look at the abandoned property list and code enforcement does a good job of trying to contact them." She Daniels with the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing also responded, "We're going to call a meeting concerning the blight houses with code enforcement. Not only the houses, but a lot of the apartments are not well maintained either. We were going to compile a list of recommendations and meet with you all. Whatever y'all decide, then we'll initiate a plan to try and get it taken care of." Councilman John Mathis spotlighted a problem with "yard chickens", "Walking around." The ordinance states, "They must be confined."

Council Agrees by Slim Margin to Increase Reconnect Fee

FHS Agrees to Vacate Animal Shelter by September 30

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

The Flint Humane Society received a letter recently from the county to inform that non-profit organization of the board of commissioners, "Desire to terminate the contract and lease between Dooly County and Flint Humane Society. The contract is dated August 20, 2012. Section seven of the contract allows for the agreement to be terminated by either party by giving the other party sixty days notice. The county intends to terminate the contract effective September 30, 2025."

La' El Sanders, a spokesperson for the FHS responded, "We understand, will be out by 9/30/2025." Officials received a request from GDOT for a letter of support from the board for the replacement of the bridge on Bowen Road at Sandy Mount Creek and commitment of \$50,000 to go toward the project. No action was taken.

Commissioners are considering an ordinance to regulate cryptocurrency mining facilities and following a review of the proposed ordinance, the county has, "Some questions regarding it," according to County Administrator Steve Sanders.

Following discussion, the board agreed to a 90-day moratorium to, "Further review the Cryptocurrency and Data Processing Ordinance. Mr. Sanders explained, "If we wind up adopting an ordinance before the ninety days is up, then that would terminate the moratorium."

Cryptocurrency is a digital currency in which encryption techniques are used to regulate

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Cryptocurrency and Data Mining.

Unadilla Celebrates with Food Truck Back-2-School Bash

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

The City of Unadilla celebrated the upcoming school year with a Food Truck Back-2-School Bash Saturday, July 19 in Downtown Unadilla.

Assistant to the Mayor Sabrina Holmes said, "This year we did it a little differently and instead of having a movie night, we did a Food Truck Bash. We had The Dooly County School System STEM Bus along with seven vendors including Sno Biz, Salsa's Mexican Grill, The Twisted Lemon, ABC Catering, Sweet T's. On top of that, we had some good 'stuff' for the small kids with a water slide, bouncy house and lots of school supplies and giveaways by the City of Unadilla, First Baptist Church had a lot of school supplies along the local organization Women Taking Action out of Unadilla, also giving away



Councilman Tyrone Atkinson and Chester Thomas.

school supplies.

Also at the City of Unadilla booth, parents were given the opportunity to enter their child's name for a chance to win four tickets to Rigby WaterWorld in Warner Robins and we gave away two \$25 RoBLOX game

gift cards. A special thank you to Dooly County High School Alumnus Antonio Taylor for his generous donation and continuing support."

Kylie Garrard and Mr. Earl
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Vienna Home Receives Significant Fire Damage



By the Vienna Volunteer
Fire Department and EMS
Director Don Willford

Early Saturday morning at approximately 3:53 a.m. Vienna Fire Department was dispatched to 530 Gregory St. in Vienna for a structure fire. Upon arrival, E2 and E1 found a single family mobile home with fire and

smoke showing on the AD corner of the structure.

Dooly County EMS responded as well as the American Red Cross who was contacted to assist the residents with emergency housing. The fire is currently under investigation and the cause is unknown at this time.

BACK-2-SCHOOL BASH

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Photo By Tim Franzén

Kylie Garrard and Mr. Earl Clark with Communities in Schools were overseeing activities on the DCSS STEM Bus.

Clark with Communities in Schools were overseeing activities on the DCSS STEM Bus. with Ms. Garrard saying, "We had our Earthquake Challenge that is very popular and the kids look forward to along with Legos and other educational games and we have free books."

Spokesperson Kenny Mercer with Unadilla FireRescue and his fellow firefighters had a table where they, "Handed out around 40 firefighter hats, 25 smoke detectors, coloring books and stickers, fire safety books at the back-to-school event. Just doing a little fire prevention public relations and we had our fire equipment gear and equipment on display and just trying to emphasize fire safety as part of the city."

Shatarra Lundy and Jessica Fudge were busy selling refreshing beverages at the Twisted Lemon kiosk, "I'm the owner



Photo by Sabrina Holmes
Mr. Earl Clark with Communities in Schools and Councilman Chester Thomas.

and I have a lemonade stand and live in Vienna, Ga. The lemonade stand is open on the weekends Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at my residence 205 North Fifth Street and a 32 oz.

regular freshly squeezed lemonade is \$8, add a flavor, it's \$10." The City of Unadilla sponsors this annual event to get the kids ready for another school year.



Photos By Tim Franzén
(top) There was a pool for the kids to cool off and a regular bouncy house as well. (below) The City of Unadilla handed out school supplies and gave parents a chance to win tickets to Rigby WaterWorld in Warner Robins and two \$25 RobLOX game gift cards.

School Board Accepts the Resignation of DCHS Principal Dr. Rodney McBride

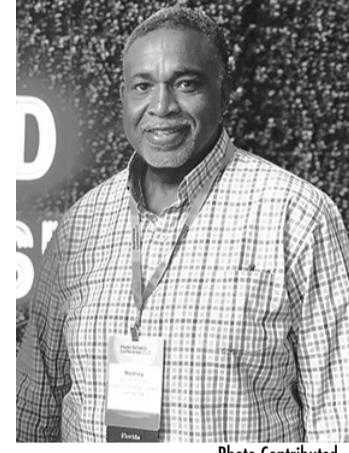


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The Dooly County High School Principal Dr. Rodney McBride who has resigned effective August 2.

By Tim Franzén

News Observer Reporter

The school board agreed to accept the resignation of The Dooly County High School Principal Dr. Rodney McBride effective August 2, 2025. In a Facebook post Friday, Dr. McBride said, "Dear Dooly County High School students, parents, and community members. As I prepare to step down as your principal, I want you to know what an incredible honor it has been to serve this amazing school community for the past three years. This was not an easy decision, as the relation-

ships we've built together have become so meaningful to me.

To our students: Watching you grow, achieve your goals, and overcome challenges has been the highlight of my career. The relationships we've built - whether in the hallways, at games, during assemblies, or in my office - are treasures I will carry with me always. Your resilience, creativity, and spirit have inspired me every single day.

To our parents and community: Thank you for welcoming me with open arms and making me feel valued as a member of this community. While I may not reside in Dooly County, you have truly made me feel like family. The partnerships we've formed and your unwavering support for our students have been extraordinary. I pray that we have an opportunity to communicate during this period of transition.

As you all continue your journeys, know that I believe in each and every one of you. I can't wait to hear about all the amazing things you'll accomplish. Once a Bobcat, always a Bobcat! With love and best wishes, Dr. Rodney McBride."

Officials agreed to continue its support for Communities

in School's with a memorandum of agreement through the department of education. This organization is dedicated to removing barriers and keeping students in school, achieving and learning. This is in partnership with Ga. Department of Education and the DCSS. CIS of Ga. covers \$50,000 working with Dooly K-8 and the DCHS during the 2025-2026 school year. The Ga. Department of Education will provide \$45,420.

Dooly County's contribution will be \$62,740. The DCSS Acceptable Use Policy was OK'd by the district school board to increase safe and appropriate use of technology and, "Responsible digital citizenship."

The Fiscal Year 2026 dual enrollment transportation with Central Georgia Technical College and South Georgia Technical College for courses that are not offered on campus at Dooly County High School.

The school board also gave a green-light to the issuance of two district purchasing cards each will appropriate control and a limit not to exceed \$10,000. One will be used for travel and other related expenses and the second card would be utilized for district employees travel

and approved operational use. CFO Christopher Stephens during his financial report listed SPLOST V revenues that totaled \$132,092.

Dooly County K-8 Academy Principal Dr. Hollie Walters focused her state of the school address on, "Work we did at school improvement writing camp, but I also will talk about our climate and culture as it relates to the survey where we already have got the results for 2020-2025. You have received a lot of information about academic achievement and what the preliminary results look like. It gave us a chance to look at what teachers, students, parents and staff said so we can make adjustments so that we can have that climate and culture where it needs to be so that everybody feels safe to

learn."

Superintendent Dr. Sherrod Willaford following discussion about the current social-emotional learning program, "We have had that program for at least three years now. We haven't moved away from it. There are other programs out there that would require training to implement. This is a critical year for that program. We'll be able to look at it historically and see what the problem is in terms of its implementation and determine, is it having an impact for our youth. If it's not, then I would definitely come to the board with another recommendation and we'll begin to look at some other social-emotional learning programs that are out there that would be a better fit for our community."

The Dooly County High School Principal Dr. Rodney McBride focused on test results and the positives of professional learning, "Where the state scored more on the positive side and our teachers indicated that there is strong leadership support and that our meetings are being productive and try to keep the lines of communication open. Teachers are collectively responsible for our student's success." A question was raised about the wording on a survey that was administered by the state and Dr. Willaford responded with the importance of, "Reaching out to the student and getting their respective on certain topics and the implication for us is

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Karing Heartz CDC Distribution Each Wednesday in July

By Tim Franzén

News Observer Reporter

Nahesa Davis and Aisha Reynolds with Karing Heartz Community Development Corporation will be in Vienna at the Dooly County Library each Wednesday during the month of July. According to Dooly County Library Manager Jill Kloberdanz, "Karing Heartz will be here 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 month of July to provide resources to the community as well as Karing Heartz. This is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit that has been working to eliminate hunger while inspiring and providing nutritional education. Changing Lives one Karing Heart at a Time."



For more information, contact Dooly County Library at 229-268-4678 or visit: www.lbrls.org/dooly-county.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Dooly County Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing at 5:30 PM on August 11, 2025, at the Dooly County Commissioners Office at 113 N. Third Street in Vienna. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow the Planning Commission to receive citizens' input and comments on the following zoning requests.

Request #1 – Aaron J. Anderson has submitted application for Variance of Zoning for a parcel #97-21P that is currently zoned R-2 (Multifamily Residential). The purpose of the variance is to allow a reduced road frontage from 150 ft to 50 ft. The location is 231 North Meadow Ridge Rd: Unadilla, GA 31091.

Request #2 – LaTese Marshall has submitted applications for Rezoning of parcel #51-6J that are currently zoned R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to R-2 (Multifamily Residential). The purpose of the Rezoning is to allow a Mobile home on the property for a residence. The location is Near Lewis Mill Lake development on Sloshey Trail Road. Vienna, GA 31092.

Request #3 – Ford & Amber Wilson has submitted application for Variance of Zoning for a parcel #36-26B that is currently zoned AG (Agricultural). The purpose of the variance is to reduce the setback allowance for chicken houses from 1500 ft from all sides to 300 ft on the front, 279 ft from the side, 500 ft from the right and 600 ft from the rear. The location is Hwy 230 east of Byromville, GA 31091.

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For more information, contact Zoning Administrator Glenn A. Layson at 229-268-4228.



Coffee and Classics Book Club Coming in September

By Library Manager Jill Kloberdanz

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.

Local Club Holding Fundraiser



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The Vienna Woman's Club is inviting everyone to join in the fun and take in an Atlanta Braves game Sept. 28 at 3:15 p.m. at Truist Park in Atlanta. The Braves will play the Pittsburgh Pirates and it will be our Fourth Annual GFWC Georgia Family Day. This fun raiser

will benefit GFWC Ga.'s special project for Tallulah Falls School. Our goal is to sell 100 tickets.

If you would like to support this fundraiser and enjoy an Atlanta Braves Baseball game, visit: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/GFWC>.

Byromville Baptist Church Blessing of the Bags

Students, bring your backpacks to our annual Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 10 during the 11:00 a.m. service at Byromville Baptist Church. Reed Benson, pastor.

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 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 6:00 p.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

Commissioner Shaw Re-Elected PSC Chairman

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July 15 – (ATLANTA) – The Public Service Commission on Tuesday unanimously re-elected Commissioner Jason Shaw as Chairman of the Commission. He will serve as chair through July 2027.

Every two years, Commissioners elect a chairman with a simple majority vote. A Commissioner is allowed to hold

the chairmanship for two consecutive terms. Rules for the Chairman's election can be found in Georgia Code 46-2-5(a).

"I appreciate the confidence, and I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to serve as your chair for another term," Shaw said after he was elected. "I am honored. I look forward to continuing to work with each of you and our great staff."

Thank you very much."

Chairman Shaw, of Lake-land, was appointed to the PSC in 2019 by then-Gov. Nathan Deal. He was elected to the seat in 2020. Shaw was first elected chair in July 2023. For a full biography, please follow this link: <https://psc.ga.gov/about-the-psc/commissioners/jason-shaw/>.



City of Vienna Making Plans for Back to School Bash

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We're excited to share that planning is still underway for our Annual Back to School Bash 2025 Saturday, July 26 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Vienna City Square. Each year, this event brings our community together to support our students as they get ready for a successful school year, and we can't wait to do it again!

Mark your calendars, tell your neighbors, and get ready for a day of school supplies, fun, and fellowship in the heart of Vienna. <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScYGEry8N4.../view>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact City Hall at 229-268-4744 or email kaleb.green@cityofvienna.org. We thank you all and look forward to seeing you for this amazing event.

Summer Feeding Program Continues Through July 28

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Every Thursday through July 28, Dooly County Family Connection is partnering with the Black Lotus Project to offer a summer feeding program. This is open to all parents, grandparents and caregivers. Please come with the names of each child you will be picking up

food for.

They will receive breakfast and lunch items to last for five days. The times and locations are listed below. Every Thursday Vienna - Dooly Recreation Department - 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Unadilla - Lighted Lantern-1606 Borum St - 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

St. Paul Chapel Participates in Health Fair

St. Paul Chapel had a wonderful time recently assisting a Health Fair held in Cordele. Medical and dental services were available as well as free car seats and helped with the installation. It was also a great chance to fellowship and build community.

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

Bakersfield Baptist Church

Vienna, GA

Bay Pointe CME

Byronville, GA

Bethel Baptist Church

Vienna, GA

229-268-2848

Bethlehem Baptist Church

Byronville, GA

229-433-2102

Big Poplar Baptist Church

Unadilla, GA

Brown Chapel Baptist Church

Unadilla, GA

478-627-9466

Byromville Baptist Church

Byronville, GA

229-433-2505

Byromville Methodist Church

Byronville, 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

County Line Baptist Church

Unadilla, GA

Destiny Worship Center

International Ministries

Vienna, GA

(478) 273-8112

Dooling Baptist Church

Byronville, GA

Double Branch Freewill Baptist Church

Unadilla, GA

229-268-8456

Drayton Baptist Church

Vienna, GA

229-268-9292

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Vienna, GA

229-268-2964

Evangelistic Tabernacle Church

Vienna, GA

229-268-2964

Bethlehem Baptist Church

Byronville, GA

229-268-2964

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Lilly, GA

229-433-5691

Macedonia Baptist Church

Vienna, GA

229-268-1582

Little Poplar Baptist Church

Byronville, GA

Living Water Baptist Church

Unadilla, GA

Mars Hill Baptist Church

Vienna, GA

229-268-6013

Northside Missionary Baptist Church

Vienna, GA

229-627-3775

Mt. Zion CME

Vienna, GA

229-268-6013



In The Garden With TOMATO HORNWORMS AND THEIR CONTROL

Columnist

Our beloved tomato plants face many challenges these days. One of these is the tomato hornworm. Tomato hornworms are hugely destructive pests that can decimate tomato plants with their voracious appetites. The caterpillars are large and are capable of completely defoliating plants if not controlled. I speak from experience, as I have already picked at least ten of these devils off my otherwise healthy Celebrity tomato plant this season.

Tomato hornworms (*Manuela quinquemaculata*) are the larvae of the five-spotted hawk moth. These worms can measure 4-5 inches long and have pale green bodies that easily blend in with a plant's foliage. Tomato hornworms have 'v' markings along the side of their bodies, black spots, and distinctive black or red horns on their rear ends.

They are easily camouflaged and you may only be aware of their presence once you start seeing the signs of damage. These signs include munched leaves and fruit.

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The life cycle of a tomato hornworm begins as an adult moth in the spring. This moth has a 4-5 inch wingspan, is grey-brown with yellow spots, and will lay huge numbers of oval, light-green eggs on the undersides of tomato leaves. The eggs hatch into larvae

that feed ferociously as they quickly develop into mature caterpillars. When mature, the caterpillars burrow into the soil and enter the pupa stage, emerging as moths and repeating the cycle. Two generations per year are possible.

While the caterpillars themselves may be difficult to spot, the signs of their presence are much easier to identify. First, you may notice fruits with large bites out of them. Next, the leaves will have extensive chewing damage, sometimes to the point of being completely defoliated. The hornworms blend in with their surroundings so look below the damage for dark frass (the droppings produced by the larvae). Look for signs of chewed leaves starting at the top of the plant - where tomato hornworms often begin feeding from - and signs of frass further down the plant. Inspecting underneath leaves can help you find sneaky hornworms or collections of eggs.

There are a few tools to help fight against tomato hornworms. Handpicking is an effective but time-consuming method and the size of tomato hornworms makes them easier to spot, despite their camouflage.

There are products you can spray that can help control the pest. *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) is effective against caterpillars as it causes the pests to stop feeding and die. It works

by paralyzing their digestive systems, and is most effective when the caterpillars are small. Bt is a naturally occurring bacterium and is considered safe for beneficial insects and humans.

Another option is a liquid containing the active ingredient spinosad. Spinosad is derived from a soil bacterium and works by disrupting the nervous system of the insects that ingest it.

A natural insecticide and repellent, neem oil, can also be effective in controlling tomato hornworms. It disrupts the insect's life cycle and feeding habits.

Insecticidal soap is a liquid which works by disrupting the outer layer of the hornworm, causing dehydration and death.

The broad-spectrum insecticide, Sevin, can also be effective against tomato hornworms, but it may also harm beneficial insects. Follow label instructions carefully and apply it when hornworms are small.

There is one cultural method which can be effective against the tomato hornworm. Since the adult moths emerge in spring after spending winter in the soil, tilling the soil at the start of the year before planting tomatoes, and at the end of the season, can eradicate pupae overwintering in the ground and stop them from emerging as moths to start the life cycle of a tomato hornworm.

I trust these strategies will help you in your fight against the dreaded tomato hornworm!

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.

Parables To Ponder PRIDE GOES BEFORE DESTRUCTION

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 poorest 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).

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the generation of units of currency and verify the transfer of funds, operating independently of a central bank. Commercial cryptocurrency mining is the commercial process by which cryptocurrency transactions are verified and added to the public ledger, known as the block chain, and also the means

through which new units of cryptocurrencies are released, through the use of server farms or data centers employing data processing equipment. Any equipment requiring a high-density load service for a server farm or data center, will constitute a commercial cryptocurrency mining operation.

Following a public hearing, the board on the recommendation of the planning commission approved a zoning request by Gabriel Eric Phillips that a parcel of land located 1007 Northern County Line Road be changed from commercial to agricultural to allow the construction of a home on the property.

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Writings From The Heart

WHICH LITTLE BOY EXUDES THE BEST EXAMPLE?

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The life of the first little boy was a mixture of sadness and compassion from the viewpoint of those looking on. He was reared in a home full of selfishness, anger, harshness and just plain-out uncaring parents. He pretty much was allowed to run around and do as he pleased. A self-raised child one might

surmise. He was riding by his neighborhood on a bus one day and said to the man sitting next to him: "you see this neighborhood here, it's pretty tough and the farther you go into it the tougher it gets, and I live in the last house!"

The second little boy was also reared in an environment

of one foster home after another, and so little love shown along the way. A well-off couple wanted to adopt him from this miserable life and went to see him and told him about all the great things they could provide. They began listing material thing after material thing and when he had a chance to express himself, he said to them, I don't care about all those things, I JUST WANT TO BE LOVED."

Let's show a lot of love to those less blessed than we. In fact, let's show a lot of love to ALL those we meet and already are acquainted with! Jesus loves us all. Until next time.

Sen. Larry Walker III Appointed to Senate Special Committee on Eliminating Georgia's State Income Tax

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ATLANTA (July 17) — Lt. Governor Burt Jones appointed Senator Larry Walker III (R-Perry) to the newly formed Senate Special Committee on Eliminating Georgia's State Income Tax. "I'm honored to be appointed by Lt. Governor Burt Jones to serve on this important committee," said Sen. Walker.

"This effort marks a critical step toward shaping Georgia's economic future. Eliminating

the state income tax is a bold goal that requires serious, thoughtful commitment. Our mission is to ensure that any proposed changes are fiscally responsible and in the best interest of Georgia's families and businesses."

The Senate Special Committee on Eliminating Georgia's State Income Tax is charged with identifying viable pathways to eliminate the state income tax for all Georgians

entirely. While the General Assembly has taken steps in recent years to reduce income tax rates for households and businesses, many Georgians still face a heavy tax burden.

This committee will work to explore responsible solutions that ease that burden and create a more competitive economic environment. Senator Blake Tillery (R-Vidalia) will serve as Chairman of the committee.



DOOLY COUNTY SCHOOLS STUDENT CALENDAR 2025-2026

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF DOOLY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from **WSB Cotton Company, LLC** (the "Grantor"), to Citizens Bank of Americus (the "Lender") dated August 20, 2020, a copy of which is of record in Deed Book 616, Pages 153-156, Clerk's Office, Dooly County Superior Court (the "Security Deed"), said Security Deed having been given to secure that certain promissory note of even date therewith executed by WSB Gin, Inc. (the "Borrower") in favor of Lender in the original principal amount of Three Hundred Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars (\$304,427.00), together with interest thereon as set forth therein and together with any and all modifications, renewals, or substitutions thereof (collectively, the "Note"), there will be a sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Dooly County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday of August, 2025, to-wit: August 5, 2025, the following described real property (the "Property"), together with all trees, timber, shrubbery, fixtures and improvements located thereon and all rights, members and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and otherwise as may be set forth in the Security Deed:

All that improved tract or parcel of land situate in the City of Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, containing approximately 6.5 acres and fronting on its north the south side of East Cotton Street, said tract being bounded as follows: on the north by the south right-of-way line of said East Cotton Street, on the east by lands of Dooly County Board of Education, on the south by Pennahatchee Creek, by property of Dooly County Board of Education and by property of Zena G. Causey, and on the west by property of Zena G. Causey and by property of John W. Sherrer, Jr.

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

The Property will be sold as the property of WSB Cotton Company, LLC, subject to all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the Property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon the Property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon the Property; and all matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

This sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1 which permits the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia in limited circumstances, and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loans with the holder of the Security Deed.

Notice has been given of intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the Note secured by said Security Deed. Notice has also been given, in writing and by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Grantor, of the name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Security Deed and the Note thereby secured in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2(a).

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the Property is WSB Cotton Company, LLC, or tenant or tenants, and the proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and the expenses of said sale.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Citizens Bank of Americus, as Attorney-in-Fact for WSB Cotton Company, LLC
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Martin Snow, LLP
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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

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER AND FORECLOSURE OF SECURITY

INTEREST STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF DOOLY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Real Estate Deed to Secure Debt from **WSB Bonded Warehouse, Inc.**, (the "Grantor"), to Citizens Bank of Americus (the "Lender") dated June 28, 2019, a copy of which is of record in Deed Book 598, Pages 196-209, Clerk's Office, Dooly County Superior Court (the "Security Deed"), said Security Deed having been given to secure that certain promissory note of even date therewith executed by WSB Gin, Inc. (the "Borrower") in favor of Lender in the original principal amount of One Million Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen and 28/100 Dollars (\$1,034,516.28), together with interest thereon as set forth therein and together with any and all modifications, renewals, or substitutions thereof (collectively, the "Note"), there will be a sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Dooly County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday of August, 2025, to-wit: August 5, 2025, the following described real property (the "Real Property"), together with all trees, timber, shrubbery, fixtures and improvements located thereon and all rights, members and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and otherwise as may be set forth in the Security Deed:

TRACT 4 (30N)

All of that tract certain tract or parcel of land, situate in the Town of Byromville, Dooly County, Georgia, all as more particularly shown on a plat of survey prepared by James R. Littlefield, Georgia Registered Surveyor No. 1304 which plat is recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 126, in the Office of the Clerk of the Dooly Superior Court, and which plat is made a part of this description by specific reference thereto, said property being identified on said plat of survey as 30N and being more particularly described as follows:

START at that point where the Eastern right of way of Lamberth Avenue is intersected by the Northern right of way of Lester Street, and run thence along the Eastern right of way of Lamberth Avenue, North 00 degree 00 minute 00 second East 330 feet to a point located on the Western right of way of Lamberth Avenue and THE POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING, run North along the Eastern right of way of Lamberth Avenue North 00 degree 00 minute 00 second East 250.00 feet to a point located on the Western right of way of Lamberth Avenue and THE POINT OF BEGINNING. From said POINT OF BEGINNING, run North 17 degrees 53 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 305.32 feet to the beginning of a curve; thence 218.48 feet along the arc of the curve to the left having a radius of 1,482.40 feet and chord bearing and distance of North 13 degrees 40 minutes 16 seconds East 218.29 feet to a rebar set; thence with the North line of Byrom deed, South 70 degrees 28 minutes 42 seconds East a distance of 142.00 feet to a rebar set; thence 214.28 feet, along the arc of a curve to the right having a radius of 1,622.40 feet and chord bearing and distance of South 14 degrees 06 minutes 35 seconds West 214.12 feet to a spike set; thence South 17 degrees 53 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 260.12 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; containing 1,604 acres, more or less, and being indicated as Tract A on a plat of survey by J.B. Faircloth, Registered Land Surveyor, dated June 17, 1992, revised September 8, 1992, incorporated herein by reference.

TRACT B

BEGINNING at a rebar set in the South right of way line of Main Street at its point of intersection with the East line of lands acquired from Mrs. S.M. Byrom by the deed dated July 18, 1902, referenced above; thence South 17 degrees 53 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 652.80 feet to a point; thence South 86 degrees 05 minutes 31 seconds West a distance of 107.70 feet to a point; thence North 72 degrees 06 minutes 24 seconds West a distance of 40.00 feet to a point, being 50 feet East of the Centerline of CSX's Main Line Tract; thence parallel with the centerline of the main Tract and distant 50 feet East thereof, North 17 degrees 53 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 652.80 feet to a point; thence South 86 degrees 05 minutes 31 seconds West a distance of 107.70 feet to a point; thence North 72 degrees 06 minutes 24 seconds West a distance of 40.00 feet to a point, being 50 feet East of the Centerline of CSX's Main Line Tract; thence parallel with the centerline of the main Tract and distant 50 feet East thereof, North 17 degrees 53 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 652.80 feet to a point; thence South 86 degrees 05 minutes 31 seconds West a distance of 107.70 feet to a point; 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Open Hearts Distributing Free Lunches to Kids



By Allison Bowen

Just wanted to give a quick update to let everyone know that Jesus loves the little children - and so do we. At Open Hearts, we've been blessed to serve 127 free lunches so far this July to the precious little ones in our

community - and we're not stopping there. We'll be here all July - because love looks like showing up.

"Let the little children come to Me..." - Matthew 19:14 "All children of the world are welcome." Open Hearts of Vienna

is a non-profit organization located at 1404 East Union Street in Vienna. Every child is welcome, because every child matters. Come as you are. Leave with a full heart and a full belly.

DCRD Meets to Discuss Repairs to Gym Floors, Fans and Gutter System

By Tim Franzén
News Observer
Reporter

The Dooly County Recreation Department Board met last Wednesday with Director Joe Willis speaking about some, "Work that needs to be done as soon as possible. Three things that we are concerned about that we can spend SPLOST money on are the gym floor, the gutters and fans at the top of the gym to keep air circulating through. The gutters on the gym are not the problem, it's the drainage where the water can flow out easier, then we'll move forward with the flooring. We'll try to get this drainage thing situated within the next month and move forward with the flooring.

I'd like to get a couple more bids on this and look into this a little further and get it done the best way. I'm going to come back with more bids, see what Rodney Hair will help us with the road department on the drainage issues and we'll call another rec. board meeting in enough time that we'll be able to get this project done before basketball season."

Mr. Willis presented other

news at the meeting including grants from, "GHOP, an obesity program that the University of Georgia runs for a Healthier Georgia by providing healthier chips, a juice option in the concession stand and the end result would be playgrounds. They want us to continue this program into football.

Arthur Blank, owner of the Falcons and Atlanta United soccer team, is offering grants for football and soccer up to \$2,000 and I expect that we will have a good chance of getting those. We're still working on the Jon Ossoff Youth Sports Facilities Act and it has to go through congress at the national level. It's a bi-partisan bill that has demon-

cratic and republican support. It focuses on rural areas making upgrades to buildings and facilities that you already have so we can compete and keep up with our facilities and buildings that drive the economy in the state.

The Tony Alexander Football Camp that is August 16 weekend for our kids. Sign Ups for tackle football on the 15th. The following day, the new Head Football Coach at DCHS Tony Alexander, we want to support him and we hope he'll support us. We hope he's going to be there for a long time. He has real rules that he's laying down academically, etc. and hopefully the school system supports him in that. Right after the football



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DCSS Promoting Literacy



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Great news from Dooly County Schools. Last Tuesday, our school district donated books and stuffed animals to the Dooly County Sheriff's Depart-

ment. Captain Jones picked up these wonderful resources that will help officers promote literacy and provide comfort to children they encounter in the community.

This partnership between our schools and law enforcement shows how we're all working together to support our kids. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

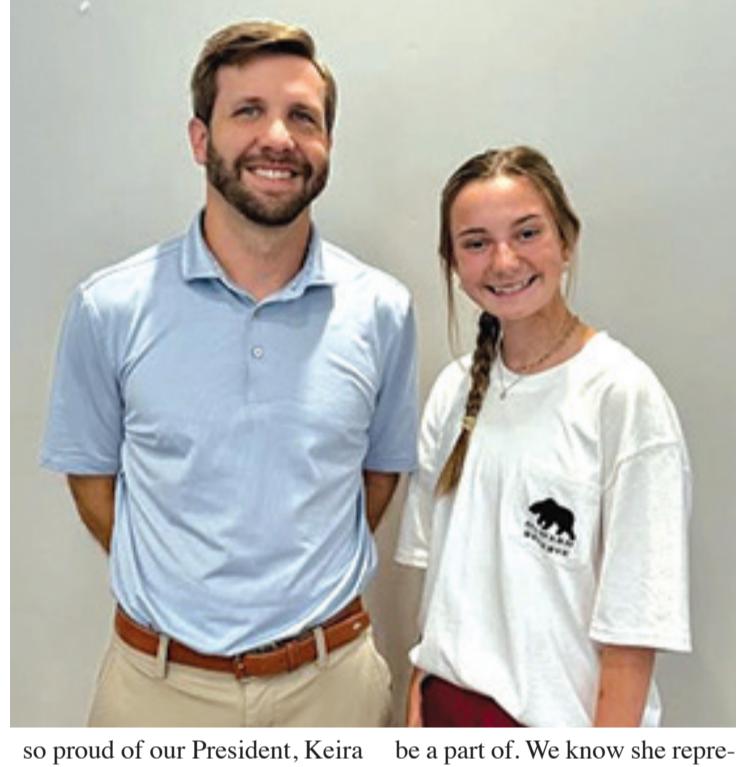
Keira Musselwhite Recognized by AgGeorgia Farm Credit-AgSouth Farm Credit

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AgGeorgia Farm Credit and AgSouth Farm Credit were proud to support the next generation of ag leaders at the Georgia Cooperative Council's Youth Leadership Conference, held at the FFA/FCCLA Center in Covington. Corey Cottle and Lauren Rose teamed up to speak with students about the Farm Credit System and the benefits of doing business with a cooperative.

AgGeorgia was also excited to sponsor Keira Musselwhite of Vienna-Dooly County to attend the conference. A rising senior at Fullington Academy, Fullington Academy FFA Chapter President and beekeeper, Keira is already making her mark in Georgia agriculture.

She's pictured with Corey, who serves as Chairman of the Georgia Co-op Council. We are



so proud of our President, Keira Musselwhite. What an amazing opportunity she was chosen to

be a part of. We know she represented our chapter and community well.

professional coach and a great thing for our volunteers that are putting in their time. One coach teaching track, he had put in over 140-hours of volunteer time and we want to do everything we can to keep them happy and continue helping us to make these kids better.

Thursday, July 31 will be the last day for the Happy Helpings Black Lotus Project, so we're bringing in the STEM bus

from the school system. They provide us with sports books, STEM projects set up and will also give out food boxes."

For more information, contact the Dooly County Recreation Department at 229-268-9176, doolycountyga.com/recreation-department or their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Dooly-County-Recreation-Department/100087469998816/>.

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF DOOLY

IN RE: MICHAEL WILLIAM EB-ERLINE

All creditors of the Estate of Michael William Eberline, deceased, late of Dooly County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

March 10, 2025
Katherine Eberline Administrator of the

Estate of Michael William Eberline
26951 Deacon Loop
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544
Robert T. Tugle, III
Daniel, Lawson, Tugle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 2025
0724-VNO

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Undersigned, Teressa Duncan, Administrator of the Estate of Earl Cherry, hereby gives in terms of establishment comprising Section 53-7-41 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 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

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 THE SOUTHERLY 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 409.9 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 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: 73A 11 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 matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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

The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full 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.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

RBC BANK (USA),
as Attorney-in-Fact for
JO ANN KIRKUS
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450

Alpharetta, GA 30004
Phone: 470-321-7112
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STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF DOOLY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARION FAULK SMITH, Deceased

All the creditors of the Estate of MARION FAULK SMITH, deceased, late of Dooly 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 me.

Amy Smith Boyer and George Mark Smith

as Co-Executors of the Estate of MARION FAULK SMITH, deceased
P.O. Box 736
Forsyth, GA 31029

Amy Smith Boyer
Attorney at Law
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P.O. Box 736
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(478) 994-3830
7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 2025
0725-VNO

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF DOOLY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES M. WOODWARD III, Deceased ESTATE NO. 25-0030

NOTICE
The petition of LAURA M. WARD, for a year's support from the estate of JAMES M. WOODWARD III, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before AUGUST 18, 2025, 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.

Rooney Bowen, III
Judge of the Probate Court
By: Denal Fluellen
Clerk of the Probate Court
104 South Second Street
Vienna, GA 31092
(229) 268-4217
7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 2025
0723-VNO

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Georgia, Dooly County

Notice is hereby given that Deborah Ann Haygood, has filed her Petition in the Superior Court of Dooly County, Georgia on the 16th day of June, 2025, praying for a change of name of petitioner from Deborah Ann Haygood to Deborah Ann Cason.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objection to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within thirty (30) days of filing of said Petition.

This 16th day of June, 2025.
Deborah Ann Haygood, Petitioner.
Law Office of Nicholson C. Edwards, LLC

Attorney for Petitioner
7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 2025
0717-VNO