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DCCA-CTAE Programs Benefiting from Grant-Title Funding

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

The board approved the following: The Perkins CTAE Grant to support the program at both the Dooly K-8 Academy and the high school in the total amount of \$522,906 used to purchase instructional supplies and

Death Investigation in Cordele



Story and photo by Cordele PD

The Cordele Police Department Detective Division is actively investigating a death that occurred in the 1000 block of South Eighth Street. Wednesday morning, August 20 officers responded to an abandoned residence where a deceased female, identified as thirty-nine-year-old Lanatara Jones from Cordele was discovered. At this time, the cause of death has not been determined.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) was requested to assist our Detectives with processing the scene and gathering evidence. The family of Ms. Jones has been notified and the Cordele Police Department extends our deepest condolences to them during this difficult time. As this is an active investigation, no further details are available at this time. Updates will be provided as information becomes available.

Vienna Mayor Eddie Daniels, “Spreading love throughout Dooly!”

Photo provided by Bert Gregory



equipment and salaries. In a related item, officials OK’d the Artificial intelligence pathway for the DCCA-CTAE program at the high school using a specific course to program, outline and develop AI, “In a meaningful way that is beneficial around the world.”

The board also approved a Transcend CCL Pilot memorandum of understanding with a focus on career connected learning using Title funds of \$30,000. Board members OK’d the annual renewals of Fiscal Year 2026 contracts for Speech Therapy Services, Occupational Therapy Services and Physical Therapy Services. A FY 206 School Nutrition Program (SNP) Procurement Plan and SNP food and supply bids were awarded and approved by the school board.

Also receiving the go-ahead were the Fiscal Year 2026 local school board governance team norms, conflict of interest and code of ethics adoption including transparency and accountability. Also the local school board training plan for FY 2026 as outlined and required by legislation. Also, The board accepted the resignations of DCES Physical Education Teacher Donna Peavy and Pre-Kindergarten Teacher Brenna Wright effective

immediately.

Shantinika Felton spoke during the public participation, “When I was in the school system, I asked for a social media policy to be put in place for employees. The event that was supposed to take place July 28th from 4:15-5:30, to my understanding, more than Unadilla, Pinehurst and Vienna are in Dooly County. You have Lilly, Byromville and you have Dooling. Also, background checks in the school system. How often and if they are done to people who have access to sensitive information-Employees identification, birthdays, etc?”

CFO Christopher Stephens highlighted the fact that, “If you compare July, 2024 to July, 2025, the district realized a savings of around \$4,500 due to energy savings. The SPLOST V distribution report for the month of July, the district received \$128,954 in revenues.”

School Superintendent Dr. Sherrod Willaford recognized three individuals in the school system who volunteered to participate during the Georgia Association of Educational Leader’s new executive coaching program. The three were awarded a certificate and pin in

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Willie ‘Freight Train’ Raines Urges Students to Make Positive Choices

Contributed

We were excited that “Freight Train” Willie Raines rolled through Dooly K-8 Friday and straight up crushed it with his anti-bullying presentation. Our kids got to see this him literally squeeze pans like they were paper, but the real flex? Showing them that being someone’s friend hits way harder than being a bully ever could.

The energy was unmatched and these students walked out knowing exactly what real strength looks like. When you see someone getting picked on, you step up. When you see someone alone, you reach out. That’s the power move right there. A special thank you Sheriff Craig Peavy and Captain David Jones for keeping this tradition alive year after year.

Dooly County High School students

FREIGHT TRAIN CONTINUED PG 2A



Steve Sanders Retiring Next Year After, “40-Years of Service.”

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

Administrator Steve Sanders has officially notified the county that he, “Plans to retire May 1, 2026. At that time, I would have 40-years of service with the county.” He started out as a deputy county clerk because, “The county administrator position didn’t exist 39-years-ago.”

With that announcement, the Dooly County Commissioners are, “Seeking applications-resumes for the position of full-time county administrator, Resumes will be accepted by email or in person to Linda Woodson, Human Resource Director-Dooly County Board of Commissioners 113 North Third Street Vienna, Ga. 31092 or email:lwoodson@doolycountyga.com. Deadline for resumes is September 30. Mr. Sanders also suggested that the ideal applicant as county administrator should be able to, “Manage folks’ and know finance.”

The board learned at the meeting that the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 general fund budget totals \$16,663,115, an increase over last years. The 2025-2026 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax budget

is projected to be \$2,780,000. To fund the budget, commissioners will be able to keep the millage rate at 17.45 and the county will generate \$159,000 more in property taxes.

Even though the county is leaving the millage rate the same, the state requires a form that the county must use to calculate whether the county has a tax increase or not. The tax digest is not penalized for new construction. The state requires that the county advertise a property tax increase of 2.62%. There will be three public hearings Thursday, Sept. 4 at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, Sept. 4 at 6:00 p.m. and the final public hearing will be Friday, Sept. 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Again, “This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 17.45 mills, an increase of 0.445 mills. Without this tentative increase, the millage rate will be no more than 17.005 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$25.81 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$26.70.”

Mr. Sanders also stated, “In 2024, one mill of taxes generated \$410,000, but this year one mill of



Photo Contributed
County Administrator Steve Sanders who will be retiring May 1, 2026 after 40-years of service.

taxes will generate \$419,000. Leaving the millage rate the same as last year’s at 17.45, we’ll generate \$159,000 more property taxes.”

The state has also released the results of the preliminary sales ratio study for the 2024 tax digest and Dooly County’s ratio is 38.03 and according to officials is within the target of the county’s tax assessor. The board discussed the completion of the asphalt patching on River

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appreciation to CTAE-DCCA Director Dr. Monica Kears, CFO Mr. Christopher Stephens and Dooly K-8 Academy Principal Dr. Hollie Walters for completing year one of the program and the Georgia Department of Education, “To better serve children.”

He also shared, “They all have decided to continue with their executive coaching and be better able to serve in our community and I’m really proud of them because I really can see the benefits of the leadership. Investing time, trying to become better at our craft and you’re commend-ed for that.”

The board OK’d two band out of state field trips in October to Historically Black Colleges and Universities Alabama State in Montgomery, Ala. and Florida A&M-Tallahassee, Fla. Also a list of fundraisers was also approved by the school board. Kindergarten student Kaisen Burns from Mrs. Tomesia Taylor’s and Ms. Andria Fleming’s classes gaveled the school board meeting to order. He shared that he wants to be a doctor when he grows up.



Photo By Tim Franzén
Dr. Monica Kears along with Christopher Stephens and Dr. Hollie Walters who participated in the GAEL Leader’s new executive coaching program and were awarded certificates and a pin for completing one year of the program. Also pictured is Superintendent Dr. Sherrod Willaford.

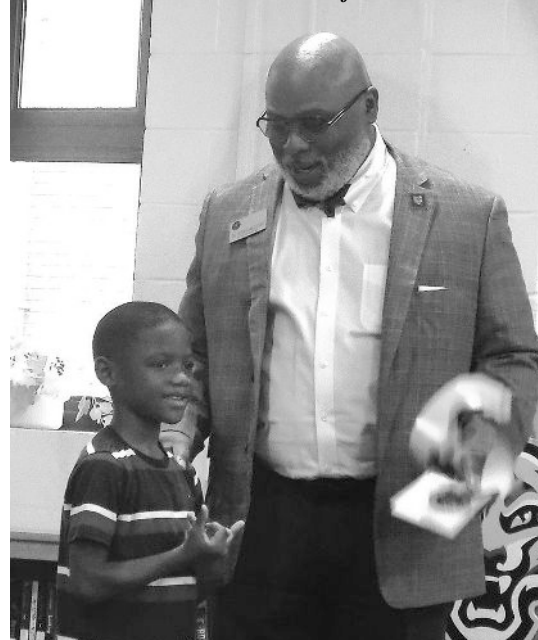


Photo By Tim Franzén
Kaisen Burns who gaveled the school board meeting to order Thursday night along with Superintendent Dr. Sherrod Willaford.

FREIGHT TRAIN

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also participated in this important assembly last Friday and learned about the dangers of illegal substances and vaping and to make positive choices.

A huge thank you to Willie ‘Freight Train’ Raines and DJ Smooth for taking time out of their schedules to educate and encourage the DCHS students with powerful messages that will have a lasting impact. Some of the topics discussed were combat bullying, suicide

prevention, character building, positive behavioral intervention (PBIS or Operation Reclaim our Youth) and drugs and alcohol prevention.

Raines is president of Reclaiming Ground Inc. (RGI) that is based in Warner Robins, Ga. and has spent over 15 years leading school assemblies that empower youth to make positive social and academic choices. The students did a fantastic job listening, engaging, and showing that

they are committed to making positive choices for their future.

We also extend our gratitude to Sheriff Craig Peavy and Captain David Jones for making this meaningful experience possible for the Dooly County School System. Together, we are building a safer, stronger community for our students. For more information, email: reclaimyourground@gmail.com.

Dooly County 4-H Represented at Gala

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Kaleb Green and Dooly County 4-H Leader Quad Hardy attended the 2025 Georgia 4-H Gala on Saturday, August 23 at the Classic Center in Athens, Ga. It was a wonderful evening celebrating the impact of 4-H across our state.

Kaleb had the special honor of delivering greetings and the Invocation during the event with spotlight as a, “Passionate youth leader and public servant committed to civic engagement. He currently serves as a Ga. 4-H State Representative and Ga. BETA State President. Kaleb advocates for thousands of students at the local, state and national levels. He has represented Ga. at the National 4-H Conference and National FFA Convention.

As a delegate, he promoted initiatives supporting educa-



Photo Contributed

Kaleb Green and Quad Hardy

tion, agriculture and communities. Kaleb recently earned First place in the Dean’s Award for Civic Engagement. His work reflects his favorite motto, ‘Encourage the greatest of those to help and the least of those to hope.’ His leadership is rooted in service, purpose and uplifting others.

Kaleb’s accomplishments show how youth voices can influence meaningful change inspired by his journey. He plans to enter politics to continue advocating for equity and opportunity.” It was a memorable night full of inspiration, connection, and 4-H pride.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – SETTING MILLAGE RATE

CITY OF PINEHURST

THE CITY OF PINEHURST WILL HAVE A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2025 AT 7:00 PM WITH THE SOLE PURPOSE OF SETTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR 2025.

THE CITY OF PINEHURST WILL HAVE A SECOND SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2025 AT 7:30 PM WITH THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE MILLAGE RATE FOR 2025.

CONNIE CHRISTMAS, MAYOR
CITY OF PINEHURST

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The **Dooly County Board of Education** has tentatively adopted a 2025 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by **2.56%**.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on the tax increase to be held in **Room 101 of the Dooly County Board of Education Central Office, 202 Cotton Street, Vienna, GA** on **September 11, 2025 at 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM**.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase will be in **Room 101 of the Dooly County Board of Education Central Office, 202 Cotton Street, Vienna, GA** on **September 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM**.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of **16.404 mills**, an increase of **0.409 mills** above the roll-back rate. Without this tentative increase, the millage rate will be no more than **15.995 mills**.

The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of **\$150,000** is approximately **\$24.54** and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of **\$150,000** is approximately **\$24.54**.

NOTICE

The Dooly County Board of Education does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the **Dooly County Board of Education Central Office** on **September 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM** and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2025 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

BOARD OF EDUCATION		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
V A L U E	Real & Personal	399,044,113	407,333,900	492,287,300	538,390,610	570,326,986	633,912,536
	Motor Vehicles	5,707,720	4,860,010	4,134,100	4,244,010	4,177,580	3,756,570
	Mobile Homes	2,499,686	2,527,433	2,574,310	2,574,310	3,083,330	3,288,720
	Timber - 100%	2,730,560	2,208,119	7,053,315	8,350,391	3,964,707	5,825,432
	Heavy Duty Equipment	52,000	0	14,035	98,800	37,641	0
	Gross Digest	410,034,079	416,929,462	506,063,060	553,658,121	581,590,244	646,783,258
	Less Exemptions	115,091,448	113,461,927	147,644,681	159,459,081	173,199,558	218,520,747
NET DIGEST VALUE		294,942,631	303,467,535	358,418,379	394,199,040	408,390,686	428,262,511
R A T E	MILLAGE RATE (Maintenance & Operation)	16.4040	16.4040	16.4040	16.4040	16.4040	16.4040
TAX	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$4,838,239	\$4,978,081	\$5,879,495	\$6,466,441	\$6,699,241	\$7,025,218
	Net Tax \$ Increase	(\$6,927)	\$139,843	\$901,414	\$586,946	\$232,800	\$325,977
	Net Tax % Increase	-0.14%	2.89%	18.11%	9.98%	3.60%	4.87%

Obituaries

Edna M. Goodroe

Edna Marie Minnick Goodroe, age 96, passed away on August 16, 2025, at The Villas Retirement Home in Cumming, GA, where she had resided for the past nine years.

She was born in Roanoke, VA, on October 14, 1928, to the late James Andrew Minnick and Lydia Virginia Marsh Minnick. She attended Troutville High School in Daleville, VA. During World War II, she worked in an apple packing factory. She wrote a note of support and thanked the troops for their service and included it in one of the boxes that was shipped. Her future husband, who was serving in Europe at the time, was the one who opened the box and discovered the note. When the war ended in 1945, he headed to Roanoke to find the young lady who had touched his heart. They fell in love quickly, and she married Charles B. Goodroe, and moved to his hometown of Unadilla, where she lived her entire adult life.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Unadilla for more than 50 years. She had a 37-year career as Head of the Housing Authority of Unadilla, Vienna, Pinehurst, Lilly and Byromville, and oversaw the operation of 234 public housing units as well as seven



Farmers Home houses until her retirement in March 1997.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Charles Goodroe, who she was married to for over 50 years, and her four siblings. She is survived by her two sons, Charlie Goodroe (Carol) of Macon, GA and Michael Goodroe (Joane) of Roswell, GA; Grandchildren, Chip Goodroe, Christopher Goodroe, Michael Goodroe, and Nathan Goodroe; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Goodroe will be laid to rest at Walnut Cemetery in Unadilla, GA. The family is planning a private service. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Unadilla First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 314, Unadilla, GA 31091.

FA Homecoming Week Coming Soon

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Fullington Academy's Homecoming week will be here before we know it. The students and staff have so much fun dressing up during this spirit filled week. This year's themes each day are

Monday, Sept. 22-Farmer vs. Farm Animal, Tuesday Sept. 23-Superhero. Wednesday, Sept. 24-Alien vs. Astronaut. Thursday, Sept. 25-Color Wars and Friday, Sept. 26-Homecoming night-Blue and Gold.

Dooly County Community CALENDAR

email: thenewsobservereditor@gmail.com



CCU Food Drive August Food Dates

Christ Chapel Unadilla will be holding its monthly Food Drive, **Friday, August 8** at the Community Center from **11:00 a.m.-until**. There will be two food pantry dates: **Saturday, August 16** and **Saturday, August 30** from **10:00 a.m. until 12 Noon** at Christ Chapel Unadilla, 400 Jeannette Street. Volunteer Check-IN is 9:30 a.m.- 9:45 a.m. For more information, call 478-627-9352.

VFBC Kicks off AWANA

Vienna First Baptist Church is excited to kick off another amazing year of AWANA on **Wednesday, September 3, 2025** from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for children ages 2K through Fifth grade. Each week, we'll grow together in God's Word through scripture study and memorization. Kids will also enjoy fun games, children's choir, and a delicious dinner. Contact the church office at 229-268-4386 to sign up or for more information. (Aug 28)

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.

Dooly County Library

1200 East Union St., Vienna Mon. - Thurs. 9AM-6PM Fri. 9:30A.M. - 4PM.

Closed Saturday.

Thursdays - COLOR & CHAT. Color books and colored pencils will be provided or you can bring your own. For more information contact Jill Kloberdanz, library manager library at 229-268-4687.

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

"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. (TFS)

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. (TFS)

Qualifiers for Vienna City Council Election

By Michael Bowens, City Administrator

For the seat currently held by Walter F. Brown:1. Walter F. Brown-Incumbent, 2. Shatarra Lundy, 3. Babette L. Lewis, 4. Angela Childs and 5. Jaroskey Bullard. For the seat currently held by John Thomas Mathis: 1. John Thomas Mathis-Incumbent.

Open Hearts Thrift Store, "Transforming Lives-Supporting Communities in Need."

By Allison Bowen

As the seasons begin to shift, it's the perfect time to discover fresh finds and little treasures that brighten your home and wardrobe. Come see what's new on our shelves today—you never know what unique items you might uncover at Open Hearts.

Wishing you a wonderful day filled with kindness, community, and good surprises. As a reminder we are open from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Open Hearts is a non-profit organization located at 1404 East Union Street in Vienna.

Open Hearts Reminds You, "Let's Carry Kindness"

Let's carry kindness with us everyday. Open our hearts a little wider, and spread love wherever we go. At Open Hearts Thrift Store, every purchase and ev-



ery donation helps change lives. Together, we're building hope, one act of generosity at a time. So, remember: small gestures can make the biggest difference. Let's fill every day—with purpose, compassion, and joy. As a reminder we are open from 10 to 1 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at Open Hearts of Vienna-1404 East Union Street.

Dooly State Prison Bookbag Giveaway

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Dooly State Prison sponsored a Free Bookbag giveaway and lunch last Saturday in downtown Unadilla. The event was sponsored by the Dooly State Prison staff and lasted as long as supplies were available. Thank you, Dooly State Prison, for pouring into our community.

FA FFA Meeting

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Join us for our First Fullington Academy FFA meeting of the school year this Thursday, August 28 from 5:30 p.m. until

6:30 p.m. at the FFA yard that will feature slip and slide kickball. This is for both middle and high school FFA students. We hope to see you there to kick off another great school year.

HELP WANTED

DOOLY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JOB OPENING – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The Dooly County Board of Commissioners is currently seeking resumes for a full-time County Administrator.

Interested candidates may request the job description by contacting Dooly County Board of Commissioners Human Resource Director, Linda Woodson 229-268-4228 or in person at the Dooly County Board of Commissions located at 113 N Third Street, Vienna, Ga. Salary will be based on education and experience. The County offers a benefits package that includes free health insurance, Retirement, and Life insurance.

Application Process:
Applicants must submit a resume to:

Linda Woodson
Human Resource Director
Dooly County Board of Commissioners
113 N. Third Street
Vienna, GA 31092 or Email: lwoodson@doolycountyga.com

Resumes will be accepted by email or in person through September 30, 2025.

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GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS JULY TERM, 2025 DOOLY SUPERIOR COURT

To the Honorable Amy Bryant, Judge of the Superior Court for the Cordele Judicial Circuit:

The Grand Jury empaneled for the July Term, 2025, Dooly Superior Court, was sworn in on August 18, 2025 at approximately 9:00 a.m.

The Grand Jury's organization consisted of Monica Irwin, Foreperson, Heather Howard, Clerk and Lyndon Childs as Bailiff.

The Grand Jury wishes to thank Judge Amy Bryant for her helpful and informative charge and District Attorney Bradford L. Rigby and Assistant District Attorney Heather Calhoun for their assistance.

We, the Grand Jury, considered 26 bills of indictment, returned 25 true bills and 1 no bill.

A committee composed of Christopher Hudson, Cortavious Cochran and Eason Peavy inspected the Dooly County Jail and found it to be in good condition.

After discussion and consideration the Grand Jury set the pay of Grand Jurors, Traverse Jurors, and Coroner's Jurors at \$25.00 per day. The pay for Foreman and Clerk of the Grand Jury will be \$27.00 per day. The pay set for Bailiffs will be \$30.00 per day.

The Grand Jury recommends that these presentments be published in the official newspaper of Dooly County, Georgia, and that such paper be paid the usual fee for publication.

Monica Irwin, Foreperson
Heather Howard, Clerk

The above and foregoing general presentments having been returned and read in Open Court, it is Ordered that they be received, spread upon the minutes of this court and published as recommended.

In Open Court, this 28 day of August, 2025.
Judge Amy Bryant, Judge Superior Courts
Cordele Judicial Circuit
Bradford L. Rigby, District Attorney

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

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TIM LEWIS
Columnist

In The Garden With
MORE ON
OVERHAULING TIRED
RAISED BEDS

Last week we looked at some ways to overhaul our tired raised beds. We consider a couple more this week. These are from Rural Sprout magazine.

Red flag: Where did all these weeds come from?

If your raised bed has become prime real estate for chickweed, purslane, or other unwelcome guests, it's time to roll up your sleeves. Healthy, vigorous crops are one of the best weed suppressors. When your veggies are struggling and the weeds are thriving, it means the weeds are outcompeting your crops for light, space, and nutrients.

Hit the refresh button and then mulch. Yes, pull up all the weeds. Then top dress with compost to replenish lost nutrients. Finally, add a thick (2-3") layer of mulch. Mulch will suppress weed growth and hold in moisture while keeping the soil relatively cool.

Red flag: The same disease problems show up each year

When you start seeing the same issues year after year, you know your soil has become home to pathogens that are overwintering. It's time to evict them.

Break the cycle. You've got to interrupt the pest life cycle and kill the pathogen in your soil. Start by clearing out all the debris at the end of the season. Remove old roots from the soil as well. You want to

leave as little plant material behind as possible.

Here's the hard part. To effectively kill soil pathogens, you'll need to solarize your soil. Cover it with clear plastic in the summer for 4-6 weeks. This traps heat from the sun in the soil, allowing it to super-heat and reach temperatures that will kill any harmful microbes in your soil.

Of course, this means one of two scenarios. You can either pull everything up and close your garden early while it's still hot or you can start your garden late next year, waiting for warmer temperatures to arrive before solarizing the soil and then planting afterward. Either way, you're going to have a shortened season, but it's well worth it if you've been battling with the same disease issues for several seasons in a row.

If the problem persists even after solarizing, it may be best to remove the top 6" of soil and replace it with fresh compost and new soil.

Preventing red flags in your raised beds

Once you've refreshed your raised beds and added compost, now what? How do you keep your raised beds in tip-top shape so you don't have to go through all this trouble in the future?

First, mulch. Mulching is important in raised beds. Mulching goes way beyond looking nice. As discussed

earlier, we know that mulch suppresses weeds. And that's great as it really does make growing and gardening easier. But mulch also saves plants during heat waves!

Mulch holds water in the soil. We all know plants need water, but when it comes to raised beds, having consistently moist soil can be the difference between a happy, healthy plant and one with fried roots.

When the temperatures soar, plants attempt to push their roots deep into the ground where it's cooler and they have access to more water. With raised beds, they've only got the soil that's in the bed, so sending roots deeper may be difficult or impossible. And raised bed soil tends to be warmer than ground soil.

Because you mulched, you now have moist soil hidden beneath that protective layer. This moist soil actively cools the roots of your plants. Cool roots = cool plant.

Next, amend. Remember, a raised bed is a closed system. Whatever nutrients we want our plants to have, we have to put them in the soil ourselves. This means adding things like compost each season, which provides the soil with a continuous supply of organic matter. Adding specific soil amendments will replenish your soil each year with essential nutrients as well as trace minerals.

By addressing red flags and remembering to mulch and amend, you'll have healthy raised bed soil that continues to support healthy plants and big harvests.

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NEIL JOINER
Columnist

Joiner's Corner
LITTLE MISS
SUNBEAM

Jane made a trip to her hometown of Thomasville in January. She and her brother went there to spend time with their sister. I was a tad envious when I learned they had a visit with Little Miss Sunbeam.

In the 1950s I was quite smitten by the gorgeous little blonde featured on Sunbeam Bread wrappers. I wondered if she was real, and would have traded a Superman comic book for a game of Spin the Bottle.

I only played Spin the Bottle once. We were at an old farmhouse on my Uncle Murray's property that a group of ladies converted into the Community Clubhouse. They met there for fellowship and educational programs. Mrs. Carolyn Cromer, Dooly County's Home Demonstration Agent, covered subjects such as sewing and canning. The ladies also shared clandestine tips, like how to add five dollars to the grocery check for a secret stash of cash.

A kid's party was held there one night. I don't remember the occasion, but recall playing a couple of games. We began with Pin the Tail on the Donkey. After that we sat in a circle on the floor and took turns

spinning a Coke bottle. When the bottle eventually pointed toward me I bolted toward the door, thrilled at getting to run around the house in the dark with a girl well above my cuteness scale. We were supposed to hold hands but she outran me. I realized too late my shoelace wasn't really untied.

Jane, Rick, and Ellen parked in front of their childhood home on Jefferson Street and headed toward the door. The current owners were in the midst of a major renovation of what will be a guest house. It's a good thing I wasn't there. My heart may have stopped when greeted by Little Miss Sunbeam. She and her husband gave them a guided tour.

There's a lot of information about that iconic character. An artist sketch of an unidentified girl playing in a New York park is thought by some to be the origin. There are, however, other theories. One picture I found online shows a Mississippi lass whose family believes she inspired the artwork. There's a definite resemblance and the timing seems right.

Another aspect of the story includes Patty Michaels, a nota-

ble child model. She was hired by Sunbeam Bakeries in 1955 to bring Little Miss Sunbeam to life. At age five her photo reportedly appeared on bread-wrappers in the New York area. Michaels, who went on to have a successful acting and singing career, died in 2010 at age 60. I don't know the details.

Multiple young girls portrayed Little Miss Sunbeam for various events, some vying for the title in pageants. Countless others no doubt enjoyed playing pretend with friends or wistfully dreaming in front of their mirrors. I'm not sure who inspired that original depiction, but Flowers Baking Company in Thomasville had an official, real-life version.

Peggy Flowers Rich is who my wife remembers as Little Miss Sunbeam. She was the smiling blonde with curly hair riding the floats in Thomasville's annual Rose Parade. Based on the hospitality recently extended to Jane and her siblings, I'd say the sweetness she once personified stayed with her after the parades all ended.

Little Miss Sunbeam is all grown up now, and we're both past the age of playing Spin the Bottle. If, however, that opportunity had come along during childhood, there's one thing I'm sure of. Before we reached the door, the laces to my shoes would have been tied with double knots.



DR. LANIER
ROBERTS
Columnist

Writings From The Heart
SOME THINGS TO
TALK ABOUT

1). Jean and I went to Cordele Walmart last week and saw two good friends there. We talked in one Isle and then, as the shopping progressed, we saw each other several other times. I think it's nice to do things of this sort, meet someone you know there, fellowship some, and just enjoy the day. Those two friends are such nice people and a joy to be around. Gary and Janice, keep on being who y'all are. Y'all are loved by SO MANY.

2). I had my a/c repaired on my 1996 Impala Super Sport about 15 years ago for \$806.00 (the compressor and what goes with it), now it needs replacing again. It's gonna cost (they said) \$1300.00 to \$1400.00 for parts and labor. I suppose that's in line after so many years. What do you all think? Some of you might say: "Rev. Roberts, why spend that much on a car so old"? Well, it's classified as a "Collector's Item" and will be worth a lot of money one of

these days to those I leave it to. Anyway, it still looks pretty good and runs quite well. Some people try to buy it about once every three months. Who knows, if the right person offers me what it's worth, I might just sell it before I leave this earth for heaven.

3). Well, Our Braves ran out of gas this year (as a matter of fact they NEVER had any gas this year), BUT THERE IS ALWAYS next year! I'm taking my loyalty to the Georgia DAWGS for the rest of the year and into January 2026. GO DAWGS!!!

Remember, Jesus loves us to heaven and back. Matt. 5:16. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Until next time.

Letter to the Editor:
Citizen Voices Concerns

By Melanie Sangster

The Citizens of Vienna, sewage customers and General Public: There are concerns about the way the City of Vienna conducts business and the public handling.

1. There are many questions asked about water bills. When it was determined that there was not a water leak present. Then city officials want to dis-

miss complaints and that's odd. It should be investigated further.

2. Public participation in city council meetings is not being dealt with by rules of procedures. According to the procedures the mayor and city administrators make the request and then decide whether the individual/group can be added to the agenda.

3. Employees unauthorized use of a vehicle and only fired and not charged each citizen should be able to in this case.

4. Using money without proper authorization (not letting council know and not approving the completion and job well done. Greg Glenn- 512 Pecan Street Vienna, Ga. 31092.

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Road at that site where a new culvert was installed as well as the painting of a centerline and edge line striping.

In a report from the planning commission, the commissioners learned that a variance for a parcel by Aaron J. Anderson on North Meadow Ridge Road was approved to allow a reduced road frontage from 150 feet to 50 feet. Also Ford and Amber Wilson had requested a variance for property on Highway 230 east of Byromville currently zoned Agricultural to allow for a setback allowance for chicken houses from 1,500 feet on all sides to 300 feet on the front, 279 feet on the left side, 500 feet on the right side and

600 from the rear.

The owners, "Volunteered to include cypresses across the entire front of the property to give a visual block." The planning commission voted five in favor and two against the request and two members were absent. The board is in the process of drafting a proposed ordinance regulating Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities changing the sound threshold to 65 decibels during any 15 minute interval during daytime or 60 decibels during 15 minute intervals during nighttime.

No action was taken, but it was recommended that the planning commission and Dooly County Board of Commissioners hold

separate public hearings on the ordinance before adoption. The ordinance is currently under a 90-day moratorium. Commissioners also agreed to continue its memorandum of understanding between the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service and Dooly County because part of the salary comes from UGA with the county agreeing to provide a salary supplement, along with free office space and a small budget for supplies.

In other news: Monday, September 1-Labor Day-will be a holiday for county employees.



BILLY POWELL
Columnist

Parables To Ponder
HOW MANY
RESURRECTIONS
ARE IN THE BIBLE?

In addition to Jesus' resurrection from the dead, there are nine reported resurrections in the Bible (3 in Old Testament and 6 in New Testament). There is a difference; however, Jesus defeated death once and for all, while the nine resurrected individuals died again. The list follows:

1. Widow's son-raised by Elijah (I Kings 17:17-24).

A widow's son became sick and died. Elijah went to the boy's room and "stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, 'Let the child's soul come into him again.'" The child's soul returned and Elijah carried him to his mother.

2. Shunamite woman's son-raised by Elisha (II Kings 4:20-37).

The young son of a Shunamite woman developed a severe headache and died in his mother's arms. When Elisha entered the house and saw the dead boy, "he put his mouth upon the boy's, his eyes upon the boy's eyes, and his hands upon the boy's hands." The child grew warm again and returned to life.

3. Man tossed into Elisha's tomb-raised by God's Spirit

(II Kings 13:21).

As a man was being buried, a marauding band of Moabites was seen and the man was quickly thrown into the grave of Elisha. "As soon as the man's corpse touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet."

4. Jairus' 12-year-old daughter-raised by Jesus (Mark 5:35-43).

By the time Jesus arrived, Jairus' daughter had already died. Jesus took the 12-year old dead girl by the hand and said, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." She immediately got up and walked.

5. Widow's son-raised by Jesus (Luke 7:11-16).

Jesus interrupted a funeral procession in Nain of Galilee. He walked over and touched the coffin of the deceased young man, whose widowed mother was weeping. Jesus commanded, "Young man, I say to you arise." The young man immediately sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

6. Lazarus-raised by Jesus (John 11:1-44).

Lazarus had already been dead in the tomb four days. Jesus asked the people to remove

the stone. Then He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." The dead man exited the tomb, his hands and feet still wrapped in grave clothes.

7. Tabitha -raised by Peter (Acts 9:36-41).

Tabitha became sick and died. Peter put all the weeping people outside and went to the room where Tabitha lay. He knelt down and prayed, then said, "Tabitha, arise." She opened her eyes and sat up.

8. Eutychus-raised by Paul (Acts 20:7-12).

Paul preached late into the night. A young man named Eutychus was sitting in a window. Overcome by sleep, he fell from the third floor to his death. Paul ran down, laid himself over the body and embraced him. The young man returned to life.

9. Dead saints-- raised by God (Matthew 27:51-53).

When Jesus expired on the cross, a violent earthquake tore the temple veil from top to bottom. "Rocks were split and tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised and went into the city and appeared to many."

I close with Jesus' statement to Martha who expressed doubt that He could raise her brother, Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

How they say that in...

English: Locker
Spanish: Taquilla
Italian: Armadietto
French: Casier
German: Schließfach

Did You Know?

Harvard University and the College of William & Mary are the oldest colleges in the United States, opening in 1636 and 1693, respectively.

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: School bus

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GEORGIA, DOOLY COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Willie Mae Shaw, 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 required to make immediate payment.
This 14 day of August, 2025.
ALBERT CARL SHAW, AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIE MAE SHAW, DECEASED
Mr. Albert Carl Shaw
10 E Calhoun Street
Reynolds, Georgia 31076
8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 2025
0731-VNO

BEER AND WINE LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that an Application has been filed by **Shivay 2025, LLC** with the Mayor and City Council of Vienna, Georgia for a **Beer Sales and Wine Sales license**. The address of the proposed location of the premises whereon said business is to be conducted is: 1521 East Union Street.
Said application is to be acted upon by Mayor and City Council of Vienna, Georgia at its next regular scheduled meeting to be held in Council Chambers in the City Hall of Vienna, Georgia on the **8th day of September, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**
Eddie Daniels, Mayor
Margaret Shelley, City Clerk
8/21 8/28, 2025
0730-VNO

PUBLIC SALE - AUCTION

Public Sale to the highest bidder all contents of **Vienna Mini Storage** unit #4. **Located on Hwy 90west, Vienna, Ga.**
Contents: miscellaneous merchandise in the possession of Ralph Smith and personal property of Miranda Adams.
Sale Date: September 6, 2025
Time: 10:00 am
2. Jaliz Johnson Bass, unit #18
3. Felix Lawrence, unit #21

4. Tamyra Almond, unit #27
5. Erica Reehal, units #41 and #2
6. Chip Moore, unit #44
7. Kimberlyn Snipes, unit #49
8. Latoya Royal, unit #51
9. LaShonda Passmore, unit #57
10. Sue James, unit #61
11. Shonds Seay, unit #60
8/28, 9/4, 2025
0735-VNO

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Undersigned, Robert Leon Collins, Executor of the Estate of Reuben Leon Collins, 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 Executor and all persons owing to said estate are required to make prompt payment to said Executor having postal address of 106 Wembley Court, Warner Robins, GA 31088.
Robert Leon Collins
Executor
LAW OFFICE OF NICHOLSON C. EDWARDS, LLC
Attorney for Executor
8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 2025
0732-VNO

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA DOOLY COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF R.C. MERRELL
All creditors of the estate of said deceased, late of said county, are 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 us.
This 18th day of August, 2025.
Brenda Lee Merrell
250 Clearwater Place
Lawrenceville, GA 30044
8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 2025
0733-VNO

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF DOOLY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF

SUSAN ELIZABETH BOUCHER, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-0031
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
CHRISTOPHE EDWARD WULF has petitioned for CHRISTOPHER EDWARD WULF to be appointed administrator of the estate of SUSAN ELIZABETH BOUCHER, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. Section 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before SEPTEMBER 01, 2025.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with our 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
Dooly County Probate Court
104 South Second Street
Vienna, GA 31092
(229)268-4217
8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 2025
0729-VNO

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF ATTORNEY OF GEORGIA DOOLY COUNTY

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 September, 2025, to-wit: September 2, 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 Penahatchee 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
240 Third Street
P.O. Box 1606
Macon, Georgia 31202-1606
(478)749-1700
File No: C0399.68858
8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 2025
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF DOOLY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
ESTATE NO. 24-00039

IN RE: ESTATE OF VETTE T. CRANE, JR., DECEASED
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Re: Estate of Vette T. Crane, Jr.
All creditors for the Estate of Vette T. Crane, Jr., deceased, ate of Dooly County, Georgia, 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 to me.
This 18th day of July, 2025.
Tara Tourville, Esq.
Attorney of Estate of Vette T. Crane, Jr.
446 S. Houston Lake Road
Warner Robins, GA 31088
(478)333-6502
8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 2025
0727-VNO

NOTICE TO DEBOTRS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA DOOLY COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY LEE BENJAMIN

All creditors of the estate of said deceased, late of said county, are 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 us.
This 18th day of August, 2025.
Wesley Benjamin
492 Muse Street SW
Atlanta, GA 31030
8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 2025
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2025-2026 FFA
Officer Spotlights



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Keira Musselwhite and Landon Cobb

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We are taking time out to introduce each of our officers for this school year. Our first officer this week is Senior, Keira Musselwhite, president who is looking forward to applying for her state FFA degree and senior, Mr. Landon Cobb-secretary who will enjoy going to his first state convention.

FA FFA Congratulates
Mary Catherine Maloy



Please join us in congratulating Fullington Academy class of 2022 graduate Mary Catherine Maloy for being named one of the 182 Georgia FFA Members to receive their American Degree this year at the National FFA Convention.
Only one percent of FFA members go on to receive this prestigious honor and Mary Catherine is now the fourth student from Fullington Academy FFA to earn her American Degree. Congratulations, Mary Catherine, we are so proud of you and all of your hard work.

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Summer time is winding down, and the blue Jackets are zipping up. The 2025-2026 Fullington Academy FFA officer team spent their week in training preparing for the upcoming school year. They bonded as a team, set goals for our chapter, and planned a jam packed year of fun advocating for the agriculture industry.
They are excited to Inspire each other, their peers and the community while serving our chapter this year. Pictured are Colt Hughes, Madelyn Thompson, Hadley Sangster, Paisley Williams, Keira Musselwhite, Landon Cobb and Bella Grace Knox.



DREA Thanks Community Partners
at First Meeting of School Year

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The Dooly County Retired Educators (DREA) held its first official meeting of the 2025-2026 school year recently and welcomed some special guests who are making a difference in our community every day. Dooly County K-8 Academy Principal, Dr. Hollie Walters and Dooly County High School principal, Mr. Alvin Williams, along with Mr. Joe Willis, Director of the

Dooly County Recreation Department gave greetings to this hard working group.
As a small token of our appreciation, Dr. Pam Fields, President, presented each with a gift to recognize all they do for the

children of Dooly County. Their commitment to our young people doesn't go unnoticed. Thank you to all our retired educators and allowing us to join. Here's to another year of supporting education and our community.

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478-825-2432**

NOTICE OF SEALED BID SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
Town of Byromville, Georgia

The Town of Byromville is soliciting sealed bids for the purchase of the surplus real property located at 448 Main Street, Byromville, Georgia 31007(also identified as Former Town Hall Building)

Property Details:

Location: 448 Main Street, Byromville, Georgia 31007
Legal Description: BLDG L 11 BLK 7 N Main St 88-501
Square Footage: 1750
Condition: Property is sold "as-is, where-is". Interested parties may inspect the property prior to bidding.
To schedule an inspection, contact Town Hall at 478-433-2002.

Bid Requirements:

Sealed bids will be accepted until September 8, 2025, at 3:00 PM EST, at Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 489 Central Ave, Byromville, GA 31007. Bids received after the time and date indicated will be returned unopened. The Town Hall is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 3:00pm except during lunch 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Bid Opening:

Bids will be publicly opened on **September 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM EST**, at Byromville Town Hall, 489 Central Ave, Byromville, GA 31007, during the regular monthly meeting of the Town Council.

The Town of Byromville reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities, or to negotiate the final sale.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Dooly County Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing at 5:30 PM on September 08, 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 – Brian Boxley has submitted application for Variance of Zoning for a parcel #103-4A that is currently zoned AG (Agricultural). The purpose of the variance is to allow a 2nd residence to be built on the property. The location of the property is 1622 Holt Walton Rd. Vienna, GA 31092.

Request #2 – Anita Moreno has submitted application for Variance of Zoning for a parcel #101-8 that is currently zoned AG (Agricultural). The purpose of the variance is to allow a reduced setback from 90 ft from the center of the road to 66 ft. The residents want to build an addition on the front of the home. The location of the property is 1016 PARKER Rd Cordele GA 31015.

Dooly County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. Dooly County will assist citizens with special needs given proper notice (seven working days).

For more information, contact Zoning Administrator

Glenn A. Layson at 229-268-4228.



Lady Trojans Looking for Much Need Wins This Week

By Head Coach
Chuck Hester

We lost last Tuesday to Terrell Academy 9-2 giving up six runs in the first inning and I brought in an Eighth grader Raylee Johnson to pitch and she gave only one earned run, struck out seven batters the next six innings and pitched phenomenally. Raylee also had two hits over her own and Carli Gibson had three hits in the game.

We left 14 runners on base, but overall, we played really well after the first inning and I could not gripe about that at all. Terrell's a AAA school and I thought we played them competitively. Last Thursday, we went to Citizens Christian Academy in Douglas, Ga. who are the defending state champions.

The score was 2-1 going into the fourth inning and Raylee Johnson was also on the mound for this game and played hard. She also had two hits that game against CCA, but we wound up losing because they ended up tacking on several runs late in the game, not of her own doing. We didn't help her defensively in the field and we wound up losing that game 9-1.

It was a doubleheader and we turned around in the next game and when we lost to CCA 18-

0. I told our girls, I said 'This is where we're trying to be and trying to match what they've been doing because they've been really successful in softball the last two years.

For us to get on that plateau, let's take what we've learned from this experience in Douglas and try to go out this next week and work on everything we can to get to where we need to be. I think we are starting that process and CCA is an exceptional team and they are the favorite having only lost one girl from last year's state championship team. So, they've brought everybody back and have a really good squad.

We don't get into region play for another two weeks. This week, we have two games against another AAA school, TiftArea and the week after that, we play Southland, a AA school and then we finally get to start our region play the following Thursday. I'm really looking forward to seeing what we can do against teams in our classification. Obviously the higher the classification, our schedule is a little tougher, but I think it will help us in the long run.

Right now, it doesn't look like it's helping us because we have some losses. But I also told the girls, we're not going to play



Carli Gibson who had three hits in the game against Terrell Academy.

teams as good as they are every time out. Hopefully, our young people are getting some playing time and experience and will try to get out there and better themselves the farther we go along.

Dooly County Bobcats Football Game Canceled

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

The Dooly County High School football game that was scheduled for Friday night, August 22, was, "Canceled due to weather," according to Head Football Coach Tony Alexander. The Bobcats return to action against the Worth County Rams in a non-region matchup this Friday night, August 29 at 7:30 in Sylvester, Ga.

DCMS Football Team Plays in 'The Grove'

Contributed

The Dooly County Middle School Football Team played their only home of the season against Macon County this Wednesday, August 27 in 'The Grove' and we'll be celebrating our Eighth Graders on "Eighth Grade Night".

FA Shotgun Team Off to Good Start

Contributed

Starting the season off with a bang as the Fullington Academy Shotgun Team finished Third at our first Sporting Clay event last week.



FA Track Team Competes at 10th Annual Furlow XC



By Coach Caitlin Mixon

Our cross country runners competed in Americus at the 10th Annual Furlow XC meet recently. Congratulations to Zoey Pope on taking First place overall in the two mile and setting a course record on a very hard course. Congratulations Analise Grinolds on taking second place in the one mile with a very impressive time. Congratulations Caroline Akin on taking

ninth place and running strong on a tough course. Congratulations Claire Fletcher on taking 11th and pushing hard. Abby Mixon and Maddison Lamberth helped the team out with finishing hard so we could take third place overall and bring home a trophy in the two mile. Varsity athletes Chase Hughes, Taylor Allen and Evelyn Fletcher competed in the event and finished with



good times. Our junior pro Athletes competed and looked so strong on such a tough course many had Personal Records today. I am so proud of all the work they are putting in. We are Trojan Proud.



Middle Ga. EMC Donates Water to Athletes

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Dooly County K-8 Academy is incredibly grateful to Middle Georgia EMC for their generous water donation to our athletes. Year after year, Middle Georgia EMC continues to support our student-athletes by keeping them hydrated and healthy. This partnership means the world to our Dooly K-8 community. Thank you for being such an amazing community partner and for always looking out for our kids. We couldn't do it without supporters like you.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Dooly County Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a 2025 millage rate which will require an increase in property tax by 2.62% percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Dooly County Commissioners Office located at 113 N. Third Street in Vienna:

- Public Hearing #1: Thursday, September 4, at 10:00 AM
- Public Hearing #2: Thursday, September 4, at 6:00 PM
- Public Hearing #3: Friday, September 19, at 10:00 AM

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 17.45 mills, an increase of 0.445 mills. Without this tentative increase, the millage rate will be no more than 17.005 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$150,000.00 is approximately \$25.81 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$150,000.00 is approximately \$26.70.

Bobcat Varsity Coaches Hold DCRD Football Camp

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We are very appreciative of the Dooly County Football Coaches Tony Alexander, Offensive coordinator Alvin Jones, Running Back Coach Tracie Walker, Receivers Coach Ben Miller, Offensive Line Coach Bryan Forehand, Defensive Line Coach Dion Colson, Linebacker Coach Tommy Sanders Jr. and Defensive Coordinator Kereon Merrell for putting on a football camp with our athletes and coaches this morning.

Despite getting home very late from their game that Friday night, they still took the time to be there for our kids Saturday morning, August 16. This is what it's all about! Doooooly!



Terrell County

AUG 1 @ 7:00
AWAY SCRIMMAGE

Westover

AUG 8 @ 7:30
HOME SCRIMMAGE

Tombs County

AUG 15 @ 8:00
AWAY

Mitchell County

AUG 22 @ 7:30
AWAY

Worth County

AUG 29 @ 7:30
AWAY

Irwin County

SEP 12 @ 7:30
HOME

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
2025

Hawkinsville

OCT 31 @ 7:30
AWAY

Telfair County

OCT 24 @ 7:30
SENIOR NIGHT

Treutlen County

OCT 17 @ 7:30
AWAY

Wilcox County

OCT 10 @ 7:30
HOME

Wheeler County

SEP 19 @ 7:30
HOMECOMING

Montgomery County

SEP 26 @ 7:30
AWAY

Principal - Alvin Williams Asst. Principal - Dr. Chiquita Granville Athletic Director - Brandon Dawkins



2025-2026 DCHS BOBCATS

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| # 0 Jamont'e Taylor | # 21 Car'Lil Westberry |
| # 1 JayVion Sanders | # 22 Ranzavier Wellons |
| # 2 Brexton Gaston | # 23 Stacy Manning |
| # 3 Antavious Hunter | # 24 Kareem Glenn |
| # 4 JayQuan Burke | # 25 Kimani Williams |
| # 5 Cecil King | # 28 Micheal Deniels |
| # 6 Kayvon Felton | # 30 Montavion Lee |
| # 7 Seven Sutton | # 32 Deyton Pringle |
| # 8 Thailyn Bryant | # 35 Fred Nicey |
| # 9 Scotty Freeman | # 50 Kentavious Lucas |
| # 10 Marcus Bryant Jr. | # 51 Quintorion King |
| # 11 Markevion Riggins | # 55 Ahmaji Felton |
| # 12 Keveon McCray | # 56 Charico Rush |
| # 13 Keyhon Colson | # 57 Charles Nance |
| # 14 Zayden Bell | # 58 Ja'Cambrion Dawson |
| # 15 Jaiden Sanders | # 59 Jaden Williams |
| # 16 Kenderrious Thomas | # 66 Senorris Sutton |
| # 17 Ohmarian Shazer | # 72 Kah'darious Ray |
| # 18 Jesus Vega | # 74 Aiden Carr |
| # 19 Mikell Daniels | # 77 Devin Peterson |
| # 20 Vincent Gaston | # 80 Jia'Quavion Mainor |

2025 COACHING STAFF

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Head Coach Tony Alexander | LB - Tommy Sanders |
| OC/QB - Alvin Jones | DLL - Deion Colson |
| DC/DB - Kereon Merrell | WR - Ben Miller |
| RB - Tracie Walker | OL - Bryan Forehand |
| Band Director - Jabbar Muhammad | Cheer Coach - China Adams |



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Meet the Bobcats Football Team and Cheerleaders & Colorguard!

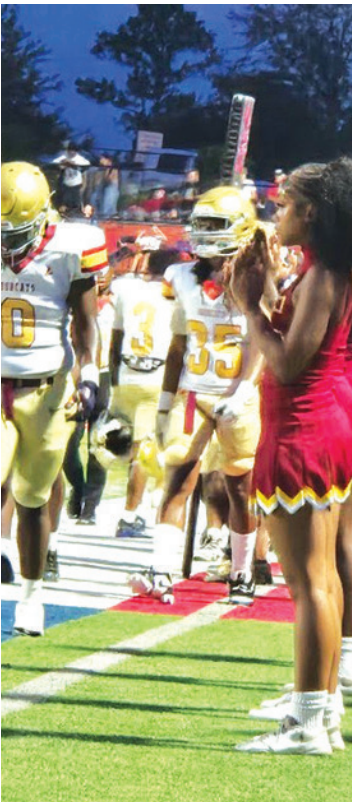


Photo from Dooly County High School Facebook
Cheering on the Dooly County Football Team



**Bobcats
2025-26**



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Bobcats!**



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Dooly County Bobcats Football

“Everybody says it’s a rebuilding year, but we’re going to push our players to the maximum and get them prepared successfully every week throughout the season.”

**By Head Football Coach
Tony Alexander**

Leading up to the regular season, we played Terrell County in a scrimmage Friday, August 1 in a scrimmage with three quarters varsity and one quarter our younger players because everybody is still trying to earn their spot. We’re filling out a depth chart and then after that we played Westover Friday, August 8 in a home scrimmage in ‘The Grove’ and that was a great test for us to see where we’re at coming out of camp that took place during July with OTAs and seven-on sevens.

Westover has a good program with the number two offensive tackle in the nation as a junior. After that we are going to play the defending State Champion, the Toombs County Bulldogs away Friday, August 15 with the kickoff at 8:00 a.m..

They are division I A state champions from last year, so to start the new ERA of the program, we’re going to play state champion in the higher classification that we are in. A very well coached team and a lot of good athletes, but I feel like we’ve got a lot of good athletes as well. We just haven’t had the opportunity to showcase those that we’ve got and no better way than by playing them in their home stadium. It’s going to be one of those games where we preview what kind of team we’re going to be.

Our team is very talented to come off the record that they had last year. Seven Sutton is going to be our quarterback 6 feet 195 pounds. He can throw it 50 plus yards, he can also run it and he’s also very smart; cerebral and he’s just to get better with decision making and taking care of the football. But, he’s a leader out there and we’re going to be real ‘crisp’ on offense.

At running back we’ve got

Kayvon Felton, he’s a sophomore and about 5 feet nine and 170 pounds, but one of the quickest running backs I’ve ever coached in my career and has breakaway speed. Offensive line is big and I think they average about 270 pounds. Devin Peterson is our center and is about 6 feet and about 360 pounds and is quick with snaps. He’s a senior.

Our left tackle is Ken Lucas and a four year starter and about 6’ 4” 250 and long arms and brief time offensive lineman and received all region recognition as an offensive lineman for three straight years.

Our right tackle is Charles Nance at 5” 11’ and is also a cerebral player and I’m looking forward to him stepping up this year. Our left guard is Quintorion King and is about 5” 11’ and 240 pounds, so we’ve got a big offensive line. We plan on running the ball behind the offensive line. On the outside, they’ve got their own personality with Brexston Gaston and will be one of my two receivers along with Keveon McCray and our receivers have different skill sets.

Cecil King is a guy we’re going to rely on and Jayvion Sanders is a guy with immense talent at right receiver for us. We’ve got a freshman, Jaiden Sanders at 6’ 2” 195 pounds and Ohmarian Shazer who has become one of the guys. In the secondary, we’ve got Jamonte Taylor and he’s cerebral from the back end and will get everybody lined up and I could really see him coaching some day because he’s so smart and knows the back end so well. Brexston Gaston is pretty much a lock down at corner and at the other side, a combination of guys and we’ll work in everybody at the corner-back position and Cecil King, Keyhon Colson at the other safety spot beside Jamonte Taylor.

At linebacker, we’ve got a lot of competition going on with some of the older and younger guys and trying to find people who can hand some punishment out. You’ve got Vincent Gaston who is a rising sophomore and Markevion Riggins. Defensive line wise, there will be Charles Nance, Ken Lucas, Scottie Freeman who will be up for region defensive player of the year, if not defensive player in the state. Jayquan Burke. The team is very talented, but we’re still trying to feel the brotherhood and that’s something that has to be done daily. We are also trying to coach our players like a smooth running machine.

The football program is not just about academics, it’s about community service and we want all of those to be a high priority and a high level of excellence. We are working with the school, with the community to get our guys to be the engine behind Dooly County. We want to represent Unadilla, Vienna, Pinehurst, Byromville, Dooling and Lilly to the utmost capability.

We want to be a class program and change the narrative that surrounds this program. We want to do that by winning a lot of games and reaching the level that Dooly County must reach to win the state championship in an area that is known for football and we want to be an accurate representation of that in the state. We are really the first team that gets to be characterized as South Georgia Football.

We want to be an accurate representation of what that means and represent the community that loves Bobcat Football. We’re working on the character aspect and really building these guys up to believe in themselves and also getting them exposed to a new way of thinking about how football is done in 2025. The coaching staff includes offensive coordinator Alvin Jones, our running back coach is Tracie Walker.

Our receivers coach is Ben Miller, offensive line coach is Bryan Forehand, defensive line coach is Dion Colson and Linebacker coach is Tommy Sanders Jr. Our defensive coordinator is Kereon Merrell. We’ve got a great staff, a bunch of young guys and we’re just trying to give back to the kids. It’s a great tradition here, but we also want to carry that tradition forward and we also want to bring eyes to the program. We’ve got a bunch of athletes and there shouldn’t be a reason why they’re not getting the exposure that they need because they can play with anybody.

Everybody says it’s a rebuilding year, but we’re going to push our players to the maximum and get whatever we can out of them and make sure we get them prepared successfully every week throughout the season. We saw that with Montravius Adams, Travis Glover and Keith Mumphery back in the day, so that’s the kind of vision that we want to set for this program.

We want it to be the one-stop shop for great men, great football players and great kids and great character. By the time our region schedule gets here, we should be clicking on all cylinders and our goals for this season is to win the region and bring a home playoff game to Dooly County.

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TROJANS

FOOTBALL GAME SCHEDULE

15 AUGUST	VS CRISP ACADEMY	HOME	7:30
22 AUGUST	VS JOHN HANCOCK	HOME	7:30
29 AUGUST	*@ WESTWOOD		7:30
5 SEPTEMBER	*@ GEORGIA CHRISTIAN		7:30
12 SEPTEMBER	*@ CRISP (ROOBIN CLASSIC)		7:30
19 SEPTEMBER	*VS CCA	HOME	7:00
26 SEPTEMBER	*VS DAVID EMANUEL	HOME	7:30
3 OCTOBER	*@ GRACE		7:30
17 OCTOBER	*@ SHERWOOD		7:30
23 OCTOBER	*VS VIDALIA HERITAGE	HOME	7:30

* DENOTES REGION GAME | 9/26 HOMECOMING | 10/23 SENIOR NIGHT



2025 Varsity Football Roster

Fullington Academy Trojans

Name	#	Grade
Aidan Hill	8	12
Landon Cobb	17	12
Garlan Godfrey	44	12
Augie Harris	0	11
Brock Wetherington	55	11
Blake Hendrickson	1	10
Brayden Cole	2	10
Clay Sangster	6	10
Brayden Kinna	11	10
Jase Smith	27	10
Luke Campbell	50	10
Luke Perfect	65	10
Ben Murphy	75	10
Fletcher Faircloth	3	9
Cash Greene	4	9
Brantley Ross	5	9
Landon Kinna	13	9
Tucker Sorrow	18	9
Eli Ashley	22	9

Head Coach: Mike Ashley, Defensive Coordinator: James Martin
OF/DF Line Coach: Jim Hartin, QB Coach: Brody Ashley, Assistant Coach: John Warlick

2025 FULLINGTON TROJAN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Team	Time
8/1/25	OFF	
8/8/25	Intrasquad Game	7:00
8/15/25	CRISP ACADEMY	7:30
8/22/25	JOHN HANCOCK	7:30
8/29/25	*@WESTWOOD	7:30
9/5/25	*@GEORGIA CHRISTIAN	7:30
9/12/25	*@CRISP(ROOBIN CLASSIC)	7:30
9/19/25	*MEMORIAL DAY	7:00
9/26/25	*DAVID EMANUEL	7:30
10/3/25	*@GRACE	7:30
10/10/25	OFF	
10/17/25	*@SHERWOOD	7:30
10/23/25	*VIDALIA HERITAGE	7:30
10/31/25	FIRST ROUND	TBD
11/7/25	SECOND ROUND	TBD
11/14/25	SEMIFINALS	TBD
11/20/25	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	TBD

*DENOTES REGION GAME. 9/26/25- HOMECOMING. 10/23/25- SR NIGHT.

Fullington Academy Football

"I'm looking forward to the season and seeing what these young guys do and who steps up as far as leadership roles."

By Head Coach
Mike Ashley

This is my second year as head coach and looking forward to 2025. We've got a real young team. We lost eight seniors last year and that is going to be tough to replace. However the middle school guys we've got coming up as freshman now have a lot of football I.Q. They're going to help us out tremendously in several spots.

I've got three seniors, Garlan Godfrey being the main leader on the team. He's my big lineman and will also be a running back, linebacker, defensive end and offensive guard. Garlan's got a chance to play at the next level. A real smart guy. He's slimmed down a little bit and got a lot faster, so I'm expecting to see a lot of good things out of him.

I've got Aidan Hill, another senior-running back and linebacker who had about 800 yards last year before he had an injury that kept him out of the last three games of the season. I fully expected him to have close to 1,200 yards last year, but his injury kind-a hurt our team. He'll be one of the main running backs along with Landon Cobb. He's been working hard ever since he got there and will be Outside Linebacker, so a small senior group and we only have two juniors, one is Augie Harris who I really expect will take on a huge role at multiple posi-

tions as a receiver and running back-outside linebacker-safety. He's made a big leap as far as the weight room with his speed and shot up a couple of inches, so he's definitely going to be an impact player for us.

Some of the freshmen that I'm looking to step up and make an impact and one is Eli Ashley, he's one of the starting corners and receivers and has been coached hard all of his life. He's got a good motor on him. The only thing he'll have to get up to speed on is his size being a freshman going against seniors. But I fully expect him to be able to do that. Another one that we have coming in is Cass Greene. He'll be our backup quarterback and is picking up the offense really well. He's got a good arm, he's just got to get faster as far as the speed of running the ball.

Of course, Blake Henderson, our starting quarterback last year as a freshman had over 1,500 yards and ended up with 24 touchdowns, four interceptions, so he's going to be a major part this year. He's starting to really understand the offense as far as what I'm trying to accomplish on each play. He's reading the defense really well, so I'm looking forward to him having a really good season.

We've got a couple of sophomores because we have a big sophomore class with Luke Campbell seeing a lot of playing time on the offensive line, Jase Smith who is going to be

my starting center this year and has a major role to play in our offense because everything starts with the center. His weight room progress has been really good and is a lot stronger from last season. I turned over the defense to Coach James Martin, so I'm kind-a excited to see. He'll bring a couple of different looks. It will take a little off my plate so I can focus on offense and special teams.

We've got a good sports staff and Brody Ashley, my oldest son, just finished playing college baseball in Memphis, he's coming back and will be working with the quarterbacks. He'll be my eyes in the booth and then we have Jim Hartin coming in as offensive line coach. He's been with me for two years, so he's starting to get them where I want them to be, a little bit tougher. Summer's been pretty brutal working four-days-a-week going 8-12 every single day and giving them Friday off.

Other than that, these guys have been really getting after it and I'm looking forward to the season and seeing what these young guys do and who steps up as far as leadership roles. We'll be starting off with a rival game against Crisp Academy, but I'm really excited to see what happens. It's been a great Summer, these guys have been putting in a lot of work in, in the heat and they've done really well so far. I'm really excited to see where we go this year.

FA Football Seniors

Photo by Bonnie Hoesler
Pictured are Aidan Hill, Garlan Godfrey and Landon Cobb.



Senior Cheerleaders



Photo by Bonnie Hoesler

Pictured are Izzy Ross, Brooklin Cromer, McKinley Causey, Rylee Reed, Keira Musselwhite and Aubrey Pope.

FA Senior Softball Players

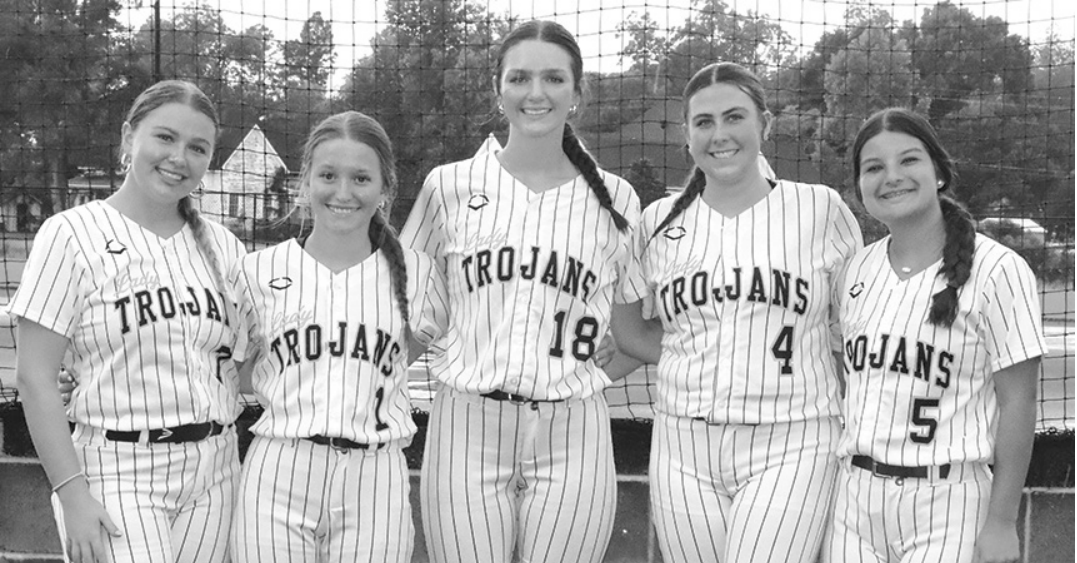
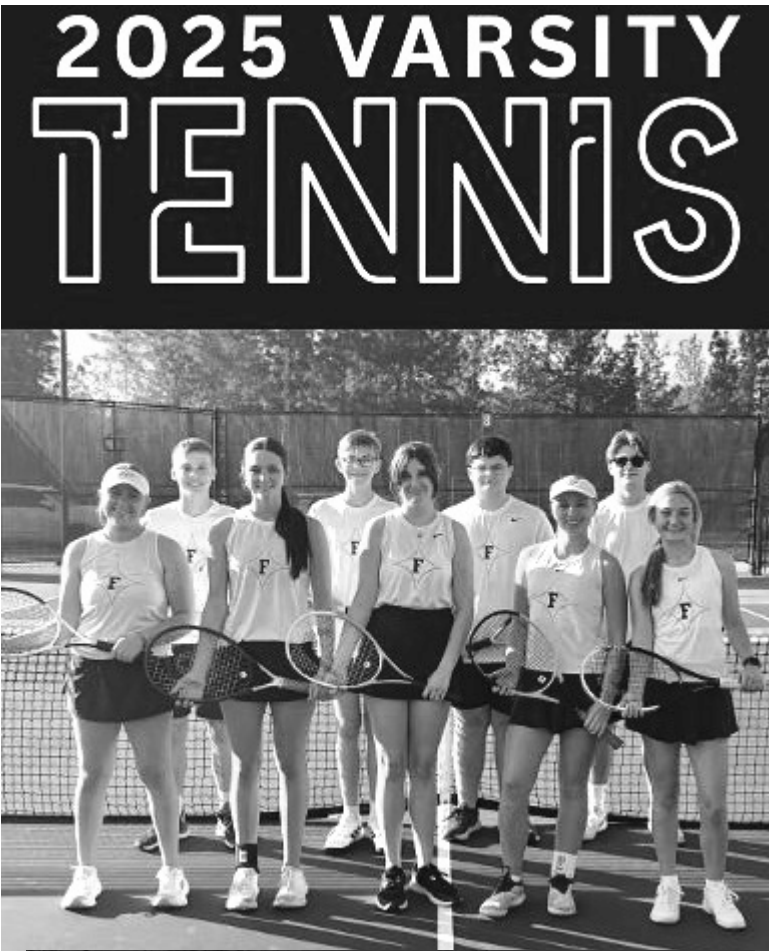
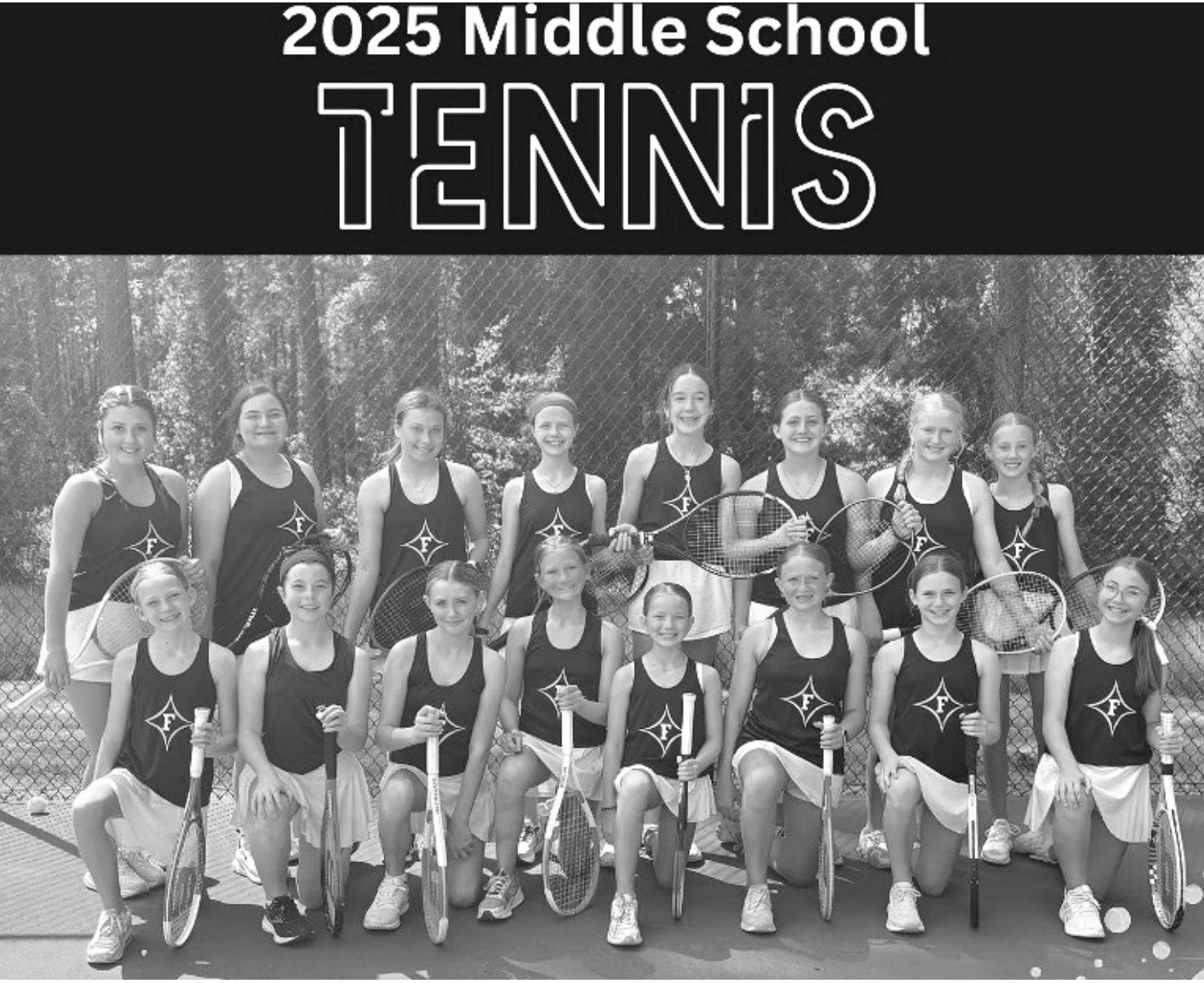



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Pictured left to right: Brooklin Cromer, Izzy Ross, McKinley Causey, Rylee Reed and Aubrey Pope.









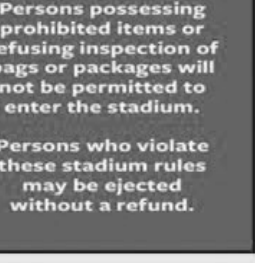
FA Varsity-Middle School Tennis Teams





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10.24.2025

VS TELFAIR COUNTY

@ 7:30 P.M.

Stand Out in the Crowd – Camo for Senior Night!





The Fullington Academy Varsity Football 2025-26

Photo by Bonnie Hauesler
Pictured seated left to right: Fletcher Faircloth, Brantley Ross, Cash Greene, Luke Campbell, Tucker Sorrow, Ben Murphy.

Kneeling: Blake Hendrickson, Brayden Kinna, Brayden Cole, Jace Smith, Landon Kinna and Eli Ashley.

Standing: Clay Sangster, Aidan Hill, Garlan Godfrey, Landon Cobb, Reshawn Story, Brock Wetherington, Augie Harris and Luke Perfect.



FA Varsity Cheerleaders



Photo by Bonnie Hauesler
Kneeling: Ragan Rainey, Payton Hudson, Izzy Ross, Sadie Chambliss, Brooke Cromer, Aubrey Pope.
Middle Row: Brook Hobbs, Keira Musselwhite, Olivia Cawthorn, Ellis Campbell, Brianna Kent.
Back Row: Kade Vaughn, McKinley Causey, Morgan Causey, Rylee Reed and Carlee Hamsley.

FA Football Coaches




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Pictured seated left to right: John Warlick, Woody Greene, Brody Ashley, Head Coach Mike Ashley, James Martin and Jim Hartin.

Fullington Academy Cheerleading Coaches



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FA Cheerleading Coaches Emily Ashley, Heather Grinolds- head coach and Joni Ross.



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Fullington Academy Lady Trojans Varsity Softball Team

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Kneeling: Abby Mixon, Ellis Campbell, Brook Hobbs, Izzy Ross, Sadie Chambliss, Aubrey Pope.

Standing: Rayelee Johnson, Brooklin Cromer, Evelyn Fletcher, Kade Vaughn, Morgan Causey, McKinley Causey, Riley Reed and Carlie Gibson.

FA Softball Coaches



Photo by Bonnie Hauesler

Fullington Academy Lady Trojans Head Softball Coach Chuck Hester.

Photo by Bonnie Hauesler

Fullington Academy Lady Trojans Assistant Softball Coach Brandi Marks.

2025 Fullington Academy Lady Trojans Varsity Softball Roster

	Name	Jersey #	Grade
1.	Izzy Ross	1	12 th
2.	Rylee Reed	4	12 th
3.	Aubrie Pope	5	12 th
4.	Brook Hobbs	6	9 th
5.	Brooklin Cromer	7	12 th
6.	Ellis Campbell	8	9 th
7.	Rayelee Johnson	9	8 th
8.	Abby Mixon	11	8 th
9.	Morgan Causey	15	10 th
10.	McKinley Causey	18	12 th
11.	Kade Vaughan	20	10 th
12.	Carli Gibson	22	11 th
13.	Evelyn Fletcher	25	11 th
14.	Sadie Chambliss	31	10 th

Head Coach: Chuck Hester, Assistant Coach: Brandi Marks



2025 Fullington Academy Lady Trojans Softball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Location		Team	
7/25-26	Fri -Sat	Windsor Tournament	Macon, Ga		Fri:9&12- Sat:1 st game 9am	
7/29	Tuesday	OPEN				
7/31	Thursday	OPEN				
8/5	Tuesday	Windsor	Away	Varsity 6pm	MS 4pm	
8/7	Thursday	OPEN				
8/12	Tuesday	Twiggs	Home	Varsity 4pm	MS 6pm	
8/14	Thursday	CCA	Home	Varsity 4pm	MS 6pm	
8/19	Tuesday	Terrell	Home	Varsity 4pm	MS 6pm	
8/21	Thursday	CCA	Away	Varsity 4pm	MS 6pm	
8/26	Tuesday	Tiftarea	Away	Varsity 6pm	MS 4pm	
8/28	Thursday	Tiftarea	Home	Varsity 4pm	MS 6pm	
9/2	Tuesday	*Southland	Home	Varsity 4pm	MS 6pm	
9/4	Thursday	*Westwood	Away	Varsity 4pm	MS 4pm (Home)	
9/9	Tuesday	*Crisp	Home	Varsity 4pm	MS 6pm	
9/11	Thursday	Terrell	Away	Varsity 4pm	MS 6pm	
9/16	Tuesday	*SGA	Home	Varsity 4pm		
9/18	Thursday	*Southland	Away	Varsity 4pm	MS 6pm	
~9/23	Tuesday	*Westwood	Home	Varsity 4pm	MS 6pm	
9/25	Thursday	*Crisp	Away	Varsity 4:00pm		
9/30	Tuesday	Worth	Home	Middle School	4:00 (DH)	
10/2	Thursday	*SGA	Away	Varsity 4pm		
10/7	Tuesday	Twiggs	Away	Varsity 4pm		
10/9	Thursday	OPEN				
10/16-10/18	GIAA State Finals- Columbus, GA			TBD		
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