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 Unadilla Fire Rescue responded to nine calls during the month of September including one structure fire, two vehicle accidents, one vehicle fire, one grass brush wildland fire, one Air EVAC landing zone standby, one to offer EMS assist support, one electric wiring call and two false alarms.

Tax Digest Sent to State; Property Tax Bills to Be Mailed Out in Near Future

By Tim Franzén
 News Observer Reporter

County Administrator Steve Sanders announced, "We are starting our new fiscal year and hopefully the Tax Commissioner Paula (Smith) said that she had submitted the digest to the state for review. Hopefully we'll get a prompt approval of that and then she'll send it to the printer to have the property tax bills printed and mailed out." It was also announced that a total of 43 resumes had been received for the position of County Administrator and a notebook with all of the applicants had been distributed to each commissioner. County Administrator Steve Sanders speaking to the board commented, "Y'all said y'all would like to have an administrator on board by January 1. It's October now, so we need to keep this process moving. My suggestion is not to wait two weeks until we

meet again to talk about this." Following discussion, the board agreed to meet Thursday, Oct. 9 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the feasibility of hiring any of the applicants. Dooly County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Plan was up for discussion with an expiration date of March 15, 2028. The plan would cover a number of scenarios including weather and traffic related hazards, etc. The county has been approved for a grant of a little over \$29,680 from GEMA to assist with the costs. The board, on the recommendation of the county administrator, agreed to accept the grant funding. Chairman David Barron then signed a grant document agreement. It was also noted that the River Valley Regional Commission will be offering assistance to the county along with the municipalities in updating the hazard plan. The Georgia Department of Transportation

has identified the Bowen Road Bridge at Sandy Mount Creek as in need of replacement as part of their Local Bridge Replacement Program. GDOT is requesting a commitment from the county government of \$50,000. Dooly County requested that GDOT waive that fee and the officials here were awaiting a response. The planning commission will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed ordinance regulating Cryptocurrency Mining facilities Monday, Oct. 13 and then will be voting to make a recommendation to the board of commissioners whether or not to adopt the ordinance. Then, Thursday, Oct. 16 the county commissioners will conduct a public hearing to receive public comments and then following that public hearing, the board would then vote on the proposed

ordinance. The company that purchased the Old Roseburg Particle Board Plant site has requested that the entire property be annexed into the City of Vienna, so the officials there have started the process. Mr. Sanders announced that, "The company has initially delivered eight units." Byron Wright with Chem Pro Services spoke to the board about the potential benefits of initiating a roadside spraying program. He said, "We would come in from November to March and we would treat the roadside turf areas that y'all are mowing and that takes care of your winter weeds and then we come back depending on when we do the first treatment, April or September and we do another growth regulation treatment that takes out the weeds. It takes about two

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Council OK's MOU-Rural Fire Defense Agreement

By Tim Franzén
 News Observer Reporter

The City of Vienna Council along with Mayor Eddie Daniels met in a called meeting last Thursday and gave a green-light to a Memorandum of Understanding and Rural Fire Defense Agreement authorizing Mayor Eddie Daniels to sign all per-

manent documents. The council took this action because the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department had been awarded a grant of \$5,000 to purchase turnout gear. The Georgia Forestry Commission requires an approved MOU and Rural Fire Defense Agreement between the local fire department and GFC.

Undercover Investigation Leads to Fentanyl Arrests

By CCSO

The Crisp County Sheriff's Office arrested two individuals Monday, Sept. 29 who traveled from Panama City, Fla. to Crisp County with the intent to sell methamphetamine. Sirena Saunders and Micheal Davis had negotiated a deal to sell four ounces of methamphetamine. When they met, they informed the undercover agent that someone else would deliver the drugs. Saunders then stated she had some. Davis produced a glass vial and handed it to Saunders. Both Davis and Saunders were subsequently arrested. The vial contained a powder that tested positive for Fentanyl. At the time of her arrest, Saunders was out on bond for previous drug charges filed by the Panama City Police Depart-

ment, Bay County Sheriff's Office and Columbus Police Department. Further investigation revealed that no other person was involved in delivering the drugs. Sirena Saunders, a 45-year-old female from Panama City Beach, Fla. is charged with Possession of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Schedule I Controlled Substance and Use of Communication Facility in Drug Transaction. Micheal Davis, a 45-year-old male from Panama City Beach, Fla. is charged with Possession of Schedule I or II Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Schedule I Controlled Substance and Driving While License Suspended or Revoked.

Flint Humane Society: A 20-Year Dream Comes Full Circle

By Rhonda
 Lamb-Co-Founder

Flint Humane Society was a passion project that began in 2005 when my childhood friend, the late Marti Spires, came to work with me at the Chamber. Together, we brainstormed a wish list of ideas we wanted to see in our community. From the day I started at the Chamber, our office received countless calls about stray animals in the county. Both Marti and I shared a deep love for animals and quickly realized that a local humane organization was desperately needed. We formed a steering committee of like-minded individuals, and soon after discovered that a former classmate of mine was also working to form a no-kill rescue. It only made sense to join forces and combine our resources. From that partnership, Flint Humane Society was born, a no-kill, nonprofit organization dedicated to saving the abused, neglected, and abandoned dogs of Dooly County. In the early days and meager beginnings



we started out small using the kennels in Vienna before eventually moving to our home on Slosheye Trail and it grew from there. As anyone who has worked in animal rescue knows, it's a field driven by passion and sometimes that passion brings strong opinions, heated discussions, and even disagreements. But at the heart of it all, the mission has always remained the

same: to save the lives of innocent animals in need. October 1, 2025, was a very bittersweet day as Flint Humane Society saw a 20-year dream come to an end. What began as the vision of childhood friends grew into an organization that has saved thousands of dogs in our small rural county. On

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Opening Day at the Ga. Nat'l Fair



By State Representative Patty Marie Stinson

Glad to fellowship with FVSU, Dr. David West of Dooly County, Governor Brian Kemp, First Lady Kemp and of course, Tyler Harper Georgia Agriculture Commissioner.

Pink Out Breast Cancer Walk

By Chiquita Granville

Join us at the stadium before the game as we honor breast cancer survivors with a unity walk around the track in 'The Grove' Friday night, Oct. 10. Please arrive at 7:00 p.m. to check in and line up for the walk. Participants, please sign up here to participate: <https://forms.gle/2fJzmQHmV4pat3xK8>. Survivors will be recognized and their names

announced throughout the game as we celebrate their strength and courage. Goodies will also be given away during the evening, so wear your pink and join the cause. A special thank you to DCHS HOSA for helping provide awareness and support for breast cancer education and advocacy. Let's pack the stands, wear pink, and stand together in honor of survivors and fighters.

Educational, Interactive, Entertaining Meet and Greet with Author Debbie DeLung Reinertson

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

Vienna Woman's Club members sponsored a Meet and Greet last Monday with Author Debbie DeLung Reinertson at the Dooly County Library. She along with Illustrator Betty Volkman Reinertson have released a book entitled "Little Loon on the Lake."

She started off by talking about an earlier work entitled, "Whose Nose, Whose Toes? Where children learn they are God's special children as they discover their eyes, ears, etc." She also explained her background and her fascination with Loons, "I was living on a lake for about 30-years, so I got to know one that started from a baby when he was in the nest, so that's where it starts. Feeding them, they like little fish, minnows and anything small. What's most unique about the Loon is their call." She spoke about the Loon written in her book, "He

can't start flying himself until he has all of his feathers and he'll know when he's ready."

The audience also participated using the letters in the word Loon to create their own poetry. Some of the fascinating facts about loons are that, "They are known for being little, but having large web 'feet', long beak and have large wings and are known for living near open water because they need a lot of water to take off." They have to look out for the Osprey overhead because that's their predator and usually an Osprey that lives on the lake with them. They are fond of open water and are northern birds. She described the colors of the Loon as, "Being dark and the male and the female are the same, you can't tell 'em apart. The little chick will be brownish-gray for a couple of years. The red eyes are so he can see underwater because they do a lot of diving. Be-

cause they have heavy bones, they can stay underwater for a long time."

Predominantly, Loons reside in the north and are known for making relaxing night music, "But can be very loud at night and it's like the howling of the wolf and a wailing sound and some people refer to it as a laughing call and they're very lyrical." Debbie Delung Reinertson is also going to be releasing a book about The Windsor Hotel in Americus, Ga., "So you've all heard that it's haunted, people hear a woman laughing, go to room 333 and look at the service elevator on the third floor, so I've been investigating with publication by Halloween."

Refreshments following the presentation were provided by the Vienna Woman's Club. Debbie Delung Reinertson's book 'Little Loon on the Lake' is available on Amazon, ebay among others.



Pinehurst Looking for Solutions to Blighted Property Issue

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

The council addressed an ongoing issue with blighted property and Mayor Connie Christmas said that, "The only thing that Jim Livingston with the River Valley Regional Commission mentioned was a land bank and in some large cities and counties have land banks where they purchase the land and then develop it. Dooly County does not have a land bank. Mr. Livingston had voiced his opinion to the legislator, etc. But there needs to be something to help

these rural communities like ours to be able to do something with the blighted properties.

The District Eight meeting featured a government relations update talking about taxes and some of the related legislation, The Next Generation 911 system where they are trying to make the same type of system developed because it varies from county to county and city to city. The legislature is looking at some insurance issues, housing, community development and the funding for FEMA and making that avail-

able should there be any natural disasters. Also literacy was discussed, a youth council, the mayor's reading club and another program that they've started called 'Game Changers' for young professionals.

Kaleb Green, who is Youth Mayor in Vienna has 'shadowed' Mayor Eddie Daniels and is very involved with 4-H, he's been to the capitol and wants to be of service. He tries to mentor young people, so they will want to be of service to their community. There are also a lot of cities in Ga. that are not compliant

with audits and that (City Clerk) Ms. Jackie Chaney has always made sure that we are in compliance. That makes it where we can keep our GEFA loan that we received for the treatment plant. When qualifying for any other loans or grant, in order to apply you have to be compliant."

During a review of the financial report it was noted that there was some tree trimming performed on Indian Boundary Road as well as a purchase for some new city limits signs from the general fund. There was also tree removal that had to be done by Conner's Landscaping following a storm on East Railroad Street. The city also replaced water lines on Crane Street from the water fund.

The council agreed to, "Move forward with raising funds or

contributions for a mural." Connie Christmas reported the latest on the power pole at the corner of Cypress Avenue and Haslam Avenue, "Georgia Power determined that it does have a brace and guy wire, so Ga. Power decides when poles get replaced or not."

The mayor also reported that, "Thursday night, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Pinehurst is going to be the first city to be a designated reading area by the Get Dooly Reading and Family Connection. We will have a ribbon cutting and they will bring a book bin to put outside city hall and our bench is going to be there. We are very lucky that we're the first city interested in doing that. It will be a place for kids especially since Pinehurst doesn't have a library. This will be a place where they

can get a book for free and a great destination for them to come and get a book."

Pinehurst invites all their Fall Festival in Downtown Pinehurst, Ga. Sunday, Oct. 26 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Pinehurst Fire Department will provide hotdogs. There will be face painting, games and decorated trunks. Sunset Slush out of Worth County and Donut NV will be on hand providing treats during the event that will be fun for all ages.

In other news: Christ Chapel Unadilla will have a food pantry held Saturday, Oct. 11 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The food drive will be Friday, Oct. 17 at the community center from 11:00 a.m.-until.

VOTE
Municipal General / Special Election
November 4, 2025

Deadline to register: Tuesday, October 6, 2025

ALL ELIGIBLE REGISTERED VOTERS WILL VOTE IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER SPECIAL ELECTION
PSC Special Election is Countywide for ALL voters
In conjunction with the applicable municipal elections

Municipal Elections will be held for
City of Vienna, City of Unadilla, City of Byromville and City of Lilly

Early Voting
For ALL Voting Precincts
Tuesday, October 14th thru Friday, October 31st
Vienna Voting Precinct and Unadilla Voting Precinct
8am thru 5pm

Saturday Voting
For ALL Voting Precincts
Saturday, October 18th and Saturday, October 25th
Vienna Voting Precinct and Unadilla Voting Precinct
8am thru 5pm

Request Absentee Ballot Application
Last day to accept Absentee Ballot Applications for
November 4, 2025 Municipal General /Special Election
Friday, October 24th

Election Day ~ Tuesday November 4th
All Registered Voters will vote at their assigned voting precinct.
ALL County Voting Precincts will be open ~ 7am to 7pm

- Vienna – 402 Hawkinsville Road, Vienna, GA
- Unadilla – Unadilla City Hall (in the back)
- Byromville – 526 Central Avenue, Byromville, GA
- Lilly – Lilly Fire Station (red building off Hwy 90)
- Pinehurst – Masonic Lodge in Pinehurst Square

FA FFA Builds 'Pigeon Hole Cabinets' for DCSO

Contributed

Our Second FFA Meeting of the year was a big hit last Wednesday. Our high school agriculture students have been working on a project for the Dooly County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. Fullington Academy FFA members constructed six pigeon hole cabinets that are used during the training of K-9 dogs across the state led by Captain Marsha Peavy.

Last Wednesday, the K-9 unit Sheriff Craig Peavy, Captain David Jones and K-9 officers going through the training came and gave our FFA members a demonstration of how the pigeon hole cabinets are used throughout the process. It was awesome to see how the student's projects were used to



help train the K-9s first hand.

The K-9 unit presented the FFA chapter with a plaque of appreciation as well as a generous donation from their unit, as well as Sheriff Craig Peavy. We

are so thankful for the Sheriff's Office and all they do to keep our community safe. But, we're even more grateful for their partnership and support of our chapter.

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years to eradicate the Johnson grasses because of the root systems on it. That treatment will cut your mowing cycle down tremendously. We're not going to spray anything that's going to damage anybody's crops. We'll skip those areas."

Estimated cost is \$97 per mile with no negative environmental impact. Following discussion, commissioners agreed to allow Mr. Wright to write up a proposal and a list of references. The GDOT is accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2026 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant Program. Dooly County is eligible for \$832,255 with a

required 10% local match. Applications must be submitted by February 1 of next year.

Public Works Director Rodney Hair and Engineer Lance Woods are preparing a list of potential projects for consideration by the board of commissioners. The board agreed to reappoint Tony Lester, county commissioner and Steve Sanders, county administrator to the Middle Georgia Regional Solid Waste Authority. There would be a stipulation in place that Mr. Sanders' successor could occupy his seat at the discretion of the county commissioners at that time.

The Association County Commissioners of Georgia outlined proposed 2026 policy priorities including long term and transportation funding mechanisms, electric franchise fees waiver of sovereign immunity, special election cost reimbursement, EMS insurance to pay for 'out of network', EMS increase medicaid reimbursement codes by 10 percent, restrictions on the use of speed detection cameras in school zones, implementation of the next generation 911 system and tax exemptions for fire services among others.

Advertisement for Bids

The City of Vienna will accept sealed bids on the work below at the City Hall, 203 West Cotton Street Vienna, Georgia 31092 until 2:00 p.m. local time, **October 14, 2025** at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Project Title: **2025 LOCAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS GRANT PROJECT CITY OF VIENNA RESURFACING OLD AMERICUS ROAD**

The project consists of:

The Project consists of the repair and resurfacing of approximately 0.83 miles of Old Americus Road, from Coney Road to the city limits of Vienna, GA.

The time of performance will be 150 days.

Payment for the work shall be made monthly based on the progress of construction.

The Instructions to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Agreement, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at:

J. Paul Raker, Jr., P.E.
SOWEGA Engineering, LLC
158 East Lee Street
Dawson, Georgia 39842

Nathan Jordan
Public Works Director
City of Vienna
203 West Cotton Street
Vienna, Georgia 31092

Copies may be obtained at the office of SOWEGA Engineering, LLC, and P.O. BOX 735, DAWSON, GEORGIA 39842, upon payment of \$300.00 for each set. No refunds will be made.

The Owner reserves the rights to waive any and all informalities, to reject any and all bids, and to disregard all nonconforming, non-responsive, unbalanced or conditioned bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders. The bid security shall be at least five (5%) of the bid.

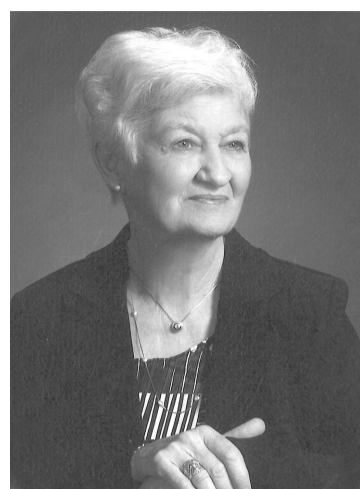
All bids will remain subject to acceptance for 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

City of Vienna
203 West Cotton Street
Vienna, Georgia 31092

Obituaries

Janet Barron Scott

UNADILLA –Janet Barron Scott passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, September 6, 2025, surrounded by family and friends. She was 86. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at Unadilla Methodist Church. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., and the Funeral will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Tim DeGuire officiating. Interment will be in Walnut Cemetery in Unadilla immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to Unadilla Methodist Church, 503 2nd Street, Unadilla, GA 31091.



A lifelong resident of Unadilla, Janet was born in Unadilla to the late J.E. and Laverne Barron. She graduated from Unadilla High School and grew up a Baptist. When she married the love of her life, Jimmy Scott, the family attended Unadilla Methodist Church, to where she moved her membership early in their marriage. The couple raised three active boys, for whom she never missed a sporting event. During baseball season for over ten years, Janet was delighted to record every detail of every play in the scorekeeper's book for Fullington Academy. When her grandchildren came along, she was the proudest grandmother following and cheering for them in their various sports as long as she was able. One of her greatest passions in life was her family, to whom she was greatly devoted. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, hard work, and great independence.

A long-time member of Unadilla Methodist Church, Janet enjoyed sharing her love for the Lord through various positions at the church including Sunday School teacher, member of the Administrative Board, and member of the Juanita Brannen Friendship Circle. Her favorite thing to do at church, though, was play the organ for services, which she did for many years. The time she spent on church activities through the years was precious to Janet, and she attended regularly until her health would not allow her to be there.

From an early age, Janet learned what was needed to keep a business efficient and productive when she attended Macon Business College. As a young bride, she accepted the position as Bookkeeper and Secretary for Farmer's Warehouse, continued with Birdsong Peanuts, and retired from a successful career after nearly sixty years in the same position. She loved her job and was dedicated to the farmers and the peanut industry. Often, Janet was known to help families with their farm books and taxes, as those were things that came easy to her. During the off-season, Janet enjoyed spending time near water, at the river and at the beach, resetting her mind for a new season and refreshing her soul. Janet was preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband of nearly thirty years, James D. "Jimmy" Scott, Sr. Left to cherish the memories they made with Janet are her sons, Jay Scott (Lynn) of Unadilla, Johnny Scott (Debbie) of Perry, and Jerry Scott of Unadilla; her grandchildren, Jaelyn Howard (Ramsey) of Hawkinsville, Joanna Vaughan (Clay) of Byronville, Keith Pace (Jennifer) of Niceville, Florida, Christie Amerson (Steven) of Perry, Morgan Hendrix (Brooks) of Dublin, Jenna Scott of Unadilla, and Thomas Scott of Unadilla; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; her sister, Vivian McLeod (Jimmy) of Perry; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Special Thanks from the family to Hands of Hope – Perry and Compassus Hospice. The family would also like to thank Cynthia Webb, Lapatrice Ray, and Brenda Lester for their kindness, compassion, and loving care of Mrs. Janet. Each of you are greatly appreciated. For those who would like to visit, the family will be at Janet's home in Unadilla on Monday, September 8, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Local Club Celebrating Navy's 250th Birthday



By Cathy Jones
The Vienna Woman's Club will celebrate the 250th birthday of the U S Navy by hosting an open house at the Dooly County Veterans Museum on Monday, Oct. 13 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Museum contains numerous memorabilia from Dooly Counties who served in the Navy. The community is invited to drop in for

a tour. The Continental Congress passed legislation establishing the Navy on October 13, 1775 to protect the thirteen colonies' interests at sea during the American Revolution. The date is celebrated annually to honor the service and sacrifices of sailors and to recognize the Navy for its critical role in national security.

Trunk or Treat in Unadilla - OCT 31

The City of Unadilla's annual Trunk or Treat event will be held on Halloween night, October 31 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Contact city hall if you wish to be a vendor, host games or decorate your trunk.

Join us in hosting a kid-friendly, safe, fun-filled trick or treat experience. Free Food, Candy, Bounce houses, a Hayride through Halloween Wonderland and loads of Spooky Fun.

City of Vienna Spooktacular Event

Get ready Vienna because our final food truck Friday of the year is rolling in with a spooktacular Halloween Edition. Mark your calendars for Friday, October 31 from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at Vienna City Square. We're calling all food trucks and vendors (just \$20 participation fee)—with every dollar supporting our Thanksgivng give away to help families in need.

After grabbing some delicious bites, swing by City Hall to kick off your Trick-or-Treat festivities —each office will have goodies ready for the kids. Bring your costumes, your family and your appetite for a frightfully good time. For any questions or concerns, please contact Kaleb D. Green Kaleb.Green@cityofvienna.org or call City Hall at 229-268-4744.

Trick or Treat with High Cotton Homes

Trick or Treat with our community. Bring your little ghosts and goblins to 307 Charles Street in Vienna. This event will be Halloween night, Friday, Oct. 31 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

CCU to Celebrate Legacy, "We're Still Building Together."

Contributed
If you've ever pulled up for Roc Da Mic, laughed with friends in Kids Zone Bible Study Wednesday nights, ran wild at Oktoberfest, or cooled off on Water Day—this day is for you. On Sunday, November 2 at 10:45 a.m., we're bringing it all back. Live music from some of the same musicians who set the stage years ago. Food, games, and family fun. A chance for your kids to experience the joy, love, and energy you grew

up with. This is more than a reunion—it's a homecoming. A day to celebrate the legacy we're still building together. Sunday, November 2 10:45 a.m. Christ Chapel Unadilla - 400 Jeannette Street, Unadilla, GA. Register now to save your spot: <https://tinyurl.com/yd-s47c9v>. Tag your family and friends and tell them: It's time to come back home. For more information, contact CCU at 478-627-9352.

Local Book Club Meetings at Café 41

By Rev. Katie Griffis-St. Paul Chapel
Are there classic books you've always wanted to read or revisit? Now you can. Dooly County Library is providing a new book club in Vienna called Coffee and Classics. We will meet the second Thursday every month at 1:15 pm at Café 41. Please join us to enrich your

mind and soul with friends, good food, and great books. October 9th - The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving, November 13th - Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte, December 11th - A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, January 8th - Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier and February 12th - Lady Chatterley's Lover.

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TIM LEWIS
Columnist

In The Garden With OCTOBER GARDENING PART ONE

October has already brought us cooler days and nights and the pleasure of the change of seasons. Here are some suggestions for things to do in the yard and garden during this fine month.

Cool weather reminds us that, while tomato plants appreciate the milder fall conditions, they cannot tolerate freezing temperatures. If you are fortunate, you may have a number of immature tomatoes on your vines even now. Follow the tips below to harvest and store these green tomatoes.

- If you wish, leave fruit on the vines up to the last week that you anticipate an imminent killing frost. The average date of the first frost in Atlanta is November 13th; in Tifton, it is November 21st; here in middle Georgia it is somewhere between these two dates.

- After picking, remove stems and any soil and debris.

- Sort out fruit that have a bit of pink showing around the stem. These will ripen quickly on a sunny window sill.

- Select remaining green fruit that have reached mature size and turned whitish-green.

- Wrap individual tomatoes in sheets of newspaper or paper towels. Place gently in a

cardboard box in your basement or in a cool room.

- Green tomatoes will ripen slowly in this type of storage. Check often for signs of rotting.

- For best flavor, remove from the box and place in a warm window a few days before you need them. For any leftover fruit, find a good fried green tomato recipe.

For you fruit growers, rake out and replace all the mulch and dead leaves under peach, pear, apple, and crabapple trees. In doing so, you will help prevent diseases on next year's leaves.

Clean all the old vines from tomato cages before putting them away for the winter. Some pests have the ability to overwinter in plant debris such as vines, stems, and leaves.

Plant some flowering cabbage and kale, dianthus, parsley, and snapdragons after daytime temperatures fall into the 80s or 70s consistently. Cabbage and kale will provide excellent color in your landscape, especially once the night temperatures fall into the 40s and below. These lower temps cause their color to greatly intensify.

Dianthus is a reliable and profuse bloomer in the fall

and will most likely survive the winter and shine again in the spring. Snapdragons will do likewise. Parsley is a hardy and cheerful companion to all of the above and to the pansies and violas you may have already planted. Try some!

Fall vegetables can be planted in early October. Cabbage, lettuce, collards, broccoli, cauliflower, and kale from transplants are good candidates. Lettuce, spinach, and radish seeds can be planted now as well.

Now is an excellent time for soil testing. As I have stated in many past articles, autumn is a good time to take soil samples in your lawn and garden and to apply lime if the recommendations call for it. A soil test will measure the acidity or alkalinity of the soil and the levels of the major elements needed for plant growth: calcium, phosphorus, potassium, magnesium, and others. It takes months to alter the chemistry of the soil. Now is the time to begin the process.

If you have an amaryllis plant outside, now is the time to dig it up if you wish to force it into bloom. Remove the leaves after they have dried down and store the bulb in a cool, dry place. Repot and water around Thanksgiving for a striking indoor Christmas presentation.

Dig, divide, and replant perennials such as daylilies, Shasta daisies, irises, Black-eyed Susans, achillea, coreopsis, etc. now.

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Walker: From the Fairgrounds to the Fields – Georgia Agriculture Stands Tall

By Sen. Larry Walker, III
(R-Perry)

Agriculture has been and continues to be the backbone of our state. It feeds our families, fuels our economy and sustains communities from Clinch to Murray County. Fall has officially arrived, and you don't have to look far to see cotton fields turning white, peanuts being dug, pecans beginning to open and families preparing for the Georgia National Fair here in Perry.

This is the season when the hard work of our farmers comes full circle, and it's time we pause to celebrate them. Every October, the Georgia National Fair gives people of all ages the chance to see what agriculture looks like up close. For many young students, it's the first time they will experience livestock shows, meet FFA or 4-H members and start to truly understand our farmers' dedication to growing the food that ends up on their table. It's a celebration and teaching moment to remind us that agriculture is a calling passed down from generation to generation.

This month, the Sunbelt Ag Expo will bring together farmers and innovators from across the Southeast and beyond in Moultrie. Billed as "North America's Premier Farm Show," the expo showcases the latest precision ag equipment, tools and technologies. It's also where farmers trade ideas and find new ways to remain competitive in a changing world. Events like this highlight both the heritage and the future of agriculture in Georgia. Our farmers and foresters rise before daylight, manage forces outside their control and shoulder the responsibility of feeding our citizens and sheltering much of the nation. They need freedom to do their jobs and the assurance that their state government will defend them when it matters most. That's why I was proud to support Senate

Bill 144 earlier this year.

This legislation is based on the commonsense principle: if a product meets federal safety standards, that should be enough. SB 144, ensures that companies providing agricultural inputs like fertilizers and pesticides won't be dragged into frivolous lawsuits for not adding warnings beyond what the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) already requires. Why does that matter? Without access to these EPA-approved products, Georgia farmers can't stay competitive. Across the country, we've seen lawsuits weaponized against companies that produce fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides, even when those products cleared rigorous federal review. Those lawsuits drive up costs and land squarely on the shoulders of the people growing the cotton in your shirts and the produce on your table.

SB 144 shuts that door, giving certainty to suppliers, stability to farmers and the tools they need to keep producing strong, healthy crops. It's a law rooted in the common-sense principles that Georgia farmers live by every day. Through the Fiscal Year 2026 state budget and as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, we made significant investments to strengthen agriculture for the next generation.

That includes \$7.3 million for new vocational and aged equipment, so students in more school systems have access to the hands-on tools they need to learn. It also provides over \$50 million in capital projects for the Georgia Department of Agriculture, including upgrades to state labs and critical facility improvements. We also put new resources into promoting Georgia-grown products and our state's forestry industry.

A new pilot program for Georgia-grown wood will open doors for our foresters so their products reach more mar-

kets here at home and abroad. These targeted, conservative investments support Georgia jobs, families and communities dependent on agriculture. They prove that the state government can make a real difference when it works with the people it serves. Georgia has been named the No. 1 state to do business for twelve straight years. We can't hold that title without protecting our top industry. That means standing up to nuisance lawsuits, investing in rural infrastructure and workforce pipelines, and recognizing that food security is national security.

If our farmers can't produce affordably and reliably, we all lose. SB 144 and our budget investments clearly convey that Georgia stands with its farmers. This October, as families enjoy the Georgia National Fair, farmers gather in Moultrie for the Sunbelt Expo, and combines roll across our fields, I hope you'll join me in recognizing how vital agriculture is to our lives. At the end of the day, agriculture supports faith, family and freedom in all corners of our state. It's about parents teaching their children the value of hard work and neighbors lending a hand when times get tough.

We must preserve the American Dream for the next generation, and as your senator, I'll continue to fight for policies that honor those values and keep Georgia growing strong. Sen. Larry Walker serves as Secretary of the Majority Caucus and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor. He represents the 20th Senate District, which includes Bleckley, Dodge, Dooly, Laurens, Treutlen, Pulaski and Wilcox counties, as well as portions of Houston County. He may be reached by phone at (404) 656-0095 or by email at Larry.Walker@senate.ga.gov.



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Parables To Ponder WILL THERE BE MARRIAGE IN HEAVEN?

The Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection, came to Jesus to entrap him with a question. "Teacher," they said, "'Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and have children for him. Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. Finally, the woman died. Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?" Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven."

God invented marriage. He gave Eve to Adam as a helper and soulmate, saying, "It is not good that man should be alone...be fruitful and multiply." One of God's primary purposes in the institution of

marriage was to perpetuate the human race. In heaven, there will be no reason to procreate. Since heaven is an abode of eternal bliss, it is reasonable to assume that a grieving spouse will be reunited with his/her departed loved one in heaven. Nothing, including death, can separate true love, for it endures forever, beyond the grave. Jesus reinforced the institution of marriage when He declared: "God made them male and female... and the two shall become one flesh... What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." Therefore, God can be trusted to ensure that the relationship we enjoyed in marriage on earth will continue in heaven. Should the surviving widow or widower remarry, again, we must defer to God to provide the perfect conjugal arrangement in heaven.

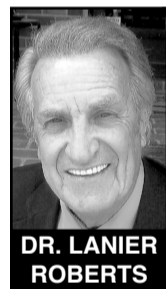
What if a person arrives in heaven and learns that his or her spouse is not there? Some say the memory of that spouse will be erased from the mind of the heaven dweller. This explanation is illogical. If a lifetime of remembrances

were deleted from one's memory, that person would no longer be the same person who existed on earth. Others reason that God's presence in heaven will be so overwhelming that one's thoughts of missing a loved one will regress to insignificance as he or she becomes caught up in worshipping the Creator and partaking in the glories of the celestial paradise. The doctrine of Purgatory provides a plausible solution. If a departed spouse is sent to Purgatory for a temporary period of cleansing prior to admission to heaven, then the loved one already in heaven would understand and eagerly await the arrival of the spouse who is paying his or her dues in Purgatory. In the hereafter, Almighty God, the creator and sustainer of life, will work this out.

In concluding his response to the Sadducees, Jesus uttered a heart-warming statement of hope regarding the life beyond. It involved Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, all of whom had died centuries earlier. Jesus stated, "God is not God of the dead, but of the living" — meaning that these deceased patriarchs were very much alive with God in his eternal paradise. Regarding heaven's glory, God's word states that "eye has not seen, nor ear heard...the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

aries of patience. He told one of his grammar-school teachers Mama wouldn't buy him a notebook. And he preceded Opie Taylor in claiming to have brushed his teeth with a toothbrush that remained miraculously dry.

Late in life, despite having diabetes, Jimmy would discreetly fill up on sweets then say he didn't want any supper. At first Mama thought he was trying to lose weight, but milkshake cups left in his truck showed otherwise. It's hard to fix what you can't understand, but he wasn't the first to travel



DR. LANIER
ROBERTS
Columnist

Writings From The Heart SOME TOPICS TO SHARE

- 1). BUTTER BEANS OR PEAS? I like butter beans pretty good and ate a lot of them growing up on my dad and mom's farm. BUT I love those peas so much more. Peas are just plain delicious. Man, you give me a plate of peas, a lot of sliced red tomatoes, some white meal corn bread paddies, some tea, and I will make a mess outta those peas! They will make grandpa kiss grandma.
- 2). FRIED CHICKEN OR

STEAK? I'm telling y'all what folks, it's a close call for me. If that chicken is cooked like a lot of these southern moms (white or black) cook all the time, it's hard to vote against fried chicken. but because steak is not eaten as often as chicken, I ain't gonna turn down a big ole' juicy grilled steak any day of the week! I'll settle the issue this way: give me fried chicken 3 times a week, and a steak on the weekend. Yum-yum.

- 3). ICED TEA OR COF-

that road. It's been happening since Bible times.

There are countless biblical examples of misguided decisions which led to adverse consequences. Samson was a warrior without equal until he got clipped by Delilah. Adam and Eve ate their way out of a perfect home. The people in Noah's day were flooded with regrets. Moses was denied entrance into the Promised Land for striking a rock. The list is long of cases where poor choices led to painful consequences. And we all have some personal experiences, ranging from insignificant to life altering.

On a better note, however, there are also consequences of good decisions. It's not often we think of consequences in a positive sense, but maybe we should.

Instead of rehashing troubling matters, perhaps we should focus on beneficial outcomes, including those where other people deserve the credit.

I've enjoyed the consequences of having godly parents, of growing up near both sets of grandparents, of never going to bed hungry or having to sleep in a huckle instead of a bed. I've enjoyed the consequences of having friends who inspire me, of living in a country that despite its problems remains a land of opportunity, of enjoying cherished freedoms because of the sacrifices of others. Those are just thought starters. Feel free to make your own list.

I'm going to try to be more deliberate in making choices which lead toward favorable consequences, not just for me

FEE? Y'all know iced tea in the south is a staple that will NEVER cease, especially for dinner (noon) and supper. Of course, coffee is more of a breakfast drink, I can't drink it because of the caffeine. If I were to drink it at breakfast, I would be climbing the wall at midnight! Decaffeinated coffee is not the answer for me as it still speeds up my system. I haven't had a cup of coffee in SO MANY years. Decaffeinated tea does not bother me though. I drink a LOT of that.

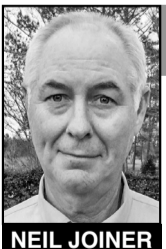
4). THE DEVIL OR JESUS? I chose Jesus in 1975 and will NEVER be sorry for doing so! The Devil? NO WAY!

Jesus loves us to "heaven and back", so please don't EVER forget that. Until next time. Amen.

but for others who are affected. And I'm going to make a better effort of learning from mistakes without dwelling on them too long.

The most important decision my brother ever made was largely a consequence of good parenting, and it came with eternal rewards. If he could send a message south he'd probably laugh and tell our mother that heaven's milkshakes remind him of Carver's Country Store. And with a huge grin he'd likely point his finger at her and use one of his favorite lines. "You need to put a smile on that face!"

Jimmy would no doubt heartily agree with what I believe to be true. Mama did the best she knew how at the time.



NEIL JOINER
Columnist

Joiner's Corner CONSEQUENCES

It was probably a year or so back when my mother suggested consequences might be an interesting column topic. In July she mentioned it again, soberly adding she's still bothered by mistakes made in parenting my late brother Jimmy.

Her point was that present-

day regrets are consequences of long-ago actions. I told her what I believe to be true. She did the best she knew how at the time.

Jimmy was a wonderful son, loving brother, and good friend to many, but he got off to an early start in testing the bound-

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 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Turrentine, Robert R & AK Development LLC; 73A 26, 3.35 AC LL 21 3rd LD 335
 Current Property Owner: AK Development LLC
 Reference Deed: 664/205
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 73A 26, lying and being in Land Lots 12 & 21 of the 3rd Land District, City of Unadilla, Dooly County, Georgia, containing 3.35 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 14, Page 163, described in Deed Book 664, Page 205, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1093 Second Street.
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File #: 3
 Map/Parcel Number: B 7 7 6
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Barron, John & Willie & Bennie & David & Judy; B 7 7 6 PT L 8 9 BLK 10 N 244-121
 Current Property Owner: Barron, Coy Jr & Sammie Lee & John Thomas & Joseph & Bennie & David & Judy & Larry & Winters, Janie
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 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Burks, Nanie Lee; V13A 24, L24 Cloverdale Est 2 SD 231-
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File #: 33
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File #: 34
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 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 35
 Map/Parcel Number: V15A 1 19
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Cotton, John C; V15A 1 19 / L 2 Blk B Coney Rd 575-
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 575/294
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V15A 1 19, lying and being in Land Lot 71 of the 7th Land District, City of Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, being Lot 2, Block B, Coney Road Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 7, Page 142, described in Deed Book 575, Page 294, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on Delleseline Drive.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 36
 Map/Parcel Number: V15A 1 20
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Cotton, John C; V15A 1 20 / L 1 Blk B Coney Rd SD 57
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 575/294
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V15A 1 20, lying and being in Land Lot 71 of the 7th Land District, City of Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, being Lot 1, Block B, Coney Road Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 7, Page 142, being described in Deed Book 575, Page 294, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on Delleseline Drive.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 37
 Map/Parcel Number: V15A 1 21
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Cotton, John C; V15A 1 21 / Pt L 10 Blk B Coney Rd 5
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 575/294
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V15A 1 21, lying and being in Land Lot 71 of the 7th Land District, City of Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, being a portion of Lot 10, Block B, Coney Road Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 7, Page 142, described in Deed Book 575, Page 294, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on Coney Road.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 38
 Map/Parcel Number: L 2 2 1
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Daniels John-N; L 2 2 1 / Cafe Bldg Hwy 90
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 122/172
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel L 2 2 1, lying and being in the City of Lilly, Dooly County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 122, Page 172, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on Highway 90.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 40
 Map/Parcel Number: B 2 6 1
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Davis, Willie C; B 2 6 1 / LTS 11-16 BLK 38 N 597-107 D
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 597/107
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel B 2 6 1, lying and being in Land Lot 192 of the 2nd Land District, City of Byronville, Dooly County, Georgia, being Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16, Block 38, shown in Deed Book 14, Page 294, described in Deed Book 597, Page 107, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 721 Lambertha Avenue.
 Years Due: 2022-2024

File #: 43
 Map/Parcel Number: 104 13
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Dykes Jimmie L ETAL; 104 13 / .26 AC LL 248 6th LD 40
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 409/206
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 104 13, lying and being in Land Lot 248 of the 6th Land District, Dooly County, Georgia, containing 0.26 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 10, Page 223, described in Deed Book 409, Page 206, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 9124 Tippetville Road.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 47
 Map/Parcel Number: U 7 8 2
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Fitzgerald, Richard (C) Est; U 7 8 2 / H/L Crumpler Ave 199-360
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 192/503; 199/360
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel U 7 8 2, lying and being in the City of Unadilla, Dooly County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 199, Page 360, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 296 Crumpler Avenue.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 48
 Map/Parcel Number: V10 2 2
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Ford, Altwavious Revocable Living Trust; V10 2 2 / H/L 414 Lilly St 64
 Current Property Owner: Ford, Altwavious (Trustee) Altwavious Ford Revocable Living Trust

Reference Deed: 122/18; 642/172; 663/91
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V10 2 2, lying and being in Land Lot 40 of the 7th Land District, City of Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, containing 0.31 acre, more or less, shown in Plat Book 4, Page 141, described in Deed Book 663, Page 191, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 414 Lilly Street.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 54
 Map/Parcel Number: V18A 14
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hamilton James Estate; V18A 14 / H/L E Pine St 125-544
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 125/544
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V18A 14, lying and being in Land Lot 25 of the 7th Land District, City of Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 125, Page 544, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 100 East Pine Street.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 58
 Map/Parcel Number: 76A 31
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hawkins, Leon Sr; 76A 31, Lot 31 1.205 Ac LL 74 3rd LD 5
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 559/237
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 76A 31, lying and being in Land Lot 74 of the 3rd Land District, Dooly County, Georgia, containing 1.205 acres, more or less, being Lot 31, shown in Plat Book 9, Page 44, described in Deed Book 559, Page 237, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 50 Guillen Road.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 59
 Map/Parcel Number: 21 15
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hayes, Johnnie Louise; 21 15, 7.81 Ac LL 127 130 2nd LD
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 163/3; 508/207;546/21
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 21 15, lying and being in Land Lots 127 & 130 of the 2nd Land District, Dooly County, Georgia, containing 7.81 acres, more or less, being a portion of the property shown in Plat Book 1, Pages 116-117, described in Deed Book 546, Page 21, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1398 Jalappa Road.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 67
 Map/Parcel Number: V 2 3 6
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Killen Thelma; V 2 3 6 / V/L Poplar St
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 119/673
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V 2 3 6, lying and being in the City of Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 119, Page 673, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on 1st Street.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 70
 Map/Parcel Number: 95 28
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Lawson, Evatta L; 95 28 / 0.91 AC LL 218 3RD LD L 7 BASKI
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 213/116
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 95 28, lying and being in Land Lot 218 of the 3rd Land District, Dooly County, Georgia, containing 0.91 acre, more or less, being Tract 7, shown in Plat Book 4, Page 107, described in Deed Book 661, Page 173, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 100 Red Wing Road.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 76
 Map/Parcel Number: V 3 1 1B
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Lundy, Leroy Est; V 3 1 1B / Swamp Off Burns St
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 130/296
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V3 1 1B, lying and being in the City of Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, being a portion of the property described in Deed Book 130, Page 296, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located off Pimento Street.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 77
 Map/Parcel Number: V 2 3 8
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Lundy, Starlin & Cromatie, Willie M Jr; V 2 3 8 / Lt 307 Poplar St
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 96/238; 317/183

Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V 2 3 8, lying and being in Land Lot 57 of the 7th Land District, City of Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, being described in Deed Book 317, Page 183, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 319 Poplar Street.
 Years Due: 2021-2022,2024

File #: 80
 Map/Parcel Number: V 3 5 10
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: McCormick J N Est; V 3 5 10 / V/L
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: NRF
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V 3 5 10, lying and being in Dooly County, Georgia, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 81
 Map/Parcel Number: B 7 10 7
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: McGhee, Bernice Lavern; B 7 10 7 / H/L 6 Blk 32 N 5
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 567/130
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel B 7 10 7, lying and being in the City of Byronville, Dooly County, Georgia, being part of Lot 6, Block 32 N, shown in Deed Book 14, Pages 294-295, described in Deed Book 567, Page 130, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 202 Webb Street.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 83
 Map/Parcel Number: 68 32
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: McGlamory, Johnny Mack Jr Est; 68 32 / .50 AC LL 26 6th LD 368-
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 368/274
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 68 32, lying and being in Land Lot 26 of the 6th Land District, Dooly County, Georgia, containing 0.5 acre, more or less, being a portion of the 1.5 acre tract shown in Plat Book 4, Page 58, described in Deed Book 368, Page 274, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 2650 Highway 215.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 85
 Map/Parcel Number: 73C 18
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: McWilliams, Thelma L; 73C 18 / S 100' of E L 7 LL 53 44 3rd L
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 560/114
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 73C 18, lying and being in Land Lots 53 & 44, 3rd Land District, City of Unadilla, Dooly County, Georgia, being part of Tract E, shown in Plat Book 4, Page 95, described in Deed Book 560, Page 114, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 9560 Third District Road.
 Years Due: 2019-2022,2024

File #: 86
 Map/Parcel Number: L 3 1 4
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Millon (Melion), Otis & Fannie Es(t); L 3 1 4, V/L Montezuma Rd
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 94/119
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel L 3 1 4, lying and being in Dooly County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 94, Page 119, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on Oak Street.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 87
 Map/Parcel Number: U11 14
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Monreal, Raul & Lydia; U11 14 / H/L Beacham Ave 620-268 PB
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 620/268
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel U11 14, lying and being in Land Lot 20 of the 3rd Land District, Dooly County, Georgia, shown in Plat Book 5, Page 89, described in Deed Book 620, Page 268, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 473 Beacham Avenue.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 89
 Map/Parcel Number: V 3 1 4
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Nayise, Eddie Lee (aka Eddie Lee Nayses); V 3 1 4 / L 204 Burns St
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 62/355
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V 3 1 4, lying and being in the City of Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, being a portion of the Estel Jones Tract shown in Plat Book 1, Page 96, described in Deed Book 62, Page 355, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 202 Burns Street.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 92
 Map/Parcel Number: V 7 6
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Pascual, Andres; V 7 6, H/L 306 Pine St 556-233

Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 556/233
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V 7 6, lying and being in Land Lot 56 of the 7th Land District, City of Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, containing 0.276 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 6, Page 410, described in Deed Book 556, Page 233, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 306 West Pine Street.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 93
 Map/Parcel Number: V 2 3 4
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Passmore, Jerome; V 2 3 4 / L 303 Poplar St
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 540/90
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V 2 3 4, lying and being in the City of Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 540, Page 90, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 311 Poplar Street.
 Years Due: 2022-2024

File #: 102
 Map/Parcel Number: V 3 1 2
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Royal, Charlie & Alter L Almond; V 3 1 2 / V/L 208 Burns St 229-
 Current Property Owner: Nayses, Eddie Lee (aka Eddie Lee Nayise) & Charlie Royal
 Reference Deed: NRF
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V 3 1 2, lying and being in the City of Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, being a portion of the Estel Jones Tract shown in Plat Book 1, Page 96, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 206 Burns Street.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 105
 Map/Parcel Number: D 2 2 8
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Smith, Carolyn E ETAl; D 2 2 8, H/L Church St 590-36
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 590/36
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D 2 2 8, lying and being in Dooly County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 590, Page 36, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1222 Church Street.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 110
 Map/Parcel Number: D 2 8 4
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Thompson, Addie Est; D 2 8 4, H/L
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 26/118
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel D 2 8 4, lying and being in Land Lot 25 of the 1st Land District, Dooly County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 26, Page 118, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1300 Railroad Street.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 113
 Map/Parcel Number: U12 3 4
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Williams, Eddy P Est; U12 3 4, H/L E 1/2 55 Crumpler SD
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: NRF
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel U12 3 4, lying and being in Dooly County, Georgia, being a portion of Lot 55, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 382 Carey Street.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 114
 Map/Parcel Number: 44 69
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Williams, Raphael Lamont; 44 69; 4.06 AC LL 140 141 7TH LD 365
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: 365/132; 218/451
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 44 69, lying and being in Land Lot 140 & 141, 7th Land District, Dooly County, Georgia, containing 4.064 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 19, Page 16, being a portion of that described in Deed Book 365, Page 132, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on West Truman Road.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 116
 Map/Parcel Number: U12 8 3
 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Wimbish, Lizzie K Est; U12 8 3, L 37 Crumpler SD Kinchen St
 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
 Reference Deed: NRF
 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel U12 8 3, lying and being in Dooly County, Georgia, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on Kinchen Street.
 Years Due: 2023-2024

10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 2025

FLINT HUMANE

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this day, Tiffany and I took that long bittersweet journey to Atlanta with our final three shelter dogs to a high adoption no kill shelter to begin new lives, officially clearing our shelter after nearly two decades of service. The remaining six dogs in care also found their forever homes just in time for our closure deadline. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Dooly County for providing us with our home, and for their support through the years. Your assistance made a tremendous difference for countless “Dooly Dogs” that were saved because of your generosity.

To every business, donor, veterinarian, vet staff member and volunteer who contributed and every loved one who gave in memory of loved ones or in honor of pets who’ve crossed the Rainbow Bridge, thank you. Your generosity funded food, medication, and spay and neuter services that gave our dogs a second chance at life. We are forever grateful to you. Many thanks to our court system, our county Probate, Judge Bowen, DCSO, DCEMA, the state and misdemeanor probation. Through your assistance we received invaluable assistance to include community service and pet food.

We would also like to thank the Department of Agriculture for your support and guidance. A special thank you to our former Commissioner of Agriculture Gary Black and Chairman Terrell Hudson, we will never forget all that you did

for us. To our board members past and present, thank you for your unwavering dedication and service to this incredible organization. You are the rock that kept us grounded and on the right path. Special thanks to our Board President, Phyllis Keaton, for always stepping up wherever she was needed — from vet visits and transports to cleaning, feeding, and everything in between. Your genuine love and dedication never ceases to amaze me. To our current board: Vice President Amanda O’Neal Neisent, Treasurer Cheryl Card, Secretary Cindy McCall, Media Specialist Tim Franzén and Bob Scherer, whose quick connections and dedication made miracles happen when we needed them most.

To each of you, thank you just doesn’t seem like enough, you are so amazing and talented, and we are forever grateful to you for your incredible service and dedicated commitment to the mission. To our Director, LaEl Sanders, you’ve been here since the beginning, as a young girl growing and learning with the organization. Thank you for stretching every penny, forging vital partnerships, and finding creative ways to keep us running even through the most difficult challenges. Thank you for fighting for every single animal in our care and providing them with a chance at a better life and future. To our kennel helpers, Heidi Sinyard and Freya Howard, thank you for loving and caring for our dogs as if they were your own. You did an

amazing job and I’m so proud of you both for stepping up to the call. You are both such special loving young ladies.

And a special thank you to our Kennel Manager, Tiffany Sinyard, whose devotion went far beyond the job. Seven days a week, often for little to no pay, Tiffany ensured every dog was fed, cared for, and most importantly loved. The dogs’ joy when she arrived said it all. She even continued helping animals after hours in the community. She traveled to every corner of the county responding to calls for abandoned, injured, or lost dogs long after her shift ended. A job that was for no pay but was done out of love and dedication.

Recently, as we prepared to close the shelter, Tiffany responded to a call from a property owner that resides in Florida who found a dog on his local hunting property. Though we couldn’t take her in with our impending closure, Tiffany made sure the dog had food, shelter, and scheduled a vet appointment and agreed to take her to the appointment. She is working with the property owner to take care of the dog since he is only here for hunting a few weekends a month. This is the heart and soul of Flint Humane Society, people who never stop caring, no matter the circumstance.

Looking Ahead: The Flint Humane Foster Program—While this chapter closes, our mission continues. We are proud to announce the Flint Humane Foster Program, our next phase in helping Dooly’s animals in need. If you have space in your home and the heart for animal welfare, we encourage you to become a foster.

There is nothing like the unconditional love of an animal you’ve saved. They truly know and appreciate it. We will never forget the abused, abandoned, and neglected dogs of Dooly County, and we hope you will continue this mission along beside us. Whether through fostering, donating, or spreading awareness, you can truly transform the life of an animal and make a difference.

We can’t do this alone, we need your support, because together we are stronger and can make this happen. For more information or to get involved, please contact: Foster Program Director: LaEl Sanders – (229) 322-4101, Foster Program Coordinator: Tiffany Sinyard – (478) 778-1745 or Flint President Phyllis Keaton - (229) 938-6253. Be the difference in an animal’s life, call today.

DCHS Achieves 91.3% Graduation Rate, Exceeds State Average

Contributed

Graduation rates for the state of Georgia have just been released, and the Dooly County High School Class of 2025 graduation rate is 91.3 percent, which is a slight increase from the 2024 graduation rate of 90.9 percent. Dooly County High School’s graduation rate has exceeded the state of Georgia graduation rate (87.2%) again for the sixth consecutive year.

The school system reflects an 88.5% graduation rate when Prep Academy, the district’s alternative education program, is included in the formula. DCHS Principal Alvin Williams states, “The 2025 graduation rate shows that our staff is committed to ensuring our students receive their diplomas, which will give them an opportunity to pursue postsecondary education, enlist in the military, or enter directly into the workforce. We are trending in the right direction.” “We take immense pride



DOOLY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

91.3%

Class of 2025 Graduation Rate

Dooly County High School has surpassed the Georgia Graduation Rate for the SIXTH consecutive year!

Congratulations to the staff and students!

in our student-scholars and their achievements,” states Dr. Sherrod Willaford, Dooly County Schools Superintendent.

“This graduation rate reflects the dedication of our incredible scholars, their families, our faculty and staff, community, and business partners, all striving for excellence together. As the graduation rate continues to

rise, we draw closer to ensuring our goal of student achievement and success for every student-scholar.” The graduation rate is calculated by using the number of students who graduate within four years from the time they enter high school as freshmen. It also includes adjustments for student transfers.

Visit UFR Booth at Peanut Pickin’ Yard Sale

Contributed

Visit the Unadilla Fire-Rescue Booth at the Peanut Pickin’ Yard Sale Saturday, October 11 to learn about Fire Safety and receive a free smoke alarm. This year’s theme is “Charge into Fire Safety”. It’s not too late to register to secure a spot for the yard sale. Reserved locations are paid vendors only. For more information, contact Unadilla City Hall.

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Dooly Family Connection Launches First Get Dooly Reading Park Designation

Join us for the launch of the

GET DOOLY READING LITTLE LIBRARY PARK DESIGNATIONS

Thursday October 9th 6:30 PM

City Hall Pinehurst
285 Fullington Ave S. Pinehurst GA 31070

This is the 1st designation of the public parks and spaces as Get Dooly Reading designated reading areas. Please join us to celebrate this event.

This is a Get Dooly Reading Collaborative event

By Coordinator Amanda O’Neal-Neisent

The launch of the ‘Get Dooly Reading’ collaborative Little Library designations will be held at Pinehurst City Hall 285 Fullington Avenue S. Thursday, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m. This is the first designation of the public parks and spaces as ‘Get Dooly Reading’ designated reading areas.

Please join us to celebrate this event. We will be placing a little library and stocking books. If you have gently used children and young adult books that you would like to bring to put in the little library please bring them.

Honoring Deputy Director Joseph Brown

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The staff and board of Southwest Georgia United would like to remember and honor our late Deputy Director, Mr. Joe Brown.

Mr. Joe was a natural leader. He was very knowledgeable not only because he was intelligent and analytical, but because he pushed himself to learn anything that served others. He worked diligently, not to advance himself, but to ensure goals were met and the community received what it needed. Even when he took leave, he usually fully offset the time by working extra hours on other days. His constant sense of humor and good nature were an ever-uplifting presence upon us all. In a world where many look to feel

slighted quickly, Mr. Joe was slow to anger and happy to engage in joking. His warm personality brightened the lives of all in his vicinity.

He had the humility to perform tasks that many in his position would consider below their station, and that set an exemplary example for the rest of us. On his last day at work, he was one of the last two people at the office, and he was quietly taking out the trash. He had the selflessness to shape himself into addressing any need that presented itself that day. From IT issues, to compliance, to gently redirecting people without injuring anyone’s feelings, his humility made him the strongest of leaders and the best of friends we could ever hope for.

We continue to find the many ways in which he took care of us by making extensive preparations before planning to be out.

Mr. Joe served Southwest Georgia United for 20 years with unwavering dedication. It is well-known that he was generous and worked tirelessly to serve others, supporting both those in need and the people who labor to improve quality of life. His devotion to YouthBuild participants and other programs has had profound impact on multitudes, and he still presented to YouthBuild groups regularly. His contributions were countless, and he was the pride of Southwest Georgia United.

He will be missed, loved, and respected by



many, and his impact on our lives, organization, and regional community will continue. You will always be our inspiration, Mr. Joe.

We thank his loved ones and the many who loved him for the time they shared Mr. Joe with us.

Dooly County Community CALENDAR

email: thenewsobservereditor@gmail.com

Giving for fun day! Oct. 25

October 25, 2025 9am to 1pm Shiloh Baptist Church Elko, 503 Plum St., Elko GA. Inflatables, food & games. Please join us for food and fun.

We are collecting donations of nonperishable food items for Thanksgiving boxes for needy families.

We are collecting new toys for kids of all ages for Christmas.

October 26 190th Homecoming Harmony Baptist Church

Harmony Baptist Church of 5925 Pinehurst Hawkinsville Road, Unadilla is celebrating their 190th Homecoming on Sunday, October 26, 2025. The Homecoming Celebration Service will begin at 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Former pastor Rev. Jeff Dykes of Cochran will be our Homecoming speaker. Following the service a covered dish dinner will be held in the church fellowship hall.

CCU September Food Pantry Dates

CCU announces that there will be a food pantry held Saturday, Oct. 11 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at 400 Jeannette Street in Unadilla. This month’s food drive will be held Friday, Oct. 17 at the community center from 11:00 a.m. until. Volunteer check-in is 9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. For more information, contact Christ Chapel Unadilla at 478-627-9352.

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.

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 **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. (TNS)

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. (TNS)

Good Food-Car Show-Entertainment Highlight Third Annual Vienna Day

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

The Third Annual Vienna Day was held Saturday at the Big Pig Jig site with activities not only for adults, but for the children. Organizers of the event are President of Vienna and City of Vienna Councilwoman Tabatha Carter and Vienna Day Vice President Gyna Lou Ward. Ms. Carter talked about the growth of the event during the last three years, “We have come a long way with this Vienna Day since we started out with maybe five or 10 sponsors, but we have a total of 35 sponsors this year. They donated, whether it was money, food, paper towels etc. I would like to start off by thanking God for supporting us.

I want to acknowledge these donors: Superior Court Judge Rooney Bowen III, Paula Smith from our tag office, Michael Bowens, city administrator, Café 41, DCHS Class of 1985, Dooly County Sheriff’s Office and Sheriff Craig Peavy, The DCHS Class of 1981, Mayor Eddie Daniels, Youth Mayor Kaleb Green, The Bullcock Boys Racing Team, Marsha Brown, Angela Smith from Angela’s Boutique, Tametra Walker, Cape Insurance, who had been a donor from day one since we started, Margaret Shelley from the City of Vienna, Ms. Ann Stripling-Gambrell, The Vienna Police Department, House of Raeford who donated 11 cases of chicken, Pastor James Jordan, St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Piggly Wiggly, Audrey Faye Taylor-Baker, Dorcey Owens-Felder,

Ms. Rosa Childs, clerk of superior court, Crystal Merrell, District Barbershop, Willie B. Barnes, Willie B. Felton who provided the bouncy houses for the kids, Coes Funeral Home and Healing with a Purpose LLC.

Vienna Day was started three years ago and this is our third annual gathering and its purpose is to bring out the community in fellowship, love and in unity.”

Gyna Lou Ward also shared her excitement, “This is a ‘We’ thing. It’s a Vienna Day for us to come out and show each other love, feed each other, and dance with each other. Just a time where we can gather and just have peace. It felt good to be able to come out here in our third year and watch it expand. The word says that if God gives you a vision, you’ve got to go ahead and make it work. We definitely got together and Vienna, y’all made it work for us. We appreciate you, we are thankful for you and I hope that next year will be even better. We added a dunking booth.

The Vienna Day committee was ‘dunked’ and Mayor Eddie Daniels came out and some of our police volunteered to come out. Each year, we try to bring you something a little bit different. Tabatha and I are very grateful for everything that God and the community here give and pour into us in Vienna.”

There was a car show again this year that added some excitement as well along with the bouncy houses and for adult fun, the dunking booth.



MaPictured left to right President of the Vienna Day, Tabatha Carter and Vice President Gyna Lou Ward.



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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The Liberty House announces its domestic violence awareness month schedule during the month of October including the 12th Annual Pearls and Possibilities gala-Live your Fantasy 6:00 p.m. Oct. 4 at Hasan Temple.

Proclamation and placing of the flags at the government building-downtown Albany Oct. 7 at 11:00 a.m. Candlelight Vigil at First Presbyterian Oct. 21 at 6:00 p.m. Purple Day-

wear purple and send your photos to us to share on Oct. 23/ Dine for a Cause-Oct. 27 at El Vaquero.

‘The Haunted Maze’, Oct. 31 at 2609 East Doublegate Drive at 6:00 p.m. Liberty House would love to have your support this year during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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Georgia Maintains Momentum With Company Expansions

By Ty Tagami
Staff Writer

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — It was another boom year for Georgia, as businesses continued flocking to the state, burnishing its record as the No. 1 place to do business.

A record-breaking \$26.3 billion flowed into the Peach State for the fiscal year that ended June 30, as companies expanded or established new locations. That is according to the office of Gov. Brian Kemp, which said the growth will translate to 23,300 new private-sector jobs over the next few years.

Area Development magazine

has consistently ranked Georgia as the top state for business. Kemp credited the state Department of Economic Development with fostering an attractive business environment. The state has supplied over \$18 million to help rural communities prepare new industrial sites through its Rural Site Development Initiative, Kemp’s office said. There are now more than 70 certified sites.

Kemp said the effort “will pay off for generations.” Company expansions at existing locations were the major driver, with 77% of the growth occurring outside metro At-

lanta. But the 10-county Atlanta region remains a business hub, hosting major companies such as Duracell and Mercedes-Benz.

International investment was a major reason for the continued growth, with more than 6,500 jobs coming from expansions or new locations at companies from countries such as the Republic of Korea, Japan, and Canada.

State lawmakers pledged to continue collaborating with the Kemp administration, crediting

the state’s ports, railways, energy systems and other infrastructure — and higher education.

“We continue to invest in workforce programs to ensure a steady talent pipeline with our existing industry partners,” Lt. Gov. Burt Jones said. “These investments and initiatives will ensure we have a workforce that is growing and able to meet skillsets for jobs of today and tomorrow.”

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We are your community's firefighters. We visit schools to talk to students about fire prevention and safety. We show the special clothing we wear to protect us from the smoke and heat of fire. We may look a bit scary, but we are not. We are here to help you.

This is a chart for you to use to talk with your family about fire prevention and safety. Cut it out and hang it on your refrigerator!

Find the 12 "fire safety" words or phrases in bold to the left, then place them into the puzzle!

Can you fill in the missing letters to name fire fighting equipment?

1. _ o _ e
2. l _ dde _
3. he _ i _ opter
4. _ ruc _
5. fire a _ a _ m
6. a _ e
7. _ prin _ lers

Family Fire Safety Checklist

- Only cook in the kitchen when an adult is helping you.
- Don't touch matches, lighters or candles. They are for adult use only.
- Do you have smoke detectors on every level of your home? Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Do you know two or more ways out of the house?
- Never use elevators (stairs are much safer) if there is a fire.
- Smoke rises, so if there is a fire, stay low: crawl under the smoke.
- Have you picked a place to meet the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?
- Once you are out of the house, stay out of the house.

We're learning to climb to new heights by practicing our duties every day.

The Great Chicago Fire (And the Lessons We Learned)

Whoopsie!

Read about the fire to fill in the crossword puzzle:

1. Have you ever heard of the Great Chicago _____ (1871)?
2. It was a fire so big and out of control that it burned almost 4 square miles of the _____ and even jumped across the Chicago River!
3. One story says that it started when a woman, named Mrs. O'Leary, went to her barn to milk a cow and the cow kicked over her _____ (The story was made up by a reporter; what started of the fire is unknown.)
4. The buildings in the city were mostly made of _____ and were built very close together, so it was easy for the fire to spread.
5. It is said that people didn't react right away and that the _____ were tired from fighting a different fire the day before and made some mistakes.
6. The blaze grew so big that it destroyed the pumps for the waterworks (the place that supplied the water to fight the fire) and the _____ was cut off.
7. Finally, after two days, the fire burned itself out, after destroying over 17,000 _____, killing hundreds of people and leaving about 90,000 others homeless.
8. Oddly, one of the buildings that didn't _____ was the waterworks tower. It is still there today!
9. Today, we space buildings in the city farther apart and use more _____ materials like metals.
10. Firefighters today are better trained and have _____ that helps them fight fires more quickly.

Fun fact: Some early fire extinguishers were like lightbulbs filled with powdered chemicals; people would throw them into the fires.

At the End of a Long Day!

The firefighters had a very dangerous, long day fighting a blazing fire in the center of town. Their hard work saved almost all of the buildings. At the end of the long day, the equipment is being cleaned and stored. Can you help the firefighter put the equipment away?

Fire Prevention and Safety!

The Great Chicago Fire

1. hose
2. ladder
3. helicopter
4. truck
5. fire alarm
6. axe
7. sprinklers

Firefighting Equipment

Fullington Wins Big-Will Need 100% Effort Versus Sherwood Following Bye Week

By Head Coach
Mike Ashley

We traveled down to Grace Christian down in Bainbridge, Ga. Friday night and trying to come back off a couple of tough losses and just open our offense back up and just get the guys back to playing football and having a good time. We started the game off real good. Blake Hendrickson had a big night with over 350-yards of offense and the usual suspects stepped up. Blake, he just continues to get better and has already surpassed his yearly total from last year. He did and I thought he really hadn't been playing as well as he did last year as far as seeing the field, but came back last night.

The first play that he threw to Aidan Hill was a pass and he just fought people off left and right all the way down the field and would not go down and

scored a touchdown. Eli Ashley had a couple of big catches. Aidan Hill also rushed for over 100-yards along with the receptions to get us in the end zone. Brantley Ross, a freshman, has been coming along this year and had a touchdown pass.

We just played a good game and defense was playing free, loose and just going after the quarterback and applied a lot of pressure that I had been wanting them to improve on going in against a team like Sherwood Christian Academy that we will be playing Friday, Oct. 17 in Albany following this bye week. But, overall with my son Brody Ashley who took over the offensive coordinator role and Jame Martin did a really good job because I was suspended for the game Friday night. So, I thought they did a really good job.. They had fun.

Once again, Garlan Godfrey had a big night. He had a couple of touchdown runs when

got close to the end zone with a heavy package. He also had a good defensive night with a couple of sacks. It was a good time to sit back and enjoy the moment and watch the guys have some fun and put alot of points on the board 52-6. You can never complain when you win like that and that's something we need to do. I told the guys that we need to start enjoying the wins a little bit more. I knew we were going to struggle a little bit this year, but I think we've let some slip away and kinda lost focus because of the aggravation of the game.

So, that's something I need to do a better job as a head coach and get the boys back to just enjoying the game. We'll have a week off and we'll head into Sherwood that had a close one Friday night. Georgia Christian should have beat them and that proved that they're still a little human, but it's going to take everything and 100% effort and



Blake Hendrickson and Luke Campbell

Photo by Bonnie Hoesler

things to go our way, maybe some turnovers, but I'm looking forward to it and seeing how

the guys are going to respond. It was just a great effort overall. The Trojans currently have an

overall record heading into their bye week of 4-4 overall and seventh place or 3-4 in the region.

Lady Trojans Victorious over Windsor Academy-Shut Out by SW Ga. Academy

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

Fullington's softball team traveled to Macon Monday, Sept. 29 to play Windsor Academy in a non-region game and were victorious over the Lady Knights 6-3. Rayelee Johnson led the offensive attack with a triple, while Brooklin Cromer and Rayelee Johnson both had and RBI with Izzy Ross going two for four. Izzy Ross, Brooklin Cromer, Raylee Johnson, Morgan Causey, McKinley Causey and Evelyn Fletcher all scored as well.

Eighth Grader Rayelee Johnson was also the winning pitcher, going the distance, she gave up six hits, three runs, three base on balls and striking out 10 batters. Thursday, Oct. 2 Fullington boarded buses to Damascus, Ga. to take on region opponent, the Southwest Ga. Academy Lady Warriors and lost 8-0. Contributing factors were seven strikeouts on the day and defensively, there were two errors committed.

Starter Carli Gibson picked up the loss pitching four and third innings giving up 13 hits, eight



Lady Trojans Coach Brandi Marks

Photo by Bonnie Hoesler

runs, five of those earned, three base on balls and struck out three.

The Lady Trojans had an overall record of 6-9 heading into the game against region rival Crisp Academy that was played

on Monday Oct. 6 and were at press-time 2-5 or fourth in the region. The season came to an end Tuesday, Oct. 7 when the team traveled to Jeffersonville to take on Twiggs Academy in a non-region finale.

Dooly County Returns to Action Friday Night

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

Dooly County, who is coming off a bye week, will be hosting rival Wilcox County Friday night in 'The Grove'. The Bobcats are hoping to bring the winning momentum from a huge 39-6 victory over Montgomery County into this all important

region game. The Patriots are 5-2 overall and 2-1 in the region and have lost both at home and on the road so far this year.

Dooly County is 1-4 overall and 1-1 in the region and picked up their lone victory so far on the road. The Bobcats goal is to win at home for the first time in 2025 versus Wilcox County with the kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

FA Three Time GIAA AA XC Middle School End of Season Champs

By Head Coach
Caitlin Mixon

We are so proud of our Lady Trojans for winning the Cross Country Middle School championship for the Third year. I love this sport so much and watching the work they put in made me so proud. Congratulations Zoey Pope on taking Second in the championship and setting a Personal Record on a tough course.

Congratulations Claire Fletcher on taking Third place in the championship race and pushing hard. Then we had Caroline Akin, Jessa Grinolds, Abby Mixon, Bevie Burk, Emma Woods, Annalise Grinolds, Charlotte Woods, Madison Lamberth and Lyla Fletcher. I could never say enough about how truly amazing it is to work with these athletes. I have been blessed.



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Pictured are Zoey Pope, Claire Fletcher, Caroline Akin, Jessa Grinolds, Abby Mixon, Bevie Burk, Emma Woods, Annalise Grinolds, Charlotte Woods, Madison Lamberth, Lyla Fletcher and Coach Caitlin Mixon.

Lady Bobcats Kick Off Flag Football Season

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

Dooly County's girls faced the Colquitt County Packers and the Cook Hornets in their season openers Thursday, October 2 at Colquitt County High School in Norman Park, Ga. The Lady Bobcats County lost to Colquitt County 32-6 and

unfortunately came out on the short end in their contest with Cook 25-19. The next games on the schedule included a trip to Hawkinsville Tuesday, Oct. 7 before taking on Turner County this Saturday, Oct. 11 at 10:00 a.m. with the game scheduled to be played in Dougherty County.

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Zoey Pope-Second place and Claire Fletcher Third Place finisher at the GIAA AA Middle School Championship

Vienna Garden Club Fall Cleanup

By Marsha Mulderig

Vienna Garden Club was busy enjoying the sunny conditions Saturday, Oct. 4 cleaning and decorating the courthouse square for Fall. Pictured are Elaine Johnson, Marsha Mulderig, Charlotte Vestal, Gloria Ledford, Els Rombaut and Grace Akin.

