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Police Chase Ends in Dooly County with Suspect in Custody



By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

A police chase ended in Dooly County last Tuesday when the suspect who was attempting to flee law enforcement officials into nearby woods was appre-

hended by a K-9 class and taken into custody.

According to Dooly County Sheriff Craig Peavy, "We were on the lookout for the vehicle that fled from Georgia State Patrol in Cook County and got away. Ashburn PD and Turner

County gave chase when spotted on Highway 41. Crisp County also got involved in their county.

The vehicle then entered back onto I-75 northbound fleeing law enforcement. We entered the chase as an agency assist

reaching speeds over 160 miles per hour. The vehicle traveled north exiting at Highway 27 exit in Houston County and traveled back south exiting in Unadilla at Exit 122.

The vehicle then turned right on Highway 230 then to Butler Lane where he parked the vehicle covering it with a tarp and

Photos provided by Crisp County Sheriff's Office

fled on foot. When locating the vehicle, our K-9 track team was deployed and the subject was arrested without incident. Georgia State Patrol transported the subject back to Cook County where he will face felony fleeing charges. He will only face traffic charges in Dooly."

Mayor-City Council Announce Completion of Mural



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The Mayor and City Council of Vienna, Georgia announces the completion of renovations to the mural located on the east

side of the building at 121 A. East Union Street in downtown Vienna. The mural, a depiction of downtown Vienna in the 1950's, was originally placed there in 2005 and has faded over

the years.

Artist Joy Eubanks repainted and refreshed the mural which was made possible by a Vibrant Communities Grant from the Georgia Council for the Arts.

Council Green Lights First Reading of Annexation Ordinance



Photo by Beth English

Pictured is the old Vienna Flower shop and also formerly a loan company located at 104 North Third Street. The owner has covered up the windows but you can see the collapsed roof through the upper windows.

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

The council approved the first reading of an annexation ordinance that was requested by the new owners of the property at 551 Roseburg Road for the land that is presently outside of Vienna's city limits. City Attorney Verlin Jones explained that the wording as presented was appropriate for the first reading, but before final adoption, the changes would have to be recorded in superior court.

Resident Ms. Jaime West spoke to the council about

several issues that are of concern including lighting on city streets, potholes on streets and sidewalks, water leaks and trash problems, etc. "There were some lights on Highway 41 that had been said that they were going to be replaced, but they had not done anything. On the corner of Woodward Street and Highway 41, the street sign was missing, it had been vandalized. I appreciate the work that was done on Fifth Street, but what is frustrating is, they

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County Officially Adopts Cryptocurrency and Data Mining Ordinance



County Commissioners and members of the Dooly Retired Educators Association at signing of proclamation
recognizing the DREA in celebration of National Educators Day November 2.

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

Commissioners following a public hearing, adopted an ordinance

last Thursday to provide regulations for Cryptocurrency and Data Mining facilities in the county. Mr. Bedrous Bennett Sr. also had requested a

zoning change on his property on Slosheye Trail Road between Vienna and Pinehurst be-

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- Loft Apartments on 9th Street
- Pine View Trace Apartments • Sidewalks on W. Union Street
- Reorganization of Tyson Foods to House of Raeford Farms
- New Homes on East Pine Street

- Motels and Restaurants on I-75
- More Factories and Stores • More Jobs

Vote November 4, 2025

School Board Accepts Resignation of DCSS SRO

By Tim Franzén

News Observer Reporter

The Dooly County Board of Education met last Thursday and as far as personnel decisions, it was announced that Ashley Johnson had resigned as the DCSS School Resource Officer effective Oct. 15. School officials also approved the purchase of 125 K-8 Academy Chromebooks in the amount of \$32,625 and bids were taken for this purchase. This will allow access to reliable up-to-date technology for chromebook models. This will include updates, security features and instructional platforms.

It was stated, "This plan benefits both academic programs and long-term district operations."

It was also clarified that 50 of the chromebooks will be going to the elementary school and 75 to the middle school. Officials also agreed to a recommendation from Superintendent Dr. Sherrod Willaford that there should be a review of the regulations regarding field trips and excursions and that this update provides more details and consideration for instructional



Photo by Kylie Garrard
Pictured are Second Grader Miss Briella Monrreal who called the school board meeting to order and Madame Chair Sherri Taylor.

time, transportation and supervision, etc. The regulation will be tabled for 30-days and will be recommended for action in November, 2025.

CFO Christopher Stephens announced during his financial report that, "The SPLOST V distribution is completely 'done' so for the month of September, the district received \$119,520 and

that was the last for SPLOST V. The distribution for SPLOST VI will begin at the end of this month." The school board meeting was called to order by Briella Monrreal, a second grader from Mrs. Foster's class at Dooly County K-8 Academy. Miss Monrreal's favorite subject is math and wants to be a teacher when she grows up.

Celebrating Excellence: Dooly County Board of Education Earns Exemplary Status for Sixth Consecutive Year



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The Dooly County Board of Education is proud to announce that it has been recognized with the Georgia School Boards Association's (GSBA) 2025 Exemplary Board Recognition, the highest level of achievement in GSBA's recognition program. This honor underscores the Board's steadfast commitment to effective governance, continuous improvement, transparency, and collaboration, all of which contribute to fostering strong schools and maximizing opportunities for every student in the district.

"Receiving this recognition is a testament to the hard work and

dedication of our governance team," said Ms. Sherri Taylor, Board Chair. "We are committed to making decisions that strengthen our schools, support our staff, and prepare our students for success."

To earn this distinction, the Dooly County Board of Education met and exceeded rigorous criteria established by GSBA. The standards for Exemplary Boards are designed to ensure that local school boards provide outstanding leadership and accountability in service to their communities.

The GSBA Board Recognition Program was developed by Georgia superintendents and school board members, based on

the State Board of Education's Standards for Effective Governance. Established in 1998, it was one of the first programs in the nation to set clear, measurable standards for local boards of education.

The program includes three levels of recognition: Quality Board, Distinguished Board, and Exemplary Board. Attaining the Exemplary level represents the highest mark of distinction for local school boards in Georgia. For more information about GSBA's Governance Team Recognition Program, including award criteria, visit the GSBA Awards and Recognition webpage.

Critical 911 Call Leads to Apprehension of Escaped Inmate

By Cordele Police Department

Shortly after 10:00 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, an inmate with Georgia Department of Corrections who is currently serving a sentence for murder assaulted a corrections officer by deploying their pepper spray and fled from a transport van near Eighth Avenue and Third Street in Cordele. Cordele Police Officers, Crisp County Sheriff's Office Deputies and Georgia State Troopers immediately responded to the

area. A critical 911 call from an alert citizen provided key information that the escapee was last seen near Third Street Baptist Church. Officers quickly established a perimeter and located the inmate hiding behind bushes at the church.

The escaped inmate was taken into custody without further incident and turned back over to the Georgia Department of Corrections. We are extremely proud of the coordinated efforts between all agencies involved and that this dangerous individ-

ual was apprehended quickly. We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the citizen who took the time to call 911 and provide valuable information. Community partnerships like this make all the difference.

The Cordele Police Department remains committed to protecting the safety of our citizens and working closely with partner agencies to respond to incidents of this nature swiftly and effectively.

Dooly County Health Department- Offering Top Quality Care

By County Nurse Manager
Cyndi Mercer, RN

Please remember that the year is flying by. Make sure you get all your preventative testing done to include Lab Wellness checks, Mammograms, Pap Smears, Colonoscopies, Prostate Exams and labs, and vaccines. It takes a lot to stay healthy but you are worth every ounce of prevention and we, at the Dooly County Health Department, want to help you save money on your journey. Just because we offer services less expensively than most, doesn't mean we offer less adequate care. We offer top quality services and healthcare.

We specialize in prevention.

We have so much to offer and we are located right in your neighborhood. While we don't have a program for Colo/rectal cancer, we can help you find a provider and educate you on the preventative testing you need for your age and risk group.

We do offer women's health exams and preventative services every day of the year. We can perform Pap smears and order mammograms. Free if you qualify, at an affordable rate if you don't. Our lab prices can not be beat and you do not have to have a physician order for the wellness panel that now includes the Hgb A1C for Diabetes.

Birth Control at very afford-

able prices and you get it right at your appointment.

STD testing and treatment-no one and I do mean no one does it like us. Testing and treatment is also done right in our clinic so no need to have to make an additional trip to a pharmacy.

Vaccines for all ages. We truly have so much more that we provide and can help in these tough financial times.

Call us today at 229-268-4725 to find out more about our programs. You do not have to live in Dooly County to come see us. We welcome all. Don't sleep on all that your local health department can offer you and your family.

DATA MINING CONTINUED FROM 1A

changed from R-1 single family to R-2 multi-family to allow a mobile home on the property as a residence. Following discussion, the board approved, "Leaving it R-1 with a limited use provision for a single family mobile home."

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 or LCBR. GDOT is requesting a commitment from the county government of \$50,000. Dooly County requested that GDOT waive that fee and the officials here at last report were awaiting a response.

The county is in the process of compiling a list of potential projects to be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation to be completed as part of the Fiscal year 2026 Local Maintenance Improvement Grant funding. Dooly County is eligible for \$832,255 with a 10% match required. Applications must be in by February 1, 2026.

Elections Supervisor Brenetta Childs informed commissioners that the Town of Byromville and the City of Lilly had requested that the county election office conduct their upcoming November 4 municipal elections. Following discussion, the board agreed to enter into an Inter-governmental Agreement with both municipalities and authorize Chairman David Barron to sign the necessary documentation pending the approval of the county board of elections and registration. The Ga. Dept. of Revenue has authorized the use of the 2025 tax digest for the collection of 2025 Ad Valorem taxes. Tax Commissioner Paula Smith were to be mailed out Oct. 17. The board approved a proclamation recognizing members of the Dooly Retired Educators Association (DREA).

The governor had proclaimed Sunday, Nov. 2 as retired educators day in Ga. "There are more than 145,000 retired educators in Georgia and 34,000 who are members of the Ga. Retired Educators Association. The retired educators of Ga. have donated 1,000's of hours of volunteer service in making valuable contributions to the welfare of their respective communities across the state.

It is appropriate that a day be designated for citizens to express their appreciation for the contributions that retired educators have made and continue to make for the betterment of human lives and for society.

Local churches will recognize those lasting contributions made by the retired educators in this community now."

The DREA also invited, "All county commissioners and citizens to celebrate National Educators Day on November 2, the first Sunday in November at Bethel Baptist Church on Pine Street at 11 O'Clock."

The current terms on the Dooly County Board of Assessors are scheduled to expire: District four-Lorrye K. Borden who has said she will not be in a position to serve another term and from District five-Gene Roney. All three of the members of the board of elections and registration have agreed to serve another term- District one-Gwendolyn Ford, District three Wayne Wilkin and District four- Earl Clark Jr. The county employee health fair is Thursday, Oct. 30 at the rec. department from 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and all employees are encouraged to take advantage of the free services.

Mr. Sanders announced that there is a company who possibly might be interested in building a new cell tower on the site of the old Dooly County Landfill at 3759 Sloshey Trail, however no action was taken at the meeting.

DREA Celebrates Retired Educators Day Proclamation

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The State Governor and our County Board of Commissioners have officially signed and

proclaimed November 2, 2025, as Retired Educators Day. Retired educators will be formally recognized at Bethel Baptist

Church on the respective date at 11:00 a.m. Please join DREA on this joyous occasion.

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only worked on my side of the street. We just want to see the city look like it did a while back and we want to know what we can do to help and see them out there working. There are water leaks at Woodward and Sixth. There's a business downtown that was purchased and since the roof has fallen in, it's the old Vienna Flower shop (and loan company) and we're asking that they bring it up to par."

Councilman John Mathis, Jr. also spoke about, "Debris in the roadway and just stays there on the sidewalks and it looks really bad. I noticed two dead end signs with grass growing up around them. A lot of the road-

way markers, the yellow lines, the white lines are faded really badly. If it's raining or dark, you can't see."

Mayor Eddie Daniels also stated, "If a council member or myself is going to be absent from a meeting, it's our responsibility. You get compensated every month, and the people, they're the ones that pay us. If you're going to be absent, please call city hall and let them know. We understand something will come up, some of us have to work, but whatever it is, just call city hall. They're here from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., some from 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., some days later. If you would, just make that call

to the city-I'm not going to be here. You get compensated and I've even spoken about being paid per meeting. Let's try to be a little bit more attentive."

During his administrators report, Mr. Bowens announced that a, "Review of plans for the crypto currency operation (was conducted.) I did attend the CDBG summit in Macon, Ga. for two days recently and that gave us 10 bonus points toward a 2029 CDBG grant application and we plan to submit an application for that. Several vendors during the Peanut Pickin' Yard Sale, "sold out, especially of food."

Scrap Tire Event

The EPD has approved for the City of Vienna to hold a "Residential" scrap tire clean-up event on:

October 20 - 31, 2025

This is a free residential collection event sponsored by the

The City of Vienna and Georgia EPD

The City requests the following:

- Tires **must** be removed from the wheels
- Tires **must** be placed beside the street for pickup, separate from other items
- Call 229-268-4744 when you have tires ready for pickup
- Sorry, no businesses are permitted

City of Vienna Reminder to Get Out the Vote

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Early voting for the upcoming election is open from October 14, 2025 through October 31, 2025 at 402 Hawkinsville Highway, Vienna, Ga. 31092. Registered voters are encouraged to cast their ballot during this period ahead of Election Day. (November 4, 2025).

Missing Person Reward Offered

By CCSO



The Crisp County Sheriff's Office is still actively seeking information regarding the disappearance of Nyeasha Pickens. If you have any information no matter how small or insignificant it may seem, please come forward. Your tip could make all the difference. A \$5,000 reward is available for information that leads to locating Nyeasha or helps bring resolution to this case.

If you have any information, you can call: Cordele Police Department: (229) 276-2921, Crisp County Sheriff's Office: (229) 276-2600, Georgia Bureau of Investigation (Tip Line): 1-800-597-TIPS (8477),

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church 'Tailgating With Jesus' Program

The public is invited to fellowship with St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church Saturday, November 1 as we celebrate "Tailgating With Jesus." The program is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The church is located at 529 Highway 90, Vienna. Rev. James Jordan is the Pastor.

Dooly County Community CALENDAR

email: thenewobservereditor@gmail.com



Giving for fun day!

Oct. 25

October 25, 2025 9am to 1pm
Shiloh Baptist Church Elko,
503 Plum St., Elko GA.

Inflatable, 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 Jeanette 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

Saturday 9AM-12PM Noon

Byromville Location:

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

"An Hour of Encouragement"

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

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. (TEN)

HALLOWEEN & Fall Festival Events

Oct. 24

Family Connection Trunk or Treat-Not So Scary Reading Event

By Coordinator Amanda
O'Neal-Neisent

Please mark your calendars for
the Dooly County Family Con-
nection Annual Trunk or Treat
and Not So Scary Reading
event Friday, Oct. 24 at Dooly
County K-8 Academy. Set up
starts at 8:15 a.m. and the Trunk
or Treat begins at 9:00 a.m. We
cannot thank you all enough for
your support year after year.

The children really love seeing
us and getting to interact with
the children is such a blessing.
Please plan for around 700 kids
as we will be serving Fullington
Academy again this year as well
as the K-8 students. Thank you
again and please let me know if
you plan to attend or if you have
any questions call 229-947-2788
or doolycountyfamilyconnec-
tion@gmail.com.

Oct. 26

Pinehurst Fall Festival

The City of Pinehurst invites
all to their Fall Festival Sun-
day, Oct. 26 from 4:00 p.m.-
6:00 p.m. The event will be held
downtown and the 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.

Oct. 31 DCHS Fall Festival - Trunk-or- Treat

It's going to be a spirited week
at Dooly County High School
as we celebrate our Fall Festival
on Thursday, October 31 in the
school parking lot at 1:30 p.m.
Students will enjoy a variety of
fall and Halloween-themed
activities, games, and competitions
throughout the day, plus a
chance to win cash prizes.

We're also inviting our commu-

nity members, parents, and local
businesses to join in the fun by
participating in our Trunk-or-
Treat. Decorate your trunk, pass
out candy, and show your Bob-
cat pride.

Please complete this form if
you'd like to decorate a trunk or
donate candy. <https://forms.gle/d2FLkd7JVmmG6yNX9>.

Full concessions will be avail-
able and students can purchase
food, snacks and treats while en-
joying the festivities.

off your Trick-or-Treat festivi-
ties. Each office will have good-
ies ready for the kids.

For any questions or concerns,
please contact Kaleb Green (Kale-
b.Green@cityofvienna.org)
or for any questions or concerns,
please contact Kaleb D. Green
(Kaleb.Green@cityofvienna.org)
or call City Hall at 229-268-
4744. Mark your calendars and
bring your appetites, It's going to
be frightfully fun.

Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat in Unadilla -

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 deco-
rate 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.

Unadilla will come alive with
costumed children seeking
sweet treats between 6:00 p.m.
and 9:00 p.m. Be alert, be vis-
ible, only visit homes with porch
lights on and always check can-
dy.

VPD Releases Letter From Vienna Loft Apartments Regarding Marijuana Odor-Lease Violations

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Dear Tenants, it has come to
our attention that the presence
of marijuana odor has become
a recurring issue at Vienna Loft
Apartments. We want to remind
all residents that, as outlined in
your lease agreement, smoking
of any kind is strictly prohibited
within all units and possession
or use of illegal substances on
the property is not permitted un-
der any circumstances.

By CCSO

Due to the close proximity of
Ben Hill County, we are shar-
ing this important information
in response to Sheriff Cone's
post. Earlier today, the Fitzgerald
Police Department issued the
following warning: WARNING:
If you use crack, meth, or
any other illegal drug and have

Effective immediately, the Vi-
enna Police Department will be
conducting routine patrols of
the property. They are auth-
orized to enter units where there
is reasonable suspicion of ille-
gal activity. If illegal substances
are found, arrests may be made
on-site.

In addition, if you suspect
the presence of marijuana or
notice a strong odor, you may
file an anonymous report with

the Vienna Police Department.
Upon receiving a report, they
will respond and investigate
the situation. Please be advised
that the Vienna Loft Apartments
is private property. Any tenant
found in violation of the lease
agreement, particularly regard-
ing illegal substances use or
possession, will be charged with
criminal trespassing, perma-
nently banned from the property
and will forfeit their security de-

posit. This notice serves as your
final warning.

Continued violations will not
be tolerated and will result in
immediate legal action and evi-
cation proceedings. We appreciate
your cooperation in maintain-
ing a safe and respectful living
environment for all residents.
Sincerely, Management Vienna
Loft Apartments.

Public Safety Alert - Fentanyl Exposure Warning

purchased it recently, you need
to dispose of or destroy these
drugs immediately.

The Fitzgerald Police Depart-
ment has responded to multiple
calls involving possible over-
doses. Five individuals, includ-
ing three Fitzgerald Police Of-
ficers, have been transported to
the ER due to fentanyl expo-

sure.

The officers were reportedly

exposed through mere pres-
ence and inhalation. Authorities

believe there may have been a

a delivery of drugs containing a

high dosage of fentanyl.

Any

one with information about the

source or distribution of these

drugs is urged to contact 911

or the Fitzgerald Police Depart-
ment at (229) 426-5000.

Fentanyl is extremely danger-
ous and can be deadly even in

trace amounts. Please remain
vigilant, and never handle or
come into contact with un-
known substances.

CHURCH DIRECTORY Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

Athens Hill Baptist Church

Vienna, GA 229-268-4883

AOH Church of God

Vienna, GA 229-268-1903

Bakersfield Baptist Church

Vienna, GA

Bay Pointe CME

Byromville, GA

Bethel Baptist Church

Vienna, GA 229-268-2848

Bethlehem Baptist Church

Byromville, GA 229-433-2102

Big Poplar Baptist Church

Unadilla, GA

Brown Chapel Baptist Church

Unadilla, GA 478-627-9466

Byromville Baptist Church

Byromville, GA 229-433-2505

Byromville Methodist Church

Byromville, GA 229-321-9292

Camp Creek Baptist Church

Unadilla, GA 478-627-3929

Evergreen Baptist Church

Vienna, GA 229-268-1994

Faith Baptist Church

Vienna, GA 229-268-1404

Forest Chapel Baptist Church

Unadilla, GA 478-645-3476

Harmony Baptist Church

Unadilla, GA 478-645-3476

Healing and Deliverance Church

Unadilla, GA 229-645-3584

Liberty Baptist Church

Pinehurst, GA 229-645-3584

Lilly Baptist Church

Lilly, GA 229-645-3584

Macedonia Baptist Church

Vienna, GA 229-268-1582

Little Poplar Baptist Church



TIM LEWIS

In The Garden With SOIL TESTING PART ONE

In October, the daylight hours get a little shorter each day here in Georgia, while we welcome the drop in temperatures. Leaves begin to fall and we consider what to do with them. We nurture our fall flower beds and cole crops. There are things to do in the yard and garden this month.

One of these is to complete a soil test in our garden and flower beds and lawn. For just a few dollars, we can know exactly what to do to our soil to give our plants the best opportunity to thrive. This article serves as an annual reminder of how to go about completing this all important checkup.

First, a soil chemistry lesson is in order. A pH scale of 0 to 14 is used to show how acidic or alkaline (basic) a soil is. A neutral soil has a pH of 7. Values under 7.0 indicate increasing soil acidity, while values above 7.0 indicate increasing soil alkalinity. Soil pH utilizes a logarithmic scale, so a single unit of difference indicates a tenfold change. That is, soil at pH of 5.0 has 10 times the degree of acidity as a soil with a pH of 6.0 and 100 times the acidity of a neutral (pH 7.0) soil! Simply put, soil pH is a measurement of how many hydrogen (H⁺) ions are in solution. Acidic soils contain more hydrogen ions while alkaline soils contain fewer hydrogen ions.

To help understand pH, consider some common substances. Orange juice has a pH of 3.5, meaning it is strongly acidic. Baking soda has a pH of 8.4, meaning it is moderately alkaline.

Soil pH strongly influences

nutrient availability to plants, and therefore affects plant growth and health. Even if your soil contains the proper amount of nutrients, plants will not be able to utilize them if the soil pH is too high or low.

If you're noticing the signs of nutrient deficiencies in your lawn or garden, such as yellowing of leaves or stunted growth, it's possible that your soil pH is too high or too low. It is always a good practice to have the soil pH tested before undertaking significant garden or landscaping projects.

Most plants we deal with perform best in soil with a pH of 6.0 to 7.0. At this pH range, there is good availability of nutrients for plant uptake. If your soil is overly acidic or too alkaline, certain nutrients will be less available to plants. One of the most commonly seen nutrient deficiencies is lack of iron caused by high soil pH. Iron becomes less available to plant roots at a pH above 6.5. This deficiency shows up as yellow leaf tissue with leaf veins remaining green. This is often called "interveinal chlorosis." "Chlorosis" is a term for yellowing of plant tissue. "Interveinal" refers to the areas in between the veins of leaves.

A pH below 5.5 can also cause nutrient deficiencies. Calcium, magnesium, potassium, nitrogen and phosphorus all become less available to plants at low pH levels. Exceptions are blueberries, azaleas, gardenias, camellias, and a few others, which actually prefer a much lower pH.

Its effect on nutrient avail-

ability is a key reason that pH is important for healthy plant growth. Fortunately, there are ways to correct a soil's pH.

If soil is too acidic, you can increase its pH with lime. Lime is a natural material derived from limestone rock. There are two types of limestone, calcitic limestone and dolomitic limestone. Both contain calcium carbonate (CaCO₃), but dolomitic limestone also contains magnesium carbonate (MgCO₃), which supplies magnesium while raising pH.

One factor which influences how quickly lime reacts to raise pH is the application method. Lime reacts faster when it is tilled into the soil than when it is broadcast on the soil surface. Always till or rake lime into the soil if possible.

Expect to wait a few months before lime begins to raise soil pH. If you need to raise your pH by more than one pH point, you may need to apply lime on multiple occasions. Lime takes months to break down and do its work in the soil, so applying it now, in the fall, is considered a best management practice.

Elemental sulfur can be used to lower the pH of an alkaline soil. Before applying elemental sulfur, it is helpful to understand how it works. When applied to the soil, microbes convert sulfur, by oxidation, to sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄). It is these positive hydrogen (H₂) ions which lower the soil pH.

Just as with lime, sulfur works faster when incorporated into the soil rather than broadcast on the surface. If a significant soil pH change is desired (over one point of change on the pH scale), it is best to apply sulfur months before planting and incorporate it into the soil well.

More on soil testing next time.

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NEIL JOINER

Columnist

Joiner's Corner

SUNDAY SCHOOL HUMOR

the top.

The aforementioned Richard Hall, who represents half of our teaching team, shared another memorable quote during a lesson about consistency in our Christian walk. Richard said,

"It's like that old saying - You can't ride two horses with one butt."

That old saying was new to me, but it sure hit home. Many times I've tried to straddle two horses. Richard's comment reminds me of what Jesus said in Matthew 6:24: "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Unless you're a circus performer, riding two horses is a bad idea. Yet it's tempting in multiple aspects of life. Procrastination is one example of how it works in spiritual matters. Rather than saying no to God, it seems more palatable to delay.

She may be on to something. I have occasionally defended positions which are contrary to facts. If I can master the art of doing that while keeping a straight face I may go into politics. That strategy works for both parties and can take you to

I grew up attending Harmony Baptist Church, a rural con-

gregation in a white-clapboard building just a mile from our home. One of the Sunday night invitation hymns was "Oh Why Not Tonight?" It's tempting to answer by riding two horses, ignoring the fact that can't last forever.

One more Sunday School quote I'll mention today was shared by yours truly during a discussion on the benefits of memorizing scripture. I acknowledged my faltering memory, and told them I'd asked my doctor if anything could be done. He said, "Just try to forget about it."

That's a partly fictional story, but there's no need to be alarmed. We have an exceptionally astute group of men who know when something is said in jest.

The main thing today's quotes have in common is they were part of our Bible study discussions. Humor, I believe, can sometimes enhance serious lessons, but you're welcome to stop by one Sunday and see for yourself. If you disagree I'll gladly apologize, but I may cite my friend David Chancy. "One time I thought I was wrong, but I found out I was mistaken."

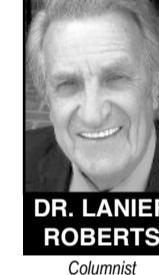
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tain. 20. Where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. (Just like an anchor for a ship to keep it from running aground, smashing up against the rocks, or being swept away by currents, Jesus, our anchor, keeps us from smashing our lives when adversity, trials, and tribulations come along in life. AND THEY WILL COME. If we will allow Him, He's there to help us. Amen).

3). WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE PUT SELF BEFORE GOD? (A mess!). Amen.

I'M GONNA LEAVE Y'ALL WITH THIS: Jesus wept. John 11:35. Until next time.

Writings From The Heart OTHER THINGS TO DISCUSS ALSO



DR. LANIER ROBERTS

Columnist

1). THE FELLOWDHIP MEAL AT VIENNA FIRST BAPTIST--I tell y'all what, Jean and I partook of so lip-smacking, finger-licking good food at our monthly fellowship meal at Vienna First Baptist today. It made grandpa want to kiss grandma! Those folks surely can cook up some fabulous food. BUT the best of all was the fellowship. The buzz-

ing we heard though out the meal was so much a blessing. What does that mean to you, Rev. Roberts? Unity, love, devotion to one another. AND a love for Jesus Christ. Amen.

2). JESUS, THE ANCHOR OF OUR SOULS-- Heb. 6:19,20 NIV. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the cur-

Vienna Garden Club Holds October Meeting



Pictured are Hostesses Claire Stevens and Els Robaut.

By Janet Joiner

The Vienna Garden Club held its October meeting at Fruits of Vienna with Claire Stevens and Els Rombaut serving as hostesses. Claire Stevens presented the Garden Club Prayer and members pledged allegiance to the U. S. Flag. President Marsha Mulderig gave the following gardening tip of the month: Spring bulbs such as daffodils and crocus need to be refrigerated now for at least six weeks before planting.

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Parables To Ponder I THINK, THEREFORE I AM NOT A WAR EAGLE



BILLY POWELL

French Philosopher, Rene Descartes (1596-1650), reasoned that the certainty of his existence could be derived from the proposition, "I think, therefore I am." Descartes believed that possession of the power to think confirmed his existence. Were we divested of the senses of sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell, we could not interact with the world around us, but we could still think and we could doubt, thereby confirming our mortal existence.

At the core of my existence as a college football fan, I can truly say, "I think therefore I am...not an Auburn War Eagle." I once told my Sunday school class that the worst thing that could happen to me would be to die, be buried wearing an Auburn T-shirt and couldn't re-move it.

I am a rabid University of Georgia football fan. My brother, Dwayne, attended there on a basketball scholarship and both my sons, Bill and Tim, graduated from Georgia. So I am a 'dyed in the wool' bulldog, who bleeds red and black. There are a number of teams that Dawg fans hate. Among them are archrivals Auburn, Georgia Tech, Florida

and Tennessee.

I respect, however, any team that plays in the Southeastern Conference. The SEC is noted for its 'smash mouth' football. It is the toughest league in the nation, so tough that Georgia Tech and Florida State University declined invitations to join. They had rather play Atlantic Coast Conference patsies every Saturday than SEC opponents.

Once I stayed on an emotional roller coaster dependent upon whether Georgia won or lost on Saturday, but had to give that up as our football fortunes quickly retreated after the Camelot days of Vince Dooley and Herschel Walker. However, Beverly and I remained loyal fans and loved the atmosphere of college football and were rewarded with two additional national championships in 2021 and 2022. We enjoyed picnic tailgating with family and friends, watching a game with 90,000 plus cheering fans, shopping at the UGA bookstore and listening to the play-by-play by the incomparable Larry Munson. Then there is the long ride back home made more pleasurable listening to the Fifth Quarter Show as fans call in to rehash the game with the

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DODDY COUNTY NOVEMBER 2025

TAX SALE SHERIFF'S SALE PAULA SMITH EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF DODDY

Under and by virtue of certain tax FiFa's issued by the **Tax Commissioner of DODDY** County, Georgia, in favor of the State of Georgia and County of DODDY against the following named persons and the property as described immediately below their respective name(s).

There will be sold for cash or certified funds at public outcry, unless previously paid with cash or certified funds, before the Courthouse steps in Vienna, DODDY County, Georgia, between the legal hours of sale, on the **first Tuesday in November 2025, the same being November 4, 2025.** The following property will be sold between the legal hours of sale, 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The below listed and described properties, or as much thereof as will satisfy the State and County tax execution on the respective individual and property. The properties hereinafter described have been levied on as the property of the persons whose names immediately precede the property description. Each of the respective parcels of property are located in DODDY County, State of Georgia. The years for which said FiFa's are issued and levied are stated below the name of the owner in each case.

This is a buyer beware sale and all property will be sold as is. The Tax Commissioner makes no warranty, neither expressed nor implied, as to title, and all properties are subject to all recorded covenants, easements, and right of ways. Properties are sold under the power of a tax sale deed with specific rights of redemption. Each defendant and tenant in possession, if applicable, has been notified of levy time and place of sale. Purchaser shall pay for title, all transfer cost, all taxes, advertising cost and recording fees. At the discretion of the Tax Commissioner's office, payment will be required within two (2) hours after the completion of the tax sale. In the event a bid is not properly paid, the property shall be **re-offered at 2:00 PM on the day of the sale, or the following day that being November 5, 2025. In the event the property is unsold, it will be immediately re-cried.**

File #: 1
Map/Parcel Number: 73A 26
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, DODDY 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.

Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 8
Map/Parcel Number: L 2 8 3
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Bostick, William Guy; L 2 8 3, H/L 6-8 Blk 1 Church St
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 544/222

Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel L 2 8 3, lying and being in the City of Lilly, DODDY County, Georgia, being property described in Deed Book 544, Page 222, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 138 Church Street.

Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 11
Map/Parcel Number: V13A 26
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Buckholts, Jalia; V13A 26 L26 / Cloverdale Est SD #2 640
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 640/18; 291/127

Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V13A 26, lying and being in Land Lot 73 of the 7th Land District, City of Vienna, DODDY County, Georgia, being Lot 26, Cloverdale Estates, No. 2, shown in Plat Book 12, Page 20, described in Deed Book 291, Page 127, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 509 Clover Street.

Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 18
Map/Parcel Number: U16 2
Defendant(s) in FiFa: CAC Equity Trust; U16 2 / 1.50 AC LL 21 3rd LD 480-1
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 480/10

Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel U16 2, lying and being in Land Lot 71 of the 7th Land District, City of Vienna, DODDY 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

Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel U16 2, lying and being in Land Lots 21 & 44 of the 3rd Land District, City of Unadilla, DODDY County, Georgia, containing 1.50 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 7, Page 271, described in Deed Book 480, Page 10, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1342 Pine Street.

Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 32
Map/Parcel Number: V15A 1 15A
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Cotton, John C; V15A 1 15A / Pt 7&10, 8-9 Blk B Coney Rd

Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 574/9

Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V15A 1 15A, lying and being in Land Lot 71 of the 7th Land District, City of Vienna, DODDY County, Georgia, being a portion of Lots 7 & 10 and all of Lots 8 & 9 Block B, Coney Road Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 7, Page 142, described in Deed Book 574, Page 9, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 617 Deliesseline Drive.

Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 33
Map/Parcel Number: V15A 1 16

Defendant(s) in FiFa: Cotton, John C; V15A 1 16 / L 5 Blk B Coney Rd 575-2

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 16, lying and being in Land Lot 71 of the 7th Land District, City of Vienna, DODDY County, Georgia, being Lot 5, Block B, Coney Rd 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 Deliesseline Drive.

Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 34
Map/Parcel Number: V15A 1 17

Defendant(s) in FiFa: Cotton, John C; V15A 1 17 / L 4 Blk B Coney Rd SD 5

Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa

Reference Deed: 575/294

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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

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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

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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

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Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 38
Map/Parcel Number: L 2 2 1

Defendant(s) in FiFa: Daniels Johnny L; 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, DODDY 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 #: 38

Map/Parcel Number: L 2 2 1

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Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa

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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, DODDY County, Georgia, being Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16, Block 38, shown in Deed Book 14, Page 294, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 721 Lambertha Avenue.

Years Due: 2023-2024

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, DODDY 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 Tippettville 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 Land Lot 248 of the 6th Land District, DODDY 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, Altavious Revocable Living Trust; V10 2 2 / H/L 414 Lilly St 64

Current Property Owner: Ford, Altavious (Trustee) Altavious 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, DODDY 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 319 Poplar Street.

Years Due: 2021-2022,2024

File #: 80

Map/Parcel Number: V 3 1 1B

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: 130/296

Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V 3 1 1B, lying and being in Land Lot 20 of the 3rd Land District, DODDY 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, located on Oak Street.

Years Due: 2023-2024

File #: 82

Dooly County Narrowly Falls to Treutlen in Hard-Fought Battle



By Head Coach Tony Alexander

Last Friday, we played Treutlen County in Soperton, Ga. They are the number one team in our region. We fought hard and ended up coming back into the game at the end with around five minutes left. We started Jaiden Sanders, our freshman at quarterback and he played well with 82 yards passing and a touchdown and he also had 42 yards on the ground rushing and played well the entire game as well as the defense. We also showed something all season that we had kind-a struggled with that was run defense. (Seven Sut-

ton and Jayquan Burke anchored the defensive effort with seven tackles each.)

Treutlen played hard going up 15-0 in the third quarter and offensively, we're still struggling, but we got a blocked punt by Braxton Gaston in the fourth quarter that kind-a put us back in position to get back into the game.

We went on a two minute drive after the defense got a stop. Quarterback Jaiden Sanders led us down the field and threw a five yard touchdown on fourth and goal to Braxton Gaston and received two delay of game penalties on the two-point con-

version and it kind-a hampered our chances on the two-point conversion.

Overall it was growth for our team just to play a fourth quarter of hard nosed football. We lost the game 15-13, but it was 0-0 at halftime and the guys played really well and bonded together against a tough Treutlen team who was 'rolling' at this point. They have beat everybody in our region, they beat Wilcox by five points, they beat Montgomery County and they also beat Telfair County.

A really well coached team by Head Coach Alan

Shurling, but we're trying to put our foot in the right direction and come out on top. We've got a high chance of making the playoffs if we win the last two games of the season. So, that's going to be something positive for our kids and a tangible goal to fight for in these last two games.

We'll face Telfair County at 7:30 p.m. for Senior Night in 'The Grove' Telfair has a well-coached team. They're kind-a young and they've lost a lot of guys off their region championship team last year. So, it's going to be another close October football game when defense carries the game.

Trojans Dominated in Loss to Sherwood Christian

By Head Coach

Mike Ashley

Photo by Bonnie Hauesler

We traveled to Sherwood Christian Academy in Albany last Friday after a week of what I thought was great practice. From the opening drive on defense on, we didn't do anything we'd practiced throughout the week. Offensively, we managed 130 total yards due to the lack of blocking and lost 66-6.

Blake Hendrickson played like a warrior with six completions for 86 yards. He went out after rolling his ankle, but came back in. Eli Ashley had a positive reception for 28 yards.

Aidan Hill also ran it as hard as he could with five carries



for eight yards and Augie Harris had two carries for 13 yards. Also, Aidan Hill had two receptions for 56 yards. Fullington Academy who is 4-5 will host

Vidalia Heritage Academy in a region game Thursday night with the kickoff at 7:00 p.m. in Pinehurst.

The Eagles defeated Citizens

Christian Academy 64-20 last Friday and have a record of 7-1 on the season.

DCHS Thanks St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

By Chiquita Granville

The Dooly County High School Football Program would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Collier and St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church for welcoming our players and coaches with open arms this past Sunday. We thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship, encouragement, and sense of community you shared with us.

A special thank you as well to 3Jays Catering for providing a delicious Sunday meal. Moments like these remind us that it takes a village to build champions both on and off the field. Thank you for your continued support of our Bobcat family.



Fall Festival in Byromville



Contributed - The Fall Festival was held in Byromville this past weekend. A fun night trick or treating. All the children were precious. All the smiles, laughs and giggles warm your heart.



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compassion, yet remains strong and steady when challenges arise. Her goal is always to do

what's right, and her heart is in the right place for our school community.

We are proud to celebrate Dr. Walters and all that she continues to do for DCK8 Academy. It's an honor to be part of her team and to witness the positive impact she makes each day.

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Senior Week at DCHS

By Chiquita Granville

It was our first home flag football game Wednesday, Oct. 22. Also this is Senior week as we celebrate our Class of 2026 seniors and their families. We'll honor our seniors in football, cheerleaders, band and flag football, plus families during halftime with senior recognition. Let's pack the stands CAMO, show our Bobcat pride and make this a night our seniors will never forget.

Lady Trojans Finish with a Loss to Thomas Jefferson

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The Lady Trojans took to the field Friday morning, Oct. 17 and faced Thomas Jeffersonson and lost that game 10-1. McKinley Causey had two hits in the game and scored the lone run in the game for Fullington Academy while Izzy Ross, Rayelle Johnson and Morgan each contributed with a hit-a-piece. Rayelle Johnson also pitched five innings giving up eight singles and 10 runs, but only four of those runs were earned, nine strikeouts and three base on balls.

Those nine strikeouts gave her a new career-high. She was also big at the plate, going 2-for-4 with three stolen bases and one run. Fullington Academy's record is 9-11 and 3-5 or third in the region. The state championships were held at South Commons Softball Complex and Stadium in Columbus, Ga.

Dooly K-8 Awarded Special Recognition

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We are proud to announce that Dooly County K-8 Academy has been awarded Beanstack's Reading Culture Award Pathfinder Badge. This special recognition is granted to schools that achieve 50% or more student participation in Beanstack each school year. Achieving this milestone shows that we are building a strong culture of reading in our school community.

We are so proud of our stu-



dents, teachers, and families for supporting reading both in and out of the classroom. Thank you for helping us make reading a daily habit and a lifelong joy for our students. Let's keep turning the pages together.

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