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Little Free Libraries Vandalized! Club Seeks Help From Community

By Cathy Jones

Members of the Vienna Woman's Club are seeking help from the community to protect the two Little Free Libraries located under the gazebo at Busbee Park. The receptacles have been in place since 2018 and have seen better days.

Most recently, vandals have broken the protective windows from the doors and have removed the signage and decorations. Club members are in the process of repairing the damage and hope that the community will assist in the future by monitoring children at the park and reporting any acts of mischief to the city police.

The Little Free Library concept is very simple: take a book-leave a book. If there are no books shared or left behind, that's perfectly acceptable, too. The important thing is for our community to read.



Photo Contributed

Members of the Vienna Woman's Club purchase and collect new or gently used books throughout the year to ensure that there is a continuous supply for the Little Free Libraries. Since 2018, over 3500 books have been shared through the project.

Family Connection-Community Partners Collaborate for Annual TRUNK OR TREAT



Photo By Tim Franzén

The Gateway Center Executive Director Katie Rumsey and Programs Coordinator Alice Lavender.

By Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

The annual Dooly K-8 Trunk or Treat sponsored by the local Family Connection welcomed students once again from near-by Fullington Academy to participate.

K-8 Principal Dr. Hollie Walters, Leeza Streetman and Ginny Jackson from the IT department and students from the Dooly County Schools Government Association were busy handing out candy.

Ms. Catherine Burden assisted in organizing the event in her role with Dooly County Family Connection and also represented Pleasant Valley

TRUNK OR TREAT
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Photo contributed

Elizabeth Harris Library Manager Rhonda Woodward Bartlett (back row-far left), Julianne Woodward Bartlett portraying the character Derpy Tiger from K Pop Demon Hunters (center) and Angie Burton with Dooly County Farm Bureau (far right.)

Senior Night in 'The Grove'

By Athletic Director
Brandon Dawkins

It was Senior Night in 'The Grove' and Friday, we proudly celebrated our 2025-26 Dooly County Bobcat Seniors in their final regular season home game. At halftime, we recognized twenty-five se-

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SENIOR NIGHT
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Verdict, If Allowed to Stand Will Lead to Vast and Expensive Liability for Municipalities Across Georgia

By State Representative Patty Marie Stinson

City governments across the state were closely watching the Georgia Supreme Court last Tuesday, Oct. 21 as the justices heard arguments in a case that has big implications for taxpayers. Joshua Chang died in 2016 when the car he was driving skidded off a road and collided with a concrete planter owned by the city of Milton.

A jury ordered Milton to pay Chang's parents \$32.5 million or approximately 85% of the city's annual budget and the court of appeals upheld the verdict. Now, the state Supreme Court is hearing the case that has spooked city officials

across Georgia.

The Georgia Municipal Association, plus a group of 85 cities, have filed amicus briefs with the court urging them to overturn the verdict. On the other side is the powerful Georgia Trial Lawyers Association arguing to preserve victims' rights.

The issue is whether the city can be held liable for Chang's death. Chang's parents argue the city did not uphold its legal duty to ensure the roadways were safe. But the city argues its decisions on road maintenance are protected from lawsuits. Chang's parents argue "more than 100 years of precedent" show the city did not uphold its legal duty, accusing the city of distorting the

facts to "manufacture new limits only the General Assembly could adopt."

Milton officials argue if the verdict is allowed to stand, it "will lead to vast and expansive liability for municipalities across Georgia." The Georgia Supreme Court heard oral arguments from both sides.

A ruling most likely will be submitted by the end of the first quarter in 2026. All candidates for mayor and city council and current city leaders, this is why it is important to prioritize and know and address all issues in the city. Be proactive, lawsuits will just bankrupt a city and where would that leave the citizens.



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State Representative Patty Marie Stinson

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HALLOWEEN & Fall Festival Events



City of Vienna Presents Trick or Treat

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This is Food Truck Friday- Halloween Edition Oct. 31 from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at Vienna City Square. Come out and enjoy a spooktacular day filled with delicious food and community spirit. Stop by city hall to kick off your Trick-or-Treat festivities.

Then explore tasty eats from food trucks.

Bring your costumes, your family and your appetite for a frightfully good time. Participation fee is \$20 per food truck-vendor. All proceeds will support our Thanksgiving give-away to help families in need.



City of Unadilla Presents Trunk or Treat

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Bring your little monsters to downtown Unadilla Halloween night, Friday, Oct. 31 for a fun-filled evening with loads of give-aways and spooky fun. Trunk setup will begin at 5:00 p.m. with the event starting at 6:00 p.m. Hayrides will begin at dusk with a magical ride through Halloween Wonderland. A special thank you to Unadilla Baptist Church for their participation. You don't want to miss this event.

Honoring Our Warrior- Ms. Freda Small



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Dooly K-8 Academy celebrates an extraordinary member of our family- Ms. Freda Small, our beloved career specialist teacher. Ms. Small is a two-time breast cancer survivor whose courage, strength, and unwavering spirit inspire us all every single day. Despite life's greatest challenges, she continues to show up with infectious energy and an incredible zeal for life that lights up

our hallways and classrooms. To our teachers: She motivates you to be your best. To our students: She shows you what true resilience looks like. To all of us: She is a living reminder of the power of determination and positivity. Ms. Small, we love you, we honor you, and we are so incredibly thankful that you are still with us, sharing your light and making our school a better place. Thank you for being our inspiration.

DCHS Fall Festival TRUNK OR TREAT

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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 community 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 Bobcat pride. Please complete this form if you'd like to decorate a trunk or donate candy. <https://forms.gle/d7FLkd7JVmmG6yNX9>. Full concessions will be available and students can purchase food, snacks and treats while enjoying the festivities.

Dooly County Library Open House

Everyone is invited to come check out the great things you can do at the Dooly County Library. Bring your kids, grandparents, parents, and friends. Open House will be Thursday, November 6 from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. The Dooly County Recreation Department's cheerleaders will entertain the crowd. Refreshments will be provided by Dooly County Kiwanis, Dooly County Retired Educators Association, and Saint Paul



Chapel. Dooly County Library is everyone's library so please come and enjoy your library.

DCSS Represented at GAE Introduction in New ELA Standards



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Dooly County High School's Instructional Specialist Dr. Pamela West and Literature Instructor Ms. Min'Lea Laidler represented the DCSS at the Georgia Department of Education in Atlanta. They were diving into the new ELA Standards."Georgia's new K-12 English Language Arts (ELA) standards will be implemented in the 2025-2026

school year and emphasize a strong literacy foundation, clear learning progressions, and a dedicated Foundations domain for early literacy skills like phonics and the science of reading. The new standards replace the Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) and are structured around four domains: Foundations, Language, Texts, and Practices."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF UNADILLA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Unadilla, Georgia will hold a public hearing on November 17, 2025 at 5:00pm in the Council Chamber located at 563 West Railroad Street, Unadilla, Georgia 31091, to accept public comments on an application to rezone filed by Chandricka Hamlin for property located at 930 Third Street from R-1 (Residential) to C-1 (Neighborhood Business)

All interested parties may attend to voice their interest and/or objections.

The rezoning application is on file with the Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and may be viewed upon request during normal business hours.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Dooly County Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing at 5:30 PM on November 10, 2025, at the Dooly County Commissioners Office at 113 N. Third Street in Vienna. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow the Planning Commission to receive citizens' input and comments on the following zoning requests.

Request #1 – Summitt Locations LLC on behalf of Clint Edgar West & Judy Hobbs submitted a Variance application for parcel #72-21 currently zoned C-2 (General Commercial). The Variance is to reduce the setback from 75 ft from the center of the road to 35 ft. This will be the first of two new billboards. Property located at 872 Arena Rd Unadilla GA 31091.

Request #2 – Summitt Locations LLC on behalf of Clint Edgar West & Judy Hobbs submitted a Variance application for parcel #72-21 currently zoned C-2 (General Commercial). The Variance is to reduce the setback from 75 ft from the center of the road to 35 ft. This will be the second of two new billboards. Property located at 964 Arena Rd Unadilla GA 31091.

Request #3 – Brent Gunter submitted a Rezoning application of parcel #12B-42 currently zoned R-2 (Multifamily Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial). The purpose of the Rezoning is to develop a Travel Trailer Park on the property. Property located at 1298 Campers Haven Road Vienna, GA 31092.

Request #4 – Brent Gunter submitted a Variance application for parcel #12B-42 currently zoned R-2 (Multifamily Residential) after Rezoning to C-2 (General Commercial). The purpose is to reduce the setback of 75 feet to 10 feet to allow an advertisement sign and other property developments to enhance the Travel Trailer Park. Property located at 1298 Campers Haven Road Vienna, GA 31092.

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

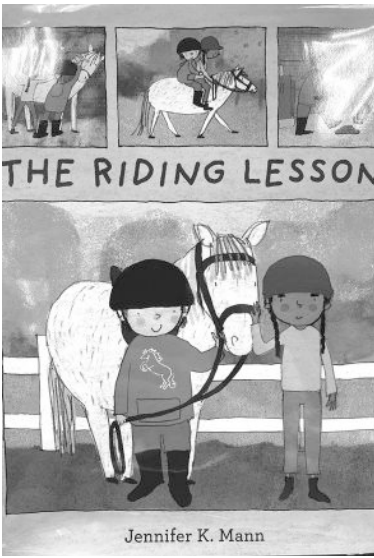
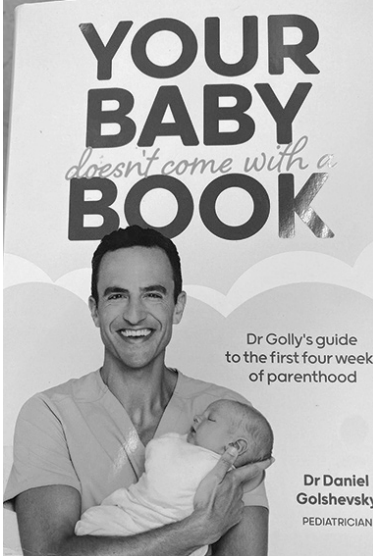


Byromville Public Library

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Byromville Public Library features new magazines and books including "Your baby doesn't come with a Book" by Dr. Daniel Golshesky and 'The Riding Lesson' by Jennifer K. Mann.

Your public library also has Chromebooks and mobile internet hotspots so you can keep working, reading, and learning on the go. Stop by to check one out today. Partially funded by the Georgia Office of the Governor using American Rescue Plan Act funding. Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays from



2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Byromville Public Library is located at 511 Main Street, call 478-433-5100 or visit lbrls.org/byromville.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Dooly County Commissioners will conduct a **Public Hearing at 9:30 AM on November 20, 2025**, at the Dooly County Commissioners Office at 113 N. Third Street in Vienna. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow the County Commissioners to receive citizens' input and comments on the following zoning request.

Brent Gunter requests that the zoning of Parcel #12B-42 be changed from Multifamily Residential (R-2) to General Commercial (C-2) to develop a Travel Trailer Park. The parcel is located at 1298 Campers Haven Road.

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Stephen C. Sanders at 229-268-4228

Obituaries
**Illustrious Brother
Ted C. Collins, 33°**

Past Grand Master of Masons in Georgia Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Georgia, Scottish Rite (SJ)

Illustrious Brother Ted Carlton Collins, 33°, of Unadilla, Georgia, entered into eternal rest on October 17, 2025, at the age of 75.

Born on May 29, 1950, to Wendell and Christine Collins, Ted grew up in Unadilla, where faith, family, and service shaped the course of his life. He graduated from Unadilla High School in 1968 and later earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from Georgia Southwestern University in 1972.

In 1973, Ted married Charlene Greene of Oglethorpe, Georgia, his devoted wife and lifelong companion. Together they shared fifty-two years of marriage, raising one daughter, Wendy Collins Chadwell, and delighting in their granddaughter, Weslynn Chadwell, who brought great joy to their later years.

Ted spent more than three decades in public service as a dedicated employee of the United States Postal Service, retiring in 2006. In his community, he was known for his calm demeanor, quick wit, and steadfast kindness. A member of Unadilla Methodist Church for over sixty years, he served faithfully in many leadership roles, including Administrative Board Chairman.

His Masonic journey began in Millwood Lodge No. 198 in Pinehurst, Georgia, where he was Raised a Master Mason on March 10, 1977. He went on to serve as Worshipful Master (1991–1993), Secretary (1997–1999), and Ambassador to the Masonic Children’s Home (2018–2021). His faithful service and steady character earned him the respect of Masons throughout the state.

In 2007, the brethren of Georgia elected him as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Georgia, the highest honor within the Grand Lodge. His leadership was marked by humility, fairness, and a genuine desire to strengthen the Craft for generations to come. He later served as Grand Orator (2011–2012) and on numerous Grand Lodge committees, continuing to share his counsel

and experience well into his later years.

In 2017, Ted was appointed Deputy of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, and later that same year was named Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Georgia, the highest Scottish Rite office in the state. In this role, he guided and inspired thousands of Masons, always with a gentle word and a humble heart.

He was also a member of Al Sihah Shrine Center in Macon, where his service and generosity further reflected his love for the Masonic family.

Illustrious Brother Collins’s nearly five decades of Masonic service were built upon a simple principle—faith in God and love for his fellow man. His leadership, compassion, and unwavering integrity leave a legacy that will continue to guide Georgia Masons for years to come.

Ted is survived by his beloved wife, Charlene Collins of Bonaire; his daughter, Wendy Collins Chadwell (George) of Bonaire; his granddaughter Weslynn Chadwell of Boniare; his sister-in-law, Kaye Collins of Unadilla; his nieces, Christy Duffy (Josh) of Meansville and Carol Kessinger (Luke) of Byron; and a host of dear friends and Masonic brethren across the state and nation.

A memorial service was held at 11 AM Tuesday, October 21 in Unadilla Methodist Church with Rev. Don Combs, Rev. Jerry Pickard and Rev. Benji Varnell officiating. Barbara Woods provided music for the service and the DeGuire family sang, “In the Garden.”

The family requests donations be made to Unadilla Methodist Church, PO Box 328, Unadilla, GA 31091 or to the Scottish Rite Foundation of Georgia, Inc. (for scholarships or the RiteCare Program) PO Box 7927, Warner Robins, GA 31095.

Friends may watch a video tribute to Ted and sign the online register book at www.brannen-nesmith.com

A recording of the memorial service is available on the funeral home’s Facebook page.

Brannen-NeSmith Funeral Home of Unadilla had charge of arrangements.

**Roc Da Mic: The
Reunion at Christ
Chapel Unadilla**

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It’s time to come home, Christ Chapel Unadilla Family because on Sunday, November 2 at 10:45 a.m. we’re throwing it back to the Kids Zone days.

We want all of our former youth (now adults with kids of

their own) to join the celebration. We’ll have GGD in the building, plus food, games, and fun for the whole family.

Let’s celebrate the memories, the ministry, and the next generation together.

**St. Mark Missionary
Baptist Church
‘Tailgating With Jesus’
Program**

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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.

**Fix-A-Pet Schedule for
November-December**

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The Fix-A-Pet schedule is now live for booking spay/neuter appointments. Remember that our appointment slots and service locations are extremely limited until Dr. Vaughn returns from maternity leave.

The price list and link to schedule online is listed on our website at www.fix-a-pet.com. or Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Fix-A-Pet/61552786794051/>. Wellness appointments will only be opened for booking once the surgery slots reach our minimum for each day.



Appointments are best made online via our website. We are not always available by phone as our dedicated team is focused on the pets in surgery. Messages will be answered as soon as possible, but appointments slots are first come, first serve.

**Middle Ga. Community
Food Bank Offering
Food Assistance**

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As the government shutdown continues, please remember that food assistance is available at over 140 food pantries in the Middle Ga. Community Food Bank 24-county service area. The full list is available at <https://mgcfb.org/find-healthy-food/>.

Thanks to our vendor #Umoja for providing special assistance to military families.

In Dooly County, the Byromville Community Food Pantry at 521 Davis Avenue has its food pantry available on the Third

Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. as well as Vienna Methodist Church 400 Church Street in Vienna who distributes food on the Third Tuesday of the month from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Christ Chapel Unadilla at 400 Jeannette Street is available with food pantries on a set schedule on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon and periodic food drives as well.

For more information in Byromville, call 478-217-0055, in Vienna, call 229-268-4207 and in Unadilla, call CCU at 478-627-9352.

**Senior Night in
‘The Grove’**

By Athletic Director
Brandon Dawkins

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Thank you, Seniors, for your hard work, commitment, and Bobcat pride! Once a Bobcat, always a Bobcat.

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**Thanks Food
Drive Volunteers**



By CCU

Christ Chapel Unadilla is so grateful for the opportunity to serve free food to over 600 people including a few of our amazing local churches. None of this would be possible without our dedicated volunteers, who show up with servant hearts and joyful spirits every single time.

We truly love being the hands and feet of Jesus, sharing His love in action through food, fellowship, and community. Thank you to everyone who helped make the Food Drive on Friday, Oct. 17 a success because you are the reason hope and kindness keep spreading.

**Dooly County
Community
CALENDAR**

email: thenewsobservereditor@gmail.com



**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.
Closd - 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. (TTSB)

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Church**

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Byromville Methodist Church
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Camp Creek Baptist Church
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Vienna Church of Christ
Vienna, GA 229-268-1994
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TIM LEWIS
Columnist

In The Garden With SOIL TESTING PART TWO

Last week we observed that fall is a timely season for gardeners and for many reasons. One reason is that it is the preferred time for taking soil samples in the flower bed, the vegetable garden, the lawn, and even the orchard. Soil tests play a major part in establishing a new flower bed or garden spot or providing the proper maintenance on existing garden sites.

A soil test, we said, is like a blood test, revealing the strengths and weaknesses of your soil, including the levels of elements such as phosphorus, potassium, and magnesium, pH (a measure of the soil's acidity or alkalinity), and recommendations on the amounts of lime and fertilizer to add, depending on the crop. Soil pH is critical because it determines the availability of the nutrients present in the soil.

Now is indeed the time to take a soil sample and have it tested. Why now? There are a couple of reasons. First, if a test indicated that your soil needs lime, it will require sev-

eral months for the lime to actually have time to take its full effect on raising the pH. Also, it is the time of year that the soil's fertility level will be the lowest, thus giving you the gardener a truer picture of the soil's needs than any other time of year.

How is a soil sample taken? The following points will help you take good soil samples.

- Use the right sampling tools. A soil probe, auger, spade or shovel may be used effectively. Use a paper bag or clean plastic bucket for soil. (The zinc in metal buckets can contaminate soil samples).

- Avoid sampling from atypical areas in the field or garden. Stay away from old fence lines, hedgerows, wet spots and trees.

- Make up a composite sample from each area. A composite is made of sub-samples from several (5 to 10) spots in the area to be tested. Sample soil to plow depth (six to eight inches) for gardens and flower beds, four inches for lawns and orchards.

- Remove any surface litter

or thatch. To use a trowel or spade, push the tool to the desired depth into the soil. Then push the handle forward, with the trowel or spade still in the soil, to make a wide opening. Cut a thin slice from the side of the opening that is of uniform thickness, approximately one-fourth inch thick and two inches wide, extending from the top of the ground to the depth of the cut.

- Mix the composite sample well. Then fill a special soil sample bag provided by your local Cooperative Extension Service office, supplying all the information asked for on the bag.

- Then drop samples off at your local County Extension office for mailing to the soil testing laboratory. A detailed soil test analysis will be mailed or emailed to you, complete with fertilizer recommendations for growing particular crops.

Once medium or high soil fertility levels have been established, lawn areas and orchards need only to be sampled every two to three years. Vegetable gardens should be sampled at least every other year.

Happy soil sampling and testing!

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death bed. The prophet Isaiah paid him a visit to assure him that he was not going to die. Hezekiah asked Isaiah for a sign as proof. Isaiah gave Hezekiah the choice of a sign: did he prefer the sun go forward 10 degrees or backwards 10 degrees. Hezekiah replied, "It's easy for the sun to go forward, so have it back-up 10 degrees." Isaiah prayed to the Lord, and the sun backed up in its orbit a full ten degrees. Ten degrees of the sun's 360-degree daily orbit around the earth amount to exactly 40 minutes in a 24-hour day. Adding this 40-minutes (from 2 Kings 20: 7-11) to the 23 hours and 20 minutes (from Joshua 10: 12-13) makes a full day.

The objective of this story is to emphasize the power of God. Many scoffers question the above passages in Joshua and Kings as well many others in the Old and New Testaments including the virgin birth and resurrection of Jesus. If one believes the first verse in the Genesis that "God created the heavens and the earth," he or she should never doubt the miracles described in the Bible.

a rooster beat up on a large size hawk that was after one of his wives. I see large headlines of a news story that you can only read the body of the story in the comments. Come on folks, I'm just messing with y'all, as I know this is the creation of AI, and I am getting sick of this. It's getting to the point we can't believe ANYTHING anymore. What is real, or not. My opinion? KILL AI AS DEAD AS LAST YEARS BURIED WOOD-PECKER!!! I've got some AI stock to sell you if you will buy!

The answer: we are to keep our eyes on Jesus. He's the answer to EVERYTHING! Amen. Jesus loves y'all to heaven and back. Until next time.

TRUNK OR TREAT

CONTINUED FROM 1A

Baptist Church. She thanked, "The Dooly County Justice Center and Sheriff Craig Peavy for making sure that every year we have trick or treat bags for our students here at the K-8 Academy."

Middle Ga. EMC representatives including Sylandi Brown were there along with School Board Member Minnie Harper and Almond Pump Service providing delicious treats for the children. Dooly County 4-H member Jarvis Bennett and Extensive Service Administrative Assistant Michelle Lawson, who play a huge role in the community were there along with Angie Burton with the Dooly County Farm Bureau.

Pam Collins, Dexter Sutton and DCRD Director Joe Willis were there with Mr. Willis dressed up as Superman. Community partners also participating were We

Be Cruisin' Motorcycle club, the Dooly County Sheriff's Office, The Gateway Center Executive Director Katie Rumsey and Programs Coordinator Alice Lavender were participants and always lend their support during this event. Pinehurst Fire Department Chief Chase McNeese, Family Connection Coordinator and sponsor of the event Amanda O'Neal-Neiscent who also is Dooly County Chamber Chair, President-CEO of the Chamber Rhonda Lamb as well as Tiffany Sinyard and Phyllis Keaton were in the spirit of the season. Ms. Betty Bryant along with other members of the Dooly County Retired Teachers as well as DCSS employees from the transportation department and a group of educators brought along the DCSS STEM bus to pass out delicious treats.

Elizabeth Harris Library Man-

ager Rhonda Bartlett thanked, "Angie Burton (with Dooly Farm Bureau) for always helping the library."

Dooly County Library Manager Jill Kloberdanz was also on hand extending a welcome to all the students who lined the route. Elizabeth Harris Library's Julianne Woodward Bartlett also portrayed the character Derpy Tiger from K Pop Demon Hunters. Library Manager Rhonda Bartlett explained that, "She made the costume." Adding, "You can't find that character and it is hugely popular along with the music and the kids knew all the words."

Following the Trunk or Treat, community partners were invited to participate in the Not So Scary event by reading to students in the classroom.



Photo By Tim Franzén

Middle Ga. EMC representatives including Sylandi Brown were providing welcoming smiles and treats for the kids.



Photo By Tim Franzén

Pictured is Pinehurst Fire Department Chief Chase McNeese



Photo By Tim Franzén

Ms. Betty Bryant and other members of the Dooly County Retired Teachers who participated.



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BILLY POWELL
Columnist

Parables To Ponder THE DAY THE SUN STOOD STILL

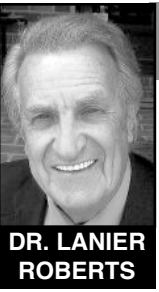
NASA scientists were checking out the projected positions of the sun, moon, and planets for periods of hundreds and even thousands of years to pinpoint the positions of planets at certain points in time and to plot the future orbits of satellites. They ran the computer routines back and forth across the centuries. Suddenly, the computer stopped and flashed a red signal, indicating there was a glitch in the data. To their amazement, the scientists found that an entire day was missing in history. The scientists scratched their heads, not knowing how to resolve the problem.

Finally, one of the scientists who happened to be a Christian remembered a Sunday School lesson about the sun standing still. He retrieved a Bible and turned to the book of Joshua. There in chapter 10 was an account of Joshua's army battling the Amorites. Joshua asked God to made the sun to

stand still (Joshua 10: 12) long enough to give the nation of Israel sufficient daylight hours to conquer its enemies. Joshua 10: 13 states, "The sun stood still and did not go down for a whole day."

The scientists again ran their computers going back to Joshua's time and found that the elapsed time was exactly 23 hours and 20 minutes--lacking forty minutes being a full day. This forty-minute interval had to be found because this small difference in the reckoning of time could magnify itself over time to the point of rendering future calculations worthless. As the Christian scientist pondered the problem, he remembered a passage in the Bible stating that the sun went backwards.

The scientists told him he was out of his mind, but they got out the Bible and sure enough paragraphs 9-11 of 2 Kings 20 provided the following story: Hezekiah was on his



DR. LANIER ROBERTS
Columnist

Writings From The Heart DISCUSSION IS HEALTH TO THE SOUL

1). I DID NOT KNOW THIS UNTIL YESTERDAY --- When a baby goes to be with Jesus, Brannen/NeSmith Funeral Home does not charge the family for their services. What a loving thing to do. My opinion is: there are some tender and caring hearts in that situation. God bless them. Amen.

2). I LOVE THE GEORGIA BULLDOGS TO DEATH, BUT THE CRIMSON TIDE IS IN THE HEADS OF THEM. (Their Psyche). If the Dawgs

can EVER get over that hump, they are going to be ONE tough team to beat. Maybe a National Championship every other year. NO kidding!!! LET'S GO DAWGS!!!!!!!

3). I'M SEEING SOME ABSOLUTELY PHENOMENAL THINGS TAKING PLACE LATELY --- I see F/B videos of hawks swooping down and grabbing an animal twice as large as them and flying off. I saw a bald eagle grab a child and fly off with it. I saw

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
DOOLY COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF SUSAN ELIZABETH BOUCHER

All creditors of the estate of said deceased, late of said county, are notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to us.
This 6 day of October, 2025.
CHRISTOPHER WULF
5394 COUNTY RD 209 S
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/2, 2025
0744-VNO

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Undersigned, Elizabeth B. Lamb, Executor of the Estate of Robert Buron Lamb, hereby gives in terms of establishment comprising Section 53-7-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated notice to all creditors and claimants of the above named decedent's estate to render in an account of their demands, properly attested, to said Executor and all persons owing to said estate are required to make prompt payment to said Executor having postal address of 2195 River Road, Vienna, Georgia 31092. Elizabeth B. Lamb
Executor
LAW OFFICE OF NICHOLSON C. EDWARDS, LLC
Attorney for Executor
10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 2025
VNO 50166

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF DOOLY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF NINA POPE FOREHAND, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 25-0036
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:
AMELIA HEATH has petitioned for AMELIA HEATH to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of NINA POPE HOREHAND, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. Section 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before NOVEMBER 10, 2025.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with our objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Rooney Bowen, III, Judge of the Probate Court
By Denal Fluellen, Clerk of the Probate Court
Dooly County Probate Court
104 South Second Street
Vienna, GA 31092
229-268-4217
10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 2025
0747-VNO

ALCOHOL LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that an Application has been filed by Joel deNeuf with the Mayor and City Council of Vienna, Georgia for a **Beer Sales, Wine Sales and Consumption on Premises license**. The address of the proposed location of the premises whereon said business is to be conducted is: **Cafe 41 Vienna, 107 South 3rd. Street, Vienna, Georgia 31092**.
Said application is to be acted upon by Mayor and City Council of Vienna, Georgia at its next regular scheduled meeting to be held in Council Chambers in the City Hall of Vienna, Georgia on the 10th day of November, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Eddie Daniels, Mayor
Margaret Shelley, City Clerk
10/30, 11/6, 2025
0749-VNO

DOOLY COUNTY NOVEMBER 2025 TAX SALE
SHERIFF'S SALE
PAULA SMITH
EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DOOLY

Under and by virtue of certain tax Fi.Fa.'s issued by the **Tax Commissioner of Dooly County**, Georgia, in favor of the State of Georgia and County of Dooly 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, Dooly 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 Dooly County, State of Georgia. The years for which said Fi.Fa.'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 73A26, 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.
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 L2 8 3, lying and being in the City of Lilly, Dooly 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, Jalicia; 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, Dooly 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 Lots 21 & 44 of the 3rd Land District, City of Unadilla, Dooly 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, Dooly 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, Dooly 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
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel V15A 1 17, lying and being in Land Lot 71 of the 7th Land District, City of Vienna, Dooly County, Georgia, being Lot 4, 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 Drive.
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 Deliesseline 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 Deliessline 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 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, 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 #: 48
Map/Parcel Number: V10 2 2
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Ford, Altwavious Revocable Living Trust
Reference Deed: 122/18; 642/172; 663/91
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 #: 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 #: 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 & Cromartie, Willie M Jr; V 2 3 8 / L 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 #: 82
Map/Parcel Number: 68 33
Defendant(s) in FiFa: McGlamory, Johnny Mack Est; 68 33 / 1 AC LL 26 6th LD 368-273
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa
Reference Deed: 368/273
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 68 33, lying and being in Land Lot 26 of the 6th Land District, Dooly County, Georgia, containing 1.00 acre, more or less, being a portion of Tract 1, shown in Plat Book 4, Page 58, described in Deed Book 368, Page 273, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 2676 Highway 215 (aka 2676 GA Highway 215).
Years Due: 2022-2024

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 #: 87
Map/Parcel Number: U11 14
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Monrreal, 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 #: 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: Nayes, 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

10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 2025
VNO 50163

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There will be two public hearings relating to aging services that are provided by the River Valley Regional Commission / Area Agency on Aging. These public hearings will be conducted in person on the following dates/times. The Columbus meeting will be virtual also using the information below on Microsoft Teams.
Thursday, November 13, 2025 from 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. –River Valley Regional Commission/Area Agency on Aging- 710 Front Ave, Suite A, Columbus, GA
Thursday, November 20, 2025 from 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. – Reginald Barry, Jr. Senior Center, 115 E. 24th Ave. Cordele, GA
Meeting ID: 260 575 105 516 4
Passcode: zF67LU3u
Dial in by phone
+1 762-233-1078,,396799547# United States, Augusta
Find a local number
Phone conference ID: 396 799 547#
The public hearings offer opportunities for interested persons to discuss aging services and programs within the following sixteen counties: Chatahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor and Webster.
Services include: Information and Assistance/Referral, Intake and Screening, Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals, Elderly and Disabled Waiver Program, Wellness and Prevention Programs, Caregiving Programs, Options Counseling, etc.
For more information call Kia Barrow, Asst. AAA Director 706-256-2936 or 1-800-615-4379.
Programs and services are funded through the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services and River Valley RC/AAA including federal, state and local funds.
10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 2025
0748-VNO (PH- Notice FY27 AAA #1526)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All creditors and debtors of the Estate of **CHAD RODIFER (Estate No. 25-0013)**, deceased late of Dooly County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands according to Law; and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment. Said demands and payments are to be made to PASLEY, NUCE & MALLORY, LLC, at the address shown below.
MATTHEW T. MALLORY
Attorney for the Estate of CHAD RODIFER
Pasley, Nuce & Mallory, LLC
P.O. Box 1168
Thomaston, GA 30286
706-646-3200
10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 2025
0745-VNO

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOOLY COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: NELLIE PATRICIA BENSON
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25DV-0104
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Nellie Patricia Benson, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Dooly County, Georgia on the day of October 7, 2025 to change my name from Nellie Patricia Benson to Patricia M Benson.
Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections. Signed this 7th day of October, 2025.
10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/2, 2025
0746-VNO

SPLC and GAE File Federal Lawsuit for Georgia Educator Facing Termination for Protected First Amendment Speech

By GAE

ATLANTA — The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of Georgia educator and GAE member, Michelle Mickens against her employer, the Oglethorpe County School System, which unconstitutionally punished her for exercising her First Amendment rights by posting about political commentator Charlie Kirk on her personal Facebook page.

Following Kirk's assassination, Mickens posted a verbatim quote from him on her personal Facebook page and participated in an online discussion with her Facebook friends who commented on the post. In this back-and-forth, she was critical of Kirk's opposition to gun control, but she also condemned political violence and articulated her hope for a safer world. "This case is about resisting the growing attempts to exert ideological control over public education," said Michael Tafelski, interim deputy legal

director, SPLC.

"Ms. Mickens is being targeted not because she violated any policy or harmed students, but because her personal views — expressed outside of the classroom — don't align with those in power. This unconstitutional censorship of protected speech endangers a healthy democracy. We look forward to defending Ms. Mickens to ensure she can continue serving her students, as she has for decades, without fear of politically motivated retaliation."

Mickens has been a high school edu-

cator in Georgia for 24 years, even being a statewide finalist for the 2022 Georgia Teacher of the Year. Yet, after online agitators shared her post with groups aiming to retaliate against teachers critical of Kirk, her school placed her on leave. The district now intends to terminate her solely for engaging in constitutionally protected speech that caused no disruption to the school.

"We know that the attacks on public education are unrelenting, and we must stand together to speak for our stu-

dents, colleagues and our profession. GAE supports and defends educators' right to off-duty expressive activity without fear of retaliation. GAE is the only organization that continues to stand up and speak for students, educators, and public education," said Mike McGonigle, General Counsel/Legal Services Director, GAE.

The complaint seeks to have Ms. Mickens' job restored and protect the rights of all educators against censorship and intimidation.

Dooly’s Playoff hopes ‘Dashed’ with Loss to Telfair County

By Head Coach
Tony Alexander

We played Telfair County last Friday on senior night in ‘The Grove’ and unfortunately we did not come up with a win, but we played hard. Late in the game this is what we wanted to see from our kids in our program was the progress the way they played in the fourth quarter was good hard football.

The first quarter ended 0-0 with us moving the ball and controlling the clock and we had forced a turnover on our first defensive possession of the game, we got the ball back, but unfortunately we turned the ball right back over on our first and second pos-

sessions.

Those turnovers kind-a stopped our early momentum in the game. Our seniors came and played with a lot of heart. In the second quarter, it ended up that Telfair County scored twice. We threw an interception and then in the third quarter it was much of the same, kind of a back and forth battle with us stopping them on defense and then Telfair County would stop us on defense.

Then in the fourth quarter, we kept battling and then towards the end of the game, we got a touchdown to make it 20-6 and from there, the Trojans just ran the clock out on us. That ended our senior night and our playoff

hopes. This week, we’re traveling to Hawkinsville.

Our kids are still upbeat and want to finish on a positive note and beat the Red Devils because it’s a close rivalry. We are looking forward to competing and doing well against them. Our freshman quarterback played better despite the turnovers. He completed 16 of 26 passes for 166 passing yards. He also had 48-yards on the ground. Seven Sutton played well at running back and despite his fumble, he had 48-yards receiving and we had a couple of good strong runners.

Our defense played well enough for us to win causing three turnovers and Jaywquan

Burke led us with eight tackles and Markevion Riffin’s had seven tackles and we’re just looking to end the season on a positive note getting ready to build towards next year with the program.

The kids are buying in and they want to get it back to winning ways, so this first year was kind of figuring out things, putting ‘stuff’ in place and trying to get kids in the right position. Next year, we’re looking to have a great season and just get Bobcats football where it really needs to be. Dooly County’s loss brought its A Division II Region four record to 1-4.

Lady Bobcats Victorious over Worth County



Photo Contributed
Defensive back and wide receiver for the Lady Bobcats Ja'Mya McNair.

By Chiquita Granville and
Tim Franzén
News Observer Reporter

What a game as our Lady Bobcats fought hard from start to finish and came out on top defeating Worth County 13-7 in flag football last Wednesday proving that teamwork and heart always pay off. Ja’Kayla Hooks had four receptions for 65 yards and scored both touchdowns. Now it’s time to lock in as region play starts this week.

Let’s keep this momentum rolling and show everyone what Bobcat Pride looks like. Dooly County travels to Montezuma, Ga. to play the Veterans Lady Warhawks out of Kathleen, Ga. Thursday, Oct. 30 at 5:00 p.m. That game will be followed by a battle with the Macon County Lady Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Bobcats at presstime were 3-3 and are ranked number one in their region-division three-area three.

PBIS Recognition at DCHS

By Brandon Dawkins

Dooly County High School celebrated its First Quarter PBIS Rewards Recognition Celebration last Friday. Students who earned enough points by consistently demonstrating the 3 B’s- Be responsible, Be respectful and Be safe were rewarded with a day of fun and recognition. Students enjoyed a variety of activities, including a three-on-three Basketball Tournament, soccer games, and a Gaming Room featuring X-Box, Atari, and PlayStation consoles.

Others spent time at game tables playing UNO, Spades,

Dominoes, and Checkers, or simply hanging out and socializing with friends while enjoying great music from the DJ, Wing Stop wings, and Little Caesars Pizza concessions.

The purpose of PBIS Rewards is to reinforce and encourage positive behaviors among students, helping to create a positive and predictable school environment. Recognizing students for meeting behavioral expectations not only decreases negative behaviors but also promotes a culture of respect, responsibility, and academic excellence.

Through PBIS, Dooly County



High continues to build strong relationships between students and staff, while celebrating the importance of positive behavior and school pride.

Trojans Make Playoffs Despite Losing Final Game of Season

By Head Coach
Mike Ashley

We hosted Vidalia Heritage last Thursday due the school’s fall festival on Friday, so they were a good team coming in and one of the top two teams in the whole region. A heavy senior group and very well coached and they play hard. Just a good group of kids and the same team that we beat last year, but they’ve definitely made progress. They came in playing hard. I thought we were going to do a really good job because the first stand on defense, we shut ‘em down. Their running back is a huge guy and runs real hard.

The quarterback’s not much smaller. So I was really happy to see us start that way on defense. Offensively, our young quarterback, I’m trying to get

‘em to read the blitz and to call his audibles which he started doing a lot better during that game. I think Blake Hendrickson threw for 165 yards, Eli Ashley had some big catches in big moments, Garlan Godfrey, my senior lineman, he had a fantastic game on senior night.

Aidan Hill ran the ball just as well as he’s run it all season. That kid just fights all the way down the field, but we just kept making the same mistakes that we’ve been making all year. Just very undisciplined on the outside edge, the defensive ends and outside linebackers. We’ve made several changes there, but we can’t get it through our heads to hold the outside edge.

We would hold them for two or three plays and then their number 22, probably one the fast-

est guys in the region, would just break one for a touchdown. Later in the game, we had some busted coverage from my older guys. I did not expect our older guys to do that this season. The younger guys are the ones that have been surprising me and doing really well. Cash Greene had a great game at defensive end. Eli Ashley had several pass deflections on defense and on one of the deep balls thrown, he hit the guy, broke up the pass and knocked him out of bounds.

The freshmen are doing really well. A couple of the sophomores had a big game. Luke Campbell did really well for us on the line, but we just couldn’t outlast them. They had too much for us, I mean we lost 58-20. But I felt like our effort was definitely better than the last

couple of games. They didn’t quit on me and played hard the whole time, but sometimes the other teams are just better. We were waiting on the rankings to come out.

Covenant got beat pretty good Friday night. They’ve been ahead of us the whole year and honestly, I don’t understand the GIAA because last year we were 6-4 and we didn’t make the playoffs. I didn’t feel like

we deserve to be in the playoffs. We had our chances, but losing three games by seven points, that was the difference.

These schools are a little more heavy on the back end as far as seniors and we’re going to be that way next year. I’ve got two seniors coming back. The Trojans however will be in the playoffs versus Citizens Christian Academy Halloween night, October 31 with the kickoff at 7:30

p.m. in Douglas Ga. Despite the way the regular season ended, it was on a little bit better note even though the score didn’t show it. I was pleased with their effort. Moving forward, we’ll have practice all this week, and get into the weight room preparing for the playoff game Friday night against Citizens Christian Academy.

City of Unadilla

Public Awareness- Natural Gas Safety

Protect People First, Then Property

Purpose:

The purpose of our natural gas mains and service lines are to transport natural gas to the businesses and individual customers. It is estimated that there are more than 800,000 miles of underground gas mains and service lines in the United States today. Fortunately, pipeline accidents are extremely rare, but do not occur. Natural gas is extremely flammable, potentially hazardous, could possibly dissipate oxygen from your dwelling causing suffocation and in the right mixture with air cause a fire or explosion.

The City of Unadilla’s Natural Gas System consists of the following:

- Mains in sizes from 2” to 6” of both coated steel and PE Plastic
- Service Lines in sizes from 5/8 to 2” of both coated steel and PE Plastic
- Regulator Stations
- Main Line Underground Cut-off Valves
- Critical/Emergency Main Line Valves
- Odorizer(s)

The gas mains and services lines are buried underground and have a depth range of 24”-36” for gas mains and 12”-18” for service lines. These gas lines are located on most of the streets in the City of Unadilla and are monitored on an annual basis for any signs of leakage and corrosion.

That is why it is extremely important that anyone 72 hrs. prior to mechanize digging/moving earth in any way, MUST CALL 811 to notify the Utilities Protection Center of Georgia of your intention to dig around what could be utilities that could be damaged. When you call 811 the UPC will notify all utility owners or operators and have them locate and mark all utilities located in the area in which you will be digging. Know the telephone numbers to call and keep them available.

City of Unadilla Gas- (478)627-3022 Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm
After Business Hours – Emergency- 911
Georgia Call Before You Dig- 811

Can you Recognize and React to a Natural Gas Leak?

Trust your senses. Seeing bubbles in wet or flooded areas, dead vegetation or discolored plants or grass in a normally healthy environment, a hissing sound, and your sense of smell could indicate a gas leak that should be reported immediately to: City of Unadilla Gas Department (478)627-3022 or 911 after regular business hours for immediate response by qualified personnel. If you smell gas inside your home or business, leave the premises immediately, do not call from your home, do not turn on or off any electrical switches, do not attempt to air out the building. If you are on the phone, do not hang it up, lay it down and call the gas department from another phone at a safe distance. Remain away from the premises until emergency personnel have given you the ok to return. Never try to make repairs to stop a gas leak as you could possibly make the situation worse and cause possible damage, injury, or death.

Please do not hesitate to call your local natural gas department if you even think that what you smell may be gas. It is better to be safe.

Leon Lester- Utilities Director

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