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## K9 Officer, Companion Conduct Drug Bust



Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

Fritz resulted in a felony amount of drugs being discovered.

Photo Contributed by FVPD  
K9 Officer Fritz with the bust.

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – A traffic stop on Highway 49 at Taylor's Mill Road in Fort Valley by K9 Officer Shelton and his partner

According to the Fort Valley Police Department, Marion Mitchell III was subsequently

arrested for possession with the intent to distribute drugs.

## Fort Valley Fire Department Battles Fire at Lakeview

By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

managing the situation.

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – On Sunday, Aug 4., the Fort Valley Fire Department was on the scene of an apartment fire at Lakeview Apartments. Numerous firefighters and police officers were on the scene, actively

At this time, the cause of the fire is unknown as well as if there have been any injuries. This is a developing story and The Leader Tribune will update this story with details as they become available.

## Residents Concerned Over Recent Dog Attacks in Fort Valley

By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – Residents of Fort Valley are raising the alarm about a series of brutal attacks by a pack of aggressive dogs. This pack has been responsible for the death of multiple pets in the area.

them accountable as well as bring the animals to a shelter, as required by law. However, he stated more drastic measures could be taken, only if the need arises.

According to Fort Valley Chief of Police, DJ Flores, the pack of dogs has been spotted primarily in the Historic District of Fort Valley. The pack has been spotted roaming around areas such as College Street, Lakeview Apartments, and Marvin Gardens Apartments.

According to Flores, Marilyn Windham, who serves as the historical district neighborhood watch president, was one of the first to spot this pack. She stated that one of the feral cats she had previously taken care of was killed by the pack.

While initial reports noted the animals only appearing at night, most recent reports have spotted the animals in the daytime. Pet owners are encouraged to bring their pets inside and not leave them unattended when outside.

In addition to Windham, Flores stated that Reverend Ricky Jackson of the Hunt Educational & Cultural Center has also reported seeing a pack of dogs. While there have been no reports of the animals attacking people, those in the area were concerned the dogs may go after young children.

Currently, the number of dogs involved as well as the breed are unknown.

There have also been reports of a pack of dogs in a separate location, near State Route 96 and Orange Street. Whether it is the same pack of dogs or a secondary pack is unknown at this time.

Flores has stated that these actions will not be tolerated and that he and Fort Valley's animal control officer have been working tirelessly to find the pack. He plans to work with Peach County Marshal, Dennis Marshall, on capturing these animals.

Flores is asking residents who spot these animals to immediately contact 911 so that an officer can be on the scene and keep track of the animals while animal control is en route.

Flores is hoping to find the owners of the dogs and hold

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## Traffic Stop Leads to Three Arrested, Drug Bust

Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – A traffic stop conducted by Senior Sergeant M. Bostic and his shift resulted in a felony amount of drugs being recovered.

According to the Fort Valley Police Department, multiple individuals were taken into custody. Jarvis Tripp, Lakeisha Thomas, and Keyon Dodson were arrested and charged with the Georgia Controlled Substances Act and possession with the intent to distribute drugs.

Photos Contributed by FVPD



## Scavenger Hunt in Byron

Contributed by Byron Welcome Center

All around Byron there are peach shaped stress balls for you to find in August, September, and October. After grabbing one, come by the Welcome Center (Monday-Friday from 8:30 to 4:30) to show us and be entered to win PEACH THEMED PRIZES!

After stopping by, you can put #ByronPeachProwl in a post on Facebook and Instagram for an additional entry each! Only three entries per person allowed!

There are ONLY 150 PEACHES so keep a lookout all around Byron! Make sure you follow the Facebook and Instagram for hints on different places to find them. The first batch of 25 go out August 1st! Have fun!



# Peach County Welcomes Pratt Industries



Photo Contributed by Development Authority of Peach County, Georgia Facebook

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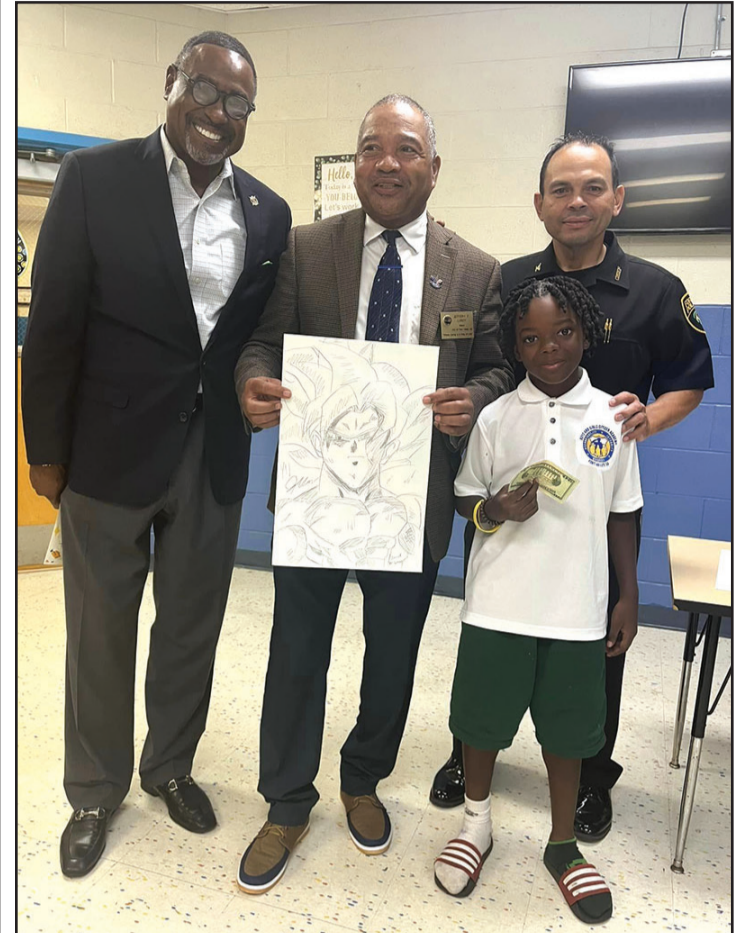
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A big thank you to the team at the Peach Regional Chamber of Commerce for organizing this special luncheon to welcome one of our community's NEWEST manu-

facturing industries: Pratt Industries. It was a great opportunity to introduce local leadership to several key members of the Pratt team. The food and fellowship was amazing! Thank you Peach County Government,

City of Warner Robins Government and the Joint Development Authority of Peach County and the City of Warner Robins for all the work that went into bringing Pratt to our community!

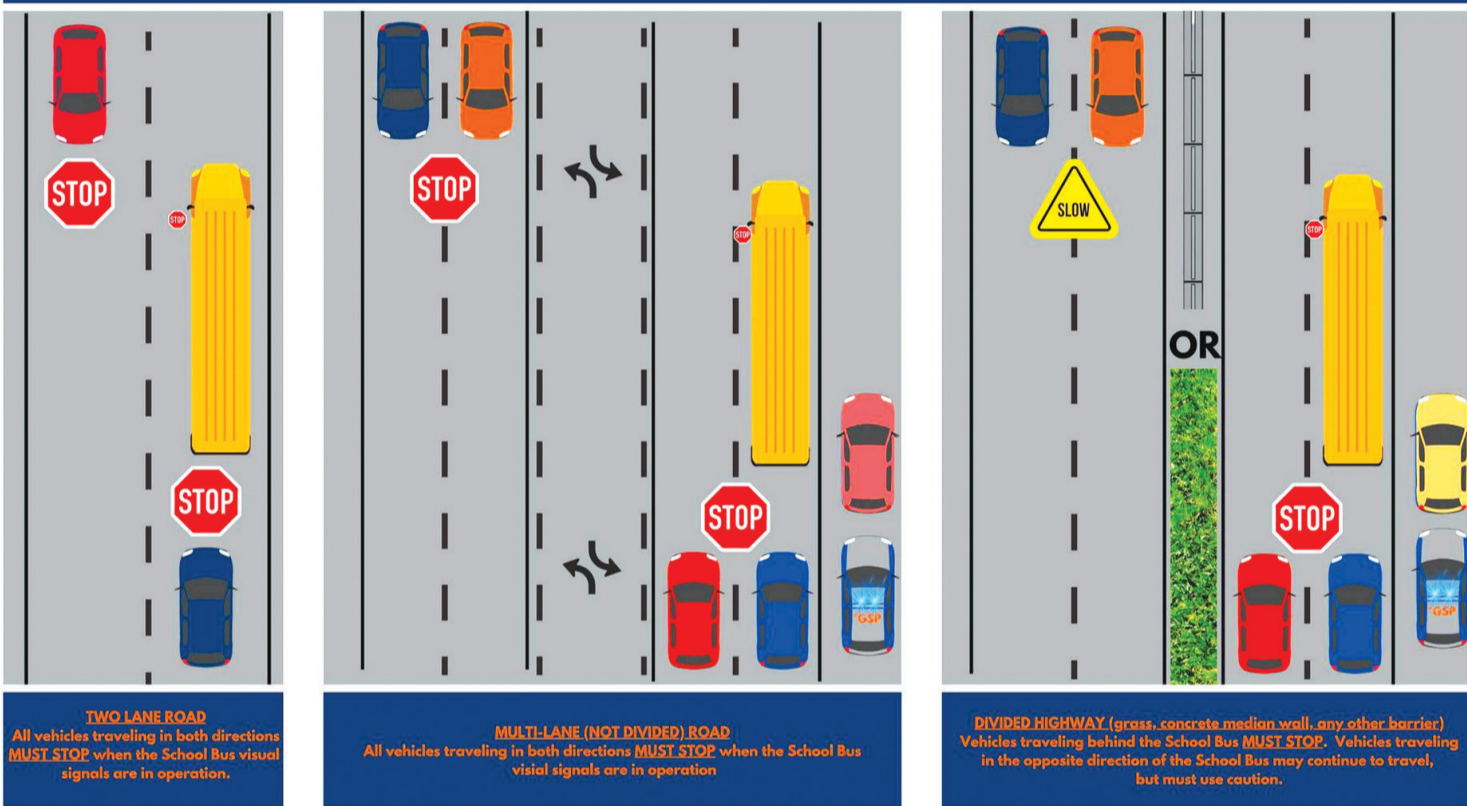
# Fort Valley Police Department Boys and Girls Citizenship Academy



Contributed by the Fort Valley Police Department

**Fort Valley Police Department Boys and Girls Citizenship Academy. This was an opportunity to invest in the lives of our youth.**

**O.C.G.A. 40-6-163**  
**Duty of Driver of Vehicle Meeting or Overtaking School Bus**



With school starting back for many students around Georgia, please remember to watch out for school buses!

# Warnock Introduces Affordable Housing Bill

**By Dave Williams**  
**Bureau Chief**

**Capitol Beat News Service**

ATLANTA - U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-Ga., introduced legislation Thursday that would

provide federal funding to build 3 million new homes across the country and reduce rents by an average of 10%.

The bill, to be financed through changes to the federal estate tax, is aimed at filling a housing sup-

ply shortage that dates back to the Great Recession more than a decade ago.

"This bill aims to be transformational," Warnock said Thursday. "The issue is too big to go small."

In Georgia, 23% of renter households are made up of low-income individuals and families. There is an estimated shortage of 200,000 rental homes affordable for low-income renters.

The American Housing and Economic Mobility Act would create incentives for local governments to eliminate unnecessary land-use restrictions that drive up costs.

"These housing covenants, many of them old, have stayed in place," Warnock said. "What we're aiming to do is incentivize local communities to remove these unnecessary barriers."

Earlier this week, Warnock joined forces with Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, to introduce related legislation to improve military housing.

"The housing crisis is a multi-faceted issue that must be attacked from different directions," Warnock said.

Warnock grew up in public housing in Savannah and rose to become senior pastor at Atlanta's historic Ebenezer Baptist Church before being elected to the Senate.

"This is not just a policy issue for me," Warnock said. "This is personal."

A companion to the housing bill Warnock introduced Thursday is being sponsored in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, D-Mo.

## PUBLIC HEARING PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 6:30 P.M., TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024

The Peach County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the public meeting room of the Peach County Board of Commissioners Office, located at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030.

The purpose of the hearing is to notify the public of a proposed Ordinance for Commercial Greenhouse and Controlled Environment Agriculture Supplemental Light, and to listen to comments from the public in reference to the proposed ordinance.

The proposed Ordinance is to establish standards for the use of supplemental lights in greenhouses and CEA facilities and to provide for certain periods when supplemental light may not illuminate out to certain levels from point of origination.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for review at the Peach County Board of Commissioners Office located at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## PUBLIC NOTICE City of Byron Invitation for Bid

The City of Byron Georgia invites the submission of sealed bids for:

White Road at Peavy Road Roundabout Project

Bids Due – Wednesday September 4th at 3:00 P.M. EST

at Public Works Department City Hall, 401 Main Street,

Byron Georgia 31008

IFB documents may be obtained at the City of Byron's website at [www.byronga.com](http://www.byronga.com)

Plans may be obtained from GWES, LLC by emailing [william.jones@gwesllc.com](mailto:william.jones@gwesllc.com)

Further inquiries can be made by visiting the City of Byron Public Works Department at 401 Main Street, Byron Georgia 31008 or by phone at 478-956-3600. All bids must be plainly marked with the project name on the outside of the envelope and sent attention the City of Byron Public Works Department. The City of Byron reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive technicalities in the bids received.



# Police Beat

The information below is provided by local law enforcement agencies, who are solely responsible for the accuracy of the information. These reports are published for information purposes only. Publication of an arrest or citation report is not evidence of a crime. All persons named in the reports are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. Some minor violations that do not threaten public safety are not included.

## Byron Arrests/Citations

Crawford, Christian Besille, 35, Warner Robins, GA; Failure to Appear

Dean, Miriam M, 52, Warner Robins, GA; Driving With Suspended License, Operation of Unregistered Vehicle or W/O Current License Plate, Revalidat County Decal

Gomez, Hector Jeovany, 34, Houston, TX; Driving Without a License, Driving Across Private Property to Avoid an Intersection

Hasty, Joshua Jason, 46, Gray, GA; Probation Violation

Jones, James Walter, 73; Driving With Suspended License, Failure to Maintain a Single Lane, No Insurance

Jones, Kayle Quinya, 19, Byron, GA; Driving With Suspended License, Headlights On 1/2 Hour After Sunset to 1/2 Hour Before Sunrise

McCutchen, Rodney Dejanier William, 18, Valdosta, GA; Entering Auto, Financial Transaction Card Theft, Fraud Identity

Patterson, Lakeszia Monika, 38, Macon, GA; Failure to Appear, Apprehension of a Wanted Person

Robinson, An Tarra Cool, 50, Warner Robins, GA; Driving With Suspended License, No Insurance, Operation of Unregistered Vehicle or W/O Current License Plate, Revalidat County Decal

Siddiqi, Rizwan A, 56, Byron, GA; DUI/Alcohol/0.08 Grams or More 21 YOA or Over, Failure to Maintain a Single Lane

Simmons, Casterdell, 48, Atlanta, GA; Failure to Appear

Williams, Torrest Lamondre, 29, Byron, GA; Failure to Appear, Failure to Appear

Wright, Brandon Edward, 40, Macon, GA; Possession of Drug Related Object, Marijuana Possession, Driving With Suspended License, Failure to Maintain a Single Lane, Apprehension of a Wanted Person

## Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Blackmon, Tonya Lawanda, 44, Fort Valley, GA; Simple Battery - Family Violence

Dodson, Keyon Terrell, 38, Fort Valley, GA; Illegal Possession of Controlled Substance, Possess W/ Intent to Sell/Distribute/Display or Provide a Minor Any Drug Related Object, Possession and Use of Drug Related Objects

George, Dionte Kavaris, 29, Fort Valley, GA; Criminal Damage to Property - 2nd Degree

Harris, Overt Orlando, 71, Fort Valley, GA; Simple Battery - Family Violence

Sadler, Ty'Meer A'Shown, 29, Fort Valley, GA; Theft by Taking - Felony, Burglary, Criminal Damage to Property - 2nd Degree, Possession of Drug Related Objects, Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance

Thomas, Lakisha Shantae, 37, Fort Valley, GA; Illegal Possession of Controlled Substance, Manufacture/Deliver/Distribute/Administer/Sell/Possess W/Intent to Distribute Controlled Substance, Possession and Use of Drug Related Objects

Tripp, Jarvis Pierre, 37, Fort Valley, GA; Illegal Possession of Controlled Substance, Manufacture/Deliver/Distribute/Administer/Sell/Possess W/Intent to Distribute Controlled Substance, Possession and Use of Drug Related Objects

## Peach County Sheriff's Office

Barner, Victoria Latrell, 47, Warner Robins, GA; Driving While License Suspended

Garcia Fonseca, Uriel Andres, 35, Clarksville, TN; Possession of Open Alcohol Container, Failure to Maintain Lane, DUI - Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving Without a Valid License (Misdemeanor)

Gibson, Keambi Bwagilo, 30, Fort Valley, GA; Driving Under the Influence - Alcohol

Giles, Brian David, 43, Perry, GA; Illegal Possession of Controlled Substance

Golden, Melquan Jamal, 33, Perry, GA; Probation Violation (When Probation Terms are Altered) - Felony

Howard, Queshay Jamar, 29, Fort Valley, GA; Probation Violation (When Probation Terms are Altered) - Felony

Jones, Camron Tavon, 20, Warner Robins, GA; Driving While License Suspended

Jones, Scott Anthony, 50, Liveoak, FL; Possession of Amphetamine

Joyner, William Michael, 33, Byron, GA; Driving While License Suspended

Meister, Christopher Shane, 43, Byron, GA; Failure to Appear - Felony

Morgan, Frank Daryl Scott, 15, Thonotosassa, FL; Criminal Trespass, Public Drunkenness

Murphy, Bridgette Michelle, 35, Thomaston, GA; Illegal Possession of Controlled Substance

Partain, Leonardo Roseman, 39, Byron, GA; Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance, Tampering with Evidence - Felony

Reid, Eloise Maxine, 57, Warner Robins, GA; Speeding in Excess of Maximum Limits (State Speed and Zone Limits), Driving With Suspended License, Obstructing or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers

Reyes-Gonzalez, Martin, 40, Warner Robins, GA; Driving With Suspended License

Ricks, Jabrezah Yaneha, 27, Fort Valley, GA; Possession of Methamphetamine

Robinson, Patrick Davon, 25, Birmingham, AL; Speeding in Excess of Maximum Limits (State Speed and Zone Limits), Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance, Marijuana-Possess Less than 1 Oz.

Scott, Tammy Marie, 47, Centerville, GA; Possession of Marijuana, Failure to Exercise Due Care, Illegal Possession of Controlled Substance

Smith, Gabriel Deshion, 46, Fort Valley, GA; Expired or No Drivers License

Thompkins, Rabreuias Zaquan, 24, Fort Valley, GA; Probation Violation (When Probation Terms are Altered) - Felony

Warden, Donna Faye, 42, Jamestown, TN; Possession of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute

Wilson, Eric, 42, Macon, GA; Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance, Tampering with Evidence - Felony, Receipt, Possession or Transfer of Firearm by Convicted Felon or Felony First Offender

Worley, Heather Nichole, 46, Warner Robins, GA; Illegal Possession of Controlled Substance

Worsham, Shun Anthony, 23, Birmingham, AL; Marijuana-Possess Less than 1 Oz., Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance

## GA State Patrol Perry Arrests

Williams, Lauriyae Chloe, 22, Warner Robins, GA; Speeding in Excess of Maximum Limits (State Speed and Zone Limits), Reckless Driving

## Crawford County Sheriff's Office Arrests

Higgs, Shawn Kenneth, 34, Roberta, GA; Probation Violation (When Probation Terms are Altered) - Felony

# Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.net



## City of Fort Valley 2025 City Operating & Capital Budget Development Calendar

**Wed., July 24, 2024, 2pm** - Dept. Budget Worksheets due back to the City Administrator (Meetings will occur with Dept. heads as needed).

**Wed., August 7, 2024, 2pm** - Dept. Head, Finance, Economic Development, and City Administrator meet to go over proposed overall budget.

**Wed., August 7, 2024** - Advertise Public Hearings with the Leader Tribune.

**Tues., August 19, 2024, 2pm** - Budget/Millage Work Session with Elected City Officials.

**Thurs., August 22, 2024, 6pm** - Proposed 2025 Budget Public Hearing/Millage Rate Hearing

**Thurs., Sept. 19, 2024, 6pm** - Adoption of FY25 Budget

**Tues., Oct. 01, 2024** - The FY25 Budget goes into effect

## AUG. 07 FT VALLEY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at the Troutman House, 201 Oakland Heights Parkway, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030.

## TROJAN NATION TD CLUB

The time is drawing near when the 2024 football season starts. The Trojan Nation Touchdown Club is selling reserved parking for the upcoming season at a cost of \$125.00. This includes the four regular season home games plus any playoff game that we host. This offer is good as long as spaces are available. You can contact Nate Danielly at 478-957-1141 for more information.

## ATTENTION: VETERANS

Veterans who would like to get together for brotherhood, please meet for dinner at Mi Ranchito at 311-A Vineville St, Fort Valley, GA on 12 August 2023 at 6:30 p.m./1830. Please RSVP to Ernest Cooling by emailing ecooling79@gmail.com. If further information is needed, please call me at (478) 955-8850.

## FORT VALLEY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - BOARD MEETING

The Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority meets 1st Tuesday every month at 6pm, located at Troutman House Conference Room, 201 Oakland Heights Parkway, Fort Valley, GA 31030. Visit our website for more information: <http://fortvalleymainstreet.org>

## PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSIONS

The Peach County Board of Commissioners holds Work Sessions\* on the first Tuesday of each month at 5pm in Commission Chambers located at 213 Persons Street in Fort Valley.

Regular Meetings\* are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm in Commission Chambers located at 213 Persons Street in Fort Valley.

The Board also conducts Public Hearings to consider zoning requests at 6:30pm during regularly scheduled monthly meetings. \*Scheduling may differ due to holidays and unforeseen circumstances. Prior notice will be given. Visit our website for more information: <https://www.peachcounty.net/board-commissioners.cfm>

## FT. VALLEY UTILITY COMMISSION

500 Anthoine St, Fort Valley. The Commission doors are open to customers from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

Public Work Session Meeting first Monday of every month at 4 p.m.

Regular Meeting every second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

## KIWANIS CLUB OF FORT VALLEY

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays every month, noon at Kay Center in Fort Valley. Kiwanis is a civic group focused on helping children, and community

service. Each week, members and guests enjoy lunch and a guest speaker who addresses a topic of local, state and sometimes even global interest. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and join one of America's oldest service organizations. See the Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley Facebook page for more information. (TFN)

## AUGUST 8 REGULAR MEETING, PEACH PUBLIC LIBRARIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES THOMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY, FORT VALLEY, GA

Regular Meeting Peach Public Libraries Board Of Trustees will meet on Thursday, August 8, 2024 At 5:15pm at Thomas Public Library, Fort Valley.

Peach Public Libraries Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday of February, April, June, August, October, and December at 5:15pm in the Meeting Room at Thomas Public Library, Fort Valley, unless otherwise specified.

## MIDDLE GEORGIA ART ASSOCIATION

"Flora" The exhibit will be on display June 21 - July 13 [www.middlegeorgiaart.org](http://www.middlegeorgiaart.org) MGAA Gallery, 2330 Ingleside Ave., in Ingleside Village. Gallery Hrs: Tues-Fri 12-5pm. Sat 12-3pm. 478-744-9557 Email: [middlegeorgiaart@bellsouth.net](mailto:middlegeorgiaart@bellsouth.net) Free and open to the public! (TFN)

## 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER APPLICATION

The Child Development Center is accepting waitlist applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents with children 6 weeks to 4 years old can apply. To request an application email [childdevelopmentcenter@fvsu.edu](mailto:childdevelopmentcenter@fvsu.edu), or pick up an application at the Child Development Center located at 1101 Carver Dr, Fort Valley, GA, Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm.

This is a developmentally appropriate program. The Center is open to FVSU students, faculty, staff and the community. For more information call 478-825-6236 or 478-825-6234.

## PEACH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Meets 4th Tuesday each month at 6:00pm. If anyone has school annuals of the past the Historical Society would like to have them. Donations welcome. Contact: [Lrgiles77@gmail.com](mailto:Lrgiles77@gmail.com) (TFN)

## THE PEACH COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

The Peach County Retired Educators Association will meet on the first Monday of each month at 2pm. The meeting will be held at Trinity Baptist Church 507 State University Drive. For further info. please contact Dr. Quintin Green (478)951-1911. (TFN)

## FIRST STEP LEARNING CENTER EARLY HEAD START

Now Enrolling Infants 6 Weeks Old to Under 36 Months. Call Now to Set up an Appointment. Enrollment Based on Eligibility. Call (478)825-0509, 406 Carver Dr., Fort Valley. First Step Learning Center Early Head Start in Partnership With Fort Valley State University. (TFN)

## ADDICTION COUNSELING

Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 800-431-1754 (TFN)

## BYRON AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

Byron Al-Anon meets on Monday mornings at 11 a.m. in the Old Byron School, next to the Byron Municipal Complex. Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Debbie Harrelson 478-714-9393 (TFN)

## THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS MIDDLE GEORGIA CHAPTER

We are a national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping bereaved parents by providing highly personal comfort, hope and support to every family experiencing the death of a child, a brother, sister or a grandchild and helping others to better assist the grieving family. We need not walk alone.

Byron meeting: 4th Thursday of every month: 7-9pm. Byron Baptist Church 100 W White Rd, Byron, Ga 21008.

NEW Macon meeting location for TCF: Rock Springs Church, 6601 Zebulon Rd, Macon, GA.

Please contact Chapter Leaders for more information: Karla Chidester - 478-954-4592, or Teresa Tompkins - 478-319-3526, or visit [www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org). (TFN)

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Narconon reminds families that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs is on the rise. Learn to recognize the signs of drug abuse and get your loved ones help if they are at risk. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. Narconon also offers free screenings and referrals. 800-431-1754 or [Prescription-abuse.org](http://Prescription-abuse.org) (TFN)

## BYRON LIONS CLUB

The club meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month, the first Thursdays of the month at Uncorked Event Center (behind Georgia Bobs) at 6:00PM, and the third Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM at Denny's. Anyone interested in participating is heartily invited to join us. For more information, please contact Lion Marlene Humphry at 478-918-3666, email at [mhumphry@cox.net](mailto:mhumphry@cox.net) (TFN)

## BYRON ROTARY CLUB

Meets every Wednesday at 8:00am at Denny's. (TFN)

## BYRON MAIN STREET DDA/CVB

Byron Main Street/ DDA/CVB meetings are the 1st Mondays of each month at 5:00 p.m., at Denny's. The CVB meetings are usually held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Byron Welcome Center at 5:00p.m. (TFN)

## BYRON TAX OFFICE

Opened Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am-5:00pm. Closed 12-1:00pm at the Byron Municipal Complex. All official regular meetings are in the Council Chamber at the Byron Municipal Complex, 401 Main Street, Byron, Georgia. (TFN)

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From The Archives

2004: 'Tax-free' a big hit

Foster Carson  
L-T summer intern

Merchants in downtown Fort Valley enjoyed the business boom that was created by the tax-free holiday.

"It always does great," said Vince Wright, manager of Maffets, about the tax-free holiday. Wright estimates the store sold three to four times as much merchandise during the holiday than they normally would.

Mary Green, assistant manager of Citi Trends, agrees. "It helps our sales a lot," she said. "It's a very good idea, especially for back-to-school." Green said Citi Trends had been getting extra stock in for the tax free holiday. "We're not gonna sell it all out, but we're gonna sell a lot of it," she said.

Wright said the tax-free holiday is comparable to the Christmas season and the college students' refund check season. "Everyone is in a buying mood," he said.

Marlyn Thomas, a worker at Maffet's said the store got some new items in two or three days before the holiday, including new Dickies clothing and two ever-popular shoes: Converse Chuck Taylor All-Stars and Nike Air Force Ones. She also said during normal business days only three staff members

would be working, but during the holiday all staff was working.

Most merchants agreed that Thursday was a slow day for business, but it really picked up on the weekend.

"Last year [on Friday], people were sitting in their cars waiting for us to open," said Thomas.

Even Papa's Pizza experienced an increase in sales during the holiday. Shaundra Mathis, a worker at Papa's, said the store was really busy on Friday. "We were going at it all day," she said. Mathis estimated the store was twice as busy as it is during normal business days.

All merchants did not see an increase in sales, however. At Peach Home Electronics and New York High Fashions, sales were completely unaffected. "They're gonna mostly hit the malls," said Melvin Postell at New York High Fashions. "It [the tax-free holiday] doesn't really affect me."

Judging from the reactions of most merchants and consumers, the tax-free holiday is a big hit. Maffets was even open from 1-6 pm on Sunday to let shoppers take advantage of the holiday. "And we're never open on Sunday!" said Wright.



WADE YODER  
LT COLUMNIST

These definitely feel like the dog days of summer, but hopefully, we are all getting our sun quota and a nice reserve of vitamin D built up (in our fat cells) before going into the fall season and flu season! Isn't it weird how the skin and lotion industry tries to convince us that we should avoid sun exposure by using their chemical-laden products?

The sun's ultraviolet light interacts with cholesterol in our skin to make vitamin D and since vitamin D is fat-soluble and can be stored in fat and our liver, this extra vitamin D that we build up during the sum-

Sun Fitness

mer, should help us through hibernation months of winter. Though it is called a vitamin, vitamin D is actually a hormone, and a body's shortage of this hormone has been linked to most chronic diseases we have today, and most of us know that hormonal imbalances can get a lot of things off track!

Our body was designed to interact in a positive way with the sun and with regular exposure; this can be one of nature's greatest gifts to our health! And with all the benefits it gives us, if our children got more of it, they probably would have immune systems more prepared to overcome the exposures when they start back to school.

We are advised now to use sunscreens for any part of our body (not covered with clothes), anytime we're exposed to the sun, whether it's between the house and the car, our drive to work, or even if we have a window in our office. Can you imagine how much sunblock could get used throughout the world, if everyone in it starts using sunblock lotions?

Most of us already know, that

too much of a good thing can be bad, and the sun is no different. Sunburn causes inflammation and chronic inflammation can lead to cancer of the skin. When we suddenly expose skin (that isn't used to being in the sun) to several hours of exposure, we are asking for problems.

Sun exposure is really no different than exercise, even though exercise is healthy, too much exercise can lead to inflammation of the joints and continued inflammation can lead to chronic diseased joint conditions. Chronic inflammation of our skin can lead to skin cancer.

Disclaimer: if there is going to be extended exposure that your skin is not used to, in my opinion, using a sunblock has value. I use a limited amount at times like this but only do it for protection from sunburn and not protection from a big dangerous thing overhead. The sun is good, sunburns are bad and the sooner we can figure that out, the better off we'll be!

Foods good for skin color: vitamin A rich foods are really good for healthy skin color, or-

ange foods such as (cantaloupe, sweet potatoes, orange and yellow peppers and apricots).

Foods good for skin protection: colorful compounds (carotenoids) from fruits and vegetables get deposited in the skin and protect us against sunburn and aging (oxidation) of the skin. These pigments and colors in plant life use the sun to build food and have their purpose in giving our skin good synergy with the sun as well.

Sunburn remedies: soak a clean towel in apple cider vinegar and lay it over the affected area, it will instantly soothe your skin and help the burn heal faster. You can also get in a tub of water, getting it as hot as you can, until you break a sweat, this will help release the heat that is trapped under your skin and help your skin break its fever. Anti-inflammatories such as ibuprofen and aspirin can also help relieve sunburn.

In a nutshell: regular skin exposure to the sun is like regular activity to muscle, it's healthy for it.

Lots Of Storms In This Week's Forecast

Charlie Harper  
Guest Columnist

As I write this column from Savannah Georgia, there's a lot of uncertainty in our world – locally, nationally, and internationally. Hurricane Debbie is making landfall along Florida's Big Bend area. The track keeps changing, but the forecast for rain inland through South Georgia and along the Georgia and South Carolina coasts points to potential rainfall and severe flooding.

The U.S. stock markets have yet to open for the week, but international markets are having their worst day in years. It's too early to use the word "crash," but the magnitude of the market correction is significant. The flood on Wall Street which began last week is one of selling.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Presidential race is more vexing than ever. In the last month we've seen one candidate get shot, one withdraw from the race and mostly disappear (while still holding the office) and a new candidate get appointed by party bosses. A Vice President selection is imminent. Democrats are publicly grappling with whether or not a popular governor of a swing state – Pennsylvania – will turn off base voters because of his "support for Israel". Those are air quotes added, as by now we all know that phrase is a euphemism for anti-Semitism.

Looking around the globe, we have a clearly stolen election in

Venezuela, whose chief exports to the United States are oil and refugees. We've issued strong statements, but not much more.

Our foreign policy is instead anchored at supplying weapons to Ukraine but then telling them not to use them in a way that upsets the country they're using them against. We're doing much of the same with Israel, with even more random restrictions. We don't want them to target the civilians which Hamas and Hezbollah hide behind, but we also seem upset when Israel quite successfully targets and eliminates top officials of these Iranian proxy terrorist organizations.

These all seem like real yet disjointed problems. Let me quickly try to tie them all together before I get on the road for an evacuation week in Atlanta. By then, we'll know how the storm has impacted Georgians and those across the Southeast, and how the markets in total have reacted to a sharp downturn to start the week.

It's the markets' reaction that may be the best predictor and barometer for the sum total of the above events. They can absorb blips here and there easily. Too much uncertainty at once, however, and there are real problems that turn perception into reality. Economics too often earns its moniker as "the dismal science".

Roughly 70% of the U.S. economy as measured by Gross Domestic Product is represented

by consumers and their spending. This part of the economy has held up quite well despite the Federal Reserve's attempt to quell inflation via restrictive (high) interest rates.

This is almost entirely due to the generous and consistent spending by upper income and wealthy consumers. Those living paycheck to paycheck have been struggling under the weight of inflation for at least the past year – with many not understanding or able to relate to the bright economic statistics posted monthly.

Those upper end consumers are now in for a shock – literally in economic terms and figuratively. If the markets have a significant and sustained pull-back, the psychological effect on upper income consumers will be real and material. Economists call this the "wealth effect" as consumers spend more freely when they feel wealthy. That's about to be tested.

When these same consumers start to feel like they can't predict the outcome of an election – and thus how their investments will fare under one administration or the other – they move to the sidelines. Do they want to invest in EV's or oil companies? If the answer is unclear, they sit on their hands until there's reasonable certainty.

Does war in the Middle East and Europe spread to South America or Taiwan? More uncertainty, more risk. More rea-

sons to pause spending.

While the potential national disaster affecting the Southeast will likely be contained regional event, the implications can also hit national financial markets. Insurance rate increases have been one of the most stubborn components of inflation. Florida and South Carolina already have some of the country's highest rates, and it's getting harder to get coverage in coastal areas anywhere in the country.

A catastrophic event and resulting claims could force these rates even higher – and push the country toward a period of stagflation. The last thing the Federal Reserve wants is for inflation to reignite while the economy shows real signs of slowing.

That's a lot to chew on to start the week. By the time you read this in print, some of the answers will already have begun to reveal themselves. Others will take more time.

For your own personal view on the above events, I urge you to look beyond the blips that occur day to day. We're a resilient people when we stay positive. Storms of life – real and metaphorical – will come and go. We deal with them and eventually move on.

Look beyond today's weather forecast. Sunny days lie ahead. Resolve to ride out whatever is thrown our way until we get a forecast that is more clear.

BY FOSTER CARSON - L-T summer intern

Merchants in downtown Fort Valley enjoyed the business boom that was created by the tax-free holiday.

"It always does great," said Vince Wright, manager of Maffets, about the tax-free holiday. Wright estimates the store sold three to four times as much merchandise during the holiday than they normally would.

Mary Green, assistant manager of Citi Trends, agrees. "It helps our sales a lot," she said. "It's a very good idea, especially for back-to-school." Green said Citi Trends had been getting extra stock in for the tax free holiday. "We're not gonna sell it all out, but we're gonna sell a lot of it," she said.

Wright said the tax-free holiday is comparable to the Christmas season and the college students' refund check season. "Everyone is in a buying mood," he said.

Marlyn Thomas, a worker at Maffet's, said the store got some new items in two or three days before the holiday, including new Dickies clothing and two ever-popular shoes: Converse Chuck Taylor All-Stars and Nike Air Force Ones. She also said during normal business days only three staff members

Shoppers downtown Fort Valley during tax-free holidays.

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What Do We Mean When We Talk About Tech?

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Guest Columnist

Whether measured by population or business, Georgia is one of the fastest growing states in the country. A big reason for that has been the cultivation of business-friendly policies that make the state an attractive destination for families, start-ups and established companies.

Recently, this has been especially true for the tech industry. While not quite at the level of Silicon Valley, Atlanta can be frequently found near the top of lists ranking cities for categories like tech innovation, talent pools, educational pipelines and successful startups.

To some observers, the influx of new businesses – and the novelty of the innovations that come with them – are exciting prospects, and it's just as exciting to see Atlanta getting into the mix.

The tech industry is constantly growing and changing, and there are many areas of science and business that fall under

"tech." Partly for that reason, Americans have mixed views on what is commonly referred to as Big Tech. For example, most Americans believe that social media companies wield too much power over politics, and that they have a general negative effect on the country.

Party affiliation outlines some splits on opinion polling, too. For example, most Republicans believe their views are unfairly censored or otherwise unsupported in comparison to liberal perspectives on social media. While Republicans tend to have a more negative view of social media than Democrats, Democrats poll as more in favor of government regulation of major tech companies.

A back and forth between optimism and wariness influences not only opinion polling, but public policy as well. Over the past few years, Georgia has illustrated the same dichotomy through its joining of federal antitrust lawsuits.

In 2020, when Republicans still held the White House,

Georgia joined 10 other states and the federal government in a lawsuit against Google. The suit claimed that the tech company had violated the Sherman Antitrust Act with its anticompetitive business practices. This year, Georgia joined 15 other states in a similar lawsuit against Apple. There have been several other antitrust lawsuits filed against tech companies over the past few years, but these examples involve recognizable companies, Georgia's involvement and notably, both the Trump and Biden Departments of Justice.

Both lawsuits, however, illustrate the philosophy through which some, including several attorneys general, are beginning to view tech. That is, tech companies are being targeted not for creating unfair monopolies, but because they are perceived as being too big, whether by market share, revenues or industry lobbying power.

As Reason Magazine has pointed out multiple times over the course of the slew of antitrust cases, this is a shift away from the

"consumer welfare standard," or the prioritization of considering whether customers are positively or negatively affected, that had been the norm in antitrust cases since the 1980s.

Now, the process is becoming expressly political. The case against Apple asserts that the company restricts and undermines developers that would make consumers less reliant on Apple products like the iPhone. In practice, the implication is that Apple must be compelled to cater to the needs of its competitors. Elizabeth Nolan Brown pointed out in a March article for Reason that this would be akin to the government ordering Target to make space in its store for street vendors or competitors like Walmart and Macy's to peddle their wares. This would no doubt create some benefit for consumers. It would also be completely ridiculous. Brown posits that one reason why people don't see the Apple case this way is because of the unique way

## Disputed Books of New Testament



**BILLY POWELL**  
Parables to Ponder  
COLUMNIST

The resurrection of Jesus, circa 30 A.D., set off a flurry of writings that later became the New Testament. Books deemed authentic had to be written by an apostle of Jesus—preferably eyewitnesses—and produced before the turn of the first century. The gospels of Matthew and John purportedly were written by the disciples of Jesus. Mark and Luke were written by associates of the apostles: Mark an interpreter of Peter and Luke a companion of Paul. Luke also authored Acts. Neither Mark nor Luke was an eyewitness of Jesus or His ministry. The Apostle Paul is credited with writing 13 of the 27 books of the New Testament. His encounter with the risen Lord—two years after the resurrection—prompted his

epistles to the early churches. The New Testament canon contains 27 books.

In the early Christian church, some books were accepted and some were rejected. The rejected books were called “Disputed Books.” Among the disputed books were Hebrews (authorship uncertain), James (not written by a disciple of Jesus; it advocated salvation by works in opposition to Paul’s doctrine of salvation by faith), II Peter (likely written by a student of Peter), II and III John (attributed to the unknown John the Elder, not the disciple John), Jude (includes a quotation from the rejected Book of Enoch), and Revelation (its unusual style and imagery, and its author thought to be John the Elder, not the disciple John).

It is important to know that none of the four gospels name its author; however, the early church assigned the names Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John as the most probable writers. Neither does the book of Acts identify its author, but church leaders ascribed the book to a non-Jewish physician named Luke who traveled with Paul.

Differences of opinion existed among the early church

fathers as to what books constituted inspired scripture. Origen (225 A.D.) rejected James, I and II John, II Peter, and Jude. Irenaeus (130-200 A.D.) did not recognize Philemon, II Peter, II & III John, Hebrews, and Jude. Origen (A.D. 230) excluded Hebrews, II Peter, II & III John, James, and Jude. The Muratorian Fragment, dated around A.D. 200, was discovered in Milan, Italy, by L.A. Muratori who published it in 1740. Its list omits I & II Peter, Hebrews, James, and III John. In the 16th century, Martin Luther excluded Hebrews, James, Jude, II Peter, II and III John, and Revelation. Although modern Lutheran churches consider the seven books previously excluded by Martin Luther as canonical, they impose the caveat that they are not equally inspired and should be used with caution.

However, the seven rejected books were canonized in 393 A.D. by an official church synod. All books included in the New Testament canon were written in the first century, allegedly by apostles or their associates, and produced within 25 to 65 years after Jesus’ resurrection.

## TECH

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tech is perceived.

It is also not true that Apple holds a monopoly over the smartphone market. Yes, the iPhone is popular and ubiquitous, but in the United States, it holds a market share of a little over 60%. Furthermore, it is actually Android that holds the majority market share worldwide at over 70%.

The case against Google makes a little more sense in that respect, as it holds about 90% of the global market share. However, that suit is an even starker example of how market perceptions and principles are uniquely warped when the market in question is tech.

A few weeks ago, we discussed maintaining principles of growth and optimistic policy when it comes to artificial intelligence. This is despite fears

of the future, from workforce replacement to plagiarism to killer robots. As we argued with AI, if people adhere to free market principles elsewhere, they should still apply them to tech. The case against Google is not born of free market values. It is consistent with textbook progressive policy of seeking to break up or otherwise hinder companies, not for the sake of consumers, but simply because they’ve gotten big.

What’s odd, then, is the trend of Republicans and other conservatives latching themselves to liberal, anti-market efforts like these. Indeed, Republican legislators have expressed support and Georgia was among many conservative-leaning states to join the DOJ in these suits.

Tech policy is always new and

is always changing by nature. It only makes sense that developments in the field will surprise and worry us. But just like with AI, we have the opportunity to frame how we want to view tech as an area of public policy. We apply market principles because market principles work. They make us richer, healthier, smarter and safer.

Georgia’s status as the best state for business, and as a rising tech hub, became so because of business-friendly and industry-attractive policies. While safeguards should be ensured, especially when it comes to newer issues like data privacy and internet safety, we should not jettison the principles by which we reach this point of advantage and prosperity. We should advance them in order to reach our full potential.

## ‘Low-intensity’ residential growth biggest threat to Georgia farming

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Single-family residential subdivisions built on large lots are gobbling up Georgia’s farmland at an alarming rate, the head of a nonprofit land preservation group said Tuesday.

The Peach State lost about 2.6 million acres of farmland and 2 million acres of forest between 1974 and 2016, Katherine Moore, president of the Georgia Conservancy, told members of a state Senate study committee. Most of that acreage has been turned into “low-intensity” residential properties, single-family homes scattered on large lots across former farmland, she said.

“Our land is a limited resource,” Moore said. “We have to think how to grow sustainably.”

Moore’s testimony came during the first meeting of the Senate Study Committee on Preservation of Georgia’s Farmlands, which the Senate formed this year to look for ways to slow the loss of farmland by helping farmers make a decent living pursuing the state’s No.-1 industry.

“We’ve got to find ways to ensure our farmers are successful,” Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture Tyler Harper said. “We

do that by making farm families successful.”

Moore said Georgia’s current population of 11 million is expected to increase to 13.5 million by 2050.

Current growth has been uneven across the state, she said, with some areas where population growth has exceeded the increase in developed land and others where the loss of farmland has outstripped the increase in population.

The rapid growth of “solar farms,” farmland dedicated to vast fields of solar panels, has been a factor in the loss of agricultural land, eating up 30,000 acres by 2021, Moore said. But that’s far less than the impact construction of low-density residential subdivisions has had on available agricultural acreage, she said.

Moore said local governments should focus on land-use decisions that curb the spread of low-intensity residential development

Others suggested more needs to be done to help financially struggling Georgia farmers resist the temptation to sell off their farms to developers.

Harper cited steps the state already has taken to incentivize farmers to stay on the land. The Georgia Farmland Conservation Act the General Assembly passed last year established a \$2 million state fund to pay

farmers willing to guarantee preserving their properties as farmland.

This year, the legislature passed a bill prohibiting foreign adversaries or their agents from acquiring Georgia farmland.

“These are the types of things that can help us move the ball in the right direction,” Harper said.

Sen. Russ Goodman, R-Cogdell, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee and a farmer by trade, said farmers also face other challenges much broader in scope, including corporate consolidation of farms, overregulation, and unfair trade practices by foreign competitors.

Harper added inflated farm input costs and declining commodity prices to the list of challenges making it difficult for farmers to earn a profit.

“We’re asked to do more with less every day,” he said. “At some point, more with less doesn’t work anymore.”

Sen. Billy Hickman, R-Statesboro, the study committee’s chairman, said the panel will hold additional hearings this summer and fall across the state before meeting at the Georgia Capitol in November to finalize recommendations. The committee is due to issue a report by Dec. 1.



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Guest preachers will load their trunk, vault and chest with goods from somewhere between Genesis and Revelation. Services start each evening at 7:00pm.

**Monday, August 19, 2024:** Pastor Cole & Mt Olive CME Church will bring a trunk of goods.

Mt Olive & Choir, Horton Chapel Baptist, St. John A.M.E., Cool Spring Baptist, Spring Hill Baptist, St. Peter A.M.E., Central Union.

**Tuesday, August 20, 2024:** Bishop Ezell & Deliverance Outreach will bring their vault of securities.

Deliverance Outreach & Choir, Mt Calvary Baptist, Macedonia CME, Zellers Chapel Fbc, Shiloh Baptist, Bethel Baptist, Richland Baptist.

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Also, we invite the participation of children in our Godly Girls and Champs Ministries. Godly Girls, ages 8-15, meets Wednesday at 5 pm; Champs on Thursday at 6 pm. in Church Annex. Transportation is available. We look forward to having you join us soon!

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## Georgia launches online voter registration cancellations

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - The Georgia Secretary of State’s office has launched a new web portal to allow voters to cancel their registration online.

The site - cancelmyregistration.sos.ga.gov - lets voters who are moving or opting out of voter registration to notify their county registrar that they want their registration canceled.

“This is a convenient tool for any voter who wants to secure

their voter registration by canceling their old one when they move out of state,” Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said Monday.

“It will also help keep Georgia’s voter registration database up to date without having to rely on postcards being sent and returned by an increasingly inefficient postal system.”

Once voters who wish to cancel their registration access the site, they will be asked to provide identifying information such as a drivers license or Social Security number. County

voter registration officials will receive a notification through the GARViS system to remove the voter from the rolls.

Raffensperger said he will provide a secure link to closing attorneys and realtors in Georgia so that canceling an out-of-date voter registration will be part of the moving process.

“We do voter list maintenance in Georgia every day,” he said. “This is one more method that’s convenient for voters and efficient for election officials.”

# Trump goes after Harris, Kemp at Atlanta rally

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief

## Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Former President Donald Trump attacked Vice President Kamala Harris, his presumptive Democratic opponent, at a weekend rally in Atlanta while criticizing Gov. Brian Kemp for refusing to overturn Georgia's 2020 presidential results.

In a rousing 90-minute speech to cheering supporters, Trump assailed Harris as a "California socialist" who has failed to secure America's borders in her role as the White House's "border czar."

"Ninety-four days from now, we're going to win the great state of Georgia in an epic landslide," Trump declared during Saturday's rally at the Georgia State University Convocation Center, the same venue where Harris had led a rally four days earlier. "We're going to evict this radical incompetent administration from the White House."

Seizing upon the immigration issue, Trump pledged to make the nation's borders secure again, as they were he was president.

"On Day One, we will seal the border, stop the invasion, and send the illegal aliens back home," he said.

Trump also addressed violent crime in Georgia and America, a key theme of his campaign ads, and tied it to illegal immigration. Specifically, he cited the murder last February of Laken Riley, a 22-year-old nursing student who was killed while jogging on the University of Georgia campus in Athens. A 26-year-old Venezuelan man allegedly in the country illegally has been charged with the crime.

"Kamala Harris let in a savage monster who murdered Laken Riley," Trump said. "Laken's blood is on Kamala Harris' hands."

Trump also criticized fellow Republican Kemp for refusing to call a special session of the General Assembly to address allegations of election fraud after Democrat Joe Biden narrowly defeated Trump in Georgia four years ago. Dozens of court rulings in Georgia and other states found no widespread fraud.

On Saturday, Trump accused Kemp of being disloyal after then-President Trump endorsed Kemp in his first run for governor in 2018.

The former president also went after GOP Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, who refused to help Trump "find" 11,780 votes in an infamous phone call early in January, 2021.

"The two of them are doing everything possible to make 2024 difficult for Republicans to win," Trump said.

Trump's running mate, U.S. Sen. JD Vance, R-Ohio, preceded Trump to the podium, echoing Republican campaign ads attacking Harris as too liberal to appeal to American voters.

"America is never going to elect a San Francisco liberal who is so far out of the mainstream," Vance said.

The Democratic National Committee (DNC) put out a press release in advance of the rally accusing the Trump-Vance ticket of pushing an "extreme agenda" that voters will see through.

"Vice President Kamala Harris is the only candidate in this race who is prioritizing Georgia's working families and fighting to restore Georgians' reproductive freedom in the wake of a draconian abortion ban only made possible by Trump," DNC spokesperson Cameron Niven said.

It looks like voters will get a chance to compare the two candidates on the same stage. While final details have yet to be worked out, Trump said he is open to debating Harris.

# Harris rallies her troops in Atlanta

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief

## Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Vice President Kamala Harris brought her newly minted presidential campaign to Georgia Tuesday night, promising to build up the middle class and daring former President Donald Trump to debate the issues.

In a 20-minute speech to a roaring crowd of supporters at the Georgia State University Convocation Center in downtown Atlanta, Democrat Harris characterized Republican Trump's bid to return to the White House as a campaign of the past and described her effort as a campaign of the future.

Calling out Project 2025, a playbook for Trump's second term developed by the conservative Heritage Foundation, Harris accused the former president of planning to cut Medicare and Social Security, give tax breaks to billionaires that would raise taxes on middle-class families, repeal the Affordable Care Act then-President Barack Obama steered through a Democratic Congress more than a decade ago, and enact a nationwide abortion ban.

"America has tried those failed policies before, and we're not going back!" she said.

In contrast, Harris pledged to defend voting rights and women's right to choose and fight gun violence by pushing Congress to pass legislation requiring background checks and

banning assault weapons.

Harris, a former prosecutor and California attorney general, attacked Trump's criminal record in what already has become a familiar theme since she stepped forward to declare her candidacy just nine days ago when President Joe Biden dropped out of the race.

"I took on perpetrators of all kinds, predators who abused women, fraudsters who ripped off consumers, cheaters who broke the rules for their own gain, so hear me when I say, 'I know Donald Trump's type,'" she said.

The crowd followed immediately with chants of "Lock him up! Lock him up!" in a reprise of the chants Trump supporters aimed at Hillary Clinton, his Democratic opponent in 2016.

Harris also took on Trump on the issue of immigration, accusing the former president of intervening to kill immigration reform legislation that had the backing of Democrats and even conservative Republicans.

"He tanked the bipartisan bill because he thought it would help him win an election," she said. "Donald Trump does not care about border security. He only cares about himself."

The Republican National Committee, responding to Harris' visit to Georgia, turned the tables on the immigration issue, accusing Harris of failing to solve the problem in her role as "immigration czar" for the Biden administration.

"If she really cared about Georgia,

she would end the border bloodbath that led to the brutal murder of Laken Riley, who was killed at the University of Georgia," RNC Chairman Michael Whatley said. "A vote for dangerously pro-criminal Kamala is a vote for another four years of soft on crime and open border policies that are making our communities around the country less safe."

Harris chastised Trump for waffling over a previous commitment to a second debate in September, a pledge he made back when the presumptive Democratic nominee was Biden, who Trump trounced in the first debate last month in Atlanta. She noted that Trump and Republican running mate J.D. Vance have been highly critical of her.

"As the saying goes, 'If you've got something to say, say it to my face,'" she said, addressing Trump directly.

Harris acknowledged that she's the underdog in the race, even though she has pulled closer to Trump in Georgia and a handful of other battleground states since Biden abandoned the campaign.

"We have our work cut out for us," she told the crowd. "But when we fight, we win!"

Georgia will remain the focus of the presidential contest as July turns to August. Trump and Vance are scheduled to address a rally Saturday inside the same venue on the Georgia State campus.

# State Senate committee formed to protect women's sports

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief

## Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - A newly formed state Senate committee will look to ensure that female athletes have the right to participate on an even basis with their males counterparts.

Republican Lt. Gov. Burt Jones, the Senate's presiding officer, announced Thursday the creation of the Georgia Senate Special Committee on the Protection of Women's Sports.

"We will not stand idly by while radical politicians, athletic associations, schools, and higher education institutions push policies threatening this right," Jones said. "I created

this committee to investigate policies athletic associations, schools, colleges, and universities have implemented regarding the protection of women's sports."

State policy makers already have been active on the issue. The Georgia High School Athletic Association's executive committee voted two years ago to ban transgender athletes from participating on school sports teams that align with their gender identity rather than their birth gender.

The committee acted after the General Assembly's Republican majorities passed election-year legislation authorizing the association to impose the transgender athletes ban.

Supporters argued that allowing transgender males to compete in girls' sports gives them an unfair advantage over girls born female because transgender males tend to possess both greater strength and speed.

Legislative Democrats, transgender students and their parents countered that the policy discriminates against a group of students who already are victims of prejudice. They cited above-average suicide rates among transgender teens.

The new committee will include seven Republicans and two Democrats. The panel will have until Dec. 15 to issue findings and recommendations.

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#### QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must provide a valid Georgia drivers license.
2. Desirable to have at least a Georgia Class 3 Water Treatment License or have one within one year of employment.
3. Must have high school diploma or General Education Degree (GED).
4. Must have own transportation to and from work.
5. Ability to use an intermediate level of problem solving to deal with non-routine situations.

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION

### TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024, an election will be held at the regular polling places in all the election districts of Peach County, Georgia ("the County"), at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the county for their determination the question of whether a one percent special purpose local option sales and use tax (the "SPLOST") shall continue to be imposed on all sales and uses in the special district created in the County for a period of six (6) years for the raising of approximately \$39,355,000 for the purpose of funding capital outlay projects ("the Projects") specified in the form of the ballot set forth below.

### COUNTY ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX

( ) Yes Shall a special one percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district of Peach County for a period of time not to exceed six (6) years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$39,355,000 for the purpose of funding the following capital outlay projects:

( ) No

(A) PEACH COUNTY PROJECTS: Road, Street, and Bridge purposes including Paving and Drainage; Public Safety Facilities, Vehicles, and Equipment; Parks and Recreation Development and Improvement; Capital Improvements to Public Buildings; Code Enforcement Facilities and Equipment.

(B) MUNICIPAL PROJECTS – CITY OF FORT VALLEY: Steets and Sidewalks Projects and Improvements; Water and Sewer Projects and Improvements; Public Works Facilities and Equipment; Capital Improvements to Public Buildings; Public Safety Facilities, Vehicles, and Equipment.

(C) MUNICIPAL PROJECTS – CITY OF BYRON: Roads, Street, & Drainage Purposes; Water and Sewer Projects and Improvements; Public Safety Facilities, Vehicles, and Equipment; Capital Improvements to Public Buildings; Cultural, Historical, and Recreational Projects."

All qualified voters desiring to vote in favor of continuing the tax shall vote "Yes" and all qualified voters opposed to continuing the tax shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of imposing the tax then the tax shall be imposed beginning April 1, 2027, or the earliest date authorized by law.

# Legals

## Legal Advertising Information

Legal advertisements are published each Wednesday in The Leader Tribune newspaper, the designated legal organ of Peach County and the City of Fort Valley, City of Byron.

For information concerning billing, please contact The Leader Tribune at (478)-825-2432. Notices cancelled after 12:00 Noon on Friday will be billed for insertion in that edition.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA IN THE INTEREST OF: A.B., SEX F, AGE 1, DOB 01/2023, CASE #111-2024J-060 CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, TERRANCE HOUSTON (putative father); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO ALAETRICE BENNETT

You are notified that a Petition for Non Reunification was filed against you in said court on 7/19/24, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 07/18/24.

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Peach County Juvenile Court, held at Peach County Courthouse, Fort Valley, Georgia on 09/10/24 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. for a hearing, and on 10/8/24 at 9:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Peach County Juvenile Court Clerk.

WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, this 19th day of July, 2024.

Phillis L. Ballew  
DEPUTY CLERK, CRAWFORD COUNTY COURT  
7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 2024  
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STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF PEACH

### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Albert L. Maine to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Counseling Services, Inc., its successors and assigns dated March 30, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 379, Page 96, as last modified in Deed Book 570, Page 434, Peach County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$74,411.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, September 3, 2024, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 75, 5TH LAND DISTRICT, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 23, BYRON ESTATES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY ED ST. JOHN, GRLS NO: 722, DATED JANUARY 2, 1968, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 176, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2003, HORTON, MIRAGE III, MANUFACTURING HOUSING UNIT WITH SERIAL NUMBER OF H179809GLR, WHICH WAS FORMERLY PERSONAL PROPERTY BUT IS NOW PERMANENTLY ANNEXED AND AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LAND AS A PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT. Said property is known as 581 Peach Road, Byron, GA 31008, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor.

The property is or may be in the possession of Albert L. Maine, successor in interest or tenant(s).  
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Albert L. Maine  
File no. 16-063067  
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP\*  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 130  
Atlanta, GA 30346  
(770) 220-2535  
https://www.logs.com/  
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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Date of Publication: August 7, 2024  
Georgia Housing and Finance Authority  
60 Executive Park South, NE Atlanta, GA 30329-2231 (404) 679-4840

On or after August 27, 2024, the City of Byron will submit a request to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the release of HOME Investment Program funds under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Title II of Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 as amended, to undertake the following project:

**Tier 1 Broad Review Project/ Program Title: City of Byron, CHIP 2024-102**

**Purpose: To provide single family, owner-occupied housing rehabilitation.**

**Location: Scattered sites in the City of Byron, Georgia**

**Project/Program Description:** City of Byron will rehabilitate up to eight (8) single family, owner occupied homes within Byron, Georgia. Tier 2 site specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known.

**Level of Environmental Review Citation:** Rehabilitations of buildings and improvements are Categorical Excluded per 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i), and subject to laws and authorities at 58.35(3)(i) when the following conditions are met: In the case of a building for residential use (with one to four units), the density is not increased beyond four units, and the land use is not changed.

**Tier 2 Site Specific Review:** The site specific reviews will cover the following laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review: 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C (Explosive and Flammable Hazards) and Subpart D (Airport Hazards); Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]; Clean Air Act, as amended, and 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93, 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2) (Contamination and Toxic Substances); Endangered Species Act of 1973 and 50 CFR Part 402; Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 and 7 CFR Part 658; Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988 and 24 CFR Part 55; National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and 36 CFR Part 800; Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended; by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978 and 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B; Wellands Protection Executive Order 11990; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968; and Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898

**Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):** Compliance with various laws, authorities and written strategies will be documented and listed in the Tier 2 Site Specific Review project file and if required mitigation measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts and/or permits, development agreements, and other relevant documents will be obtained from the issuing governmental agency. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measure should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

**Estimated Project Cost: Total HUD funding: \$500,000.** Total anticipated project cost: \$525,100. The activity/activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR Part 58.35(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at DCA located at 60 Executive Park South, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329 and is available for public review and may be examined and or copied by appointment only on weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Byron. All comments received by August 26, 2024, will be considered by the City of Byron prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Byron certifies to DCA that Michael Chidester, in their capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The approval of DCA certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Byron to use HUD HOME funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Byron certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the

City of Byron; (b) The City of Byron has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) at [chip@dca.ga.gov](mailto:chip@dca.ga.gov). Potential objectors should contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Michael Chidester, Mayor, Certifying Officer  
City of Byron  
401 Main Street  
Byron, Ga. 31008  
8/7/2024  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

ESTATE NO. 3805

IN RE: ESTATE OF MINNIE JOHNSON, DECEASED

PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE

TO: MARTHA LOCKETT, WALTER JOHNSON, CELINDA TURNER and to whom it may concern: DIANE JOHNSON NORWOOD has petitioned for DIANE JOHNSON NORWOOD to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of MINNIE JOHNSON, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 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 AUGUST 28, 2024.

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 your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court  
By Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court  
PO BOX 327, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
478-825-2313  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

ROCQUEL BAKER, Petitioner,

v. CASE NO. 23-V-0258

SAB INVESTMENTS, INC., SARAH BOATRIGHT SPOONER, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service), ALL THE WORLD and TRACT OF LAND IN PEACH COUNTY KNOWN AS TAX PARCEL 055A036. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 9-11-4(f)(1)(B)

TO: SAB Investments, Inc., Sarah Boatright Spooner, The United States of America (Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service), and any and all persons claiming any interest in and to the following described real property:

By Order of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia for service by publication dated July 24, 2024, you are hereby notified that on July 11, 2023, the plaintiff filed a petition to quiet title against a tract known and designated as Lot 12, George Town Addition Subdivision, in Land Lots 3 and 4 of the Fifth Land District of Peach County, Georgia, containing 0.34 acres, more or less, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 24, Pages 282-283, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court, further described as Tax Map & Parcel 055A036. Said petition also names as defendants SAB Investments, Inc., Sarah Boatright Spooner, The United States of America (Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service), and All The World.

You are required to file with the clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon petitioner's attorney, Michael L. Chidester, 111 Georgia Highway 49 N, P. O. Box 1704, Byron, Georgia 31008, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of July 24, 2024. Be further advised that you will lose all rights, interests, and claims which you should or could be entitled to make or assert within this action to the subject property, as a matter of law, and you

will receive no further notice nor be entitled to such notice.

Witness, the Honorable Kenneth R. Smith, Judge, Peach County Superior Court, this 24th day of July, 2024

/s/ Sherry Gonzales, Clerk  
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Incorporation Notice - These are notices concerning a business which is to be incorporated with the office located in Peach County. Related incorporation notices can include an intent to dissolve a corporation, a name change of the corporation and mergers of a corporation. These notices typically run two weeks at a cost of \$40.00.

Driving Under the Influence - State law requires publication of a picture and a brief notice of anyone convicted in Peach County of a third Driving Under the Influence charge. The fines and related matters of settlement are included. The fee for these

ads is \$25 each. These ads run one time and typically come from the Peach County State Court or the Municipal Court of incorporated cities.

Juvenile Matters - This broad category can include notices such as adoption, custody, juvenile court actions and contemporary custody. These matters frequently run from two to four times, depending on the order. Some of these issues come from the Peach County Juvenile Court, others from the Peach County Probate Court.

Domestic Matters - These include notices for change of name and for divorce. When one of the parties cannot be located locally. Both of these items run four times.

Notice of Sale or Foreclosure Notice - These notices typically run the four Wednesdays prior to the first Tuesday of the month when the sales are held at the Peach County Courthouse in Fort Valley. The fee for these notices is \$15 per 100 words per insertion.

Publisher's Affidavit fee is \$10.

By: Katrina Corbin/Clerk of the Probate Court.  
205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF VIRGIL H. THOMAS, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-6951

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: SARA MAE HAYMONS, has petitioned for SARAMEAE HAYMONS to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of VIRGIL H. THOMAS, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, water of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 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 August 14, 2024.

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 your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court  
By Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030  
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### PUBLIC AUCTION - VEHICLES

Underwood's Towing, Inc. will sell the following vehicles at public auction pursuant to Georgia Statute 40-1-9 through 40-11-1 at 9:30 A.M. August 12, 2024 at the office of Insurance Auto Auctions, 2200 Trade Drive, Macon, GA 31217. The vehicle(s) are damaged and not in operable condition.

2005 FORD F150, 1FTRF-12285NA05550  
2015 NISSAN ROGUE, JN8AS5M-VFW768322  
1998 FORD EXPLORER, 1FMZU32P4WZC8591  
1997 CHEVROLET C/K 1500 SERIES, 2GCEK19R8V1197888  
2004 NISSAN SENTRA, 3N1CB-51D24L915563  
2013 KIA RIO, KNAD-M4A31D6176108  
2002 NISSAN ALTIMA, 1N4AL11D92C256213  
2010 FORD EXPEDITION, 1FMJU-1H54AE64136  
2007 HONDA ACCORD, 3HGC-M56437G706346  
2007 SUZUKI XL7, 2S3DB717776106979  
2012 FORD EDGE, 2FMDK3KC-4CBA29522  
2006 MERCEDES-BENZ E CLASS, WDBUF56JX6A831939  
2007 TOYOTA CAMRY, 4T1BE46KX7U681180  
2013 KIA OPTIMA, KNAG-M4A75D538114  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF TIMOTHY DAVID MCCOY, JR., DECEASED

ESTATE NO: 2024-ADM-6954

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: TIMOTHY DAVID MCCOY, SR., has petitioned for TIMOTHY DAVID MCCOY, SR., to be appointed administrator of the estate of TIMOTHY DAVID MCCOY, JR., 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. § 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 AUGUST 21, 2024.

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 your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
205 West Church St, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
478-825-2313  
Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court

Witness, the Honorable Kenneth R. Smith, Judge, Peach County Superior Court, this 24th day of July, 2024

/s/ Sherry Gonzales, Clerk  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF TIMOTHY DAVID MCCOY, JR., DECEASED

ESTATE NO: 2024-ADM-6954

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: TIMOTHY DAVID MCCOY, SR., has petitioned for TIMOTHY DAVID MCCOY, SR., to be appointed administrator of the estate of TIMOTHY DAVID MCCOY, JR., 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. § 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 AUGUST 21, 2024.

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 your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
205 West Church St, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
478-825-2313  
Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

CIVIL ACTION CASE NUMBER 24-V-0257

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF LAURIE ALISON TREMBLAY-LUTHER, PETITIONER.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

Laurie Alison Tremblay-Luther filed a petition in the Peach County Superior Court on July 11, 2024, to change the name from: Laurie Alison Tremblay-Luther to Laurie Alison Tremblay. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

Dated: July 11, 2024  
7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 2024  
3074

### IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF: JUVENILE FILE #7316-J

J.B., SEX M, AGE 13, DOB 08/2011, CASE #111-2024J-046

J.B., SEX M, AGE 10, DOB 05/2014, CASE #111-2024J-047

J.B., SEX M, AGE 8, DOB 11/2015, CASE #111-2024J-048

S.H., SEX F, AGE 4, DOB 12/2019, CASE #111-2024J-049

L.L., SEX F, AGE 16, DOB 04/2008, CASE #111-2024J-050

CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, SOLOMON HILLMAN and LESLAY LAIDLER, AND ANY OTHER PARTY CLAIMING TO HAVE A PARENTAL INTEREST IN SAID MINOR CHILDREN

will receive no further notice nor be entitled to such notice.

Witness, the Honorable Kenneth R. Smith, Judge, Peach County Superior Court, this 24th day of July, 2024

/s/ Sherry Gonzales, Clerk  
8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 2024  
3109

ads is \$25 each. These ads run one time and typically come from the Peach County State Court or the Municipal Court of incorporated cities.

Juvenile Matters - This broad category can include notices such as adoption, custody, juvenile court actions and contemporary custody. These matters frequently run from two to four times, depending on the order. Some of these issues come from the Peach County Juvenile Court, others from the Peach County Probate Court.

Domestic Matters - These include notices for change of name and for divorce. When one of the parties cannot be located locally. Both of these items run four times.

Notice of Sale or Foreclosure Notice - These notices typically run the four Wednesdays prior to the first Tuesday of the month when the sales are held at the Peach County Courthouse in Fort Valley. The fee for these notices is \$15 per 100 words per insertion.

Publisher's Affidavit fee is \$10.

### DREN BORN TO VONTRICSA KELLY.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the above styled action seeking the termination of the parental rights of the parents of the named child was filed against you in said Court on 7/19/24 by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 07/18/24;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Peach County, Georgia, in Fort Valley, Georgia, on the 13th day of August, 2024 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. for a status hearing (attorney appointment only) and on the 10th day of September, 2024 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. The second hearing is for the purpose of determining whether your parental rights should be terminated. The effect of an order terminating parental rights under O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-284 is without limit as to duration and terminates all the parent's rights and obligations with respect to the children and all rights and obligations of the children to the parent arising from the parental relationship, including rights of inheritance. The parent whose rights are terminated is not thereafter entitled to notice of proceedings for the adoption of the children by another, nor has the parent any right to object to the adoption or otherwise to participate in the proceedings.

A copy of the petition may be obtained by the parents from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court at Peach County Courthouse, Fort Valley, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 o'clock am until 5:00 o'clock p.m. exclusive of holidays. A free copy shall be available to the parent. Upon request, the copy will be mailed to the requester - parents or alleged parents only. The children are in the present physical custody of the Petitioner, the Peach County Department of Family and Children Services. The general nature of the allegations is termination of the parental rights.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED That while responsive pleadings are not mandatory, they are permissible and you are encouraged to file with the Clerk of this Court and serve upon Petitioner's attorney, James E. Patterson, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029-1006 an answer or other responsive pleading within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court.

## LEGALS

### CONTINUED FROM 7A

com/StarLaundry . Physical copies can also be viewed at the Fort Valley Public Library, 315 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Fort Valley, GA 31030. 8/7/2024 3111

### LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing, with public comment heard, will be held by the Peach County Planning Commission on a zoning map amendment request for +/-40.08 acres known as tax parcel number **053A 024 located at 188 Holt Road, Byron, GA.** The request is to subdivide 3 parcels equaling 5.66 acres and rezone the properties to R-1 (Low Density Residential) District for the purpose of selling those lots for the construction of single family dwellings. The property is currently zoned R-AG (Agricultural Residential) District. The hearing will be in the Public Meeting Room of the Board of Commissioner's Office located at 213 Persons Street in Fort Valley on August 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Recommendation from the Planning Commission will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on September 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm during the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

The re-zoning application for this parcel is on file and available for review. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

7/31, 8/7, 2024 3092

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**IN RE: Estate of Nellie C. Mull, Deceased**

All creditors of the Estate Nellie C. Mull, deceased, late of Peach County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the Administrator named below according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to said Administrator. Demands and payments may be sent to counsel for the Administrator, Michael L. Chidester, Attorney, P.O. Box 1704, Byron, Georgia 31008 This 31st day of July, 2024. Angela D. Harvey Administrator 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 2024 3107

### LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing, with public comment heard, will be held by the Peach County Planning Commission on a zoning map amendment request for +/- **234.5 acres known as tax parcel number F06D 001 located at the corner of US Hwy 341 and Wolfolk Road, Fort Valley, GA.** The request is to subdivide 2 acres and rezone the property to C-2 (General Commercial) District for the construction of a gas station.. The property is currently zoned R-1 (Low Density Residential) District. The hearing will be in the Public Meeting Room of the Board of Commissioner's Office located at 213 Persons Street in Fort Valley on August 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Recommendation from the Planning Commission will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on September 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm during the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

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7/31, 8/7, 2024 3094

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF ALEXIS NICOLE SCRIVENS DECEASED**

**ESTATE NO: 2024-ADM-6959 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

LORYETTE SCRIVENS has petitioned for LORYETTE SCRIVENS to be appointed administrator of the estate of ALEXIS NICOLE SCRIVENS, 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. § 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 AUGUST 21, 2024.

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### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM

[REF. O.C.G.A., Section 48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO: JAMES TAYLOR OR HIS UNKNOWN ESTATE REPRESENTATIVE OR UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW; GEORGE ADAMS OR HIS UNKNOWN ESTATE REPRESENTATIVE OR UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW; SANDRIA SMITH, AS EXECUTOR OF THE GEORGE ADAMS ESTATE; NATALIE NEWTON OR HER UNKNOWN ESTATE

REPRESENTATIVE OR UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW; EVELYN THOMAS; RUDY THOMAS; ALL PARTIES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING OF RECORD IN PEACH COUNTY ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST IN, OR LIEN UPON 000 CARVER DRIVE, FORT VALLEY, GA, INCLUDING ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;

RE: FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46) Take notice that:

The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after September 6, 2024, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

All that certain tract, lot, or parcel of land situate and lying in Land Lot 200, Ninth (9th) Land District, Peach County, Georgia, containing 5.843 acres, same being known and designated as "Parcel 1" on a plat of survey made by Thomas W. Futral, III, R.L.S. dated October 24, 1972, recorded in Plat book 9, Page 137, Peach County records, which plat and the record thereof is herein referred to for any and all purposes. Being commonly known as 000 Carver Drive according to the present system of numbering properties in Peach County, and also being known as tax parcel number 011B 043 per the maps and records of the Peach County tax assessor and tax commissioner. TOGETHER WITH all right, title, and interest running with the above-described property; and TOGETHER with all rights, members, privileges and appurtenant easements

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated December 3, 2002, and is recorded at Deed Book 267, Page 3 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia. This notice also constitutes a demand for possession of the property described herein on and after the foreclosure date and time set out above in the event the property is not timely redeemed. That a party is named in this notice is not determinative that such party has a legal right to redeem.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

Alan Brebner c/o John Coleman, Esq. Coleman Law, LLC 675 Seminole Avenue, Suite 302 Atlanta, Georgia 30307 404.974.4537 Please be governed accordingly.

07/31/2024, 08/07/2024, 08/14/2024, 08/21/2024 3098 (88095)

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF ROY W. DEANE, DECEASED**

**ESTATE NO: 2024-ADM-6958 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: DERRICK E. DEANE & DILLON R. DEANE, ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

SHARON D. SCHOLDER has petitioned for SHARON D. SCHOLDER to be appointed administrator of the estate of ROY W. DEANE 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. § 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 AUGUST 28, 2024. 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 your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. 205 West Church St, Fort Valley, GA 31030 478-825-2313 Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court By: Katrina Corbin/Clerk of the Probate Court 205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030 478-925-2313 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 2024 3088

### Notice of Self Storage Sale

**Please take notice FreeUp Storage - Fort Valley located at 1091 Peach Parkway, Fort Valley, GA 31030** intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The public sale to the highest bidder will occur at an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 8/21/2024 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Bobbie Ellison unit #124A; Stephanie Josey unit #177B; Shabresha Towns unit #300D; Taira Daniely unit #309D; Billy Little unit #407E; Constance Williams unit #705. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. 7/31, 8/7, 2024 3091 L2L- 50216

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS & PRICE PROPOSALS

for **CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SERVICES**

For Construction of **East Peach Water Reclamation Facility Ft. Valley Utility Commission Ft. Valley, Georgia** Fort Valley Utility Commission is seeking Proposals from qualified firms interested in providing Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) services for a project known as **East Peach Water Reclamation Facility in Ft. Valley, Georgia (the Project)**. The Project includes a new 1.1 MGD wastewater treatment facility on a green field site which the CMAR will provide Preconstruction and Construction Phase Services in collaboration with the Engineer and Owner.

Sealed Proposals for construction of the project entitled East Peach Water Reclamation Facility will be received until 2:00 PM, August 21, 2024 at the Ft. Valley Utility Commission Offices located at 500 Anthonio St., Ft. Valley, GA 31030, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. No Proposal may be withdrawn after the closing time for the receipt of Proposals for a period of sixty (60) days. Complete digital proposal documents are available at www.QuestCDN.com. You may view the digital documents for free by entering the Quest project number 9221605 on the website's project search page. The fee to download the digital documents is \$200 (non-refundable) payable through the website. A proposal will not be considered by the Owner unless the Proposer is on record with Quest/ESG Engineering, Inc. as having purchased and received complete Proposal Documents. Please contact QuestCDN customer support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading and working with digital project information. Any other questions can be directed to the issuing office, ESG Engineering, Inc. Margaret Hildebrand at mhildebrand@esgengineering.com or 478-474-4996 ext. 239.

**A Pre-proposal Meeting and Site Visit** will be held on Friday, August 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ft. Valley Utility Commission Offices (500 Anthonio St., Ft. Valley, GA 31030). This meeting is **MANDATORY**. At the meeting, the owner's representative will offer information about the project and the procurement process. Those who attend the pre-proposal meeting will have the opportunity to tour the property following the meeting to familiarize themselves with site conditions and constraints.

The Commission will assume no responsibility for representations or understandings concerning conditions made by its officers or employees unless included in this request for proposal. Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated using a best-value selection process described within the RFQ/RFP document. At the completion of the evaluation process, Ft. Valley Utility Commission will select a proposer to award, or enter into negotiations for award a CMAR Contract. Proposers should provide a letter from its surety company confirming the ability of the proposer to provide a performance bond in the amount of \$40,000,000. Successful proposers shall also provide the Commission with proof of insurance with the appropriate limits as required in the General Conditions and instructions for RFQ submittal. All proposers must comply with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Sec. 13-10-91, and must register and participate in the federal work authorization program (also known as E-Verify (www.uscis.gov/everify)). A contractor must submit the required affidavit BEFORE ANY BID IS CONSIDERED. A form affidavit shall be provided with the bid package. The primary contractor is responsible for providing bonds, insurance and e-verify documentation on all sub-contractors. Ft. Valley Utility Commission, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations, hereby notifies all proposers that it will affirmatively ensure that in regards to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award. The General Contractor and all Sub-contractors shall ensure that employees and employment applicants are not discriminated against because of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin. Proposals will be evaluated using a multi-step process. The first step is to evaluate "proposal" submissions. Factors to be considered in the evaluation process include: transmittal, company profile, project staff and personnel, project references, project approach and fee schedule. This step will result in a "shortlist of qualified firms." During the evaluation process, the selection committee and the Commission reserve the right, when it may serve the Commission's best interest, to request information or clarification from proposers or to allow corrections of errors or omissions. Once the "short list" is compiled, the second step is to evaluate "cost proposal" which should have been submitted at the same time in a separate sealed envelope. The firms shortlisted will be invited to interview with the committee. Your submittal must have a signature in its "original form". Firms should submit one signed hard copy and four electronic copies in a PDF format on individual USB drives. The Cost Proposal must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope at the time proposals are submitted. No proposal may be withdrawn for a period of (90) ninety days after time has been called on the date of opening. The Commission reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and use any idea(s) in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected. The Commission shall have the right to waive any informality or irregularity in any proposal received. The Commission shall reserve the option to reject any or all proposals, in whole or part, or to select any Construction Management firm to complete the described Work. Award of the Contract will not be solely based on low bid, but also on quality, references and other subjective criteria as the Commission may deem necessary and determine at its sole discretion. The proposer expressly understands that his proposal may be

rejected by the Commission for any reason without liability on the part of the Commission to the Undersigned Bidder. No inquiries or interpretation of meaning concerning this Request for Qualifications and Price Proposal will be made to any interested party orally. All inquiries or requests for interpretation must be submitted in writing to Margaret Hildebrand, via email at mhildebrand@esgengineering.com The deadline for submitting questions is Friday, August 12th, 2024. All questions and all answers to those questions will be presented as an addendum. Ft. Valley Utility Commission Clay Walker, General Manager

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY** Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Kwashuwn S Barber and Andrea Callaway to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company LLC, its successors and assigns, dated June 30, 2022, recorded in Deed Book 681, Page 233, Peach County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Guild Mortgage Company LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 726, Page 290, Peach County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$220,924.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in September, 2024, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

Guild Mortgage Company LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Guild Mortgage Company LLC, PO BOX 85304, San Diego, CA 92186, 800-365-4441. Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

**To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Kwashuwn S Barber or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 142 Hawks Ridge Trace, Byron, Georgia 31008. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.**

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Guild Mortgage Company LLC as Attorney in Fact for Kwashuwn S Barber and Andrea Callaway McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Land Lots 10 and 11, Fifth Land District, Peach County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 109, Hawks Ridge Subdivision, Phase 1, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 26, Page 44, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes. Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions and rights of way of record, if any. Address under current system of numbering: 142 Hawks Ridge Trace, Byron, Georgia. MR/mac 9/3/24 Our file no. 24-15050GA - FT17 08/07/2024, 08/14/2024, 08/21/2024, 08/28/2024 3100 (90361, 24-15050ga)

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF DOROTHY M. HAITH, DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**Re: Estate of Dorothy M. Haith** All creditors of the Estate of Dorothy M. Haith, deceased, late of Rockingham County, North Carolina, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to me. This 17th day of July, 2024. Tara Tourville, Esq. Attorney for Estate of Dorothy M. Haith 446 S. Houston Lake Road Warner Robins, GA 31008

(478)333-6502 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 2024 3083

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**STATE OF GEORGIA HOUSTON COUNTY**

All persons having claims against Annie S. Hicks and her estate are required to present the same to the undersigned, properly itemized and proven, within the time required by law. And all persons indebted to said deceased, or her estate, are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 23rd day of July, 2024. Darrell K. Hicks, Executor Attorney: Patrick C. Smith, Jr. 349 Margie Drive, Ste. 120 Warner Robins, GA 31088 Estate of Annie S. Hicks 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 2024 3104

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE UNDER POWER

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Carroll D. West and Alice Marie West to Eleanor F. Brown, dated May 27, 2020, and recorded in Deed Book 622, Pages 386-393, in the records of the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Fifty-nine thousand Eight hundred dollars and 00 /100 cents (\$59,800.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale, on September 3, 2024, the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 5 of the Sixth (6th) Land District of Peach County, Georgia, and being known and designated as part of Lot 2 and all of Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block "B" of the subdivision of the lands of Mrs. M. E. Richardson's Estate, as shown on a plat thereof, and recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 106, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court, which plat by reference thereto is incorporated herein for a more complete and accurate description of said property. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. This sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

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**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, GEORGIA IN THE INTEREST OF: J.B., SEX F, AGE 13, DOB 11/2010, CASE #039-24J-034 CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, DIOCLEUT LUMPKIN (putative father); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO ALAETRICE BENNETT**

You are notified that a Petition for Dependency was filed against you in said court on 07/25/24, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 7/23/24.

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Crawford County Juvenile Court, held at Crawford County Courthouse, Knoxville, Georgia on 8/1/24 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. for a hearing, and on 10/3/24 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Crawford County Juvenile Court Clerk. WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, this 25th day of July, 2024.

7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 2024 3103

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All creditors of the estate of WILLIE J. HAMMOCK deceased, late of Peach County are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me, Bettie Hammock as Administrator for the Estate of Willie J. Hammock, c/o Attorney: Tim J. Thompson, 1900B Northside Crossing, Macon, GA 31210, 478-471-9900. 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 2024 3085

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**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, GEORGIA IN THE INTEREST OF: J.B., SEX F, AGE 13, DOB 11/2010, CASE #039-24J-034 CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, DIOCLEUT LUMPKIN (putative father); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO ALAETRICE BENNETT**

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7/31, 8/7, 2024 3093

### LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing, with public comment heard, will be held by the Peach County Planning Commission on a zoning map amendment request for +/- 234.5 acres known as tax parcel number F06D 001 located at the corner of US Hwy 341 and Wolfolk Road, Fort Valley, GA. The request is to subdivide 3 acres and rezone the property to C-2 (General Commercial) District for the construction of a gas station.. The property is currently zoned R-1 (Low Density Residential) District. The hearing will be in the Public Meeting Room of the Board of Commissioner's Office located at 213 Persons Street in Fort Valley on August 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Recommendation from the Planning Commission will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on September 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm during the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The re-zoning application for this parcel is on file and available for review. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

7/31, 8/7, 2024 3095

(478)333-6502 7/24, 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 2024 3083

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**STATE OF GEORGIA HOUSTON COUNTY**

All persons having claims against Annie S. Hicks and her estate are required to present the same to the undersigned, properly itemized and proven, within the time required by law. And all persons indebted to said deceased, or her estate, are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 23rd day of July, 2024. Darrell K. Hicks, Executor Attorney: Patrick C. Smith, Jr. 349 Margie Drive, Ste. 120 Warner Robins, GA 31088 Estate of Annie S. Hicks 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 2024 3104

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE UNDER POWER

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Carroll D. West and Alice Marie West to Eleanor F. Brown, dated May 27, 2020, and recorded in Deed Book 622, Pages 386-393, in the records of the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Fifty-nine thousand Eight hundred dollars and 00 /100 cents (\$59,800.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale, on September 3, 2024, the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 5 of the Sixth (6th) Land District of Peach County, Georgia, and being known and designated as part of Lot 2 and all of Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block "B" of the subdivision of the lands of Mrs. M. E. Richardson's Estate, as shown on a plat thereof, and recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 106, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court, which plat by reference thereto is incorporated herein for a more complete and accurate description of said property. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. This sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

Guild Mortgage Company LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Guild Mortgage Company LLC, PO BOX 85304, San Diego, CA 92186, 800-365-4441. Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

**To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Kwashuwn S Barber or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 142 Hawks Ridge Trace, Byron, Georgia 31**

## Emergency blood shortage: Red Cross supply drops 25%

### Donors urged to give as extreme heat, travel plans threaten already low blood levels

**Contributed by Red Cross of Georgia**  
Macon, GA (August 5, 2024) — The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces dangerous levels of heat and people head out for final summer travel plans. Since July 1, the Red Cross national blood supply has fallen by more than 25%, and blood donors of all types, especially those with type O blood, are urged to give as soon as possible to help patients receive lifesaving medical care.

Heat impacted almost 100 blood drives in July in nearly every state where the Red Cross collects blood — compounding other seasonal obstacles to blood donation, such as travel and summer activities. Together these factors contributed to a shortfall of more than 19,000 blood donations in July. At the same time, hospital demand for blood products remains strong. Blood products are being sent to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. Right now, type O inventory is so low, distributions of this vital blood type are reduced below what hospitals count on.

“It’s critical hospitals have both type O positive and O negative blood ready to go for patients in the most life-threatening situations,” said Dr. Eric Gehrie, executive physician director for the Red Cross. “Type O is especially important for victims of accidents and other trauma who are receiving

emergency treatment. Now is the time for donors of all blood types to give and ensure hospital shelves can be restocked before any impact to patient care.”

The Red Cross is working with hospitals around-the-clock to meet the blood needs of patients — but can’t do it alone. To make an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you, those who come give blood, platelets or plasma Aug. 1-31, 2024, will get a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Help.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Aug. 5-31:

- Peach Byron**  
8/6/2024: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Byron United Methodist Church, 103 West Heritage St.
- 8/19/2024: 2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Harmony Community Church, 3085 Housers Mill Rd Fort Valley
- 8/30/2024: 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Grace Pointe Church, 570 Woolfolk Rd.

## Aug. 11 (8/11) Reminds Georgia Residents To Contact 811 Before Digging To Protect Themselves And Their Communities

**Contributed**  
Duluth, GA (Aug. 1, 2024) — August 11 is almost here, and Georgia 811 hopes that the 8/11 date on the calendar will serve as a natural reminder for residents to contact 811 prior to any digging project to have underground utility lines marked. Every few minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first contacting 811, which can lead to utility outages, expensive repairs or catastrophic consequences.

When contacting 811, homeowners and contractors are connected to Georgia 811, the statewide 811 center, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of their intent to dig. Professional locators then arrive at the digging site to mark the approximate locations of underground lines with flags and/or spray paint. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, requires contacting 811 to ensure underground utilities have been marked before digging.

Striking a single utility line can cause repair costs, inconvenient outages, fines, severe injuries and can even cause fatalities. Every digging project warrants contacting 811 by phone or online. From building a deck to planting a tree, every digging project requires a free 811 request at least a few days before breaking ground.

“On Aug. 11 and throughout the year, we remind homeowners and professional contractors alike to use the free 811 service before digging to reduce the risk

of striking an underground utility line,” said Meghan Rafniski, President and CEO of Georgia 811. “Calling 811 or submitting a ticket at Georgia811.com is the only way to know which utilities are buried in your area so that you can dig safely and keep your community safe and connected.”

On August 11, and all year long, take the following steps when planning a digging project:

- Always contact 811 at least

three business days before digging, regardless of the depth or familiarity with the property.

•Plan ahead. Make a free 811 request on Monday or Tuesday for work planned for an upcoming weekend, providing ample time for the approximate location of lines to be marked.

•Confirm that all lines have been marked.

•Consider moving the location of the project if it is near utility line markings.

•If a contractor has been hired, confirm that the contractor has contacted 811. Don’t allow work to begin if the lines aren’t marked.

Visit [www.Georgia811.com](http://www.Georgia811.com) for more information about 811 and safe digging practices.

## State lawmakers mulling switch of university system to quarters

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia lawmakers are having second thoughts about switching the University System of Georgia from a quarter to a semester system back in 1999.

A state House study committee will begin meeting soon to take a fresh look at whether both the university system and the Technical College System of Georgia — which moved to semesters in 2011 — should switch back to quarters.

“There’s no preconceived outcome here,” said Rep. Chuck

Martin, R-Alpharetta, chairman of the House Higher Education Committee and a member of the study committee. “It’s just to assess the situation and some of the things that could be impacted if we were to change this. ... We know some significant work would have to go on.”

When the switch from quarters was made, arguments in favor of going with a semester system included aligning Georgia’s university system with the approximately 70% of the nation’s colleges and universities operating on semesters. That made transfers within and across systems easier.

Greater administrative efficiencies and reduced administrative costs also were anticipated.

But a quarter century later, legislative leaders say they see a downside to semesters.

“The conversion from the quarter system to the semester system has resulted in longer terms with more classes and fewer graduation cycles,” according to the language of a resolution the House passed unanimously in March to create the study committee. “Some question whether semesters are the better option for students or for workforce development.”

The ramifications a quarter system could have for Georgia’s workforce shortages is a key driver in the decision to revisit whether to switch back to quarters. The current semester system leads to two graduating classes each year, while a quarter system would yield at least three, thus getting graduating students into the workforce faster.

“An expeditious path to en-

tering the workforce is an important consideration for those looking to graduate from one of our fine institutions of higher learning, as well as those looking to hire those graduates,” Rep. Shaw Blackmon, R-Bonair, told the website State Affairs in June. Blackmon couldn’t be reached by Capitol Beat this week.

Switching from semesters to quarters couldn’t be accomplished overnight.

Martin said complications that would have to be worked out include how to coordinate the university and technical college systems’ quarters with Georgia’s high schools, which would continue to operate on the semester system.

University system administrators also would have to figure out how to handle the Christmas holiday break, which would occur during the middle quarter rather than between the first and second semesters, Martin said.

“There’s a lot of moving parts,” he said.

Besides Blackmon and Martin, the House study committee will include three other lawmakers: Reps. Mike Cheokas, R-American; Ginny Ehrhart, R-Marietta; and Stacey Evans, D-Atlanta.

The panel also will include Ashwani Monga, the university system’s executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, selected last month to serve as interim president at the University of West Georgia; and Ray Perren, deputy commissioner for technical education at the Technical College System of Georgia.

### NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Peach County Board of Education has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 7.19%.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Board of Education Office, 900 Campus Drive, Fort Valley, GA on the following dates:

- Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 14.5 mills, an increase of 0.972 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 13.528 mills.

The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$145.80 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$125,000 is approximately \$121.50.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Peach County Board of Education, does hereby announce that the M & O millage rate for 2024 will be established at a Called Board Meeting to be held at the Peach County Board of Education Offices, located at 900 Campus Drive, Fort Valley, Georgia, on August 22, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. 48-5-32, do hereby publish the following presentation of the current year’s tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

Current 2024 Tax Digest and 5-Year History of Levy

County School	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Real & Personal	773,240,165	807,002,234	823,331,729	976,113,104	1,098,491,704	1,244,745,902
Motor Vehicle	18,137,380	12,226,250	14,558,790	14,031,190	14,437,110	13,651,850
Mobile Homes	3,230,082	3,869,041	3,716,902	4,847,033	12,785,924	5,050,476
Timber - 100%	675,461	289,851	270,778	474,136	285,125	984,287
Heavy Duty Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gross Digest	795,283,088	823,387,376	841,878,199	995,465,463	1,125,999,863	1,264,432,515
Less M & O Exemptions	-114,336,752	-117,467,671	-118,435,071	-128,273,482	-140,815,144	-154,624,031
Net M & O Digest	680,946,336	705,919,705	723,443,128	867,191,981	985,184,719	1,109,808,484
Gross M & O Millage	17.073	16.902	17.255	16.819	14.500	14.500
Less Rollbacks	-0.171	-0.083	-0.436	-2.340	0.000	0.000
Net M & O Millage	16.902	16.819	16.819	14.479	14.500	14.500
Net Taxes Levied	11,509,355	11,872,864	12,167,590	12,556,073	14,285,178	16,092,223
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Net Taxes \$ Increase(Decrease)	508,790	363,509	294,726	388,483	1,729,106	1,807,045
Net Taxes % Increase(Decrease)	4.63%	3.16%	2.48%	3.19%	13.77%	12.65%

\*Represents amount billed not collected.

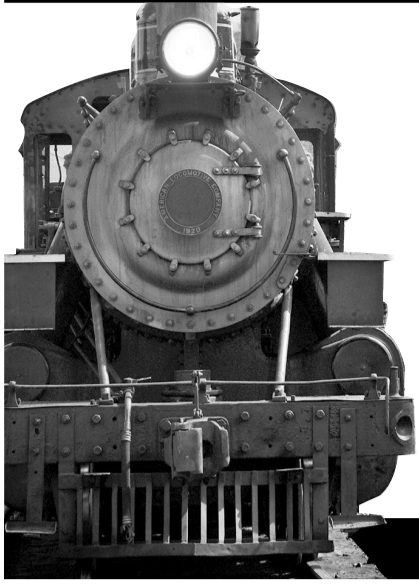
\*Net taxes levied does not take into account 2.5% collection fee 402,306

### AMENDED NOTICE

The Peach County Board of Commissioners does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, GA on August 13TH, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year’s tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

### CURRENT 2024 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

COUNTY WIDE		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
C o u n t y w i d e	Real & Personal	733,240,165	807,002,234	976,113,104	1,098,491,704	1,244,745,902
	Motor Vehicles	18,137,380	12,226,250	14,031,190	14,437,110	13,651,850
	Mobile Homes	3,230,082	3,869,041	4,847,033	12,785,924	5,050,476
	Timber - 100%	675,461	289,851	474,136	285,125	984,287
	Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
	Gross Digest	795,283,088	823,387,376	995,465,463	1,125,999,863	1,264,432,515
	Less Exemptions	95,932,020	99,816,698	109,774,764	109,774,764	134,305,064
<b>NET DIGEST VALUE</b>	<b>699,351,068</b>	<b>723,570,678</b>	<b>885,690,699</b>	<b>1,004,208,631</b>	<b>1,130,127,451</b>	
R A T E	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	17.9970	18.2463	16.2586	16.7974	17.1649
	Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	3.5267	3.9071	3.8176	4.6114	4.1749
	<b>NET M&amp;O MILLAGE RATE</b>	<b>14.4703</b>	<b>14.4030</b>	<b>12.4410</b>	<b>12.1860</b>	<b>11.3820</b>
T A X	<b>TOTAL M&amp;O TAXES LEVIED</b>	<b>\$10,119,820</b>	<b>\$10,421,588</b>	<b>\$11,018,878</b>	<b>\$12,237,286</b>	<b>\$12,863,111</b>
	Net Tax \$ Increase	\$482,121	\$301,769	\$597,290	\$1,218,408	\$625,824
	Net Tax % Increase	5.00%	2.98%	5.73%	11.06%	5.11%



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# 2024 Summer League Season Books Closed



Youth Boy's League 2024 SL Champions, Primerica Financial Services with Coach Lamorius Everett.

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On 25 July, the Tiny Tikes completed their Summer League (SL) season. SL was proud to showcase the first of its kind Tiny Tikes Instructional League in Fort Valley. The League was structured to have ten minutes of instructional time before each game to teach the four and five year old players the fundamentals of basketball. Immediately following the instructional time, there was the actual game where they learned the basic aspects of 5-on-5 team play. After five weeks of instruction, much improvement in their abilities and confidence could be seen as many were dribbling to the basket instead of running with the ball to the basket, most were attempting lay-ups and a few of the more eager tikes were even attempting to dunk the ball. They were the sparkle of the entire League and many fans came just to watch them. They were so cute and refreshing.

The SL's three-day single elimination playoff tournament, reminiscent of the NCAA's "March Madness", began on Wednesday,

31 July for the remaining two Leagues, the Youth Girls and Youth Boys. As expected, the playoffs were the pinnacle of excitement for the entire season. After two days of hard fought, give-everything-you-got contests, on Saturday, 3 August, the 2024 SL Championship Day, six teams had made their way to the top of the heap and were ready to battle for their respective titles. Youth Girls: MGA Thunder and City of Fort Valley #2, Youth Boys (Division #1): RJ Electrical and City of Fort Valley #3, and Youth Boys (Division #2): Fantastic Smiles and Primerica Financial Services [the higher seed is listed first]. As usual, the girls brought the energy and tenacity while the youth boys brought the excitement and a bit more fundamentals. The glimpses of future greatness were evident in each possession. The packed stands of fans were really into every moment of every game and having loads of fun, as evident by their cheers at great plays, the fist bumps and high fives, the boo's at the referees calls and the claps at good hus-

tle plays on both sides. There was also one very anxious parent in the stands exhorting the kids while pacing back and forth during the entire Youth Boys Division #2 game. In the end, two number three ranked teams stood in the middle of the floor hoisting trophies. The 2024 H. E. Bryant Summer League Champions in the Youth Girls League was MGA Thunder, with Coach Henderson and in the Youth Boys Division #2 bracket was Primerica Financial Services with Coach Lamorius Everett. Unfortunately, the Youth Boys Division #1 game was halted before a winner could be determined.

All in all, the 2024 SL season was another great success! Under the orchestration of Mrs Holly Wiggins again this year, the League flourished. Nineteen teams initially signed up from Crawford County, Houston County, Taylor County, as well as Peach County. With an average of ten (10) players per team, that's approximately 190 youth positively engaged, building self-esteem, develop-



Youth Girl's League 2024 SL Champions, MGA Thunder with Coach Henderson.



Tiny Tikes Instructional League, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and St Peter AME Church (missing team - Brown Family Practice)

ing teamwork skills, and learning sportsmanship behaviors all while having fun expanding their basketball knowledge. That screams success to us and we, the Summer League staff, wish to publicly thank Holly for all her energy, ideas, and diligent hard work. We enthusiastically look forward to her as Coordinator of the H. E. Bryant Summer Basketball League again next year.

The SL staff is also humbly aware that we could not have

accomplished this monumental event without the cooperation of so many gracious people who donated their time and talent, in addition to other contributory organizations and local businesses, and most importantly, the kids. We especially wish to thank the sponsors listed below for supporting our vision and financially advocating for the youth of Fort Valley and the surrounding areas.

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