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Mexican Independence Day Celebration A Success Despite The Rain



Stage performances.

Photo Zoe Hammond



Mexican dancers in traditional wear.

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By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – Despite the on-and-off downpours, Downtown Fort Valley was awash with bright colors, festive music, and happy faces at the Mexican Independence Day Celebration. The celebration

took place on Friday, Sept. 13 in Downtown Fort Valley, with the festivities lasting from 6 to 11 p.m.

The evening consisted of various performances ranging from multiple forms of dancing to lasso spinning. Later in the evening, multiple pinatas were hung up for the children to take

a chance at breaking the candy inside.

This year the event was throughout the downtown area, compared to last year which

was primarily focused around the gazebo. There were numerous strings of Papel Picado (tissue paper cut with elaborate designs) with cut-out standees

for families and friends to take pictures. For younger children, there were a couple of bouncy

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Fort Valley's Project Wildcat Focuses on Promoting Education



Photo Zoe Hammond

Belinda Baker, CEO of Fort Valley Youth Center of Excellence, and Dr. Michael Edwards, a board member of the Center speaking to Fort Valley State University Students.

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – A new opportunity to improve education has opened up in Fort Valley. The Fort Valley Youth Center of Excellence and Fort Valley State University have entered into a partnership called Project Wildcat. This new partnership kicked off on Thursday, Sept. 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Fort Valley Youth Center of Excellence.

The goal of this new partnership will be to provide educational activities, programs, mentorship, and recreational

opportunities for Fort Valley Youth Center of Excellence children while also providing opportunities for FVSU education students to work directly with children to utilize the training and skills taught in their courses within the FVSU College of Education and Professional Studies.

To start, the partnership will have FVSU students visiting once a week for roughly two hours. Depending on how well the partnership between the two goes, they may increase the time that the college students are present at the center. There are also opportunities for college



Photo Zoe Hammond

Dr. Kermelle Hensley, Executive Director of Strategic Academic Partnerships and Engagement of FVSU speaking to students of this unique partnership.

students to fully volunteer with the center. A background check is required of all applicants.

Belinda Baker, CEO of Fort Valley Youth Center of Excellence, is excited to see what this new partnership with FVSU will bring to the facility.

"I'm truly excited, because this is what I always desired to do. Our name is the Fort Valley Youth Center of Excellence and that is the whole goal, to provide the best that we can offer to our students in the community of Peach County," Baker said. "We've got the university partaking in helping with our

curriculum and it's not only going to help our students, it also will help our staff and teachers here. They're learning and they're gonna gain experience watching them lead a classroom and creating changes. So, they'll be getting experience as well as children."

Baker explained that the goal of the Fort Valley Youth Center of Excellence is to help produce productive adults, and she believes this partnership will further that goal.

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Byron Policeman Indicted On Aggravated Assault Charge In Shooting

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

BYRON, Ga. – A Byron police officer was indicted last Friday on charges of aggravated assault and violation of his oath of office. This incident is in connection with the shooting and wounding of a Gainesville man last October.

The formal accusation against Byron police officer Ryan Carroll, 32, came as a surprise as there was no documentation of public outcry about improper actions on the officer's part.

The incident occurred last fall when a Gainesville man stole a vehicle out of Atlanta. Kory Karpich, 37, was arrested on methamphetamine possession charges as well as other alleged crimes including fleeing and eluding police, obstruction, and theft.

Following the incident, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) conducted an independent investigation and would later turn their findings

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Peach Commissioners Reappoint Members to Assessors, Development Authority

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – The Peach County Board of Commissioners has appointed and reappointed members to both the Board of Assessors and the Peach County Development Authority in their September board meeting. These motions were made after a brief executive session.

The commissioners have reappointed Randy Gordon and appointed Jim Woodham to the Board of Assessors. Woodham

will be taking Wayne Lettice's spot on the board. Following that, the commissioners then re-appointed Tate Redick and Mike Huckabee to the Peach County Development Authority.

Concerning new business, Procurement Manager Janet Smith had three requests, all of which were approved by the commissioners. The first was a request to Freeze the Small Equipment & Capital Budget. The second and third requests were regarding approval of the Transit 5307 and Transit 5311 (Rural) Authoriza-

tion Resolution and Transmittal Letters.

Next, Public Works Director Bobby Cowart stepped forward to discuss the Waste Management Consumer Price Index Adjustment which was a CPI adjustment of 4.5% which will be effective as of Oct. 1, 2024.

Following that, County Administrator/County Clerk April H. Hodges was asking for the commissioners to sign a letter of support for the City of Fort Valley and Fort Valley State University in their co-application

for the 2024 U.S. Department of Transportation Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant, which the board agreed to.

Regarding appearances, Chief County Marshal Todd Shepherd introduced the new Animal Control Supervisor, Jessica McAbee. Next, Mark Anthony, CEO of Southeastern Food Bank, spoke of his partnership with the Matthews Scipio Impact Center and the new renovations and improvements to the facility.



U-Save-It Pharmacy Named Work-Based Learning Business of the Month



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Byron Location. Back Row L to R: Daryl Reynolds, Renee Newcomb, Matt Callahan. Front Row L to R: Lindsey Bryan, Paul Dossett, Joey Hinson, Lara Davis, Wade Yoder.

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Peach County High School and its work-based learning program has named U-Save-It Pharmacy in Fort Valley and Byron as Business of the Month for September. U-Save-It Pharmacy em-

plloys several current and former Peach County High School students. Mr. Joey Hinson, work-based learning coordinator at Peach County High School believes that this partnership between work and school is mutually beneficial. "Students get their first opportunity to get out into the com-



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Fort Valley Location. Back Row L to R: Crystal Butler, Kelli Peavy, Joey Hinson. Front Row L to R: Autumn Avant, Aamiyah Hankins, Maria Valencia, Lara Davis, Wade Yoder.

munity, work, earn income, and learn valuable real world skills", Hinson says. "Businesses benefit by increasing their visibility in the community through education as well as being able to train students to their specific standards and expectations."

If your business would be interested learning more about partnering with Peach County High School and the work-based learning program, please contact Mr. Hinson at Peach County High School.

Peach Board of Education Unveils 2024/2025 District Art Calendar



Photos Contributed by Amy Sanders, Admin. Assistant to the Superintendent
The Students and Teachers Involved in creating the 2024/2025 District Art Calendar.

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. - The Peach County Board of Education recognized the students who contributed artwork in the

2024/2025 District Art Calendar in their September board meeting.

Coordinator of Fine Arts Cathy Heller stepped to the podium and recognized the many stu-



Photo Contributed by Amy Sanders, Admin. Assistant to the Superintendent
The students, teachers, and community members recognized by Fort Valley Middle School.

dents who participated in this year's calendar. For those interested in purchasing the calendar, it can be purchased at the Peach County High School's School Store or online at the Trojan Trading Post on PCHS's website for \$10.

The students who have contributed artworks include Alejandro Sanchez Hernandez of Byron Elementary, Lorlie Lewing of Byron Middle, Calliejo Buttrom of Byron Middle, Brayleigh Brice of Byron Elementary, Presley Lynn of Byron Elementary, Ximena Bustamante of Peach County High, Sofia Latham of Kay Road Elementary, Rebecca Griggs of Peach County High, Gabby Dennis of Peach County High, Ava Butler of Peach County High, Mason Davidson of Peach County High, Wyatt Bowden of Fort Valley Middle, Wendy Avila of Fort Valley Middle, Gerardo Lupian of Fort Valley Middle, Fernando Lorea of Fort Valley Middle, Brentley Tomlinson of Hunt Elementary, Aiden Hawkins of Hunt Elementary, Armand Vedrine of Hunt Elementary, Noel Martin of Hunt Elementary, Kyng Rousseau of Kay Road Elementary, and David Gales of Kay Road Elementary.

Principal Kizzy Johnson of Fort Valley Middle School first recognized Pastor Jordan Poole from Hope Church for his contributions that allowed FVMS to provide free breakfast and lunch to the teachers. Next, she recognized Valeria Landeros for her academic excellence having the highest average at a 98.94 average in FVMS.

Following that, Principal Johnson recognized students Kaylei Evans and Kaylani Johnson who are the Captain and Co-Captain of the new softball program. Lastly, she recognized the Peach County School District's 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year, Charvez Holmes. Lastly, the board approved three action items. First was the acceptance of the Financial Year 2025 Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Grant. Second, was the approval of the Capital Outlay Project Application which focuses on renovations and modifications for the Byron Middle Facility. Third, was the approval of purchasing two MicroBird buses, with each bus meant to provide transportation for required curricular, extra-curricular, and athletic field trips, which will allow non-CDL drivers to transport students.

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over to the Bibb Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office for review. The case has been reviewed by a Peach County grand jury.

Body camera footage of the incident showed that during the altercation, after the use of the taser was ineffective, Carroll fired ten shots into the vehicle. Karpich was injured in the shooting but survived. According to the GBI, Karpich then led police on a chase into neighboring Bibb County, where he later crashed and was apprehended.

An arrest warrant for Carroll is expected to be issued in the coming days.

This is a developing story and The Leader Tribune will provide more information as it becomes available.



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

Crapps, Sharon Melissa, 45, Macon, GA; Failure To Appear
Curry, Zantravious, 33, Cordele, GA; Probation Violation
Eugene, Christopher Richard, 20, Hampton, GA; Probation Violation
Hoges, Willie Michael D, 49, Byron, GA; Simple Battery - Family Violence
Jackson, Wilbur Jamaricus, 39, Macon, GA; Probation Violation
Moodie, Rashaun Woodrow, 38, Warner Robins, GA; Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers
Vazquez, Rhonda Yeatts, 54, Byron, GA; Probation Violation, DUI / Drugs / Less Safe, Failure To Obey Traffic Light, No License On Person
Watts, Philip Bernard, 30, Macon, GA; Theft By Taking
Webb, Darnell Emout, 26, Macon, GA; Probation Violation
Whitter, Johnathan David, 26, Fort Valley, GA; Driving With Suspended License

Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Butler, Jim Andrew, 43, Fort Valley, GA; Driving While License Suspended, Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers
Jackson, Jeremiah Amir, 22, Fort Valley, GA; Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies
Knolton, Markese Montarian, 19, Fort Valley, GA; Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor
Mclemore, Eric Dewayne, 49, Fort Valley, GA; Aggravated Assault, Armed Robbery, Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree
Melchert, Chad Scott, 35, Warner Robins, GA; Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor
Oketch, Andrew Alexander, 22, Fort Valley, GA; Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies
Ross, Charles Quincy, 43, Fort Valley, GA; Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol, Possession Of Open Alcohol Container, Operating W/Out Lights Required By Law, Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol
Styles, Carlos Casanto, 34, Fort Valley, GA; Simple Battery

Peach County Sheriff's Office

Arrests/Citations

Beauford, James Edward, 49, Acworth, GA; Driving While License Suspended
Bradshaw, Caleb, 22, Byron, GA; Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree
Bridges, Carey, 38, Byron, GA; Obscured Or Missing License Plate, Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude Police Officer, Possession Of A Schedule I Or II Controlled Substance With Intent To Distribute, Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers, Driving While License Suspended
Bryant, Jamaricus Ronndell, 23, Musella, GA; Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance
Butts, Dominic Jamaal, 31, Warner Robins,

GA; Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol
Green, Chandler Maurice, 29, Warner Robins, GA; Failure To Maintain Lane, Obstructing Traffic/Fty Row, Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol
Hall, Gregory Shawn, 46, Macon, GA; Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Expired Tag, Brake Light/Turn Signal Violation, Possession Of Methamphetamine, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance
Johnson, Darius Erique, 26, Macon, GA; Here For Court
Jones, Zymetris Jashawn, 19, Fort Valley, GA; Aggravated Assault, Theft By Receiving Stolen Property- Felony, Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers, Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude Police Officer, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies, Failure To Yield Right Of Way To Emergency Veh, Seat Belt Violation, Wrong Side Of Road, Reckless Driving, Driving W/O Valid License, Failure To Maintain Insurance, Failure To Obey Stop Sign, Improper Left Or Right Turn, Seat Belt Violation, Expired Or No Drivers License
Lindsey, Raven Cierra, 28, Macon, GA; Failure To Appear - Felony
Lyons, Willie, 63, Fort Valley, GA; Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude Police Officer, Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol, Expired Or No Drivers License
Miller, Sabrina Latasha, 24, Byron, GA; Tail Lights / Tag Lights Lenses Required, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance
Morris, Randa Lee, 19, Fort Valley, GA; Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers
Rainwater, Tyler Scott, 27, Byron, GA; Serve 24 Hours
Scott, George Lee, 39, Byron, GA; Criminal Trespass Family Violence, Cruelty To Children In The 3rd Degree 3rd Or Subsequent Offense
Solomon, Aaron, 69, FORT Valley, GA; Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony
Spurgeon, Anthony Ernest, 58, Crawford, GA; Hands Free, Disorderly Conduct
Vicente-Sontay, Rudy Dionicio, 37, Fort Valley, GA; Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol, Reckless Driving, Hands Free, Possession Of Open Alcohol Container
Whitehead, Terry Lee, 49, Macon, GA; Here For Court

GA State Patrol Perry Arrests
Braxton, Brian K, 43, Macon, GA; Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Failure To Exercise Due Care, Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol
Frankson, Sabrina Mae Maxine, 25, Marietta, GA; Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Driving While License Suspended
Mckinney, Joseph Matthew, 54, Byron, GA; Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol, Tail Lights / Tag Lights Lenses Required

Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.net



September 19th that there will be a Board of Elections Meeting at 4 p.m. at 205 W. Church St. Fort Valley Ga, 31030

Anthony Sallette - Elections Supervisor

SEPT. 25 PAMPER PARTIES - PEACH STATE HEALTH PLAN

Join Peach State Health Plan Sept 25, 2024 from 12pm-2pm at Fort Valley Head Start, 700 Spruce Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030. <https://www.pshgpeorgia.com/events.html>
For more information call 1-800-704-1484. (TDD/TTY 1-800-255-0056)

SEPT. 26 FORT VALLEY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BOARD MEETING

Fort Valley Historic Preservation Commission Board Meeting @ 6pm Thursday, September 26, 2024 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-of-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. (TFNS)

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.

CALL FOR ARTISTS MIDDLE GEORGIA ART ASSOCIATION

Rainy Days and Mondays When: The exhibit will be on display September 20 - October 12
Deadline to enter is Tuesday, September 17, 5:00pm
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 Free and open to the public! (TFNS)

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, 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 (TFNS)

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. (TFNS)

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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 (TFNS)

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. (TFNS)

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 (TFNS)

BYRON LIONS CLUB

The club meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month, the first Thursday 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 (TFNS)

BYRON ROTARY CLUB

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

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. (TFNS)

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. (TFNS)

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"This program is an afterschool program to assist in homework, remediation, stem activities, to just be a safe place for children to come in and have fun while learning. Our end goal is to produce productive adults in society," Baker said.

When asked what she'd like to say to the community, Baker asked for the community to support both the partnership and the center.

"Please, we need community support. Coming to the event, stopping by to visit, you are more than welcome to volunteer as long as you're over the age of 18," Baker said. "Please share, because we do have room to increase our enrollment. Finally, we can always use help financially. We are a nonprofit, we have our 501(c)(3). You can make charitable contributions."

Dr. Kermelle Hensley, Executive Director of Strategic Academic Partnerships and Engagement of FVSU, explained the purpose behind this new venture.

"The purpose of this agreement is to provide opportunities for our students that are taking classes within the College of Education and Professional Studies to apply what they've learned to a real world classroom experience," Dr. Hensley said. "So, the students here that are attending

the Fort Valley Youth Center of Excellence need one-on-one attention, mentoring, social skills, enrichment activities – things to strengthen their academic classes in school. Because of the limitations of personnel within the center, we have availability of students that are willing to assist and fill that void. They are applying the skills they've learned in their classrooms and bringing them to the center to work with these students in reading, computer and technology skills, science, enrichment, so forth and so on."

Dr. Hensley explained that this new partnership was a collaborative idea between her and Baker as well as her feelings about the new partnership.

"I'm feeling great about it. It was a collaborative idea between the Director, Ms. Baker, and myself. I'm a board member of the Fort Valley Youth Center of Excellence. We simply had a conversation about the needs of the center and how Fort Valley State University could fulfill that need.

For those interested in learning more about the Fort Valley Youth Center of Excellence, they can be located online at <https://www.fortvalleyyouthcenter.org>. Those wishing to visit the facility can find it at 500 Riley Avenue in Fort Valley.

We Weigh Too Much Because We...



WADE YODER
LT COLUMNIST

Our choice of foods is a big factor, but the primary reason Americans on average weigh too much is because we eat way too much! Americans have a massive amount of food stored up in the form of body fat and the excess calories that we eat up and beyond what is needed to fuel our daily activities is what puts it there.

If we become more need-driven and a lot less pleasure-driven with our fuel intake it would make a big difference in obesity issues and potentially have a significant impact on our health.

There are many reasons we

excuse weight gain, whether it's a slowing of metabolism, thyroid problems, or not having access to the right foods. But for the most part, our weight problems simply come from consuming more calories, than we expend burning them off from our activities of daily living, exercise, and the calories burned for normal organ system, and body functions.

Not all calories are the same: when we constantly consume foods that are low in fiber (most processed snack foods, bread, pasta, and other primarily starch foods) it keeps our glucose and insulin levels in our blood too high and this shuts off our capability to burn body fat.

For example: there is a big difference between 500 calories from a milkshake in comparison to 500 calories from things like chicken breast, broccoli, etc. For the milkshake, there isn't much there to slow the absorption of sugar into your bloodstream, causing a sugar spike, (your body's job then is to bring this down to safe levels, so it moves this extra sugar out of

the bloodstream, and into your smallholding pockets / fat cells). Slower digesting foods help us keep our sugar levels steadier as well as have something called the thermic effect of food, where our body actually has to work harder to digest the food and burns more calories in the digestive process. These types of food also help keep insulin levels from spiking, which in turn gives us a sugar low.

We often think we have to have a sugar boost when our energy runs low, but what we need to do is wait a little longer to let the circulating insulin recede, then our body will start releasing its stored energy (calories stored in fat cells). And you can definitely trust the fact that your body knows how to access calories from its own snack machine (stored fat) when it isn't getting calories from your digestive tract!

When we have excess body fat and we have a low activity day ahead of us, it does not hurt us at all, to sometimes simply skip eating for 18-24 hours. This is known as intermittent fasting (IF) and depending on the size

of an individual, it can burn off around 1500-3000 calories in a day's time.

One of the best things we can do for weight loss, (or avoiding weight gain) is to watch our sugar and starch intake when we are going to be fairly inactive. When we have this excess sugar in our blood, insulin will be produced to remove the excess. The insulin does not burn the excess sugar; it stores it. And until the insulin has done its job and leaves the blood, our fat-burning mechanisms get turned off! This doesn't apply so much to eating sugars prior to really being active, or right after a lot of activity, (these are the times your body will suck it up for energy). So to keep your body in fat-burn mode, lower your intake of sugars and starches during low-output time periods and increase it when there is high energy output.

The fat-burning fire is a lot like a bonfire, the right amount of fuel will keep it blazing, but if you dump too much on it, the flame will be smothered, and it will take it a while to fire back up!

The Swimsuit



AUBURN CHASON
COLUMNIST

It was July, 2008. I needed a swimsuit.

Shopping of any kind in my childhood was, at best, unfortunate, and almost always ended in tears. The kinds of clothing that fit my body type in middle school could best be described as business casual, and that even went for swimsuits.

I was never not fat as a girl. But at the age of eleven, I was actually realizing what that meant. And, to my present horror, I had no sense of style and wore ill-fitting and ill-looking items that were indicative of what characters on the Disney Channel were

wearing to make them look cool.

As you can imagine, the hunt for a swimsuit was emotionally debilitating.

Nothing fit. Nothing. Bikinis could not even be gazed upon. My overflowing belly would never see the light of day if I had anything to say about it.

One-pieces were something made from my nightmares, riding up in the back, pulling up on the sides and drawing attention to the fact that my legs were unshaven.

And wearing a T-shirt and shorts in the pool was social suicide. Even I knew that.

My mom was exhausted. I was ashamed.

See, my weight was frequently talked about in front of me.

A girl in my elementary school class once put her hands on my stomach and asked if my baby was in there kicking.

A boy told me I was too fat to be pretty.

My dad asked my pediatrician if there was any way to help me, a nine-year-old, lose weight.

Nothing would have made me happier as a little girl than being skinny.

Instead, we found a manageable solution on the racks of some department store: the tankini. It was a diabolical invention, and one that I told myself was the only thing that could have possibly worked for me at the time. Wide straps, a neckline up to my collarbones, a full skirt, ruching over the belly—and, most offensively, teal.

It was heinous. It was glorious.

When I showed up to my friend's pool party that weekend wearing thick white-rimmed sunglasses (also taken from a Disney Channel character), hair straightened only in the front (because I could reach or see the back, obviously), and that teal monstrosity, I knew I had better be on my guard for the paparazzi that were sure to swarm me upon exiting my mom's gold Chrysler Cirrus.

I was, of course, the only one in a tankini.

But that hardly mattered, as

it never does, because we were having so much fun together. We did tricks on the diving board, pretended we were mermaids, played the most innocent rounds of Truth or Dare you can imagine. Until I was stung by a yellow jacket.

I screamed and left the pool crying, and my mom put some ice on it for a minute until another mom, her cool friend with red hair down to the small of her back and a double chin, came over to help.

Unrolling her cigarette, she explained that the tobacco would help take the pain away. You had to know my eyes were huge, and in the back of my mind I wondered if I was going to get addicted to nicotine from this contact with it, but she was correct.

She held the wad of tobacco on the back of my hand until I was fine enough to jump back in the pool with her daughter and niece.

But before I went she said, "I love your swimsuit. You look so pretty."

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Tariffs Are A Symptom, Not Root Cause Of High Prices

Charlie Harper
Guest Columnist

The next few weeks are about Pennsylvania. Sure, Georgia is a swing state. Pennsylvania is *THE* swing state.

It's with this backdrop we're going to continue a deep dive into Presidential policy, rather than the vacuous campaign rhetoric and platitudes that have dominated the 2024 election cycle. What is actually happening is a lot more important than what candidates and their sycophantic followers are saying.

In a recent piece we took a look at the policy of tariffs, as it seems to be one of the areas the candidates at least somewhat agree on. The tariffs placed on most imported goods from China remain in place, with the poster child of tariffs being America's steel industry. There is no state that symbolizes America's steel industry more than Pennsylvania.

Shortly after finishing that piece I noticed an article in Politico that involves a relatively new power in American steel, Cleveland Cliffs. I know of this company as I've dabbled in its stock a few times and hold positions now.

Their CEO, Lorenzo Goncalves, is a bit of a firebrand. He became famous (or at least infamous) in investing circles several years ago for berating and somewhat threatening an analyst on an earnings call. He's also pieced together one of the largest integrated steel produc-

ers in this country.

He's done it with union support. With that support he has thus far delayed if not totally blocked the Acquisition of U.S. Steel – a company he tried to purchase – by Japan's Nippon Steel. Despite Japan being one of our closest military allies and trading partners, the scrutiny over the takeover is allegedly on the basis of national security. Most speculate is that neither the Biden Administration nor President Trump want to upset U.S. Steel's union workforce, who are mostly opposed to Nippon's history of cost-cutting labor reductions.

Thus, with Cleveland Cliffs, you have a company whom both Vice President Harris and Former President Trump are courting. He name checks them and they him and his company regularly. He has influence. Which brings us back to the Politico article.

The focus was not on electoral politics, but on climate change and the Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Act. Through one of those initiatives, Cleveland Cliffs is set to receive a grant of a half billion dollars to make "green steel". Specifically, they're scheduled to get \$500 million to replace a coal fired furnace to one that would use clean burning hydrogen. Cliffs is supposed to put up the remaining \$1.1 billion needed to complete the conversion. Now, they're balking.

It seems that even after this

subsidy of a private corporation using tax dollars, the green steel will cost 40% more than conventionally produced steel. And remember that their standard steel is already of higher cost than that produced in China which is why we have those tariffs to begin with.

Goncalves is quoted in the article as saying his customers – think large automobile companies – are uninterested in paying 40% more just because the steel is green. They too face competitive pricing pressures in the marketplace. He notes he'll have to secure customers at the higher prices or stick with coal burning furnaces. It's a decision he'll have to make "soon", per the article.

Let's be clear. This is a man who has an excellent record as using leverage as a negotiator. He's playing hardball on an acquisition he wanted that now may mean a more efficient and stronger competitor. He wants something, and the Biden-Harris Administration wants votes. Perhaps he wants more of his upfront costs covered in exchange for the Nippon deal going through? There's a lot on the table right now, and that must be acknowledged.

For the rest of us, we need to look at the facts presented as a lesson in regulation, policy, trade and macroeconomics. Actions, as they say, have consequences.

We all want a cleaner environment. The question is, what are

we willing to pay for? Also, how are we paying for it?

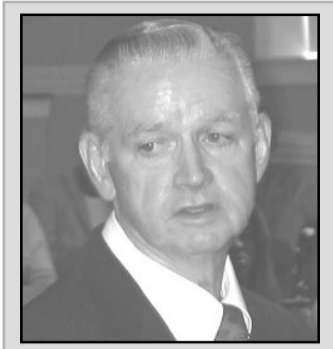
It's cheaper to just burn coal. The cost not doing that, with direct respect to U.S. produced steel, is about 40%. That's a significant amount that can't just be absorbed. That cost will be passed on.

Foreign countries not only don't have our strict environmental laws, but have other subsidies too. Many provinces in China provide the energy used in manufacturing for free. They also don't have pesky labor or environmental regulations to deal with. Their steel is a lot cheaper.

The problem here is that steel isn't a finished good. It is an input. And there are many forms of inputs that feed the supply chain before we buy products as consumers. We can slap tariffs on these inputs like we do with steel, but too often that just means that other countries ship us their finished goods – like cars. And our inputs are too expensive for us to sell them as part of their raw material mixes.

We've started having a very primitive, surface level debate about the root causes of high prices. If it were a serious discussion, we would be looking at our well intentioned policies and regulations – and the deficit spending used to finance them – and address them with equal focus as among the reasons our prices are so high.

The First Family



BILLY POWELL
Parables to Ponder
COLUMNIST

God did not create the first man and the first woman until the sixth day of creation. On the first day, God separated the light from the darkness, creating night and day. On the second day, He made the earth and the sky above. On the third day, God separated the oceans from the dry land and created every kind of flower, plant, and tree. On the fourth day, He created the sun, the moon, and the stars. On the fifth day, He made the birds of the air and the fish of the sea. On the sixth day, God created man and all land animals. On the seventh day, God rested.

The first family on earth comprised five people. Adam, the patriarch was created from the dust of the earth, and Eve,

his helpmate, was made from Adam's rib. Neither Adam nor Eve had a navel as neither came from a womb. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and were evicted from the Garden of Eden, a virtual paradise where they would have lived forever.

After their ignominious departure from Eden, Adam and Eve gave birth to children. Their first was Cain. Their second was Abel. Cain was a farmer who "worked the soil." Abel was a shepherd who "kept the flocks." Because God found Abel's sacrifice more acceptable than his older brother's, Cain became jealous and killed his brother, the first murder in human history. Cain, alienated from his family, was forced to separate from his mother and father. He traveled to the land of Nod, which was east of Eden.

All of Cain's descendants perished in the flood. Abel had no descendants. After Cain's departure, Adam and Eve then had a third son, named Seth. Only his descendants survived the flood. His family tree was preserved by Noah and continued through Abraham and David. Hundreds of years later, his lineage reached into the home of Mary and Joseph and culmi-

nated in the birth of Jesus.

The sin of Adam spread to the first family and infected the entire human race. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Every man is a sinner and anyone who thinks otherwise is deluded by his own assumed self-righteousness. The root cause of man's propensity to sin is his freedom to make choices—the exercise of free will. Man, if created as a robotic automaton that could only respond to his creator's dictates, would not possess the capacity to sin.

God placed us here on earth as a testing ground to determine how we respond to the gift of free will and the choices we make in life. Long before man was created, the Council of Heaven knew beforehand that man would fail the test of righteousness and that a Saviour would be sent to earth to redeem his wickedness. Whereas "sin came into the world through one man (Adam), whose trespass led to the condemnation of all men, one man's (Jesus') act of righteousness led to the acquittal and eternal life for all men."

Andersonville NHS Presents Special Evening Program for POW/MIA Recognition Day

Contributed

ANDERSONVILLE, Ga.— On Friday, September 20, 2024, Andersonville National Historic Site will host a ceremony recognizing the service of Prisoners of War and those Missing In Action. The event will begin at 6:00pm with interpretive programs highlighting the stories of POWs and MIAs. At 7:00pm a panel discussion will take place in the auditorium, featuring former POW Wayne Waddell, SERE school commander Major Nicholas Barwikowski, and moderated by Fred Boyles, chair of the Board of Trustees of the Friends of Andersonville. Throughout the evening the exhibits and bookstore will be open inside the National Prisoner of War Museum. However, the prison site tour road and Andersonville National Cemetery will be closed during this rare night-time event. The museum and park will close at 8:30pm. The panel discussion will be live-streamed on Andersonville National Historic Site's Facebook page for those unable to attend the event in person. Rangers will be taking questions from the virtual audience for the panelists to answer. Please call 229 924-0343 for more information.

ABOUT THE PANELISTS Colonel Dewey Wayne Waddell served for over thirty years in the United States Air Force, including a harrowing experience as a POW after being shot down on his 47th combat mission over North Vietnam in 1967. Captured and held for nearly six years, he was honored for his bravery and resilience with numerous awards, including the Silver Star(2), Purple Heart, and Prisoner of War medal.

Major Nicholas Barwikowski currently serves as the US Army Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) school commander at Fort Novosel, AL. He is responsible for conducting 25 three-week classes per year to train all aviation branched officers, as well as all other soldiers from across the Army who are identified as being at "high risk" of isolation.

Fred Boyles enjoyed a distinguished 33-year career with the National Park Service, where he served as Superintendent of four sites, including Andersonville National Historic Site from 1989 to 2009. In parallel to his Park Service career, Fred served as a Supply Corps officer in the Navy Reserve, retiring as a Captain after 29 years.

ABOUT ANDERSONVILLE

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The Baha'i Community of Peach County warmly invites you to participate in an interfaith devotional and discussion (via Zoom) on the second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 - 9:00pm, in order to build stronger bonds of friendship among the diverse citizens of our county. There are no rituals at the gathering, no one individual has any special role, and contributions are not solicited or accepted. If interested, please email us at peachcobahais@gmail.com, and we'll send you an invitation. (TFN)

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Sundays 10am - 12noon. Wednesday nights 7pm-8:30pm. Meeting# 2059432744 Code 7Sb6h8 Host James Manning (Elder)

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FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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1000 State University Drive across from the first entrance to FVSU.

We hold morning prayer services, at 10:15am Sundays. Eucharist (Communion) is on second Sundays at 11am.

Please donate to our Little Free Pantry on Charlesvoix St. behind the church (or take food if you are in need). For more info, go to our Facebook page or contact Anna Holloway 478-397-4678 and leave a text message.

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Bianca Ballard (478)825-8452.

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1101 East Church St, Fort Valley, GA 31030

Please join us as we continue to seek to save them that are lost! Our weekly schedule is:

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To contact us, please leave a message at (478) 825-7581 or send email to secretary@shilohbaptistfortvalley.org or write us at the above post office box.

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505 State University Drive, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

Trinity Baptist Church welcomes you to join us in holy worship service each Sunday morning at 11:00 am. Sunday School is scheduled at 9:30 am. and Bible Study at 7:00 pm. on Wednesday, currently on Zoom. (Contact us at the above number for Zoom access information.)

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!

For additional information, call 478-825-7349.

USHERS TEMPLE CME CHURCH

411 Railroad Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030. 478-825-5106.

Join us each Sunday morning with Rev. Tawanna B. Harris at 9:30am for Sunday School followed at 11:00am with holy worship service. You may also join us remotely via Facebook Live. Bible Study held each Tuesday at 6:00pm.

Hollis Named To National Family And Consumer Sciences Position



Contributed by FVSU

A Fort Valley State University (FVSU) professor recently earned a seat on a national accreditation board.

Dr. Francine Hollis, chair, of FVSU's Family and Consumer Sciences Department (FACS), was named to the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) Council for Accreditation.

Hollis will serve on the council for three years beginning in 2024 and ending in 2027.

The AAFCS focuses on professionals and students in FACS. The organization provides them with a means to share knowledge, research and experiences in the profession.

Hollis said she is honored to be named to the AAFCS post.

"I consider this appointment to be both a privilege and a significant responsibility.

Photo Contributed

Dr. Francine Hollis, chair of Fort Valley State University's Family and Consumer Sciences Department, will serve on the Council on Accreditation for the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

I am excited to contribute to the continued excellence and integrity of academic programs in our field. Being recognized by my peers for this role is a testament to the hard work and dedication I've put into advancing family and consumer sciences. I look forward to making meaningful contributions."

The FVSU professor said her primary duties will involve reviewing and evaluating family and consumer programs across the U.S. and ensuring they meet the high standards set by the AAFCS.

"I will assist with assessing program curricula, faculty qualifications, student outcomes and overall program effectiveness. Additionally, I will be involved in the decision-making process regarding the accreditation status of these programs, which is

crucial for maintaining quality and credibility in our profession," she said.

Furthermore, Hollis says she hopes to contribute to the enhancement of FACS programs by promoting innovative practices and ensuring that standards keep pace with the changing needs of society.

"Ultimately, my goal is to help prepare the next generation of professionals who will make a positive impact on individuals, families and communities," Hollis said.

Additionally, Hollis said that her appointment to the AAFCS position enhances the reputation of FVSU's FACS program on a national level. It also highlights the institution's commitment to academic excellence and leadership in the field.

"My involvement on the council for accreditation not

only brings visibility to our program, but also allows us to contribute directly to the future of family and consumer sciences education. The recognition we receive will showcase FVSU as a leader in producing well-prepared graduates who are ready to excel in their careers," she said.

In addition to her AAFCS duties on a national level, Hollis was also named as the vice president for professional development for the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (GAFCS) earlier this year. GAFCS is the state affiliate of the AAFCS.

For more information about FVSU's Family and Consumer Sciences program, visit https://bit.ly/3TjoXbk.

Georgia Reads Day in the City of Byron



Photo Zoe Hammond

Byron Police Chief Wesley Cannon swearing an Oath of Office to the City of Byron and the Byron Police Department.

By Zoe Edenfield
News Editor

BYRON, Ga. – In their September board meeting, the Mayor and Council proclaimed Sept. 30, 2024, as Georgia Reads Day. The goal of Georgia Reads Day is to improve literacy skills in all age groups throughout the state of Georgia. This new initiative comes from the Georgia Council on Literacy.

Following that, the Byron Police Chief Wesley Cannon swore an Oath of Office to the City of Byron and the Byron Police Department.

There were three-second readings of upcoming ordinances, with each being approved by the council. The first, Ordinance No. 2024-6 is for the creation of a new street to be named Bill Green Drive within the corporate limits of the City of Byron. The second, Ordinance No. 2024-7 sets a limit to the num-

ber of vape and hookah shops within the City of Byron. The third, Ordinance No. 2024-8 limits the number of wreckers that are on call at a time to two in the City of Byron.

Next, the council approved the reappointments of Darrell Lettice, Farrell Bass, and Louis Evans to the Planning & Zoning Board, with each member's term set to expire on Sept. 13, 2026.

The council approved authorizing the Mayor to approve updating the agreement with the Department of Revenue regarding school bus and school zone traffic violations. Next, the mayor and council approved the purchase of body cameras and equipment from Motorola Solutions for the City of Byron.

The council approved authorizing the Mayor to approve a resolution regarding the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Loan and

approved the Mayor to execute any and all documents regarding the loan. Following that, the council also approved opening a new bank account regarding the funds from the new GEFA Loan.

The council approved entering into negotiations with the lowest bidder and bringing back to the council the final bid to be considered for approval regarding the White Road Roundabout Project. Next, the council approved awarding a bid regarding Solid Waste Pick-up for the City of Byron.

Following that, the mayor and council approved a resolution for a new job description for a Stormwater Inspector to replace the current Utility Worker 2 position for the City of Byron. Then, they approved updates to the Permanent Best Management Practices (BMP) Agreement for the City of Byron.

Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority Elects Officers



Photo Contributed

Yolanda Miller and her Mainstreet 101 Training Certification.

By Zoe Edenfield
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – The Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority has elected its officers for 2025 in its September board meeting. Tisa Horton is the Chair, Carla Gowen is the Secretary, Yolanda Miller is the Recording Secretary, and Leland Mangrum is the Treasurer.

Regarding appearances, Andrew Felton, Executive Director for Peach Family Connections was in attendance to present the board and guests with information detailing about Peach Family Connections. Peach Family Connections was founded back in the early 1990s to address early child literacy and to make sure households were prepared for the success of the child and family. Felton stated that he has taken a more active and public move towards that goal and vision by partnering with the Mathews-Scippo Impact Center,

Inc.

Concerning old business, first was an update on the Austin Theater roof repairs with the cost for the repairs being estimated at \$46,260.30. However, there are not enough funds in the budget for the repairs. Councilwoman Gowen discussed selling the property to the city. More details were discussed in the executive session.

Next was an update on the Historic Preservation Commission Board. Five board members, Keatha Ballard, Ed Wasson, Victor Hedgepath, Roscoe Miller, and Horton, have attended the training. The board is now active and consists of nine members, with two of these members being ex-officials (Horton and Miller). The board's first meeting will take place on Sept. 26, at 6

p.m. at the Troutman House.

Following that was an update on the Connected Resilient Communities Archway Program. Students will conduct a site visit on Sept. 27 and will be assessing the Festival Park for any beautification updates.

Concerning new business, Ginikki Crafter received her certificate for her eight hours of required training and Miller received her training for Mainstreet 101. Chairwoman Horton stated that the DDA is trying to be proactive in getting our Mainstreet certification back.

Next, was an update regarding a board vacancy. Kathy Thomas resigned from the board as of Aug. 17. The seat term is for two years and the new appointees will serve the remaining year of the term. The deadline to submit

an application is Sept. 27, at 5 p.m.

Regarding announcements, the DDA had a set of dates and times for these upcoming events. The Eat N Peach Food Truck Frenzy dates and times are Sept. 20, Oct. 11, and Nov. 15, with each being from 6 to 9 p.m. Breast Cancer Day will take place on Oct. 19, 2024. The Fort Valley Fall Festival will take place on Oct. 31, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Christmas in The Valley Lighting Ceremony will take place on Nov. 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Christmas Parade & Jolly Market will take place on Dec. 14, starting at 5:30 p.m. The next board meeting will take place on Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Troutman House.

Fort Valley Man Charged And Arrested For Armed Robbery And Aggravated Assault

By Fort Valley Police Department

Fort Valley, GA (September 6, 2024) – Fort Valley Police Department, Chief of Police, DJ Flores announces the arrest of a male subject responsible for an armed robbery and aggravated assault.

Officers responded to the 100 Block of Molette Street in Fort Valley in reference to an armed robbery. When officers arrived, they met with a Hispanic male victim who stated that a black male subject approached him demanding for his wallet. The Hispanic male presented his wallet that contained only Mex-

ican currency. The male subject became upset and pushed the wallet back to the victim. The victim walked away and into his place of residence when the male subject shot a single gunshot towards the victim and striking the residence front door. Officers located the subject shortly after, 49-year-old Eric McLemore of Fort Valley, GA who was placed under arrest for the robbery of the Hispanic male at the 100 block of Molette Street in Fort Valley.

Chief Flores recognizes the efforts of the Fort Valley Police Department's Community Action Team (C.A.T.), and the Uniform Patrol Division for



Photo Contributed
Eric McLemore

their response and immediate capture of Mr. McLemore.

Calling All Cooks

Readers we need your favorite original holiday recipes to be published in our *Eat, Drink, Gather* recipe guide.

Cocktails, Appetizers, Entrees, Sides, Desserts, etc.

Email to: recipes@courierheraldtoday.com
Don't forget to include ingredient list, instructions, your name and the county you live in.

Deadline to submit recipe(s) is September 30, 2024.

*Limit 2 recipes per entry. We reserve the right to reject any recipe.

PUBLIC HEARING PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 6:30 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

The Peach County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 8, 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 Demo Orders, and to listen to comments from the public in reference to the proposed ordinance.

The proposed Ordinance is to allow the County to file a request charging that any dwelling, building, or structure is unfit for human habitation or for commercial, industrial, or business use.

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.

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The proposed Ordinance is to establish the applicable authority to the County to charge for offenses outlined in Chapter 51 of the Peach County Code of Ordinances.

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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.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

All creditors of the Estate of **Ruben Reynolds**, late of Peach County, Georgia, deceased, 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.

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2024.

Clarence J. Reynolds, as Executor of the

Estate of Ruben Reynolds
Address: 10279 Estes Road
Macon, GA 31210

David S. Hollingsworth
Smith, Hawkins, Hollingsworth & Reeves
PO Box 6495
Macon, Georgia 31208-6495
8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 2024
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of **MARIE C. CLEVELAND**, deceased, late of Peach County, 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 the undersigned.

This 19th day of August, 2024.

ALFRED B. EARLY
ADMINISTRATOR OF MARIE C. CLEVELAND ESTATE
4705 Jaiette Trace
College Park, GA 31049
8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 2024
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of **JELENA S. LEE**, deceased, 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.

This 27th day of August, 2024.

Mr. Wesley Milan Nathaniel Lee
7698 S. Trumpet Vine Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85747

BRADLEY G. PYLES
Attorney for Administrator
Post Office Box 1797
Macon, GA 31202-1797
(478)745-1651
9/4, 9/11, 9/28, 9/25, 2024
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF: JUVENILE FILE #7237-J

T. R., SEX F, AGE 1, DOB 12/2022, CASE #111-2023J-069

**CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
NOTICE OF SUMMONS**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANY OTHER PARTY CLAIMING TO HAVE A PARENTAL INTEREST IN SAID MINOR CHILD BORN TO KIARA DEED.

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 9/10/24, by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on 9/3/24;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Peach County, Georgia, in Fort Valley, Georgia, on the 19th day of September, 2024 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. for a status hearing (attorney appointment only) and on the 12th day of November, 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 child and all rights and obligations of the child 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 child 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 a.m. 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 child is 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

Legal Advertisements

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E-Mail Attachments: **Word Text Format**

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For billing purposes, every word shall be counted as one word including words such as; the, of, a, etc. Grouped numbers shall be counted as one word.

The deadline for foreclosure notices and tax sales for disposal is Thursday the week before the first publication.

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

12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before SEPTEMBER 11, 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.

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478-825-2313
Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court

By: Katrina Corbin/Clerk of the Probate Court.
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8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 2024
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA PEACH COUNTY

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from Wesleyan Bice to The United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture and recorded in Deed Book 291, Page 498, Peach County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$97,076.00 with interest on the unpaid balance until paid, the following described property will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of PEACH COUNTY, Georgia, or such other location within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2024, to wit: October 01, 2024, the following described property: All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Peach, therein located in Land Lot 177 and in the Ninth Land District of Peach County, Georgia, and being shown as Lot 1, Block B, Section 2 of Bassett Downs Subdivision as shown on a plat of survey of the same prepared by Robert L. Stury, GRLS No. 1853, dated November 11, 2003 and recorded in Plat Book 24, Page 27, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court, reference is made for a more complete and accurate description thereof.

Being real property commonly known as 1103 Taylors Mill Rd, Fort Valley, GA 31030.

The debt secured by the above-referenced security deed has been declared due because of the default in the payment of said debt per the terms of the note and other possible defaults by the borrower or the successor thereto. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Dawsons Management c/o USDA 3775 Venture Drive Duluth, GA 30096 770-962-4981 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require The United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. The United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture as Attorney in Fact for Wesleyan Bice Attorney Contact: Miller, George and Suggs, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 24GA414-0144 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4823573 09/04/2024, 09/11/2024, 09/18/2024, 09/25/2024

09/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 2024
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN SNIPES, DECEASED

ESTATE NO: 2023-ADM-6843

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

JOLVONTEA SNIPES, has petitioned for JOLVONTEA SNIPES, to be appointed administrator of the estate of PATRICIAANN SNIPES, deceased of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for 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 SEPTEMBER 11, 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.

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By: Katrina Corbin/Clerk of the Probate Court.
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8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 2024
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE SCOTT SR., DECEASED

ESTATE NO: 2024-ADM-6979

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

GEORGE SCOTT JR., has petitioned for GEORGE SCOTT JR., to be appointed administrator of the estate of GEORGE SCOTT SR., deceased of said county. (or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-

3138 (ASAP# 4823573)

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ZACHARY REED CZARNESKI

PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

All creditors of the Estate of Zachary Reed Czarneski are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned in accordance with law, and all persons indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 26th day of August, 2024.

By Executor: William Joseph Czarneski, 1383 Saddle Horn Drive, Macon, Georgia 31206.
9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 2024
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: JUVENILE FILE #7231-J

A. E., SEX M, AGE 16, DOB 01/2008, CASE #111-2024J-072

CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

SAFIYIAH EDWARDS (mother);

AARON EDWARDS, SR. (legal father); AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD.

You are notified that a Petition for Dependency was filed against you in said court on 09/12/24, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 09/10/24.

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Peach County Juvenile Court, held at Peach County Courthouse, Ft. Valley, Georgia on 09/19/24 at 10:30 o'clock a.m. for an adjudicatory hearing, and on 10/17/24 at 10:30 o'clock a.m., for a disposition 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 12th day of September, 2024.

Whitney Nelson, CLERK, PEACH COUNTY PEACH COURT
9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 2024
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JAMES E. SWINDLE PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

All creditors of the Estate of James E. Swindle are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned in accordance with law, and all persons indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 6th day of September, 2024.
Stephen Preston Swindle, Executor,
5778 Dixon Rd, Lizella, GA 31052
9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 2024
3147

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF GLADYS MARIE THOMSON, DECEASED

ESTATE NO: 2024-ADM-6989

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

JOSEPH HARVEY BURKETT, JR., has petitioned for JOSEPH HARVEY BURKETT, JR., to be appointed administrator of the estate of GLADYS MARIE THOMSON, deceased of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for 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 OCTOBER 09, 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.

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Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court
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9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 2024
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of TIMOTHY DAVID MCCOY, JR., deceased, are hereby

advised to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 30th day of August, 2024.
Mr. Thomas David McCoy, Sr.
102 Linda Kay Court
Warner Robins, GA 31088

BRADLEY G. PYLES
Attorney for Administrator
Post Office Box 1797
Macon, GA 31202-1797
(478)745-1651
9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 2024
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DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX SALE

Under and by virtue of certain tax fi fa's issued by The City of Byron, Peach County, Georgia, in favor of the State of Georgia and City of Byron, against the following named persons and the property as described next to their respective name(s). There will be sold for cash or certified funds at public outcry, before the front of The Municipal Complex in Byron, Peach County, Georgia, between the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in October, 2024, the same being October 1, 2024, and continuing on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, if necessary, between the legal hours of sale, 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The below listed and described properties, or as much thereof as will satisfy the municipal tax execution on the respective individual and property, will be sold. The property (ies) hereinafter described have been levied on as the property of the persons whose names immediately precede the property description. Each of the respective parcels of property are located in The City of Byron, Peach County, State of Georgia. The years for which said fi fa's are issued and levied are stated opposite the name of the owner in each case. Each defendant and tenant in possession, if applicable, has been notified of levy time and place of sale. Purchaser shall pay for title, all transfer cost, all taxes, advertising cost and recording fees.

MAP AND PARCEL: 052 104
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER:
BRANDON LEE
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: CHARLES BRANDON MILLER AND MANDY MELISSA MILLER
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 704/138
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 15, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .75 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 6-B, SECTION 1, PHASE 2, OF STERLING PLACE SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGE 13. 810 JOHN E SULLIVAN RD

MAP AND PARCEL: 062A 104
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER:
BRYAN MASON OLF (VIA TAX DEED)
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: PRESTON DEVELOPMENT LLC
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 331/179 (PORTION) 712/141
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 60, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.39 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING PARK, BLOCK D, OF MANCHESTER PLACE SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 25, PAGE 39. 0 MANCHESTER LN

MAP AND PARCEL: 055A 095
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: CELILIA SILVA & VALADEZ AND JUAN I. BARAJAS CASTANEDA
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 651/106
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 4, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .39 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 10, BLOCK A, OF GEORGETOWN SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 23, PAGE 63. 206 WILLIAMSBURG TRL

MAP AND PARCEL: B01B 129
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER:
VIVIAN LOUISE DAVIS ESTATE & ULYSSES MCDANIEL HOWARD AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2015, 2017-2018, 2021-2023
DEED BOOK: 647/331
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 23, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.62 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OR AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK T, PAGE 137. 113 POOLE ALLEY

MAP AND PARCEL: B01B 112
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER:
ANNIE DORIS HAMLIN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 446/363
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 4, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .98 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. 205 HAMLIN ST

MAP AND PARCEL: 052 099 C
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER:
BASG HOLDINGS LLC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 653/670
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 15, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT A6, SECTION 2, PHASE 2, OF STERLING PLACE SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGE 14. 0 STERLING DR

MAP AND PARCEL: 054B 040 F
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: BCP PROPERTIES, LLC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 633/299
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 32, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.02 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 7, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 26, PAGE 5. 104 INDUSTRIAL WAY

MAP AND PARCEL: 052 099 C
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER:
ANNIE DORIS HAMLIN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 446/363
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 4, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .98 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. 205 HAMLIN ST

MAP AND PARCEL: 054C 223
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER:
COMMUNITY ASSOC OF MEADOW'S WALK INC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 596/369 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 7, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.38 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 54, SECTION 1, OF MEADOWS WALK SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 26, PAGE 14. BLUECOAT TRAIL

MAP AND PARCEL: 054C 066 E
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER:
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF MEADOW'S WALK INC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 609/663 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 7, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 5.66 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING PARCEL 2, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGE 12. BLUECOAT TRAIL

MAP AND PARCEL: 054D 046
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER:
ENNIS, APRIL MARIE & GANN, WANDA GALE
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 587/368
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 20, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.67 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 25, BLOCK F, OF MAJESTIC OAK SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 83. 105 N TWIN OAK CT

MAP AND PARCEL: 054B 036

LEGALS CONTINUED 8A

LEGALS**CONTINUED FROM 7A**

CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: FL RE MACON HOLDINGS LLC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 572/865
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 32, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.71 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 16, BLOCK A, OF BYRON INDUSTRIAL PARK SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 25, PAGE 268. 0 JESSE HALL CT

MAP AND PARCEL: 054C 060
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: FREEDOM POINTE CONSERVATION LLC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 497/895
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 7, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 13.82 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING TRACT 2, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 144. PEACH PARKWAY

MAP AND PARCEL: B02A 051 AA
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: GOODSON PROPERTIES LLC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 410/561
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 144, 6TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.80 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING PARCEL 1, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 25, PAGE 280. GREEN ST

MAP AND PARCEL: B02A 052
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: GOODSON PROPERTIES LLC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 410/560
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 6 AND 144, 5TH AND 6TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 13.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING PARCEL C, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 76. HOWSELEY RD

MAP AND PARCEL: B01D 107
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: JOSHUA SR ELLIOTT (VIA TAX DEED) AND DAVIS, DAMAN DENICE
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 628/326 & 307/12
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 4, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.31 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 2, OF PEAVY SUBDIVISION, OR AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 259, PAGE 583. 117 BOY SCOUT RD

MAP AND PARCEL: 052 014 AD
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: JULIO HERNANDEZ
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: WINGATE CUSTOM HOMES, LLC.
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 696/377
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 12, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.96 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 5, OF SULLIVAN PEACH SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGE 203. 815 JOHN E SULLIVAN RD

MAP AND PARCEL: B01A 031
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: LATOYA BUTLER (VIA TAX DEED); DOROTHY LANIER ESTATE; CANDRA LANIER AND REYNARD LANIER AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2016, 2020-2023
DEED BOOK: 216/278 (PORTION) & 564/616
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 4, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.26 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 2, BLOCK A, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 253. VAL-ENTINE CIR

MAP AND PARCEL: 055D 005
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: LEISURE INC- WYSE HOLDINGS, LLC. (VIA TAX DEED)
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 2/426 & 294/307
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 23, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.60 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. 207 WOODLAND DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: B01B 053
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: LOGAN, DANA
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SHANNON, ANNIE L. ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 723/263
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT

TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 4, 6TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .44 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OR AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 225, PAGE 724. 201 CANADY ST

MAP AND PARCEL: 044B 169
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: PEDRO PEREZ
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 295/654
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 175, 6TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.59 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 37, BLOCK C, OF THE ORCHARD SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 23, PAGE 243. 407 DIXIELAND DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: 052A 084 A
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: REYNOLDS PROPERTIES LLC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 525/495
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOTS 10 AND 11, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.05 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING TRACT 3, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 239. 0 HAWKS PL

MAP AND PARCEL: 045B 101 AA
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: RUSSELL D COTNEY
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2022-2023
DEED BOOK: 339/793 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 144, 6TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 0.016 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING PARCEL 2-B, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 26, PAGE 189. MILLS CIR

MAP AND PARCEL: 052A 084 B
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: SHAW, MARY JANE (VIA TAX DEED) AND FAITH, DONALD
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: FAITH, DONALD
TAX YEARS DUE: 2022-2023
DEED BOOK: 619/558 AND 717/855
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOTS 11 AND 109, 5TH AND 6TH DISTRICTS, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING PART OF TRACT 1, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 239. 0 HAWKS PL

MAP AND PARCEL: 055D 100
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: SRS DISTRIBUTION INC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 689/839
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 30, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 6.23 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING TRACT 1, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 28, PAGE 128. 148 CANE RIVER DR

MAP AND PARCEL: B01D 113
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: THOMAS NASH ESTATE AND BARBARA PALLOT NASH ESTATE AND ALL HEIRS KNOWN AND UNKNOWN
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2019-2022
DEED BOOK: 646/113
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 5, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .04 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING PARCEL 1, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 139. HOWARD STREET

MAP AND PARCEL: B01D 123
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: TOBIAS SIMMONS AND SHERONDA SIMMONS
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 641/456 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 5, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF .57 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 4, BLOCK A, OF ALPINE SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 112. MARION DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: B01D 130
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: TOBIAS SIMMONS AND SHORNDIA SIMMONS
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 641/456 (PORTION)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND 5, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.31 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 5, BLOCK A, OF ALPINE SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 112. 115 ALPINE DRIVE

MAP AND PARCEL: 054B 040 E
CURRENT RECORD HOLDER: TRAVA PROPERTIES LLC
DEFENDANT IN FI-FA: SAME AS

CRH(S)
TAX YEARS DUE: 2023
DEED BOOK: 431/230
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND BEING IN LAND LOT 32, 5TH DISTRICT, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND CONSISTING OF 1.03 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING LOT 6, OF EAST PEACH INDUSTRIAL PARK, AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK 26, PAGE 5. 106 INDUSTRIAL WAY
* Deed Book: Refers to Deed Records located in the Peach County Courthouse Clerk of Superior Court's Office where property is more fully described.
9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 2024
3140

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA IN THE INTEREST OF: FILE #7323-J

S. B., SEX F, AGE 4, DOB 02/20/20, CASE #111-2024J-061 CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, MARTEL BUCHANNON (putative father) AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO MARYANN WOODALL

You are notified that a Petition for Non reunification was filed against you in said court on 08/13/24, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 08/13/24.

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Peach County Juvenile Court, held at Peach County Courthouse, Ft. Valley, Georgia on 09/10/24 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. for a hearing, and on 10/08/24 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 15th day of August, 2024.

Phillis Bellew, CLERK, PEACH COUNTY PEACH COURT
8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 2024
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CITY OF FORT VALLEY AND PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA NOTICE OF FILE REQUEST FOR BEER AND WINE LICENSE

Pursuant to the code or ordinances of the City of Fort Valley, Part II, Chapter 4, Article II, Section 4-49, (11). Notice is hereby given that on or after the 25 day of September, 2024, the undersigned will apply to the City of Fort Valley for the issuance of a license for the retail sale of beer and

wine at an establishment known as: **Peach Food Mark**
Located at: 407 Anderson Ave, Fort Valley, GA 31030. Applicant: William J. Peterson, 610 Hardeman Ave., Fort Valley, GA 31030
9/18, 9/25, 2024
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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED INTENDS TO SELL THE PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW TO ENFORCE A LIEN ON SAID PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE GEORGIA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, GEORGIA CODE SECTIONS 10-4-210 TO 10-4-215.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL PROPERTY AT **STORAGEAUCTIONS.COM** BY COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON **SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 AT 10:00 AM. BY HOUSTON MINI STORAGE LLC, 2514 GUNN ROAD, BYRON GA 31008 (478)-956-2267, PEACH COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA, THE FOLLOWING:**
Renter's Name, Address, Unit #
JASMIN SOSA
525 ROGER DRIVE
BYRON, GA 31008
UNIT B08

9/11, 9/18, 2024
3144

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF RITA VANESSA DUFFIE, DECEASED ESTATE NO: 2024-ADM-6964 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

CELESTE LUNARA DUFFIE has petitioned for CELESTE LUNARA DUFFIE to be appointed administrator of the estate of RITA VANESSA DUFFIE, 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 SEPTEMBER 11, 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
8/28, 9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 2024
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF STATE OF GEORGIA PEACH COUNTY

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from Alexander Hernandez to The United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture and recorded in Deed Book 302, Page 801, Peach County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$114,429.00 with interest on the unpaid balance until paid, the following described property will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of PEACH COUNTY, Georgia, or such other location within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2024, to wit: October 01, 2024, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and situate lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Peach therein, located in Land Lot 177 and in the Ninth Land District of Peach County, Georgia and being shown as Lot 2, Block B, Section 2, Bassett Downs Subdivision as shown on a plat of survey of the same prepared by Robert L. Story, GRLS No. 1853, dated May 8, 2003 and recorded in Plat Book 23, pages 262-263, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court, Georgia. Reference is made for a more complete and accurate descriptions thereof. Subject to restrictive covenants and conditions of record in Deed Book 289, Page 254, aforesaid records. Now identified at 1085 Taylors Mill road according to the current system of numbering.

Being real property commonly known as **1085 Taylor Mills Road, Fort Valley, GA 31030.**

The debt secured by the above-referenced security deed has been declared due because of the default in the payment of said debt per the terms of the note and other possible defaults by the borrower or the successor thereto. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive

covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Dawsons Management c/o USDA 3775 Venture Drive Duluth, GA 30096 770-962-4981 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require The United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture as Attorney in Fact for Alexander Hernandez Attorney Contact: Miller, George and Suggs, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 24GA414-0140 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4823392 09/04/2024, 09/11/2024, 09/18/2024, 09/25/2024 3134 (ASAP# 4823392)

NOTICE TO DEBOTS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH IN RE: ESTAT OF MARY R. MCELMURRAY

All creditors of the estate of Mary R. McElmurray late of Peach County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 28 day of August, 2024. Julie Hughes, Executor of Mary R. McElmurray, deceased 731 Harper Rd Perry, GA 31069
9/4, 9/11, 9/18, 9/25, 2024
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MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

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castles, and for older audiences, there was a mechanical bull ride. National Hispanic Heritage Month, which begins on Sept. 15, is meant to celebrate and recognize the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.

In 1810, Mexico left Spain in what would be the Mexican War of Independence. The birthplace

of Mexico's independence is Dolores Hidalgo, also known as Dolores Hidalgo Cuna de la Independencia Nacional (Dolores Hidalgo Birthplace of [Mexican] National Independence). Originally the small town was simply known as Dolores but that was changed after the Catholic Priest Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla let out the cry for independence for Mexico. After Mexico achieved Independence, the

town was renamed Dolores Hidalgo in honor of Hidalgo y Costilla, who became recognized as the Father of the Nation.

Event Coordinator, Maria Valencia, was happy with the turnout from the Peach County community.

"The overall turnout was really good! The rain did not stop the people from coming out and enjoying their family night out in our own Downtown Fort Valley,"

Valencia said.

Valencia listed some of her favorite moments from the evening, namely a performance of the Mexican National Anthem by a young member of the community.

"The National Anthem, sung by our young community member, reminded me how important it was for our children to be part of their own culture," Valencia said.

"It was a nice way to embrace

our Hispanic Culture in our diverse community."

Valencia also took a moment to express her gratitude to the people and organizations who helped make this celebration possible.

"Thank you to all our sponsors City of Fort Valley, Peach County Tourism Committee, Sun-Mark Community Bank, Jahi LLC DBA Pop-In-Foodmart, Fort Valley Utility Commission,

Paul Capista Agency-State Farm, Genuine Georgia Group LLC, Whitaker Family Dentistry Inc, Felton's Red & White Grocery, Cleveland Tree Company, Trust Bank, Pearson Farm, Thomas Public Library, Lane's Southern Orchard, and Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority for making this event a successful one!" Valencia said.



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The community came out to support and enjoy the festivities despite Friday's rainy weather.

Public Notice

Opportunity for Public Hearing for Section 5307 Capital Projects and Operating Assistance for the Peach County Board of Commissioners Transit Department under the Federal Transit Administration.

Notice is hereby given affording an opportunity for a public hearing for the purpose of coordination of Section 5307 for public transportation services assisted with Federal sources and financial assistance is being sought from the Federal Transit Administration. The proposed project application is for Section 5307 capital assistance and operating assistance for FY 2026.

Under Section 5307 a capital request for federal dollars in the amount of \$0.00 for express purchase of:

List proposed capital requests (i.e.: transit coaches w/wheelchair lifts, training & education, in-ground bus lift, office furniture, fare box & related items, security & surveillance, maintenance tools/equipment, preventative maintenance and other associated capital items).

The capital funding requested will be federal assistance in the amount of \$0.00 (80% Federal); State assistance in the amount of \$0.00 (10% match); and local assistance \$0.00 (10% match).

Operating assistance from the Federal Transit Administration will be in the amount of \$178,500.00 (50%) toward the cost of transit operations with \$178,500.00 (50% local match).

This proposed project is consistent with the areas Long Range Plan and conforms to joint Metropolitan Planning Regulations issued by FTA and FHWA. No persons, families or businesses will be displaced by this project. This project is in conformance with the comprehensive land use and transportation planning in this area.

The Peach County Board of Commissioners is affording an opportunity for interested persons, agencies, private transportation providers, human service organizations or transit operators representing the employment-related transportation needs of welfare recipients and low-income individuals to respond with respect to social, economic, and environmental aspects of the project. A copy of the grant application is available for public inspection in the office of the Peach County Board of Commissioners (i.e., Transit Department) at _____ (address)

Any person interested in a public hearing being held should submit a written request by 10/15/24 (allow 30 days for request) to the Peach County Board of Commissioners at 213 Persons Street Fort Valley, GA 31030 (agency address), to the attention of Janet Smith (contact name).

Important safety information from Atlanta Gas Light

Every day, underground pipelines safely transport natural gas – one of the most efficient, reliable and environmentally friendly fuels – to homes and businesses throughout the country. Atlanta Gas Light operates, secures and maintains the pipelines in our service territories. We adhere to state and federal pipeline safety regulations, perform extensive quality-control checks, educate the public on how to recognize and prevent natural gas leaks, and work closely with officials to develop emergency response plans.

Call before you dig

Before digging on your property, state law requires you call 811 to have your utility lines professionally marked – for free! You must wait the required amount of time before you begin your project. Pipeline markers indicate the general area of the pipeline, but not its exact location or depth. A pipeline may not always be marked in all areas, so it is important to always "Call Before You Dig." If a pipeline right of way is adjacent to your property, you have a responsibility to ensure no new installations of landscaping or physical structures are placed in the right of way, which interferes with our ability to keep the pipeline safe through routine monitoring and maintenance.

Information about transmission pipelines operating in your community can be accessed online at npms.phmsa.dot.gov, courtesy of the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS).

Water heater safety

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission urges all users to lower their water heaters to 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Carbon monoxide

Incomplete combustion of any fuel produces carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is poisonous and has no odor, taste or color. Carbon monoxide detectors are helpful, but they are no substitute for using equipment safely. This includes having your appliances inspected once a year by a certified contractor.

Appliance safety

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- It is important that you have your furnace inspected by a qualified specialist.
- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shut-offs are in proper working condition.
- Keep trash and other combustible materials away from your air, heating and water heating systems.

Pipeline integrity management is a process for assessing and mitigating pipeline risks to reduce both the likelihood and consequences of incidents. We have a comprehensive plan that fully addresses these processes, especially for locations deemed high-consequence areas.

To learn more, visit atlantagaslight.com/integritymanagementplan.

If you smell gas, act fast!

Although natural gas pipeline incidents are uncommon, you can help prevent emergencies by knowing the signs of a potential problem. Even though you may not currently be a Atlanta Gas Light customer, you can play an important role in natural gas safety. Below are some tips on how to identify a possible natural gas leak, and what to do in such a situation.

LOOK for blowing dirt, discolored vegetation or continued bubbling of standing water.

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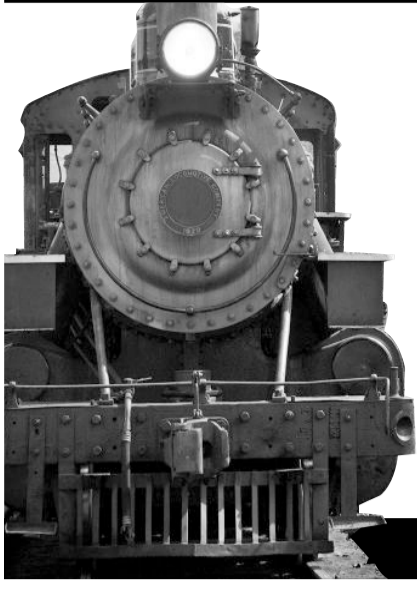
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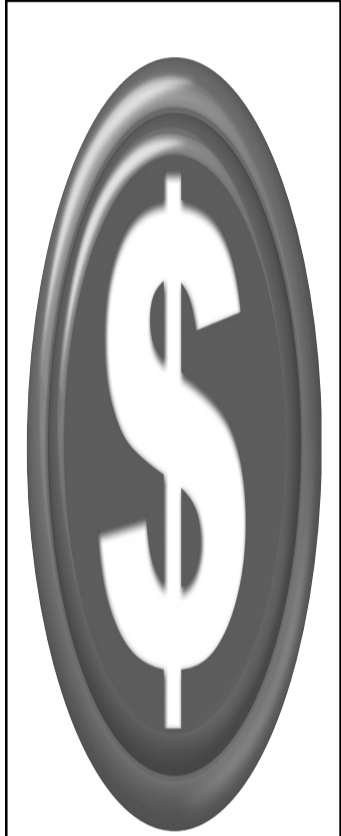
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2. IF YOU COULD TURN INTO AN ANIMAL, WHAT WOULD YOU BE AND WHAT VEGETABLE WOULD YOU EAT?
3. IF YOU WERE STUCK ON AN ISLAND, WHAT IS THE ONE FOOD YOU COULD EAT EVERY DAY? 
4. WHO IS THE WORST COOK IN OUR FAMILY AND WHY?
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6. WHAT IS THE WEIRDEST FOOD YOU'VE EVER EATEN?
7. WHAT ARE WE COOKING TOMORROW NIGHT? 
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9. WHAT WAS THE BEST HOME-MADE MEAL YOU EVER HAD?
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13. WHAT MADE YOU SMILE TODAY?
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Answer: Bobbins

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Answer: Jon Bernthal

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

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- APPLIQUE
- BASTE
- BIAS
- BOBBIN
- BODICE
- BUTTONHOLE
- CASING
- DART
- FACING
- FOLD
- GRAIN
- HEM
- LENGTH
- MACHINE
- NOTCH
- PATTERN
- PINS
- PLEAT
- SEAM
- SELVEDGE
- STITCHING
- TACK
- TENSION

NEW WORD

PENALTY

a disadvantage imposed on a team for breaking a rule



- English: Run
- Spanish: Correr
- Italian: Correre
- French: Courir
- German: Laufen

PREVIEW: Peach County Trojans vs. Northside Eagles

By Victor Kulkosky
Editor Emeritus

Northside Eagles, 9-20-2024, Home
Home: Warner Robins **Head Coach:** Ben Bailey, 6-9, 2nd season
Overall Record: 504-207-6 (.708), 62 seasons, since 1963
Last Year: 4-7/2-3, 1st round
This Year: 2-2
Region Titles: 14 **State Titles:** 3
2024 Classification: 1-5A
PC vs. Team: 5-15 **Last Game:** NS 28 PC 14, 8-25-2023

The Eagles of Northside-Warner Robins are among the elite group of over 1,000 Georgia high schools with documented football records who

boast 500 wins. Just under half of those wins, 241, were under Conrad Nix, who led the Eagles for 24 seasons in two stints, 1973-1980 and 1994-2009.

The Eagles rivalry with in-town rival the Warner Robins Demons is among the most storied in the state. Local lore says that a graduate of one school will refuse to live in the zone of the other school. The Demons boast a solid 42-25 lead in the series. After the legendary Robert Davis left Warner Robins, the Eagles went on a 15-3 streak, narrowing, but not closing the gap. Since 2017, the Demons have won eight straight. Four of those Demons wins were under Marquis Westbrook, now the Trojans Head Coach.

The Eagles haven't won a region title since 2014. They were 4-7 in 2023, a rare losing season for Northside.

In 2024, the Eagles opened with a solid 38-18

win over Eagles Landing, followed by a tight 13-12 win over Baldwin. The Demons dominated, 34-12, in the 2024 edition of the Wartown Rivalry. They lost last week, 14-6, to Burke County, #5 in 2A.

The Eagles have the honor of being the first team to lose to the Peach County Trojans, 20-12, in PC's second ever game. The Eagles have had the upper hand since then, winning 15 of the 20 games in a sporadic series. The two teams didn't meet from 1974 to 1995. The Eagles then won eight straight. After another hiatus from 2006 to 2017, the Trojans won two in a row, including a memorable 2018 battle at Mercer University Stadium, in which the Trojans prevailed, 27-24. The Eagles have won the last four. Trojans fans remember last year's game at The Mac as The Night the Lights Went Out. Most of the stadium lights went

black during half-time, delaying the second-half kickoff, and the lights at one end went out again. Trojan fans, of course, found this a bit suspicious – that's why they call them 'fans' – but honestly, the Trojans were uneven, showing streaks of grit and determination, mixed with bouts of Not Ready for Prime Time.

This year, PC is looking readier. Following a one-week break, the Trojans will conclude their non-region schedule and the first half of the 2024 season. Coach Westbrook is undefeated against Northside, but both teams are different this time. With your very loud presence to assist, the Trojans should give Westbrook his fifth win against the Eagles, provided they do everything right. You know the way.

FIRE IT UP, PC!!!

Long Live The Streak: Fort Valley's Tim Wilson has not missed a Peach County football game in 50 years



Photo by Ed Grisamore / The Melody

Fort Valley's Tim Wilson has not missed a Peach County football game — home or away — since 1975.

By Ed Grisamore

FORT VALLEY – It was fitting Alicia and Tim Wilson met in church. He was the minister of music at Chamlee Memorial Baptist in Fort Valley. She lived in Hawkinsville and was invited to be the guest piano player at Chamlee.

Her aunt was worried Alicia might end up an old maid, so she became the self-anointed matchmaker.

She got a scouting report on Tim. He was kind, loyal, dedicated, committed ... and he was passionate about Peach County football.

He was a good catch ... if you could catch him. He was a moving target.

"I want you to know Fort Valley was not happy with me," Alicia said. "They didn't know me, so they all tried to tell him that his streak was going to be gone, and he wasn't going to make it to all these ballgames."

She did score points for good timing. They were introduced at the end of basketball season and before the start of Little League baseball. They were married six months later.

Their wedding date was moved so as not to conflict with Peach County's football opener against Perry. They drove five hours from their honeymoon in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, just in time to pull up at the stadium, their suitcases still in the car.

The Wilsons celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary last week.

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Play ball.

Tim Wilson might be the most dedicated high school football fan in America.

He has not missed a Peach County football game – home or away – in 50 years. If the Trojans advance to the second round of the playoffs this season, the streak will reach 600 straight games.

Like the yellow school buses that roll off the assembly line at Blue Bird, there is not a football Friday that rolls through the valley when someone doesn't ask him, "What's the number tonight?"

It has become a point of community pride. It's not just his streak. In a way, it is shared with everybody.

"I look at my life and ask myself why I do this. What is the purpose?" Tim said. "I like to believe I am there for all the young people whose parents either cannot or will not be there. Over the years, I've had them come back and tell me how much it meant to them. I have had them tell me that when they think of this program, they think of me."

In addition to his football faithfulness, he has kept the scorebook for Peach County basketball teams for the past 40 years. He has worked with developmentally disabled adults at the Kay Center in Fort Valley for 37 years. For the past 36 years, he has led the music program at Chamlee, where he also has taught Sunday School and served as a deacon. Before he retired, he called balls and strikes for three generations of local players as an umpire with the recreation department.

Alicia's calendar has revolved around the sports seasons. She has learned to plan her life around off weeks and open dates.

"I didn't care when they played, or where they played ... I just wanted to know when they were NOT playing," she said, laughing.

Tim never put on a uniform or took a snap for the Trojans. But when he reached his 25th year without missing a game, the school presented him with a letter jacket. After he attended his 400th straight game in 2009, he was given a helmet signed by every player on the team. The Trojans won every game that year, the only undefeated season

in school history.

Although he has a lifetime pass to all the home games, he still buys a season ticket so he can sit in a reserved seat. He is so iconic a downtown restaurant once named a hot dog after him.

Nigel Talton, who played football and ran track at Peach County, once asked to have his photograph taken with the "Legend." Never mind that Talton was a celebrity himself. He was the "Freeze" who raced fans across the outfield between innings at Atlanta Braves games.

The streak has survived sweat-soaked September kick-offs and frigid December half-time shows. The night the streak reached No. 200 in Columbus, it was raining so hard that the water was ankle-deep in the floorboard on the trip home. There were six inches of snow on the ground after the state championship game in Atlanta in 2017.

The streak has survived late-night road trips to remote corners of the state, heart-stopping overtime games, hospital visits, controversial officiating, dark parking lots, church revivals and, of course, COVID. It has survived the wear and tear of dozens of black T-shirts hanging on by a thread, hundreds of spirit buttons dangling across his chest, hoarse vocal cords, and scarfing down at least 1,457 Krystal pre-game meals.

Tim's parents, the late Merrill and Carolyn Wilson, started taking him to Peach County games in 1975, when he was 12 years old. At his first game, the Trojans defeated Carver 43-0. Matt Jackson, one of the school's most revered players who later went to Ohio State, was the star running back. The Trojans won their first six games before Jackson broke his leg, then lost their last four and failed to make the playoffs.

That was 49 years and three stadiums ago.

Tim graduated from Peach County in 1981 with the dis-

Region 1-AAA Week 5 Roundup

By Victor Kulkosky
Editor Emeritus

If first-year Head Coach Jay Walls chose the Bainbridge Bearcats' non-region schedule with the intent to toughen them up for region-play, they should be unbeatable. They took on Thomas County Central last Friday, #4 in 5A, and lost, 63-7. Four of the Bearcats' five non-region opponents were ranked. They've been outscored, 201-44. On the bright side, they haven't been shut out.

Trojan fans should recall the 2005 season, when we went 0-3 to start the season, and then dominated most games thereafter to win the state title. None of those non-region games were blowouts, though. But if Bainbridge can't handle ranked teams, well, the Trojans are ranked. It's all just speculation,

anyway. Only region games determine a team's playoff participation. That's as true for the Trojans as for the Bearcats.

The Trojans rested last Friday and will host Northside this Friday to round out their non-region schedule. Elsewhere in 1-3A, the Cairo Syrupmakers beat Cook, 27-10, and the Westover Patriots continued their high-scoring ways with a 44-7 win over Griffin. Westover is the only unbeaten team in 1-3A, at 4-0. They've outscored opponents, 158-63. Dougherty beat Crisp County, 21-14. The Monroe Tornados also had an off week.

Heading into Week 6, Westover is 4-0, Peach County is 3-1, Cairo 2-2, Dougherty 2-3, Monroe 0-4, and Bainbridge 0-5. The Trojans are the only region team with a win over a ranked

team so far; they beat Northeast in Week One. Monroe and Cairo also lost to Thomas County Central. The takeaway for Region 1-3A seems to be, don't play Thomas County Central.

The Bearcats have week to recover. Cairo will travel to Wakulla, in Florida, for their second game with a Sunshine State opponent. They beat Kathleen at home, 63-24 on Sept. 6. Dougherty, the other Trojans in the region, are also off. Monroe will play 1A D2 Pelham on the road. Westover will host our old friends Jackson.

Region play for 1-3A starts in Week 7. (FYI, there are 12 weeks in the regular season in which to play 10 games.) We'll address that set of games next week.

Until then, FIRE IT UP, PC!!!

tinction of being the school's first male cheerleader.

"After about 10 years, I realized I hadn't missed a game," Tim said. "Then it got up to 15, 20, and then 25 years."

From then on he was as committed as a child with a perfect attendance record. Life is about showing up. Buy the ticket. Take the ride.

The closest Tim has come to missing a game was in the fall of 2002. His father was in a coma at a Macon hospital. After keeping vigil at his father's bedside for several days, Tim slipped away for three hours on a Friday night to attend Peach County's road game against Northeast at

nearby Thompson Stadium.

"When he came out of the coma, I said 'Daddy, I'm going to go on and tell you I went on to the game,'" Tim said. "And his exact words were, 'That's what you should have done.'"

Alicia has embraced the role of the devoted football fan wife. There have been times when she has had to snatch an emotional Tim by the belt loop to keep him from running onto the field. When she doesn't get to attend the games because of work or illness, she can count on him calling her every few minutes for an update. The local radio stations no longer broadcast the games, so she can expect a play-

by-play.

"All I have to do is sit home and wait. I'm going to get the call," she said. "I've had him get so mad he slammed the phone down. At times, I have thought he was going to either be in jail or in the hospital."

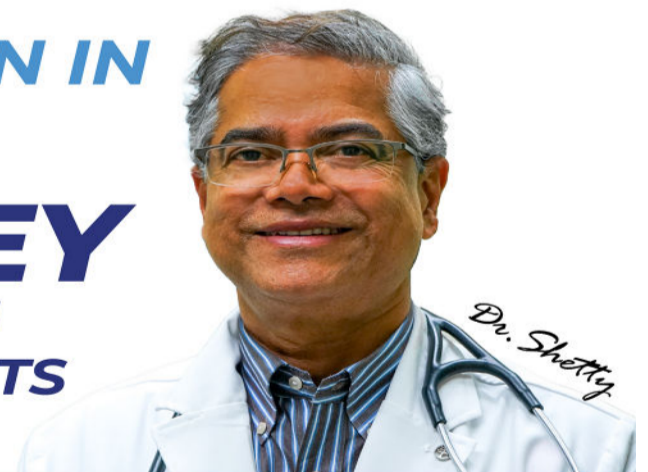
She thinks back to that first football season they were married. The honeymoon is not over.

"He wanted to get to 250, and then it just didn't stop," she said. "He said he wanted to see how long this ride can go. And, because I love him, why would I want to change him?"



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