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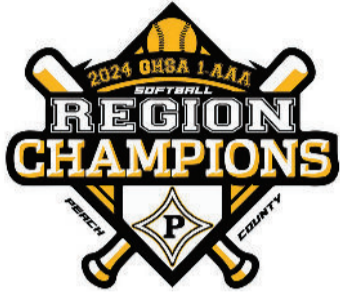
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By Zoe Hammond  
 News Editor

PEACH COUNTY, Ga. – The Peach County Lady Trojans Softball Team has won the GHSA 3A Region 1 Championship with a 12-4 victory against Bainbridge on Tuesday, Oct. 8. This is Peach County's first region title in program history.

First-year Head Coach Joey Hiller and the members of the Lady Trojans Softball Team could not be more excited for this monumental win.

"We feel really good. These girls have poured a lot into this season and worked very hard to accomplish one of our team goals of winning the Region Championship," Hiller said.

Hiller recognized some of the hard work from his team that helped cement the win, including the senior, Gracie Martin, who ended the match on a game-winning strikeout.

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## Lady Trojans Softball Team Wins First Region Championship



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## October Declared Breast Cancer Awareness Month By Peach County Government

Contributed by Peach County Government  
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At the previous Regular Meeting of the Peach County Board

of Commissioners, October was declared Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Commissioners would like to urge all Peach County residents to spread

awareness of this disease, provide support for those affected by this illness and educate others on its prevention and early detection.

## Multiple Public Hearings on Rezoning, Ordinances at Commissioners Meeting

By Zoe Hammond  
 News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – It was a busy evening for the County Commissioners at their monthly board meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8, as they held numerous public hearings regarding both rezoning requests and ordinances.

The first rezoning request came from Nirav Patel, who asked to rezone two separate properties. The first, a three-acre property located at the corner of Highway 341 and Woolfolk Road, was to be rezoned from Agricultural to C2. The commissioner approved the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board to approve the rezoning. The second, a two-acre property located at the corner of Highway 49 and Taylor Mill Road, was to be rezoned from Agricultural to C2 as well. The commissioners approved the recommendation to deny the rezoning, with Chairman Martin Moseley and Commissioner Roy Lewis opposing.

The second rezoning request was by CLK Global, for a property located at the corner of Highway 96 and Aultman Road changing from Agricultural to Commercial. The commissioners approved the recommendation to approve the rezoning, contingent upon a site plan review by the Public Works Department. The third rezoning request was from Barbara Brown, with her wishing to change her property from R-AG to R1. The commissioners approved the recommendation to approve the rezoning. The last rezoning request was

from Busbee/Moss and the request was tabled until the November meeting due to a lack of information.

Following that were two public hearings regarding two Ordinance updates. The first was for Demolition Orders which will address buildings or structures that are unfit for human habitation or for commercial, industrial, or business occupancy. The second was for Offenses, which covered different forms of general offenses ranging from disorderly conduct, theft by shoplifting, dangerous dogs, criminal trespass, and so on. The Commissioners approved both unanimously.

For their announcements, the Commissioner had a proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and encouraged citizens to support those who have been affected by breast cancer. Following that, Commissioner Wade Yoder had an update for the Mental Health Sequential Intercept Mapping. After that, County Attorney James F. Banter had an update on the Elections Office concerning training and notices.

Tiffany Bland and Rick Craft from the Peach County Health Department were in attendance

**HEARINGS**  
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**PROCLAMATION**  
**Recognizing the Month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, Every year, too many Americans are touched by the pain and hardship caused by breast cancer;  
**WHEREAS**, Breast cancer is the second most common form of cancer found in women in the United States and is the leading cause of cancer death for women with one in eight women diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime; and  
**WHEREAS**, More than 2,800 men will likely be diagnosed with some form of breast cancer in 2024, but thanks to early detection and improved treatment options, deaths from breast cancer have decreased significantly in the last decade; and  
**WHEREAS**, Many people have endured the heartbreak of losing someone to breast cancer, and it's the memories of those loved ones that drive us to find a cure; and  
**WHEREAS**, During the month of October, we remember those lost to this terrible disease and stand strong for those currently facing a breast cancer diagnosis, and we strengthen our resolve to do our part in supporting those affected; and  
**WHEREAS**, By raising awareness of breast cancer and supporting research, prevention and early detection, we will move closer to eradicating this disease.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Peach County Board of Commissioners that October is designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and we urge all Peach County residents to spread awareness of this disease, provide support for those affected by this illness and educate others on its prevention and early detection.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Peach to be affixed on this the 8th day of October, 2024.



*Martin H. Moseley, Jr.*  
 Martin H. Moseley, Jr., Chairman  
 Peach County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:  
*April H. Hodges*  
 April H. Hodges, County Administrator





## FVSU Wins Homecoming Game

Everyone went home happy from Homecoming in The Valley. Wildcats put up 35 points in the second quarter and take away the 49-40 win over the Yellow Jackets of Allen.

The Grand Marshal of the FVSU Homecoming parade was Brigadier General Kelvin McElroy. The theme from Homecoming was "There's No Place like The Valley".



## Fort Valley Methodist Church Celebrates New Hymnals

Contributed

Ron Moore, FVMC Minister of Music, is shown holding one of the new Our Great Redeemer's Praise hymnals which were purchased in honor of or in memory of individual(s) over the past 5 months. Dr. Timothy Tennant and his wife Julie will be at Fort Valley Methodist Church on Sunday, October 20th for a special hymnal dedication.

Julie, Managing Editor of the hymnal, will speak at 9:45 am and Dr. Tennant, who is the Distinguished Professor of World Christianity at Asbury Theological Seminary, will preach the morning worship at 10:55 AM.

From July 2009 - July 2024 Dr. Tennant served as President of Asbury Theological Seminary in Willmore, Kentucky. Please come join us for these special services and for a delicious pot-luck lunch at noon.



## Byron Elementary School Student Places in Writing Contest

Contributed

Congratulations to Riley Jones! She was recognized as the 2024 Georgia National Fair "Fair Bear" Writing Contest 2nd Place winner in the 5th grade category!

She wrote and submitted her story during the 2023-24 school year. Winners were recognized at the Georgia National Fair on Saturday, October 5th.

Riley was in Heather Long's 5th grade class at Byron Elementary!



## Byron Elementary School Student Places 2nd in 2024 Peanut Festival Postcard Contest!



Contributed

Congratulations to Sunnie Kamrowski. She was chosen as a Plains Peanut Festival Postcard Contest winner from over 4,417 entries from students all over the country!

Sunnie is a 4th grade student at Byron Elementary in Mrs. Nicole Kimbrough's class. The postcard theme this year was "Happy 100th Birthday, President Carter!".

## Red Cross: Donors vital in response to Hurricane Helene impact

Contributed

Macon, GA (Oct. 8, 2024) — The American Red Cross continues to work to restock critically needed blood products uncollected due to the ongoing impact of Hurricane Helene's devastation in the Southeast. Donors outside of affected areas are encouraged to make an appointment to give now and help keep the blood supply stable in the weeks to come.

Since making landfall, the storm and its aftermath have led to the cancellation of more than 100 blood drives, causing thousands of blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. For so many people living with urgent medical care needs, blood transfusions are essential, and donations in the Southeast are key to keeping our nationwide network stocked. The Red Cross operates through a national inventory with the ability to move blood wherever and whenever it is needed most.

The time to give blood is now. Bring hope to those in need by

visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. As the Red Cross continues to urge people to give blood now, our teams are also on the ground providing vital relief - like food, water, shelter and support - in communities devastated by Hurricane Helene. If you're able to help those impacted by disasters big and small across the country, like Helene, please consider making a gift of any amount.

All who come to give blood Oct. 1-31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of three \$5,000 gift cards. For full details, visit [RedCrossBlood.org/Treat](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Treat).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Oct. 8-31:  
Peach County  
Fort Valley  
10/31/2024: 2 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.,  
Peach County High School,  
3665 Peach Parkway

## Early Voting in Peach County

There will be two Saturday voting days **October 19th, 2024** and **October 26th, 2024**.

The early voting precincts will be at The Government Center located at 902 Campus Dr., Fort Valley, Ga 31030 and the Byron Municipal Courthouse located at

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The hours will be from **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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## Byron Arrests/Citations

Bailey, Rashad Kaul, 24, Douglasville, GA; Reckless Driving, Driving With Suspended License, Window Tint Violation

Dumas, Brian Jorell, 33, Macon, GA; Aggravated Assault

Forrest, Jamma Rufus Lee, 32, Macon, GA; Driving With Suspended License

Fortner, Laura Renee, 37, Warner Robins, GA; Open Container, Possession Of Drug Related Object, Failure To Maintain A Single Lane, Failure To Signal When Turning Or Changing Lanes, DUI - Combo Any Combination Of A1/A2/A3, Too Fast For Conditions, Reckless Driving, Fleeing/ Attempting To Elude Police, Driving With Suspended License, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Taillights / Taillight Lenses Required

Husak, Justin John, 40, Macon, Ga; DUI - Alcohol 0.08 Gm Or More 21 Or Over, Open Container

Knight, Damien Concord, 21, Macon, GA; Operation Of Unreg. Vehicle Or W/O Current License Plate, Revalidation Decal, County Decal, No Insurance, Driving Without A License

Martin, Tycorian Raekwon, 28, Macon, GA; Driving With Suspended License, Operation Of Unreg. Vehicle Or W/O Current License Plate, Revalidation Decal, County Decal

Mattox, Bryan Patrick, 40, Byron, GA; Driving With Suspended License

Newsome, Neico Lacalvin, 43, Byron, GA; Probation Violation

Self, Katherine Lane, 27, Byron, GA; Driving With Suspended License

Williams, Massie Carroll, 38, Trinity, NC; Theft By Receiving Stolen Property- Felony

## Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Dassau, Calvin Renod, 56, Fort Valley, GA; Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Greer, Isaiah Anderson, 19, Fort Valley, GA; Robbery, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies, Aggravated Assault, Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree, Armed Robbery, Theft By Receiving Stolen Property-Felony

Hicks, Cameron Maurice, 17, Oglethorpe, GA; Armed Robbery, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies, Theft By Receiving Stolen Property- Felony

Leary, Jerry, 65, Fort Valley, GA; Public Indecency/Indecent Exposure (Fel After 2 Prior Conv)

Wilson, Brandon Jerrard, 38, Fort Valley, Ga; Aggravated Assault-Family Violence, Cruelty To Children In The 3rd Degree 3rd Or Subsequent Offense

## Peach County Sheriff's Office

### Arrests/Citations

Andrews, Christopher Luther, 27, White Plai, GA; Driving While License Suspended

Bradley, Joseph, 56, Macon, GA; Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers

Bryant, Angelar, 41, Warner Robins, GA; Court Order-Serving 16 Days

Carr, Kevin Eugene, 57, Byron, GA; Wanted Out Of Crawford And Bibb County

Davis, China Camile, 37, Fort Valley, GA; Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Douglas, Michael Antoine, 48, Kathleen, GA; Driving While License Suspended

Falling, Pierre, 27, Fort Valley, GA; Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Forest, Carnell, 39, Macon, GA; Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Harris, J'kwame Keros, 41, Fort Valley, GA; Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Howard, Frederick Thomas, 40, Fort Valley, GA; Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Moore, Bianca Shree, 30, Fort Valley, GA; Possession Of Cocaine

Moore, Brandon Pieree, 34, Ellenwood, GA; Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers, Failure To Maintain Insurance, Driving While License Suspended, Window Tint Violation

Osborne, Rodney Duane, 58, Jacksonville, FL; Driving While License Suspended

Postell, Michael Darnell, 26, Fort Valley, GA; Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Pryor, Corey Edward, 24, Byron, Ga; Wanted Person

Sandifer, Ronnie, 40, Macon, GA; Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Thomas, Austin Alexander, 19, Byron, GA; Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Wright, Najzma Sheknobia, 26, Fort Valley, GA; Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

## GA State Patrol Perry Arrests

Lindsey, Latricia Lynette, 44, Bonaire, GA; Aggravated Assault

# Do You Need A Rides To The Polls?

Submitted by Peach Concerned Citizens

Peach Concerned Citizens will provide rides to the polls. Call 478-827-5110.

Early Voting Precincts: The Government Center located at 902 Campus Dr. Fort Valley Ga, 31030 and the Byron Municipal Courthouse located at 401 Main St. Byron Ga, 31088. Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

What is Peach concerned Citizens Inc.? It is a 501c (3) organization that operates entirely as

a nonpartisan, inclusive group that focuses primarily on voter registration, voter education, and civic engagement.

Our mission services four counties (Peach, Crawford, Macon, and Taylor) and is aimed to reach all ethnic groups to inform, discuss issues and create a climate so everyone understands the importance of voting. The mission is also to improve the voter turnout by at least 15 percent over the past elections and voter turnout for all geographic

areas and demographic groups especially the disabled, hard to reach and underrepresented which includes engaging ages eighteen to thirty-eight.

OUR VISION: Our vision is to unite activists, community organizers, faith leaders, citizens, social justice leaders and legislators to advance voter participation and improve the economic status of all citizens. Additionally, we seek to improve household stability through economic justice, climate justice and social justice, while ensuring voter education and rights for everyone during elections.

Website: PeachConcerned-Citizens.com

Email: peachconcernedcitizens@gmail.com

## Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.net



### OCTOBER 19 PACKING IN PINK 5K

Peach County Health Department, together with North Central Health District's Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, is excited to present "Pacing in Pink"—a lively and unforgettable 5K walk/run dedicated to breast cancer awareness. Please join us on Saturday, October 19th to show your support for breast cancer survivors, honor their families, and remember those we've lost. Your participation will make a difference!

Participants are asked to arrive at City Hall in Fort Valley at 7 AM. The start time is 7:30 AM. We will also have a fun walk at 8 AM.

To secure your spot, please fill out the Registration Form using the following link. Please reach out to me if you have any questions. Type in link below to get to the registration form.

<https://hipaa.jotform.com/242565027819058>

### OCTOBER 19 Pink Tie Gala, Breast Cancer Survivor's Celebration

Join us for a night of dinner and dancing as we celebrate breast cancer survivors. Format pink attire requested. RSVP.

### OCTOBER 19 Afternoon Breast Education Tea

6PM, October 19, 2024 at The Austin Theater, 126 E. Main St, Fort Valley.

### 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 Danielli 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](mailto: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. (TFN)

### THURS., OCT. 10, 2024 AT 5:15PM REGULAR MEETING

PEACH PUBLIC LIBRARIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES THOMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY, FORT VALLEY, GA

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

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

### CALL FOR ARTISTS MIDDLE GEORGIA ART ASSOCIATION

For Painters Only The exhibit will be on display October 18 - November 9 Deadline to enter is Tuesday, October 15, 5:00pm Prospectus and entry forms are available on our website: [www.middlegeorgiaart.org](http://www.middlegeorgiaart.org) MGAA Gallery, 2330 Ingleside Ave., in Ingleside Village. Gallery Hrs: Tues-Fri 12-5pm. Sat 12-3pm. 478-744-9557 Email: [middlegeorgiaart@bellsouth.net](mailto:middlegeorgiaart@bellsouth.net) Free and open to the public! (TFN)

### 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER APPLICATION

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

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

### PEACH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

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

### THE PEACH COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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

### FIRST STEP LEARNING CENTER EARLY HEAD START

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### ADDICTION COUNSELING

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

### BYRON AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

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

### THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS MIDDLE GEORGIA CHAPTER

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

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

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

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

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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

### BYRON LIONS CLUB

The club meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month, the first 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](mailto:mhumphry@cox.net) (TFN)

### BYRON ROTARY CLUB

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

### BYRON MAIN STREET DDA/CVB

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

### BYRON TAX OFFICE

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

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## There's a Difference Between Discipline and Abuse



ZOE HAMMOND

News Editor

There's a difference between discipline and abuse and it seems like many parents cannot tell what that difference is. At least, if the frequent arrests for family violence and cruelty to children charges in the weekly arrest reports are anything to go by. Abuse is not only physical, it can be mental, emotional, sexual, and so on.

The Centers for Disease Control defines child maltreatment as any act or series of acts of commission or omission by a parent or other caregiver that results in harm, potential for harm, or threat of harm to a child. There are different kinds of child abuse: physical, sexual, or emotional. Neglect, which can be benign or deliberate, is also child abuse.

What brought on this topic is what happened to me the other day at the doctor's office. My husband and I were sitting and waiting for my appointment. There was only one other group of people in the waiting room – a grandmother and her two grandchildren. The eldest was probably 7 or 8 and the youngest had to be younger than 5.

The grandmother was consistently on her phone ignoring the two and had brought nothing to keep them occupied. So, they were reading the magazines and playing with one another – at some points, they would get a little loud for being inside and the grandmother would snap at them and then go back to being on her phone.

At one point she got annoyed with them and took them both into the small bathroom in the office. We thought it was maybe to talk to them privately

about their behavior. The first time we heard a loud squeal but couldn't tell if it was the youngest playing or not. The second time, the grandmother dragged the youngest by his arm and took him into the bathroom – this time we could hear her hitting and yelling at him and him crying. He came out clutching his left eye and crying.

I reported her to the office and they acted as if this was a common occurrence. She beat this child because he was rambunctious and instead of addressing it correctly, like a parent or grandparent should, went to one of the worst options.

If you are taking a young child somewhere, more often than not, you should bring things they need such as a book, toy, or food. Or, if they have energy or need attention, you find a way to help them express that energy in a positive way. We were in the large medical facility tied with Houston Healthcare – where numerous people come to exercise in an air-conditioned building. How hard would it have been to allow them to run around and get some of that pent-up energy out?

There is a stark difference between discipline and abuse. Discipline is to teach a child right from wrong. There are far more constructive ways to teach children right from wrong without defaulting to harming the child.

It has long been discussed that physical punishment can work momentarily to stop problematic behavior because children are afraid of being hit, but it doesn't work in the long term and can make children more aggressive according to Sandra Graham-Bermann, PhD, a psychology professor and principal investigator for the Child Violence and Trauma Laboratory at the University of Michigan. She details this in her work on the American Psychology Foundation.

Additionally, if your goal when punishing your child is to instill fear rather than to

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## Fitness Starting Points



WADE YODER  
LT COLUMNIST

There are many starting points in life and fitness is no exception. You are unique because no two people are like each other, so what may be good for one person may not necessarily work as well for you. In fitness and health, we should look for our weak points, and when we bring that up to par with our strong points, the whole package will look and feel better!

**For example:** if you work behind a desk and have a friend who is a waitress, and you both decide to start a fitness program together, in the beginning, you may have a little difficulty keeping up with your friend. You should give yourself a little more time to catch up since she has already been exercising somewhat at work and you have a sedentary job. Recognizing this can help you avoid injury as well as inflammatory joint and connective tissue problems.

Starting points need to be made at your weak point(s) and

level drop low enough in the blood to trigger the release of fat for energy, (SUGAR IS THE NUMBER ONE ENEMY OF FAT RELEASE)! Do not drop calories super low for longer than 36- 48 hours or you will go into a catabolic (muscle breakdown) state.

**2. Gaining muscle and tone:** making your muscles do things they're not used to doing forces them to adapt. They adapt by firming up, building up, and toning up and giving us a better shape. Muscle does not care how it looks, only that it can handle the new stress better!

**3. Increasing endurance:** most times what causes an increase in cardiopulmonary activity is simply working muscle. Working muscle needs a lot of blood and oxygen, so when we get a lot of muscles working at the same time, it forces our heart and lungs to work harder. You don't have to spend a lot of time on cardio machines or other strictly aerobic activity to do this, (you can do this in your strengthening, toning, and building routine as well), by sticking with large muscle groups with very little rest. The large muscle groups are worked usually when you have 2 or more joints moving during an exercise (compound movements). If there are things you do in daily life that cause you to get winded, doing these things often will build endurance as well.

**4. Fighting chronic disease:** most chronic diseases (heart

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are connected to a shortfall in lifestyle habits. Find the one(s) you're lacking in and strengthen those habit(s) and your body will oftentimes start cleaning up the chronic condition or disease like a garbage disposal and sanitation system.

**5. Questions we need to ask ourselves to become proactive at staying healthy or regaining health are:**

1. Is the air I breathe clean?

2. Are the fluids I drink free from additives and chemicals?

3. Am I eating a balanced and healthy diet (primarily made up of foods that were foods 500 years ago)?

4. Am I getting daily activity and exercise? Am I getting deep sleep?

5. Am I getting out in the sun? Sun in moderate doses is vitamin D therapy.

6. Am I de-stressing by doing some things I enjoy on a regular basis? Stress is something that can slowly kill us if we do not have a way to release it.

7. Am I staying socially active, and keeping my brain challenged by new or complex things? To stay strong, the brain needs activity, and just like our body, a lack of activity can cause a weakening of our control center as well!

It does not matter where your starting point is, (when you do what it takes to strengthen them combined with consistency), you can turn your weaknesses into your strengths.

## The Margin



DANIEL GATLYN  
MINISTER/COLUMNIST

As time has progressed and humanity has digressed it is a toss-up as to how rapidly a host of margins have been vandalized or compromised. One would have to wisely admit that the percentage of permissiveness has gained ground along liberal lines. The average social mix has become more criminal, more careless, less cautious, and more self-serving. The posture of acceptable limits has been transformed greatly, as the population

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## A Lesson From Jimmy Carter As He Celebrates A Century Of Life

Charlie Harper  
Guest Columnist

Former President Jimmy Carter celebrated his 100th birthday earlier this month. It's a goal few of us will ever reach. Even fewer will get to spend four of our years as the leader of the free world.

The years have been mostly kind to President Carter even if opinion polling at times has not. In politics, blame is assigned quickly even if not appropriately. Given time to understand actions, context, and external exogenous events, history tends to judge a bit more fairly and in context.

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a Republican political operative and blogger. Nor did that stymie the conversation. It was actually quite interesting and candid, on both sides. I was told afterward that we talked a lot longer than the usual time allotted for dinner guests the night before a Sunday School lesson.

We asked each other some direct questions about the state of the world and politics. The timing of this was the 2016 Presidential Primaries. Donald Trump was on his way to up-ending the Republican establishment. Bernie Sanders came within a few superdelegates of doing the same thing to the Democrats.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

I worked hard for 45 years at AT&T ensuring reliable telephone service across Georgia. When Hurricane Andrew hit Miami, I was deployed for six months but ended up staying for a year and a half, rebuilding the city. In 2000, when the Vice President visited Macon, he awarded us a Certificate of Appreciation for our service.

My work was physically demanding and I knew I couldn't do it forever. From day one, I paid into Social Security. My hard work ensured a secure retirement. This election,

that promise is under threat.

Trump's plan includes cutting Social Security and Medicare benefits. He proposed making it easier for hospitals to send seniors surprise medical bills and refused to let Medicare negotiate lower drug prices. He previously wanted to raise the retirement age to 70. Thanks to my union, CWA Local 3217, I have a more robust safety net, but many seniors rely solely on Social Security and Medicare.

Kamala Harris's plan ensures long-term funding for Social Security. Currently,

payroll taxes don't apply to incomes over \$168,600, while the median income in Macon is \$16,408. While most of us in Macon pay into social security, the wealthiest Americans don't have to. Harris will make sure everyone pays their fair share, so we all get the benefits we earned.

Georgians work hard, and we deserve to retire, spend time with our families, and care for our health. This election, the choice is clear: Harris's platform is best for retirees and our families. Jacob McClain, Macon

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# When Heaven's Door Slams Shut



**BILLY POWELL**  
Parables to Ponder  
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The scripture states that once a man accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior, that he becomes a new creature in Christ, one who repents of his past sins and vows to turn his life around. Should this man fall prey again to the corruptible temptations of the flesh that previously drug him down and refuses to take steps to overcome his addictions, he thereby commits spiritual death and is in danger of hell's fire.

Dr. J. Harold Smith in his famous sermon, "God's Three Deadlines," states that such a person is guilty of "sinning away his day of grace" and is beyond forgiveness. "When the individual continues in griev-

ous sin, the day will come when God will knock for the last time. He will make His last plea," cautioned Dr. Smith. "Then He will take flight and leave that person desolate, doomed, and damned forever." When God withdraws His grace, according to Dr. Smith, the individual will be "turned over to the devil for destruction of the flesh."

Hebrews 6: 4-6 issues a parallel warning: "For it is impossible to restore again to repentance those who were once enlightened, those who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of God's word and the powers of the age to come. If they abandon their faith, they are crucifying the Son of God again and exposing Him to public shame." This passage is saying that the man who has experienced the immeasurable relief of receiving the free gift of God's forgiveness is without excuse if he returns to the truly vile sins that once characterized his life. "If we sin deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins," asserts Hebrews 10: 26.

It is bad enough when a church member falls into egregious sin and brings shame to himself and discredit on his church, but it is worse when he crucifies Christ afresh by refusing the atoning power of the Savior's blood shed for him. According to Hebrew 6: 7-8, the fate of unrepentant sinners is the same as unproductive crops that produce thorns and thistles: "God blesses the land which has drunk the rain that falls upon it and brings forth vegetation to those who cultivate it; but if it produces thorns and thistles, it is in imminent danger of God's curse and will be destroyed by fire."

There is another belief that "once saved, always saved," meaning that one who has accepted Christ cannot lose his salvation. This belief had its origin in 16th century Calvinism. Contrarily, the Catholic Catechism 161-162 declares that the precious gift of salvation can be lost. Christians who have returned to "walking with the devil" should take heed before Heaven's Door Slams Shut.

# A CENTURY OF LIFE

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We both knew the world was changing at an ever-increasing pace. While that wasn't the sole purpose nor topic of our conversation, I will say that during that part of it, both of us were doing the best we could to understand the views of the other.

We both wanted context. We asked a lot of "why's". The goal wasn't to persuade but, again, to understand.

One of the least valued traits of our current political environment is to try to understand the other side. When there is common ground on where we're trying to go, it's easier to have an honest debate about how it would be best to get there. That is what our politics was once about, and can be again.

I was told another story about the Carters on one of those vis-

its that has stuck with me, as it adds to the answer "He knew you were a Republican, right?". The Carters once hosted Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat at their home in Plains. Almost two decades after leaving the White House, President Carter was still very invested in finding peace in the Middle East.

The Carters still live in the same home they built in 1960. It's a fine home, but it would fit modestly in any small southern town. Arafat, sitting in their living room at one point looked around and said something to the effect of "But where is the house where you live?". He couldn't believe an American leader would be living in a simple mid-1900s ranch home.

President Carter knew very well who Arafat was before sit-

ting down with him. He knew I wasn't aligned with his party, either. But he offered his time and counsel so that we both might better understand each other's positions. In my case, he helped me get out of the politics of the moment, and re-focus on the bigger, longer picture ahead.

We'll have another President in the White House in January. Roughly half of the country will be upset by who wins.

For our country to continue to fulfill its promise and potential, we need to start having more conversations with those we disagree. If we can persuade, that would be great. It's more simple - even necessary right now - that we all first seek just to understand.

# ABUSE

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educate them, that's not discipline, it's abuse.

Justice for Children states: "Discipline is administered by a parent in order to teach a child right from wrong, or to prevent the child from injuring himself. It is consistent and not carried out to satisfy the parent's anger. Abuse, on the other hand, is unpredictable and stems from the parent's own need to lash out in anger or frustration."

Discipline does not require the use of any implement, such as a belt or stick, and should not leave bruises or draw blood.

For those who work often with children, most know the signs, but Justice for Children provides a list of potential signs of abuse. They include:

Unexplained bruises or welts especially on the face, lips, back, buttocks, and thighs

Bruises in various stages of healing.

Unexplained burns: cigar, cigarette burns (especially on soles of feet, palms, back, or

buttocks).

Immersion burns (sock-like, glove-like burns on buttocks or genitalia).

Pattern burns (shaped like an iron, electrical stove burner, curling wand, etc.)

Internal injuries

Unexplained fractures/dislocations

Unexplained lacerations or abrasions

Head injuries

Unexplained bald patches

Obvious attempts to hide bruises or injuries

Inappropriate clothing for the weather

Excessive school absenteeism

Fear of parents or adults

Running away

Arriving to school early/leaving late

Behavioral extremes: extremely aggressive, oppositional, demanding

Behavioral extremes: overly compliant, passive, withdrawn

Academic/behavioral prob-

lems at school

Cognitive impairment  
Deficits in speech and language

Lack of basic trust in others  
Depression, low self-esteem  
Destructive behavior

Suicidal tendencies

Fatigue

Hypervigilance

If you notice these signs when interacting with children, pay attention to how the parents and grandparents act.

If you suspect that a child is being abused or neglected, the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) encourages you to make a report to the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS).

In order to make a report to DFCS, you can call Centralized Intake at 1-855-422-4453, where a report can be made 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. However, if a child is in immediate danger, please contact 911 or local law enforcement first, then contact DFCS.

# HEARINGS

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to discuss a proposed septic and water fee schedule, which will change Peach County's fees to be similar to those of the other counties that are in the North Central Health District. The commissioners approved unanimously.

Concerning new business, there were multiple items on the agenda. First, EMS Director Brian Donaldson had a request for a budget amendment of \$730 for furniture needed. The commissioners approved the request. Following that, Chief County

Marshal Todd Shepherd had requests for two business licenses, one for Smoke Haven and another for CNC Inflatables, both of which were approved.

Next was the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources which provided \$440,000 that will go into park improvements in Peach County. Next, Commissioner Yoder discussed some damages that were caused to Peach County signs during the recent storms.

Following that, Fire Chief Tim Bechtel stepped forward with a purchase request for a Brush Truck, a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 Crew Cab Flatbed which will cost approximately \$65,600, which the commissioners approved. Lastly, the Master Services Agreement from Hargray, the District Attorney's office is asking to improve their internet speed to 1 GB which would increase the bill by \$70, from \$280 to \$350, which was approved 4-1 with Commissioner Lewis opposing.



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

email: news@theleadertribune.net

## CHURCH PASTOR

Small non-denominational church in Fort Valley in search of lead pastor. If interested, please forward current pastoral experience resume' and contact information to [skholl07@bellsouth.net](mailto:skholl07@bellsouth.net) by November 10, 2024.

**OCT. 19 ANNUAL COAT & SHOE DRIVE**  
**St. Luke's Episcopal Church,** 1000 State University Dr, across from FVSU. October 19, 9am - 12pm Annual Coats & Shoes Drive. Coats, jackets, hoodies, sweaters, winter shoes and boots, etc., accepted. Contact Ann Holloway [annaholloway13@gmail.com](mailto:annaholloway13@gmail.com) for more information.

**MT. OLIVE C.M.E. CHURCH OF FORT VALLEY**

The Mt. Olive C.M.E. Church of Fort Valley, Ga. invites You to Come and Celebrate with Us in Worship. Beginning Nightly; The Weeks (Tuesdays) of October 1st - 8th and 15th 2024 at 7:00 P. M. And, On Sunday October 20th, 2024, at 2: 00 P. M. - "Family and Friends Day"

**- Oct. 20, 2024 @ 2:00 P.M. Family & Friends Day in Worship**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Demetrice Wesley ~ Shiloh Baptist Church Fort Valley, Ga.

The Pastor, Officers and Members are looking forward to You, To Come and Worship with Us On This Special Occasion.

**ST. LUKE'S ANNUAL WINTER COAT MINISTRY - OCT. 19**

Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 9am-12pm. Coats, Hoodies, Sweaters, Shoes. Located at 1000 St. University Drive (across from FVSU)

**BAHA'I COMMUNITY OF PEACH COUNTY**

The Baha'i Community of Peach County warmly invites you to participate in an interfaith devotional and discussion (via Zoom) on the second Wednesday

**BAHA'I FAITH**

*"A kindly tongue is the lodestone of the hearts of men."*

*Baha'u'llah*

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[www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

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](mailto:peachcobahais@gmail.com), and we'll send you an invitation. (TFN)

**COME PRAISE THE LORD OVER ZOOM**

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

**CHRISTIAN FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**

*"Connecting People to Christ"*  
Rev. Bobby J. Roberson, Pastor 478-822-9897. 1735 Hwy 341 North, Fort Valley, GA 31030

**FORT VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

**301 W. Church Street (478)825-2762**  
Join us each Sunday at 10:55AM for Christian fellowship and a spirit-lead service with our pastor, Rev. Herb Flanders. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:45AM. Nursery is available for infants and younger children.

**FT VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (behind Courthouse)**

Come & worship in a casual atmosphere at **5:00pm each Sunday.** Our weekly pastor will be the Rev. Dr. Bryan Whitfield, a Presbyterian minister who also teaches at Mercer University. For any interested, we will have weekly **Sunday School Bible Study starting at 4:00pm** in the room off the sanctuary. Come and join us for an exciting summer. Brenda Rackley 478-283-1356.

**FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**2560 Willow Lake Road, Fort Valley, GA 31030.**

**MISSION PROGRAM** October 13 at 10am. Chairman: Sis. Debra Hill

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY** October 17 at 10am. Bro. James Crocker & Bro. Wayne Crocker.

**BIBLE STUDY** Please dial in for Bible Study each Tuesday at 6:30pm. Number 646-876-9923, your meeting ID is 783-154-6108#, your participant ID is #. You are in the meeting. Dial in 3 to 4 minutes before 6:30pm.

**GRACE HOUSE COMMUNITY FOODBANK**

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays. 9:00am - 12:00pm. Located behind Fort Valley Court House, 203 Central Ave., Fort Valley. Phone: 478-825-2562 (TFN)

**GREATER FAITH BABIES MINISTRIES**

**1000 Tulip Drive, Fort Valley. Sunday School at 8:30am**

**Morning Worship at 10:00am**

**Wednesday: Free Fellowship Meal at 6pm**

60 Minutes Bible Study from 7:00pm -8:00pm Come and fellowship with us!

**HOSTING ANGLICAN INQUIRERS' CLASS**

*Led by Father Matt Harlow*

Learn the basics of the Christian Faith while enjoying a meal and fellowship.

We will cover theology, history, liturgy, and more!

**To register** contact Fr Matt at [harlowmattthew@gmail.com](mailto:harlowmattthew@gmail.com)

<https://www.middlegaanglican.org>

**THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF FORT VALLEY**

Looking for a church? Pastor Tony Wood invites you to come visit us. Bring the kids for Children's Church!

Sunday School at 9:30. Sunday Worship at 10:30.

**SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH located at 309 Central Avenue, Fort Valley, GA 31030. The Rev.

Harriette Simmons Ballard. Services every Sunday at 9:00am with Coffee Hour following in Robinson Hall.

**ST. JULIANA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

804 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Phone:(478) 825-7127

**Sat., 7:00pm Spanish Mass**

**Sun., 9:00am English Mass; 11:00 am Spanish Mass**

**Weekday Mass:** Tues., - Thurs. 6:30pm

**Confessions:** Thurs., 6:00pm; Sat. 6:30pm; Sun. 10:30am

**Adoration:** Thurs., 7:00pm; Sat. 8-9am; Sun. 6:00pm

**LENTEN SCHEDULE - ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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.

**SAINT PETER AME CHURCH**

**502 State University Drive, Fort Valley GA 31030**

Join us for a rewarding Worship Experience at **"The Rock" each Sunday at 10:00AM.** Our pastor is **Rev. Anthony Dixon.** You may also join us via **YouTube and Facebook.** Weekly **Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:00p.m.**

Bianca Ballard (478)825-8452.

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH OF FORT VALLEY**

**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:

**Sunday School** at 10:00 A.M.

**Sunday Worship** at 11:15 A.M.

**Bible Study** at 7:00 P.M. - Tuesdays

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

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# White House And Federal Authorities Sound Alarm On Scams And Price Gouging Amid Recent Hurricanes And Extreme Weather

DOJ, FTC, CFPB and more take price gougers to task for using natural disasters to make a profit on suffering Americans

Contributed

WASHINGTON, D.C. — As the country contends with the devastating impact of Hurricane Helene and extreme weather events caused by impending landfall of Hurricane Milton, Building Back Together stands with the Biden-Harris Administration, the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to warn consumers about potential scams and price gouging that target vulnerable communities in the wake of recent natural disasters.

As President Biden and Vice President Harris continue life-saving preparations for Hurricane Milton and surging federal aid to states and communities impacted by Hurricane Helene, corrupt individuals may attempt to exploit those trying to evacuate

or rebuild. Reports have surfaced of price gouging for essential services and products, such as bottled water, airline tickets, gas, hotel rooms and building materials needed to protect homes. As families and communities fight to stay safe and recover, nobody should have to worry about being taken advantage of while trying to evacuate the dangers of a natural disaster.

Blake Goodman, Communications Director at Building Back Together, stated: "Preparing for and recovering from a natural disaster is one of the hardest things a family can do — the last thing anyone needs is for greedy corporations and corrupt individuals unfairly jacking up the cost of bare necessities needed to evacuate or recover from a storm. At Building Back Together, we're proud to stand alongside the Biden-Harris Administration as

they take on those who would use these disasters to make a profit on the backs of those people just trying to survive."

Common Scams to Watch for During Natural Disasters:

- Price gouging for essential goods and services, such as gas, hotels, groceries and materials needed to board up homes.
- Fraudulent charities soliciting donations for disaster relief, often imitating legitimate organizations.
- Government impersonation scams offering fake disaster relief in exchange for personal information or money.
- Fake contractors promoting non-existent businesses or services related to rebuilding or hurricane recovery.

Consumers are urged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity. If you believe you are being targeted by

fraudulent schemes or price gouging, report it to the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Tips to Avoid Scams:

- Be wary of anyone requesting payment via wire transfer, gift cards, payment apps, cryptocurrency or cash.
- Only FEMA or other legitimate agencies will offer disaster relief, and they will never ask for money upfront.
- Always research contractors and request multiple estimates before committing to any repair work.
- Never sign an insurance check over to someone else without careful consideration and a clear contract.

In addition to FTC resources for avoiding scams and preparing for natural disasters, the CFPB offers a comprehensive Disasters and Emergencies Toolkit for consumers to manage their finances during these challenging

times. To file a complaint about a financial product or service, visit [consumerfinance.gov/complaint](https://consumerfinance.gov/complaint).

While Building Back Together thanks the Biden-Harris Administration and federal agencies for their intentional collaboration and commitment to protecting consumers from illegal exploitation — ensuring those impacted by natural disasters receive the help they need without fear of scams or price gouging.

For the most up-to-date information, follow the FTC on social media or visit [consumer.ftc.gov](https://consumer.ftc.gov).

For the most up-to-date information on preparations for Hurricane Milton's landfall, please visit FEMA's website at <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/current/hurricane-milton>.

## Georgia voters to decide tax-related ballot questions

By Dave Williams

Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Tax relief will be on the Georgia ballot Nov. 5 in addition to the presidential race and various congressional, legislative and county contests.

Voters will decide two tax-related constitutional amendments the General Assembly passed this year as well as vote in a statewide referendum on tax legislation.

Having already rolled back Georgia's income tax rate in recent years, the theme this year is property tax relief.

While the state does not levy property taxes, local property taxes are a sore subject under the Gold Dome, said Kyle Wingfield, president and CEO of the Georgia Public Policy Founda-

tion, a think tank that advocates free-market approaches to public-policy issues.

"When you talk to legislators, what they hear from their constituents most in terms of complaints largely comes down to local property taxes," he said. "Rising prices lead to tax bills that really drive people up the wall."

Two of the three ballot questions deal with property taxes. A proposed constitutional amendment would prohibit local governments from raising residential assessments in a given year by more than the annual rate of inflation, even if a home's market value has gone up more.

"Given the large increase in home values across Georgia in recent years, many school districts, cities, and counties have been able to count on a boost in

revenue without raising tax rates year to year," Lt. Gov. Burt Jones wrote this week in an op-ed. "This has resulted in large and often surprise tax increases for many homeowners."

The proposal includes an opt-out provision for local governments. However, it requires any city, county and school district wishing to opt out of the property tax break to advertise its intent to do so and hold at least three public hearings.

"While this local option is an important feature of the proposal, it would be disappointing to see local governments utilize it without adequately listening to the concerns of the Georgians it would so greatly help," Jones added.

If the constitutional amendment passes, local governments wishing to exercise the opt out

provision would have until March 1 of next year to do so.

An "enabling" bill the General Assembly passed to accompany the constitutional amendment also gives local governments the option of levying a local sales tax of up to a penny to help offset the lost property tax revenue.

However, a county can impose the sales tax only if every city inside that county that levies a property tax agrees, said Todd Edwards, deputy director of governmental affairs for the Association County Commissioners of Georgia.

The second property tax-related item on the ballot is a statewide referendum that would increase the exemption on personal property taxes from \$7,500 to \$20,000.

While the exemption would benefit all Georgians, supporters are pitching it as mainly aimed at small business owners.

"Small businesses already pay sales taxes on equipment, desks, and other property," said Hunter Loggins, state director for the National Federation of Independent Business. "Raising the threshold for paying this tax would ease

the financial pressure on employers struggling with inflation that continues to drive up the cost of owning and operating a small business."

The third proposal is a constitutional amendment that would create a tax court in Georgia. Supporters say it would be staffed with judges who have expertise to decide cases related to the assessment and collection of state or local taxes. The same argument carried the day when Georgia voters approved the creation of the Statewide Business Court in 2018.

## Georgia Supreme Court disqualifies West, De la Cruz from presidential ballot

By Dave Williams

Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Presidential candidates Cornel West and Claudia De la Cruz will appear on the Nov. 5 ballot in Georgia, but votes for them won't count.

That's the result of a Georgia Supreme Court ruling Wednesday disqualifying West and De la Cruz. The expedited decision, which came just one day after the justices heard oral arguments in the case, upheld two lower court decisions declaring that electors for the two candidates filed improper nominating petitions on behalf of their candidates.

The ruling means only four qualified candidates will ap-

pear on the Georgia ballot: former President Donald Trump, Vice President Kamala Harris, Libertarian Chase Oliver, and the Green Party's Jill Stein.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Young, representing Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, told the justices Wednesday it's too late to remove West and De la Cruz from the ballot, as military and overseas absentee ballots already have gone out.

Young suggested that polling places throughout the state be required to post notices that votes for either candidate will not count, which the court incorporated in Wednesday's ruling.

Both the lower court rulings and the state Supreme Court

decision reversed an order from Raffensperger late last month that West and De la Cruz appear on the ballot.

The Democratic Party of Georgia appealed Raffensperger's decision, while the state Republican Party intervened in an effort to uphold the secretary's order.

With independent West and socialist De la Cruz running to the left of Democrat Harris, they could have siphoned votes away from Harris to the benefit of Republican Trump.

A Quinnipiac University poll earlier this month showed West and De la Cruz each with only 1% of the Georgia vote. But in what is expected to be a tight race, those votes could have made a difference.

### Request for Proposals / Bids to Provide Landscape Maintenance for The City of Byron

The City of Byron seeks Proposals / Bids to provide Landscape Maintenance Services for Properties under its ownership and/or control. All Proposals shall be delivered and addressed to Tiffany Sandefur (City Administrator for The City of Byron) at 401 Main Street, Byron, Ga 31008, by 3:00 p.m. Friday, November 14, 2024 (any bids delivered after this time are disqualified and will not be considered). All sealed bids will be opened and read out loud in the office of the City Administrator on behalf of The City of Byron. While the City of Byron desires to award the Contract to the lowest qualified bidder, it shall reserve the right to reject any bids should the City determine any of the bids do not sufficiently meet the needs of the City. Upon review of the Proposals, The City Administrator shall make recommendations to the Mayor and Council for Bid selection to be voted on at the Mayor and Council's called meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 4:00PM.

Request for Proposal bid packets can be viewed and printed from our City of Byron website at [www.byronga.com](http://www.byronga.com). You may also pick up a hard copy of the bid packet in the administrative office at the Municipal Complex on the first floor at 401 Main Street Byron, GA 31008. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 am-6:00 pm.

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

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

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

#### COUNTY ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX

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

( ) No

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

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

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

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

### Section 00020 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Peach County Board of Commissioners will be accepting Sealed Bids pertaining to the Road Resurfacing, Repair, Asphalt Paving, and Parking Lot Construction in Peach County, GA.

Closing date for Sealed Bids responding to Request for Bid (RFB) No. 24-001 shall be October 24, 2024 @ 2:00 PM at the Peach County Board of Commissioner's Office, 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030. Bids will be opened in public without discussion. Bid amounts will not be released until the Board of Commissioners has awarded the project to the winning contractor.

A mandatory Pre-bid meeting will be held October 10, 2024 @ 2:00 PM at the Peach County Board of Commissioner's Office, 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030.

The proposed work will be funded by a combination of TSPLOST and local funding. The project consists of road regrading, asphalt paving, asphalt overlay on Fullwood Road and Sylvan Dell Road. The total length of roadway is 1.1 miles. In addition, the project includes finish grading, paving, & striping at the new fire station on Norwood Springs Road and patch and sealing at the fire station on HWY 341. All work will be awarded in one (1) contract. All work shall be accomplished in accordance with current GDOT standards and specifications.

The complete RFB package will be available by visiting the Peach County website at <https://www.peachcounty.net/purchasing.cfm> and clicking on the link "View Bid Opportunities". Questions should be directed in writing via email to Morgan Hoffmann at (478) 476-0700, [morgan@tpointeng.com](mailto:morgan@tpointeng.com) no later than October 17, at 5:00 PM.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the Base Bid. Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount, will be required of the successful bidder. Bonds must be written by an acceptable Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed with the Department of the Treasury.

Peach County reserves the right to reject all bids, to waive informalities, to re-advertise and/or to award any bid that is in the best interest of Peach County.

Mail or deliver Sealed Bids to:  
Janet Smith  
Peach County Board of Commissioners  
ATTN: RFB # 24-001  
213 Persons Street  
Fort Valley, GA 31030

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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.

### CITY OF FORT VALLEY AND PEACH COUNTY NOTICE OF FILE REQUEST FOR BEER AND WINE LICENSE

Pursuant to the code or ordinances of the City of Fort Valley, Notice is hereby given that on or after the 1st day of October, 2024, the undersigned will apply to the City of Fort Valley for the issuance of a license for the retail of beer and wine at an establishment known as:  
**DERBY BAR & GRILL, LLC**  
Located at: 1015 Martin Luther King Drive, Fort Valley, GA 31030.  
Applicant: Craigory Jolly  
Address: 114 Morris Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030.  
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**\$7,500.00 to \$20,000.00.**

House Bill No. 808  
Act No. 581  
Ga. L. 2024, p. 696

"( ) YES

( ) NO

Do you approve the Act that increases an exemption from property tax for all tangible personal property from \$7,500.00 to \$20,000.00?"

#### Summary

This proposal raises the amount of tangible personal property tax exemption from \$7,500.00 to \$20,000.00. It amends Code Section 48-5-42.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated in subsection (b).

If approved by a majority of the voters, the Act becomes effective on January 1, 2025, and applies to all tax years beginning on or after that date.

(10/16, 10/23, 10/30)  
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### SUMMARIES OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to requirements of the Georgia Constitution, Attorney General Christopher Carr, Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, and Legislative Counsel Betsy Howerton hereby provide the summaries of the proposed constitutional amendments that will appear on the November 5, 2024, general election ballot for consideration by the people of Georgia (short captions are those adopted by the Constitutional Amendments Publication Board):

-1 -

**Provides for a general law state-wide homestead exemption that may differentiate among political subdivisions.**

House Resolution No. 1022  
Ga. L. 2024, p. 1191

"( ) YES

( ) NO

Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for a state-wide homestead exemption that serves to limit increases in the assessed value of homesteads, but which any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system may opt out of upon the completion of certain procedures?"

#### Summary

This proposal amends Article VII, Section II, Paragraph II of the Georgia Constitution to add a new subparagraph (a.1) to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for a state-wide uniform homestead exemption. The law may limit this exemption to different political subdivisions that do not already have existing homestead exemptions, and may provide for political subdivisions to opt out, or for future political subdivisions to opt in.

A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.

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**Provides for a state-wide Georgia Tax Court.**

House Resolution No. 598  
Ga. L. 2024, p. 1189

"( ) YES

( ) NO

Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide for the Georgia Tax Court to be vested with the judicial power of the state and to have venue, judges, and jurisdiction concurrent with superior courts?"

#### Summary

This proposal creates a state-wide Georgia Tax Court with state-wide jurisdiction for use under certain circumstances. It contains provisions relating to venue, jurisdiction, and powers of such court. It provides for appointment of Georgia Tax Court judges with qualifications to be provided by law, and for filling of vacancies.

A copy of this entire proposed constitutional amendment is on file in the office of the judge of the probate court and is available for public inspection.

### SUMMARY OF PROPOSED STATE-WIDE REFERENDUM QUESTION

Pursuant to Code Section 21-2-4 of the O.C.G.A., the Secretary of State is authorized to include with the summaries of proposed constitutional amendments summaries of any state-wide referendum questions to be voted on at the same general election:

- A -

**Raises amount of tangible personal property tax exemption from**

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(10/16, 10/23, 10/30)  
3170 (GNS 24111GCO)

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA ESTATE NO. 2024-PRO-7003

**IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID JACKSON SHERRILS, DECEASED**  
**NOTICE**

**IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s)) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.**  
**TO: LISA JEAN BANKS AND DAWN RENEE OWENS**

This is to notify you to file objections, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before November 6, 2024.

**BE NOTIFIED FUTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the ground of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court

By Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
478-825-2313  
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#### GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of ANNIE LOU MILLER JOHNSON, 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 24th day of September, 2024.  
OLIVER JOHNSON, JR  
ADMINISTRATOR OF ANNIE LOU MILLER JOHNSON ESTATE  
7236 Godfrey Drive  
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28303  
10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 2024  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA ESTATE NO. 2023-PRO-6747

**IN RE: ESTATE OF DONALD L. CARPENTER, DECEASED**  
**NOTICE -FOR DISCHARGE FROM OFFICE AND ALL LIABILITY**

**IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative**  
**TO: LINDA CARPENTER** and (all and singular the heirs of said decedent),(the beneficiaries under the will,) and to whom it may concern: This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before November 6, 2024.  
TO: Stella Ruth Weymouth 3123 Orchard Ave. Knoxville TN 37917; Amanda Barron-Martinez 10355 Mountain Blvd. Aurora CO 80010; Cheyenne Canon 14849 Sussex Dr. Orlando FL 32826; Melissa Shattuck 2775 Augustine Ct. Deltona FL 32728; Edwin Laughlin 2595 Corbusier Dr. Melbourne FL 32935

This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before the 30th day after OCTOBER 3, 2024 (the date of the mailing of this notice to you by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested); provided, however, that if a return receipt for such notice is actually received by the Court within such 30 days, the

deadline for the filing of any objection shall be 30 days from the date of receipt shown on such return receipt. **BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court

By Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court  
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#### LEGAL AD NOTICE

**The Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins will consider, at their regular meeting scheduled for October 21, 2024, adoption of an ordinance amending city code section 2-28 (a) to increase the annual salary of council members from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00. If adopted, the pay increase would be implemented on January 1, 2026.**  
October 2, 9 & 16, 2024  
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#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF PEACH  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF BIRDIA RUTH BARKER**

All creditors of the estate of BIRDIA RUTH BARKER, late of Peach County, 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 8th day of October, 2024.  
JOHNNIE F. BARKER, Executor  
BIRDIA RUTH BARKER, deceased  
101 Vivian Drive  
PO BOX 123  
Byron, GA 31008  
10/16, 10/23, 10/30 11/6, 2024  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF AIRLEE KITTLE HAYNES, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 2024-PRO-6984**  
**NOTICE**

RE: Petition of Carl M. Haynes to probate in solemn form the will of Airlee Kittle Haynes, Deceased, upon which an order for service was granted by this court on September 17, 2024.  
TO: LINDA D. CRANE AND LAWRENCE A. HAYNES

This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before October 23, 2024.

**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court  
Katrina Corbin, Chief Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 West Church Street  
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030  
478-825-2313  
9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 2024  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF BEATRICE L. PERNELL, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 2024-PRO-6990**  
**NOTICE IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.**

**TO: KATHY COLVERT,** This is to notify you to file objections, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this court on or before October 23, 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

of times the notice is inserted. All rates are set by the Georgia General Assembly.

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

tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court  
By Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court  
PO BOX 327, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
478-825-2313  
9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 2024  
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#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF PEACH  
**IN RE: VIVIAN D. DUPREE, DECEASED**

All creditors of the Estate of Vivian D. Dupree, deceased, late of Peach County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
Eric D. Salter is the Executor of the estate of Vivian D. Dupree. Edwin S. Varner, Jr., Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088, (478)922-3010.  
10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 2024  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA ESTATE NO. 2024-PRO-7002

**IN RE: ESTATE OF RONALD BERNARD CANNON, DECEASED**  
**NOTICE IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s)) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.**

**TO: MINDA DAVIDSON AND MARK DAVIDSON**  
This is to notify you to file objections, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before November 6, 2024.

**BE NOTIFIED FUTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the ground 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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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF MATTHEW D. AUSTIN, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-6987**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**

**TO: Any and all Interested Parties.**

Annika Austin has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Matthew D. Austin, deceased, of said County. The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261. All interested parties 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 23, 2024.

**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court  
By: Katrina Corbin, Chief Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
Telephone Number: 478-825-2213  
9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 2024  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF TONIE LEE**

### GARMON, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-6993 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

**TO: Any and all Interested Parties and to whom it may concern:**  
CHRISTINA GABRIEL has petitioned for CHRISTINA GABRIEL to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of TONIE LEE GARMON, deceased, of said County. The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261. All interested parties 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 30, 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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205 Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
478-825-2213  
10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 2024  
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### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER TS#24GA414-0202 STATE OF GEORGIA PEACH COUNTY

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from Rhonda Gibson to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture and recorded in Deed Book 273, Page 645-651, Peach County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$88,926.00 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 November, 2024, to wit: November 05, 2024, the following described property:

All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Land Lot 206, of the Ninth Land District of Peach County, Georgia, and in the City of Fort Valley, and being more particularly described as Lot 6 Of Anderson Place Subdivision on that certain plat of survey prepared by Robert L Story, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1853 and recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 184, Peach County of Clerk of Superior Court, Georgia, reference to which plat is made of this description for a more complete and accurate description thereof.

**Being real property commonly known as 510 Anderson Ave, 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

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

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

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

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

Publisher's Affidavit fee is \$10.

shall be construed to require United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture as Attorney in Fact for Rhonda Gibson Attorney Contact: Miller, George and Suggs, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071  
Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4825244  
10/09/2024, 10/16/2024, 10/23/2024, 10/30/2024  
3175 (ASAP# 4825244)

### STATE BOARD MEMBER TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS October 22, 2024

**Frank Griffin to Host State Board of Education Second District Public Hearing**

The State Board of Education will hold a public hearing for citizens in the Second Congressional District on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Southwest Georgia RESA, 570 MLK Jr. Rd., Camilla, GA 31730.

The purpose of the hearings is to hear comments from interested citizens and educators within the congressional district regarding the performance and problems of public education. Persons wishing to speak should sign in upon arrival.

The Georgia Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. Individuals who need assistance or auxiliary aids for participation in this public forum are invited to make their needs known to Geraldine Price at [gprice@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:gprice@doe.k12.ga.us) no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.  
10/9, 10/16, 2024  
3168 (GNS order 24103GG0)

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

**All creditors of the Estate of Frank Kipa,** deceased, late of said county and state, 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 us.

This the 24th day of September 2024.

s/Mandy Watson, Administrator  
Estate of Frank Kipa  
WILLIAM GREGORY DOBSON, PC.  
By: /s/ William Gregory Dobson  
William Gregory Dobson  
Georgia Bar No. 237770  
3333 Northside Drive, Ste. A  
Macon, GA 31210  
478-745-7700  
Attorney for Estate of Frank Kipa  
10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 2024  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA THE PEACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER, Petitioner-Condemnor

**vs.**

**750 square feet of permanent easement rights; Lisa Renee Shelley, individually, Peach County Tax Commissioner, an person firms, corporations claiming any right, title firms, corporations claiming any right, title or interest in and to the lands herein involved, ) Respondents-Condemnees )**  
**Civil Action No. 24-V-0376**

The said named persons and any and all other persons known and unknown claiming any right, title, power, interest, ownership, equity, claim or demand in and to the lands hereinafter described, and all occupants, tenants, lessees, licensees and all holders, owners and users of ways and easements in, across, over and under said land are hereby notified, under the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated §§ 32-3-4 through 32-3-19, providing for the exercise of the power of eminent domain by the State of Georgia, or any of its subdivisions, or by any county of such State, as follows:

That the above-stated case, being a condemnation in rem against the property hereinafter described, was filed in said Court on the 8th day of October 2024; That in accordance with provisions of the aforesaid Official Code, a Declaration of Taking, duly authorized and properly executed as provided by the Official Code, has been made and filed in

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said case, declaring the necessity for and exercising the power of taking the said described lands for public transportation purposes, thereby vesting the title to same in the Peach County Commission; and, in pursuance of such authority, the Peach County Commission has deposited with the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County the sum of \$500.00 as the just compensation for the said lands described; and all persons claiming such fund or any interest therein are hereby required to make known their claims to the Court;

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the Petitioner-Condemnor has prayed the Court for immediate possession of said property, and all persons having any interest in or claim against such property, as above set forth, are required by the Order of the Judge of said Court to surrender possession of the property to the Peach County Commission no later than 30 days from filing of the Declaration of Taking.

That in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated §§ 32-3-13 through 32-3-19, if the owner, or any of the owners, or any person having a claim against or interest in said property, shall be dissatisfied with the compensation, as estimated in the Declaration of Taking and deposited in Court, such person or persons, or any of them, shall have the right, at any time subsequent to the filing of the Declaration and the deposit of the fund into Court but not later than 30 days following the date of service as provided for in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated §§ 32-3-8 through 32-3-10 to file with the Court a notice of appeal, the same to be in writing and made a part of the record in the proceedings.

The said property, as thus affected, is described as follows: Legal Description: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 40 of the 9th Land District in Peach County, Georgia, and consisting of 0.017 acres, more or less, or 750 square feet, of permanent easement rights as identified as Parcel ID: 039 102 as shown on the plat prepared by Surveying and Mapping, LLC, Spencer H. Johnson, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor # 3171 and having the boundaries as set forth on said plat and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description. This 8th day of October, 2024. 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 2024 3186. (54167.0019)

### NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION OF PETITION TO QUIET TITLE

(Case No. 23-V-0298 Peach Co. Superior Ct.) to all unknown residents, tenants, occupants and claimants to title over all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the state of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 249, 9th District, being approx. 1.39 acres. Being Lot 5, of Jackson Heights Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 16, Page 35 and Deed Book 42, page 687 being known as Tax Map & Parcel 011A018, Peach County, Georgia. If there are any objections to title being bestowed to Daffie Hicks please contact her at (770)363-2710. 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 2024 3166

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

#### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM LEE BROWN, SR.

All creditors of the estate of William Lee Brown, Sr., 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 3rd day of September, 2024. Wendy R. Barton, Executor of William Lee Brown, Sr., deceased 8877 Lower Thomaston Road Lizella, GA 31052

10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 2024 3179

### GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM

To: Dorothy Williams 3311 Westrim Drive Killeen, TX 76549-3348

Dorothy Williams 112 Senior Court Byron, GA 31008-7194

Georgia Department of Revenue 1800 Century Blvd NE Ste 15300 Atlanta, GA 30345

Resident 211 Lowe Circle Byron, GA 31008

Ford Motor Credit Co. c/o MacDowell & Associates P.O. Box 450849 Atlanta, GA 30345

Resident/Tenant/Occupant and all other parties, known and unknown having an interest in the property hereinafter described:

### TAX PARCEL B01B 005 TAKE NOTICE THAT:

The right to redeem the following described property, to-wit: ALL that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 4, 5th District, City of Byron, Peach County, Georgia, and being more particularly described in that certain deed dated March 5, 1960, from Nettie Williams to Lewis Williams as recorded in Deed Book L-1, Page 359, Clerk's Office, Peach County Superior Court; reference to said deed and the record thereof being incorporated herein and made a part of this description.

will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 20th day of December, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.

The tax deed to which this notice is related is dated the 4th day of October, 2022, and is recorded in Deed Book 689, Page 445, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court.

The property may be redeemed at any time before December 20, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. by payment of the redemption price as provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

City of Byron  
Attn: Telina Allred  
401 Main Street  
Byron, GA 31008  
Please be governed accordingly.  
By: BRIAN LEE CAUSEY  
Attorney At Law  
State Bar # 117042  
10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 2024 3187

### AUCTION – PUBLIC SALE NOTICE OF SALE. (Peach Mini Storage)

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 code sections 10-4-210 to 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 10:00am online at [www.storage-reasures.com](http://www.storage-reasures.com) property found in the following units:

Unit A27 Lillie Banks Household Items

Unit E17 Sedquita V. Roundtree Household Items

Unit D27 Sarah F. Gunnell Household Items

Unit B03 Precious Sturn Household Items

Unit B11 Jiana Mitchell Household Items

Unit C34 Jiana Mitchell Household Items

Unit 31 Danny Hicks Household Items

Unit 32 Rosa Adams Household Items

Tenants have the right to redeem prior to sale  
Peach Mini Storage  
10/16, 10/23, 2024 3185

### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF CRISP

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Security Deed, dated August 15, 2018, executed by Bradbury Logistics & Services, LLC d/b/a Bradbury Investments, and Helping Hands Now, Inc. to Southwest Georgia United Empowerment Zone, Inc., filed for record September 10, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 587, pages 799, et seq., in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, the undersigned will sell at public outcry between the legal hours of sale before the doors of the courthouse of Peach County, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in November, 2024, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the real estate described in said security deed as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 211 of the 9th Land District of Peach County, Georgia, being shown as Tract A, containing 13.18 acres, more or less, said tract being shown more particularly on a plat recorded in Plat Book 28, Page 26, Peach County Land Records, Georgia.

LESS AND EXCEPT: All those tracts or parcels of land and being in Land Lot 211 of the 9th Land District of Peach County, Georgia, being shown as Lot #300, containing 0.44 acre, more or less, Lot #302, containing 0.45 acre, more or less, and Lot #303, containing 0.47 acre, more or less, said tracts being shown more particularly on that certain plat recorded in Plat Book 28, Page 166, Peach County Land Records, Georgia.

### Map/Parcels F06C-151, F06C-151-B, and F06C-151-E

The debt secured by said security deed has been declared to be due and payable because of the grantor and borrower Bradbury Logistics & Services, LLC d/b/a Bradbury Investments, and Helping Hands Now, Inc's failure to comply with certain terms and conditions of said security deed and the obligations secured thereby. The debt remaining in default, the sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness. The pro-

ceeds of the said sale will be applied first to pay the expenses of said sale, including attorney's fees, and then to pay all accrued and unpaid interest and the principal balance then owing secured by said security deed.

The property being in the possession of Bradbury Logistics & Services, LLC d/b/a Bradbury Investments, and Helping Hands Now, Inc. will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes, assessments and all other restrictions, easements and prior liens of record, if any.

This 3rd day of October, 2024.

Southwest Georgia United Empowerment Zone, Inc., as Attorney-in-Fact for Bradbury Logistics & Services, LLC d/b/a Bradbury Investments, and Helping Hands Now, Inc. LAWSON & REID, LLC 602 East 16th Avenue, Suite D Cordele, Georgia 31015 Attorney for Southwest Georgia United Empowerment Zone, Inc. 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 2024 3178 (609-042)

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE

Notice is given that Articles of Incorporation which incorporate **Byron Heritage Church, Inc.**, a Georgia nonprofit corporation, have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The registered office of the corporation will be located at 105 W. Heritage Blvd., Byron, GA 31008, and its registered agent at such address will be Donald Hale. 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 2024 3159

### GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM

To: Wyse Holdings, LLC 105 Dove Court Warner Robins, GA 31088-8524

Wyse Holdings LLC  
Kim Eisenmann  
P.O. Box 441321  
Kennesaw, GA 30160-9527

All Heirs of Joseph Lowe, Sr. and Elizabeth Lowe

Resident 206 Canady Street Byron, GA 31008

Resident/Tenant/Occupant and all other parties, known and unknown having an interest in the property hereinafter described:

### TAX PARCEL B01B 049 TAKE NOTICE THAT:

The right to redeem the following described property, to-wit:

ALL that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 4, of the 5th Land District, Peach County, Georgia, known and designated as Parcel A-1 according to a plat of survey entitled "Property Plat for Joseph Lowe, Sr. and Elizabeth Lowe" prepared by Theodore W. Waddle, Jr., Surveyor, dated September 8, 1986, a copy of which is of record in Map Book 14, Page 193, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto.

will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 20th day of December, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.

The tax deed to which this notice is related is dated the 4th day of October, 2022, and is recorded in Deed Book 689, Page 446, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court.

The property may be redeemed at any time before December 20, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. by payment of the redemption price as provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

City of Byron  
Attn: Telina Allred  
401 Main Street  
Byron, GA 31008  
Please be governed accordingly.  
By: BRIAN LEE CAUSEY  
Attorney At Law  
State Bar # 117042  
10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 2024 3188

### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF PEACH

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Shenika L Smith to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for LoanDepot.com, LLC, dated September 19, 2019 and recorded on September 26, 2019 in Deed Book 607, Page 634, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Fifty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Three and 00/100 dollars (\$56,363.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to loanDepot.com, LLC, recorded in Deed Book 700, Page 679, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in November, 2024, all property described in said Security

Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 213 of the Ninth Land District, Peach County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 5 of a re-survey of Lots 4-7, Block "8", Sunset Park Subdivision, according to a plat of survey or record in Plat Book 16, Page 258, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions and rights-of-way of record, it any.

Address under current system of numbering: 607 Courtland Avenue, Fort Valley, Georgia. Deed Reference: Deed Book 370, Page 752, said Clerk's Office.

### Said property may more commonly be known as 607 Courtland Avenue, Fort Valley, GA 31030.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is loanDepot.com, LLC, 5465 Legacy Drive, Suite 400, Plano, Texas 75024, 949-380-3279.

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Shenika L Smith and or tenant(s).

The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. loanDepot.com, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Shenika L Smith Contact: Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850)422-2520 10/09/24; 10/16/24; 10/23/24; 10/30/24 3169 (23-005423-1977)

### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from JEANETTE K HUFF to METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE BANK, N.A., dated August 26, 2009, recorded September 1, 2009, in Deed Book 429, Page 618-629, Peach County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Ten Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$210,000.00), with interest thereon as provided therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Peach County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in November, 2024, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 216, 9TH LAND DISTRICT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 8, BLOCK A, FLEETWOOD ESTATES SUBDIVISION SECTION 2, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY THOMAS W. FUTRAL III, GEORGIA REG. SURVEYOR, DATED AUGUST 10, 1976 AND RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 10, PAGES 156, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT. THE SAID PLAT AND RECORD THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT DRAINAGE AND OR UTILITY EASEMENT ALONG REAR OF SAID LOT, ACCORDING TO AFORESAID PLAT. SAID PROPERTY IS IDENTIFIED AS 233 FLEETWOOD DR. FORT VALLEY, ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING. PARCEL # 012D-120. BEING THE SAME PREMISES GRANTED AND CONVEYED TO JEANETTE K. HUFF, BY DEED FROM JEANETTE K. HUFF AS EXECUTRIX UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF MCDONALD HUFF, DECEASED, DATED 09/01/2006 AND RECORDED 09/01/2006 IN THE CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE IN AN FOR PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA IN DEED BOK VOLUME AND PAGES 362 PAGE 478.

### Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as 233 FLEETWOOD DRIVE, FORT VALLEY, GA 31030.

The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is JEANETTE K HUFF, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: PHH Mortgage Corporation, Loss Mitigation Dept., 1661 Worthington Road Ste 100, West Palm Beach, FL 33409, Telephone Number: 866-503-5559. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC as Attorney in Fact for JEANETTE K HUFF

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Attorney Contact: Ruben Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877)813-0992 Case No. RMU-24-03269-1 rselaw.com/property-listing 10/09/2024, 10/16/2024, 10/23/2024, 10/30/2024 3173 (BCNS 23954)

### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER TS# 24GA414-0181 STATE OF GEORGIA PEACH COUNTY

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from Jeremiah Stone to United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture and recorded in Deed Book 206, Page 223, Peach County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$33,875.00 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 November, 2024, to wit: November 05, 2024, the following described property: All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the State of Georgia, Peach County, and in the City of Fort Valley therein, fronting East 25 feet on South Macon Street and running back with uniform width a distance of 100 feet. Said tract is bounded on the North by lands formerly owned by Margaret Toomer; on the East by South Macon Street; on the South by lands of Alfred and Martha Ellis; and on the West by lands of C. L. Shepard, et al.

The property hereby conveyed is the same as that described in Deed dated January 24, 1950, from Margaret Toomer to Minnie Lee Thomas, recorded Book "X", Page 462, Clerk's Office, Peach County Superior Court. Being real property commonly known as 612 State University Drive, 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 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 Jeremiah Stone Attorney Contact: Miller, George and Suggs, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4824647 10/09/2024, 10/16/2024, 10/23/2024, 10/30/2024 3174 (ASAP 4824647)

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of WILLIAM DWIGHT SMITH, 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 4th day of October, 2024.  
Ms. Karen Elizabeth Smith  
773 Clieft Road  
Byron, GA 31008  
BRADLEY G. PYLES  
Attorney for Executor  
Post Office Box 1797  
Macon, GA 31202-1797  
(478)745-1651  
10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 2024 3177

### LEGAL AD NOTICE

The City of Warner Robins intends to exchange real property belonging to the municipal corporation for real property belonging to Theron E. Jones and Laurie A. Jones, as provided under O.C.G.A. § 36-37-6(c). Such City-owned real property is legally described as the following:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 99 of the Tenth (10th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Parcel "A", as shown on a plat of survey titled "Lot 31-C, Block "C", Phase "5", Section 3, The Tiffany", prepared by Robert L. Story, Georgia Registered Surveyor No. 1853, which is of record in Plat Book 85, Page 66, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes.

Such Theron E. Jones and Laurie A. Jones owned real property is legally described as the following:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 99 of the Tenth (10th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Parcel "B" as shown on a plat of survey titled "Lot 31-C, Block "C", Phase "5", Section 3, The Tiffany", prepared by Robert L. Story, Georgia Registered Surveyor No. 1853, which is of record in Plat Book 85, Page 66, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes.

Further information is available by contacting the City Attorney's Office. 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 2024 3172

### NOTICE

To all interested parties, heirs known and unknown, Nuisance Abatement Actions have been filed on the following properties and will be heard in The MUNICIPAL COURT of the CITY of WARNER ROBINS, located at 308 N. Davis Drive in Warner Robins, Georgia on the 6th day of November, 2024, beginning at 3 p.m., to wit: 105 Bay Court; 116 Bay Court; 121 Hazel Drive; and 1029 N. Davis Drive, all in Warner Robins, Georgia. 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 2024 3184

# Georgia ports back in business after strike settlement

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief  
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - The ports of Savannah and Brunswick reopened Friday after the union representing striking dockworkers along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts reached a tentative agreement with the U.S. Maritime Alliance.

The settlement deal between the alliance, which represents ports and shipping companies, and the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) suspended the strike until Jan. 15 to give the parties time to negotiate a permanent agreement.

The settlement offered dock workers a 62% raise over six

years, up from the 50% offer management put on the table before the three-day strike began.

"The Georgia Ports Authority, Gateway Terminals and the ILA look forward to reopening our facilities and providing the world-class service the Port of Savannah and the Port of Brunswick are known for," the ports authority wrote late Thursday in a statement notifying customers and business partners of Friday's reopening.

President Joe Biden praised the agreement in a statement the White House released late Thursday.

"I congratulate the dockworkers from the ILA, who deserve a strong contract after

sacrificing so much to keep our ports open during the pandemic," Biden said. "And I applaud the port operators and carriers who are members of the U.S. Maritime Alliance for working hard and putting a strong offer on the table."

The Port of Savannah is the second-busiest port on the East Coast and the fourth-busiest in the nation. The Port of Brunswick is the nation's second-busiest for vehicle cargo.

It's been a rough couple of weeks for the Georgia ports. Before the longshoremen's strike began, the ports were forced to limit operations after Hurricane Helene struck South Georgia Sept. 27 with high winds, heavy rain, and severe flooding.

# Georgia high school Class of 2024 posts record graduation rate

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief  
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Georgia's high-school seniors posted a record graduation rate of 85.4% this year, up from 84.4% in 2023, the state Department of Education reported Tuesday.

The statewide graduation rate has increased by 18 percentage points since the state began using the adjusted cohort calculation first required by federal law in 2011.

"These students faced great challenges throughout their school careers," State School

Superintendent Richard Woods said of the Class of 2024. "They were in middle school when the pandemic hit in 2020. We have worked to provide the resources and supports needed to ensure they could still succeed and thrive."

"The efforts of Georgia's educators, families, and all those who have taken the time to invest in students are paying off."

A total of 115 Georgia school districts recorded graduation rates at or above 90% this year, and 44 districts achieved graduation rates at or above 95%.

Georgia uses a federally required method to calculate its

graduation rate: The number of students who graduate from high school in four years is divided by the number of students who entered ninth grade. That ninth-grade enrollment number is adjusted to reflect the number of students who transfer in or out of a school over the next three years.

The record high-school graduation rate is among several indicators of success announced in recent weeks. The Class of 2024 also beat the national average on the SAT and showed strong improvement on the Georgia Milestones tests.

# Flint Energies Foundation grant funds Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes

Contributed by Flint Energies

The Flint Energies Foundation granted Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes, Inc., \$6,100. The requested funds will be used to assist with the purchase of paddleboards and canoes for outdoor activities, as well as 68 chairs for use at the pavilion and chair racks for storage.

Shayne Goddard, Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes, Inc., representative stated, "Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes has five campuses across the state and has seen 27,000 students come through its program since 1993. Camp Pioneer is a campus in Troup County that allows hundreds of kids from Flint's service territory to connect with nature through camping experiences. The Pioneer Campus is in need of equipment so that the campers can engage in outdoor activities, including chairs for hot outdoor events."

The Flint Energies Foundation provides grants to local non-profits such as this one using money donated by Flint Energies Consumer-members through Operation Round Up\*. The electric cooperative's Members contribute \$175,000 annual-

ly to the Flint Energies Foundation, which supports worthy causes in the 17 counties it serves. Operation Round Up is a way for participating Members to support multiple charitable organizations by simply allowing Flint Energies to round up their bills to the nearest dollar. Donations to Operation Round Up, which average only about \$6 per year per member, are tax deductible. About 40% of Flint's Membership participates in Operation Round Up, but that percentage continues to decline. If you are a Flint Energies Consumer-member and wish to contribute, you can sign up at [www.flintenergies.com/ORU](http://www.flintenergies.com/ORU) or by calling 1.800.342.3616.

The Flint Energies Foundation, a state-chartered, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, disburses all contributions to approved projects; Member contributions are not used for administration costs. Foundation Board members include Chair Joanne Hamlin, Lizella; Vice Chair Eloise Doty, Butler; Secretary Connie McCutchen, Midland; Treasurer John Luppino, Warner Robins; Gina Fink, Fort Valley; Charles Harrison, Grovania;



Pat Bartness, Warner Robins; Traci Kemp, Warner Robins; Betty Chase, Oglethorpe; Roger Sinyard, Mauk; and Ian Russell, Fort Valley.

# Flint Energies Foundation grant funds Middle Georgia Young Marines



Contributed by Flint Energies

The Flint Energies Foundation granted Middle Georgia Young Marines \$5,000. The requested funds will be used to assist with the purchase of 20 field packs and 20 hydration packs, as well as a 40-foot storage container.

James S. Berres, Middle Georgia Young Ma-

rines representative stated, "Middle Georgia Young Marines is a youth education and service program for boys and girls, ages eight through completion of high school. The organization promotes mental, moral, and physical development and focuses on character building, leadership, and a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. There are over

400 youth in the surrounding counties involved in the Young Marines program."

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# Peach County Voters Information Update

By Peach County Government/Facebook

Last Day of Voter Registration was October 7, 2024

**Early Voting:** October 15 - November 1, 2024

**Saturday Voting:** October 19, 2024 and October 26, 2024

**Election Day:** November 5, 2024

**Last Day to Accept UOCAVA Absentee Ballots:** November 8, 2024

**Early Voting Locations:**  
902 Campus Drive, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030  
401 Main Street, Byron, Georgia 31008

**Early Voting Dates/Times:**

October 15th-November 1st on Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call the Peach County Board of Elections & Registration Office at (478) 825-3514 or visit <https://www.peachcounty.net/board-of-elections.cfm>

## City of Byron

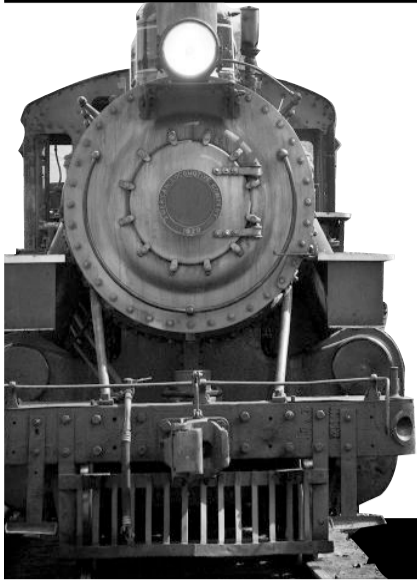
### Notice of Current Tax Digest and Five-Year History of Levy In Compliance With O.C.G.A. 48-5-32

The City of Byron hereby announces that the millage rate will be set at 9.0 mills at a meeting to be held in the Council Chamber on October 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and the following information is provided for the 2024 Tax Digest, along with the history of the tax digest for the preceding five years.

	2010	2011	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Real & Personal	167,630,023	169,976,942	204,049,954	214,980,886	225,775,568	272,227,984	316,716,606	335,474,840
Public Utilities	3,961,958	3,911,281	3,341,179	3,442,256	3,623,910	3,761,386	3,731,764	4,432,070
Motor Vehicles	12,247,120	12,373,580	5,034,990	2,493,510	4,249,990	4,491,540	4,568,830	4,391,150
Mobile Homes	532,621	416,700	273,383	273,383	202,649	269,165	580,071	215,702
Timber - 100%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heavy Duty Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Gross Digest	184,371,722	186,678,503	212,699,506	221,190,035	233,852,117	280,750,075	321,597,271	345,263,304
Less M & O Exemptions	1,531,356	1,697,230	6,045,416	9,150,776	10,929,089	14,458,689	18,073,913	23,277,760
Net M & O Digest	182,840,366	184,981,273	206,654,090	212,039,259	222,923,028	266,291,386	303,523,358	321,985,544
Gross M & O Millage	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Less Rollbacks	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Net M & O Millage	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Net Taxes Levied	1645563	1664831	1,859,887	1,908,353	2,006,307	2,396,622	2,731,710	2,897,870
Total Dollar Increase/(Decrease)		19,268	78,809	48,466	97,954	390,315	335,088	166,160

Net Taxes Increase	4%	1.17%	8.79%	2.61%	5.13%	19.45%	13.98%	6.08%
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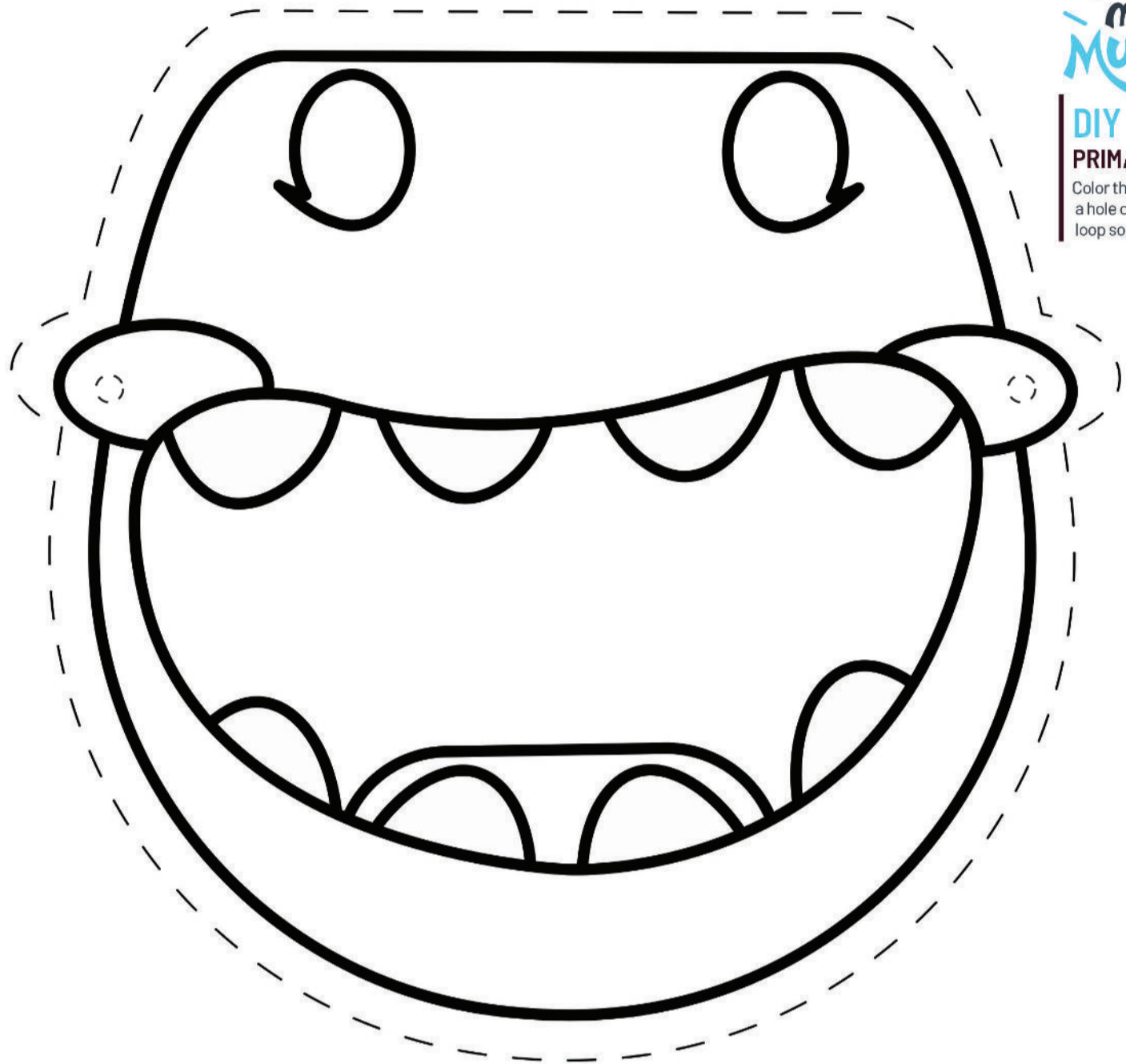
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Clue: Spooky

**B. 25 23 3 24 25**  
Clue: Something pleasant

**C. 26 5 5 23 6 3 14 14**  
Clue: Something to ring

**D. 19 24 11 26 17**  
Clue: Sweets

Answers: A: scary B: treat C: doorknob D: candy

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Halloween.

**E V A R I M P**

Answer: Vampire

**GUESS WHO?**

I am an actor born in California on October 18, 1987. My father worked as an engineer and my mother as an admin. I was a class clown in school, but rose to fame playing a popular athlete in a musical about high school. I've starred in other movie musicals as well.


Answer: Zac Efron


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- SKELETON
- SPIDER
- SPOOKY
- TREAT
- TRICK
- VAMPIRE
- WITCH

# BMS Softball Team Wins Championship



**Contributed by PCSS**  
Congratulations to the Byron Middle School Lady Eagles Softball team for winning their division championship! It has been

22 years since BMS has won a championship in softball. The Lady Eagles ended their season as champs with a final record of 13-2! The coaches would

like to extend a "THANK YOU" for the dedication and hard work from these girls!

## PC vs Bainbridge Preview

**Bainbridge Bearcats**, 10-18-2024, Away  
**Home:** Bainbridge **Head Coach:** Jay Walls, 1st season, 44-41 career  
**Overall Record:** 549-506-42 (.502). 109 seasons, since 1913  
**Last Year:** 9-3/4-0, 2nd round  
**This Year:** 0-7/0-2  
Region Titles: 9 State Titles: 2  
**2024 Classification:** 2-3A  
**PC vs. Team:** 0-1 **Last Game:** B 10, PC 2, 10-18-1991

**By Victor Kulkosky**  
**Editor Emeritus**  
The Bainbridge Bearcats have been around for over a century and, if my clumsy tabulations are correct (always a big 'if') they are 14th or 15th in games played with 1,097. Spotty records with the Georgia High School Football Historians Assoc. begin in 1913, with full-season records starting in 1919. They won their first region title in 1931. They took 35 years to win their next. Under Ralph Jones in 1982, the Bearcats won Region and then State. Jeff Littleton's 11-season run

from 2013 to 2023 was their best time under one coach. Littleton led Bainbridge to five of their nine regional titles and their second state title, in 2018, up in 5A. They've been in Region 1, in various classifications, since the GHSA started classifying by region in 1948.

Littleton led the Bearcats to four straight region titles, ending in 2023. He then moved on, seeking greener pastures at Tift Co. The green hasn't grown in yet, as he was 2-4 at press time. Meanwhile, first-year Head Coach Jay Walls hasn't found fertile soil at Bainbridge, either. Curiously, he came over from Tift Co., where went 44-34 with one region crown. The coaching change and the graduation of key players have been a double whammy. Last year, their two regular season losses were to Coffee and Thomas County Central. In 2024, the Bearcats lost to both by wider margins. Ware County turned last year's 35-21 loss to Bainbridge to a 49-7 rout this year.

Thanks to Hurricane Helene, the Bearcats suffered two region losses in four days: 40-37 to Westover, on schedule Oct. 4, and 46-7 to Cairo on Oct. 7, finishing a suspended game from September. They had last week off to recover.

The Trojans, meanwhile have fared much better, losing only to defending 4A state champs Perry, 49-39. They led 3A in scoring last week, averaging 44.3 points per game. The Trojans were also off last week, along with Dougherty and Westover. Peach County should be well-rested for that long trip to Bainbridge this Friday.

Although the Bearcats are wounded, they could still be dangerous. The playoff picture won't be comfortably settled until after PC and Cairo meet next week. After two strokes, I won't get out much this year, but y'all get out if you're able.

**FIRE IT UP, PC!!!**  
*Historical data from Georgia High School Football Historians Assoc., www.ghsfha.org*

## SOFTBALL CHAMPS

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"It was a complete effort over the course of the Region season that went into the Region Championship, not just one game. We were 9-1. The key to the final game of the season was production from girls who are not our "superstars". Our starting RF did not play. Freshman, Laylah Foster, took her place in the batting lineup and had two key clutch hits. Freshman, Faith

Corley, took her place in RF as the Flex Player and had a huge OF assist, throwing a girl out at 3B," he explained. "Senior, Gracie Martin got the win in the circle. The starting pitcher went the distance, striking out 7."

When asked if he had anything to say to his team, Hiller wanted to emphasize how proud he was of his team for their hard work and dedication.

"I am so proud of them and the hard work they have put in this year. I have had so much fun coaching them, and I love every one of them," he said.

Hiller urges those in Peach County to come out and support the Lady Trojans Softball team.

"Come support these girls, he said. "They work very hard and are playing for you."



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## Region 1-AAA Week 9 Roundup

**By Victor Kulkosky**  
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Region 1-3A had its last quiet week.

Cairo, #7 in the AJC Rankings, cruised over Monroe, 38-14, to solidify their hold on second place in the region. The rest of the region was off.

The Bainbridge Bearcats likely benefitted most from that rest break, after losing two games in four days, the second a holdover from Hurricane Helene. Now 0-7, the Bearcats desperately need to get back on their feet. Ranked #5 in the pre-season, based on a run of four straight region titles, Bainbridge lost all five non-region games to start this season, four to ranked teams. Their 47-6 loss to #7 Cairo Monday last week probably made them allergic to ranked teams, but Peach County is #2, so they can't get no relief.

Week 10 features the aforementioned Trojans visit to Bainbridge. Cairo is scheduled against Dougherty; the Syrupmakers shouldn't have any serious problems in that game. Westover, playing well above their mean so far, is scheduled to take on Monroe.

Looking ahead, the region schedule for Week 11 is Bainbridge @ Monroe, Cairo @ PC, and Dougherty vs. Westover. Attention, WMAZ: Marquis

Matchup nominee in PC! The Trojans/Syrupmakers game could well be the region title match. The outlook seems to be this: PC and Cairo #1 and #2 (we're talking hypotheticals, not what we want), Westover #3, and Monroe for #4?

The regular season ends with Bainbridge vs. Dougherty, Cairo vs. Westover, and PC @ Monroe. With Westover out of the way, Cairo is the only serious obstacle to the Trojans claiming another region title. We still have to bring our A game every time, one game at a time.

The first one is at Bainbridge this Friday. It's a long road I can't travel myself, so I'll be there with you in spirit.

**FIRE IT UP, PC!!!**

Team	Total	Region	AJC Rank
PC	6-1	2-0	2
Cairo	5-2	2-0	7
Westover	1-1	6-1	
Monroe	1-1	2-5	
Dougherty	0-2	2-5	
Bainbridge	0-2	0-7	

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