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Nightmare on Main
Street & Jailhouse Park
Fall Festivities
& Food Trucks 5-8pm
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City of Byron Celebrates 150th Birthday!

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

BYRON, Ga. – The citizens of Peach County had an opportunity to take part in a once-in-a-lifetime celebration this weekend. North Peach Park was buzzing with excited citizens ready to celebrate the City of Byron's 150th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 26.

The day featured two sets of fireworks shows – a daytime fireworks show by Deep South Fireworks and a nighttime fireworks show. In addition, there were multiple musical performances throughout the day with the opening act featuring the A2Z Band. Following that Edwin McCain took the stage at 6 p.m. and the 38 Special started their performance from 7:30 till 9:00.

Selina Hall, Byron Convention & Visitors Bureau's Tourism Specialist, stated that roughly 1,200 to 1,500 tickets for the concert – which allowed citizens to sit directly in front of the stage – had been sold and there were more ticket purchases taking place as people arrived.

The celebration was set to start at 2 p.m. but plenty of citizens arrived beforehand hoping to get a good spot to listen to the concert. This is something that Hall was definitely excited about. "It's exciting! It's always good to see people get here early, cause then you know they're coming," Hall said. "I hope we have a huge turnout and everybody has a



Photos by Zoe Hammond
Day-time fireworks display to celebrate The City of Byron turning 150 years!

wonderful time."

City of Byron Mayor, Michael Chidester, spoke of how exciting the opportunity of the Quincentennial Birthday of Byron was.

"To me, personally, it's quite exciting cause I get to be the Mayor during the actual 150th Celebration of Byron's founding – something that I never thought about

when I was sworn in several years ago. It hadn't occurred to me that that day was coming. So, it has particular meaning for me," Chidester said. "It just so happens that the very first mayor of the City of Byron, Dr.

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Region. Champs.



Photo by Tourris Leary/Sports Photographer
Ashton Barton (#12) with a 40 yards run up the middle for a Trojans Touchdown.

By Donnell Suggs
Sports Reporter

The Peach County Trojans are back on the high school football mountaintop as region champions following a 48-17 victory on Senior Night last Friday.

Having won a region title this early in a coaching regime is impressive, but Trojans defensive backs coach Don Hudson believes it is bigger than that.

"Winning a region title in year two is huge for our team, staff, and program," Hudson said.

"This week we have to focus on the end goal and that's winning the next game."

That next game, the final regular season game of the year before the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) begins, will be against the Golden Hurricanes (3-6 overall) in Albany at Monrow High School. Winning a region title doesn't mean the Trojans don't have things they could do better, says Hudson, who will also coach the Lady Trojans basketball program this season.

"We have to play hard versus Monroe to win," Hudson said. "They have weapons all over the field that can score at any time." Hudson may be right about the Golden Hurricanes' offensive abilities. Monroe scored 35 points during its win over Bainbridge last week. This final home game of the season will be a chance for the program to build momentum for the 2025 season.

The Trojans are 4-0 in the re-

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Fort Valley Woman Arrested for Murder, Discharging Firearm

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – On Saturday, Oct. 26, at 2:20 a.m. Fort Valley Police Officers were called to Pecan Avenue about the shooting of a possible intruder.

Upon arrival, officers observed a woman crying and laying on the front lawn of her residence and by a firearm. After further investigation, the officers charged the woman, 55-year-old Shawn Evans, with murder and using a firearm under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

The man who was shot, Quinton Owens, had sustained a gunshot to the torso. The Peach County Emergency Medical Services responded to the location and attempted to render aid. They transported Owens to Atrium Health Navicent Medical Center in Macon, Georgia. However, he later succumbed to his wounds.

The Fort Valley Police Depart-



Photo Contributed by FVFPD
Shawn Evans

ment is investigating this incident and asks that anyone with information call them at (478) 825-3383.



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BYRON 150 YEARS

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Charles H. Richardson was born in Sumter, South Carolina, and I, the mayor in the 150th year, was born in Sumter, South Carolina! So, it's a weird coincidence which I find to be kinda cool."

Both Hall and Chidester were looking forward to the musical performances, with both being interested to hear what A2Z had to offer.

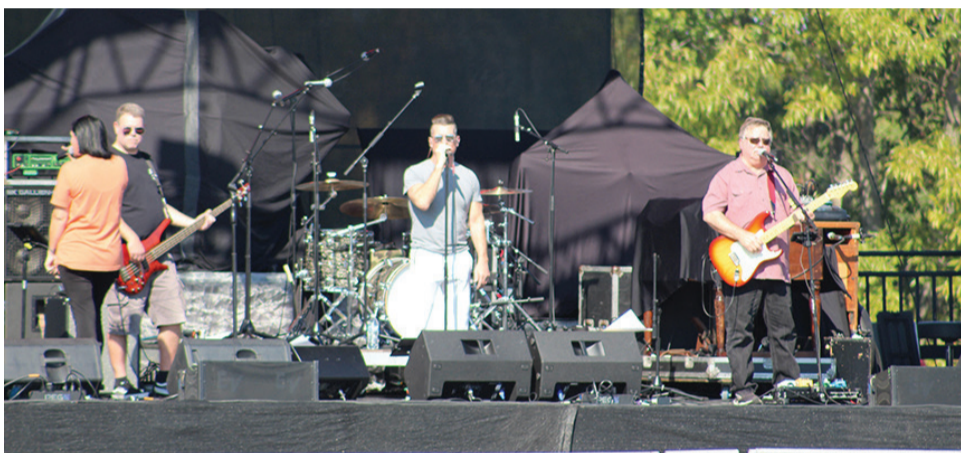
"Because I've never heard them [A2Z] and I hear how wonderful they are. I've had lots of people come in just to get tickets because they're here," Hall said. "So, I'm really looking forward to that one."

"I picked out both these bands, I'm looking forward to it. Now, A2Z should be an interesting opening act and I'm familiar with them. I know they've been around middle Georgia for a while but I've never actually heard them, so, I'm excited to see them too," Chidester said.

When asked if they had anything to say to the citizens of Byron, both Chidester and Hall had this to say.

"I am thrilled that we were able to do this for our citizens and hope that all of them that can, will have come out and taken advantage of it," Chidester said.

"Thank you for supporting everything that we do through the Welcome Center and the City of Byron! We will continue doing fun things!" Hall said.



Photos by Zoe Hammond
(photo top left) City of Byron Mayor Chidester enjoying the festivities. (rest of photos) A large stage was set up for the band and excitement to follow, while vendors opened up for attendees to shop and purchase treats from food trucks, all to celebrate The City of Byron truing 150.

The City of Byron was a flag stop on the Southwestern Railroad in the early 1850s, known as "Number One and One-Half Station." It had a wood rack for wood-burning engines that was kept by Nimrod Jackson, so the settlement later became known as Jackson Station.

William Hays built a store here

in 1860, and a post office soon followed. Dr. C.H. Richardson, who later became Byron's first Mayor, built a second store in 1867. The town was incorporated by the Georgia Legislature in 1874 and it was named for Dr. Richardson's favorite poet, Lord George Gordon (Noel) Byron.



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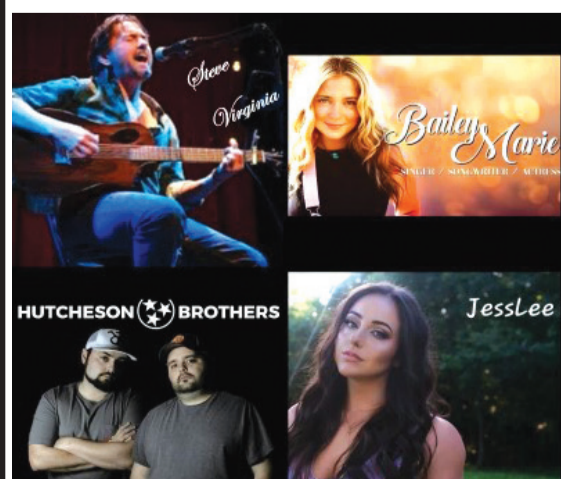
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Join Us For A Frightful Night For Sight

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Nightmare on Main Street on October 31 will be spooky fun-filled night. Join the Byron Lions for costumes, fun and candy, but do something for others at the same time. The

Lions Club will be collecting used eyeglasses, cell phones and hearing aids, which will be sent to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse to help provide needed vision services for the uninsured and underinsured.

We will also be accepting

donations for White Cane Day, which helps provide vision surgery for those in need. Help us help other as we fulfill our mission—WE SERVE! Any questions, please contact Lion Marlene at 478 918-3666.

BYRON NOTICE - Construction

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Construction activities for the Walker Road Water Main Replacement project will begin next week, on or around October 30th. Work will begin on the South end of Walker Road near the intersection with Centerville Road.

SCI Construction, Inc. is the General Contractor and will notify residents prior to any service interruptions during the project. No service interruptions are expected in the first weeks of construction starting.

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

Byron Arrests/Citations

Barber, Whitney Amber, 17, Byron, GA: Simple Battery (FV)

Dennis, Camrin Imani, 19, Fairburn, GA: Failure To Appear

Martin, Maurice Kinta, 32, Warner Robins, GA: Driving With Suspended License, DUI / Alcohol/ Less Safe, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Reckless Driving, Improper/Erratic Lane Change, Loitering Or Prowling, Marijuana Possession

Newcomb, Shawn Renee, 53, Byron, GA: Forgery 3rd Degree \$1500 Or More

Oakes, William Christopher, 59, Byron, GA: DUI - Drugs Less Safe

Troutman, Wilbert, 70, Byron, GA: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (55 In 35), Driving With Suspended License

Villalta, Marvin, 42, Austell, GA: Driving Without A License, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits)

Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Harris, Tyrell Wiley, 41, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Trespass

Jackson, Joe Wesley, 35, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Johnson, Brandon Deonte, 29, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree

Knowlton, Keysha Nicole, 53, Fort Valley, GA: Pointing Or Aiming Gun Or Pistol At Another

Redding, Otis Chad, 46, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Sanders, Eric Justin, 34, Fort Valley, GA: Possession Of A Schedule II Controlled Substance, Sexual Exploitation Of Children - Felony

Solomon, Charlie Pluman, 44, Fort Valley, GA: Aggravated Battery

Tripp, Andrew Duane, 39, Montezuma, GA: Criminal Trespass

Peach County Sheriff's Office Arrests/Citations

Brooks, Shaneique Monique, 31, Montezuma, GA: Driving While License Suspended

Burnam, Shanice N, 36, Reynolds, GA: Aggravated Assault

Burton, Ryan Mikael, 33, Macon, GA: Financial Transaction Card Fraud, Financial Transaction Card Fraud, Financial Transaction Card Fraud

Carter, Gregory Marell, 53, Gulfport, MS: Possession Of Tools For Commission Of A Crime

Embree, Valen A, 41, Byron, GA: Willful Obstruction Of Law Enforcement Officers - Misdemeanor, Marijuana-Possess Less Than 1 Oz.

Hooker, Lavern Ernest, 34, Perry, GA: Sexual Offender - Fail To Register/Provide False Information

Johnson, Stanley, 54, Byron, GA: Aggravated Assault-Family Violence, Cruelty To Children In The 3rd Degree 3rd Or Subsequent Offense

Jones, Carlos Devon, 38, Jackson, MS:

Jones, Donameen Rasheed, 48, Chicago, IL: Possession Of Tools For Commission Of A Crime

Leclair, Joey Brandon, 47, Byron, GA: Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

Moody, Jocquis Christopher, 29, Macon, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Rostro-Longoria, Gilbert P, 23, Fort Valley, GA: Driving Under The Influence/Drugs, Knowingly Driving Motor Vehicle On Suspended, Canceled, Or Revoked Registration

Rutledge, Dalliss Marlana, 34, Douglasville, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Thomas, Destiny Keyabra, 24, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Trespass

Watson, Marlon Clifton, 51, Fort Valley, GA: Aggravated Assault

White, Jasmyrn D'sha, 27, Macon, GA: Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude A Police Officer For A Felony Offense, Theft By Receiving Stolen Property- Felony, Interference With Government Property - Felony

Whitter, Johnathan Davis, 26, Fort Valley, GA: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Possession Of Marijuana, Driving While License Suspended

Willis, Brad Michael, 35, Roberta, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

GA State Patrol Perry Arrests

Postell, Marcus Dee Marcus, 23, Warner Robins, GA: Marijuana-Possess Less Than 1 Oz., DUI - Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol - Concentration Is 0.08g Or More Within 3 Hrs Or More, Failure To Exercise Due Care, Seat Belt Violation, Failure To Obey Stop Sign

Roybal, Adam Jonathan, 38, Centerville, GA: Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol, Wrong Way On One-Way Street, Possession Of Open Alcohol Container

Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.net



OCT. 31 FT. VALLEY HALLOWEEN 3RD ANNUAL SPOOKTACULAR EVENT

The Fort Valley Police Department will be hosting our 3rd annual Spooktacular Event.

Location: 200 West Church Street, The Fort Valley Police Department at 6:00 p.m. on October 31st Halloween night!

Come out & join us. This is an event that you wouldn't want to miss!

OCT. 31 - BYRON HALLOWEEN NIGHTMARE ON MAIN STREET

Main St & Jailhouse Park in Downtown Byron. Fall Festivities & Food Trucks 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Trick-or-Treating: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 2, 11AM-2PM CELEBRATE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Jailhouse Park Little Free Library #180738

Jailhouse Park (Gazebo), across from 103 Jailhouse Alley, Byron.

Come out and have fun! Everyone's invited FREE. Games, bounce house, giveaways, **Food truck, hot boiled peanuts, lemonade, cotton candy, Carolmel's Sweet Ice SnowBalls, **for purchase. Live Music by John Mark Graves. littlefreelibrary.org/app

NOV.2 JAILHOUSE ALLEY ART SHOW

The Jailhouse Alley Art Center will hold its **annual Show and Sale on Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm** in the Fort Valley Methodist Church Social Hall located at 301 West Church Street in Fort Valley.

In addition to a large selection of original artwork in a variety of mediums, there will be prints, notecards, and the ever-popular Bargain Table - just in time for Christmas! Don't forget your 2025 calendar featuring pen-and-ink drawings by Jailhouse Alley artists. For more information check us out on Facebook. Admission is Free!

NOTICE: FORT VALLEY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority **NO BOARD MEETING @6pm Tuesday, November 5, 2024 Troutman House 201 Oakland Heights Parkway Fort Valley, Georgia 31030**

TROJAN NATION TD CLUB

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

ATTENTION: VETERANS

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

FORT VALLEY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - BOARD MEETING

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

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PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSIONS

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

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

The Board also conducts Public Hearings to consider zoning requests at 6:30pm during regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

*Scheduling may differ due to holidays and unforeseen circumstances. Prior notice will be given. Visit our website for more information: <https://www.peachcounty.net/board-of-commissioners.cfm>

FT. VALLEY UTILITY COMMISSION

500 Anthoine St, Fort Valley. The Commission doors are open to customers from 8:00am - 5:00pm. Public Work Session Meeting first Monday of every month at 4 p.m. Regular Meeting every second Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

KIWANIS CLUB OF FORT VALLEY

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays every month, noon at Kay Center in Fort Valley. Kiwanis is a civic group focused on helping children, and community service. Each week, members and guests enjoy lunch and a guest speaker who addresses a topic of local, state and sometimes even global interest. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and join one of America's oldest service organizations. See the Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley Facebook page for more information. (TFNS)

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 MGAA Gallery, 2330 Ingleside Ave., in Ingleside Village. Gallery Hrs: Tues-Fri 12-5pm. Sat 12-3pm. 478-744-9557 Email: middlegeorgiaart@bellsouth.net **Free and open to the public!** (TFNS)

PEACH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

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

THE PEACH COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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

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BYRON AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

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

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS MIDDLE GEORGIA CHAPTER

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

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

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

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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

BYRON LIONS CLUB

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

BYRON ROTARY CLUB

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

BYRON MAIN STREET DDA/CVB

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

BYRON TAX OFFICE

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

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Halloween Traditions Over the Years



ZOE HAMMOND

News Editor

Halloween is almost here! The spooky season is in full swing. It's time to finish decorating, create fun or spooky costumes, and prepare for trick-or-treaters!

I've always loved celebrating Halloween, as I enjoy scary movies and the Autumn season. Growing up, I loved getting to dress up and spend time with my friends and family while going trick-or-treating or exploring a 'haunted house'.

When I was a teenager my family would go visit a family friend who lives in Newton County. She'd host themed Halloween parties with costume contests. One year she had a clue-themed party with everyone dressing to fit the theme of the game, naming themselves by the color of their outfit. For those that don't know, Clue's characters are named after colors such as Miss Scarlet, Professor Plum, and Colonel Mustard. There were hints about who the killer was throughout her home - with some being hidden in really odd places. It was great fun for the kids, getting to feel like an investigator solving the crime. That and the grand prize of a Halloween pail full of candy was a great incentive too.

She hosted these parties for

quite a while and it was always fun to see everyone. However, she stopped hosting them right around when I started college due to health issues.

For a while, I would either go to the Haunted Barn in Perry or the Haunted Trail at Robins Air Force Base, but both stopped before COVID-19 in 2020.

Nowadays, my Halloween traditions take over the whole month of October, as I and my husband are not always off on Halloween together. Whenever my partner and I are both free in the evening or during the weekend, we'll watch a scary movie along with trying some seasonal foods.

Both of us have a pumpkin recipe we enjoy making, mine is my grandmother's pumpkin bread and his is his grandmother's chocolate-chip pumpkin muffins. However, in addition to those baking recipes, we'll try making food and drink that fits the fall theme as well.

We also keep an eye out for what new horror movies or similar films are playing at the movie theater. This year we went to see Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice. I love Tim Burton's older films and wanted to see if it was faithful to the original. Both of us thoroughly enjoyed the film.

In the past two years, we've added a new tradition which is going to Netherworld up in Stone Mountain. It's a fun way to get jumpscared, while also getting to marvel at how detailed the sets and costumes are. I love good sets and costume designs, and Netherworld definitely delivers scary and unique themes.

I hope everyone has a fun, and safe, Halloween!

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We never know when these dreaded illnesses might visit our home, but there are things that we can do as a mother and fathers to build our baby's defenses against illness and disease prior to conception, during pregnancy and the early years of our child's life.

Prior to and during pregnancy: we have the opportunity as parents to build healthy gene expression throughout the beginning stages of our child's life from conception to birth. When we keep, toxic household chemicals, unhealthy diets, X-rays, CT scans, and other forms of

radiation out of and away from our body prior to and during our pregnancy, we decrease our child's future risk of having cells produced the wrong way (aka cancer). During pregnancy, our child's immune system learns the things that should become accepted by their body after their birth by the things we subject them to while they are in the womb. After birth, the things their body was not subjected to become antibodies, and their immune system will attack it as a foreign invader! It's the things their body is too slow to recognize as foreign that we have to worry about. Our child's immune system is so powerful it can kill the entire body (such as in anaphylactic shock), so it can pretty much kill anything that it doesn't recognize as a part of our child's internal and external environment!

After birth: we have the opportunity during the years after our child's birth to build anti-cancer cells with nutrition, sunshine, exercise, regular rest, and sleep habits that help fuel the growth of the next healthy

generation of cells. As this process continues to grow, so does their capability to snip out bad parts of DNA code that could build miss-shaped, misbehaving cells that could grow into cancer. This process helps nip the beginnings of cancer in the bud.

Living dirty and eating clean: two of the best ways I know to build the immune system are exposure and nutrition, the immune system also happens to be the thing that does battle against cancer in our child's body (it only has to recognize these cells as foreign). Getting out in the sun, getting dirty, playing with siblings and friends, good diet along with consistent sleep and rest habits is a childhood cancer prevention lifestyle!

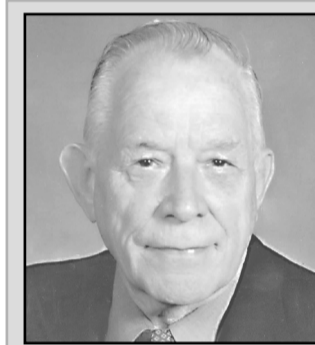
Household chemicals: most household chemicals are toxic (carcinogenic) and carcinogens cause cancer. Even though these cleaners may have the house smelling clean, we're turning it into a carcinogen trap and when we keep our children in an environment that is constantly being sanitized with toxic chemi-

cals, we increase theirs and our own susceptibility to cancer. There are safe household cleaners available, but if you're unsure of the carcinogenic effect of your cleaners, open windows, and doors to air out your home (especially while cleaning), this helps lessen the toxic exposure.

Cancer is a devastating thing that can happen to anyone, but we as parents have a responsibility to do what we can to help our child build an immune system that works as a cancer shield in a cancerous world. Working our way backward and learning what causes cancer (and turning off the faucet), is much more important than finding a cure.

We as parents are builders of the home our child's life resides in. This building process starts before conception, goes through the early stages of childhood, impacts their habits and decisions as a young adult, and helps set the foundation for the next generation; this is their body, they are our living legacy!

Titles A Bunch



DANIEL GATLYN
MINISTER/COLUMNIST

So you will know, there are a few things that stir the very soul of earth's inhabitants like chitlins on a platter, a major league batter, flashing lights, TikTok, and TaylorSwift! Uuuugh! But there is another that "churns and burns" the venue and that is titles. I mean "doctor, lawyer, merchant, thief, mister, sister, sheriff, chief, secretary, doorman, magistrate, potentate, priest and king" - vice of every-

thing, from hither to thither - and more, much more!! Seems we have to enjoy a precursor before the sir or madam!! (Or maybe following). The honor we bestow never wanes and do be appraised that portions of these last a lifetime. I mean "once a Governor or President, forever a Governor or President!!" We have become so acclimated to being addressed by "the thunder of wonder" until the dub is akin to the wallet and credit card (my point is never leave home without them!)

We have now arrived at a level where all hands (alternately) are known as bishop, prelate, advocate, master, pastor, superintendent, overseer, attorney, counselor, prince, princess, mayor, chair, assistant chair, vice chair (or some kind of chair), senator, congressman, alderman,

committeeman, manager, boss, adjutant, captain, loser, chooser, dispatcher, engineer, flagman, postman, gentlemen (a few), commissioner, petitioner, adjudicator, proctor, predicator, instigator, liquidator, producer, director, imitator, clown (a bunch), nominator, liberator, investigator, clinician, magician, scientist, ophthalmologist, imitator, litigator, appraiser, maid, mistress, moderator, lots of chiefs, and not many Indians!!! What is it? That we must be a celebrity? A challenge indeed! All the world's stage and actors are in surplus! Just plain "Bill" is out - monsignor and pope is in - commoner is out (That's me). But what else is new?

It is clearly understood that there comes a time when an individual must be identified by the office they hold, the circular

they fold or the story being told, but to spend all spare submissions in the dispatch of "painting personnel" around impressive "iconics" does not serve a worthy purpose. Precious few celebrities of vain glory deserve an entry on the market! Somewhere in tunnels of mediocrity dwells the posture of applicability! I have become accustomed to addressing my new acquaintance as "Doc" for there are far more doctors than nurses. Dubbed my wife "Your Highness" just once and the greeting became a daily expectation. I have passionately sought the tag of "someone", but alas! With all my majestic qualifications, why does the world still refer to me as a "klutz"?

Voters Want Solutions, Not Vibes

Charlie Harper
Guest Columnist

Politics is now a permanent campaign that has become the primary source of entertainment for far too many of us. How is it that so many have now lost the plot?

There was a time when insiders handled the campaigns, from candidate recruitment to positioning those candidates for a retail campaign. When I was cutting my teeth in this business almost four decades ago, there was a saying that "voters don't start to pay attention until after Labor Day."

The advent of 24/7 cable news channels and then instant social media opinions by everyone at all times moved us to permanent campaigns. "Influencers" dictate issues that receive attention. Those people who used to vet and recruit candidates are now called "the establishment" or "the swamp" and have significantly less sway on who will appear on a primary ballot, much less a general election one.

Over this same time period, tough issues have been replaced by vibes. Not everyone can have an informed opinion on the effect of accelerated depreciation for investments in research and development, but everyone can quickly galvanize around reports of affairs, or a debate over which party most closely emulates Nazis. We've dumbed

our campaigns down so that everyone can have a participation trophy.

We're now a couple of weeks from yet another of "the most consequential election of our lifetime", and a lot of people are getting nervous. Nervous people often do stupid things, and this general time before an election is often called "silly season" as a result. Roughly half the country is about to find out they're not going to get their way, and the coping from nervous folks on both sides has already begun.

Nowhere is this more apparent than in the supposedly fair and impartial newsrooms of our country's largest media outlets. Two of them with a left-leaning tilt - the Washington Post and the L.A. Times - declined last week to endorse a candidate for President.

This didn't sit well with many of their own and other reporters, who took to X, formerly known as Twitter, to bleed their less than impartial feelings for all of us to see. The net summary of most of the venting was that it was clear by these fair and impartial observers that Donald Trump is a fascist and the opinion arm of their outlets needed to reflect this fact that they've been reporting for almost a decade, but somehow the public just doesn't get it yet. Surely an Op-Ed two weeks from the election would wake everyone up,

right?

The best lesson I was ever taught in politics was given to me by a co-worker, learning about the candidates right before she went to cast a primary ballot for Governor. She asked me to remind her which candidate wanted to eliminate Georgia's income tax.

I knew this person well. She was our office's ethical straight arrow, and a compliance offer. A prior career in the Navy gave her a no-nonsense call to duty that remained with her personally and professionally. I took a breath and replied to her, "You don't want to vote for him. He's an ethically challenged mess, likely to be indicted soon."

She listened to my longer explanation patiently, and I only barely detected her eye rolls every time I told her what a horrible human being he was. She kept asking about the state income tax. I kept emphasizing his ethical and moral failings. "You can't vote for a crook!" I summarized.

She took a deep breath, looked me square in the face, and said words that every person trying to influence elections needs to understand. "Charlie. They are ALL crooks. I want to vote for the crook that's going to lower my income taxes."

A lot of us think we know what is best for the voters. Too many believe if we can find fault

with one side, voters will see that choice as unacceptable and default to the other candidate, who must be better.

Both parties have chosen difficult paths to win the White House this cycle. An accomplished Covid-era Republican Governor would be winning in a landslide right now. The Democrats could have run a competitive primary without a clearly incapable incumbent in the way, and would be soundly defeating Donald Trump right now.

Instead, we have one known and one still largely unknown candidate - both of whom have amazingly large percentages of the voters who find them unfavorable. But our media outlets are pretending that if we just are reminded one more time how much former President Trump is a bad man, that will fix everything for their preferred candidate.

Voters want inflation under control. Voters want an immigration system that works. Voters want our allies supported and our enemies contained. Voters want good schools and safe streets.

Voters continue to roll their eyes and wait patiently for us to understand that. Instead, we continue to pretend that vibes are an answer to their very difficult and pointed questions.



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God Intervenes in Human Affairs



BILLY POWELL
Parables to Ponder
COLUMNIST

Everyone remembers the story of Joseph, whose older brothers were jealous of him and sold him to Ishmaelite traders. The Ishmaelites carried Joseph to Egypt where they sold him as a slave to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh. Joseph was falsely condemned by Potiphar's wife, who accused him of attempting to seduce her.

Consequently, Joseph was thrown into prison. While there, he demonstrated an amazing ability to interpret dreams. As a result, Joseph was summoned to the palace to interpret the troubling dreams of Pharaoh involving seven fat cows followed by the seven thin, bony cows. Joseph reasoned that Pharaoh's dream portended a coming famine, so he instructed the ruler to store enough grain during

the prosperous years to provide food during the famine years. Because his dream interpretations averted a severe famine in Egypt, Joseph was elevated to the position of prime minister, second only to Pharaoh.

When Jacob's brothers came to Egypt to buy grain because of the famine in Canaan, they were ushered into Joseph's presence. They did not recognize Joseph, but after a time, Joseph revealed himself as their brother, embracing them and shedding tears of joy. Joseph, not only forgave his brothers, but said to them, "It was not you who sent me here, but it was God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land." Joseph revealed to his brothers that God had been shaping his life for a bigger purpose. He had been sold into slavery, undeservedly disgraced by Potiphar's wife, and sentenced to Pharaoh's prison for the end purpose of saving the land of Egypt from the coming famine.

Likewise, we see the mighty hand of God in the lives of such giants of the Bible as Moses, Abraham, David, and the Apostle Paul. In fact, God works in the lives of men of faith. President Franklin D. Roosevelt is a prime example. He did not

despair when stricken with infantile paralysis. Instead, it was the self-mastery that he learned through long months of meditation that, in turn, produced the power and influence that characterized his presidency. During the darkest hours of World War II while England was besieged by Hitler's armies, and long before there was any sign of victory, Winston Churchill, its prime minister did not lose his resolve, but declared to his fellow Britons, "We shall not flag or fail. We shall go to the end...we shall fight with growing confidence...whatever the cost may be...we shall not surrender."

Some men are fair weather friends with God. Supposedly religious, they partner with God in a sort of contract that is predicated upon things working out according to their specifications and timelines. However, when things do not happen as they had anticipated or as quickly as they had desired, they fall out with God. My Grandmother Powell's favorite Bible verse encapsulates the message of this article: "All things work together for good to them that love God, and to them who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28).

Care of Fall Vegetables



JEFF COOK
EXTENSION AGENT

Hopefully by now you have all of your fall vegetables planted, and we have some time before a hard frost. Most of our fall vegetables other than like collards, turnips and kale mature in around 50 - 60 days. Crops like cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower take a bit longer. All of these vegetables require a pretty good bit of fertilizer for maximum yields.

Starting with a good complete fertilizer like triple 10 or higher prior to planting ensures that you get good initial growth. On many of the soil reports that I get back the recommendations

for leafy greens are around 200 lbs./A of all the macronutrients like N, P, and K. This would be equivalent to a ton of triple 10 per acre or 45 pounds per 1000 sq. ft.

Another requirement of the leafy greens is sulfur (S) and boron (B). These nutrients are required in lower amounts but are still important to proper growth and development. Many of the complete fertilizers will also have micronutrients in with them. Super Rainbow is a fertilizer that usually has enough micronutrients in it for the crops being grown. If you decide to save money on the big bag fertilizer you can always apply S and B separately.

Sulfur comes as elemental sulfur or you can use sulfate of potash or just Epsom salts. To supply boron either a water soluble or a liquid form is available. Not much of either of these nutrients is needed so be careful not to over apply them. 10 lbs. of sulfur per acre and only 0.5 lbs. of boron will do the trick. Over applying Boron can actually damage plants. Sulfur is a lot more forgiving. We are not

talking about sweet onions but you should avoid S applications in onions because this is what gives them their pungency.

Finally, pests can always be a problem in Georgia. Even in the fall and dead of winter mostly caterpillars will be active on these fall crops. Aphids are another one that we have to watch out for. The best product for multiple reasons to control caterpillar pests is products containing Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt). This is only toxic to caterpillars so the pre harvest interval is 0 days and there is no danger to humans. Aphids are another story. There are several pyrethroids (-thrins), and malathion can also be used for controlling aphids. With these products it is important to check the pre harvest interval because it varies by product and by crop.

Fall is a great time to plant and enjoy many crops in Georgia. As long as we don't have extreme weather they can be productive well into the fall and winter months. Contact me if you have any questions or comments. 478-862-5496, 478-825-6466, mackiv@uga.edu

Coroner Kerry Rooks Completes National Forensic Academy's Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course

Contributed

Georgia - [10/18/2024] - Coroner Kerry Rooks has completed the National Forensic Academy's Bloodstain Pattern Analysis (BPA) Course, held at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

Rooks was one of 15 participants to complete the course.

Bloodstain pattern analysis involves the study of the size, shape, and distribution of bloodstains and the patterns they form. By interpreting these patterns, investigators can gain critical insights into the sequence of events during bloodletting incidents, including homicides, suicides, and accidents.

The course, which is part of the training programs offered by the University of Tennessee's National Forensic Academy, featured hands-on instruction from leading experts in the field. Participants gained practical experience in analyzing bloodstain patterns, utilizing real-world scenarios.

It's That Beautiful Time Of The Year!

Contributed

It may only be October, but the holidays are quickly approaching! (Have you been in the stores lately? —Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas décor is everywhere!) The Byron Lions Club is again selling beautiful poinsettias for you

holiday, but, hurry, the deadline for ordering is approaching! We offer two sizes of plants—6" and 8". Each size comes in five beautiful colors—red, white, pink, jingle bells and marble. Six-inch plants are \$15.00 each and eight-inch plants are \$25.00 each.

The order is being submitted on November 1, so treat yourself

to some holiday beauty. Delivery is unknown at this time, but we expect them by mid-November. To order, see any Byron Lion or contact Lion Marlene at 478 918-3666. Proceeds from all Lions fundraisers help us serve our local and global communities.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

email: news@theleadertribune.net

158th Church Anniversary – November 10

Usher's Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

411 Railroad St, Fort Valley, GA 31030

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Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! With joy and gratitude, we invite you to join us for a special occasion at Usher's Temple CME Church as we celebrate our **158th Church Anniversary on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.**

Our guest preacher will be

Rev. Angel Howard, and the Corinth CME Church Choir from McRae, GA.

This year's theme is "Renew, Rejoice, and Reconnect" (Isaiah 40:3): Building Bridges and Inspiring Lives (Ephesians 4:2-3). It reflects our historical commitment to strengthening bonds within the church and community. As we are prepar-

ing for this joyous celebration, we hope you, your family, and friends can join us for this special event. Your presence will add to our celebration as we thank God for His many blessings over the years. Let's come together to renew, rejoice, and reconnect!

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 of each month, 8:00 - 9:00pm, in order to build stronger bonds of friendship among the diverse citizens of our county. There are no rituals at the gathering, no one individual has any special role, and contributions are not solicited or accepted. If interested, please email us at peachcobahais@gmail.com, and we'll send you an invitation. (TFN)

COME PRAISE THE LORD OVER ZOOM

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

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"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.

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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!

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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 harlowmatthew@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.

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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

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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 or write us at the above post office box.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

505 State University Drive, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030 Trinity Baptist Church welcomes you to join us in holy worship service each Sunday morning at 11:00 am. Sunday School is scheduled at 9:30 am. and Bible Study at 7:00 pm. on Wednesday, currently on Zoom. (Contact us at the above number for Zoom access information.)

Also, we invite the participation of children in our Godly Girls and Champs Ministries. Godly Girls, ages 8-15, meets Wednesday at 5 pm; Champs on Thursday at 6 pm. in Church Annex. Transportation is available. We look forward to having you join us soon! For additional information, call 478-825-7349.

USHERS TEMPLE CME CHURCH

411 Railroad Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030. 478-825-5106. Join us each Sunday morning with Rev. Tawanna B. Harris at 9:30am for Sunday School followed at 11:00am with holy worship service. You may also join us remotely via Facebook Live. Bible Study held each Tuesday at 6:00pm.

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Jailhouse Alley Art Center Hosting Annual Show and Sale

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Fall is in the air. God's paintbrush is decking the trees in shades of crimson, orange, and yellow while the Jailhouse Alley art group from Fort Valley is finishing up their own paintings in preparation for their annual show and sale on November 2.

People are often curious about the group's unique name. It all began in the sleepy little town of Fort Valley when Christine Evans Murray desired to teach free art lessons to children on Saturday mornings. Classes were held in a small tenant house, which was described as "four spider-webbed little rooms with no plumbing". The house, donated by the Evans family and refurbished by Mrs. Murray, was in the alley across from the county jail behind the present Truist Bank. When a group of ladies officially organized on September 28, 1967 they chose the unusual name, Jailhouse Alley Art Center (JAAC).



Now in its 57th year, the Jailhouse Alley Art Center (JAAC) light of each fall is the ever-popular "JAAC Show and Sale" which is held the first Saturday in November at the Fort Valley

Methodist Church Social Hall. It is an event anticipated by art lovers throughout Middle Georgia. The artists return ten percent of their sales from the show back to JAAC, with much of the proceeds going toward the Christine Evans Murray Memorial Scholarship to a local high school graduate who has excelled in art.

The pen-and-ink JAAC calendar, first published in 1972, is now also a JAAC tradition. In honor of its Peach County roots, this year's calendar features a peach theme and will be available at the show for \$15.

Over the years JAAC artists have remained active throughout the Middle Georgia area. Members have given programs to civic clubs, hosted workshops with visiting artists, entered works in the Georgia National Fair, held exhibitions and gallery showings, and donated paintings for raffles and auc-

tions. The artists are quick to share the many benefits to belonging to an art group. The artists, amateur and professional alike, help each other. There's a common interest and a shared purpose within a social setting that keeps creative folks of all ages active and inspired. To quote former JAAC member Ouida Luckie, "Art makes you appreciate everything in your surroundings. The more you paint, the more you see beauty that you may have never noticed before."

That's what Jailhouse Alley Art Center has done now for almost sixty years. We've seen the beauty, and we'd like to share it with you. We hope you'll join us at the Jailhouse Alley Show & Sale on November 2 at the Fort Valley Methodist Church from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

FVSU's Homecoming Celebrates Generosity and Community Spirit

By FVSU

(Fort Valley, GA) – Fort Valley State University (FVSU) held its much-anticipated Homecoming celebration October 6-12, 2024, showcasing the incredible

generosity of alumni, corporate partners, and friends who contribute to the university's mission. This year's event raised an impressive total of \$788,545 through various contributions,



underscoring the strong bonds within the FVSU community. The festivities kicked off with pregame presentations, featuring donations from various supporters, including:

- CareSource – \$10,000
- Isaac & Dorothy Crumbly – \$10,000
- Oscar Jessie – \$10,000
- South Central GA Alumni Chapter – \$10,000
- 80s Royal Blue and Old Gold Alumni Affinity Group – \$11,000
- Albany Alumni Chapter – \$11,000
- Arthur & Bernice Johnson – \$11,450
- FVSU Class of 1964 – \$14,000

- Bluebird – \$15,000
- Lester B. Solomon – \$15,000
- TradeFutures, Inc. – \$19,810
- Andrew Reese – \$21,564

In total, 12 contributors stepped up during the pregame, raising \$248,450 to support FVSU initiatives. Each donation not only provides essential funding but also reflects a deep commitment to the university's growth and success.

The halftime presentations showcased even more remarkable contributions, including:

- President Paul & Mrs. Sylvia Jones – \$30,000
- Dr. Matthew McRae, Jr. & McRae Family Dental – \$25,000
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. – \$30,500
- Dean Thomas & Mrs. Barbara Palmer – \$31,295
- The Honorable Calvin Smyre – \$33,000
- Lomax Porter – \$49,250 (with presentation by Kenneth Howard)
- Georgia Power Company – \$50,000 (with Patrick Harris)
- Dekalb County Alumni Chapter – \$51,000
- Willie & Cora Billingslea – \$55,000 (with Willie Billingslea IV standing in)
- Kaypers Jackson – \$100,000
- FVSU Class of 1974 – \$130,782.40

The halftime segment featured 12 contributions, totaling \$540,095. Notably, the contributions from the Class of 1974 amounted to \$257,232.40, with a generous \$100,000 gift from Kaypers Jackson, Class of 1974, highlighting the dedication of alumni who continue to invest in FVSU's legacy and future.

Overall, the event saw a total of 24 check presentations, celebrating the generosity of the FVSU family. This year, the Wildcat Club Tailgate brought together alumni and supporters for a festive atmosphere filled with good food and lively conversations.

Special thanks to the Wildcat Club major sponsors: Bluebird, LTC Andrew Reese, Diageo, and Macon Beverage Outlet.



Your support helped make the tailgate a memorable experience for all attendees. "The spirit of giving at Fort Valley State University is truly inspiring," said Karen Wright, vice president of University Advancement at FVSU. "Each contribution represents a commitment to our students and a belief in the transformative power of education."

As the Homecoming festivities concluded, the FVSU community celebrated not just the financial support but the shared

vision for a bright future. Together, the Wildcat family continues to make a lasting impact on the lives of current and future students.

This report is a joint effort between the University Advancement Division and the FVSU Foundation.

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 401 Main St., Byron, Ga 31088.

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

NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

COUNTY ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX

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

- () No
- (A) **PEACH COUNTY PROJECTS:** Road, Street, and Bridge purposes including Paving and Drainage; Public Safety Facilities, Vehicles, and Equipment; Parks and Recreation Development and Improvement; Capital Improvements to Public Buildings; Code Enforcement Facilities and Equipment.
 - (B) **MUNICIPAL PROJECTS – CITY OF FORT VALLEY:** Steets and Sidewalks Projects and Improvements; Water and Sewer Projects and Improvements; Public Works Facilities and Equipment; Capital Improvements to Public Buildings; Public Safety Facilities, Vehicles, and Equipment.
 - (C) **MUNICIPAL PROJECTS – CITY OF BYRON:** Roads, Street, & Drainage Purposes; Water and Sewer Projects and Improvements; Public Safety Facilities, Vehicles, and Equipment; Capital Improvements to Public Buildings; Cultural, Historical, and Recreational Projects."

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

Legals

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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.

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 proceeds 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)

TRADE NAME STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

The undersigned hereby certify that they are conducting a business in the City of Fort Valley, County of Peach, State of Georgia under the name, Legal Name of Business:

HAR BHOLE 25 LLC

Any associated trade name for business: FRESH FOOD
Physical Address/Location of Business: 740 CAMELLIA BLVD., FORT VALLEY, GA 31030.
Type Business: GASOLINE STATION WITH CONVENIENCE
Owner/Manager/Agent's Legal Name: MONIKABEN PATEL

This 16th day of October, 2024.
10/23, 10/30, 2024
3193

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF PEACH
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ROBERT FRANK DUKE**

All creditors of the estate of Robert Frank Duke, 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 16th day of October, 2024. Donna McCain Duke, Executor of Robert Frank Duke, deceased 327 Country Club Road Fort Valley, GA 31030

10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 2024
3191

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Byron Self Storage located 107 W White Rd/107 W.E. Green Jr Pkwy/500 GA-49 Byron GA 31008

intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following unit stored at the Facility. The public sale to the highest bidder will occur as an Online Auction via www.storage treasures.com on 11/19/2024 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Adam Hollingshed unit #154; Corey Barnes unit #222; Chandra Grisales unit #267; Ruth Lyles unit #C403; Sharreca Jones unit #C417; Courtney Gilmore unit #E052; Marlon Williams unit #E080; Tenisha Jones unit #E405. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

10/30, 11/6, 2024
3199 (L2L- 53363)

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.

- 2 -

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 \$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)
3170 (GNS 24111GCC)

CITY OF BYRON AND PEACH COUNTY NOTICE OF FILE REQUEST FOR BEER AND WINE LICENSE

Pursuant to code or ordinances of the City of Byron, Part II, Chapter 4, Article II, Section 4-49, (11). Notice is hereby given that on or after the 25th day of October, 2024, the undersigned will apply to the City of Byron for the issuance of a license for the retail sale of beer and wine at an establishment known as: Name of Establishment: **PEACH BLOSSOM STORE INC**
Located at: **507 GA HIGHWAY 49 N., BYRON, GA 31008**
CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA 31008
Applicant: YATIN PATEL
Address: 129 Golden Oak Dr., Macon, GA 31216
10/30, 11/6, 2024
3201

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

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

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 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)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF INEZ MOORE, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-7011 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: Any and all Interested Parties and to whom it may concern:

GLORIA HARDIN has petitioned for GLORIA HARDIN to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of INEZ MOORE, 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 NOVEMBER 27, 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
478-825-2213
10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 2024
3202

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA CIVIL ACTION CASE NUMBER 24-VR-0388

**IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF CLAYTON DAIVS, PETITIONER.
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

Clayton Riley Davis filed a petition in the Peach County Superior Court on October 17, 2024, to change the name from: Clayton Riley Davis to Clayton Riley Plummer. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the petition was filed. This October 17, 2024.
10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 2024
3194

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

THE PEACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER, Petitioner-Contemnor 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-Contemned) Civil Action No. 24-V-0376
The said named persons and any and all other persons known and

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.

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 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 3183

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA IN THE INTEREST OF: FILE #7341-J

**L. B., SEX F, AGE 4, DOB 12/20/2019, CASE #111-2024J-079
B. B., SEX M, AGE 10, DOB 10-2014, CASE #111-2024J-080
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, JOSHUA BROWN (putative father); JAMES BURDESHAW (putative father) ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILDREN BORN TO CANDICE LANCASTER.

You are notified that a Petition for Dependency was filed against you in said court on 10/18/24, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 10/17/24.

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Peach County Juvenile Court, held at Peach County Courthouse, Ft. Valley, Georgia on 11/12/2024 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. for a hearing, and on 12/19/2024 at 10:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Peach County Juvenile Court Clerk.

WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, 10/18/24. Whitney Nelson, DEPUTY CLERK, PEACH COUNTY PEACH COUNTY 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 2024 3197

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: 880 Oak Avenue; 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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY
ALL creditors of the estate of MARGARET H. CAMERON**, 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 16th day of October, 2024.

TERRI CARR
EXECUTRIX OF MARGARET H. CAMERON ESTATE
252 Old Macon Road
Gray, Georgia 31032
10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 2024
3190

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice FreeUp Storage - Fort Valley located at 1091 Peach Parkway, Fort Valley, GA 31030 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The public sale to the highest bidder will occur at an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on 11/20/2024 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Heather Jones unit #135A; Diana Richard unit #358D; Parris Statham unit #444E; Melissa Estrada unit #520A/B; Donnell Adams unit #731. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.
10/30, 11/6, 2024
3198 (L2L- 53483)

LEGALS

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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 Cliett 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

GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM

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

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 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 TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of **ROSA MAE TURNER, 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 16th day of October, 2024. ROSA MARIE ADAMS ADMINISTRATOR OF ROSA MAE TURNER ESTATE 300 Peachtree Extention Fort Valley, GA 31030 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 2024 3189

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.

Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court By Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court 205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030 478-825-2313 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 2024 3180

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 KAY D. MERCER

All creditors of the Estate of Kay D. Mercer, late of Peach County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 21st day of October 2024. Josh Taylor, Executor of the Estate of Kay D. Mercer 2997 Causey Road Lizella, GA 31052 Robert R. Lawson Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP Post Office Box 89 Perry, Georgia 31069 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 2024 3196

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:

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Further information is available by contacting the City Attorney's Office.

10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 2024 3172

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA ESTATE NO. 2024-PRO-7003 IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID JACKSON SHERRILLS, 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 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 2024 3182

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 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

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

will 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)

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

Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court By Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court 205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030 478-825-2313 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 2024 3181

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF EMMA LEE AIKEN, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-6997

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Any and all Interested Parties and to whom it may concern:

GERALDINE ADAMS has petitioned for GERALDINE ADAMS to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of EMMA LEE AIKEN, 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 FUTHER: 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 478-825-2213 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 2024 3192

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Albert L. Maine** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Counseling Services, Inc., its successors and assigns dated March 30, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 379, Page 96, as last modified in Deed Book 570, Page 434, Peach County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$74,411.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, January 7, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, before the Court-house door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 75, 5TH LAND DISTRICT, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 23, BYRON ESTATES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY ED ST. JOHN, GRLS NO: 722, DATED JANUARY 2, 1968, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 176, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2003, HORTON, MIRAGE III, MANUFACTURING HOUSING UNIT WITH SERIAL NUMBER OF H179809GLR, WHICH WAS FORMERLY PERSONAL PROPERTY BUT IS NOW PERMANENTLY ANNEXED AND AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LAND AS A PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT.

Said property is known as 581 Peach Road, Byron, GA 31008, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

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

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

The property is or may be in the possession of Albert L. Maine, successor in interest or tenant(s).

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Albert L. Maine File no. 16-063067

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP* Attorneys and Counselors at Law 211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 130 Atlanta, GA 30346 (770)220-2535 https://www.logs.com/

*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 10/30/2024, 11/06/2024, 11/13/2024, 11/20/2024, 11/27/2024, 12/04/2024, 12/11/2024, 12/18/2024, 12/25/2024, 01/01/2025 3200 (BCNS 240560)

Peach County Retired Educators October Meeting



Photos Contributed
Mrs. Katie Kendrick from Peach Concerned Citizens and Mrs. Belinda Baker, director of the Fort Valley Youth Center of Excellence.

Hope Giles, PCREA

The Peach County Retired Educators Association met on Monday, October 9th. The meeting was called to order by President Alfred Ellis. President-Elect Dr. Quintin Green opened with the PCREA song. The inspiration was given by Rev. Ricky Jackson, Interim Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church. A speaker for this meeting was Mrs. Belinda Baker, director of the Fort Valley Youth Center of Excellence. Mrs. Baker gave an update on their new program known as "Project Wildcat".

This program allows students from Fort Valley State University to come and mentor the children at the Youth Center. Our next speaker was Mrs. Katie Kendrick from Peach Concerned Citizens. Mrs. Kendrick



Photo Contributed
President - Elect Dr. Quintin Green, Congressman Sanford Bishop and President Alfred Ellis.

gave information on voting. Our next speaker was Congressman Sanford Bishop. He discussed the importance of the upcoming election.

Trojan Scholars for October

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The Female Trojan Scholar for October is Destiny Iman Penny. Destiny is a senior at Peach County High School where she is a member of the FVSU Upward Bound Program. Following graduation, she plans to attend Vanderbilt University or Emory University and major in Biology and Animal Science. She has received the Student of Integrity Upward Bound Award, A+ Honor Roll, Highest Average AP Pre-Calculus, Highest Average in Algebra II, Highest Average in Spanish I, Highest Average in Geometry, College Board-National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award, College-First Generation Recognition Award, National African American Recognition Award, Academic Achievement Upward Bound, Highest Semester Average Upward Bound, BETA Club. She is a Dual Enrollment student and a Georgia Certificate of Merit Recipient.



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The Male Trojan Scholar for October is Trenton Dees. Trenton is a senior at Peach County High School where he is the Vice President of the Student Council. He ran track for PCHS in his 10th grade and 11th grade years and was in the NJROTC 9th and 10th grade. He is also a Chief in Sea Cadets, part of Tactical Team 9th grade, and Captain of Explorer Post PCFD and CCFD. He was Runner-Up for Sea Cadet of the Year in the State of Georgia.

Following graduation, he hopes to attend the United States Naval Academy. His back-up plan is to attend Kennesaw State or Georgia Tech and major in Electrical Engineering.



Paralympian Lee Ford motivates students at Fort Valley Middle School

Contributed by PCSS

FVMS enjoyed a special guest speaker October 25th! Lee Ford, a Paralympic archer, spoke to students about her dedication to archery, her travels around the world, and how she stays motivated. A native of Georgia, she began her archery journey at a young age and has since won many medals and competitions. The students listened intently as she encouraged them to pursue their goals and dreams despite any challenges they may encounter.

During her speech, she demonstrated her archery skills by hitting targets across the gym and showing an arrow inside of which she had shot another arrow. Her inspiring story resonated with the audience and motivated everyone to build relationships and dream big.



Children are more than twice as likely to be hit and killed by a car while walking on Halloween than on any other day of the year, according to the National Safety Council.

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Georgia early voters continue setting records

By Dave Williams
Bureau Chief
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - More than 1.8 million Georgians cast their ballots during the first week of early voting, Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said Wednesday.

That record number, which included early votes through Tuesday, was expected to cross the 2 million mark by midday Wednesday, representing more than 26% of the state's electorate.

Raffensperger reported the early voting numbers during a news conference in which he also revealed that a citizenship audit his office conducted last summer turned up only 20 non-U.S. citizens on Georgia's voter rolls out of 8.2 million registered voters. The secretary of state's office canceled their voter registrations.

"Georgia has the cleanest voter list in the entire country," Raffensperger said. "Georgians can trust in their elections." Gabriel Sterling, the agency's chief operating officer, said the 20 registered voters who turned out not to be citizens were identified because they had signed affidavits indicating they weren't citizens in order to get out of jury duty. They came from Bibb, Clay-

ton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, and Henry counties, he said.

Sterling said the secretary of state's office referred 156 other registered voters suspected of being non-citizens to local authorities for further investigation.

Raffensperger said the agency identified 432,474 registered voters last year who have changed residences, moving either inside Georgia or out of state. He credited those results to Georgia's membership in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), a network of states that share data on voters.

"I believe every state should be a member of ERIC," he said.

Sterling also shot down a conspiracy theory that Georgia's Dominion voting system has been "flipping" votes.

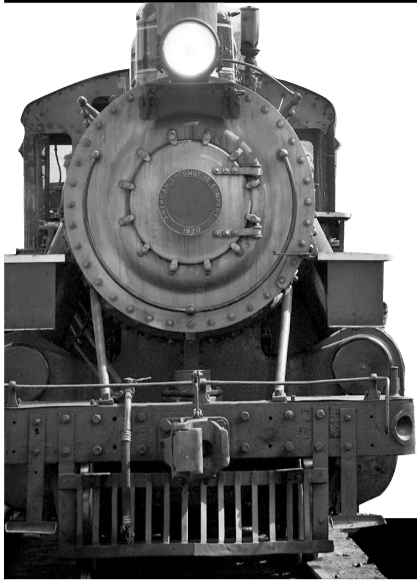
"There's zero evidence of machines flipping votes," he said. "That was true in 2020, and it's true now."

Sterling said non-citizens have no incentive for trying to game the voter registration system because, if they get caught, they lose their chance to become a citizen.

"It's very high risk and low reward," he said.

Early voting in Georgia will continue through Nov. 1, four days before Election Day.





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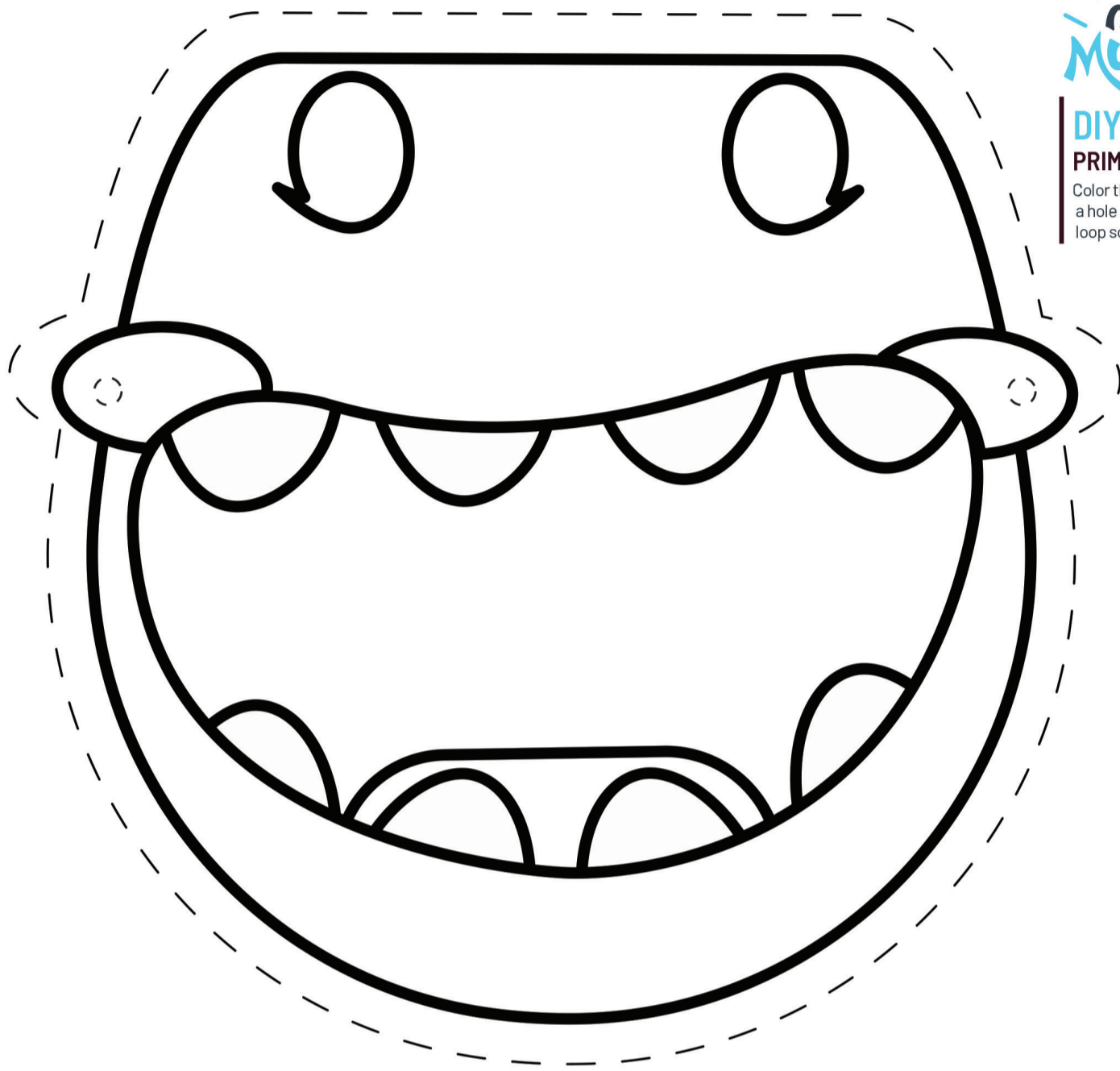
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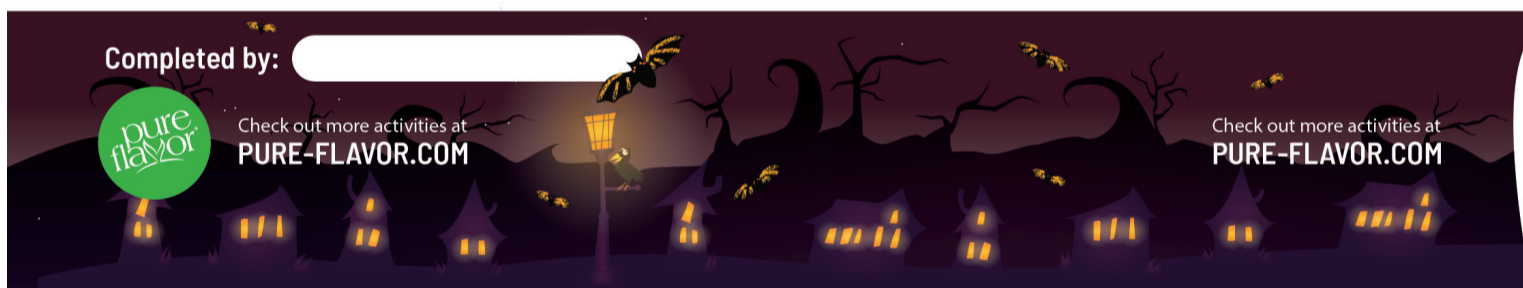
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Clue: Small center

B. 21 9 5 14 17 20 1 16 24
Clue: Kitchen appliance

C. 10 17 4 7 24 2
Clue: Yellow in color

D. 3 25 5 13 24 23
Clue: Container

Answers: A: kernel B: microwave C: golden D: bucket

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to popcorn.

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Answer: Butter

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Answer: Winona Ryder

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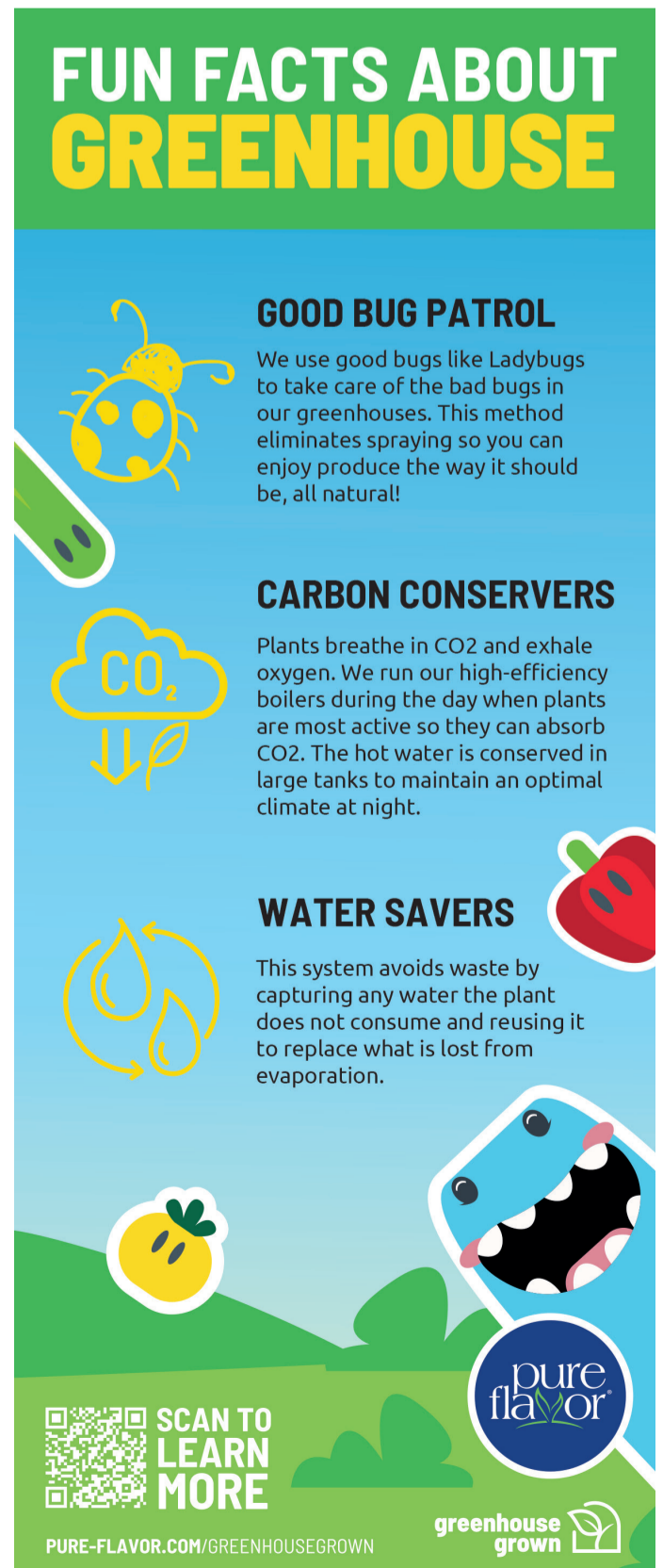
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- BOWL
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- COMBINATION
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- ENJOY
- EXPLODE
- FAIR
- FIBER
- INFLATE
- KERNELS
- MAIZE
- MICROWAVE
- MOVIE
- POPCORN
- POPPER
- SALTY
- SEASONING
- SNACK
- SODA
- TASTY
- THEATER
- UNPOPPED

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

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REGION. CHAMPS.

CONTINUED FROM 1A

gion after defeating the Cairo High School Syrupmakers in a game where the Trojans defense continued to demonstrate that it may be the best unit in AAA football. Here's how:

During the past three games, all being victories over Dougherty, Bainbridge, and Cairo, the Trojans defense has kept the opposing offense under 21 points. To be even more precise, the three-game defensive streak has been by 17 points and below.

Against Cairo, Peach County held their oppo-

nent scoreless during three of the four quarters of the game.

"Cairo is a great team and we had to endure some battles, but our kids are fighters," Hudson said. "We played consistently, but there are still so many areas we have to improve on."

For the AAA-Region 1 champion Peach County Trojans there will be just one more game to do it before the road to Atlanta and a state title begins again.

Preview: Peach County Trojans vs. Monroe Tornadoes

By Victor Kulkosky
Editor Emeritus

Monroe Tornadoes, 11-1-2024, Away
Home: Albany **Head Coach:** Lacey Herring, 17-22, 4th season
Overall Record: 266-420-13 (.389), 78 seasons, since 1947
Region Titles: 1 **State Titles:** 0
Last Year: 6-4/3-2. 1st round
This Year: 3-6/2-2*
2024 Classification: 2-3A
PC vs. Team: 2-0 **Last Game:** PC 31 M 6, 10-2-2009

The Monroe Tornadoes first appear in the written record in 1947, but full-season records known to the Georgia High School Football Historians Assoc. don't begin until well into the 1960s. The records show a team that's won a little more than a third of its games. The Tornadoes boast just two 10-win seasons: 1996 and 2006.

Charles Truitt was Head Coach in 2006 and led Monroe to their only region title. They made it to the second playoff round in AAA before losing to Shaw. Truitt's tenure is the second longest in Monroe history, 17 years, and he is their winningest coach, at 85-90. He left after the truncated 2020 season for Randolph-Clay.

His successor, Lacey Herring, improved from 3-7 to 5-5, to 6-4 last year, including a 1st round playoff appearance.

The Tornadoes haven't touched ground as often in 2024. They started non-region play with four straight losses. They lost big to Thomas County Central and Colquitt County, both ranked, and made a more respectable showing in a 49-27 loss to Dothan, Ala. Monroe lost to Northside-Co-

lumbus, 32-7, before chalking up their first W against Pelham, 28-21.

They opened Region 1-3A play with a 33-28 win over Dougherty, then lost to Cairo, 38-14. They then kept high-scoring Westover relatively close, but still lost, 22-7. The Tornadoes beat Bainbridge, 35-20, partly avenging four straight losses since 2014. They appear to be on their way to fourth in 1-3A and a playoff spot.

The Trojans and the Tornadoes have met only twice before, in 2008 and 2009, the last time both schools were in 1-3A. Under Chad Campbell, PC beat Monroe 43-7 in 2008 and 31-6 in 2009, on the way to their third state title and perfect 15-win season.

The Trojans have shaken off the first-year jitters under Head Coach Marquis Westbrook. They beat Northeast-Macon, 40-21 to open the season. They fought a shootout against Perry the following week, coming up short in a late rally to lose 49-39 to the defending 4A champs.

The Trojans shook off that loss and surrendered just one touchdown each in the next three games, beating Berkmar, Crisp County, and Northside-Warner Robins. They needed most of their 55 points to beat Westover, 55-36 to open region play, and cruised over Dougherty and Bainbridge in the next two games. The Trojans capped the 2024 regular season with a convincing 48-17 win over Cairo to win their 21st region title.

This final game of the regular season gives the Trojans a chance for a workout before the playoffs begin. This game is in Albany. Get there if you're able.

FIRE IT UP, PC!!!

Information used from Georgia High School Football Historians Assoc., www.ghsfha.org.



Photo by Tourris Leary/Sports Photographer
Cedrick Chalk (#11) made a huge tackle for the Trojans on a 4th down play.

Region 1-AAA Week 11 Roundup

By Victor Kulkosky
Editor Emeritus

The Trojans and Head Coach Marquis Westbrook officially graduated from the get-to-know-each other phase last Friday with a 48-17 win over #7 Cairo. The win gave PC their 21st region title. Add to that 34 seasons making the playoffs.

Elsewhere in the region, Bainbridge's slide from four-straight region titles continued with a 35-20 loss to Monroe. The Tornadoes appear to have a lock on fourth place. Westover shut out Dougherty, 35-0.

One week remains in the regular season. Our Trojans close it out with a visit to Monroe. Cairo and Westover meet in a battle of Top 10 scoring leaders in AAA. Westover is third and Cairo seventh, according to my back-of-the-envelope calculations, while Peach County is first. This match will determine second and third in 1-3A. The winner will claim second, and the loser will settle for third. Monroe should hold on to fourth.

It takes a PhD in math or some other challenging subject to figure out the playoff brackets. Since private schools from AAA down will have their own playoffs, public school brackets are set

by a points system, rather than the traditional approach, in which #1 in each region would play #4 in a predetermined other region, with #2s and #3s filling out the first round.

Hurricane Helene disruptions added another week to the regular season, to allow all teams to finish their schedules. The first round of the state playoffs is scheduled for November 15-16.

What we can tell you for sure is PC is scheduled to close out the regular season this Friday at Monroe. Beyond that, we'll know when we know. As always:

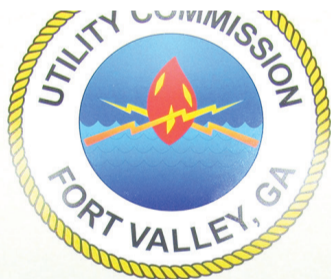
FIRE IT UP, PC!!!

Region 1-AAA Standings

Team	Total	Region	AJC Rank
PC	8-1	4-0	2
Cairo	8-1	3-1	
7			
Westover	8-1	3-1	10
Monroe 3-6	2-2		
Dougherty	2-7	0-4	
Bainbridge	0-9	0-4	

Information used from Georgia High School Football Historians Assoc. (ghsfha.org) and Georgia High School Football Daily.

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**Community Celebrates
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**By Zoe Hammond
News Editor**
The City of Fort Valley celebrated Peach County's 100th Birthday during their monthly board meeting. Visitors were able to partake in cake, ice cream, and peaches.

Peach County turned 100 years old this past July 18, 2024. The Georgia General Assembly approved a constitutional amendment to create Peach County from parts of Houston and Macon counties on July 18, 1924. Making this year the 100th year for Peach County!

Signing of bill to create Peach County in 1924



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(photo right) Georgia Governor Thomas W. Hardwick signs the bill to create Peach County on July 18, 1924. Standing from the left are: Emmett Houser, Representative; Charles H. Jackson, Representative; H. C. Neil, Mayor of Fort Valley; and Joe E. Davidson, Senator.

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A Brief History On How Peach County Was Formed

Reenactment of the Signing of Peach County

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The Georgia General Assembly approved a constitutional amendment to create Peach County from parts of Houston and Macon counties on July 18, 1924. Georgia voters ratified the proposed amendment on Nov. 4, 1924, creating Georgia's 161st and last new county and ending a long struggle between neighboring communities.

A state historical marker on the courthouse grounds incorrectly cites the county's creation as the day the legislative act proposing the constitutional amendment was approved, but the county was officially born when Georgia voters approved the amendment 77,052 to 31,211. Peach County opened for business on Jan. 1, 1925, and the first commissioners were elected on Jan. 7, 1925.

Fort Valley was established as a trading post by James Abington Everett in the early 1820s and incorporated as a city in 1856. Not long after its incorporation, the idea of carving a new county out of the north end of Houston County was being discussed.

While nothing happened then, talk of a new county continued through the years and was said to have gained momentum again in the 1880s. Although the source of the statement has never been verified, reportedly there was a rule of thumb in Georgia in the 1800s that every citizen should be within a one-day round trip by horse or wagon from the seat of county government.

In reality, however, other factors were more commonly behind the push to create new counties. Personal disputes and political controversies fre-

quently led to the division of an existing county. Fort Valley residents found it hard to get to the courthouse in Perry and the Flint River created a natural barrier between residents in the north part of Macon County and their county courthouse in Oglethorpe.

Historians say the final and successful effort to create Peach County started in 1914 at a meeting at the home of A.B. Greene on Everett Square attended by community leaders from both Fort Valley and Byron. The movement gained momentum in the years between 1914 and 1922 when the effort erupted into a full scale political war between the communities of Perry and Fort Valley.

With community pride and normal territorial feelings at the center of the debate, the arguments raged over the final population of the affected counties, distribution of land and the actual need for another county.

Even the proposed name sparked arguments. Some residents of the area were apparently outraged that the proponents of the new county would consider naming it for a fruit. How could Georgia possibly start naming counties after agricultural crops? If voters approved another new county, would it be called "Watermelon County?"

Fiercely protective of their power, Houston County leaders transferred ownership of 40,000 acres to Macon County in an effort to persuade Macon County voters to oppose the Peach County amendment. Civic clubs, businesses and local politicians in both counties got involved and vicious letters were circulated debating the issue. A Marshallville merchant who supported the new county was reportedly sent a letter to advis-

ing him to "get out of town." At the state level, the big debate centered on whether or not there was a need for more counties in Georgia. Georgia voters had approved a constitutional amendment in 1904 limiting the number of counties to 145. The next year, the General Assembly created eight new counties, bringing the total number to 145 -- the constitutional limit. Nevertheless, there was continuing pressure to create more counties.

Because an act of the legislature cannot conflict with the state constitution, the only option was to amend the state constitution. Beginning in 1906, lawmakers got around the 145-county limitation by creating new counties through constitutional amendments that were not subject to the limitation. By 1922 there were 160

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Reenactment of the Signing of Peach County into Creation July 18, 1924. Standing from the left are Joe R. Collins, Commissioner; Walter Smith, Commissioner; Matt Mullis, Commissioner; Thomas Palmer, Commissioner. Seated in center: James E. Khoury, Chairman.

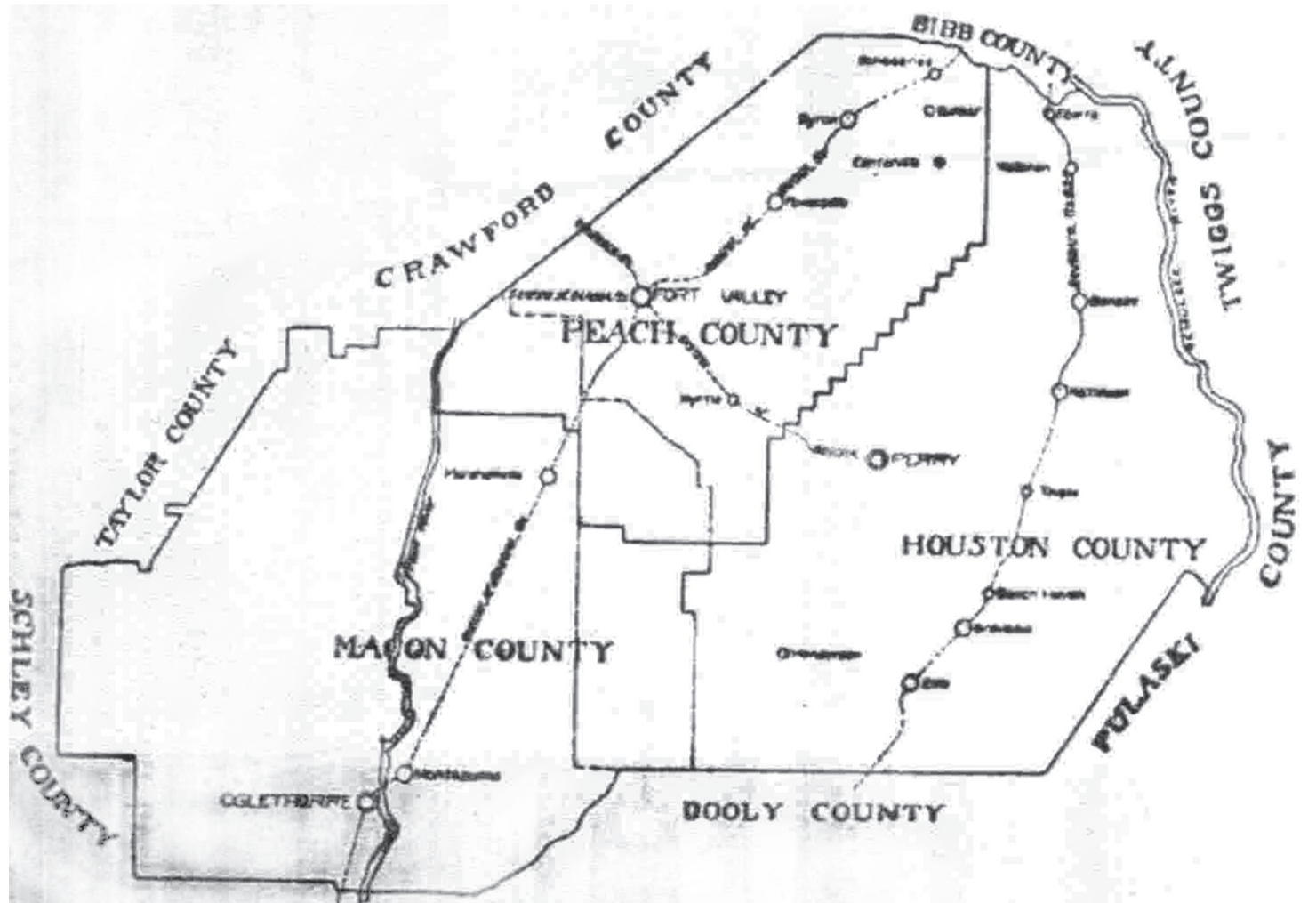


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(Photo right) An early map showing how the counties used to create Peach County. Study the lines of the counties and you will see: 1) section of Houston given to Macon. 2) Section from Macon and Houston which resulted in Peach County. 3) The Central of Georgia Railroad line runs diagonally through the counties.



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Peach Festivals Add to Peachy History

Old photo of Georgia Peach Blossom Festival in 1924

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Toward the final stages of efforts to bring about the creation of a new county, the idea of the Peach Blossom Festival was conceived. Between 1922-26, Fort Valley greeted the first peach blossoms in annual festivals of dance, song, elaborate pageants and delicious barbecue. Soon thousands from all over the world would make their way to Fort Valley each March. It has been reported that as many as 40,000 people descended on the town during the festival, which was ended in 1926 because it was too successful.

Valley staged the first Georgia Peach Festival. This revived festival, now in its 20th year, resulted from a suggestion by Harold Peavy to promote Peach County and the peach industry that has contributed so much to the livelihood of the middle Georgia area.

The festival officially incorporated in 1988 under the direction of the Peach County Chamber of Commerce. Today, a volunteer board of directors plans and executes the complex job of organizing the festival in Fort Valley and Byron. With many residents joining the effort to make the festival bigger and better each year, attendance from outside the area is growing yearly

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(photo right) Tables being set up to feed the thousands of visitors to the Georgia Peach Blossom Festival (circa 1924).



HISTORY OF PEACH COUNTY

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counties and voters were beginning to question the need for more government.

Nevertheless, the constitutional amendment to create Peach County passed the legislature in 1922 and went on the ballot that fall only to be defeated at the polls. But the supporters of Peach County were undaunted and the battles raged on.

While the history of the effort between 1922 and 1924 is sketchy, Sen. J.E. Davison, Emmet House, Charles Jackson, H.C. Neil, C.L. Shepard and A.J. Evans are credited with helping resolve the differences with voters in Macon and Houston Counties, thus ending the war of words. The legislature approved the amendment in voters went to the polls in November and approved the creation of Peach County with Fort Valley as the county seat.

Georgia's 161st -- and last -- new county was named for the

peaches so proudly grown in the area.

Interestingly, the origin of the county seat's name is unclear. One story claims that Everett named it "Fox Valley" but that his writing was misread by officials in Washington, D.C., as "Fort Valley." Another story claims that Everett named the town after his friend Arthur Fort, a Revolutionary War hero from nearby Milledgeville. In any case, it seems that there was never a military fort in the new county.

With the creation of Peach County, Georgia had 16 counties created by constitutional amendment after the limit of 145 counties was set in 1904, but Peach County proved to be the last. Milton and Campbell counties merged with Fulton in 1932, leaving 159 counties. Georgia voters ratified a new constitution in 1945 which set an absolute limit of 159 counties, with

an additional provision that no new county could be created except through consolidation of existing counties.

After Peach County's creation in November 1924, supporters worked diligently to open for business in January 1925. The second floor of Slappey's Opera House (later renamed the Austin Theater and then the Peach Theatre) on Main Street was used as the county courthouse. County officials later moved the courthouse around the corner to a former Star and Durant auto dealership on South Macon St. The current courthouse was built in 1936. After a fire in 1969, the courthouse was restored and expanded in the early 1970s. Another addition was built in the 1990s.

For additional information about the history of Peach County, click here to visit the Peach County Historical Society website.

For more information on Peach County, visit www.peachcounty.net.

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Peach County Board of Commissioners Chairman Martin Moseley on Peach County Turning 100

Zoe Hammond
News Editor

Peach County Board of Commissioners Chairman Martin Moseley was born and raised in Peach County. His family has had a history with the government in Peach County, with his grandfather being the first Commissioner – known then as an Ordinary – when Peach County was created 100 years ago. Moseley's father also was a county commissioner for a few years. Moseley was later appointed to the Board of Commissioners, when a Commissioner had stepped down. Since then, he has been a Commissioner for over 20 years with no opposition.

What is something you love about Peach County?

"I just love the small-town feel, where neighbors know their neighbors. Peach County certainly isn't what it was when I was a kid, but it still has a small-town charm and everybody kind of tries to look out for each other and help each other. It's a great place to live and raise your children and grandchildren. You can feel like you're in the country but in 10 or 15 minutes, you'll be in Macon or Warner Robins. It's just a great place."

What is one of your favorite memories in Peach County?



"There's tons of them. The old Byron Drug Store – it's the Drugstore Deli now – but when I was a kid it was a meeting place for all our parents and kids after school. I remember when they built the interstate, I was about 5 or 6 years old, and I remember my dad taking me out and they had paved the interstate. We sat up on the hillside and a radio-control airplane club showed up and they were sitting in the middle of the interstate using it as a runway for their remote control airplanes. That was my first view of I-75 from Byron."

"Working with such great people. We've had some fantastic employees and I've worked with some fantastic commissioners who taught me so much. It's been a blessing to get to know peo-

ple and work with people who mean so much to Peach County and beyond, with all the other connections. It's been a pleasure to meet people and have connections that I can use to help Peach County."

What has been one of your greatest achievements in Peach County?

"I think balancing our budget and putting some money back for a rainy day. Rolling back the millage rate a little bit every now and then to help the citizens of Peach County. Bringing in things like Buc-ees, I worked closely with the Mayor of Warner Robins and getting the Buc-ees here was a big deal. I'm proud of the Commissioners dedi-

cating 1 million to economic development which has somewhat evened the playing field with other counties we compete with. We have given the Development Authority of Peach County funds to attract development."

What are your hopes for the future of Peach County?

"Well, we've got the megasite. That's been a great feather in our cap from the state, because the state recognized Peach County as a prime location and our spot out there is a prime location with all infrastructure needed. It's gonna be a great site for a very large industrial complex that will not only benefit Peach County but it'll benefit all of Middle Georgia."

What do you want to say to the citizens of Peach County?

"I'd like to thank them for their support over these 20 years that I've been a commissioner. We think we're doing good things in Peach County and we feel like we've taken Peach County to another level as far as competing with some of our big neighbors. We've got our foot in the door and made a lot of connections and friends in the surrounding counties. We think we're setting Peach County up in really good shape. We feel like the quality of life is good and we're working to make that even better."

The Peach Blossom Festival of the 1920's



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More photos from the early Peach Blossom Festivals.

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The Mayor of Byron Reflects on Peach County's 100 Birthday

Zoe Hammond
News Editor

The Mayor of Byron, Michael Chidester is originally from Sumter, South Carolina. He moved to Byron in 1997. Chidester originally joined the Byron City Council in 2002 and later became Mayor in January 2020.

What is something you love about Peach County?

"Peach County is just a great place to live. It's ideally located, we've got the country feel but we're close enough to Macon and Houston County. The amenities of life that you might enjoy are all relatively close by. It's a wonderful

place to live. Georgia, in general, is a great state to live in but Peach County is just centrally located, ideally."

What is one of your favorite memories in Peach County?

"I met my wife at the Peach Festival in 2005 and we got married in 2006. It's nice to be able to say you met the person you love and live with in Peach County. That's one of my favorite memories of Peach County."

What has been one of your greatest achievements in Peach County?

"There's been so many, it's hard to put my finger on one in particular. To

pin that down is very difficult, we've done so many things. We've built the city hall and got our people out of that little bitty building that they used to be in across from the cemetery. We've added to the cemetery, it had almost completely filled and there was people who lived all their lives and wanted to be buried here and had no place to be buried. The new city hall is wonderful, and now we're in the process of expanding that with some other recreational opportunities around the city hall, starting with the skate park. This park has been developed a lot since I was on the city council. We've watched the business corridor grow over these

years. So many things, it's hard to say one is a favorite, but I am proud to have been a part of the government of the City of Byron and Peach County."

What are your hopes and/or goals for the future of Peach County?

"I know that we're a growing community. I've been involved with these conversations with the government of the county and the government of Fort Valley about what we want Peach County to look like as this growth comes. We've got this small town feel generally, the older houses, the larger spaces to live in and we'd like to preserve that feel in Peach County. My

hope is that we can develop in such a way that we can still preserve part of that 1924 feel and Peach County, just like we're trying to keep a little bit of that 1874 feel from when the City of Byron was first chartered."

What do you want to say to the citizens of Peach County?

"I'm thrilled that we've been here 100 years. I hope we can stay here another 100 years. Beyond that I hope everybody in Peach County loves it in Peach County. I hope they all have had the opportunity to come out and enjoy this day [Byron's 150th Anniversary Celebration] at the park."

The Mayor of Fort Valley Reflects on Peach County's 100 Birthday

Zoe Hammond
News Editor

Fort Valley Mayor, Jeffery Lundy, came to Peach County in 1993/1994 as a police officer for the city of Fort Valley. During his time with the department, he worked as a DARE officer for Hunt Elementary and Fort Valley Middle School for 15 to 16 years. He was later voted in as Mayor in 2021.

What is something you love about Peach County?

"What I love about it [Fort Valley] is you have a motto - 'Where Caring is a Way of Life' and I see that everywhere. I see it from the county perspective,

from the city perspective. I look for the good and I see that. I love my Trojans, I love seeing what that do when it comes down to folks coming together, being out and open and really and truly seeing the spirit of when people come together."

What is one of your favorite memories in Peach County?

"This past Christmas, for what I saw for our Christmas Lighting, that was a magical moment for me cause I felt something in my heart that I had not felt when it come down to our Christmas Lighting and decorations. It was a different feeling in the heart. It was just, 'Wow, look what we're able to do when

we work together.' Also, when the Trojans won the first State Championship, that was a favorable memory. I have so many favorites being a DARE Officer in the school system working with a lot of different educators and administrative persons who really showed a love and concern about the children. Those memories continue to live on cause I see some of those same kids that are so successful in other areas of life."

What has been one of your greatest achievements in Peach County?

"Part of this administration is that we are at the table of government meetings trying to find out what we can do to better serve all the citizens

of Peach County. Fort Valley has been known for a long time as an impoverished community rather than, from my point of view, denounce those things but accept those things and try to improve the quality of life for everyone."

What are your hopes and/or goals for the future of Peach County?

"I am a person that believes in a team concept, it takes everybody to buy into what we're trying to do. Mayor and Council do have a lot to do with more jobs coming and more housing availability. Mayor and Council has a lot to do with the safety of all. We see those things happening, we begin to see cleaner streets and safer streets.

We gonna be inviting and we gonna be supportive of organizations that are doing things to support the whole community."

What do you want to say to the citizens of Peach County?

"First of all, I wanna say that those that trusted me by voting for me to be the mayor, I am very gracious about that. Every day I'm working for the citizens of Fort Valley and Peach County. We are in a voting time, to say to every person exercise your right to vote. Some might think it's not important, that your vote might not matter, but it does especially on the local level."

Snow Storm of 1973



Parade in Byron, Ga



1975 United Givers Fund Officers - Outgoing UGF President Dr. A.D



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Brann congratulates incoming UGF President William Khoury, Jr. as FVSC President W.W.E. Blanchett and City Councilman Robert Church look on.



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Breaking Ground in Peach County

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1947 FVHS Basketball Gym
Groundbreaking on Riley
Ave. Among these dignitaries
was Supt. Ernest Anderson.



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(photo left) Mayor Paul
Reehling looks on as Bank
officials break ground on
new location for Bank
of Fort Valley on North
Macon St. with Fred Glenn,
Carol Odom Bobbie Jean
Anthoine.



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(photo right) Citizen's Bank
Directors and Officers: Bill
Nichols, Jim Liipfert, Cleon
Moore, Bill Wilson, Durward
Gasset, Dan Nathan break
ground on new Citizens
Bank location on Vineville
Ave. (1979). Other Directors
- Corbin Davis, Sid Eubanks,
Frank Jamison, Marlon
Maddox, I.F. Murph.



Tornado Damage in Peach County



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Jordan Electric & Par-San Men's Wear

Flooded Pecan Orchard Near Masee Lane, off GA 49 South, Fort Valley, Georgia



Creator: Short, Charles J./Peach Public Libraries
Photograph of Flooded Pecan Orchard Near Masee Lane, off GA 49 South, Fort Valley, Peach
County, Georgia, July 1994

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