







# Make Your Voice Heard



ZOE HAMMOND

News Editor

The 2024 elections have just commenced as of Nov. 5 and with it comes the usual slew of phrases that roughly culminate into "I didn't vote, because my vote won't/doesn't matter." I am still amazed when I hear this phrase. I guess those who say that don't realize that if you added up all of the people that believe that you'd have hundreds, if not thousands of voters.

"My vote doesn't matter," is so far from the truth. Your vote matters, regardless if it is a local, state, or federal election. This is how you can make your voice heard, and actually make a difference versus only complaining on social media.

There are numerous reasons as to why one should vote, not only in presidential elections but also in state and local elections.

First and foremost, it's a right that most did not have when this country was founded and many have fought tooth and nail for that right. Even today, with people being legally allowed to vote, many hurdles make it nearly impossible to do so. National Geographic lists examples such as "reducing polling locations in predominantly African American or Lantinx neighborhoods, or only having polling stations open during business hours, when many disenfranchised populations are working and unable to take time off."

Numerous hurdles are being used to prevent certain groups from participating in voting. The best way to end these underhanded tactics is by standing against those using these tactics and voting them out of

office.

Another reason to utilize your right to vote is that voting gives you the ability to create positive change for your community and determine a better quality of life for you and your family. When it comes to voicing concerns in your community, voting is a way to make sure those concerns are heard. The decision to vote can sway an election, from voting for someone who doesn't have the best interests of the community to someone who does. Not voting can lead to no or negative changes. If you don't vote, others will make the decisions for you.

Elections will impact your everyday life and family. Elections determine numerous aspects of local communities ranging from jobs, education, transportation, healthcare, and so on.

The Asian American and Pacific Islander Vote (APIAVote) writes "Voting and encouraging others to vote means standing up for the issues you care about by electing the people who have your best interests at heart... Voting gives a stake in your community."

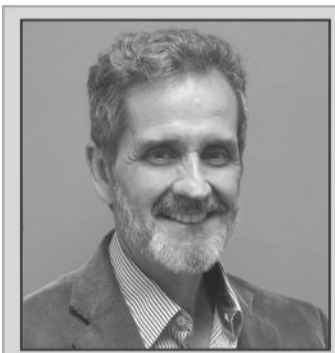
Your tax dollars are going to be spent and everyone pays taxes. Members of communities should have a say in where the money goes and how it is spent.

By electing city council members, county commissioners, governors, state legislators, all the way to members of Congress and the President, your vote can affect how tax dollars are allocated and what projects will benefit from local, state, and federal funding.

It's vital to vote for those elected officials who stand up for the values you believe in and will do their best to improve the community. It is the right of every American citizen – who is eligible to vote – to be able to cast their ballot.

Never doubt that your vote is powerful but it must be exercised to remain so. Your vote is your voice. And it matters.

# Likeness of a Healthy Body to a Healthy Election Process



WADE YODER  
LT COLUMNIST

Apologies in advance for an article that deviates slightly, but I can't help but see the similarities between a healthy election process and a healthy body in its fight against disease and infections. If we do not keep this process tight and secure, (whether at a local, state, or federal level), we will lose our capability to cleanse ourselves from bad representation, and the health of our community, state, and country will decline.

We are blessed with a body that is constantly seeking a healthy middle-of-the-road balance (homeostasis), such as not being too acidic or alkaline. When our systems detect things

that are not good within the body, they work to cleanse and detoxify itself from things such as anti-body growth (cancer, etc.) within the body. Our body helps protect and secure this system of checks and balances, with healthy habits that are very basic and easy to understand. When the body has these simple tools to work with, it does a great job at constantly cleansing the body, and its systems from things that are bringing it harm.

The above is much like the public that holds its elected officials responsible and works through the voting process to expunge ones they feel are not working in the best interest of the ones they were elected to serve. Each elected position is supposed to fulfill its specific purpose for the area served and work with the other parts of the governing body (that it is a part of). If it doesn't work well with the other parts of the body it will create a lag in value for the area it is supposed to be serving, and quite often have a negative impact on the governing body as a whole.

Elections can get testy, heated, and sometimes painful (much like surgery and ampu-

tations of body parts that have lost their value) but once it is over, the healing and working together needs to happen, or else it becomes a bunch of political rhetoric, showboating and little actual value produced. This has a lot of value especially at a local level, in the way local elected officials (city councils, county boards, school boards, sheriff, and others), work individually and function together, and can make a lot of difference in bettering the quality of life in the community they were elected to serve vs. the erosion of it.

1 Corinthians 12:20-25: "But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you;' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'" No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unrepresentable parts have greater modesty, but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, that there should

be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another."

Even though the above example is about the church, it is also a good example that can be used in what builds a healthy government that is by the people and for the people, (and not the other way around). When this happens at a local level, it heats the kettle from the bottom to the top and puts pressure on the areas where change needs to happen at state and federal levels of government.

History has repeatedly shown us that there have been corrupt governments that have not served the people like they should, and quite often have become very aggressive. One of the best ways for a corrupt government to protect itself from the people is a corrupted election process. However, the best way to keep a government serving the people is through a secure election process. This is how a healthy functioning body (our local area, state, and country), not only maintains its health but also cleanses itself from things and individuals that are bringing it harm.

# Why I Watch Mash



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MINISTER/COLUMNIST

The latter days of 2024 have specifically crowded the calendar with elections, goblins, and memories of pilgrims landing at Plymouth Rock. The celebrations also include a chosen period (and day) to recognize the warriors who have sacrificed the liberties of our Nation. Veterans Day is just ahead! Indeed, we owe our Freedoms to the vast group of men and women who elected to gather, go, and give beyond all expectations. And without question, there exists no venue which better informs and explains the patterns of regimental excursions than that of Hollywood's version of the Korean War! I know only too well, for I was there as acts of necessity

and heroism unfolded a million times over.

The television production of Mash 4077 was primarily introduced as a comedy series in 1972 (extending for eleven years) with a wide appeal to those interested in war, strategy, ethics, comedy, romance, and medical connotations. The 255 episodes covered all spectrums of combat in Korea, with plain spoken horrors surrounding military and personal relations. Through factual and off-colored truth as it occurred with regimented forces, civilian counterparts, and related issues – depictions left the viewer awed, amused, horrified, and drained – and more than often, with dampened face. Granted, portions of the mystical encounters were morally marginal, but each defined life, war, and personal management within their most gruesome moments. Hands down, the actors/actresses were professional, and to the point, in every program. Alan Alda, the only actor to appear in every program, became legendary and renowned to a global audience. Every scene and slanted

parallel defined the crucial nature of both male and female, within actual lines of conduct. That's the way it was!

My first magnetic attraction was one of identification, I was there on active duty, the very dates offered leaving the scene as Colonel Potter arrived. I can attest to the dangers, frivolity, issues, behavior and realities of war! All possibilities are in the script of combat and heart rending conflict. The dread, the fear, the anxiety, the loss, the loneliness, the despair, all are heaped in ever increasing portions regardless of rank or file. The labors, the goals, the sweat, the tears, and the anguish, are all as "real as rain" leaving the warrior in total disarray! Moments of utter fatigue are transitioned into "endless months of error ridden assault"! What is witnessed is beyond human comprehension. Only those that were there would know of what I speak.

This most notable production of armed conflict that offered Americans scenes of battle, and more than 150,000 casualties (killed, wounded, or prisoners

of war), etched temperaments throughout our nations, and memories stretched for a lifetime. To view the actions and antics of Hawkeye, BJ, Trapper, Charles, Klinger, Radar, Hot-Lips Houlihan, commanding roles of leaders, and supporting personnel left all observers with questions and comments surrounding the terrors of war. We laughed, we cried, and we marveled at the hilarious! We cringed at the "animalistic behavior," the indiscretion, the intolerable acts! And we were shocked as unbelievable sites and scenes were displayed, forcing mental faculties to the limits, intermittently of assurance to ourselves, that such could never happen. But it has, it did, and will happen again! For we are inextricably attached to a cause, explained in part by warrior Harry Jones (POW at the River Kwai in WWII) to wit: "One cannot conceive anything so valuable as Freedom"! Within that frame, we live, we move, and justify the course taken!

# After The Election, Congress Must Work To Find Unity

Charlie Harper  
Guest Columnist

I'm filing this column on the Monday before the election. Some of you will be reading it before the votes are tallied, while many of you will see it in publications that run after we know – hopefully fairly quickly – who won the race for President of the United States, as well as control of Congress.

I don't yet have the benefit of that knowledge to share with you. I'll move on to focus on what needs to happen regardless of who wins or has won.

There's a lot of talk about the need for "unity" in our country. Most of us agree that we need to come together as a country. The hyper-partisans that control much of the narrative and too much of the agenda only want this unity where they get everything they want and the losing side capitulates.

That isn't unity. That's the operating stance of a conquering force.

Americans will not be conquered. Not from the left. Not from the right.

We are a free people. We yearn to live freely.

The reality of this election, like yet amplified louder than those before it, is that both par-

ties have painted the other as authoritarians who want to take our freedoms away. There's an uncomfortable amount of truth to the claims of each side.

We would not have the fear and anxiety over the outcome of this election if our government – at all levels – had not grown so powerful as to interfere with if not outright control too many aspects of our daily life. We're far removed from the original vision of self-governance laid out by the Founding Fathers.

This didn't happen overnight. Gradually over centuries we as a people have traded the illusion of security and prosperity for their own personal freedom and responsibility.

For us to restore government to its proper limited roles and constitutional functions, we first have to accept that will require a lot more of us taking responsibility of our own lives and the outcomes of our own choices.

It was interesting to hear Vice President Nominee Tim Walz suggest we need to "mind our own business" at one point in the campaign. Many of us would like to do just that, without asking the government's permission nor approval first.

At the same time, we have those who say they want to elim-

inate all government handouts, but then angrily demand "keep your government hands off my Medicare" – a government run and subsidized federal program.

Even with these two competing visions, there should be room for unity. We can unite around the fact that both parties believe the other given the power government currently wields is too great to live under if our party loses.

This should be the primary focus of the next Congress. The Executive Branch has grown too large and is largely unaccountable. Bit by bit, Congress needs to use its power of the purse and that of specific legislation to specifically reign in the powers given to one person who resides at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

This would, however, mean Congress itself would have to take responsibility for the jobs our Senators and Representatives have been elected to do. Instead of representing we the people, they fund the government with omnibus bills, and they pass laws that leave the details to bureaucrats in rule making processes.

The rules the bureaucrats make only go one way – and that direction is more centralized power in the executive branch.

Congress should immediately change this process, both requiring rules made to be passed by Congress before taking effect as law, as well as sunseting all current rules not yet codified by Congressional vote.

We need to know the names of the people who write the laws we free people live under. They should never be faceless bureaucrats whose mission seems to be to increase their own fiefdoms at the expense of the American people.

We know the government is too big and too powerful when too many people are afraid to live under the rule of a party they didn't vote for. On this, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents can agree.

Whoever controls the next Congress should immediately work to get bipartisan consensus on where to begin reasserting Congress' role both as a check and balance, as well as that of the branch that is to make law.

This path would only begin to demonstrate unity within the country. It would have the added benefit of making Americans understand and possibly even respect Congress as an institution once again.

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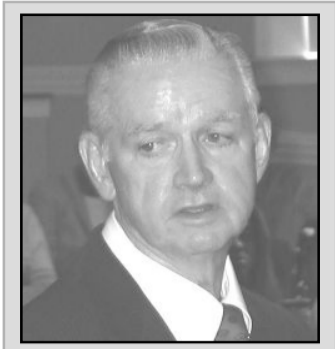
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# Few People Know



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COLUMNIST

Few people in Perry, Georgia, know that their town was once a basketball Mecca and boasted of a dynasty that was unequalled. Its coach was accorded the distinction of being the 'winniest coach' in the nation with an 83 percent winning percentage. In his 33 years at Perry High School, his teams won 25 district or region titles and 8 state championships. Upon Staples' departure Paul Hartman, Staples' assistant coach, was elevated to the position of head coach. Hartman's 1969 Perry team won another state title for Perry. This was unequalled in Georgia and the nation.

Staples was considered the Dean of Georgia Basketball Coaches. Perry High often played higher classification schools. During the Staples' era, basketball became a way of life in Perry. When Perry played at home, fans would form long lines to purchase tickets. When the game was out of town, local businesses closed early so both owners and employees could travel to the game. Caravans of cars could be seen leaving town for out of-town games.

Should you need further proof, ask Senator Sam Nunn, House Majority Leader Larry Walker, Judge George Nunn,

Dwayne Powell. Ask Sherry Hubbard Staples, Pierce and Porter Staples or William Harrison, Bobby Mayo, or Thomas "Boot" Hunt. Ask anyone who played for Coach Staples or were in Perry at the time.

As an example of Perry's prowess in basketball, the date was March 14, 1953. A capacity throng of 3500 frenzied fans were screaming and yelling. Every seat was occupied and an overflow crowd filled the aisles and doorways. Every score produced a deafening roar. Macon's City Auditorium seemed to reel and sway on its girders. The Perry Panthers, of which this writer was a member, were playing the tremendously tall and talented Clarkston Angoras for the state basketball championship of Georgia. Although the Panthers had led by a small margin throughout the game, most basketball observers felt that we were playing over our heads and that the powerful Clarkston team would ultimately prevail.

During the waning minutes of the fourth quarter with Perry nursing a six-point lead, Clarkston suddenly sprang a full court press that produced two Panther turnovers and two quick Angora baskets. Clarkston had closed the gap to only two-points. The scoreboard read: Perry-59, Clarkston-57. Only one minute and 40 seconds remained in the contest. The tide had turned. A glance at the scoreboard revealed precious seconds irrevocably flashing away. Clarkston had the momentum. Pandemonium and jubilation broke loose on the Clarkston sidelines. The Angora fans were smelling victory. Surprised by the suddenness of the Clarkston press, the Perry

team appeared confused and bewildered. Defeat appeared imminent for a Perry team that had won 33 games, climbing over formidable opponents to gain the state finals. The dream of winning a state championship, which only moments ago seemed attainable, was fleeting from our grasp with the countdown of seconds irreversibly flashing away on the scoreboard clock.

Our coach signaled for a timeout. As we approached the Perry bench, we were met by a coach who in the thick of battle was a model of composure. Any indication of indecisiveness or a slight quiver of his lip could have sealed our doom. In the heat of battle, we drew strength from this giant of a man who exuded confidence. He believed in himself and his approach to the game. He talked to us in a calm manner, a reassuring tone in his voice. He emphasized the importance of controlling the ball and the clock for the remainder of the game. He instructed us to execute a three-man weave beyond the top of the key with the two post men split to the sides to open up the middle. We were cautioned to drive for the basket only if our defender was screened out and the lane opened. Should the lane suddenly close during a drive for the basket, we were told to pass off to the open post man and resume the weave out front. We scored four points during the remaining seconds, held Clarkston scoreless, and won the state championship game by a six-point margin, 63 to 57. You can order the book "Pride of the Panthers" from Amazon.com.

# Let Us Help You



**JEFF COOK**  
EXTENSION AGENT

We are getting close to the end of another growing season. Peanuts have been dug, cotton fields are bright white and pecans are hitting the ground. With the end of one season we have to start planning for next season. I used the word plan in there because we should always have a plan. Whether you are going on a trip or wanting to grow vegetables you need to have a plan.

As far as planning a trip I am not your guy, I leave that to my wife. As far as your lawn, landscape, garden or food plots, that is where I, and UGA Extension

can assist. It truly aggravates me when I go to visit a landowner/homeowner to look at their issues, and the issues could have been avoided if they had called me sooner.

I am not going to say that I can answer every question about problems we face in the landscape. However, if I can't usually know someone in UGA Extension that can. Sometimes it is as simple as pulling up one of our thousands of publications.

I am no expert on water, but we have the Household Water Quality Series online that can explain most issues surrounding drinking water quality. If not, we have specialists that can help explain water sample results and give recommendations for treatment. If it is a home landscape question we have publications on almost all turf and ornamental situations that you can come up with. For the home gardener we have the Home Garden Series. I tell folks to search online for UGA Home Garden "blank" and you will most likely find a publication. If you can't Extension Agents and specialists are available to help.

We offer soil and water testing, and can help you understand the recommendations. We test manures for nutrient content and can test soil amendments and compost. We have the ability to diagnose plant diseases either in our offices or at diagnostic labs in Athens, Griffin and Tifton. We also work with the Georgia Poultry Diagnostic Labs across the state to protect both our commercial and homeowner poultry industries. Finally, we offer training to the citizens in our counties on topics that are important to them, and we provide one-on-one consultations at your farm, home or property.

So next time you are planning to do something in your lawn, food plot, or landscape give us a call or use some of the online resources available from UGA Extension. Remember we are not here to sell you any products we are here to help you be successful in whatever you do.

If you have specific questions or comments contact me at 478-862-5496, 478-825-6466 or mackiv@uga.edu.



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 158th Church Anniversary – November 10

**Usher's Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church**  
411 Railroad St, Fort Valley, GA 31030

### Contributed

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!

### FISH FRY

When?

November 15, 2024

4:30pm-7:00pm

Where? Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church  
2815 Hwy 41, Fort Valley, GA  
What Do I Get? Fried fish, hush puppies, vegetable, cheese grits, dessert & drink  
Questions?  
Terry at 478-442-1097  
We hope to see you there!

### 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 75b6h8  
Host James Manning (Elder)

### CHRISTIAN FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

"Connecting People to Christ"  
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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

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October 17 at 10am. Bro. James Crocker & Bro. Wayne Crocker.

### BIBLE STUDY

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

### GRACE HOUSE COMMUNITY FOODBANK

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

### GREATER FAITH BABIES MINISTRIES

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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 harlowmattthew@gmail.com  
https://www.middlegaanglican.org

### THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF FORT VALLEY

Looking for a church? Pastor Tony Wood invites you to come visit us. Bring the kids for Children's Church!  
Sunday School at 9:30. Sunday Worship at 10:30.

### SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH located at 309 Central Avenue, Fort Valley, GA 31030. The Rev. Harriette Simmons Ballard. Services every Sunday at 9:00am with Coffee Hour following in Robinson Hall.

### ST. JULIANA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

804 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Phone:(478) 825-7127  
Sat., 7:00pm Spanish Mass  
Sun., 9:00am English Mass; 11:00 am Spanish Mass  
Weekday Mass: Tues., - Thurs. 6:30pm  
Confessions: Thurs., 6:00pm;

Sat. 6:30pm; Sun. 10:30am  
Adoration: Thurs., 7:00pm; Sat. 8-9am; Sun. 6:00pm

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

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

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

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

### SAINT PETER AME CHURCH 502 State University Drive, Fort Valley GA 31030

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

Bianca Ballard (478)825-8452.

### SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH OF FORT VALLEY

1101 East Church St, Fort Valley, GA 31030

Please join us as we continue to seek to save them that are lost! Our weekly schedule is:  
**Sunday School** at 10:00 A.M.  
**Sunday Worship** at 11:15 A.M.  
**Bible Study** at 7:00 P.M. - Tuesdays

To contact us, please leave a message at (478) 825-7581 or send email to secretary@shilohbaptistfortvalley.org 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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## State to roll out Georgia Access health insurance exchange

By Dave Williams

Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - For more than a decade, Georgians have been able to sign up for health insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on the federal government's healthcare.gov website.

That's about to change. Starting Nov. 1, a new state-based exchange - Georgia Access - will replace healthcare.gov as Georgia becomes the 20th state to trade in the federal exchange for a state-specific model.

"The ACA envisioned that each state would operate their own exchange," said Whitney Griggs, health policy director for the nonprofit Georgians for a Healthy Future. "States know best how to reach their residents. ... (Georgia) has a real opportunity to create something better than healthcare.gov."

The federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

Services approved a waiver in August allowing the state to launch Georgia Access. The state-based exchange will give the Georgia insurance department more flexibility to pursue innovative solutions, John King, the agency's commissioner, said at the time.

"We are restoring control over our health coverage to the people of Georgia," King said.

But Griggs said some aspects of ditching healthcare.gov for a state-based model are cause for concern. She said Georgia's decision to sign up enrollees to Georgia Access through web brokers or insurance companies as well as the program's own website could lead "bad actors" to enroll people in coverage plans that are not ACA-compliant.

"Other states are really pushing enrollment through their own websites," Griggs said. "Georgia is going to be the only state relying on this model so heavily."

But Cheryl Gardner, executive director of Georgia Access, said the direct-enrollment approach is

one of the program's advantages. She said more than 15,000 licensed and certified agents will be available to help steer enrollees toward the best coverage options for them.

"Agents offer consumers localized help and a personalized customer experience," Gardner said. "They are integral in our mission to providing multiple pathways for consumers to enroll in health coverage and to reducing the number of uninsured residents in Georgia."

Griggs said she's also wary of the technical components that will have to fall in place for Georgia Access to successfully enroll the approximately 400,000 Georgians eligible for coverage who don't have it. She and other health-care advocates who have worked in the field for years have long memories of the glitches that occurred when healthcare.gov was first rolled out in 2013.

"I still have PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) from trying to use the (federal) exchange," Griggs said.

To address any trepidation that might occur with the new state-based exchange, Georgia Access will offer a preview of the program's 2025 health insurance plan offerings beginning Oct. 28 at GeorgiaAccess.gov.

"We want the enrollment process to be as convenient and accessible as possible for Georgia consumers," King said. "Plan preview provides consumers an opportunity to browse and determine which plan best fits their wallets and needs before open enrollment begins."

Griggs said she is optimistic Georgia Access won't go through the same growth pains as healthcare.gov experienced in its early days.

"Now, the technology is so commonplace," she said. "People are used to using these websites."

Coverage through Georgia Access will begin on Jan. 1 for those who select a plan by Dec. 16. For more information, visit GeorgiaAccess.gov or call the Georgia Access Contact Center at 888-687-1503.

## Kemp Announces Another \$1B Tax Rebate

By Dave Williams

Bureau Chief

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ATLANTA - For the second time in three years, Gov. Brian Kemp is giving Georgians a tax rebate worth more than \$1 billion.

Kemp said Tuesday he will include the rebate in the mid-year budget he introduces to the General Assembly in January. He said the extra money will come in handy, particularly for Georgians who suffered losses from Hurricane Helene.

"We all know that even if inflation has fallen, high prices haven't," he said. "Families see that every day when they go to the grocery store or the gas pump. ... People shouldn't have to deal with that added burden, especially in the wake of tragedy."

Tuesday's announcement was the second tax relief measure the governor has issued in recent weeks. Kemp temporarily suspended collection of the state sales tax on gasoline and other mo-

tor fuels shortly after Helene struck large portions of South Georgia and the Augusta region.

The governor proposed a similar tax rebate two years ago worth about \$1 billion. The General Assembly approved that rebate during the 2023 legislative session.

Under the new tax rebate, single tax filers will receive \$250. A single filer who is the head of his or her household will get \$375, and married couples filing jointly will receive \$500.

Kemp said the state can afford the rebate because conservative budgeting has helped the state build up a huge budget surplus. He said he'd rather send that money back to taxpayers instead of pouring it into new government programs.

"This is one-time money ... a way for us to use our excess surplus to get it back to the people we believe know how to use it best," he said. "The worst mistake the state could make would be to grow government with one-time money."

## FVSU CDEP and Imola Automotive USA, LLC Sign MOU to Enhance STEM Education and Workforce Development



By FVSU

(Fort Valley, GA) - Fort Valley State University (FVSU) CDEP and Imola Automotive USA, LLC, an innovative electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate on STEM education and workforce development.

This collaboration, facilitated by FVSU's Cooperative Developmental Energy Program (CDEP), aims to provide scholarships, internships, and career opportunities for students, further shaping a highly skilled workforce in the growing EV industry.

Imola Automotive USA's CEO Rodney Henry expressed his excitement for the future, stating, "What moves me is seeing students transform into leaders with the skills to succeed. We're proud to bring the first EV company to this area and create job

opportunities that can uplift families and the community."

Imola Automotive plans to establish its first EV plant on Julius Simmons Street, near FVSU's campus in Fort Valley, Georgia.

Isaac J. Crumbly, Ph.D., founder of CDEP, highlighted the significance of the agreement, noting, "This represents a monumental moment for FVSU and CDEP's legacy of developing STEM leaders. Imola's support will equip our scholars with the tools to lead in the develop-

ment of zero-emission vehicles."

FVSU recognized the collective effort behind making this vision a reality, extending special thanks to alumni Dr. Lawrence Marable and Dr. Ronald Adams for their crucial support. The signing event was also attended by Fort Valley Mayor Jeffrey Lundy and members of the city council, demonstrating the strong community backing behind this initiative.

Olufunke Fontenot, Ed.D., provost and vice president of

Academic Affairs, echoed these sentiments, emphasizing the broader impact on the workforce. "This collaboration reflects our university's commitment to strategic partnerships that not only align with our goals but also contribute to the growth of the tech-driven automotive workforce," she said. "We look forward to the lasting impact this partnership will have on our students and the regional economy."

The partnership between FVSU and Imola will ensure that students gain valuable industry experience, driving innovation and success in the electric vehicle field.

Kennedy McIntyre, a CDEP scholar, added, "As FVSU students, we're driven by our dreams. Imola Automotive is helping turn those dreams into reality by providing us with new opportunities."



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## FVSU Receives Inaugural NISS Catalyst Award for Institutional Transformation

By FVSU

(Fort Valley, GA) - Fort Valley State University (FVSU) was recognized by the National Institute for Student Success (NISS) for the inaugural Catalyst Award for Institutional Transformation. This honor, which includes a \$25,000 prize, was presented at the University Innovation Alliance Summit in Tempe, Arizona, recognizing FVSU's innovative approach to enhancing student success, retention, and overall campus enrollment.

The NISS Catalyst Award highlights the exceptional commitment and visionary leadership shown by FVSU's student success team. Since launching a strategic partnership with NISS, FVSU has set new benchmarks in student support. The university has experienced a notable 5.8% increase in enrollments, established multi-year records for retention rates and the size of its first-year class and expanded

campus-wide enrollment. A key driver of these outcomes has been FVSU's enhanced first-year experience, which is designed to provide intentional, structured support for students from the outset of their college journey. This initiative led to a six-percentage-point increase in retention, with 88% of students now enrolled full-time.

"Receiving the NISS Catalyst Award is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the dedication and hard work of our team," said President Paul Jones, Ph.D. "Our partnership with NISS has empowered us to reimagine and elevate the student experience, and this recognition reaffirms our commitment to every student's success. We are excited to build on this momentum and continue making strides that impact our entire Wildcat family."

A standout achievement in FVSU's transformation is the Summer Success Academy.

This program provides incoming students with targeted academic support, helping them acclimate to college life while developing strong study habits. Summer Success Academy participants have achieved an impressive average GPA of 3.59, with nearly all students testing out of learning support and earning full academic standing for their freshman year. These achievements underscore FVSU's role as a leading institution in creating effective, timely pathways to student success and illustrate how quickly transformative change can happen.

"This award reflects the intentionality and dedication we put into every student success initiative, said Timothy Hatchett, Ph.D., vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. "Our Summer Success Academy has been instrumental in preparing students for the demands of college life, as reflected in their outstanding



academic performance. With the support of the NISS Catalyst Award, we are ready to expand our reach and make an even greater impact on our scholars' futures."

Fort Valley State University's outstanding achievements in student retention, enrollment and student experience showcase the power of intentional, data-driven strategies. As Geor-

gia's #1 public HBCU and #1 for social mobility, FVSU remains committed to setting new standards for academic excellence.

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### 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  
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10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 2024 3202

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

L. B., SEX F, AGE 4, DOB 12/2019, 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 COURT 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 2024 3197

### 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 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  
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10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 2024 3192

### 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 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 Sale Under Power. State of Georgia, County of PEACH.

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by JORGE ALBERTO ALFONSO to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS") AS NOMINEE FOR CITADEL SERVICING CORPORATION DBA ACRA LENDING, dated 06/02/2023, and Recorded on 06/13/2023 as Book No. 702 and Page No. 259 281, PEACH County, Georgia records, as last assigned to CITIBANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF BRAVO RESIDENTIAL FUNDING TRUST 2023 NQM6 (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$305,500.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the PEACH County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in December, 2024, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 5 OF THE TENTH (10TH) LAND DISTRICT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS TRACT 1, CONTAINING 12.54 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGE 254, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR ALL PURPOSES.

ALSO CONVEYED: EASEMENTS FOR DRAINAGE DITCHES TO EXTEND WESTERLY FROM THE ABOVE TRACT OF LAND TO SMALL BRANCH SITUATE ON LANDS OF GRANTOR; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, SUCH DRAINAGE EASEMENTS SHALL LIE AT LE 200 FEET NORTH OF STATE ROUTE NO. 96 ALONG WITH 15' ACCESS EASEMENTS. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). CITIBANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF BRAVO RESIDENTIAL FUNDING TRUST 2023 NQM6 holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the

property. SERVICEMAC LLC, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with CITIBANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF BRAVO RESIDENTIAL FUNDING TRUST 2023 NQM6 (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, SERVICEMAC LLC may be contacted at: SERVICEMAC LLC, 9726 OLD BAILES RD., SUITE 200, FORT MILL, SC 29707 7882. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as 12701 EAST HIGHWAY 96, FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA 31030 is/are: JORGE ALBERTO ALFONSO or tenant/tenants.

Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. 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. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. CITIBANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF BRAVO RESIDENTIAL FUNDING TRUST 2023 NQM6 as Attorney in Fact for JORGE ALBERTO ALFONSO. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010273795 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398. 11/06/2024, 11/13/2024, 11/20/2024, 11/27/2024 3204 (00000010273795)

### 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 Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 75, 5TH LAND DISTRICT, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 23, BYRON ESTATES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY ED ST. JOHN, GRLS NO: 722, DATED JANUARY 2, 1968, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 176, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2003, HORTON,

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

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.

### 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

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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF MARK RUSSELL KEADLE, SR., DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-7010 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

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

JENNA R. HAGIN has petitioned for JENNA R. HAGIN to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of MARK RUSSELL KEADLE, SR., 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  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA ESTATE NO. 2023-PRO-6747 IN RE: ESTATE OF DONALD L. CARPENTER, DECEASED NOTICE -FOR DISCHARGE FROM

### OFFICE AND ALL LIABILITY IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative

TO: LINDA CARPENTER and (all and singular the heirs of said decedent),(the beneficiaries under the will,) and to whom it may concern: This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before November 6, 2024.

TO: Stella Ruth Weymouth 3123 Orchard Ave. Knoxville TN 37917; Amanda Barron-Martinez 10355 Mountain Blvd. Aurora CO 80010; Cheyenne Canon 14849 Sussex Dr. Orlando FL 32826; Melissa Shattuck 2775 Augustine Ct. Deltona FL 32728; Edwin Laughlin 2595 Corbusier Dr. Melbourne FL 32935

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

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court  
By Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
478-825-2313  
10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 2024 3181

### 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 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

### IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA IN THE INTEREST OF: JUVENILE FILE #7344-J G. D., SEX M, AGE 1, DOB 08/2023, CASE #111-2024J-085 CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, JASON DICKSON (putative father); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO ALLISON BARKLEY.

You are notified that a Petition for Dependency was filed against you in said court on 10/08/24, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 10/04/24.

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Peach County Juvenile Court, held at Peach County Courthouse, Ft. Valley, Georgia on 10/17/2024 at 10:30 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, this 15th day of October, 2024.

Whitney Nelson, DEPUTY CLERK, PEACH COUNTY PEACH COURT 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 2024 3195

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CITATION

### PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY RE: ESTATE OF JULIA BENNETT, (FORMER), MINOR/WARD.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The conservator(s) of the above estate, has/have applied for Discharge from said trust. This is to notify the above interested party(ies) to show cause, if any they can, why said conservator(s) should not be discharged from office and liability. All objections must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and filed with the above Probate Court, 205 W. Church St., Fort Valle, GA 31030 on or before December 11, 2024, said date being more than 30 days from the date of publication, or if personally served, then 10 days from the date of such service. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.

If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled for a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. Kim Wilson, Probate Judge  
By Katrina Corbin, Probate Clerk/Deputy Clerk  
205 W. Church St., Fort Valley, GA 31030  
478-825-2313  
11/6/2024 3208

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

All creditors of the estate of BIRDIA RUTH BARKER, late of Peach County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 8th day of October, 2024.  
JOHNNIE F. BARKER, Executor  
BIRDIA RUTH BARKER, deceased  
101 Vivian Drive  
PO BOX 123  
Byron, GA 31008  
10/16, 10/23, 10/30 11/6, 2024 3183

### 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 Extension  
Fort Valley, GA 31030  
10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 2024 3189

### 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](http://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; Shareca 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)

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

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

## LEGALS CONTINUED FROM 7A

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

**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

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

**IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF CLAYTON DAVIS, 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 PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
ESTATE NO. 2024-PRO-7003  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
DAVID JACKSON SHERRILS,  
DECEASED  
NOTICE  
IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will (and Codicil(s)) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate**

**having been duly filed.  
TO: LISA JEAN BANKS AND  
DAWN RENEE OWENS**

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

BE NOTIFIED FUTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the ground of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court  
By Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
478-825-2313  
10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 2024  
3182

**GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**All creditors of the Estate of ROGER BLAIR HARVEY, deceased, of Peach County, Georgia,** are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate required to make immediate payment.

This 31st day of October, 2024.  
Tina Coleman, Executor  
c/o Rebecca C. Moody, Esq.  
MOODY AND ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM, LLC  
P.O. Box 422  
Perry, GA 31069  
478-988-0238  
11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 2024  
3209

**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 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

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY**  
All creditors of the estate of **RICHARD WALL WHITTINGTON, 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 30th day of October, 2024.  
BARBARA T. WHITTINGTON  
EXECUTRIX OF RICHARD WALL WHITTINGTON ESTATE  
407 Farley Drive  
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030  
11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 2024  
3207

**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

**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.  
State of Georgia, County of PEACH.**

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **BRANDY MILLER** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS") AS NOMINEE FOR EVERETT FINANCIAL, INC. D/B/A SUPREME LENDING, dated 03/05/2020, and Recorded on 12/18/2020 as Book No. 637 and Page No. 86 101, PEACH County, Georgia records, as last assigned to NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$70,125.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the PEACH County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in December, 2024, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF PEACH, AND IN THE CITY OF FORT VALLEY THEREIN, FRONTING ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF MILLER STREET FOR 66.5 FEET, MORE OR LESS, RUNNING BACK IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION WITH UNIFORM WIDTH FOR 210 FEET, MORE OR LESS, AND BOUNDED. NOW OR FORMERLY, AS FOLLOWS: NORTH BY PROPERTY OF JOYCE ANN JOHNSON; EAST BY MILLER STREET; SOUTH BY PROPERTY OF FORT VALLEY OIL COMPANY, INCE; AND WEST BY PROPERTY OF MCCORD TRUSTEES.  
THIS IS THE SAME PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN A WARRANTY DEED FROM PEACH COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, INC., TO JAMES R. MULLIS DATED FEBRUARY 8, 1994, RE-

CORDED IN DEED BOOK 146, PAGE 433, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING (the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. NEWREZ LLC d/b/a SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, NEWREZ LLC d/b/a SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING may be contacted at: NEWREZ LLC d/b/a SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, 601 OFFICE CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 100, FORT WASHINGTON, PA 19034, 866 825 2174. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan.

**To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as 306 S MILLER ST, FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA 31030 is/are: BRANDY MILLER or tenant/tenants.**

Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. 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. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.  
NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING as Attorney in Fact for BRANDY MILLER. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010279669 BARRETT DAFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.  
11/06/2024, 11/13/2024, 11/20/2024, 11/27/2024  
3203 (00000010279669)

**VEHICLES. NOTICE OF SALE.**

**Underwood's Towing, Inc** will sell the following vehicles at public auction pursuant to Georgia Statute 40-1-9 through 40-11-1 at 9:30 A.M. November 25, 2024 at the office of Insurance Auto Auctions, 2200 Trade Drive, Macon, GA 31217. The vehicle(s) are damaged and not in operable condition.  
2006 SCION TC J T K - DE167360075242  
2010 DODGE CHARGER 2B3CA3CV2AH186027  
2005 CHRYSLER SEBRING 1C3EL66R45N573407  
1994 FORD F150 1FTEX15NXRKA63278  
2005 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCM665254078340  
2000 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE 4A3AC54L4YE97406  
1994 FORD F150 1FTEX15N9RKB89809  
2011 FORD ESCAPE 1FMCU0E65BK60128  
2009 VOLKSWAGEN NEW BEETLE 3VWPPW31C29M504516  
1997 HONDA CIVIC 1HGEJ8145VL131368  
BASHAM MS RAVEN MOTORCYCLE LHJPCNB7LB501453  
2007 FORD EDGE 2 F M D K - 39C87BB641941  
1995 GMC SONOMA 1GTCS1947S8521224  
2013 KIA RIO K N A D - M4A31D6176108

11/6, 11/13, 2024  
3211

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA  
THE PEACH COUNTY COMMISSION,  
Petitioner-Condemnor  
vs.  
750 square feet of permanent easement rights; Lisa Renee Shelley, individually, Peach County Tax Commissioner, an person firms, corporations claiming any right, title rights, corporations claiming any right, title or interest in and to the lands herein involved, )  
Respondents-Condemnees )  
Civil Action No. 24-V-0376**

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

That the above-stated case, being a condemnation in rem against the property hereinafter described, was filed in said Court on the 8th day of October 2024; That in accordance with provisions of the aforesaid Official Code, a Declaration of Taking, duly authorized and properly executed as provided by the Official Code, has been made and filed in said case, declaring the necessity for and exercising the power of taking the said described lands for public transportation purposes, thereby vesting the title to same in the Peach County Commission; and, in pursuance of such authority, the Peach County Commission has deposited with the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County the sum of \$500.00 as the just compensation for the said lands described; and all persons claiming such fund or any interest therein are hereby required to make known their claims to the Court;

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the Petitioner-Condemnor has prayed the Court for immediate possession of said property, and all persons having any interest in or claim against such property, as above set forth, are required by the Order of the Judge of said Court to surrender possession of the property to the Peach County Commission no later than 30 days from filing of the Declaration of Taking.  
That in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated §§ 32-3-13 through 32-3-19, if the owner, or any of the owners, or any person having a claim against or interest in said property, shall be dissatisfied with the compensation, as estimated in the Declaration of Taking and deposited in Court, such person or persons, or any of them, shall have the right, at any time subsequent to the filing of the Declaration and the deposit of the fund into Court but not later than 30 days following the date of service as provided for in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated §§ 32-3-8 through 32-3-10 to file with the Court a notice of appeal, the same to be in writing and made a part of the record in the proceedings.  
The said property, as thus affected, is described as follows: Legal Description: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 40 of the 9th Land District in Peach County, Georgia, and consisting of 0.017 acres, more or less, or 750 square feet, of permanent easement rights as identified as Parcel ID: 039 102 as shown on the plat prepared by Surveying and Mapping, LLC, Spencer H. Johnson, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor #3171 and having the boundaries as set forth on said plat and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description. This 8th day of October, 2024.  
10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 2024  
3186. (54167.0019)

**NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE**

**Please take notice FreeUp Storage - Fort Valley located at 1091 Peach Parkway, Fort Valley, GA 31030** intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The public sale to the highest bidder will occur at an online auction via [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.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)

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA  
IN RE: ESTATE OF MARIO ECHEVERRIA, DECEASED  
ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-6986  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE  
TO: Any and all Interested Parties and to whom it may concern:**

ANA MARIA ECHEVERRIA SEGURA has petitioned for ANA MARIA ECHEVERRIA SEGURA to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of MARIO ECHEVERRIA, 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 9, 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  
11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 2024  
3210

**AUCTION  
PUBLIC SALE**

**NOTICE OF SALE.** Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien on said property pursuant to the Georgia code sections 10-4-20 to 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 10:00am online at [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com)**, property found in the following units:

**Peach Mini Storage**  
Unit B12 Latoria Gibson Household Items  
Unit C21 April Ledford Household Items  
Unit D19 Gwendolyn D. Walden Household Items  
Tenants have the right to redeem prior to sale.  
Peach Mini Storage  
11/6, 11/13, 2024  
3206

**Albany Classifieds**

**JOBS**

**Full-Time**

**Help Wanted**

**The Cotton Gin Cafe**  
37 E. Marion Street  
Reynolds, GA  
Now hiring for a **kitchen position** to prepare short order and home-style foods. Applicants must be available for morning shifts. Apply in person to obtain application at the restaurant.

**Help Wanted**

**Fort Wayne Reststop**  
35 E. Marion Street  
Reynolds, GA  
Now hiring for the position of **Store Cashier** for evening and weekend shifts. Apply in person to obtain application at the store.

# Peach County Rolling Trojans Win ASPIRE Awards!

Contributed

The American Association of Adapted Sports Programs (AAASP) honored 32 recipients and organizations in 23 different categories Sunday, October 27th in Atlanta at the Sixth Annual ASPIRE Awards celebrating the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations supporting student athletes with physical disabilities to get "off the sidelines and into the game worldwide."

The Peach County Rolling Trojans had 9 nominees for this year's ASPIRE Awards.

We would like to congratulate these winners from Peach County who were announced and recognized at the ASPIRE Awards Dinner!

Mrs. Rosa Hamlin- Gail Hendrick Volunteerism Award

Caleb Watters(Byron Middle School)- Scholar Athlete of the Year Award Winner

Jace Tolliver(Byron Elementary School)- Most Improved Athlete Award Winner

Congratulations to ALL Peach County Nominees:

Athlete of the Year: Jace Harter

Coach of the Year: Kristen Harter and Walter Johnson

Education Based Award: Peach County School District

Gail Hendrick Volunteerism Award: Rosa Hamlin



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Caleb Watters.



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Rolling Trojans.

Most Improved Athlete Award: Sannitra Colbert, Cole Maples, and Jace Tolliver  
Scholar Athlete of the Year: Caleb Watters  
We are proud of ALL nominees!



Rosa Hamlin



Jace Tolliver

## Byron Middle School Pumpkin Decorating Contest



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The Byron Middle School FFA Officers won 1st place in the 4th Annual BMS Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Their pumpkin brought 2,104 votes! A total of 3,387 votes were cast in this year's contest.

## Peach County Schools REACH Georgia Scholars



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Congratulations to the Peach County Schools 2024 REACH Georgia Scholars:  
Karissa Daugherty- Byron Middle School  
Aniya Flyer- Byron Middle School

Nevaeh Manson- Fort Valley Middle School  
Lyla Ruiz- Fort Valley Middle School  
Our REACH Scholars Signing Ceremony was held Wednesday, October 30, 2024. We

appreciate State Representative Patty Stinson and State Representative Robert Dickey for your words of encouragement to our scholars.

## Peach County Schools Recognized for Academic Growth

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Georgia State School Superintendent, Richard Woods, visited Peach County Schools on Monday, October 28th.

During his visit, Superintendent Woods awarded Byron Elementary School, Hunt Elementary School and Kay Road Elementary School with Literacy Leader Banners for exceptional growth in reading and Fort Valley Middle School was

awarded a Math Leader Banner for exceptional growth in Math!

All three elementary schools were recognized for growth in 3rd grade reading!

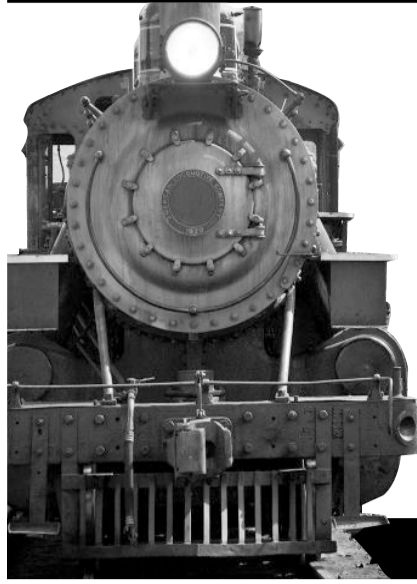
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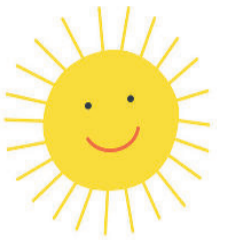
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Look at the numbers connected to each tomato. If the number is odd, color the tomato red. If the number is even, color the tomato yellow.



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Answer: Turkey

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I am a singer-songwriter born in Canada on November 5, 1959. As a child, I traveled to different places with my father, who was a diplomat. I've had many hit songs, but my work on the soundtrack for a Robin Hood movie really set my career ablaze.

Answer: Bryan Adams

### How they say that in...

**English:** Nurse  
**Spanish:** Enfermera  
**Italian:** Infermiera  
**French:** Infirmière  
**German:** Krankenschwester

### Did You Know?

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

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- CHRISTMAS
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- EXCITEMENT
- FEAST
- FESTIVE
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# Trojans Ready For State Playoffs, End Regular Season 9-1

By Donnell Suggs  
Sports Reporter

The Peach County High School Trojans are done with the 2024 regular season. On Friday, the Trojans traveled down to Albany and defeated the Monroe High School Golden Tornadoes 44-7.

The next game the Trojans will play will be a Georgia High School Association (GHSA) state playoff game in their own backyard.

Last week Peach County locked up a region championship, and with that title, the Trojans will get to host their opening game. That's a good thing

because the Trojans were undefeated at home this season (4-0).

The 2024 season has been impressive for a number of reasons, including the Trojans defense which was led by players such as defensive backs Bryson Hughley, Justin Willock, and Ashton Barton, respectively.

"This season has been special. For one, coaching on the team with my sons has been incredible," said Trojans defensive backs coach Don Hudson. His sons, senior quarterback DJ Hudson and junior running back/receiver Zion Hudson have had career years this season.

"We carried on from what we started last year at the end of the season and all the team started to buy in," Hudson added. "People had low expectations of us except us."

Hudson said the younger Trojans players jumped on board and started leading when leadership was needed this season. Moments like the aftermath of the loss to Perry High School, the 49-39 road loss is the sole blemish of the season.

"Overall, we became a better team because of the relationships that were built on hard work and what's important in being champions as teammates and coaching friendships," said Hudson.

"As a defense, we just created a culture of resilience. Everyone running to the ball and making plays. We are not the biggest or the most talented, but we all play well together," he said.

Peach County comes into the state playoffs on an eight-game win streak. During those eight games, the Trojans defense allowed 17 points or less seven times, with the exception of their 55-36 victory over Westover on Sept. 28.

The opponent for Peach County's first playoff game will be selected at the end of the week.

## FT. VALLEY FALL FESTIVAL

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my elderly, I wanted them to be able to have a place to sit down and watch all the different costumes," she said.

Another priority was celebrating and promoting unity, giving local businesses and organizations a chance to branch out as well. Mathis reported that vendors doubled from last year, and she wants to make next year's event even bigger.

"My different churches and organizations, I wanted to give them an opportunity and my small businesses, give them an opportunity to meet their community and to give them a place where they can advertise for free, set up, pass out and give out different things," she said.

She said the annual festival has been a way to encourage the community to come out and en-

joy themselves.

"We try to encourage positivity, unity within the community, and provide a safe environment for our kids to come out and enjoy the festivities," she said.

More events around the city can be found on its Facebook page: [facebook.com/CityOfFortValley](https://facebook.com/CityOfFortValley)



Photo by Brieanna Smith

Crowds gather around the Fort Valley Police Department for a haunted house at the City of Fort Valley's Fall Festival on Thursday, Oct. 31.



Photos by Brieanna Smith

A werewolf roams around Downtown at the City of Fort Valley while Pennywise comes up to the surface near a photo booth at the City of Fort Valley's Fall Festival

## Region 1-AAA Week 12 Roundup

By Victor Kulkosky  
Editor Emeritus

The regular season ended for GHSA Region 1-AAA last weekend. The region champion Trojans continued their domineering ways with a 44-7 win over Monroe, who finished fourth to earn a playoff berth.

The game between Westover and Cairo was a battle for second and third, and the Patriots won, beating Cairo last Thursday, 29-10. Their second straight region loss bumped the Syrupmakers to third place. According to the Albany Herald, Cairo was without star running back Bryian Duncan, injured late in last week's game against PC, and Westover's defense dominated the offense Cairo had left, with assistance from Syrupmaker mistakes and penalties. The Herald reported a strong performance by the Patriots' offensive line.

In the other region game, the Bainbridge Bearcats salvaged a piece of their season with a 45-33 win over the Dougherty Trojans. Bainbridge finished 1-9/1-4, following four straight region titles.

The playoff picture is unclear. In classifications from 3A down, private schools in GHSA compet-

ed against public schools in the regular season but will play private-only playoffs. The public schools will play each other, with matchups determined by a points system. If you're a stats fanatic, go to [www.ghsa.net](http://www.ghsa.net), click on Resources on the upper right; under For Fans, scroll down to Postseason Rankings, click on it, and scroll down to Peach County's entry in AAA. Click on "explain" on the far right and you'll see the calculations laid out.

Playoff seeding won't be finalized until after next weekend. Due to Hurricane Helene, the regular season was extended for a week to allow teams to make up games. After next weekend, the playoffs brackets will be filled in.

| Team       | Region | Total |
|------------|--------|-------|
| Peach Co.* | 5-0    | 9-1   |
| Westover   | 4-1    | 9-1   |
| Cairo      | 3-2    | 6-4   |
| Monroe     | 2-3    | 3-7   |
| Bainbridge | 1-4    | 1-9   |
| Dougherty  | 0-5    | 2-8   |

\* Region Title

## Review: The 2024 Trojans Regular Football Season

By Victor Kulkosky  
Editor Emeritus

The 2024 Peach County Trojans ironed out most of the kinks from the 2023 season, when the team adjusted to the new regime of Head Coach Marquis Westbrook. Here's how it went.

**PC 40, Northeast 21.** The Trojans opened strong against the Northeast-Macon, a Macon-Bibb school that's been on the rise under Head Coach Jeremy Wiggins and who opened the season ranked #3 in 2-A Division 1. The Trojans scored early and often. Northeast scored two late touchdowns against the B team.

**Perry 49, PC 39.** The Trojans had a fight on their hands against long-time rival Perry, riding high after their first-ever state title in 2023. The Panthers played like state champs, while the Trojans started the game up and down. They surged in the second half to close the gap but couldn't catch up. They did show resilience.

**PC 42, Berkmar 7.** The score doesn't show the sloppiness of this performance. The Tro-

jans opened with a turnover on downs, fumbled a few times, and committed a bunch of penalties, but pulled it together enough to beat a weak opponent. They haven't shown that lackluster form since.

**PC 35, Crisp County 7.** Previous matches against the Cougars featured high drama, but the Trojans were all business this time and left Crisp County fans with little to talk trash about.

**Peach County 50, Northside 7.** This was the second time this writer left a Peach County football game in an ambulance, but the record books only show a dominant win over an Eagles team that had given the Trojans some grief in recent years.

**PC 55, Westover 36.** The Trojans needed their season-high 55 points in their region opener, as the Patriots, only a few spots behind them on the AAA scoring list, put up 36.

**PC 49, Dougherty 14.** Smooth sailing for the Trojans.

**PC 45, Bainbridge 14.** The question going into this game was whether the Bearcats would muster any of the strength that

had won them four straight region titles. They didn't, and the Trojans dominated.

**PC 48, Cairo 17.** The last serious obstacle in the Trojans' region title quest came to town, and the Syrupmakers inspired some nail-biting. The Trojans jumped to a 13-0 lead, before Cairo scored 17 to take the lead. The Trojans bowed their backs and retook the lead, 20-17 at half-time, and then took over in the second half, scoring four unanswered TDs. The Trojans mostly contained AAA leading rusher Bryian Duncan, except for a 72-yard first-half TD run. The region-title clinching win propelled Peach County to #1 in the AJC rankings and #1 in the Georgia High School Football Daily Composite Rankings.

**PC 44, Monroe 7.** The Trojans didn't relax after their region title clinch and contained the Tornadoes, who had shown some ability to score throughout the season.

**Next:** The playoffs begin the weekend of Nov. 15-16, brackets TBD.

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