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Peach Commissioners Approve PTSD Insurance for First Responders

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – The Peach County Board of Commissioners has agreed to execute the Georgia Municipal Association GIRMA Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Program in compliance with House Bill 451. Human Resources Director Sedrick Swan presented this to the Commissioners in their November board meeting. The estimated premium for insurance for the Peach County first responder is \$22,546.

House Bill 451 mandates all public entities that have employed or volunteer first responders provide lump-sum and income replacement (long-term disability) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder benefits.

At 6:30 p.m. the public hearing portion of the meeting started. Freddie Joe Busbee had a rezoning request, changing the property located at the 700-800 block of River Road from R-1, Low Density Residential District, to R-2, Medium Density Residential District. Busbee was requesting that 16.55 acres be sub-

divided from the main property, and rezoned to R-2, for recreational purposes such as hunting. The board approved the rezoning request as presented.

Concerning new business, Assistant Fire Chief/EMA Director Ryan Roberts stepped forward about the Peach County Fire Department Explorer Post 900 and asked for hotel accommodations for the upcoming Winter Fest in February. The accommodation would cost \$1,980, which was approved by the commissioners.

Deputy EMS Director Chad Davis presented a donation from Commander Yancey of the American Legion, Post 76 in which funds were given to allow the EMS Department to add a refurbished Zoll AED and alarmed AED cabinets to North and South Peach Park as well as a refurbished Zoll AED to the senior center in order to improve neurologically intact cardiac arrest outcomes in Peach County. The Commissioner accepted the donation. Davis also provided the commissioner's invitations to the upcoming EMS

Holiday Party and Awards Banquet.

Janet Smith, Procurement Manager, presented the Transit Trust Fund Application, which would provide \$36,306 that will go to Resource Management Systems (RMS), a public transportation system. The commissioner approved Smith going forward with the application.

Chief County Marshal Todd Shepherd had a business license application for System Scale Corporation at 7645 Houston Road in Byron, which was approved by the commissioners.

County Administrator April Hodges presented a resolution from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in which the Commissioners would receive a grant that would go toward developing North and South Peach Park. The commissioner approved the resolution to accept the \$880,000 grant application with a 50% match.

There were two appearances.

**PTSD INSURANCE
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Byron City Council Approves Georgia First Responder PTSD Program

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

BYRON, Ga. – In their November monthly meeting, the Mayor and City Council of Byron have agreed to execute the Georgia Municipal Association GIRMA Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Program in compliance with House Bill 451 and have approved the required and optional amount for coverage which will begin on Jan. 1, 2025.

House Bill 451 mandates all public entities that have employed or volunteer first responders provide lump-sum and income replacement (long-term disability) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder benefits.

The Mayor and Council approved a resolution for an update to the City Clerk job description in the City of Byron and a resolution to approve three work-based learning job descriptions with Peach County High School.

Following that, the council approved an automatic renewal with 365 Degree Total Marketing regarding hosting the City of Byron website. Next, they approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Citibot, Inc. subscription services for the city website's chatbox customer service, which will total roughly \$16,000 for the first year.

Next, the council authorized the Mayor to execute a letter approving the placement of an All-way stop installation at Moseley Road and Hwy 42 per the recommendation resulting from the Georgia Department of Transportation traffic study. After that, they approved a Covenant to Annex per request of Karin D. Vinson regarding property located at 700 Jones Road for the purpose of acquir-

ing water services.

Following that, the council approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a rental agreement with the Byron Warehouse Group. Next, they approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a rental agreement with Al-anon. They also approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a license agreement with Mule Creek.

The Mayor and Council approved the purchase of a 2024 Chevy Express 2500 Passenger Van for the City of Byron Police Department for \$47,385. Next, they approved a resolution to amend the Schedule of Fees for the Byron Fire Department.

Following that, the council agreed for the Mayor to approve the submission of the LMIG 2025 application, the 30% matching funds from streets SPLIT as well as the authorization to sign the joint LMIG contract and any corresponding documents. Next, the council approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Preventive Maintenance Agreement with Energy Generation Solutions, Inc. regarding the Fire Department generators which totaled to \$790.

There was a second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2024-10 regarding Fire Protection Fees. In addition, there were three first readings of ordinances. First, Ordinance No. 2024-11 regarding system development charges for water and wastewater fees. Second, Ordinance No. 2024-12 regarding adopting all state property maintenance codes. Third, Ordinance No. 2024-13) to regulate and prohibit off-site advertising for businesses within the city limits of Byron.

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Tim's Fireside Grill in Reynolds is looking for experienced Waitresses and a Grill Cook.

The positions are part-time and applicants must be available to work weekends. Apply in person at the restaurant or email timsfiresidegrill@yahoo.com or for more information call (478)847-5550. EOE



Back the Blue Memorial Held for Peach County Officers



Photo by Zoe Hammond
Pastor Justin Talbert of Grace Baptist Church



Photo by Zoe Hammond
Pastor Tim Sizemore of Lighthouse Baptist Church and Pastor Wayne Lenderman of Church in the Orchard



Photo by Zoe Hammond



Photo by Zoe Hammond
Peach County Commissioners Martin Moseley and Wade Yoder and Peach County Sheriff Terry Deese speaking with the families of the fallen deputies.

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

The Peach County Sheriff's

Office along with other municipalities and police departments held their Back the Blue event

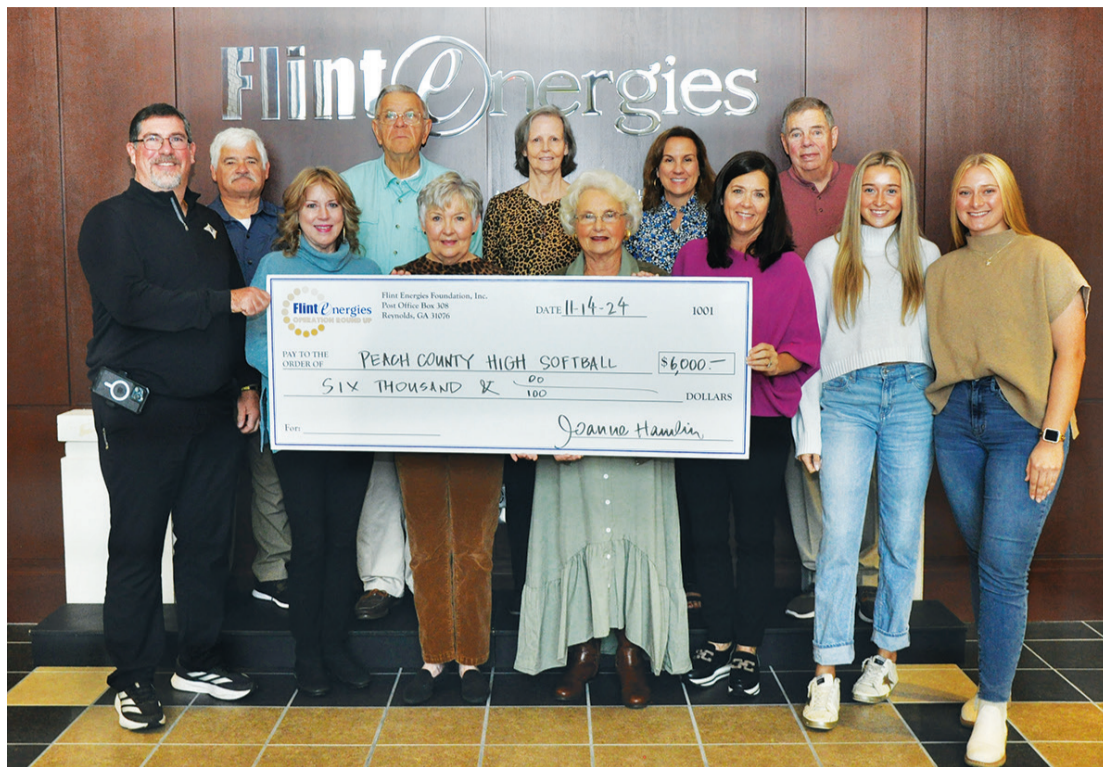
on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 4 p.m. to honor Deputy Sheriff Daryl Wayne Smallwood and Sergeant Michael Patrick Sondron.

Peach County Sheriff Terry Deese spoke of his memories of

**MEMORIAL
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Flint Energies Foundation grant funds Peach County High School Softball



By Flint Energies

The Flint Energies Foundation granted Peach County High School Softball \$6,000. The requested funds will be used toward new uniforms for the team.

Joey Hiller, Peach County High School Softball coach stated, "The team is working hard to advance to the Elite Eight in Columbus and has a record of 16 wins to 2 losses this season. The softball team is in need of uniforms that cost \$14,000. The team has raised \$8,000 toward the cost of the uniforms." The Foundation grant will cover the remaining amount for the uniforms.

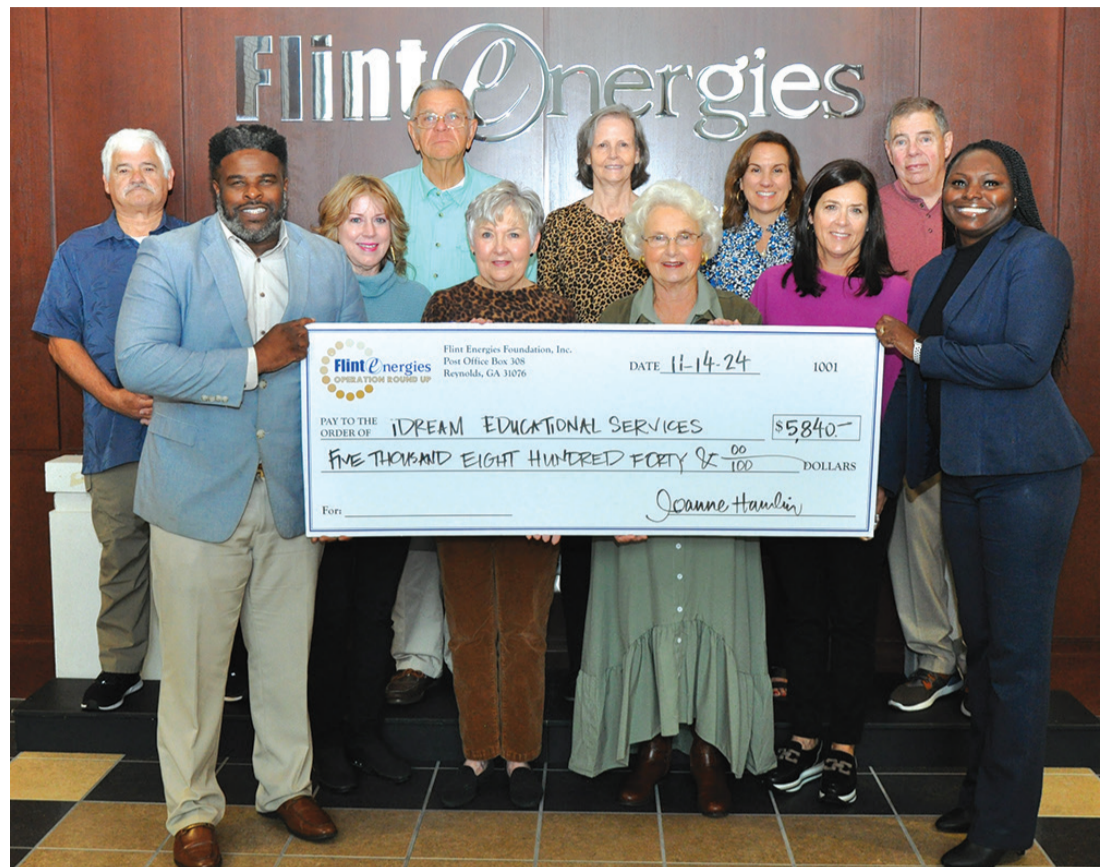
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using money donated by Flint Energies Consumer-members through Operation Round Up*. The electric cooperative's Members contribute \$175,000 annually to the Flint Energies Foundation, which supports worthy causes in the 17 counties it serves. Operation Round Up is a way for participating Members to support multiple charitable organizations by simply allowing Flint Energies to round up their bills to the nearest dollar. Donations to Operation Round Up, which average only about \$6 per year per member, are tax deductible. About 40% of Flint's Membership participates in Operation Round Up, but that percentage continues to decline. If you are a Flint Energies Consumer-member and wish to

contribute, you can sign up at www.flintenergies.com/ORU or by calling 1.800.342.3616.

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

Flint Energies Foundation grant funds iDream Educational Services, Inc.



By Flint Energies

The Flint Energies Foundation granted iDream Educational Services, Inc., \$5,000. The requested funds will be used to purchase charging stations that sanitize and secure the Chromebooks used during camp.

Shawna Early, iDream Educational Services, Inc. representative stated, "iDream provides instruction in the areas of technology, education, leadership, social, and emotional life skills for the underrepresented population in the Middle Georgia area. We have partnered with Fort Valley State University to utilize their Family Development Center to host the STEM summer camp. Thirty Chromebooks were donated for the camp and are used for the STEM activities."

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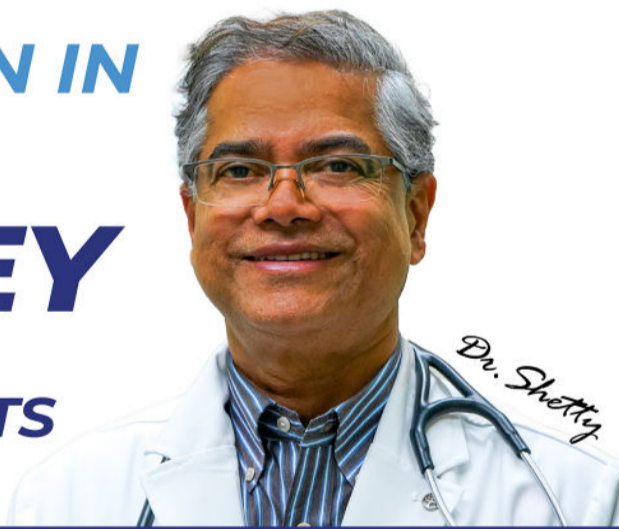
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Martin Moseley, Chairman Peach County Commission with his likeness featured on a festival pumpkin, saying "Hay Bud"!



MEMORIAL

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Peach County Sheriff Terry Deese spoke at the memorial service. Smallwood and Sondron as well as what he and his department endured after the loss of the officers. Multiple pastors, including Pastor Wayne Lenderman of Church in the Orchard, Pastor Justin Talbert of Grace Baptist Church, and Pastor Tim Sizemore of Lighthouse Baptist Church, spoke of their memories of Smallwood and Sondron. They spoke of what the officers left behind, the good and bad, and held multiple prayers.

It's Turkey Time!

Contributed

Mark your calendars for the annual Byron Lions Club Turkey Shoot. The event will be held on November 23 on Hwy

49 next to O'Reilly's Auto Parts. The event will be held from 9-2:30-3:00. (We will shoot until all the turkeys have been won or donated!) Bring your own gun or use ours. No advance

ticket sales, just come on down. Rumor has it there might be a bake sale! Any questions? Ask any Byron Lion or contact Lion Marlene at 478 918-3666



Police Beat

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

Byron Arrests/Citations

Brown, Tyrus, 43, Byron, GA: Public Intoxication

Esch, Arunraht, 58, Macon, GA: Theft By Receiving Stolen Property, Loitering Or Prowling, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

Flippen, Shad Thomas, 46, Byron, GA: Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Criminal Trespass, Possession Of Drug Related Object, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

Walker, Larry Lamar, 57, Warner Robins, GA: Driving With Suspended License

Esch, Arunraht, 58, Macon, GA: Theft By Receiving Stolen Property - Misdemeanor, Loitering, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Theft By Receiving Stolen Property- Felony

Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Allen, Lemesia Janee, 17, Fort Valley, GA: Cruelty To Children In The 3rd Degree 3rd Or Subsequent Offense, Criminal Trespass, Simple Battery - Family Violence

Culler, Christopher Jeffrey, 62, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree

Lewis, Sammy Lee, 65, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Trespass

Mcallister, Freddie, 65, Fort Valley, GA: Simple Assault

Newsome, Jykiria La She, 18, Warner Robins, GA: Aggravated Stalking, Home Invasion, Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree, Aggravated Stalking, Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree, Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers

Peach County Sheriff's Office

Arrests/Citations

Bridges, Carey, 38, Byron, GA: Marijuana-Possess Less Than 1 Oz.

Bridges, Jennifer Louise, 37, Byron, GA: Marijuana-Possess Less Than 1 Oz., Willful Obstruction Of Law Enforcement Officers - Misdemeanor

Chandolu, Yaswanth, 27, Tampa, FL: Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude Police Officer, Failure To Maintain Lane

Daniely, Ronnie, 61, Fort Valley, GA: Unauthorized Use Of Financial Transaction Card

Fenley, Robert Anthony, 52, Kathleen, GA: Possession Of A Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possession Of A Schedule I Controlled Substance, Possession Of A Schedule II Controlled Substance, Receipt, Possession Or Transfer Of Firearm By Convicted Felon Or Felony First Offender, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies

Garza, Isaiah Xavier, 22, Warner Robins, GA: Battery, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree, Cruelty To Children 3rd Degree, Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree, Simple Battery, Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree

Hasanali, Abdoli, 44, Maineville, OH: Criminal Trespass

Head, Curtis Fortaine, 46, Perry, GA: Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Window Tint Violation, Possession Of Open Alcohol Container

Hicks, James Joseph, 48, Warner Robins, GA: Possession Of A Schedule Ii Controlled Substance

Hudson, Timothy Robert, 54, Conyers, GA: Tag Light Required, Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude A Police Officer For A Felony Offense, Driving While License Suspended Or Revoked (Misdemeanor), Registration And License Requirements

Mack, Franklin Deron, 31, Stone Mountain, GA: Driving While License Suspended, Seat Belt Violation

Marshall, Jammie Lee, 47, Macon, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Mcghee, Gerald Andre, 59, Warner Robins, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Montgomery, Mack, 57, Butler, GA: DUI - Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol, Possession Of Open Alcohol Container, Failure To Maintain Insurance, Knowingly Driving Motor Vehicle On Suspended, Canceled, Or Revoked Registration, Possession Of A Schedule Ii Controlled Substance

Receipt, Possession Or Transfer Of Firearm By Convicted Felon Or Felony First Offender, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies, Theft By Receiving Stolen Property

Simmons, Mary Katherine, 43, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Spann, Benny, 34, Macon, GA: Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers, Driving W/O Valid License

Stokley, Juan Demetrius, 49, Forest Park, GA: Failure To Appear - Felony

Vazquez, Shannon, 55, Fort Valley, GA: Failure To Maintain Lane, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies

GA State Patrol Perry Arrests

Barnes, Willie C, 31, Pinellas Park, FL: Seat Belt Violation, Unlawful To Possess, Control, Manuf., Deliver, Distribute, Dispense, Administer, Purchase, Sell, Or Possess W/ Intent To Dist. Marijuana

Beckford, Patrick Maurice, 41, St Petersburg, FL: Seat Belt Violation, Unlawful To Possess, Control, Manuf., Deliver, Distribute, Dispense, Administer, Purchase, Sell, Or Possess W/Intent To Dist. Marijuana, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits)

Guthrie, Slade Douglas, 47, Byron, GA: DUI - Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol, Failure To Maintain Lane

Ricks, William Rulon, 82, Indialantic, FL: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Driving While License Suspended

Stafford, Justin Scott, 20, Fort Valley, GA: Aggravated Assault, Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers, Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude A Police Officer For A Felony Offense

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Peach County Community CALENDAR

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ELECTIONS BOARD MEETING on Thursday, November 21st, 2024 at 205 W Church Street, Fort Valley, Ga., 31030 at the Fort Valley Courthouse 4 P.M.

TROJAN NATION TD CLUB

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

ATTENTION: VETERANS

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

FORT VALLEY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - BOARD MEETING

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

PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSIONS

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

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

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

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

FT. VALLEY UTILITY COMMISSION

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

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

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

KIWANIS CLUB OF FORT VALLEY

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays every month, noon at Kay Center in Fort Valley. Kiwanis is a civic group focused on helping children, and community service. Each week, members and guests enjoy lunch and a guest speaker who addresses a topic of

local, state and sometimes even global interest. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and join one of America's oldest service organizations. See the Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley Facebook page for more information. (TFN)

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

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

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

MIDDLE GEORGIA ART ASSOCIATION

For Painters Only The exhibit will be on display October 18 - November 9 www.middlegeorgiaart.org MGAA Gallery, 2330 Ingleside Ave., in Ingleside Village. Gallery Hrs: Tues-Fri 12-5pm. Sat 12-3pm. 478-744-9557 Email: middlegeorgiaart@bellsouth.net Free and open to the public! (TFN)

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER APPLICATION

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

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

PEACH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

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

THE PEACH COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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

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BYRON AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

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

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS MIDDLE GEORGIA CHAPTER

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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

BYRON LIONS CLUB

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

BYRON ROTARY CLUB

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

BYRON MAIN STREET DDA/CVB

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

BYRON TAX OFFICE

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

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Dealing with Loss this November



ZOE HAMMOND

News Editor

November has always been a harder time of year for my family. It used to be primarily because with the changing of the season comes longer nights and shorter days. This seasonal change can result in a temporary depression called seasonal affective disorder (SAD). It's known by another name – winter blues.

I've been one to experience the winter blues, namely when I've spent most of my day cooped up inside, away from the sun. As far as I'm concerned, it's downright disorienting to me when you go out at 6:30 a.m. and it's already getting light while at 6:30 p.m. it's pitch black outside. I know we go through this every year, but it's always jarring.

I'm looking forward to the longest night of the year, the winter solstice, in which we will start slowly moving back to longer days and shorter nights. Maybe it's because I was born in the summer, but I have always preferred days with plenty of sunshine and shorter nights.

I have previously talked about why November is a month I cannot wait to pass by, but for those who don't know; in November 2020, my great-grandmother (Nana) passed away after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis. It's a lung disease that results in the lungs stiffening and not expanding like they should. We knew it was not a curable disease,

but having her on oxygen and the proper medication greatly helped her.

My Nana was a big part of my life and suddenly she was gone. It was a rough time in my life.

November has now added another reason to hope it passes by quickly. Last week, I lost my step-grandfather. He was older and had some serious health issues, so it was not unexpected but that doesn't make the sadness any less palpable. I will miss him.

This is the second grandparent I've lost this year. Technically, he's the third grandparent if you include my in-laws. It was jarring to realize that I've gone from having a plethora of grandparents now down to one – my paternal grandmother. Since 2020, between my husband and I, we have lost seven grandparents and a great-grandparent. It's a sobering realization, to say the least.

Loss is a factor of life, but that doesn't make the pain any less.

The best thing, at least for me, that can be done is to do what you can to remember those who have moved on. Celebrate what and who they were in life while taking the time you need to mourn their loss.

And for those who are still living, make sure you spend time with them while you still can. I know I will be spending more time with my grandmother and making every moment count.

Submit your Letter To The Editor by emailing news@theleadertribune.net

Holding Your Breath (Valsalva maneuver)



WADE YODER
LT COLUMNIST

A common expression is "don't hold your breath" especially when it comes to things that are not going to happen. This term is used a lot in the gym as well, but are there times when holding or slightly holding our breath can be a good thing? Can this help brace us or strengthen us internally for handling external forces?

Quite often when a person has chronic joint pain, they can feel pressure changes from the weather, and some can even tell if it's going to rain. When there is enough of a pressure difference in our external environment vs. our internal pressure it can be felt by pain in joints, especially if there is inflammation in these areas. So if we can figure out how to counter the pressure from the outside with that of the inside, maybe we can have a skeletal structure that is less affected by outside forces.

Protecting our back: when we breathe in deeply and slightly

hold our breath during the primary exertion phase of lifting something, the air we are holding works from the inside a lot like a support belt does from the outside in supporting our spine.

Example: imagine lifting something very heavy and setting it on a top shelf. Then imagine doing this with all your air exhaled out, it would make your back feel like it's going to cave in. At least partially holding your breath during a lift like this can really help internally stabilize your back. Smoothly exhale as you're completing the lift.

How holding your breath can make you stronger: the Valsalva maneuver is something most of us use fairly regularly at varying intensities without even thinking about what we're doing or even knowing what the Valsalva maneuver is.

Method: the Valsalva maneuver is done by taking in a breath of air and then pushing the air up against a closed airway. In this case, the closed airway is the glottis (the opening between the vocal cords). This pressure inside the chest area forces blood out of the pulmonary circulation and into the left atrium of the heart (which is where our oxygenated blood goes before being sent out to the rest of the body). This often gives us a surge of power for a short duration.

Valsalva maneuver for inner ear pressure: we can use the Valsalva maneuver as well when

going through the mountains, valleys, or air travel when we feel pressure building up in our head. Using this method can also be effective at slowing your heart rate if it is beating too fast.

Method: breathe in deep, close your mouth, hold your nose shut, and then slowly push the air up from your lungs (like you're going to force it out of your nose). You will usually feel air push through the Eustachian tube of the middle ear, like a pressure release valve.

Blood pressure warning: overuse of the Valsalva maneuver (against the glottis) can cause potential high spikes of blood pressure due to the air pressure around the upper heart and lung area. Exhaling slowly during the lift can help keep blood pressure from spiking and the subsequent drop in pressure when blood returns to normal circulation. I do not recommend the Valsalva maneuver for more than 3-5 seconds at a time and if it's multiple repetitions, I would highly recommend a steady flow of breathing. The above is not something we have to overly concern ourselves with since most of the time proper breathing comes naturally without us needing to pay extra attention to it.

When we inhale and get extra oxygen along with a slight increase in blood pressure, we become more alert, energized, and stronger, when we exhale, we tend to become more relaxed.

Proper breathing technique: inhale as you lower the weight and exhale slowly as you lift the weight, likewise if it's a pulling exercise, inhale as you pull, exhale as you release. Using proper breathing techniques should give you an increase in strength and support your back!

Imagine it like this: during the easy part of the movement breathe in a full breath of air and as you go through the exertion part of the movement (such as pushing the bar up from the chest while bench pressing), slowly release your breath. Likewise in a squatting movement, breathe in as you're going into the squat position and exhale as you're going back into the standing position. This should give you the maximum benefit of spinal support and extra strength without the spike in blood pressure.

We use this process without thinking most of the time, especially when we're bracing ourselves for a heavy load. Even babies do it naturally when they are clenching their little fists and getting red in the face when they're trying to get rid of a load!

I'm not sure exactly what physiological effect that happens to cause the body to temporarily strengthen when we do this, but I do think it's pretty awesome that the same thing that gives us a temporary surge in strength, also protects our back!

Freedom is not free

Brett Kittredge, Director of Marketing & Communications, Georgia Public Policy Foundation, Guest Columnist

"Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they've suffered the scars of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us. That is our duty. They have never let America down. We will not let them down." – President Ronald Reagan, 1986

Six days after a bitter presidential election marked by assassination attempts, comparisons to Hitler and divisive rhetoric that seemed to bring out the worst in everyone, Americans paused to honor the brave men and women who have served our nation on Veterans Day.

On Monday, my wife and I took our five kids to the Ball Ground Veterans Day program held outside the city hall of our northern Cherokee County town. It was a breath of fresh air, a reminder that our country is more than political campaigns and partisanship.

It is fitting that Veterans Day follows closely after federal elections. It serves as a reminder that there are things in this country far bigger than campaigns and candidates—things like duty, sacrifice and the ideals that have always made this country great.

That is what we celebrate as we thank the men and women who have always answered the call to defend our nation.

We heard the solemn sounds of bagpipes and taps, and joined in the singing of the national anthem. We watched a wreath-laying ceremony and listened to speeches from local veterans. Our kids waved little flags, sat restless at times and heard names of faraway places like Normandy and Baghdad.

Sitting there, I was reminded that Veterans Day is more than speeches or ceremonies. It is a moment to reflect on the deep sacrifices made by veterans, recognize the complexities of their experiences and ensure that our commitment to supporting them doesn't end when the ceremony does. Veterans Day is a powerful reminder of the cost of freedom, the strength of character, and the enduring bond of duty that unites those who have served to defend our country.

The history of Veterans Day dates back to World War I, the so-called "war to end all wars." On November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m., the guns of Europe fell silent as an armistice was signed between the Allied nations and Germany, bringing an end to the war. This moment was significant not only because it ended one of the most devastating con-

flicts in history, but also because it symbolized the tremendous loss and suffering endured by millions of soldiers, civilians and families worldwide. The following year, the United States declared November 11th as Armistice Day, a time to honor the veterans of World War I.

After World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day was expanded to include all veterans, and in 1954, it became known as Veterans Day—a day to honor those who have served in all branches of the U.S. military, regardless of when or where they fought.

We celebrate Veterans Day because of our national gratitude. Today, military service is a choice made by individuals who willingly place themselves in harm's way to defend the values of freedom, democracy and justice. Of course, prior to becoming an all-volunteer military in 1973, men were drafted into the armed services.

For many veterans, this means sacrificing time with family, enduring physical hardship and sometimes facing life-altering injuries or mental health challenges. Some veterans return home with visible scars, while others carry emotional wounds that are just as painful but less apparent. Some never come home.

On Veterans Day, we honor the sacrifices these men and women have made in service to our country. But this day is not just about remembering the past—it's about ensuring that the service of veterans is recognized in the present and supported in the future. Veterans Day reminds us that our responsibility to veterans does not end when the war ends.

Moreover, Veterans Day is not only about honoring individual veterans; it's also about celebrating the values that military service represents. The courage, discipline and selflessness required to serve in the armed forces benefit not only the service members themselves but society as a whole. In a nation that prides itself on liberty and democracy, military service is a tangible expression of the willingness to defend those ideals—even at great personal cost. Veterans Day acknowledges that this willingness is not a given, but something deserving of our respect and gratitude.

In this sense, Veterans Day is a call to action. It's not just about saying "thank you" to veterans; it's about embodying the values they have fought to defend. It's about creating a society that values service, sacrifice and community. It's about ensuring that those who have served are treated with dignity and respect, not only on November 11 but every day of the year.

A New Foreign Policy Direction Awaits In The New Year

**Charlie Harper
Guest Columnist**

The 2024 elections are over, save for inexplicable counting of ballots that continues in California and the very explicable attempts to subvert law in Pennsylvania to help a defeated Democratic Senator retain his seat. While those who only cover politics as a continual campaign horse race will immediately turn their attention to 2026 and 2028, most of us should turn our political focus to that of governing.

President elect Trump is assembling his cabinet. Some of his nominations are a bit unconventional, if we wish to choose a charitable term. At least one – that of Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz for Attorney General – appears dead on arrival, but no one is really sure what rules govern outcomes in Washington D.C. anymore. That said, enough Republican senators understand that they'll be on a ballot again long after President

Trump has finished his final term that one should not expect their role of advice and consent to morph into a blank check.

One could even argue if the members of the official cabinet are really that important with respect to the operation of the Executive Branch. President Biden had gone most of this year without convening his cabinet prior to his exiting his campaign for re-election. His Secretary of Defense was incapacitated in the hospital for a while without even notifying the White House – while his second in command was on vacation.

The nominations do send strong signals about the intention to govern – and how a second Trump presidency will be executed. It is clear at this point no one should be comfortable in their status quo. It also appears we're not going to have an extension of the first Trump term.

The first nominations made by President Trump were for

his national security team. Our enemies and our allies need to be prepared for a very different relationship going forward.

President Trump has long since championed an "America First" strategy. After four years of "America is your doormat" foreign policy, voters have strongly signaled they are ready for change.

This isn't a team that is isolationist, though critics will attempt to paint them as such to discredit them and their tough-love policies. This is a team that understands the world is a dangerous place, and that our enemies and our allies have used pleasantries and platitudes to get American to strengthen them while weakening ourselves. They understand that the often cited "will of the international community" is diplomatic speak for countering American strength.

At the top of these nominations is Senator Marco Rubio.

Senator Rubio was once an opponent of President Trump, but as a son of Cuban immigrants is now representative of his policies that draw a great distinction between legal immigration and those who thwart our laws to come here and continue to do so once taking advantage of what American taxpayers have to offer.

Rubio is a fierce critic of China's leadership and a staunch defender of Israel. We will no longer pretend to support Israel's efforts to defend itself while constantly aiding and abetting Iran's proxies by prolonging ceasefire talks. While the path with Russia and Ukraine is less clear, we can assume we will not continue to send unlimited billions in aid and equipment to Ukraine but then tell them they can't use these assets to actually win their war.

The United Nations is also in

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Biblical Love Story



BILLY POWELL
Parables to Ponder
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The first time someone reads the "Song of Songs" the reader instinctively will wonder why it's in the Bible. It's a short book, only eight chapters, but written in salacious language. The book involves an exchange of love poems between a man and a woman. This willingness to present the topic of physical love between lovers has made many readers uncomfortable. Purportedly, King Solomon wrote the book as his name is mentioned therein seven times. The scriptures state that Solomon had 1,000 wives (700 wives and 300 concubines). His wives included the daughter of Pharaoh and women from Moab, Ammon, Edom, Sidon and some from among the Hittites. In Solomon's advanced age, his foreign wives influenced him to worship other gods. This led to

Solomon's downfall. The "Song of Songs" is included in the Wisdom Books of the Bible along with Psalms, Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. Yet, it does not teach wisdom. Neither does it show any interest in the Law, the Covenant, or the God of Israel. Instead, it celebrates sexual love through the voices of two lovers, praising each other and yearning for each other. This is not what one would normally expect from a book in the Bible.

The "Song of Songs" does not teach wisdom like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. Instead, it celebrates sexual love, giving "the voices of two lovers, praising each other, yearning for each other, proffering invitations to enjoy." The women of Jerusalem form a chorus to the lovers. Their participation in the lovers' encounters facilitates the participation of the reader. Jewish tradition considers "Songs" as an allegory of the relationship between God and Israel. Contrarily, Christianity believes that "Songs" describes Christ's unyielding love for His bride, the church.

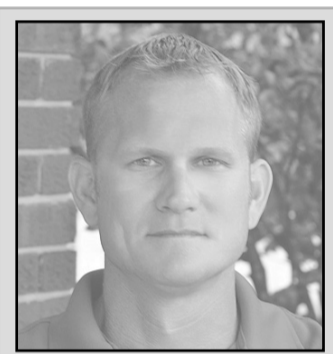
"Song of Songs" comprises three basic sections: 1- Solomon began his book with two lovers longing for affection while expressing their love for one another (1:1-3:5). 2- Even-

tually, the lovers come together in marriage, the groom extolling his bride's beauty before they consummate their relationship (3:6-5:1). 3-Finally, the bride struggles with the fear of separation, while the groom reassures the bride of his unflinching love (5:2-8:14).

At the Council of Jamnia in 90 A.D., when Jewish rabbis assembled to finalize the Old Testament Canon, many rabbis opposed the inclusion of "Song of Songs" saying it was nothing more than a collection of risqué poems. However, they were contradicted by the Hillel School whose leader Rabbi Akiva vigorously defended the book. Akiva contended that the "Song of Songs" was allegorical to the great love of God for the nation of Israel. In the end, Rabbi Akiva and the Hillel School won the day.

Inasmuch as the motif of the "Song of Songs" is love, the scripture states that "we should love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." The scripture adds this additional stipulation: "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?"

Insects In and Around the House



JEFF COOK
EXTENSION AGENT

Insects inhabit every habitat on the planet. The number of insects is also far greater than any other visible life accounting for over 75% of all known named animals. It is no wonder that we may run into a few of them in our homes.

Because of their diversity and the different ways each one grows and develops it means that some of these insects are going to consume or damage a wide variety of items important to people. These insects can eat our food, cloths, and even our homes. Some carry diseases that can be passed on to humans and animals. Some cause allergic reactions and then others just bite or sting. And then there are the nuisance insects. My daughter still asks me, "what are gnats on earth for?"

Because of this many of these millions of insects are seen as pests for several different reasons. It some instances it may be necessary to eliminate these pests but in most we need to figure out how to manage these pests and keep them at levels that do not cause us harm or cause damage to what is import-

ant to us.

When looking at household pest management we need to think about what an insect needs to survive. This is especially true as we move into fall and winter. As the days get shorter and temperatures, hopefully, get a bit cooler insects will begin to migrate indoors. This is mostly due to favorable temperatures. Even though insects thrive in the Georgia heat and can withstand freezing temperatures they do prefer milder conditions, and a nice place to shelter or hide from adverse conditions.

The next thing that insects need is a food source. Whether it is a box of cereal, a rotten tomato or a tasty 2x4 there is an abundance of food in most households. Additionally, there is also seen and unseen sources of moisture or water.

We can't do too much as far as our indoor environments to keep insects out. I am not going to recommend trying to freeze out the insects or allow rainfall in to wash them away. The main thing we can do is first, prevent entry and secondly, reduce the abundant sources of food or water.

Some insects do fly into a home or business. If you have ever entered a business and been surprised by a burst of air, that is a fly curtain. Probably not practical for the average home but I would love to have a few installed. Most insects actually walk into a home, so an easy way to keep them out is to treat window and door seals with approved insecticides. This needs to be done every few months because products will degrade over time and become inactive.

Reducing the abundant food source is much easier. With actual food (that we eat) you can maintain proper seals on containers. Many dry products that we store for long periods of time like floor, corn meal and maybe even pasta should be sealed in an airtight plastic container to keep beetles and moths out. Fruits and vegetables not stored in the fridge should be inspected for damaged/rotten areas. With our food use the first in first out method because it often takes time for an infestation to happen or hide from adverse conditions.

With other food sources like clothes or even carpet hair fibers properly laundering/drying and cleaning methods will usually reduce the source. When long term storage of clothing is called for, sealed plastic is the best means for storage. Also, it is a good idea if you have paper products stored in an accessible area like an attic to inspect them periodically. I know that paper and glue don't sound tasty to you, but some insects love it.

Finally, as far as our home itself goes, I would contact a professional to provide termite treatments to protect your investment. With these treatments regular inspection is an important part to make sure that nothing is getting past the protections in place. This is a pretty long article, but the publication is longer. If you have questions or comments, contact me mackiv@uga.edu or your county Agent for help. From a publication by Dan Suiter, Lisa Ames, Richard Hoebeke, and Brian Forschler. UGA Department of Entomology.

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for a reckoning. New York Congresswoman Elise Stefanik will represent the United States at the UN. You can expect a lot of questions regarding various UN affiliated organization's employees participating in terroristic activities in Gaza and Lebanon. This should and likely will be extended to various countries that sit on the UN Human Rights Council.

Given that Russia is a member with veto power over everything, and has faced no consequences for its clearly illegal invasion into Ukraine, America's continued participation in and funding of the United Na-

tions needs to be questioned. Does the UN serve the purpose it was founded for, or has it been coopted by corrupt governments in order to thwart the spread of Western democracy? Until we can answer that question clearly and succinctly in the affirmative, our funds and diplomatic efforts should be focused elsewhere.

There are many more appointments to come and policies that will be addressed. The overriding posture towards all of this between now and January - and then beyond as the new team begins to govern - is this: The status quo is done.

Change is coming. Every new proposal needs to be viewed on its merit. Some will be good. Some will need re-thinking. Some will likely need to be discarded.

Too many will be critical of the changes because they fear change or wish to protect things as they are. These voices should be ignored.

All nominees and follow on proposal need to be judged not on the changes they will impose, but on a simpler test. Will this make America stronger? That, in the end, is the answer that matters.



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2560 Willow Lake Road, Fort Valley, GA 31030.

MISSION PROGRAM

October 13 at 10am. Chairman: Sis. Debra Hill

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

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

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First, Angela Williams was present with concerns over conditions at Ira Hicks Boulevard. She stated that while the road had been patched before, frequent use by tractor-trailers and buses has worsened the road's condition. There are multiple holes that fill with rain water, risking hydroplaning or other accidents. Commissioner Wade Yoder stated that the City of Fort Valley Public Works Director is planning on addressing that area. Second, Ray Brake had a request to utilize

a parking lot for an automotive event by the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), which the commissioners approved after speaking with their attorney.

Concerning announcements, the Commissioners made note of the Back the Blue event on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024, which was to honor Deputy Sheriff Daryl Wayne Smallwood and Sergeant Michael Patrick Sondron.

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Adm. Holsey Takes Command of SOUTHCOM



Promotion to Admiral.

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DORAL, Florida – U.S. Navy Adm. Alvin Holsey assumed command of U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) from U.S. Army Gen. Laura J. Richardson during a change-of-command ceremony, Nov. 7, 2024.

Holsey, who previously served as the Military Deputy Commander at SOUTHCOM, was promoted to the rank of admiral before the ceremony.

Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III presided over the event at the SOUTHCOM Headquarters in Doral, Florida, with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr., defense and security leaders from 32 Latin American and Caribbean nations, and other dignitaries in attendance.

"We are making history today," said Austin. "The first woman commander of SOUTHCOM passes the baton to the first African-American commander of SOUTHCOM."

Holsey's career includes numerous deployments aboard U.S. Navy frigates and cruisers, as well as missions flying the SH-2F Seasprite and SH-60B Seahawk helicopters. He commanded a helicopter anti-submarine squadron; the U.S. Navy's first hybrid electric propulsion warship, USS Makin Island (LHD 8); and Carrier Strike Group One aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, (CVN 70).

"At sea and ashore, the admiral's teammates have admired his leadership and his work ethic," said Austin. "And those who have worked for him have probably heard him say, 'hard work is authorized.' But he always made time for family as well. He's encouraged his teammates to do the same. His whole career has prepared him for this new mission."

During his remarks at the ceremony, Holsey reaffirmed SOUTHCOM's commitment to strengthen partnerships in Latin America and the Caribbean.

"Partnerships are our best deterrence to countering shared security and economic concerns," said Holsey. "We will always be there for like-minded nations, who share our values, our democracy, our rule of law, and human rights."

Holsey also warned against evolving threats in the region.

"SOUTHCOM is at the front of strategic competition. And our adversaries have established a strong presence, jeopardizing security and stability across the Americas. The People's Republic of China and Russia... seek to undermine democracy while gaining power and influence in the region," said Holsey.

"Transnational criminal organizations create and exploit this permissive environment while undermining the rule of law and disrupting legitimate government functions. Transboundary threats exist as well, from irregular migration, climate change, eroding democracies, to food and water insecurity," said Holsey.

Holsey also addressed the SOUTHCOM team, committing to "give you everything I have" while asking for each team member's "personal best."

"When the dark clouds come, and the days are long, the seas are rough, look no further than right here. I will lead you," he said.

A Georgia native, Holsey was commissioned through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) program at Morehouse College in 1988, where he received a degree in Computer Science. In 1995, he earned a Master of Science in management from Troy State University, and in 2010, he attended the Joint Forces Staff college.

"To understand me, is to understand the essence of survival. Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or be killed. Every morning, a lion wakes up and knows he must outrun the slowest gazelle or starve to death. Doesn't matter whether you're the lion or gazelle, when the sun comes up, you'd better be running. Let's get running team SOUTHCOM," said Holsey.

Holsey previously made history as the inaugural commander of the International Maritime Security Construct / Coalition Task Force Sentinel, tasked with ensuring freedom of navigation, adherence to international law, free flow of commerce, and the stability of maritime commons in the Middle East. His career assignments include tours as deputy director for operations at the National Military Command Center for the



SOUTHCOM Guidon Exchange

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Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel at Navy Personnel Command.

The U.S. Senate confirmed Holsey's presidential nomination September 24.

Richardson is retiring after more than four decades of military service as a decorated Army officer and distinguished aviator. Her career included leadership roles in various assignments from the company to the theater level, as well as deployments to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Richardson's career also included assignments as Military Aide to the Vice President at the White House, Chief of Army Legislative Liaison to the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C., and as a U.S. Army campaign planner at the Pentagon.

"Over the course of my 38-years in the military, I have received a lot of coaching and mentoring, by so many," Richardson said. "As we all know, in our line of work, people are the greatest asset in the military. And I have been honored lead and been led by some of the most amazing leaders. I brought these lessons, and many more, with me as I took command here at SOUTHCOM," she said.

Richardson assumed command of SOUTHCOM Oct. 29, 2021, during a history-making ceremony in which she became the first woman general to lead the U.S. combatant command.

"General Richardson, thanks for all you've done to strengthen security and stability across the Americas," said Austin. The secretary hailed Richardson's accomplishments during her tenure, including the command's support to the

Kenyan-led Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission assisting Haitian-led efforts in and near Port-au-Prince to restore security in communities impacted by widespread gang violence.

Austin said that under Richardson's leadership, SOUTHCOM conducted numerous operations directly supporting regional security, increased security cooperation with regional defense and security partners and optimized its multinational exercise program to strengthen the region's collective security capacity and bolster interoperability.

Richardson also led the command's critical support to partner nation efforts aimed at disrupting the activities of transnational criminal organizations and malign state actors; including illicit trafficking; human smuggling; illegal, unregulated, and underreported fishing; and cyberattacks.

"SOUTHCOM service members, government civilians and contractors' steadfast devotion to duty has ensured that we continue to deliver on our enduring promise to the Americas," Richardson said. "Thank you for your service. It's been the honor of a lifetime to serve alongside each of you."

SOUTHCOM is one of the nation's six geographically focused unified commands. The command is responsible for U.S. defense and security cooperation with partner nations in the Caribbean, Central America and South America, as well as U.S. military operations in the region.

Flint Energies Foundation grant funds Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Georgia



By Flint Energies

The Flint Energies Foundation granted Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Georgia \$5,000. The requested funds will be used to assist with T-shirts for the participants, sports equipment, and facility expenses.

Joseph Matchett, Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Georgia representative stated, "The Boys and Girls Club of Central Georgia aims to help youth and teens develop healthy habits through programs that promote staying active with enjoyable activities. These programs also educate the boys and girls on nutrition and healthy relationships. All activities will culminate in an annual field day and Great Ocmulgee River Duck Race where participants can engage in physical activities like yoga, basketball, yard dash, volley-

ball, ultimate frisbee, and a dance competition."

The Flint Energies Foundation provides grants to local non-profits such as this one using money donated by Flint Energies Consumer-members through Operation Round Up*. The electric cooperative's Members contribute \$175,000 annually to the Flint Energies Foundation, which supports worthy causes in the 17 counties it serves. Operation Round Up is a way for participating Members to support multiple charitable organizations by simply allowing Flint Energies to round up their bills to the nearest dollar. Donations to Operation Round Up, which average only about \$6 per year per member, are tax deductible. About 40% of Flint's Membership participates in Operation Round Up, but

that percentage continues to decline. If you are a Flint Energies Consumer-member and wish to contribute, you can sign up at www.flintenergies.com/ORU or by calling 1.800.342.3616.

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

Utility Commission Positions Announcement

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MINIMAL QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Must possess and maintain a valid Georgia driver's license.
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Essential Job Functions

1. Operate equipment units, such as a backhoe, front-end loader and dump truck, and tools
2. As a member of a crew, install and repair main water lines
3. Install, overhaul and repair fire hydrants
4. Inspect new water lines at construction sites and take samples for chlorination readings
5. Perform routine equipment maintenance and repairs as directed on reservoirs, pumps and booster pumps
6. Perform routine equipment maintenance and minor field repairs such as lubrication, checking fluid levels and replacing belts and other components as required
7. Perform work in accordance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations and within mandated and appropriate safety standards

Send resume to:

Utility Commission, 500 Anthoine Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030

fax: (478) 825-7704 email: hrmanager@fvutil.com

Deadline: November 20, 2024

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Legals

Legal Advertising Information

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

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

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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.

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
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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
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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
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, PEACH COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Melinda Goodwin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for PHH Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns dated 6/19/2009 and recorded in Deed Book 426 Page 330 Peach County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$65,786.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on January 7, 2025 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 28, OF THE 10TH LAND DISTRICT, OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS THE HOUSER MILL TO BYRON ROAD WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF GEORGIA HIGHWAY NO. 96 AND FROM SAID POINT OF INTERSECTION EXTEND IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 1093.7 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT OR PARCEL HEREIN CONVEYED; AND FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT EXTEND NORTH 0 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 217.8 FEET TO A POINT AND CORNER; THENCE EXTEND NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 1 SECOND EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO A POINT AND CORNER; THENCE EXTEND SOUTH 0 DEGREE 18 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 217.8 FEET TO A POINT AND CORNER; SAME BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE TRACT OR PARCEL HEREIN CONVEYED.

DEED REFERENCE: DEED BOOK 349, PAGE 40, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT.

The debt secured by said Security

Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property is commonly known as 248 Housers Mill Road, Fort Valley, GA 31030 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Melinda Goodwin or tenant or tenants.

LoanCare, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. LoanCare, LLC Attention: Loss Mitigation Department 3637 Sentara Way Virginia Beach, VA 23452 800-909-9525

Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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 non-judicial 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 immediately above.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Melinda Goodwin
Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.
1154-2904A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
1154-2904A
11/20/2024, 11/27/2024, 12/04/2024, 12/11/2024, 12/18/2024, 12/25/2024, 01/01/2025
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

IN RE: STEVEN H. LAND

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

November 12, 2024
Conner Doles
Executor of the Estate of Steven H. Land
108 Marion Drive
Byron, GA 31008

Robert R. Lawson
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
11/20/11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 2024
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: Estate of Matthew D. Austin, Deceased

All creditors of the Estate Matthew D. Austin, deceased, late of Peach County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the Administrator named below according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to said Administrator. Demands and payments may be sent to counsel for the Administrator, Michael L. Chidester, Attorney, P.O. Box 1704, Byron, Georgia 31008.

This 8th day of November, 2024.
Annika Austin
Administrator
11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 2024
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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
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: Estate of Airlee Kittle Haynes, Deceased

All creditors of the Estate Airlee Kittle Haynes, deceased, late of Peach County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the Executor named below according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to said Executor. Demands and payments may be sent to counsel for the Executor, Michael L. Chidester, Attorney, P.O. Box 1704, Byron, Georgia 31008

This 8th day of November, 2024.
Carl M. Haynes
Executor
11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 2024
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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
478-825-2213
10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 2024
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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 #11-2024-085 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
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF DIANE E. COLES, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-7005 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: DORIS STAMES 2036 HOUGH RD. LANCASTER SC 29720, Any and all Interested Parties and to whom it may concern:

PruittHealth-Eastside, LLC d/b/a PruittHealth-Eastside has petitioned for Peach County Administrator to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate DIANE E. COLES, 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 DECEMBER 16, 2024.

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

Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court
By: Katrina Corbin, Chief Clerk of the Probate Court
205 Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030
478-825-2213
11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 2024
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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Albert L. Maine** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Counseling Services, Inc., its successors and assigns dated March 30, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 379, Page 96, as last modified in Deed Book 570, Page 434, Peach County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$74,411.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, 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, MIRAGE III, MANUFACTURING HOUSING UNIT WITH SERIAL NUMBER OF H179809GLR, WHICH WAS FORMERLY PERSONAL PROPERTY BUT IS NOW PERMANENTLY ANNEXED AND AFFIXED TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LAND AS A PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT.

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

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

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

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

The property is or may be in the possession of Albert L. Maine, successor in interest or tenant(s). CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Albert L. Maine
File no. 16-063067
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP*
Attorneys and Counselors at Law
211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 130
Atlanta, GA 30346
(770)220-2535

<https://www.logs.com/>
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3200 (BCNS 240560)

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
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
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY

All creditors of the estate of BEATRICE L. PERNELL, 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 6th day of November, 2024.
TED PERNELL
EXECUTOR OF BEATRICE L. PERNELL ESTATE
110 Pinecrest Drive
Byron, Georgia 31008
11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 2024
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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 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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11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 2024
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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
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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, RECORDED 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 holds the duly endorsed Note and is 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.

LEGALS

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ments 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)

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

NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that **JACQUELINE ELAINE DIXON**, by and through the undersigned, filed her Petition in the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia on November 7, 2024, praying for a change in the name from **JACQUELINE ELAINE DIXON** to **JACQUELYN ELAINE DIXON**.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said court within 30 days of the filing of the Petition to Change Name of Jacqueline Elaine Dixon. 11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 2024 3217

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF PEACH
RIGHT TO REDEEM
TAKE NOTICE THAT:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:

All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Peach and in the northwest part of Land Lot 215 in the 9th District therein, and being known, designated, and described as Lot 20 in Block B or the N.B. Miller Subdivision. Said Tract fronts East 60 feet on an unnamed Street and runs back with uniform width a distance of 100 feet. A plat of said subdivision is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 237, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Reference to said plat and the recorded thereof are here had and made for all purposes.

As Described in Deed Book 447, Page 665. Further described as Map & Parcel F01D044

The tax deed to which this notice related is dated the 4th day of April, 2023, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, in Deed Book 701, Page 580.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 12th day of December, 2024 by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: Jones and Oliver, P. C. 102 Peachtree Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030. Charles E. Jones Jones and Oliver, P.C. 102 Peachtree Street (478) 822-9962 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 2024 3219

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 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 3204 (00000010273795)

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF PEACH
RIGHT TO REDEEM
TAKE NOTICE THAT:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situate and lying in the State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort Valley therein, being described by metes and courses as follows: STARTING at a point lying on the Northeast right-of-way line of Hartley Street, which point of Southeast, as measured

along the Northeast right-of-way line of Hartley Street, 730.4 feet from the center line of State Route No. 49; thence North 15 degrees 30 minutes East, 125 feet; thence South 63 degrees 13 minutes East 76.5 feet; thence South 15 degrees 30 minutes West, 125 feet to a point lying on the Northeast right-of-way line of Hartley Street; thence North 63 degrees 13 minutes West, along the Northeast right-of-way line of Hartley Street 76.5 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Located on said property is one residential house.

Said property and the improvements thereon are more particularly shown and described in a plat entitled, "Property of Bura James Marshall and Jean S. Marshall, Land Lot 214, Ninth District, Peach County, Fort Valley, Georgia", as made by Milton Beckham Company on August 28, 1972, being certified by Milton V. Beckham, Registered Surveyor NO. 1031, on said date; a copy of said plat is recorded in Plat Book No. 9, Page 101, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court, Georgia, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference thereto.

As described in Deed Book 29, Page 317. Further described as Map & Parcel F04A005

The tax deed to which this notice related is dated the 4th day of April, 2023, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, in Deed Book 701, Page 562.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 12th day of December, 2024 by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: Jones and Oliver, P. C. 102 Peachtree Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030. Charles E. Jones Jones and Oliver, P.C. 102 Peachtree Street (478)822-9962 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 2024 3220

KIHOMAC Announces Groundbreaking for New Aerospace Manufacturing Facility in Warner Robins, Georgia

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(Warner Robins, GA) – KIHOMAC will be breaking ground for its new, state of the art aerospace manufacturing facility on November 21 at 1:00 PM. This new 130,000-square-foot site symbolizes KIHOMAC's growth and investment in the Warner Robins area. The facility is expected to be completed by the end of 2025, significantly enhancing the local manufacturing base in support of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex at Robins Air Force Base, an Air Force vital installation to the mission of military aircraft readiness.

The new facility, located in the Robins International Industrial Park, is expected to bring 75 new full-time manufacturing and engineering jobs to the Warner Robins area. The location is a result of a partnership between KIHOMAC and the Joint Development Authority of Peach County and the City of Warner Robins. "The City of Warner Robins welcomes KIHOMAC to the City's growing industrial landscape. These new industrial jobs are an exciting opportunity for our residents. Industries like this play a vital



Photo Contributed
Ki Ho Kang, CEO of KIHOMAC

role in sustaining and modernizing equipment essential to the operations at Robins Air Force Base," said Warner Robins Mayor LaRhonda Patrick.

KIHOMAC's new manufacturing facility will focus on the manufacture of metal, composite and electrical components for aerospace applications both foreign and domestic. As KIHOMAC expands in Warner Robins, the company aims to support economic growth in the region and meet increasing demands for aerospace innovation. "We are thrilled to bring this new facility to Warner Rob-

ins. This community represents the spirit of hard work and resilience and we're honored to contribute to the region's growth," said KIHOMAC Founder and CEO, Ki Ho Kang.

About KIHOMAC, Inc. Headquartered in Reston, Virginia, KIHOMAC is a Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) aerospace manufacturing and engineering services company of approximately 350 employees throughout the U.S. KIHOMAC is principally engaged in the development and production of new solutions and equipment for Aerospace, Defense and a variety of commercial industries.

About Ki Ho Kang, CEO of KIHOMAC (Project Flyby)

Mr. Ki Ho Kang founded KIHOMAC in 2003 and is the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. He focused the company's competency towards sustainment of complex aerospace systems, encompassing the entire spectrum of sustainment functions — analysis, design, build, test, field, and service aerospace ca-

abilities. The company has grown steadily at an annualized growth rate of 44%, starting in 2004 with \$156K in revenue and grew the company to a projected \$65M in revenue in 2024. The company operates a 150K ft2 Prototype Engineering and Fabrication Center in Layton, Utah and 20K ft2 Reverse Engineering Center in Byron, Georgia. Ki Ho was born in Seoul, Korea and immigrated to the United States with his family in 1978 and his family settled in Baltimore, Maryland. He attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering, through an Air Force ROTC scholarship, and the Air Force Institute of Technology for a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

As an Air Force officer, he participated in a variety of complex aerospace weapon system acquisition and sustainment programs as systems engineer, flight test engineer, and program manager (PM). He served as avionics systems engineer for A-10/QF-100 aircraft, flight test engineer for A-10, and managed technology programs in support of various Department of Defense agencies. While assigned

at Defense Threat Reduction Agency, he oversaw the development and test of advanced weapon programs. After 11 years of active duty service, he joined the Air Force Reserve in 2000 and served as a Reserve Air Attaché then as a Military Assistant to the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board until his retirement in 2010. His core expertise is in system development, integration, and fielding of aircraft avionics and operational flight programs, as well as reverse and re-engineering of legacy weapon system assemblies.

Ki Ho lives in Fairfax, Virginia with his wife Madelline and two children, Darren and Eileen. He serves on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross in the National Capital Region, as a member of the Utah State University College of Engineering Industry Advisory Board, and as a trustee for the Air Force Museum Foundation.

Education

1989 Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
1994 Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technolo-

gy

Career Chronology
1989 – 2000 USAF, Engineering & Acquisition Officer, various locations

2000 – 2010 USAF Reserve, Air Attaché and Military Assistant to the AF Scientific Advisory Board

2000 – 2003 Southwest Research Institute, Senior Research Engineer

2003 – 2005 EnSCO, Hardened Target Set Engineer (Part Time)

2003 – 2017 KIHOMAC, President/CEO

2017 – Present KIHOMAC, CEO/CFO

Awards and Honors

• DoD Nunn Perry Mentor Protégé Award

• 2018-19 Distinguished Service of the Year Award, Utah State University, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering

• 2021 Executive of the Year (<\$75M), 19th Annual Greater Washington Government Contractor Awards

• 2022 EY Entrepreneur of the Year, Mid-Atlantic Region

Georgia property-tax relief measures heading to easy victories

By Dave Williams

Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Georgia voters were poised to overwhelmingly approve two tax-relief measures on the statewide ballot Tuesday night, while a third tax-related proposal held a smaller lead.

With 122 of the state's 159 counties reporting, a constitutional amendment offering property tax relief had racked up 63% of the total, according to unofficial results.

A second proposal on the statewide ballot increasing the exemption on Georgia's personal property tax also was headed toward passage with 66% of the vote.

The property tax relief measure – Constitutional Amendment One – would prohibit local governments from raising residential property assessments in a given year by more than the annual rate of inflation, even if a home's market value has gone up more.

Cities, counties and school districts would be allowed to opt out of the provision if they choose. However, any local government that wishes to go that route would have to advertise its intent to do so and hold at least three public hearings.

Referendum A would increase the exemption on personal property taxes from \$7,500 to \$20,000. While

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

Constitutional Amendment Two was ahead Tuesday night but by a narrower margin than the two tax-relief measures. The amendment calling for the creation of a state tax court was supported by 51% of the voters to 49% opposed.

Supporters argued the new court would be staffed with judges who have expertise to decide cases related to the assessment and collection of state or local taxes. The same argument carried the day back in 2018 when voters approved the creation of a Statewide Business Court.

State Senate panel recommends penalties, incentives to promote safe firearm storage

By Dave Williams

Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - State lawmakers exploring ways to foster safe firearm storage in Georgia Thursday recommended a carrot-and-stick approach to an issue that has taken on greater urgency since September's mass school shooting in Barrow County.

A Georgia Senate study committee proposed legislation providing civil and criminal penalties for parents or caregivers who allow children access to a loaded firearm and lowering insurance premiums for homeowners who buy safe storage devices such as trigger locks or gun safes.

"Having laws like this on the books is critical to us curbing this senseless act of gun vio-

lence," said Sen. Emanuel Jones, the committee's chairman.

Lt. Gov. Burt Jones, who presides over the Senate, created the Senate Study Committee on Safe Firearm Storage last March, but several of the panel's meetings have taken place since two students and two teachers were shot to death at Apalachee High School near Winder in September.

Another student, 14-year-old Colt Gray, was arrested at the scene and charged with the murders, while his father, Colin Gray, also faces criminal charges for allegedly letting his son possess the AR-15 style rifle used in the killings. The two were indicted last month and are due to be arraigned next week.

The study committee also is recommending creating a director position inside state government to coordinate train-

ing and technical assistance to schools looking to create a safe and secure environment, review schools' emergency operations plans, and produce educational materials on safe firearm storage. Jones said the position could be created within the governor's office without the need for legislation.

The panel also suggested the General Assembly pass legislation requiring a 10-day waiting period before purchasing an assault rifle, unless the buyer has a state-issued license to carry firearms.

"Sometimes in those 10 days, cooler heads can prevail," Emanuel Jones said Thursday.

The study committee's recommendations will be forwarded to the full Senate to consider during the legislative session starting in January.

First Ever Softball Region Championship Banner

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PCHS was presented with their first ever Region Championship Banner.

The 2024 team has left an everlasting legacy on the Softball

program and we cannot wait to continue to grow and develop in the years to come.

One region championship down, many to go. Go Lady Trojans!



Lady Trojan Flag Football Team Wins Championship

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Congratulations to our Area 2 - Division 3 Champion Peach County Lady Trojan Flag Football team. The Lady Trojans clinched the championship yesterday with wins over Houston County (20-0) and Warner Robins (15-0) at Freedom Field.



PC's Ariana Respress Wins Player of the Week Honors

Ariana Respress, a junior quarterback and safety at Peach County, is GHSF Daily's Flag

Football Player of the Week. Respress led Peach County to four victories last week and the program's first area championship. Peach has improved to 12-3 this season after going 1-8 last year. Respress was 43-of-67 passing

for 481 yards and eight touchdowns and rushed for 267 yards in victories over Rutland 14-0, Veterans 20-7, Houston County 20-0 and Warner Robins 19-0. She intercepted two passes, broke up two passes and had

four flag pulls in those games. "She has developed an IQ for the game that makes it hard to defend her," Peach County coach Khayla Owens said. "She plays guard in basketball, and her critical decision-making

can be seen on the football field. She's a natural leader who communicates with her teammates every play, whether it be encouragement or to help with fixing their play. Her teammates truly respect her, and it shows

every game as they play for each other."
From Georgia High School Football Daily
Contributed by Victor Kulkosky

LSGT Business of the Month



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The Peach County High School Local School Governance Team would like to recognize The Church in the Orchard as the November Business of the Month. The Church in the Orchard recently provided breakfast for our faculty and

staff and have set up a date to provide it again very soon. Pictured are Jeramie Collins, Erin Collins, Wanda Lenderman, Wayne Lenderman, and LSGT Chairman, Dustin Chancellor. If you would like to contact the church please call 478-825-5910. Their services are

Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. and come early for coffee and snacks or Wednesday evening at 6:30. They have something for everyone! Thank you, Church in the Orchard, for your support!

First Georgia Power battery storage project enters commercial operation

By Dave Williams
Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Georgia Power's first "grid-connected" battery energy storage system (BESS) has gone into commercial operation, the Atlanta-based utility announced Friday.

The Mossy Branch Battery facility in west-central Georgia's Talbot County will generate 65 megawatts of battery storage that can be deployed back to the grid during a four-hour period, adding resiliency to the state's power grid.

The state Public Service Commission (PSC) approved

Mossy Branch as a demonstration project back in 2021 to evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of producing power through battery storage.

"Battery storage is an example of a new technology that will make our grid more reliable and resilient every day, and especially during extreme weather events," said Kim Greene, Georgia Power's chairman, president and CEO.

"The Mossy Branch facility is an incredibly valuable addition to our grid, and commercial operation of this site is a significant milestone in our continued work with the Georgia PSC to evolve and enhance Georgia's

power grid."

While the Mossy Branch facility is Georgia's first BESS, others are in the pipeline. Georgia Power expects to bring the 265-megawatt McGrau Ford Phase I project in Cherokee County into commercial service by the end of 2026.

The PSC is expected to vote next month to authorize a second phase of the McGrau Ford project as well as BESS projects adjacent to Robins Air Force Base in Bibb County and Moody Air Force Base in Lowndes County, and at Georgia Power's retired coal-burning Plant Hammond in Floyd County.

Preview:

Peach County Trojans vs. Baldwin Braves

By Victor Kulkosky
Editor Emeritus



Baldwin Braves
Home: Milledgeville, Baldwin County
Overall Record: 349-357-14 (.494), since 1957
Region Titles: 6 State Titles: 0
Head Coach: Kevin Patterson, 7-4, 1st year, 9-13 career
Classification: 4-AAA
This Year: 7-4/6-2 **Last Year:** 6-5/3-3 1st round
PC vs. Team: 9-7 **Last Game:** B 34 PC 13, 8-18-2023

The Baldwin Braves are just below .500 in their 68-season history, but the 21st century has mostly helped their average. During this century, Jesse Hicks was Head Coach for 15 of 25 seasons, winning 110 games, not quite a third of the Braves' total wins, along with half of their six region crowns.

Baldwin's best season was 2008. They've had two 0-10 seasons, in 1971 and 1974. They've made the playoffs every year since 2016.

Jesse Hicks took over in 2002 after an 0-9-1 season and took the Braves to the first playoff round and an 8-3 record. He led the Braves to their winningest season in 2008, when they went 12-1. Their deepest run was 2005, when they went 10-4 and reached the 4A semifinal.

Hicks coached at Dougherty and Central-Macon for seven seasons before returning to Baldwin in 2017. Hicks and the Braves won another region title in 2018 and reached the quarterfinals again. He moved on to East Laurens this season, who

were 3-7.

Kevin Patterson took over at Baldwin for 2024. The Georgia High School Football Historians Assoc. shows him with one season in Tennessee, when he went 2-9. This year, Patterson's team is 7-4 and in the second playoff round. The Braves opened with a 37-6 loss to defending 4A champs Perry and followed with a close 13-12 loss to Northside-Warner Robins. They opened region play with a 51-22 romp over Cross Creek. They then lost by a field goal, 17-14, to eventual region champ Harlem. They got their mojo working on a four-game win streak, beating Hephzibah, 57-0; Aquinas, 19-7; Westside-Augusta, 42-14; and Howard, 49-36.

Hurricane Helene disruptions forced the Braves to play two games in five days. They lost to West Laurens (who finished fifth in the region), 28-14. The Braves finished the regular season with a 28-23 win over Richmond Academy. Revenge is a dish best served cold, says the Klingon Proverb, but it got hot last Friday when Baldwin played West Laurens for the second time in 10 days and squeezed out a 26-24 win against the Raiders.

The Trojans got over their new coach jitters this year,

their second under Marquis Westbrook. Their high-scoring, fast-playing offense won the Trojans their 20th region title. PC has scored at least five touchdowns in every game, including their lone loss, 49-39, to Perry. They made it eight TDs in their 56-33 first-round win over Chestatee.

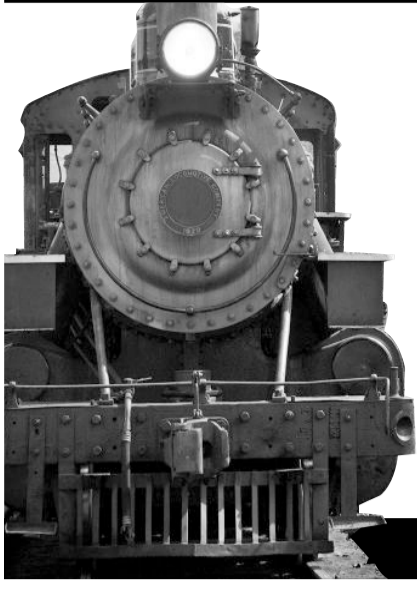
The Braves and Trojans have played each other in a few chunks since 1972. The Braves won the first matchup, 20-19, in 1972. The Trojans won the next three. After a five-year gap, Baldwin and Peach traded wins, before the Braves won three in a row. The Trojans won, 17-7, in the 2009 matchup, on their way to an undefeated State Championship title. That game started a four-game win streak for the Trojans. Baldwin struck back in 2013, with a 35-21 win.

The two teams parted ways from 2014 to 2021. The Trojans traveled to Baldwin early in the 2022 season and dealt the Braves a 50-20 beatdown. The Braves got to spoil Coach Westbrook's debut last year with a 34-13 win.

Now that the Trojans have settled down, on paper, it looks like advantage Peach County, but football games aren't played on paper. If the Trojans do what they've been doing all season, as well or even better, they'll send the Braves home for the season and move to the quarterfinal against either Douglas-Atlanta or Calhoun.

This one is at our place, 7:30 p.m. Be there if you're able. FIRE IT UP, PC!!!

Historical data from Georgia High School Football Historians Assoc., www.ghsfha.org



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ON TO THE NEXT ONE: PC To Host Baldwin In Second Round Of State Playoffs



By Donnell Suggs
Sports Reporter

The Peach County Trojans advanced to the second round of the Georgia High School Association AAA after defeating visiting Chestatee High School 56-33 on Friday night. The Trojans (10-1 overall) remain undefeated at home this season (5-0) and have the luxury of playing their second round opponent, the Baldwin High School Braves (7-4 overall), surrounded by fans and family on Friday, Nov. 22. Baldwin defeated West Laurens 26-24 to advance to the second round.

The first round victory over a team that just barely made it into the playoffs may have been expected by Peach County fans, but it is not overlooked by the coaching staff and players, says Trojans defensive backs coach Don Hudson.

"It was huge getting through to the second round. Chestatee was very tough and gave us fits on defense," Hudson said.

Last week the Trojans gave up 33 points to Chestatee, the most they have allowed an opponent



Photo by Tourris Leary / Sports Photographer
Don "DJ" Hudson #1 gives the ball to Ashton Barton #12 for a 20 yards Touchdown.

to score in more than a month and a half. The last time a team scored that many points against Peach County was on Sept. 28 when Westover High School scored 36 points. Despite the point total, there were solid de-

fensive individual efforts from Trojans senior defensive back Cedrik Chalk and senior linebacker Carson Freeman. Both are in the middle of having career years in the most important period of their athletic careers.



Photo by Tourris Leary / Sports Photographer
Ace Blunt #45 makes the tackles for The Trojans, to stop Chestatee War Eagle to get a first down.

"They both played very well," Hudson said.

Another senior that continues to step up in a big way is quarterback DJ Hudson, who passed for over 340 yards and was responsible for four touchdowns against Chestatee. Fellow senior Chris Scott had four receptions for 1245 yards while junior Zion

Hudson caught five of his brother's passes for 144 yards and a touchdown. The younger Hudson also scored a touchdown on the ground.

Sophomore Ashton Barton continues to have an outstanding season. Barton led the team with 165 rushing yards on Friday, further displaying the ver-

satility of the Peach County offense.

The victory over Chestatee will have to be used as a primer for Baldwin, says Hudson. "It helps us find weaknesses to continue to work on and stay humble," he said. "Our mentality is to not allow Peach to beat Peach."

Round Two Bracketology

By Victor Kulkosky
Editor Emeritus

I would've preferred fewer points allowed, but the Trojans more than got the job done last week with their highest score of the season, beating Chestatee, 56-33. Right below us on the AAA bracket, Baldwin came from behind to avenge a 10-day-old loss to West Laurens, with a 26-24 win. So, the mathematical minds of the GHSA got it right: Team 3 (PC), beat Team 30 (Chestatee) and Team 14 (Baldwin), beat Team 19 (West Laurens), barely.

Moving down the right side of the bracket, Douglass-Atlanta squeezed by our fellow 1-AAA team Cairo, 14-13. Right again, math whizzes, Team 11 beat Team 22, barely again. Rounding out our corner of the bracket, Calhoun (Team 6) dispatched Spalding, (Team 27), 37-6. Calhoun faces Douglass-Atlanta this week. My gut, backed by football history, says Calhoun awaits Peach County in the quarterfinal.

Down in the lower-right corner of the bracket, Stephenson (Team 7) took down Whitewater (Team 26) as expected, but by only one score, 44-37.

Jenkins (Team 10) predictably beat Northwest Whitfield (Team 23) 28-14. The math didn't work out for Southeast Bulloch vs. Heritage-Catoosa, as Team 18 Southeast Bulloch rolled over Team 15 Heritage-Catoosa, 35-9. In this case, we see the limits of rating teams by mathematical formulas. If the formulas are well-designed and reliable, they make good predictions, most of the time. Math removes the often-subjective factors of many polls, but can't account for intangibles, such as which team wanted it more and who had the better game plan and executed that plan better. Why did perpetual

football doormat Vanderbilt beat Alabama this year? They believed, and had enough talent to beat very long odds, at least this time around. That's one reason we show up to games.

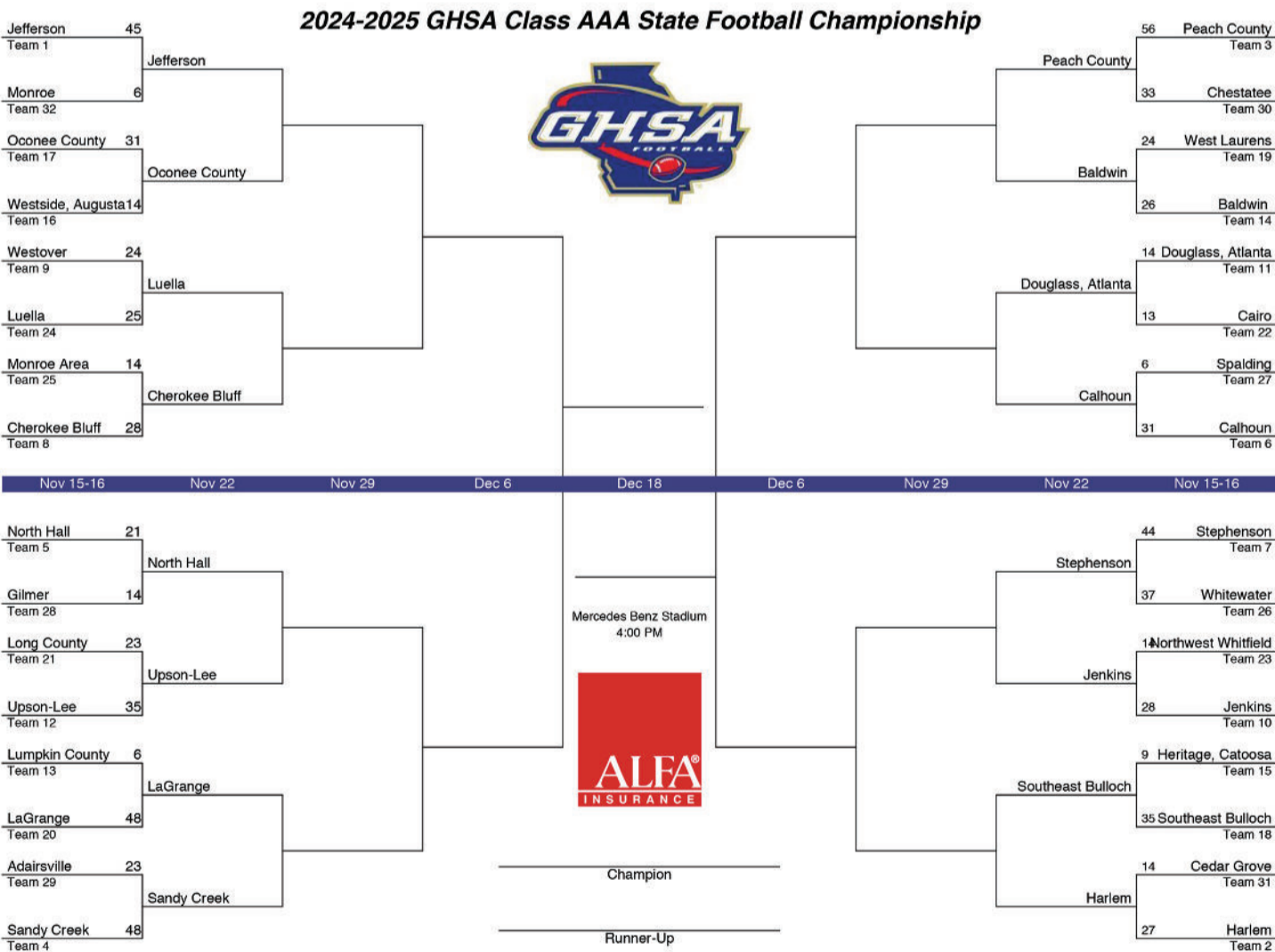
Peach County won't deal with the left side of the bracket until the final, which is three rounds away. But here's a quick rundown. Jefferson (Team 1) wiped out Monroe (Team 32) as expected, 45-6. Oconee County (Team 17), beat Westside-Augusta (Team 14), 31-14, so the math missed the mark on that one. The math missed again, as Luella (Team 24), squeezed by Westover (Team 9), 25-24. By the way, that result leaves Peach County as the sole survivor in Region 1-AAA. Cherokee Bluff

(Team 8) predictably beat Monroe Area (Team 25), 28-14.

In the bottom-left corner, the math correctly predicted North Hall (Team 5) over Gilmer (Team 28), 21-14; got it right again with Upson-Lee (Team 12) over Long County (Team 21), 35-23; missed with LaGrange (Team 20) over Lumpkin County (Team 13), 48-6; and hit again with Sandy Creek (Team 4) over Adairsville (Team 29), 48-23.

As for next week and the weeks to come, our non-mathematical prediction is the Trojan Nation traveling in large numbers and making lots of noise, and therefore:

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