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Christmas Time Returns to the Valley



Photo by Zoe Hammond

The Gazebo in Downtown Fort Valley host a Letters for Santa drop off box.

By Zoe Hammond
 News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – The festive season is returning to Fort Valley as the public works department starts putting up the city's Christmas decorations. With the decorations, comes the city's annual Christmas in the Valley celebration. The City of Fort Valley and Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority celebrated on Friday, Nov. 29 in downtown Fort Valley.

The Lighting Ceremony portion started at 5:30 p.m. with Fort Valley's oldest citizen Phredifa Boyer turning the Christmas lights on. The requirements to be the citizen to turn on the lights had to be born in Fort Valley and

still reside in Fort Valley. Peach County Sheriff-Elect Robert "Buck" Shannon presented Boyer with a key to the city. Bishop Jamie Johnson of James Temple Miracle Center provided the blessing of the lights.

The Christmas in the Valley event started at 4:30 p.m. with numerous pop-up shops setting up. The vendors sold a variety of handmade goods as well as foods including lemonade, hot chocolate, boiled peanuts, popcorn, and more.

In addition to the vendors, there was a horse carriage ride for attendees to participate in. The Fort Valley Fire Department set up a smores station. Children were able to write and mail their letters to Santa, with Santa's Mailbox next to the gazebo.

Both Mayor Pro-Tem Fred Van Hartesveldt and Downtown Development Authority Chair Tisa Horton recognized the hard work that has gone into the decorating. They thanked those in attendance for braving the cold to spread holiday cheer.

Christmas in the Valley has been a collaborative community-wide project between the City of Fort Valley, the Fort Valley Downtown Development, the Fort Valley Public Works Department, the Fort Valley Police Department, the Fort Valley Fire Department, the Magnolia Garden Club, S&K Events & More LLC, and more.

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Photo by Zoe Hammond

Fort Valley's oldest citizen Phredifa Boyer with Councilwoman Sandra Marshall getting ready to turn on the Christmas lights.

Fire Safety During The Winter Months

By Zoe Hammond
 News Editor

PEACH COUNTY, GA – The winter months have started and Peach County is already feeling the brunt of colder weather. Georgia may not be as prone to cold weather, but plenty of people travel during the winter months, and knowing how to deal with the cold is important.

The fire departments of Peach County, Byron, and Fort Valley have been sharing safety tips to keep warm and safe during these colder days. There are numerous ways to keep warm in winter ranging from fireplaces, space heaters, and more.

While not every home has one, many people have access to fireplaces. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, between 2017 and 2019 there were an estimated 34,200 heating fires in residential buildings with confined fires, specifically fires confined to chimneys or fuel burners, accounting for 77% of these residential building heating fires. The U.S. Fire Administration has some safety tips when it comes to chimneys. Before using your chimney, have it inspected and cleaned each year by a professional. When using the fireplace, keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, and keep anything that can burn at least 3 ft. from the fireplace. Do not burn paper in your fireplace and make sure to put the fire out completely before going to sleep or leaving your home.

For those without fireplaces, space heaters are a good alternative for keeping warm. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, space heaters are responsible for 32% of home heating fires, with most of these fires occurring in winter. When using a space heater, make sure the heater is on a flat, level surface and away from foot traffic. Plug space heaters directly into an outlet and avoid using extension cords. Don't use space heaters if the cord is frayed or damaged. Never leave space heaters unattended.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International has four home heating tips. First, keep anything that can burn at least 3 ft. away from a heating source. Second, have your heating system checked annually. Third, keep vents clear of dust and debris. Fourth, install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms to avoid CO poisoning.

The American Red Cross has seven ways to prepare your family for a home fire. First, install the right number of smoke alarms for your home and make sure to test them at least once a month. Remember to replace

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Photo by Zoe Hammond

Horse drawn buggy rides were trotting around town.

Waste Services Notification: City of Byron

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The City of Byron has changed our provider for our trash collection for 2025. Please read the following information to ensure a smooth transition from our current provider (Waste Management) to our new provider (GFL Environmental).

During the week of December

9th-14th all WM or ADS carts will be serviced and collected. Be sure to leave your carts on the curb after they are emptied, they will be picked up sometime that day. New GFL carts will be delivered during the same week. And you can begin using the GFL carts as soon as the WM carts have been removed.

WM will continue collection

until December 28th. At that point, GFL will begin pickup. Your pickup days will remain the same, so be sure to have your carts out before 6:00 a.m. on your current collection day.



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CHRISTMAS IN THE VALLEY

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Byron Christmas Parade... A Fairytale Christmas!



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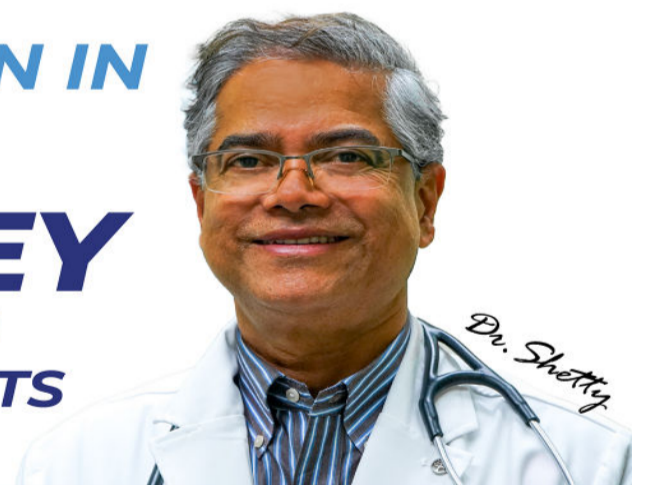
Join the City of Byron for the 2024 Christmas Parade... A Fairytale Christmas! Saturday, December 7th at 1:00 p.m.
Parade begins on Linda Dr. Route will include White Rd (from Linda Dr to 49); Hwy 42 to Moseley Rd; Moseley Rd to Main St; Main St back to Linda Dr.
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The Peach County Board of Commissioners office will be accepting Sealed Proposals for the next two weeks, pertaining to LANDSCAPING SERVICES.

Closing date for Sealed Proposal #25-001 shall be Friday, December 13, 2024 at 2:00pm.

Please mark all Sealed Proposal with: #25-001 Landscaping Services

Proposals will be opened on Friday, December 13, 2024 at 2:00 pm, in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030.

PEACH COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT NONE, ALL OR ANY PART OF YOUR BID AND WAIVES ALL INFORMALITIES.

Specification packet can be obtained by contacting Janet Smith at janet-smith@peachcounty.net or visiting our website at www.peachcounty.net.

Please mail Sealed Proposal to:
Peach County Commissioner's Office
Janet Smith
Attn: RFP: 25-001
213 Persons Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030

Come Enjoy Carols and Classics by Piano Students

Music enthusiasts are invited to a program of Carols and Classics presented by piano students from the studio of Nancy Dyes. The artist, Dr. Melanie Buckner, pianist and vocalist will also perform. The program will be held at the First Baptist Church, 209 S. Miller Street on December 6, at 7:00 p.m. The program is free.

NOTICE:

The City of Fort Valley is seeking individuals that would like to join the Planning & Zoning Board as well as the Board of Appeals. Applicants must be a resident of the City of Fort Valley to be eligible. Interested applicants needs to contact City of Fort Valley Planning & Zoning office with a letter of interest. Please come by City Hall, 204 W. Church Street, Fort Valley, GA.

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

Carter, Kei Shaun Monique, 31, Hawkinsville, GA: Probation Violation

Green, Michael A, 42, Warner Robins, GA: DUI - Alcohol Less Safe

Johnson, Aaron Anthony, 57, Leesburg, GA: Driving Across Private Property To Avoid An Intersection, DUI - Alcohol Less Safe

Martin, Jennifer Bonnie, 46, Warner Robins, GA: DUI - Alcohol Less Safe, Headlight Requirements

Smith, John Mark, 55, Jackson, GA: Parole Violation

Williams, James Dustin, 37, Byron, GA: Driving With Suspended License, Safety Belts Violation (Adults)

Yaughn, Ryan Michael, 17, Macon, GA: Driving With Suspended License

Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Gibson, Scottie Najay, 26, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Trespass, Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers, Terroristic Threats And Acts, Possession Of Marijuana

Stanford, Shavikia Lynette, 32, Fort Valley, GA: Possession Of A Schedule II Controlled Substance

Towns, Adam Jason, 30, Fort Valley, GA: Simple Battery - Family Violence, Cruelty To Children In The 3rd Degree 3rd Or

Subsequent Offense

Peach County Sheriff's Office

Arrests/Citations

Bass, Jarrett Thomas, 17, Byron, GA: Marijuana-Possess Less Than 1 Oz.

Bunkley, Travics Santia, 45, Butler, GA: Theft By Receiving Stolen Property- Felony, Receipt, Possession Or Transfer Of Firearm By Convicted Felon Or Felony First Offender

Dixon, Henry Clifford, 60, Byron, GA: Theft By Taking - Misdemeanor, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Criminal Trespass

Fonda, Connie Elizabeth, 39, Warner Robins, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Jackson, Terry Bernard, 34, Macon, GA: Driving While License Suspended

Keys, Jameson Tyler, 40, Byron, GA: Poss Control Substance Sched I I Methamphetamine

Taggart, Tallon Noah, 18, Warner Robins, GA: Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree

Warner Robins Police Department

Arrests

Harbarger, Jorge Angel, 20, Bluffton, SC: Forgery-4th Degree

Harrell, Robert, 21, Bonaire, GA: Simple Battery, Terroristic Threats And Acts

Fort Valley Police Department

BLUE SANTA

Accepting Donations & Nominations

Contributed by FVPD

The Fort Valley Police Department are taking nominations and donations for their Blue Santa event.

This event allows FVPD to provide a worthy Christmas for young kids between the age of 5yrs - 15yrs who are not able to have a Christmas.

Anyone needing assistance or any Family knowing a parent who is unable to provide a Christmas for their children can submit a nomination letter to FVPD.

Contact Detective Dunson t 478-825-3383 or visit FVPD with your Donation or Nomination Letter.



Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.net



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 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, DECEMBER 12, 2024 AT 5:15PM THOMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY, FORT VALLEY, GA

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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ADDICTION COUNSELING

Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for

free screenings or referrals. 800-431-1754 (TFN)

BYRON AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

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

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS MIDDLE GEORGIA CHAPTER

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

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

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

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

FIRE SAFETY

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the batteries at least once a year. Second, take the time to teach children what a smoke alarm sounds like and what to do when they hear it. Third, ensure that all household members know at least two ways to escape from every room of your home and know the

family meeting spot outside of your home. Fourth, establish a family emergency communications plan and ensure that all household members know who to contact if they cannot find one another. Fifth, practice escaping from your home at least twice a year. Press the smoke

alarm test button or yell "Fire" to alert everyone that they must get out. Sixth, make sure everyone knows how to call 9-1-1. Seventh, teach household members to STOP, DROP, and ROLL if their clothes catch on fire.

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Celebrating Holiday Traditions



ZOE HAMMOND

News Editor

Happy December! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and got to spend time with their loved ones. Now that it's time to start getting ready for the Christmas holidays. One thing I love about this time of year is hearing about the different traditions people have for celebrating the various end-of-the-year holidays.

I think it's interesting to see the different spins on classic holiday traditions. I also enjoy getting the opportunity to learn about other holidays that I am not familiar with such as Sinterklaas (Dec. 5 in the Netherlands and Belgium), Thorlaksmezza (Dec. 23 in Iceland), and Hanukkah, which is celebrated over eight days in December.

One holiday that my mother and I have taken part in is St. Lucia Day on December 13, which is primarily celebrated by the Scandinavian countries, mainly Sweden. My mother's best friend from childhood, Jenny, is half-Swedish, so this was something my mom occasionally got to take part in with her when they were younger. While we don't follow the holiday to a tee, we do take the time to make the s-shaped saffron buns almost every year.

One of my family traditions is that our Christmas tree goes up the day after Thanksgiving and stays until late January, after my mother's birthday. She loves decorating the tree and prides herself in her holiday cheer, so it became a tradition when she was young that the tree would stay up until her birthday.

This was a tradition I grew up

with and still practice, though now I keep it up until Feb. 2 to recognize my late great-grandmother's birthday. It helps me feel a little closer to her and the tree gives a cheerful and festive mood. I know some people keep their tree up for a bit, but usually, by mid-January most decide it's time to put the Christmas tree away.

One of the odder traditions I had when I was younger was when we left cookies for Santa, we would also leave boiled peanuts as well. My parents used to assure me that Santa loved stopping by for some peanuts, even though I was convinced that wasn't true as none of the movies with Santa ever featured boiled peanuts. Now, I know that it's because my mom and stepdad like boiled peanuts. But, it was a fun and silly tradition.

On my dad's side of the family, one of the traditions I have is finding a special ornament or Christmas decoration for my grandmother. She loves Christmas but isn't able to decorate as much as she used to. So, I find something for her that fits into her interests and won't be a hassle to set up.

A tradition that my husband and I partake in is his family's Christmas breakfast. In addition to the typical Christmas lunch or dinner, his family has a special breakfast that he enjoys making. It consists of sausage patties, fresh cinnamon apples, and a gingerbread cake. The cake is a family recipe that's absolutely delicious. It's something his grandmother started and he wants to continue.

Celebrating the holidays has always been something I enjoy and I hope to continue my family's traditions while starting to incorporate my own ideas in the upcoming years. Maybe I'll find something that I enjoy that I had never thought of before.

Flushing Gallstones and Healing Our Pancreas



WADE YODER
LT COLUMNIST

Our pancreas does a massive amount of work in helping our body break down and absorb nutrients from our diet, so if we don't give back, it can become overworked and potentially diseased. When we become fatigued or diseased our chances of diabetes can increase as well as our capability to digest our foods decrease. There are a few steps we can take if we feel our pancreas is in trouble.

1. Gallbladder flush: our gallbladder was given to us for a reason and my personal opinion is that we should try a flush before we let the medical field surgically remove it because of stones. Though this is not endorsed by the medical field, this is what I would do to get rid of stones: a very low-fat diet for 5 days (this will increase your gallbladder's sensitivity to fat) and should increase the concentration of bile in

the gallbladder, which may make the stones smaller during this 5-day period. Consume 2-3 apples a day, (the pectin in apples supposedly softens the stones). After the 5 days, (on the evening of the 5th day) skip dinner and around 6 pm mix 1 teaspoon of Epsom salt (magnesium sulfate) in a glass of warm water and then again at 8 pm. These 2 rounds of Epsom salt will help dilate and relax the gallbladder ducts. At 10 pm mix a 1/2 glass of olive oil with a 1/2 glass of lemon juice. Since your diet has been so restricted from fat, the gallbladder should be very sensitive to all the olive oil and should put out a lot of bile. Because the Epsom salt has dilated and relaxed the gallbladder ducts, the stones should be able to drop out rather easily.

2. Gallstone prevention: clearing our gallbladder from stones helps ensure the shared duct (our pancreas uses to drip enzymes into our digestive tract as our food passes through) stays clear. Consuming lots of water, and a fiber-rich diet with plenty of green leafy vegetables, legumes (kidney beans, black beans, soybeans), Atlantic cod, salmon, eggs, milk, peanuts, and other foods high in lecithin may keep gallstones from forming, by keeping them in a dissolved state. Eat vitamin C-rich foods, (you can also add a vitamin C supplement to your diet).

The above-listed foods can assist in turning the cholesterol into bile acid and if we can have a stronger bile acid mixture in our gallbladder (bile storage tank) we can possibly avoid this excess cholesterol from forming lumps (gallstones). It makes sense that if this bile becomes strong enough in our gallbladder it should dissolve stones as well. The addition of wheat bran, wheat germ, spinach, and beets is a great food source for Betaine, which helps with bile flow.

3. Foods and herbs that heal the pancreas system:

Mushrooms are shown to help block the MMP gene that has been linked to the development of pancreatic cancer.

Cherries are a rich source of antioxidants and perillyl alcohol, a compound proven to help prevent pancreatic cancer.

Garlic, onions, chives, fenugreek, shallots, and leeks contain sulfur, arginine, selenium, oligosaccharides, and flavonoids that have been shown to prevent pancreatic cancer.

Turmeric is shown to be effective against many cancers, including pancreatic cancer.

Yogurt and other probiotic-rich foods help aid the digestive system and should provide some relief to the pancreas. Do not use yogurt that tastes like sweetened pudding, (use the unsweetened kind). The medi-

cal experts at the German Institute of Human Nutrition Potsdam-Rehbruecke recommend the best way to protect your pancreas and lower the risk of pancreatic cancer is to consume a diet high in spinach or more specifically leafy green veggies such as kale, spinach, mustard greens, and Swiss chard with elevated levels of B vitamins and iron.

If you've had your gallbladder removed, I would highly recommend regularly eating foods rich in choline (such as salmon, eggs, dark chocolate, and beef liver) as well as Betaine rich foods (such as wheat germ, wheat bran, beets, and spinach). Betaine helps with the natural breakdown of fat; choline helps with the absorption of fat and cholesterol. Keep a bile salt supplement for times you slip up and consume a meal with too much fat or greasy food.

Our pancreas and gallbladder help with digestion and the breaking down of food particles into nutrients that our body can absorb. The health of especially the pancreas is vital for the overall health of the body and is a big factor in helping us to sidestep diabetes, after all the pancreas is our body's natural insulin pump!

Next week's article will be on what we can do to prevent diabetes, and no longer live diabetic.

In Memories Of Pearl



DANIEL GATLYN
MINISTER/COLUMNIST

December 7, 1941, will forever go down as a day of infamy as Japan made a daring raid (with surprise) on the U.S. Military Installation of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii! Scores of aircraft from the hidden fleet of Nippon's Carriers miles at sea, attacked on that Sunday morning, in a

ruthless destruction of ships and hundreds of lives. The Memorial of the Battleship Arizona is a glaring reminder of the hideous antics of war with the grim message of danger to all parties. The aftermath of this epic attack has been related a million times over, along with the untold implications of accelerated warfare. America has long since extended stories of retaliation, of heroism, of injury, and death attached to this incident and many more of similar assaults.

Although I was only eleven years old when the attack occurred, and too young to join the fray, I remember vividly where I was in those sad hours with the first thoughts being that we were all going to die!

Before the end in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, many did pay an extreme price and many died. Before the end of this global conflict, approximately one hundred million souls (of military and civilian status) would be a casualty! Scars and blemishes of such skirmishes remain on the planet after almost a hundred years. Tolls of war experience are still a sore spot of humanity. Freedom is perpetually a premium, yet justification for war does not surface easily. Battles are mounted for a variety of reasons, many of which are applied to selfish aspirations.

In years subsequent to the attack on Pearl, I would pass through the area innumerable

times. The scars of battle (as in all wars) remain apparent upon properties and personnel. Generations have passed from the scene, but memories of the past century linger on. The crucible of time refuses the relinquishment of a horrid recall of senseless crusades. The relentless characterization of the futility of armed conflict forever accentuates the deficits among the world's populace. Spaces without war (or the horizons of such) have been few, as the certainty of another appears just ahead. As the errors of Pearl are once more brought to the surface; may the challenge of this season's climate bring peace to a troubled world!

View Christmas From An Adult Perspective And Fear Not

Charlie Harper
Guest Columnist

Usually when I get around to writing a column about the Christmas season it's late in the game. Too often there's a lament that in the rush of everyday life the season had mostly passed me – and maybe us – by.

This year the Thanksgiving leftovers may still be lingering, but we're also late in the calendar. We have one less week this year in the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas to prepare ourselves. Let's not waste a day of it.

Too many of us view Christmas as a time for kids. That's not to say many cherished memories aren't made and family traditions cemented in this holiday season. There is magic in a child's wonderment. There is joy in giving the gifts that excite those who have dutifully complied with Santa's behavioral requirements. Or, at least, mostly complied. Somewhat.

While there is a baby in a manger at the center of the Christmas story, the message is squarely one aimed at adults. While those of us in the Christian faith ensure the kids are part of and learn the Christmas story via pageants and live nativity scenes, there is depth to

the message beyond what they can yet comprehend.

Too many of us miss the season in our rush. Those of us too busy, too worried about our daily responsibilities, and too concerned about the state of the world at home and abroad need to pause and reflect on the story and the inherent message squarely meant for us.

A young engaged couple had to travel under the decree of a sinister leader in order to be counted and taxed. They were not yet married but were expecting a child – making them social outcasts in their day and time. They couldn't get suitable travel accommodations and ended up bunking with livestock, where a child was born surrounded by the noises and smells of animals.

Despite the situation putting them at the lowest of low rungs on society's strata of importance, the same king who they put themselves at great inconvenience to obey and pay taxes to decided their child needed to be killed. He didn't yet know exactly which child it was, so he ordered all newborn males of their town killed.

This was the power of the state at the time. Orders of a ruler weren't questioned. There was no organized resistance. You

either complied or were severely punished, up to and including death.

At the origin of this story are separate but similar messages to both surprised and frightened parents: Do not be afraid.

A carpenter and a young virgin girl were told they were to bear a son that would change the world as we know it. Over 2,000 years later we're still on this earth celebrating it. But to get here now, they first then had to face a world that wouldn't understand how a couple who appeared to have brought shame on themselves and their families were given a gift that was to be shared with all of humanity.

There would be no Christmas story if either Mary or Joseph had capitulated to very real fear of very real consequences. Instead they chose to fear not, or be not afraid.

In our Christmas carols we sing of peace on earth and goodwill toward men. In our modern world we have wars ongoing in Europe and the Middle East. We have a country that remains quite divided over domestic political lines. Internationally we still have despots who think nothing of aggression toward other countries and even their own people.

While statistics show our economy to be strong, too many find it difficult to afford their rent or their groceries. Technological changes are increasing at an increasing rate, putting many entire professions at risk for obsolescence. We constantly battle screens for the attention of those around us.

There's a lot to be fearful of, whether we have social standing, or are a young person or couple just starting out as an adult in this world. So much seems to be at risk.

And yet, the Christmas story begins with a simple message. Fear Not.

If we can look beyond the immediate fears of the challenges we have before us, there are much greater gifts in store as the fear is conquered. We are not condemned to the limitations of our present; Our present is the future where peace triumphs over fear.

Take a moment early in this season to re-read the Christmas story. Make sure you pay close attention to the beginning. "Be Not Afraid" must be understood and accepted before skipping ahead to peace on earth and silent nights. May you and yours have a joyous Christmas and holiday season this year.

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Mystery of the Spark of Life



BILLY POWELL
Parables to Ponder
COLUMNIST

The Spark of Life is the human heartbeat. At the beginning of creation, Genesis 2: 7 states that "God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living being." Medical science tells us that a healthy human heart beats 60 to 100 times a minute. A well-conditioned or athletic heart may beat less than 60 times a minute.

The human heartbeat would be impossible were it not for the electrical impulse that travels down the heart, producing a beating heart. At the upper right part of the heart (nearest right arm) is the 'Sinus Node' which produces an electric current. The electricity produced in the 'Sinus Node' travels down the heart, first to the 'Atrioventricular Node' outside the atrial wall and onward to the 'Bun-

dle of His' near the bottom of heart. This causes the atrial and ventricular walls to contract and dilate--pushing blood through the heart and into the body. Only God knows how the chemical reaction is generated within the Sinus Node that produces the electrical spark of life.

The human heart comprises four chambers: two upper atria (right and left) and two lower ventricles (right and left). Oxygen-deprived blood from the veins enters the right atria and, by its contraction and dilation, pumps blood into the right ventricle, which sends it to the lungs to pick up oxygen. The oxygen-rich blood returns from the lungs, enters the left atria, where it is pumped to the left ventricle and out into the body. A heart beating 70 to 75 times a minute will cycle through the above machinations about 100,000 times every day. Only the Supreme Designer could have created the human heart.

The heart can become sick like any other organ--its coronary arteries becoming clogged and its electrical rhythm altered. A clogged artery is caused by heredity, eating foods containing highly saturated fat, lack of exercise, and obesity, or stress that causes microscopic tears in the arterial lining, increasing susceptibility of plaque formation. Clogged arteries require

the skills of an Interventional Cardiologist who performs angioplasty by inserting expandable 'intra-artery' stents to reduce the blockage and restore blood flow. The most severe cases require a Heart Surgeon who performs coronary bypass surgery by suturing vein graphs around arterial occlusions. Erratic heartbeat such as atrial fibrillation and other abnormal heart rhythms require the services of a Cardio-Electrophysiologist who can restore normal heartbeat through cardioversion, ablation, medication, or implantation of a defibrillator or pace-maker to normalize heartrate.

Medical science cannot produce the electric spark that generates within the Sinus Node and sustains the heartbeat of 8-billion people on earth every second of every day. Only the Supreme Provider can create the ionization of chemicals at the cellular level to produce the electric spark that causes the human heart to beat--the same One who has kept the heavenly bodies in perfect clockwork precision from the beginning of time. He also is the Caretaker of the afterlife. It was His only begotten Son who paid the price for our sins so that we may receive eternal life. According to Christian doctrine, faith in Christ is essential to salvation.

Composting Leaves



JEFF COOK
EXTENSION AGENT

The leaves on the trees have been somewhat colorful this year, if you like the color brown. The dry weather in October definitely hurt the normally vibrant colors of fall, but there is one guarantee. We are guaranteed to see plenty of these colorful leaves on the ground fairly soon.

Everyone talks about beautiful fall color and all I think about, is having to clean up my yard. It cuts into deer hunting time. My advice is to wait until they have all fallen so you only have to rake once. Once all leaves have fallen there are numerous ways you can get rid of them. If you have a mulching mower, you can mulch them. I don't have a mulching blade but I do run over them with the lawnmower. Many of you will just burn them, but you could turn them in to compost.

Composting is the most practical and convenient way to handle fallen leaves and other yard waste. Compost also improves your soil and can benefit the plants growing in it. Composting is more than throwing a bunch of leaves in your garden and tilling them in. Although in time uncomposted materials will eventually decompose, adding this material directly to the soil without first composting

may have some negative effects. For example, if large quantities of uncomposted leaves are incorporated into the soil, microbes will compete with plant roots for soil nitrogen during leaf decomposition. This competition for nitrogen can result in nitrogen deficiency and poor plant growth.

Composting breaks down organic materials into an end product that increases the availability of essential minerals, and reduces the competition for nitrogen. The addition of composted materials also improves soil physical properties, such as texture, drainage and water holding capacity (which we desperately need right now).

So, what's the secret to great composting? Magic beans, catching a leprechaun, a visit from the magic fairy? No. Actually there is no magic to great composting only a little bit of planning and knowledge. Decomposition of organic material in the compost pile depends on maintaining microbial activity. Any factor which slows or halts microbial growth also impedes the composting process. Efficient decomposition occurs if aeration, moisture, particle size, and nutrient levels (nitrogen) are maintained for optimum microbial activity.

Aeration - oxygen is required for microbes to decompose organic wastes efficiently. Mixing the pile once or twice a month provides the necessary oxygen and significantly speeds up the composting process. A pile that is not mixed may take three to four times longer to decompose.

Moisture - adequate moisture is also essential for microbial activity. Dry compost will not decompose efficiently. Proper moisture encourages the growth

of microorganisms that break down organic matter. If rainfall is limited, water the pile periodically to maintain a steady decomposition rate, add enough water so the pile is damp but not soggy. Avoid over watering. Excess water can actually slow down the decomposition process.

To save space, hasten decomposition, and keep the yard looking neat, contain the compost pile in some sort of structure. Structures can consist of a variety of materials and can be as simple or complex as desired. To prevent odors and hasten decomposition, turn the pile once a month. Turning also exposes seeds, and disease causing organisms to lethal temperatures inside the pile. A properly mixed compost pile should have no objectionable odors because elevated temperatures within the pile will destroy odor causing bacteria. When the compost is finished, the pile will be about half its original size and have an earthy smell to it. Compost is a wonderful soil amendment, improving physical, chemical, and biological properties of the soil. Over time, addition of compost creates a desirable soil structure, making the soil much easier to work.

So, get outdoors this fall and enjoy the beautiful colors of the landscape, and don't view fallen leaves as a nasty chore, but rather a first step to improving your soil.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local County Agent. Contact me if you have questions and are in Taylor or Peach County 478-862-5496, 478-825-6466, mackiv@uga.edu



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MISSION PROGRAM

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CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

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Bianca Ballard (478)825-8452.

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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!

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State-run hurricane damage relief program taking applications

By Dave Williams
Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - The Georgia Department of Agriculture has launched a low-interest emergency loan program to help farmers who suffered losses from Hurricane Helene.

The application period for the SAFETY 24 Hurricane Helene Relief Loan Program, a partnership of the agriculture agency and the Georgia Development Authority, opened on Friday on a first come, first served basis.

Farmers who suffered losses from the storm and live in a federally designated disaster area or adjacent county are eligible to seek up to \$500,000 at a 2% fixed-interest rate. That includes counties across South

Georgia and the eastern half of the state.

The money can be used for income replacement, operating capital, repairing or replacing damaged farm structures or farm equipment, and the purchase of machinery necessary to recover from hurricane damage.

"Help is on the way for Georgia farmers affected by Hurricane Helene," state Commissioner of Agriculture Tyler Harper said. "The SAFETY 24 program is meant to provide Georgia farm families with the capital they need to keep operating while we continue pushing Congress to deliver additional federal relief, and I strongly encourage all impacted farmers to apply so we can be-

gin to build back."

An update the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences released on Friday reported a preliminary damage assessment of at least \$5.5 billion in agricultural and timber losses from Helene, down from an earlier assessment of \$6.46 billion.

The losses include an estimated \$2.65 billion in damage to timber, \$683 million to poultry, \$577 million to nursery crops, \$560 million to cotton, \$291 million to pecans, and \$275 million to beef cattle.

The application form and additional details about the program can be found online. Applications can be submitted online via email or by regular mail.

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Peach Prowl Winner



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The winner for the Byron's 150th Anniversary - Peach Prowl was Ella Davis. The hunt was a hit, and the winner picked up her Peach Perfect gift basket filled with goodies from local shops and businesses.

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And a special thanks to everyone that participated with the first ever #byronpeachprowl! Congrats again, Ella Davis!

Republican governors urge Congress to pass Farm Bill

By Dave Williams
Bureau Chief

ATLANTA - A group of 17 Republican governors has sent a joint letter to Congress urging passage of an updated Farm Bill.

The most recent Farm Bill, which federal lawmakers approved early in President-elect Donald Trump's first term in the White House, expired in September. Different versions of a reauthorization bill are pending in the U.S. House and Senate, while Republicans and Democrats are divided over funding for food stamps.

The letter, dated Monday, cites "high inflation, high input costs, high interest rates, catastrophic weather events, natural disasters, regulatory uncertainty, and a growing agricultural trade deficit" as

lending a sense of urgency to the need for congressional action.

"Our nation's agriculture industry is in trouble, and if meaningful support is not provided soon, the well-being of the nation is at risk," the governors wrote. "Reauthorization of a Farm Bill and immediate assistance in the interim will allow farmers and ranchers to do what they do best - provide for America and feed the world."

Georgia Republican Gov. Brian Kemp joined the GOP governors of Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, and West Virginia in signing the letter.

Georgia's State Flower Should Be From Georgia

The Georgia Native Plant Society Calls On Legislature To Designate The Native Sweetbay Magnolia As State Flower

Contributed by Georgia Native Plant Society

(Atlanta, GA) November 20, 2024 - The Georgia Native Plant Society (GNPS) is actively supporting an effort in next year's General Assembly to change Georgia's state flower to the native Sweetbay Magnolia from the non-native invasive Cherokee Rose. GNPS encourages all citizens to contact their state legislators and encourage them to support this change.

The Sweetbay Magnolia is a small, evergreen understory tree with a wonderfully fragrant

and beautiful white flower. It is native to Georgia and can be found growing wild in much of the state. The legislature must act to change the state flower designation. The current state flower is the Cherokee Rose—which was introduced from China in the early 1800's and has since been designated as an invasive pest by the Georgia Invasive Species Council.

Representative Deborah Silcox (R-Sandy Springs) and Senator Rick Williams (R-Milledgeville) plan to introduce the required legislation in each legislative chamber next year. Rep. Silcox,

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Lawmakers recommend 'multi-faceted approach' to preserving Georgia farmland

By Dave Williams
Bureau Chief

ATLANTA - Tax breaks for farmers, higher weight limits for trucks, and reforming Georgia's Gratuities Clause prohibiting gifts to individuals or businesses top a list of proposals a legislative study committee issued during Thanksgiving week.

The state Senate Study Committee on the Preservation of Georgia's Farmlands unanimously approved 11 recommendations Nov. 25 aimed at slowing the conversion of prime farmland across the state to development.

"It's not a simple solution," Will Bentley, president of the Georgia Agribusiness Council, said after the study committee adopted its report. "It's going to take a multi-faceted approach."

Georgia has lost about 2.6 million acres of farmland during the last 50 years to residential and commercial development.

Along with losing farmland, the state also is losing farmers to retirement without a ready supply of replacements. There are more farmers in Georgia over the age of 65 than under.

Higher costs for farm inputs including seed and equipment coupled with foreign competition driving down crop prices are discouraging young Georgians from taking up farming.

"We've got to figure out a way to get young people back into farming," said Sen. Brandon Beach, R-Alpharetta, a member of the study committee. "It's almost impossible for a young person to break into the busi-

ness."

The General Assembly has taken several steps in recent years aimed at addressing the issue. Lawmakers passed the Freedom to Farm Act in 2022, making it harder to file nuisance lawsuits against farmers.

Last year, the legislature passed a bill raising the legal weight limits on commercial trucks hauling certain types of cargo in certain parts of Georgia as well as a second measure - the Georgia Farmland Conservation Act - establishing a \$2 million state fund to pay farmers willing to guarantee preserving their properties as farmland.

This year, the General Assembly enacted legislation prohibiting foreign adversaries from buying farmland in Georgia.

The study committee's 21-page report includes several recommendations aimed at easing the tax burden for farmers. Broadly, it calls for the legislature to continue providing the state income tax breaks Gov. Brian Kemp and lawmakers have been offering to all Georgia taxpayers, and for increasing the \$2 million Georgia Farmland Conservation Fund.

Specifically, the report supports expanding the state's Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) program, which allows farmers who pledge not to develop their land to receive property tax assessments based on the land's productivity value instead of its fair market value.

The study committee is recommending doubling the maximum acreage individual farmers

may set aside for conservation from 2,000 to 4,000 acres.

The panel also suggested extending tax relief to farmers and timberland owners who suffered losses from Hurricane Helene by expanding state tax credits to recipients of state and federal disaster relief aid.

The 2023 truck weights measure raised the weight limit for commercial trucks from 80,000 pounds to 88,000 pounds but limited the higher weights to trucks hauling agricultural products - including livestock - and logs. The committee is calling for increasing the weight limit again and allowing that higher weight limit to apply to trucks hauling a wider variety of products.

The report also supports removing the sunset provision in the law, which calls for the measure to expire next July 1.

The study committee also is recommending amending Georgia's Gratuities Clause, which supporters say discourages corruption in state government. Any individual Georgian or Georgia business that receives a gift from the state - such as a tax break - must demonstrate a benefit to the state in return.

Bentley said a case can be made that farmers generate a benefit for the state from tax breaks that allow them to stay in business.

"Producing food and fiber for the world is of the utmost public good," he said.

But Bentley said his group is not calling for the Gratuities Clause to be eliminated because it has served the state well.

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a native plant enthusiast, and Sen. Williams both recognize the symbolic importance of having the state flower actually be from Georgia. Silcox says her reasoning for supporting the change is simple: "The Cherokee Rose was adopted as the state flower in 1916 under the incorrect assumption that it was native to the state and also a legacy of the Cherokee people—it is neither. Georgia is one of the most bio-diverse regions in the world with so many beautiful native flowers. We deserve a state flower from Georgia!"

Invasive species, like the Cherokee Rose, create costly control problems for Georgia farmers and homeowners alike. "Native plants are the keystone for our

ecosystem. Loss of native plant habitat is perhaps the biggest cause of species decline today" according to Ellen Honeycutt, board chair of the Georgia Native Plant Society. "Without the native host plants, we don't have the insects like caterpillars and butterflies that support the birds and all the other animals that are vital to sustaining a balanced ecosystem." The Sweetbay Magnolia is the host plant for our state butterfly, the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, and its flower supports many other pollinators.

While the Cherokee Rose is not sold or encouraged as a landscaping plant because of its invasive tendencies, the Sweetbay Magnolia is widely available

and can be planted in all regions of the state. "It would be great to have a state flower that Georgians can buy from local nurseries and feel good about planting on their property" stated Stuart Cofer, owner of Cofer's Home & Garden Showplace in Athens.

The Cherokee and other native Americans relied on Georgia's native plants to survive just as the early European colonists did. The myth that the Cherokee Rose was special to the Cherokee people was popularized many years after the tribe was forced to leave the state during the infamous Trail of Tears and has no basis in fact. The Georgia Cherokee Community Alliance not only supports removing the Cherokee Rose as the state flower

"We were more in the camp of looking at adjustments that can be made ... a very narrow exception to a rule to keep farms operational," he said.

The committee also is recommending an inventory of the growing acreage solar farms are taking up across Georgia.

While the acreage solar farms are eating up has become a concern, the main culprit behind the loss of farmland in Georgia is unplanned growth. The committee is suggesting that cities, counties, school systems, and local development authorities look to incentivize development along existing infrastructure patterns and look to redevelop existing properties rather than letting development sprawl across undeveloped land that could be saved for farming.

"We can't just conserve ourselves out of this threat," said Katherine Moore, president of the nonprofit Georgia Conservancy. "We need to be very intentional in how our communities grow."

The study committee's report now moves to the full Senate for consideration during the legislative session starting in January.

Sen. Billy Hickman, R-Statesboro, the committee's chairman, said several farmland preservation bills could emerge as lawmakers look to bolster an ag industry that generates one of every seven jobs in Georgia and produces an annual economic impact of \$83.6 billion.

"Agriculture is the No.-1 business in Georgia," Hickman said. "We've got to protect it."

er but also encourages a native plant that was known by their people for the thousands of years that they lived in Georgia be designated as such.

The Georgia Native Plant Society is encouraging all Georgians to reach out to their local legislators and urge them to support a state flower from Georgia. Additional organizations are also supporting the change including Birds Georgia, the Georgia Cherokee Community Alliance, the Georgia Invasive Species Council, and the University of Georgia's Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health. For more information, visit the Georgia Native Plant Society's website at gnps.org/advocacy.

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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 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
ASHANTI JOHNSON
Petitioner

vs. Civil Action No. 24-V-0078
A TRACT OF LAND KNOWN AS
109 SAMUEL JONES STREET,
PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, TPID:
F05E130; THE CITY OF FORT VALLEY
AND EDDIE B. RICE
Respondents.

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO RESPONDENTS: Any administrator, executor, heir, assignee or beneficiary of the Estate of Jerome Felton, any administrator, executor, heir, assignee or beneficiary of the Estate of Peter Williams, JD Marshall, and any administrator, executor, heir, assignee or beneficiary of the Estate of Eddie B. Rice whose addresses are unknown and may reside outside of this state and are entitled to notice of the above cause and any unknown or known parties claiming any interest in the land known as 109 Samuel Jones Street, Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia; TPID F05E130.

By Order for Service of Publication dated November 6, 2024, you are hereby notified that the above referenced Petition to Quiet Title Against All the World and any known or unknown parties claiming any interest in the Land known as 109 Samuel Jones Street, Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia; TPID F05E130, was filed on March 4, 2024, in Peach County Superior Court.

Any party claiming an interest in the below described property shall appear at the Peach County Superior Court within 30 days from the date of the order for service by publication.

Any adverse party shall be entitled to have at least thirty (30) days after completion of service to file any pleadings he desires in the matter before the Court.
All persons owning or claiming any right, title, interest claim or demand in and to the above-described parcel of land should appear before the Special Master appointed by Judge Kenneth R. Smith, Peach County Superior Court, 205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030 to make known their rights, title, claim and any other matters material to their respective rights.

Order Signed By: Kenneth R. Smith
Peach County Superior Court
Attorney for Petitioner: William R. Jerles, Jr.
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
912 Main St., Perry, Georgia 31069
(478)987-2622
11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 2024
3223

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **Hall Distributing Inc.**, have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 59 Lake Vis, Fort Valley, GA 31030, and its initial registered agent at such address is Joseph Hall.
12/04, 12/11, 2024
3230 (578431628)

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

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; THENCE EXTEND SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 1 SECOND WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 200 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
3213

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of **TONIE LEE GARMON, deceased**, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are

required to make immediate payment.

This 20th day of November, 2024.
Ms. Christina Gabriel
767 Teresa Avenue, Apt. 108
Ashburn, GA 31714
BRADLEY G. PYLES
Attorney for Administrator
Post Office Box 1797
Macon, GA 31202-1797
(478)745-1651
11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 2024
3228

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Kaitlyn M. Hermans, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-7026

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: Any and all Interested Parties.

David P. Massey has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Kaitlyn M. Hermans, 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 January 13, 2025.

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
12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 2024
3232

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF PEACH

All creditors of the estate of **WILLIAM HORACE INGRAM, JR., deceased, late of Peach County, Georgia**, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

PATRICIA INGRAM ROBERTS,
Executor of the Estate of WILLIAM HORACE INGRAM, JR.

109 Longmoor Road, Long Eaton
Nottingham, NG10 4EG
United Kingdom
Jordan L. Reab
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
PO Box 1770
Perry, GA 31069
478-987-1415
11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 2024
3229

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
3214

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

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 Pincrest Drive
Byron, Georgia 31008
11/13, 11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 2024
3212

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice **Byron Self Storage located 107 W White Rd/107 W.E. Green Jr Pkwy/500 GA-49 Byron GA 31008** intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following unit stored at the Facility. The public sale to the highest bidder will occur as an Online Auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 12/17/2024 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Kiara Turner unit #180; Sean Batson unit #201; Randy Griffin unit #203; Traci Tafel unit #209; Joseph Perkins unit #287; Tiffany Brown unit #E229. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.
11/27, 12/4, 2024
3225 (L2L 54488)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA
ASHANTI JOHNSON
Petitioner

vs. Civil Action No. 24-V-0077

A TRACT OF LAND KNOWN AS

SAMUEL JONES STREET (Vacant Lot), PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

TPID: F05E129; THE CITY OF FORT VALLEY AND EDDIE B. RICE

Respondents.

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO RESPONDENTS: Any administrator, executor, heir, assignee or beneficiary of the Estate of Peter Williams, JD Marshall; any administrator, executor, heir, assignee or beneficiary of the Estate of Eddie B. Rice; Clyde Kincaid and Fatino Kincaid whose addresses are unknown and may reside outside of this state and are entitled to notice of the above cause and any unknown or known parties claiming any interest in the land known as Samuel Jones Street (Vacant Lot), Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia; TPID F05E129.
By Order for Service of Publication dated November 6, 2024, you are hereby notified that the above referenced Petition to Quiet Title Against All the World and any known or unknown parties claiming any interest in the Land known as Samuel Jones Street (Vacant Lot), Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia; TPID F05E129 was filed on March 4, 2024, in Peach County Superior Court.

Any party claiming an interest in the below described property shall appear at the Peach County Superior Court within 30 days from the date of the order for service by publication.

Any adverse party shall be entitled to have at least thirty (30) days after completion of service to file any pleadings he desires in the matter before the Court.
All persons owning or claiming any right, title, interest claim or demand in and to the above-described parcel of land should appear before the Special Master appointed by Judge Kenneth R. Smith, Peach County Superior Court, 205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030 to make known their rights, title, claim and any other matters material to their respective rights.

Order Signed By: Kenneth R. Smith
Peach County Superior Court
Attorney for Petitioner: William R. Jerles, Jr.
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
912 Main St., Perry, Georgia 31069
(478)987-2622
11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 2024
3224

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 and made for all purposes.
Order Signed By: Kenneth R. Smith
Peach County Superior Court
Attorney for Petitioner: William R. Jerles, Jr.
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
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11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 2024
3224

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 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 SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice **FreeUp Storage - Fort Valley located at 1091 Peach Parkway, Fort Valley, GA 31030** intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The public sale to the highest bidder will occur at an on-line auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 12/18/2024 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Jordan Oneal unit #124A; Calandra Permenter unit #230C; Taira Danely unit #309D; George Tucker unit #310D; Daniel Vazquez unit #356D; Fredricka D Atkins unit #413E; Janet Carson unit #420E; Aisha Williams unit #450E. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.
11/27, 12/4, 2024
3226 (L2L 54566)

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
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10/30/2024, 11/06/2024, 11/13/2024, 11/20/2024, 11/27/2024, 12/04/2024, 12/11/2024, 12/18/2024, 12/25/2024, 01/01/2025
3200 (BCNS 240560)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF DIANE E. COLES, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-7027

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: JEFF COLES, SUSAN MORRIS, AUDREY EDWARDS AND Any and all Interested Parties.

HILLARY B. CRANFORD has petitioned for HILLARY B. CRANFORD to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of 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 January 13, 2025.
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,
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12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 2024
3233

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

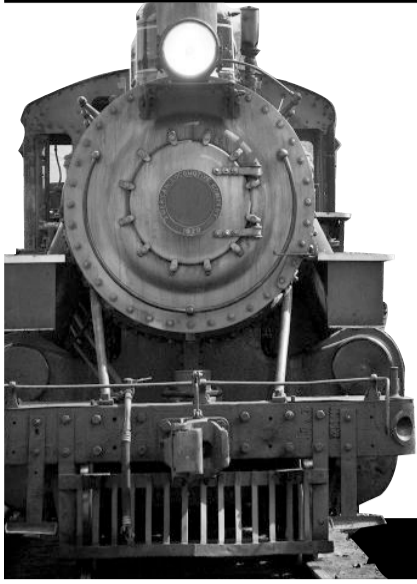
IN RE: ESTATE OF DIANE E. COLES, DECEASED

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:

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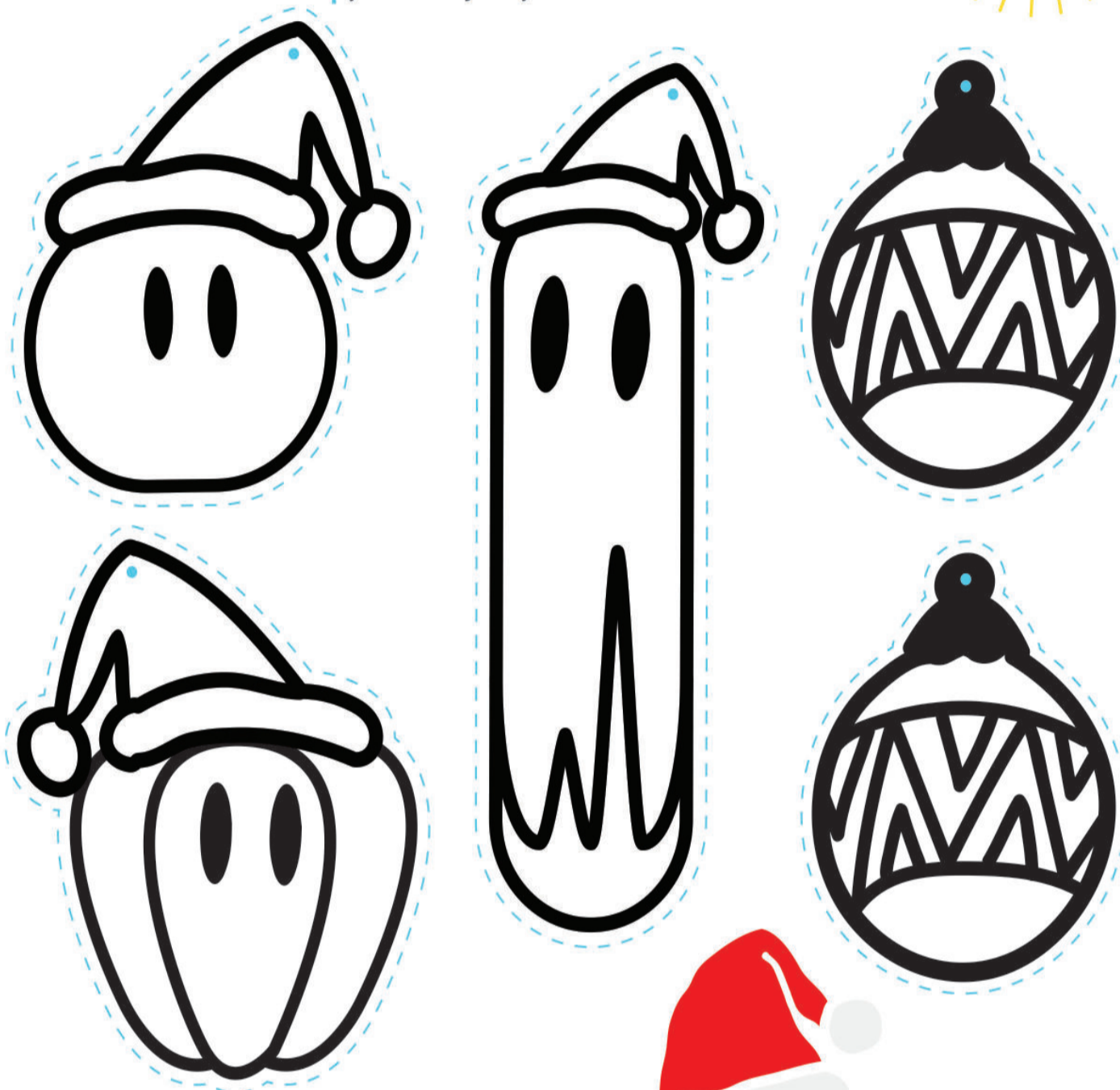


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- DIRECTIVE
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- HOME HEALTH AIDE
- INDEPENDENCE
- LIGHTING
- MEALS
- MEMORY
- MOBILITY
- MONITORED
- NONSKID
- REHABILITATION
- SAFETY
- SKILLED
- SLIP



FROM 4-7 TO 11-2: A SUCCESS STORY



#10 Zion Hudson and #5 Carson Freeman with a big stop on the goal line for a 4th down



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The Trojans' offense is advancing down the field for a Trojan first down.

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who will also coach the Lady Trojans basketball team this year, said.

Hudson said the young men on the team built off of that first-round quadruple overtime loss in the first round of the playoffs last year and have helped build something special.

"The kids and staff became closer and understood our goal and assignment for this season," he said. The kids and the coaches were on the same page from the offseason till the last game."

In that last game, the fourth quarter was the difference. All season long the Trojans used the last quarter of their games to dominate their competition. During the loss to Calhoun, the fourth quarter decided what team got to play for a spot in

the AAA semifinals. Calhoun outscored Peach County 10-0 during the later stages of the biggest game of the 2024 season.

The Trojans will return a number of key starters from this year's team, including running backs Zion Hudson and Ashton Barton, safety Bryson Hughley, sophomore linebacker Ace Blunt, and others. It is the seniors that will be missed though. Quarterback DJ Hudson set school records during his senior season, while players like Justin Willock, Jalen Hillman, Ashon Munford, Jaden Owens, and offensive lineman Greg Johnson made major impacts this season.

The Peach County Trojans have nothing to hang their heads over. The 2024 season was just the start of something special, according to Hudson.

"We have to start from there and build for next year out of what we did not finish this year," Hudson said.



By Donnell Suggs
Sports Reporter

The football season is over for the Peach County Trojans following a 38-28 loss to the Calhoun Yellow Jackets in the Georgia High School Association quarterfinals on Friday night. The 38 points were the most points allowed by the Trojans defense during the playoffs, and the second most points allowed this season.

Though the loss came a day after the Thanksgiving holiday there is plenty for Trojans players, coaches, students, families, and supporters to be thankful for. At this time a year ago, the Peach County High School foot-

ball program suffered a first-round playoff loss which ended a 4-7 season. Fast forward to a year later and the Trojans finished the 2024 season with an impressive 11-2 overall record and plenty of in-season accomplishments to hang their hats on, including a region championship.

"To go from 4-7 to 11-2, being region champs, and being ranked #1 in the state was huge for our program," said Trojans defensive backs coach Don Hudson, who added that it was still short of the overall goal for the program which was a state title.

"The kids bought in, and we overcame the odds," Hudson,

on a roll, scoring at least five touchdowns a game until last Friday. The hurry up offense kept opposing defenses on their heels. Senior quarterback D.J. Hudson and his brother wideout Zion formed a dynamic duo, and D.J. proved himself capable of taking it to the house himself if the opportunity presented itself. Ashton Barton led the running game. The passing and running games both relied on a rock-solid offensive line. The Trojans led AAA in scoring for most of the season.

The Trojan defense was solid most of the time, although they gave up points a few times. The offense kept comfortable leads most of the time. Only in the game against Cairo did the Trojans face a moment when they needed to rally from a 17-13 deficit, scoring five unanswered TDs to pull away.

Games against Calhoun are always charged.

The Trojans and Yellow Jackets went back and forth. It was 28-28, but the margin for error in the playoffs is slim. Calhoun scored the next TD, and a fumble cut short the PC response.

But the Trojans won their 20th region title, scored 568 points (their fifth highest season total) and reached the quarterfinals for the 18th time. Winning state titles is hard, but we have everything in place: the talent, a Head Coach who's won titles before, and a culture of pride and winning. We've made the playoffs 34 years in a row. It's coming.

A shoutout to "The Marvelous One," Marvin James II, with whom I rubbed elbows on many a sideline over the years as he covered high school sports for WMAZ with his signature with his signature gift for turns of phrase. My favorite: "Who's this? It's Jake from State Fromm." Marvin is moving in to take the position

of Director of Media Relations for the Georgia High School Assoc. Good luck, Marv. It was a blast working alongside you.

And let's give shoutouts to the Lady Trojans softball team (aka "The Girls of Autumn") who won their first ever region title this year, and to the Lady Trojans flag football team, who won their first area championship. And a shoutout to all the parents and families, youth coaches, volunteers, boosters and other mostly unpaid contributors to youth sports, who get up early, stay late, and do so much behind the scenes, and to the fans who show up day after day, and our readers. Thanks for all you do. Now and forever:

FIRE IT UP, PC!!!

A Look Back at the 2024 Football Season

By Victor Kulkosky
Editor Emeritus

This season, the Trojans gave a loud "Yes" to our question, "Will we get back to our winning ways in 2024?"

It wasn't terrible last year. Growing pains were expected with the regime change. We saw enough to look forward to good things to come.

The good things came in 2024. A 40-21 win over #8 Northeast opened the season. The Trojans ran into a Perry Panthers team high off their 2023 state title. Some defensive mistakes and gutsy play calls from the Perry's coaches led to the Trojans being three scores down, but they rallied in the second half and closed the gap to 10 points before running out of time in the highest-scoring game in the long-running rivalry.

The Trojans dusted themselves off and went