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## Christmas in The Valley



Dec. 14, starting promptly at 5:30 p.m. The streets were jam-packed as people gathered to see the festive floats and take part in some holiday cheer.

As people lined the streets of North Camelia Boulevard, plenty were in the Downtown area taking part in hot cocoa and smores. There were also bouncy houses and similar activities for the children to take part in.

As the parade traveled down North Camelia, children were quick to scope up the large amount of candy being tossed. In addition to the plethora of candy, parade participants of-

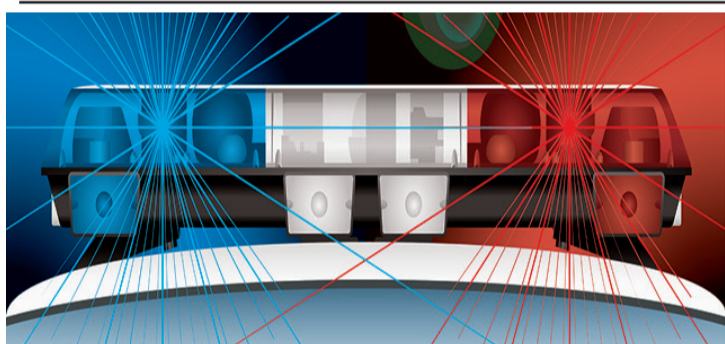
ferred a warm smile and a "Merry Christmas" to those they passed by. Fort Valley's oldest citizen Phredifa Boyer, the one to turn on the Christmas lights at the Christmas in the Valley Lighting Ceremony, was the grand marshal of the parade.

The parade featured multiple groups, including government officials, local businesses, churches, schools, and more. The Mayor and City Council members of Fort Valley took part waving and throwing candy

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Photos By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. - The festive season is here as the City of Fort Valley celebrated its Christmas in the Valley Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday,



## Man Injured in Late Night Shooting at Indian Oaks

By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. - One man was injured in a late-night shooting at Fort Valley's Indian Oaks Apartment Complex, according to a report from Fort Valley Chief of Police DJ Flores.

The shooting took place around 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 18. The victim, a 41-year-old man, suffered non-life-threatening gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to Atrium Health Navicent for treatment of his injuries.

Officers were dispatched to Indian Oaks Apartment about a

reported home invasion. Upon arrival, the officers determined there wasn't a home invasion, however, there were shots fired.

According to the Fort Valley Police Department, this is still an active and ongoing investigation. As of this report, they have not provided any details about a potential suspect.

If you have any information, the Fort Valley Police Department asks you to call the Fort Valley Police Department at (478) 825-3383.

This is a developing story and The Leader Tribune will update it with details as they become available.



By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. - The Mayor and Council of Fort Valley have voted 4-2 to hire Gary Lee as the City Administrator in their December board meeting. Lee had previously been voted as the Interim City Administrator in April in a 4-3 vote.

Councilmembers Laronda Eason, Henry Howard, Carla Gowen, and Fred Van Hartsveldt voted in favor of hiring Lee for the position, while Juanita Bryant and Sandra Marshall voted against.

In addition to the new city administrator position, the council also unanimously passed

a resolution to hire Antonio Lopez as the Public Works Director.

Roscoe Miller of Planning and Zoning presented the second reading of the International Property Maintenance Code 2024 Edition to the council. The council approved the adoption.

Concerning resolutions, the first was a resolution to hire Geosyntec Consultants to do a site assessment of the Vienna Street landfill. This resolution was passed with Councilmembers Bryant and Marshall abstaining. There was a second resolution regarding the discussion of the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

funds and questions of where money had been allocated. In previous meetings, there was a discussion of allocating money to those negatively impacted by Covid-19, specifically small business owners.

Tisa Horton, Chairwoman of the Fort Valley Downtown

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## Fort Valley City Council Names Lee As City Administrator



Gary Lee and Antonio Lopez

Photo by Zoe Hammond



# CHRISTMAS IN THE VALLEY

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to the children. Both the Fort Valley Police Department and Fire Department took turns with their sirens as multiple vehicles ranging from motorcycles, cars, and fire trucks traveled the parade route.

Both the Peach County High School Marching Band and

NoD Percussion performed down the parade path. There were multiple dance groups including Royal Diamonds Dance Team and Dazzling Diamond Dolls. Local Churches included Fort Valley Methodist Church and Central Union Missionary Baptist Church.

In addition, there were numerous other groups ranging from families, businesses, and similar groups such as the Peach County Health Department, Fort Valley Head Start, Fort Valley Brighter Choice, IHope Inc., United Steelworkers, Legacy Group Development, and more.



### Request for Proposals

#### Demolition and Site Stabilization of Parcel B01E 067

Parcel ID: B01E 067

The City of Byron is issuing this request for proposals for the demolition and removal of Parcel B01E 067 in Byron, Georgia. Bids will be received at the Byron Municipal Complex, 401 Main Street, Byron, GA 31008 until 10:00 AM on January 20th, 2025, at which time and location they will be publicly opened and read in the office of the Mayor. Bid Documents may be examined and obtained at the Byron Municipal Complex 401 Main Street, Byron, Georgia 31008, by calling (478) 956-5555, or may be viewed and downloaded from the City of Byron website at [www.byronga.com](http://www.byronga.com).

## Robins Financial Credit Union Celebrates its 70th Anniversary by Donating \$1 Million Back to the Community

By RFCU

Warner Robins, Ga. - Robins Financial is proud to announce that it has successfully reached its goal of donating \$1 million to local non-profits and initiatives during its 70th anniversary year. This significant contribution positively impacted more than 230 organizations and shows the dedication the credit union has to the community.

"We are honored to fulfill our promise of donating \$1 million back to the community to commemorate our 70th anniversary," said Christina O'Brien, President and CEO of Robins Financial Credit Union. "People helping people is the credit union philosophy and we are proud to be able to give back in such a substantial way to serve our members and the place we call home."

Highlights of the \$1 million donation include:

- Funded 14 non-profit projects through the Community Projects initiative
- Supported pediatric health-care and research at Atrium Health Levine Children's Bever-

ly Knight Olson Children's Hospital through the annual Miracle May fundraising campaign

- Supported United Way of Central Georgia through donations from team members during the annual United Way campaign as well a corporate donation
- Helped teachers stock their classrooms with learning materials through the annual GRANTED program
- Provided monetary support to 70 organizations serving the needs of their communities this season through the annual Holiday Giving program
- Provided academic scholarships to Robins Financial members pursuing higher education

The United Way of Central Georgia is thankful for the long-standing partnership between it and Robins Financial.

"We are incredibly grateful to Robins Financial Credit Union and their remarkable employees for their outstanding generosity and commitment to supporting our community," said George McCannless, President and CEO of United Way of Central Georgia. "Their workplace campaign

continues to increase and represents an extraordinary level of dedication to improving lives and strengthening families across our region. Robins Financial continues to set the bar for corporate leadership and employee engagement, and we are honored to have them as a valued partner in making a difference."

'Community Proud' is a vital part of the Robins Financial mission. This year more than 1400 volunteer hours were donated to non-profit organizations by the credit union's team members.

Throughout their 70 years of service, Robins Financial Credit Union has maintained the philosophy of "people helping people." From their start on Robins Air Force Base to their expansion throughout Georgia and beyond, they've provided stability and enhanced the financial well-being of their now more than 273,000 members and the 45 communities they serve. Robins Financial remains dedicated to their mission to be Member Focused. Financial Partners. Community Proud.

**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

Roberson, Eric Bernard, 42, Macon, GA: Driving With Suspended License, Failure To Obey Traffic Light

Robinson, An Tarra Cool, 50, Warner Robins, GA: Failure To Appear

Tipton, Bradley Wade, 22, Warner Robins, GA: DUI / Drugs / Less Safe, Failure To Maintain A Single Lane, Failure To Appear

Vincent, Gregory Lamar, 26, Atlanta, GA: Forgery - 3rd Degree \$1500 Or More, Willful Obstruction Of Law Enforcement Officers - Misdemeanor

### Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Harp, Davoris Rodriquez, 37, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Trespass, Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers

Oneal, Gradarius Obidiah, 18, Fort Valley, GA: Aggravated Assault, Terroristic Threats And Acts

Whitlock, Kumoski Cherie, 20, Columbus, GA: Terroristic Threats And Acts, Aggravated Assault

### Peach County Sheriff's Office

#### Arrests/Citations

Allen, Brittonio Nevarre, 22, Columbus, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Besse, Colista, 41, Centerville, GA: Theft By Receiving Stolen Property - Misdemeanor

Coker, Kenneth Dewayne, 35, Rome, GA: Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

England, Jessica Nelson, 36, Byron, GA: Aggravated Assault, Terroristic Threats And Acts, Pointing Or Aiming Gun Or Pistol At Another

King, Jonathan Jerome, 24, Cochran, GA: Theft By Receiving Stolen Property

Marshall, Ulysses, 59, Fort Valley, GA: Failure To Appear - Felony

Mccully, Thomas A, 64, Byron, GA: Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol, Possession Of Open Alcohol Container, Failure To Maintain Lane

Parker, Javoni Lamar, 28, Convington, GA: Window Tint Violation, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

Pritchard, Daniel Shawn, 40, Americus, GA: Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

Roundtree, Sedquita Vontasia, 27, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Sapp, Michael Dean, 25, Lizella, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Savage, Jernise Shemone, 22, Columbus, GA: Failure To Maintain Insurance, Operation Of Unregistered Vehicle Or Vehicle Without Current License Plate, Revalidation Decal, Or County Decal

Stephens, Taurus Jervan, 30, Macon, GA: Court Ordered

### Crawford County Sheriff's

#### Office Arrests

Walker, Danquavis, 30, Thomaston, GA: Cruelty To Children-Allow Child To Witness Felony/Battery/Family Violence - 3rd Degree, Passenger Shall Not Interfere With Driver's View / Control, Theft By Taking - Misdemeanor, Aggravated Battery, Robbery

## Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.com



### 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>

### FORT VALLEY HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The Fort Valley Historic Preservation Commission Board meeting is held on the second Mondays of the month at 6pm, located at the Troutman House 201 Oakland Heights Pkwy, Fort Valley, Ga 31030.

### PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSIONS

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

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

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

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

### FT. VALLEY UTILITY COMMISSION

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

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

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

### KIWANIS CLUB OF FORT VALLEY

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays every month, noon at Kay Center in Fort Valley. Kiwanis is a civic group focused on helping children, and community

service. Each week, members and guests enjoy lunch and a guest speaker who addresses a topic of local, state and sometimes even global interest. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and join one of America's oldest service organizations. See the Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley Facebook page for more information. (TFNS)

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

REGULAR MEETING PEACH PUBLIC LIBRARIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, 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

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

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

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

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

### PEACH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

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

### THE PEACH COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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

### FIRST STEP LEARNING CENTER EARLY HEAD START

Now Enrolling Infants 6 Weeks Old to Under 36 Months. Call Now to Set up an Appointment. Enrollment Based on Eligibility. Call (478)825-0509, 406 Carver Dr., Fort Valley. First Step Learning Center Early Head Start in

Partnership With Fort Valley State University. (TFNS)

### ADDICTION COUNSELING

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

### BYRON AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

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

### THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS MIDDLE GEORGIA CHAPTER

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

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

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

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

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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

### BYRON LIONS CLUB

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

### BYRON ROTARY CLUB

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

### BYRON MAIN STREET DDA/CVB

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

### BYRON TAX OFFICE

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

## FVSU Nursing Program Accreditation

By FVSU

The Fort Valley State University Department of Nursing wishes to announce that it will host a site visit for initial accreditation of its Prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

You are invited to meet with the site visit team and share your comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, in the Isaac Crumbly Auditorium inside the CTM Building, located

at 1005 State University Drive Fort Valley, GA.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted to the ACEN via email at [public-comments@acenursing.org](mailto:public-comments@acenursing.org) or to the ACEN office:

Attn: Accreditation Services  
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing  
3390 Peachtree Rd NE, Suite 1400  
Atlanta GA, 30326

All written comments should be received by the ACEN by February 12, 2025.

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# Santa doesn't deliver to drunk & drugged drivers sitting in a jail cell

By Governor's Office of Highway Safety

(ATLANTA) The Governor's Office of Highway Safety joins state troopers and local law enforcement officers to warn drivers to make the smart choice to never drive under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a mixture of both substances.

State troopers, sheriff's deputies and police officers are stepping up DUI enforcement during the holiday season and will arrest any driver they find who is over Georgia's legal Blood-Alcohol Concentration (BAC) limit of .08.

Georgia is a zero-tolerance state for impaired driving and drivers over the limit will not be given a warning and will not be allowed to call someone to give them a ride.

"Drunk driving ruins the lives of too many families who have lost loved ones in crashes that are totally preventable," Allen Poole, Director of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety said. "Choosing not to drink and drive is a heroic decision that saves lives, and we ask everyone to be a lifesaver by never getting behind the wheel when they are over the limit and not letting family or friends drive when they have been drinking."

Georgia is once again participating with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign that will run through January 1, 2025. The goal of the nationwide enforcement campaign is to save lives and prevent drunk driving crashes through education on the dangers of drunk and drugged driving and enforcement of impaired driving laws.

According to NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), almost 40 percent of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes during the Christmas Holiday season from 2018-2022 in Georgia involved a drunk driver and 85 percent of the fatal drunk driving crashes during the Christmas Holiday season in Georgia during this five-year period involved a driver whose BAC was twice the legal limit.

According to NHTSA, the average DUI arrest can cost up to

\$10,000 in legal fees, fines, court costs, higher insurance premiums and lost wages. A DUI conviction or arrest could cost someone their job or prevent them from being hired for a job.

"State troopers and local law enforcement officers save lives with every drunk and drugged driver they take off the road, but more lives will be saved if everyone made the right decision to never get behind the wheel when they have been drinking," Poole said. "Mistakes happen every day in our lives and drunk driving is one mistake no one should ever make."

Those in Georgia who do not plan in advance for a sober ride can call AAA's "Tow-To-Go" service during the Christmas holiday season. AAA will offer a free tow and ride for only the driver up to ten miles from 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24, 2024, through 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2025. AAA also reminds everyone they do not take reservations for their "Tow-To-Go" service as it is designed as a safety net and encourages everyone to have a designated driver or sober ride arranged before the celebration begins.

The Governor's Office of Highway Safety, state and local law enforcement officers and NHTSA also offer the following holiday safety advice:

- You have options: designate a sober driver, call a taxi, or use a rideshare service. Getting home safely is always worth it.

- If it's your turn to be the designated driver, take your job seriously and don't drink.

- Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive? Take the keys away and let a sober driver get your friend home safely.

- Always wear a seat belt. Seat belts offer the best protection in the vehicle in the event of a crash

For more information on the Governor's Office of Highway Safety's (GOHS) seatbelt and impaired driving awareness programs, visit <https://www.gahighwaysafety.org>. Follow GOHS on social media at [www.facebook.com/gahighwaysafety](https://www.facebook.com/gahighwaysafety), [@gohsgeorgia](https://twitter.com/gohsgeorgia) on Twitter and Instagram, [GOHSGEORGIA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) on YouTube.

# Healthcare Insurance Freedom in 2025



WADE YODER  
LT COLUMNIST

There has been frustration and underlying anger growing among patients and medical practitioners when access is denied for therapies and procedures that should be used but insurance companies are unwilling to pay for it or continue to delay what a patient is badly needing. This is very frustrating in the way it handcuffs medical practitioners as well because it quite simply dictates how they practice medicine.

A friend recently told me she finally gave up and went to Mexico to get kidney stones removed because she was in such excruciating pain but unable to get the medical clearance from her insurance company to get the procedure done. My uncle (medical doctor) recently had an elderly patient with debilitating pain in her back, and the insurance company denied the MRI he ordered and even after personally calling them, was told that the protocol is for her to do three months of therapy first. Imagine how that makes a medical doctor feel that has been practicing for 49 years. Unfortunately, taking a path of least resistance has probably been what has brought us to where we are now.

We live in an era where there has been far too much emphasis on having access to health

insurance, medical-care and pharmaceutical management drugs, but very little emphasis on doing what we can to live drug-free. With prejudice we tend as a society to look at people that are on illegal drugs as "being on drugs" while we ourselves are putting our bodies and organs through hell on legal drugs and drug combinations. How much does our body actually care about what is legal or illegal? It seems most drugs of value to the pharmaceutical industry, have become ones you are kept on (management drugs) with very little guidance about how to incorporate lifestyle habits to heal the disease and get weaned off of them.

Our real addiction: we use drugs to manage symptoms instead of relieving our hurting body part(s) or system(s) of the actual problem. This applies to diabetes management, arthritis management, pain management, cholesterol management, blood pressure management, cancer management and the list goes on and on. When we take drugs for symptoms but are unwilling to change the lifestyle habit that is causing it, (though it is accepted in today's society and rubber-stamped by the FDA) our body's opinion is quite simply that we are a drug user and abuser.

We have a new year coming up and one thing that we can all benefit from is decreasing our dependence on drugs whether illegal or legal (including alcohol and tobacco) and making the lifestyle changes that empower our body to make its own personal designer drugs it needs to fight the bad stuff and to keep us healthy. There are some things that we can do now to help prevent or decrease our dependence on drugs in 2025.

Statins: instead of using sta-

tin drugs to manage cholesterol, let's start making the dietary changes needed to heal our network of blood vessels (taking away the reason for the cholesterol sticking to our blood vessel walls), lower our sugar and high fructose corn syrup intake and increase fiber intake. Increasing our fiber intake causes us to lose bile that our body has to replace, our liver then makes new bile from cholesterol, which lowers our cholesterol. That's why high fiber foods are considered cholesterol-lowering foods.

Sugar lowering drugs and insulin: we can lower our need for insulin and sugar lowering drugs through diet and exercise. Exercise helps suck up glucose from the blood to energize our muscles thus lowering blood sugar. Intense exercise stimulates the hormone Glut4 to the surface of our muscle cells and helps sugar enter into them easier, lowering the amount of insulin we need. This helps lower the stress put on our pancreas for insulin production.

Blood pressure drugs: a heart healthy diet with healthy dietary fats and an active lifestyle can decrease our need for blood pressure medicine. A quick remedy for blood pressure is doing slow to moderate activity until you feel your body heat up. This causes blood to heat up as well (blood that is heated up relaxes blood vessels).

Drugs for gastrointestinal issues: keep a food diary for what you eat and how you feel. This timeline will give you a prescription of what you need to eliminate (that your gut doesn't like) and may also help you resolve autoimmune disorders that can be caused by undissolved food particles getting into your blood. Undissolved particles can cause our organs

to get inflamed when the blood delivers food particles instead of nutrients that are ready to absorb.

Pain drugs: finding out why our body part or system is hurting and then eliminating this will dry out the inflammation that is causing the pain. When a pain gets too intense in an area, cool it down; this helps shrink the inflammation thus reducing the pain.

Even though we can find out many of the side effects of individual drugs, there is very little research if any on long-term effects of drug combinations, so there are potentially more side effects than on the individual label.

Giving our body the chance to work its way through things by giving it time and good lifestyle habits can decrease your dependence on drugs produced by man and will build a stronger and more skilled immune system that can build the exact drugs your body needs.

Continued use of medications, (especially multiple ones) work in the body like an unlabeled mixed pack of seeds does in the ground; you really don't know what the results will yield. Let's make it our mission in the new year to find the reasons our body needs a drug in the first place and eliminate that which will take away the need for the drug or at the least help decrease the dosage and frequency.

Talk to your doctor about what lifestyle habits you can change or introduce that can lower the need for the medication you are on. If they really care about your long-term healthcare freedom, they will carefully help you lower or eliminate them.

"The best doctors give the least medicines." ~Benjamin Franklin

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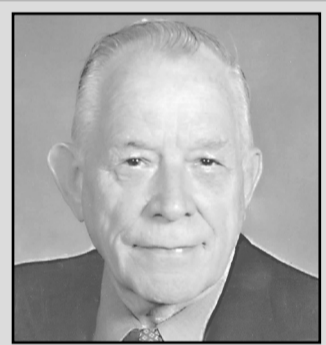
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### Guest Columnist

Webster states that "connotations are defined as "word or events information aside from explicit". We have been informed of the Christmas Calendar in innumerable fashion as to events which transpired on that day--including conditions, per-

sonalities and Miracles. To those with an ear to hear, a Saviour was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King--with an explicit advantage of all who care to embrace with faith. That central point is centerfold to an exceptional hour and message. While the importance of such is vital to every reader--it may well be that connotations from the sidelines (especially as it applies to a liberal company), holds an equal interest. There is no debate-Christmas is a time of Emancipation and Great Joy!

Whatever ideology (or philosophy) one may choose to endorse, you may be sure that the atmosphere and spirit of Christmas enables both

# Connotations Of Christmas

"Saint and Sinner" the distinct privilege of cooperating with the magical course of Celebration. Why else would the presence of lights, mistletoe, carols, and cake be so prevalent? The magic of pleasurable terms, the climate of melody, the liberal dispatch of gifts--the mirth--the glee--and the Glory of the moment--all capture the friend and stranger alike with unprecedented ecstasy. Civility, as well as a solemn magnetism toward Christianity--attracts souls of all persuasions! . While alternate points of interest and gaiety fail to validate or negate the Miraculous Story--they ring forth a volume of song, of melody, of verse, of Good Will , and Peace

on Earth. The connotations of a "Better Sway and Way" is synonymous with Christmas in every respect!

It is tragic that many choose to flaw the Season with irresponsible and profane terms and conduct. The end result of such practice always terminates with error, pain, dishonor, and embarrassment. The Terminology of "The Stressful Morning After" is an apt (and negative) occurrence! IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE! Let every voice on the planet ring forth the Good News! In the wake of a troubled turf, the Nation has been abundantly Blessed! Let us reciprocate with a jubilant Celebration!

# New Year Brings Economic Optimism & Uncertainty

Charlie Harper  
Guest Columnist

While most of us are gathering with family and friends this week for Christmas and Hanukkah celebrations, the adults watching kids open presents will likely have at least one eye on what's ahead. The holidays aren't cheap. The cost of almost everything continues to rise. Bills for the holiday celebration will soon come due.

Many of us like to set these realities and worries aside for a brief moment. Hopefully we're at a place where we can at least enjoy these special times. The future - with its expenses and uncertainties - is always with us.

Whether we're looking to begin the year with economic optimism or pessimism has a lot to do with how we may have voted in November. Several polls on the subject indicate Republicans believe better economic days are ahead, whereas Democrats have much stronger doubts.

That isn't really that unusual. Many of us tend to vote with our pocketbooks. Those on the winning side were voting for what they thought would be prosperity. Those who didn't win often believe things will get worse.

Economics merely is a label for expectations in action.

Sometimes sentiment alone can become a self-fulfilling prophecy. People optimistic about the future tend to spend and invest more. The vast majority of our economy as measured by the GDP is consumer spending. New investment makes up a respectable share too.

There are real concerns that we'll have to navigate into the new year, and beyond. As this column was being prepared word began to spread from Washington that a tentative deal on a year-end government spending bill had come apart. President elect Trump and Vice President elect Vance - himself a sitting Senator who would have an actual vote - issued a joint statement opposing the measure as written.

There's a good chance that by the time you're reading this at least parts of the federal government could be shut down, pending future funding. While we're somewhat used to this occasional routine, this may be a bit different. Enough Republicans view the election as a mandate to cut spending and shrink the size of the federal government that we can't presume business as usual, even with the current President and lame duck Congress.

Those cuts are a double edged sword with respect to economic statistics. Those dollars are freed up for investment or personal spending, but also deduct from the one in six dollars that government spending contributes to our gross domestic product.

If you're currently a federal employee, you're likely not in that group that sees optimism for the next year. They're likely keeping a close eye on their spending, and a pullback in their own expenses could contribute to a short term hit to GDP.

We're also having to "re-calibrate" - the Federal Reserve's preferred term - for our outlook on interest rates. With progress on taming inflation stalling, they're willingness to cut interest rates next year was officially cut in half last week.

And, as a reminder, they only micro manage short term interest rates. The bond market still sees too much potential for inflation to trade longer term notes at lower rates. In fact, these rates have been going up due to inflation risks and too many new bonds being issued to finance the federal deficits. Mortgage rates remain stubbornly high relative to the last few years.

The bet President Elect Trump and his economic team is making is that cutting regulation and stimulating free market investments will grow the economy faster than the federal debt. They also believe that tariffs on foreign goods will spur domestic production and manufacturing. They posit this will contribute to federal coffers via the new jobs created as well as the revenue from the tariffs themselves. They're less direct on explaining how the higher prices on either the imported tariffed goods or the higher cost to produce domestic products don't also contribute to inflation.

In early economics courses, there is a concept used to only study one change at a time so that the effect can be demonstrated and explained. "Ceteris Paribus" means "all other things being equal".

As we approach the new year, our national economic team will via executive action and votes in Congress will attempt to change many things at once. The fate of the world's largest economy hangs in the balance. Some changes may end up counteracting others. Some may not work

# Two Christmas Stories



**BILLY POWELL**  
Parables to Ponder  
COLUMNIST

**Word Made Flesh**

**Luke 2: 1-13.:** At that time, Emperor Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Roman Empire. When this first census took place, Quirinius was the governor of Syria. Everyone went to register, each to his home town. Joseph went from Nazareth of Galilee to Bethlehem of Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary who was promised in marriage. She was pregnant. While they were there, she gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger. There was no room for them in the inn.

**John 1: 1-14.** Before the world was created, the Word already existed, He was with God and He was God. From the very beginning, the Word was with God. Through Him, God made all things. The Word became a human being and lived among us.

**The Night Before Christmas...By Clement Moore**

It was the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there; The children were nestled all snug in their beds while visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads; And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap. When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter; Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow, Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below; When, what to my wondering eyes did appear, but a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer, With a little

old driver, so lively and quick; I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick, More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name: "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall! Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!" As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky; So up to the house-top the coursers they flew with the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too; And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof, the prancing and pawing of each little hoof; As I drew in my head, and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound, He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were tarnished with ashes and soot; A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack. His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples how merry, His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow. The stump of a pipe he held tightly in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face and a little round belly that shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly. He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself; A wink of his eye and a twist of his head, soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread; He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose; He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle; But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

**Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus**

**Dear Sun Editor:**  
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?...Virginia O'Hanlon

**Sun Editor's Reply:**

"Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**BAHA'I COMMUNITY OF PEACH COUNTY**

The Baha'i Community of Peach County warmly invites you to participate in an interfaith devotional and discussion (via Zoom) on the second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 - 9:00pm, in order to build stronger bonds of friendship among the diverse citizens of our county. There are no rituals at the gathering, no one individual has any special role, and contributions are not solicited or accepted. If interested, please email us at peachcobahais@gmail.com, and we'll send you an invitation. (TFN)

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301 W. Church Street (478)825-2762

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**FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

2560 Willow Lake Road, Fort Valley, GA 31030.

**MISSION PROGRAM**

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

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**

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

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

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

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

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505 State University Drive, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

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

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

For additional information, call 478-825-7349.

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Join us each Sunday morning with Rev. Tawanna B. Harris at 9:30am for Sunday School followed at 11:00am with holy worship service. You may also join us remotely via Facebook Live. Bible Study held each Tuesday at 6:00pm.

# FVSU Invites Community Partners to Apply for Funding to Support Youth Mental Health and Violence Prevention

**Contributed**

Fort Valley State University (FVSU) is calling on community-based partners in Peach, Bibb, Dooly and Macon Counties to join in its mission to empower young people by addressing mental health challenges and reducing incidents of personal and interpersonal violence.

Through its FVSU VALUE (Violence Avoidance Leadership Uplifting Education) initiative, the university is offering funding opportunities for both nonprofit and for-profit entities in the region. Selected organizations will implement the evidence-based Positive Action curriculum that is built around the Thought-Actions-Feelings

(TAC) circle. This curriculum fosters self-esteem and positive behaviors by helping young people connect their thoughts, actions and feelings in meaningful ways.

As we embrace the spirit of giving and focus on mental well-being, it is essential to prioritize the mental health needs of children and youth, many of whom vace heightened challenges during this time of year. With the increasing concern over potential violence in schools and communities, this initiative highlights the urgent need for programs that support positive mental health outcomes for young people.

Community partners are invited to submit competitive proposals demonstrating their

ability to facilitate this impactful training for a captured audience of youth. Proposals should detail how the funding will enhance the partner organization's ability to guide young people through cognitive-behavioral exercises that promote mental wellness and positive action. Together, let's make this season one of hope, healing and transformation for the next generation.

For detailed application instructions and to access the full application, please visit the following link: [bit.ly/FVSUVALUEApp](https://www.fvsu.edu/valueapp) or for more information about current programming, visit: <https://www.fvsu.edu/students/elementor-62057>.

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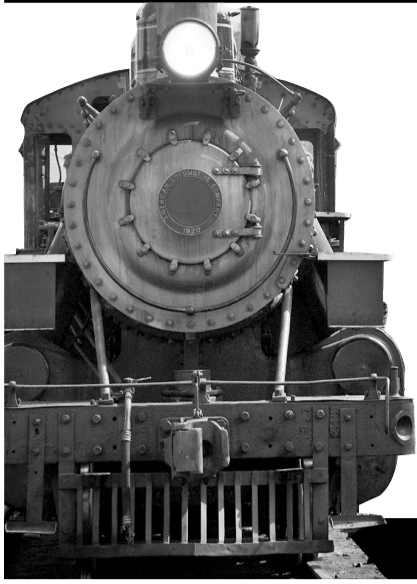
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF DIANE E. COLES, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-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,  
Fort Valley, GA 31030  
478-825-2213  
12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 2024  
3233

### LEGAL NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Byron, Georgia, will convene a public hearing on **January 23, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.** The meeting will be held in the Office of the Mayor located on the second floor of the Byron Municipal Complex. The purpose of this meeting is to consider amendments to Appendix A - Land Development, Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations of the Municipal Code of Byron, Georgia, including but not limited to, amending, repealing, and replacing Part V - Subdivision Regulations, Article II, Section 1 - Design Standards of the Municipal Code of Byron, Georgia, and all subparts thereof.

Notice is also given that should the Planning and Zoning Committee recommend approval of the above-mentioned amendments to Appendix A - Land Development, Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations of the Municipal Code of Byron, Georgia, the Byron City Council will convene a public hearing on **February 10, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.** The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of the Byron Municipal Complex. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the recommendations and amendments to Appendix A - Land Development, Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, including but not limited to, amending, repealing, replacing Part V - Subdivision Regulations, Article II, Section 1 - Design Standards of the Municipal Code of Byron, Georgia, and all subparts thereof.

12/25/2024 & 1/1/2025  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF BOBBY SOLOMON, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-70333**  
**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**  
**TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, and to whom it may concern:**

EARL SOLOMON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of BOBBY SOLOMON, deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statement, 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 22, 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  
478-825-2313  
12/25/2024 & 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 2025  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Byron, Georgia, will convene a public hearing on **January 23, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.** The meeting will be held in the Office of the Mayor located on the second floor of the Byron Municipal Complex. The purpose of this meeting is to consider objections, if any, to the approval of a request for rezoning the following parcel, identified on the **Peach County Tax Map as 056 017 LD 80/6**, and recorded in the Deed Book - U 113, Clerk's Office, Peach County Superior Court. The total acreage to be rezoned for this parcel is (246) acres from County R-AG to City I-1 District: General Industrial Area.

All citizens of the City of Byron and interested parties shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to the proposal. For additional information, call the Planning and Zoning Office at 478-956-5555.  
12/25/2024 & 1/1/2025  
3253

### ZONING LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing, with public comment heard, will be held by the Peach County Planning Commission on a zoning map amendment request for +/- 10.32 acres known as **tax parcel number 050D 003 located in the 200-400 block of Housers Mill Road Fort Valley, GA.** The request is to rezone the parcel from RR-1 (Residential district) to R-2 (Medium density residential district).

The hearing will be in the Public Meeting Room of the Board of Commissioner's Office located at 213 Persons Street in Fort Valley on January 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Recommendation from the Planning Commission will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on February 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm during the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

The re-zoning application for this parcel is on file and available for review. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.  
12/25, 2024 & 1/1, 2025  
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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS OF CHARLES B. EVANS, JR., DECEASED

All creditors of the above-named deceased are hereby notified to render an accounting to the undersigned their demands against his estate as provided by Official Code of Georgia Annotated §53-7-41. Failure to render said accounting within the time provided by law may cause the loss of certain of your rights as provided in said Section. All persons indebted to said decedent are hereby required to make payment to the undersigned.

This 11th day of December, 2024.  
Stephanie Surlis, Executor  
577 Mulberry Street, Ste 1610  
Macon, GA 31201.  
12/18, 12/25, 2024 & 1/1, 1/8, 2025  
3240 (2024-PRO-7028)

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

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Michel Danielle Pickard** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group, L.L.C., its successors and assigns dated August 3, 2023, recorded in Deed Book 708, Page 448, Peach County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to PANORAMA MORTGAGE GROUP, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 731, Page 301, Peach County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$262,163.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January, 2025, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet 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 any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

PANORAMA MORTGAGE GROUP, LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: PANORAMA MORTGAGE GROUP, LLC, 3138 East Elwood Street, Phoenix, AZ 85032, 4806162741.

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

**To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Michel Danielle Pickard or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 106 Hunters Chase, Byron, GA 31008.** Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

PANORAMA MORTGAGE GROUP, LLC

as Attorney in Fact for  
Michel Danielle Pickard  
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC  
1544 Old Alabama Rd  
Roswell, GA 30076  
www.foreclosurehotline.net  
24-16055GA  
EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 113 of the Sixth (6th) Land District of Peach County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 3, Phase No. 2 of a subdivision known as Hunter's Ridge, according to a plat of survey, prepared by Halligan & Associates Surveyors & Planners, certified by Prince S. Halligan, Jr., Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2516, dated June 3, 1996, a copy of which is of record in Plat Book 20, Page 97, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

This conveyance and the warranties hereinafter contained are made subject to any and all restrictions, easements, covenants and rights-of-way affecting said described property as shown on the above referenced plat of survey and as recorded in public records in addition to Restrictive Covenants at Deed Book 167, Pages 665-668, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court.

Said property is known as, under the present system of numbering for Peach County Georgia as 106 Hunters Chase, Byron, GA 31008.  
MR / January 7, 2025  
Our file no. 24-16055GA-FT17  
12/11/2024, 12/18/2024, 12/25/2024,  
01/01/2025  
3234 (24-16055GA)

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

**ESTATE NO. 2024-PRO-7031**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF BEITY A. EVANS, DECEASED**  
**NOTICE**

**IN RE: The Petition to Probate Will (and codicil(s)) in Solemn Form in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed.**

**TO: MICHAEL R. WEST AND ANTHONY K. WEST**  
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before JANUARY 15, 2024.

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

Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court  
By Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
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12/18, 12/25, 2024 & 1/1, 1/8, 2025

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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.

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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH**

**All creditors of the estate of GUDRUN W. PELLETIER, 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.

**Robert M. Pelletier, Executor**  
**6446 N. 105 Street,**  
**Omaha, Nebraska 68134**  
**712-309-1164**

Jordan L. Reab  
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP  
PO Box 1770  
Perry, GA 31069  
478-987-1415  
12/25/2024 & 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 2025  
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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF BENNIE RAY CARVER**

All creditors of the estate of Bennie Ray Carver, late of Peach County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 12th day of December, 2024.  
Tina Carver Smith, Executor of Bennie Ray Carver, deceased  
343 Hedge Row Drive  
Byron, GA 31008  
12/18, 12/25, 2024 & 1/1, 1/8, 2025  
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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  
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Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 130  
Atlanta, GA 30346  
(770)220-2535  
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\*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
10/30/2024, 11/06/2024, 11/13/2024, 11/20/2024, 11/27/2024, 12/04/2024, 12/11/2024, 12/18/2024, 12/25/2024, 01/01/2025  
3200 (BCNS 240560)

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM [REF. O.C.G.A. Section 48-4-5 et seq.: 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

**TO: Robert Lee Sapp & Myrtle Sapp, As well as any Heirs, all occupants, all parties known and unknown having recorded in Peach County Superior Court and Fight Title, Interest in or including any Tenant/Owner or occupant. Parcel ID# 039 077 known & located at 5686 Buckeye Rd., Perry, GA 31069.**

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in land lot 25 of the ninth land district Peach County Georgia containing 1 acre more or less being known and designated as lot 3 on a plat of survey entitled "Property of Anderson Home Builders" dated July 7, 1970. said plat being recorded in plat book 8 page 228. Clerks office Peach Superior Court. Described in deed book 119 page 718. Now in deed book 717 Page 857 Recorded March 4, 2024. Recorded with the Clerk of the Peach County Superior Court, 205 W. Church St Fort Valley GA 31030.

All persons, Etc. Robert Lee Sapp & Myrtle Sapp as well as any heirs, all occupants, all parties known and unknown. Any previous owners who claim interest including, Piedmont Housing Inc., Whitney Howard R & Jerry L., Rigmardia, Salvatore & Mary Wright, Lyles D & Carolyn Sue, Anderson, John C. RE: Foreclosure of Equity of redemption for tax sale deed (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46) Take notice that: This Right of Redemption will expire and be forever barred as of 9 a.m. EST on and after the 7TH day of FEBRUARY, 2025. The Tax Deed to which this Notice relates is dated February 6th, 2024 and was recorded on the 4th day of March 2024 in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Peach County, Georgia. The property may be redeemed on or before the time and the date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law \$25,902.45 to the undersigned at the following address: Gregory Imberger 218 Williamsburg Trl., Byron, GA 31008. Phone (702)-374-9577.

Please be governed accordingly.  
12/18, 12/25, 2024 & 1/1, 1/8, 2025  
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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; 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  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**CASE NO. 23-V-0298**  
**DAFFIE K. HICKS, Petitioner,**

**v.**  
**CASEY ARNOLD, and all persons unknown who claim or might claim adversely to Plaintiff's title to LOT 5 of JACKSON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 9-11-4(f) (1)(B) and § 23-3-65(b) and (c)**

TO: Casey Arnold and any and all persons claiming any interest in and to the following described real property:

By Order of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia for service by publication dated September 23, 2024, you are hereby notified that on August 4, 2023, the plaintiff filed a petition to quiet title against a tract known and designated as Lot 3, Jackson Heights Subdivision, in Land Lot 249 of the Ninth Land District of Peach County, Georgia, containing 1.39 acres, more or less, according to a plat of survey recorded in Plat Book 16, Page 35, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court, further described as Tax Map & Parcel 011A018.

If you assert any claim to said

**LEGALS**  
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property, you are required to file with the clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon petitioner's attorney, Diondra K. Hicks, 855 Emory Point Drive, Box 254, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, an answer in writing within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice. Be further advised that should you fail to file appropriate pleadings, you will lose all rights, interests, and claims which you are or could be entitled to make or assert within this action to the subject property, as a matter of law, and you will receive no further notice nor be entitled to such notice.

Witness, the Honorable Kenneth R. Smith, Judge, Peach County Superior Court, this 23rd day of September, 2024  
/s/ Sherry Gonzales, Clerk  
12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 2024 & 01/01/2025  
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**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
**TS#24GA414-0209**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA PEACH COUNTY**

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from Laura M. Dixon and Albert Sullivan to United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture and recorded in Deed Book 208, Page 867, Peach County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$62,000.00 with interest on the unpaid balance until paid, the following described property will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door of PEACH COUNTY, Georgia, or such other location within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January, 2025, to wit: January 07, 2025, the following described property: All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 245 of the 9th Land District of Peach County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as Lot 8, Block E, Lewiston Heights Subdivision, Section No. 2, on that certain subdivision plat for Lewiston Heights, Section No. 2, prepared by Robert L. Story, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1853, dated March 1, 1994, and recorded in Plat Book 19, Page 71, Clerk's Office, Peach County Superior Court; reference to said plat and the record thereof being incorporated herein and made a part of this description. **Being real property commonly known as 207 Clive Boulevard, Fort Valley, GA 31030.**

The debt secured by the above-referenced security deed has been declared due because of the default in the payment of said debt per the

terms of the note and other possible defaults by the borrower or the successor thereto. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Dawsons Management c/o USDA 3775 Venture Drive Duluth, GA 30096 770-962-4981 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require The United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. The United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture as Attorney in Fact for Laura M. Dixon and Albert Sullivan Attorney Contact: Miller, George and Suggs, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4829032  
12/11/2024, 12/18/2024, 12/25/2024, 01/01/2025  
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**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED INTENDS TO SELL THE PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW TO ENFORCE A LIEN ON SAID PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE GEORGIA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, GEORGIA CODE SECTIONS 10-4-210 TO 10-4-215. THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL PROPERTY AT **STORAGEAUCTIONS.COM** BY COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON **December 31, 2024**

**AT 10:00 AM. BY HOUSTON MINI STORAGE LLC, 2514 GUNN ROAD, BYRON GA 31008 (478)-956-2267, PEACH COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA, THE FOLLOWING:**

Renter's Name, Address, Unit #  
Teresa Stanfill  
144 Roger Drive  
BYRON, GA 31008  
UNIT E21  
Linens, clothes, toys, Miscellaneous items

Teresa Stanfill  
144 Roger Drive  
Byron, GA 31008  
UNIT E33  
Freezer, tables, bakers rake, toys, Miscellaneous items

12/18, 12/25, 2024  
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**GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

All creditors of the Estate of **INEZ MOORE, 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 18th day of December, 2024.  
Gloria Hardin, Administrator  
c/o Rebecca C. Moody, Esq.  
MOODY AND ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM, LLC  
P.O. Box 422  
Perry, GA 31069  
478-988-0238  
12/25/2024 & 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 2025  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

In the interest of:  
**Maddison Shyanne Rauser, Female, Age 13, DOB 20**  
**ADOPTION NO. 477-A**  
**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**  
**TO: Christy Lynn Fitzpatrick**  
**James Anthony Rossi**  
**John Thomas Rauser**

You are hereby notified that Petitioner Russell Dean Smith filed a Petition for Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights to Maddison Shyanne Rauser. A free copy of the Summons and Petition for Adoption are available to the parent from the Clerk of the Peach County Superior Court, 205 W Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030, 478-825-5331, during business hours or, upon request, shall be mailed to the parent.

**This matter has been set for a final hearing on February 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. at the Peach County Courthouse in Fort Valley, GA.**

Further, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-8-12, et al., you are notified as follows:

Georgia law provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent to this child and will neither

receive notice nor be entitled to object to the adoption of the child unless, within 30 days of receipt of such notice, you file:

(1) A petition to legitimate the child pursuant to Code Section 19-7-22 as a separate civil action; (2) Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the court in which the action under this Code section, if any, is pending; and (3) Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate to the person or agency who provided such notice to such biological father.

Further, A biological father who is not a legal father shall lose all rights to the child and the court shall enter an order terminating all of his rights to the child and he shall not thereafter be allowed to object to the adoption and shall not be entitled to receive further notice of the adoption if, within 30 days from his receipt of the notice of adoption, he:

(1) Does not file a legitimation petition and give notice as required in subsection (e) of this Code section; (2) Files a legitimation petition which is subsequently dismissed for failure to prosecute; or (3) Files a legitimation petition and the action is subsequently concluded without a court order granting such petition and declaring that he is a legal father of the child.

Clerk, Peach County Superior Court 12,18, 12/25, 2024 & 1/1, 1/8, 2025 3241

**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  
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**CITATION TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND: RLI INSURANCE COMPANY.**

The conservator(s) of the above

estate, has/have applied for Discharge from said trust. This is to notify the above interested party(ies) to show cause, if any they can, why said conservator(s) should not be discharged from office and liability. All objections must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and filed with the above Probate Court, 205 W. Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030 on or before February 5, 2025, said date being more than 30 days from the date of publication, or if personally served, then 10 days from the date of such service. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or probate court clerk, and fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/ telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.

If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled for a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. Kim Wilson, Probate Judge  
By: K. Corbin, Probate Clerk/Deputy clerk  
205 W. Church Street  
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030  
478-825-2313  
12/25/2024 & 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 2025  
3250 (Estate of Jaqueline Hernandez, Citation)

**STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 19th day of December, 2024, KIMBERLY AYER HATTAWAY** filed a Petition in the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, seeking a name change from **KIMBERLY AYER HATTAWAY to KIMBERLY NICOLE AYER**. Any interested or affected party has the right to appear and file objections. At the expiration of thirty (30) days from the filing of the Petition, upon proof of publication, and if no objection is filed, the Court shall proceed to hear and determine all matters raised by said Petition.  
Edwin S. Varner, Jr.  
Attorney at Law  
State Bar No. 725500  
1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200  
Warner Robins, GA 31088  
(478)922-3010  
12/25/2024 & 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 2025  
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**ZONING LEGAL NOTICE**

A public hearing, with public comment heard, will be held by the Peach County Planning Commission on a zoning map amendment request for +/- 9.46 acres known as **tax parcel number 055A 008 located at the corner of Juniper Creek Road and Boy Scout Road Byron, GA.** The request is to rezone the parcel from R-AG (Agricultural residential district) to M-1 (Wholesale and light industrial district).

The hearing will be in the Public Meeting Room of the Board of Commissioner's Office located at 213 Persons Street in Fort Valley on January 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Recommendation from the Planning Commission will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on February 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm during the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

The re-zoning application for this parcel is on file and available for

review. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.  
12/25, 2024 & 1/1, 2025  
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

**Civil Action No. 24-V-0215**  
**SARAH ELIZABETH HINSON, Plaintiff,**  
**v.**  
**KENNETH CLAYTON HINSON, Defendant.**

**In Re: Natalie Susan Hinson, YOB: 2012**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**  
**To: Kenneth Clayton Hinson, Legal Father of Natalie Susan Hinson**

**1010 Beverly Road, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030**  
**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**9407111206206865537249**

By Order of the Court for service by publication dated December 20, 2024, you are hereby notified that on June 12, 2024, Plaintiff, Sarah Elizabeth Hinson, filed suit against you for Complaint for Divorce and Petition to Terminate Parental Rights of Defendant. You are required to file with the clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's Attorney, Jocelyn P. Daniell, an answer in writing within 60 days of December 20, 2024.

You are further notified that as the Legal Father of the Natalie Susan Hinson born to Sarah Elizabeth Hinson in 2012, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-7-1 (b)(8), you are hereby notified that the above action was filed in Peach County Superior Court Clerk's Office, Georgia, on June 12, 2024 seeking the termination of your parental rights. A hearing in this case is scheduled to be heard on February 21, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. before the Honorable Ken Smith in the Peach County Courthouse. You shall have the right to appear and show cause why your rights to the child who is the subject of the proceeding should not be terminated. A copy of the petition, motion, and/or notice may be obtained, if permitted by law, from the Clerk's Office of the Peach County Superior Court.

Said Petition seeks to terminate your rights and obligations with respect to the above-listed minor child, and of the child arising from the potential parental relationship, including the right to inheritance. You are hereby notified that you will lose all rights to the child and will neither receive notice, nor be entitled to object to the adoption of the child, unless you appear in the divorce hearing and show cause why your rights should not be terminated. Be Governed Accordingly.

Witness, the Honorable Ken Smith, judge of Superior Court of Peach County.

This December 20, 2024.  
/s/Jocelyn P. Daniell  
Jocelyn P. Daniell  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
524 South Houston Lake Road  
Suite C100  
Warner Robins, GA 31088  
(478)953-6103  
12/25/2024, 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 2024  
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**CITY ADMIN.**

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Development Authority, had numerous prizes to present to those who took part in the Second Annual Lighted Christmas Parade. There were 45 entries this year with the categories ranging from 'Most Holiday Spirit,' 'Most Creative,' 'Best

Band,' 'Best Dance Team,' and more.

The employees of the month are Sherrita Hightower of the Public Works Department, Emilio Reed of the Fort Valley Fire Department, Corporal Roy Pound of the Fort Valley Po-

lice Department, and Rhonda Walker of the Administrative Department.

**Editor's Note: The winners of the Fort Valley Christmas Parade Contest will be featured in the next issue of The Leader Tribune (Jan. 1, 2025).**





# Peach County Football's GHSA 1-AAA All-Region Selections



# Peach County Football's GHSA 1-AAA All-Region 2nd Team selections



# Peach County Rolling Trojans Head Coach Walter named the 2023-2024 Georgia Coach of the Year



By PCSS

Congratulations to Peach County Rolling Trojans Head Coach Walter Johnson for being named the 2023-2024 Georgia Coach of the Year for Adapted Sports /Allied /Unified Sports.

Coach Johnson and other winners were recognized at a pregame presentation prior to the GHSA 4A State Championship football game December 16th at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

# Wildcats Name Kenny Ray as Interim Head Football Coach

By FVSU

Fort Valley State University (FVSU) has announced Kenny Ray as the interim head coach of Wildcat football. He previously held the position prior to the hiring of former head coach Shawn Gibbs.

Ray, who has been with FVSU since February 2020, most recently served as the associate head coach, offensive line coach, and run game coordinator. During his tenure, Ray's offensive line played a pivotal role in the team's success, paving the way for the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's (SIAC) top rushers, including current Green Bay Packer Emanuel Wilson and standout Brandon Marshall. Under Ray's leadership, the 2024 offensive line allowed the fewest sacks in the SIAC.

Ray's extensive coaching career spans over two decades,



including 15 seasons at Division I FCS programs such as Tennessee State, Howard, Alabama State, North Carolina A&T and Samford. He also has experience at the FBS level, having coached at the University of Louisiana-Monroe from 1999 to 2003. Before joining FVSU, he spent seven seasons as the offensive line coach and assistant head coach at Gardner-Webb

University.

A national search is currently underway to identify the next head coach for Wildcat football.

To learn more about Kenny Ray's coaching background, go to, <https://fvsusports.com/sports/football/roster/coaches/kenneth-ray/577>

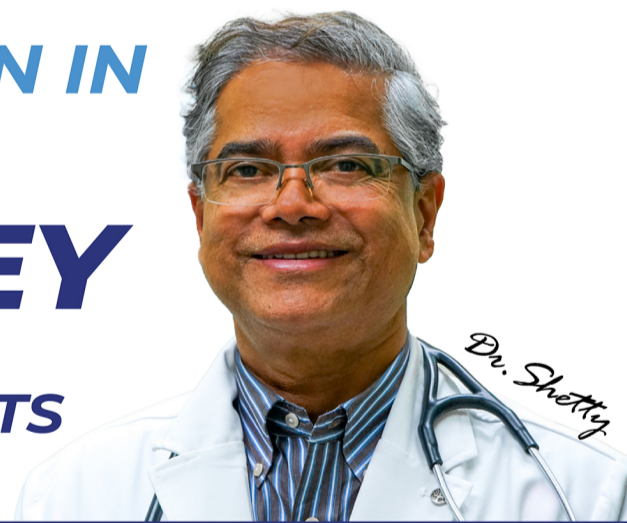
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# Byron Middle School Spelling Bee



By PCSS

Byron Middle held its 2024-2025 school level Spelling Bee on December 3rd in the BMS Media Center. Congratulations

to all of the participants on a job well done!

First place winner - 7th grader, Giselle Huerta

Runner up - 6th grader, Cameron Crews

Giselle and Cameron will advance to the District Level competition. More details will be announced on that competition once we receive them.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS! Peach County

Have yourself a merry little Christmas

## The ultimate playlist to give your home the right holiday season vibe

Special to The Leader Tribune

Staying home for the holidays can make the season a little more convenient, saving celebrants from having to contend with the millions of individuals who take to the roads, railways and friendly skies each December. But staying home comes with its fair share of obligations, especially for individuals who are planning holiday get-togethers with family and friends.

Mood and merrymaking go hand in hand come the holiday season, and music can be used to establish a celebratory vibe this time of year. Whether you're hosting a holiday party or simply aspiring to create a festive atmosphere throughout the month of December, the following songs can help set the right tone this year.

- "Sleigh Ride," by Ella Fitzgerald
- "The Christmas Song," by Gregory Porter
- "Jingle Bell Rock," by Bobby Helms
- "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!," by Frank Sinatra
- "Jingle Bells," by Kimberley Locke
- "Silver Bells," by Tony Bennett, featuring Count Basie and His Big Band



- "Here Comes Santa Claus," by Elvis Presley
- "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," by Diana Krall
- "White Christmas," by Bing Crosby

- "Winter Wonderland," by Louie Armstrong
  - "The First Noel," by the cast of "Glee"
  - "Happy Holiday," by Peggy Lee
  - "O Tannenbaum," by the Vince Guaraldi Trio
  - "Boogie Woogie Santa Claus," by the Brian Setzer Orchestra
  - "All I Want for Christmas Is You," by Mariah Carey
  - "Santa Baby," by Eartha Kitt
  - "Mele Kalikimaka," by Bing Crosby and The Andrews Sisters
  - "Blue Christmas," by Elvis Presley
  - "Frosty the Snowman," by Gene Autry
  - "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town," by Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band
  - "Deck the Halls," by Nat King Cole
  - "Fairytale of New York," by The Pogues featuring Kirsty MacColl
  - "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," by Burl Ives
  - "Baby, It's Cold Outside," by Dean Martin and Marilyn Maxwell
  - "The Twelve Days of Christmas," by The Ray Coniff Singers
- These are just some of the songs that can make up a merry and festive holiday season playlist.

## Real or Artificial? The Christmas tree debate continues

Special to The Leader Tribune

People are passionate about the things they love. Through the years there have been many debates over a wide range of topics, from which cola brand to back to which book/movie character was more deserving of a lead character's heart.

The holiday season features a classic example of taking sides. The debate surrounding artificial Christmas trees and their natural alternatives will pick back up this holiday season. As with any debate, there are two sides to every story. Those on the fence as to whether to go real or fake this year can consider these pros and cons of each.

Real tree

Pros: One of the biggest advantages of a real tree is its pleasing aroma. The fresh pine smell of a natural tree can trigger memories of Christmases gone by and make a home feel cozy and hol-

iday-ready. It takes many years for a Christmas tree to grow large enough to be harvested, and as it grows it provides a habitat for animals and benefits the planet by absorbing carbon and providing oxygen, according to Megan Quinn, coordinator of conservation biology at the Nature Conservancy of Canada. When trees are cut down, two or three may be planted in their place. Buying a real tree from a business nearby also supports the local economy.

Cons: Real trees can be messy and require upkeep like daily watering. Cutting down a tree oneself and bringing it home can help guarantee freshness, but there is really no way to know when trees at Christmas tree lots were cut down. This means that needles can begin falling the moment the tree is placed in the living room. Another thing to note is that live trees can't be placed just anywhere. They shouldn't be next to fireplaces

or heat sources, where they can dry out prematurely and pose a fire risk. A real tree also might have unwelcome bugs or animals hiding within its branches. According to Penn State Extension, anything from spotted lanternflies to spiders to aphids to bark beetles or lice may be on a real tree.

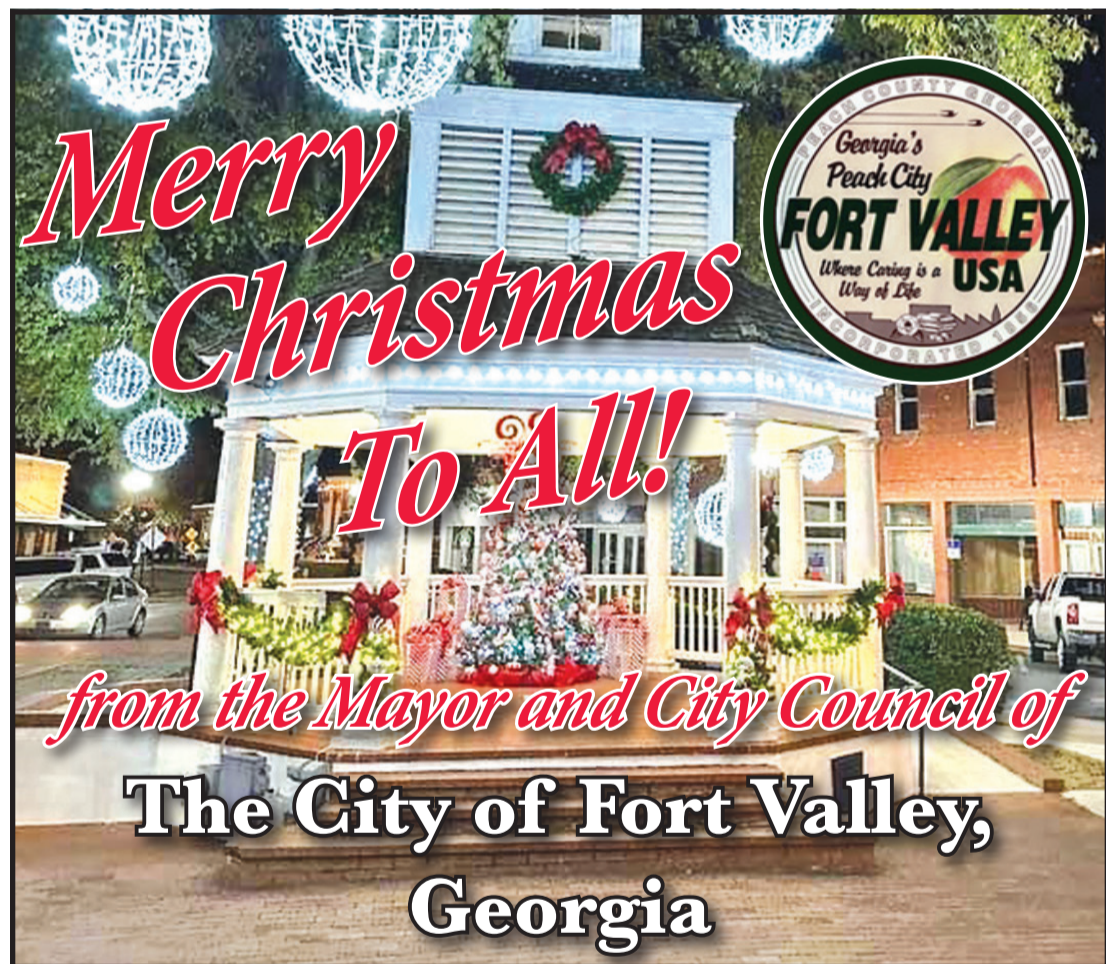
Artificial tree

Pros: Artificial trees can be convenient because they are easy to assemble, disassemble and store. Plus, you don't have to venture out each year to get one. Unlike real trees, artificial trees do not require watering or vacuuming to manage fallen needles.

Since artificial trees can be reused for numerous seasons, they may be more cost-effective than real trees. Artificial trees can last anywhere from six to 10 years, but that life span depends on the quality of the tree and how well it is maintained. Artificial trees also guarantee a uniform, pleasing look year after year.

Cons: Artificial trees are made from polyvinyl chloride and other plastics, and environmentalists attest that those ingredients make them bad

REAL OR ARTIFICIAL?  
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# Have yourself a merry little Christmas

## REAL OR ARTIFICIAL? CONTINUED FROM 1B

for the environment. According to an assessment study of artificial versus natural trees published in 2009 by Ellipso, a Montreal-based sustainable development consulting firm, an artificial tree emits 8.1 kilograms of carbon dioxide per year, compared

to 3.1 kilograms of carbon dioxide emitted by a real tree in a given year. In addition, the chemicals used in manufacture may have adverse effects on human health and often are non-recyclable. Artificial trees also take up room in homes year-round

since they need to be stored. Plus, they don't emit a pleasing aroma.

The debate over a real or artificial Christmas tree is sure to rage on year after year, so it's up to holiday celebrants to make their pick.



**WISHING EVERY ONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Wishing to wonderful people of Peach County a ver Merry Christmas!

**Martin H. Moseley, Peach County Commission Chairman and wife Teresa Moseley**



# Massee Lane Gardens

We Wish Everyone A Happy Thanksgiving!

# Have A Safe & Merry Christmas!

**Sheriff Terry Deese**  
& the Peach County Sheriff's Department

1007 Spruce Street Extension  
P.O. Box 510 • Fort Valley, GA 31030  
Phone: 478-825-8269 Fax: 478-825-3045

**2024-2025 Camellia Blooming Season and Festival of Camellias at Massee Lane Gardens & 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*Festival of Camellias Calendar of Events*

**Middle Georgia Camellia Society and Flint Energies Camellia Show**  
Saturday Feb. 21, 2025, Noon - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday Feb 22, 2025 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
Ongoing Events & Displays Throughout Feb.  
Food Trucks: February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd  
Free Tea Tastings: February 1st & 15th

**Kick Off Celebration with Free Admission:**  
Saturday, February 1, 2025: Admission will be free to kick off the month of camellia fun. Activities include self-guided tours, complimentary nature scavenger hunts with prizes, inflatable house & slide and fun art activities for children.

**Little Buds Day: Saturday, February 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.:** Families will enjoy Little Buds Day. The event and activities are free for children 12 and under. Activities include scavenger hunt with prizes, DIY arts & crafts tables, inflatable house & slide & a Wildlife Program!

100 Massee Lane Road, Fort Valley, GA • (478)967-2358

**Composting for Kids Workshop:**  
Saturday, February 15, 2025 11:00 a.m.: Our own Superintendent of Gardens Massee Lane Gardens, William Khoury, will give a presentation on composting at home for the kids.

**Saving Money Talk for Kids Workshop:**  
Saturday, February 15, 2025 - Drop by Table: Matt Callahan of Synovus Bank presents a very important discussion about saving money for the kids.

**Workshop Day: Sunday, February 16, 2025, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.:** Camellia Waxing  
**Ikebana Exhibit: February 1-3, 2025**  
**Guided Tours & Box Lunches:** Call now for Box Lunch and Guided Tour Reservations! Tours are \$10 per person. More info.email ask@americancamellias.org  
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# Merry Christmas

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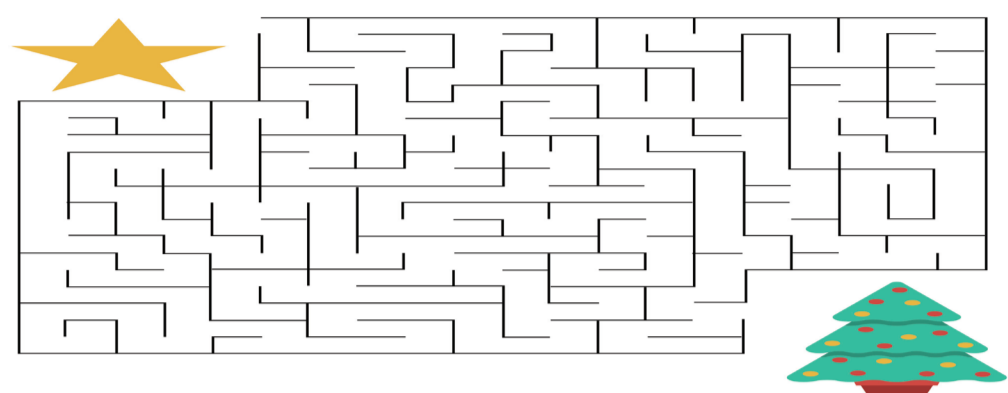
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