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## Fort Valley Shooting Leaves One Dead, Another Injured

By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – A man is dead and another injured after a deadly shooting on Monday afternoon in Fort Valley, according to the Fort Valley Police Department. Fort Valley Police responded to the shooting near the 600 block of Miller Street and Walden Street at roughly 4:00 p.m. The officers discovered two people suffering from gunshot wounds. One victim, 59-year-old Tyrone Wil-

liams, was transported to a local hospital. The second victim, 24-year-old Kerry Ross Jr., died from his injuries according to Peach County Coroner Kerry Rooks. This is an ongoing investigation. The Fort Valley Police Department asks anyone with information to contact them at (478) 825-3383.



Photo from Facebook  
Kerry Ross Jr., memorial.

## Councilwoman Juanita Bryant Arrested During City Work Session

By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – Councilwoman Juanita Bryant was arrested during the city council work session on Tuesday, Jan. 14. Bryant was allegedly arrested for violating Georgia code 16-

11-34., which states that, "a person who recklessly or knowingly commits any act which may reasonably be expected to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting, gathering, or procession is guilty of a misdemeanor." Bryant was released Tuesday night.

## Mayor, City Council of Byron Vote to Promote Civility

By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

BYRON, Ga. – The Mayor and City Council of Byron have approved a resolution pledging to continue to practice and promote civility in the City of Byron.

Following that, the council re-appointed Betty Sims as Election Superintendent. Next, the council set a qualifying fee of \$90.00 for Council Members Post 3, Post 4, and Post 5 regarding the November 4, 2025 General Election. Council Post 3 is held by Michael Chumbley, Council Post 4 is held by Chris Hodges, and Council Post 5 is held by Alan Dorsey.

Next, the council approved an application to Annex per request of Southern Star Properties, Inc. located at Hwy 247 Connector, which was followed by a public hearing for a rezoning request to change the property from County R-AG to City R-1 low-density residential. The council approved the rezoning with the condition that the construction team only use the designated

construction entrance to avoid traffic build-up.

The council approved a resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with First Due regarding dispatch services. Next, the board approved a resolution for the System Development Schedule of Fees.

The council adopted Ordinance No. 2024-11 regarding system development charges for water and wastewater fees which entailed revising section 40.3 tap fees.

Following that, the council agreed to award Greene's Water Wells for the New Deep Well & Chemical Treatment Building contract for \$3,138,138.00, contingent upon the EDA's approval of submitted procurement and bid opening documentation per their guidelines. In addition, the council agreed to award LaKay Enterprises, Inc. for the Benjamin Hawkins Parkway Water System Improvements contract for \$933,668.60, contingent upon EDA's approval of submitted procurement and bid opening documentation per their guidelines.

## Fort Valley Council Sparks Controversy Over City Administrator Pay

By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – The Mayor and City Council of Fort Valley have approved a new contract for City Administrator Gary Lee despite concerns

from residents over the salary of \$156,000.

Mayor Jeffery Lundy and council members Laronda Eason, Henry Howard, and Fred Van Hartsveldt approved the salary for Lee, while council members Juanita Bryant, San-

dra Marshall, and Carla Gowen were opposed to the large sum.

Lee's salary is currently set at \$150,000 with a monthly \$500 car allowance. There is a probationary six months in which the

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## Connected Resilient Communities Program Comes to Fort Valley

By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – Last weekend, the Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority began its initial project with the University of Georgia's Connected Resilient Communities (CRC) program. From Friday, Jan. 17 through Sunday, Jan. 19, numerous students from the UGA College of Environment and Design were present to discuss downtown improvements.

The University of Georgia's Connected Resilient Communities program is a part of the

Archway Partnership that the Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority became part of in April 2024.

The goal of the weekend was to get feedback from the community and stakeholders and for the students to take these ideas and criticisms and create concepts on how to better improve the downtown area.

The students involved included two Master of Historic Preservation students; Maddy Markle, from Omaha, NE, and Olivia Roger, from Ruston, LA. There were also five Master of Landscape Architecture

students; Laura Binford, from Dothan, AL, Noah Dilday, from Clemson, SC, Tatyanna Fry, from Jefferson, GA, Sofi Hooks, from Gwinnett Co., GA, and Jabari Lottie, from Denver, CO. There were two recent Fort Valley State University alumni, Genesis Ivey and Saferino Dour, who are now in graduate school at UGA's School of Public and International Affairs present as well.

Jennifer Martin Lewis, the Director of the CED Center for

**COMMUNITIES PROGRAM CONTINUED PG 6A**

## Peach County Recognizes Three Employees for Years of Service



Coroner Kerry Rooks and Peach County Commissioner Martin Moseley.

By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – The Peach County Board of Commissioners recognized multiple employees for their dedication and service at their monthly board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

First, the board recognized three employees for their years of service; Former Sheriff Terry Deese, Coroner Kerry Rooks,

and Wayne Lettice of the Board of Assessors. Both recently retired, Deese worked for the Peach County Sheriff's Office for 42 years and Lettice worked for the Board of Assessors for 15 years. Rooks has worked as the Peach County Coroner for over 30 years.

County Administrator April Hodges recognized two employees praised for their service, Alec Garcia with Peach EMS

and Kevin Jones of the Peach County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Wade Yoder had an update on the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Training and explained how it is an initiative to support those with mental illnesses.

Dr. Melody Carter, the Director of Development for the Middle Georgia Community Food Bank was in attendance to talk about food insecurity in Peach



Wayne Lettice and Peach County Commissioner Martin Moseley.

County. She stated that roughly 4,220 people in Peach County are food insecure, which is 15% or 1 in 7 people. According to Dr. Carter, 25% of the 4,220 are children. The commissioners approved a one-time donation of \$10,000 from the contingency funds, with the plan to discuss donations as a line item during future discussions of the budget.

Concerning old business, Chief County Marshal Todd Shepherd

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# Peach County FFA Officers Attend President Carter's Return to Plains



**Contributed**

Peach County FFA Officers Dominick Osterbuhr, Sophia Cervantes and Jacob Schofill traveled to Plains on Friday, January 10th with Mr. Jody Kemp (FFA Sponsor).

Georgia FFA members were asked to come and line the streets for President Carter's Funeral Processional from Maranatha Baptist Church back to his home.

Thank you for representing Peach County Schools at this historic event.



## Fort Valley, UGA Teaming Up For Downtown Beautification Project

**Contributed by Tisa Horton**

This last weekend, Fort Valley began its initial project as part of the University of Georgia's Connected Resilient Communities (CRC) program. A group of UGA students and faculty helped with the work, which focused on downtown beautification and green spaces and making the area more attractive to businesses. The project is the first of three that Fort Valley will complete as part of the CRC program, which is facilitated by the Archway Partnership.

"We are excited to host students and faculty from UGA as they gather community input and craft designs for downtown improvement," said Tisa Horton, chair of the Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority. "We look forward to engaging with our downtown stakeholders in this first phase of a community conversation about how to improve Fort Valley."

The students are from the UGA College of Environment and Design (CED) and the center-

piece of the visit is a "charrette" - a multi-day event that brings designers and locals together to envision plans. These students, studying landscape architecture, historic preservation and urban planning, worked with local stakeholders to illustrate design concepts that can guide downtown leaders towards civic improvements. The charrette was led by the college's Center for Community Design and Preservation (CCDP). As the public service and outreach arm of the UGA College of Environment and Design, the CCDP has conducted over 100 design charrettes in Georgia since 1997.

"During our time in Fort Valley, we hope to engage local business and property owners in conversations to understand their vision for improving the downtown area," said Jennifer Lewis, CCDP director. "The students will blend those goals with their own impressions of the assets and opportunities that exist and produce illustrations of what change could look like."

The CRC program, facilitated by the award-winning Archway

Partnership, helps communities tap into the resources and expertise at UGA to address local issues and become more attractive to economic development. CRC communities partner with experts from UGA to complete three projects, over 12 to 18 months, designed to increase resiliency. Communities receive silver and gold medals after projects one and two, respectively, and a platinum medal after project three, signifying they have earned the CRC designation through extraordinary planning, collaboration and partnership with UGA to build a thriving community.

Now in its fourth year, the CRC program not only helps communities work on locally-identified projects but also helps students and faculty gain real-world experience while learning more about the state of Georgia. Thomson-McDuffie County was the pilot community for the CRC program, earning its designation in 2021. Last year, the CRC program produced more than \$434,000 in project value.

## PRESS RELEASE: INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The Peach County Board of Education intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for the Peach County School District. All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at the Peach County Board of Education Office located at 900 Campus Drive, Fort Valley,

Georgia on February 3, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Times and places of additional public hearings on this matter are at the Peach County Board of Education Office located at 900 Campus Drive, Fort Valley, Georgia on February 4, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and February 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

### QUALIFYING FEES

The City of Byron General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, for Council Post 3, Council Post 4, and Council Post 5. Qualifying fees for this election will be \$90.00 for members of council.

These fees are 3 percent of the total gross salary of the office paid in the preceding calendar year.

Qualifying will be held on August 18, 19, and 20, 2025, between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Betty Sims, Election Superintendent

### Utility Commission Positions Announcement

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Knowledge of the utility industry is preferred. A valid Georgia driver's license.

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Utility Commission, 500 Anthoine Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
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presented the Animal Control Kennel Sponsorship & Dedication Form, which the commissioners approved. Following that, Elections Supervisor Anthony Sallette asked the council to hire a full-time clerk, which the commissioners denied, with Commissioner Shanita Howell

and Vice-Chairwoman Betty Hill opposing.

Concerning new business, County Attorney James F. Banter presented a resolution regarding homestead exemptions which is a result of House Bill 581, which the commissioners approved. House Bill 581 was

passed during the 2024 legislative session and later signed by Governor Brian Kemp.

Following an executive session, the commissioners reappointed Wilburn R. Hilton, Jr. to the Planning & Zoning Board.

<https://theleadertribune.com/>

### City of Fort Valley Planning & Zoning Board PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ronald Pride, 609 Camellia Blvd., Parcel F05E-099, 1.85 acres a petition for zoning action to request zoning change from industrial to R2 Multi-Family.
2. Santeria Collier, 801 Chamlee Drive, Parcel F06C-151, 10.68 acres a petition for zoning action to request zoning changes from R1 to R2 Multi-Family.

**DATE: January, 2025, 10:00am City Hall  
February 18, 2025, 6:00pm City Hall**

# Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia

By Kimberly Novak,  
Community Engagement  
Manager

Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia is kicking off the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Season in middle Georgia, so consumers can support local Girl Scout entrepreneurs by purchasing their favorite cookies. The 2025 cookie lineup is jam packed with the full spread of classic cookie flavors, including Thin Mints®, Samoas®, Tagalongs®, Do-si-dos®, Adventurefuls®, Trefoils®, Lemon-Ups®, Toffee-tastic®, and the soon to be retired Girl Scout S'mores®. We would love to work with you to cover the upcoming season and show how

the Girl Scout Cookie Program allows girls to unbox brighter futures for themselves!

When girls participate in the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Program, the largest entrepreneurial program in the world, they acquire a host of incredible entrepreneurial skills, including goal setting, money management, decision making, people skills, and business ethics. Each box of cookies sold helps Girl Scouts develop an inextinguishable entrepreneurial spirit, gaining courage, confidence, and character as they conquer new feats and embark on new adventures. From donating cookies to local first responders

to creating community gardens for all to enjoy, Girl Scouts unbox a brighter future for themselves, our community, and the world. Get ready because it's Girl Scout Cookie time!

More information is included in the attached press release, including how customers in our area can purchase cookies. Would you be interested in covering this news? If so, please contact Kimberly Novak at knovak@gshg.org or 706-564-2656 to coordinate interviews with current Girl Scouts for your coverage and/or offer cookie samples. We look forward to hearing from you.

# Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.com



## Board Of Elections Meeting on Thursday January 23, 2025 at 4 P.M. at 205 W Church Street Fort Valley, Ga 31030

Anthony Sallette - Elections Supervisor

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. (TFN)

### ADDICTION COUNSELING

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

### BYRON AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

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

### THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS MIDDLE GEORGIA CHAPTER

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

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

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

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

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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

### BYRON LIONS CLUB

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

### BYRON ROTARY CLUB

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

### BYRON MAIN STREET DDA/CVB

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

### BYRON TAX OFFICE

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

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

### MEETING PEACH PUBLIC LIBRARIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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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

Call for Artists "Abstract" Exhibit Jan 17 - Feb 15  
Deadline to enter, Tuesday, Jan 14, 5pm  
Prospectus and entry forms are available on our website: www.middlegeorgiaart.org  
MGAA Gallery, 2330 Ingleside Ave., in Ingleside Village. Gallery Hrs: Tues-Fri 12-5pm. Sat 12-3pm. 478-744-9557 Email: middlegeorgiaart@bellsouth.net  
**Free and open to the public!** (TFN)

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

The Child Development Center is accepting waitlist applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents with children 6 weeks to 4 years old can apply. To request an application email childdevelopmentcenter@fvsu.edu, or pick up an application at the Child Development Center located at 1101 Carver Dr, Fort Valley, GA, Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm.  
This is a developmentally appropriate program. The Center is open to FVSU students, faculty, staff and the community. For more information call 478-825-6236 or 478-825-6234.

### PEACH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

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

### THE PEACH COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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

### FIRST STEP LEARNING CENTER EARLY HEAD START

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### 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

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.

## Police Beat

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### Byron Arrests/Citations

Aragon Royo, Jose Alfredo, 39, Fort Lauderdale, GA: Headlight Requirements, Driving With Suspended License

Hamlin, Christopher Joseph, 46, Macon, GA: Possession With Intent To Distribute A Controlled Substance, Possession With Intent To Distribute A Controlled Substance

Hamlin, Laura Querida, 45, Macon, GA: Possession With Intent To Distribute A Controlled Substance, Possession With Intent To Distribute A Controlled Substance, Apprehension Of A Wanted Person

Horn, Mckenzie Leann Paige, 23, Warner Robins, GA: Failure To Appear

Hunnicut, Brianna Marie, 26, Byron, GA: Failure To Appear

Jordan, Brantley Allen, 45, Byron, GA: Probation Violation

Mccant, Curlie, 42, Macon, GA: Serving Sentence

Rigby, Dillon Wayne, 32, Kathleen, GA: Entering Automobile Or Other Motor Vehicle With Intent To Commit Theft Or Felony

Ussery, Joshua Lee, 44, Warner Robins, GA: Failure To Appear

Williams, Jakhari Lamarion, 20, Byron, GA: Open Container, Illegal Stop/Stand/Park Where Prohibited, DUI / Alcohol/ Less Safe, Possession Of Alcohol By A Minor City Cd

### Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Morton, Connedra Leann, 37, Fort Valley, GA: Simple Assault - Family Violence

Morton, Connessia Leangela, 34, Fort Valley, GA: Simple Assault - Family Violence

Roberson, Clifford Oneal, 34, Macon, GA: Child Support

### Peach County Sheriff's Office

#### Arrests/Citations

Boggan, Oceana Dena, 31, Macon, GA: Court Order

Culp, Michael Anthony, 25, Columbus, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Edwards, Blake Austin, 23, Warner Robins, GA: Theft By Receiving Stolen Property -

Misdemeanor, Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Hohnwald, Keagan Ivan, 23, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Huff, Adriann Feronta, 46, Jonesboro, GA: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Reckless Driving, Failure To Maintain Lane, Driving Under The Influence - Alcohol

Hunnicut, Dylan Scott, 29, Byron, GA: Simple Battery - Family Violence

Malakius, Tevin Dwight, 31, Byron, GA: Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree, Battery

Mikdad, Waleed T, 20, Odenville, AL: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Driving While License Suspended, Reckless Driving

Solder, Rachael Marie, 41, W Palm Beach, FL: Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol, Hands Free

Wade, Stephen Eugene, 45, Byron, GA: Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Receipt, Possession Or Transfer Of Firearm By Convicted Felon Or Felony First Offender

Williams, Jada Unique, 31, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

### Crawford County Sheriff's Office

#### Arrests

Stevenson, Jessica, 29, Ivey, GA: Willful Obstruction Of Law Enforcement Officers - Misdemeanor

### GA State Patrol Perry Arrests

Aleman, Jimmy, 48, Bonaire, GA: Driving While License Suspended, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits)

Gibson, Dianne Faye, 63, Macon, GA: Driving While License Suspended, Failure To Maintain Insurance

Wood, Kaylee Selina, 45, Steele, AL: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits)

### GA Dept Of Corrections

Thompson, Vennesa, 52, Port Lucie, FL

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## Lt. Gov. Jones defends senator's right to House floor

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief

### Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Lt. Gov. Burt Jones, who presides over the Georgia Senate, said Friday that he won't tolerate any future episodes like what happened Thursday when Sen. Colton Moore was arrested for trying to enter the state House chambers.

As members of the House and Senate gathered for Gov. Brian Kemp's annual State of the State address, Moore, R-Trenton, was wrestled to the ground outside the chambers by a House staffer, then arrested and hauled away by Capitol Police.

House Speaker Jon Burns, R-Newington, banned Moore from the House floor last March after the far-right senator from Northwest Georgia made disparaging remarks about the late Speaker David Ralston, whose memory was being honored in the House and Senate on what would have been his 70th birthday. Ralston died in 2022.

On Friday, two House members took different sides on the controversy, speaking on the House floor. One criticized Moore's arrest as a violation of his constitutional rights, while the other defended the ban on Moore as appropriate considering what he had said about Ralston.

Jones left no doubt where he stands.

"What happened yesterday was an embarrassment for the General Assembly," the lieutenant governor told his Senate colleagues Friday. "It shouldn't happen again."

Jones said he met with Burns after Moore's arrest to defend the senator's right to attend the governor's speech.

Later Friday, Burns released a statement indicat-

ing that lawmakers would not be barred from future joint sessions of the General Assembly.

"While the senator's actions were despicable and hurtful to all who knew, respected and loved former Speaker David Ralston, we know that Speaker Ralston's first priority was always to serve the people of our great state, and he wouldn't want that important work to be hindered," Burns said.

"For this reason, the Ralston family has expressed to their family here in the House that they desire for our chamber to resume business as normal - with all members of the General Assembly present - for any future joint sessions with or without the apology they and the House deserve."

Moore thanked Jones for his support and said he received many encouraging texts and phone calls from senators after the incident.

"I appreciate your willingness to support the Constitution of the United States," Moore said. "The Constitution is sacred. I thank you for recognizing that."

After his arrest, Moore was charged with a misdemeanor of willful obstruction of law enforcement officers and released after posting bail.

A former member of the House elected to the Senate in 2022, Moore has been a lightning rod, drawing criticism from fellow Republicans to the point that he was suspended from the Senate GOP Caucus in September 2023 after he unsuccessfully pushed for a special legislative session to investigate Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis' prosecution of former President Donald Trump.

## The Bonus Payout from Manual Labor



WADE YODER  
LT COLUMNIST

Physical activity at work (at your paying job) is something I've thought a lot about over the past years, and I see the value even more as the warnings continue to come out about sedentary lifestyles, setting still for extended periods, and last but not least, mental stress when not combined with its healthy counterpart which is physical stress. Yes, that's correct... mental stress without physical stress to counter it becomes toxic in the erosive effects it has on the body.

Inactivity is linked to most chronic diseases, (heart disease, cancer, diabetes) and oftentimes, resulting in obesity and decreased muscle tone and physical capabilities. If we can

counter chronic disease by getting more active, doesn't this include physical work at our job as well?

Whenever I hear of a company that pays their employees for their gym time, I automatically think "smart company" and I can tell it makes the employee feel really good that their company cares about their health and fitness! A company allowing an employee to go to the gym while on the clock, to exercise, and improve health, fitness, and shape while getting paid, sounds pretty good to most people who care about their health!

However, if we have a physically exhausting job, carpentry, plumbing, fabrication, waitressing, janitorial, and other manual labor jobs, we oftentimes tend to look at it differently than when we exercise in a gym or have paid exercise time from our employer. It's not so different, especially if you can work fast enough to get your heart rate up for an extended period and can go through a variety of movements, such as lifting, pulling, pushing, squatting, and walking.

With all the environmental toxins, food additives, stress, and then if combined with a

sedentary lifestyle or job, we increase our chances of a buildup of pending side effects that can really position us at the losing end of the stick, (in future healthcare costs, down time, premature aging and chronic disease).

It makes perfect sense that our intake of fast food, processed food, as well as loads of sugar, when combined with lifestyles that are inactive are exactly what is setting this perfect storm for a massive era of death by chronic disease. We can change this by following 3 words, changing lifestyle habits.

There are many health benefits in a job that requires physical output, and this physical activity can have great immediate and long-term benefits.

Here are a few: increased muscle mass and tone, increased cardio endurance, better cardiopulmonary circulation, increased bone density, better detoxification, and regular bowel movements, physical fatigue from activity or exercise relieves mental stress, lower body fat and last but not least, you get a workout while making money!

How to get a workout on the job: when you see a stretch of work that might last 20 minutes

or longer, increase the speed that you do it to get your heart rate up, (this helps burn body fat and build cardio endurance). If you want to build muscle density, increase the load or speed of movement.

If you have a desk job: stand up and move around whenever you get a chance. You can do some rapid squat thrusts, jumping jacks, or pushups whenever you take a restroom break, (if you take 5-10 breaks, this will add up). If you do an exercise that activates most of your muscles, you can do a lot in one minute of rapid, intense exercise.

When we look at the health benefits of a body that keeps in motion and realize that health will be tomorrow's currency, our appreciation can grow for a job (or daily activities) that keep us on the move and can make us feel like we're accomplishing two things at one time! After all, it's pretty neat if you can work and make a paycheck from your employer while getting exercise at the same time!

Sorta reminds me of a quote from Yogi Berra: "They give you cash which is as good as money."

## Take The Forecast Seriously, But Not Necessarily Literally

Charlie Harper  
Guest Columnist

Storms are in the forecast for much of Georgia this week. Some of the predictions that began well before an accurate forecast window were downright crazy. The most sensational predictions of what would happen using the most unreliable models are the ones that grab our attention and get shared most often.

If you've looked at any of social media in the past week, you've likely seen outlandish predictions of snowfall for much of the state. The first models began predicting this when a lot of north Georgia was covered in snow.

They were immediately believable to many, as human nature is always to see the future as a trend line of the present. Human nature is also too often overly negative, and thus it's easy for some to compute that "the next one will be even worse."

This column is being written and filed as the prediction window is closing and we have a general idea of accuracy - as much as any snow or ice event can be foretold with accuracy in Georgia. It appears some of what was forecast will come true, even if not in the insane amounts in some of the original models.

Some of the state will be left

out, though it will be bitterly cold. Other parts of Georgia that rarely see frozen precipitation will have a few days they'll be talking about for a while.

So were the models right? The predicted something, somewhere. Something is actually going to happen, but a lot of the details changed. Nuance matters in whether we're declaring the predictions right or wrong.

The same day this column is being filed there are a lot of other things going on.

We're remembering Martin Luther King, Jr. While few articulate it, we've been having a somewhat passive aggressive national conversation about what "equality" means, having the word "equity" substituted by many without achieving the buy-in needed for true social change.

We're observing the peaceful transition of power in Washington. We must acknowledge that this remains a modern miracle, even if it seems a tenuous one.

We have a reported case of bird flu in Georgia's poultry industry, which while currently contained is a threat to one of the state's largest agriculture industries and our food supply. Jobs and the price of chicken hang in the balance.

We have questions about whether TikTok is an issue of free speech (something that

a unanimous Supreme Court declared it is not), or an issue of national security. We have questions if a President has the unilateral authority to create an extension of implementing a law out of whole cloth, or if one can unilaterally declare the Constitution amended.

And, breaking late, we again have the questions of pre-emptive pardons. We'll be questioning the legality of a pardon that declares no crime has been committed, while also arguing over whether or not a precedent has been set for blanket pardons for many who have actually been convicted.

That's a lot going on for a column about the weather. But this isn't about the weather. It's about our ability to use thin data points to draw conclusions about the future. Most of us, frankly, are quite bad at this.

I posted on X, formerly Twitter, about the bird flu case last Friday afternoon - including screen shots of the entire release. One line, which I repeated, stood out: "All poultry activities in Georgia are suspended."

The tweet went somewhat viral, receiving over a quarter million views. Most who replied didn't have the knowledge to understand what that line meant in the context of the poultry industry, nor did they attempt to read the release.

Retweets with commentary quickly began from the fringes of the left and right. Not surprisingly, many were quick to blame the political boogeyman of their choice. It was unfortunate how few wanted to understand the problem or seek solutions.

The reaction, whether it's for a foot of snow or that an industry we rely on could be frozen in time, is to fight about what we think we know - and blame the people we don't like.

The forecast in Washington this week is for a new administration. We already know from his first term that it will be somewhat unconventional. There will be grandiose statements that send many to their fainting couches. Promised results will be as bombastic as 18" of snow on St Simons Island.

Too many of us have already decided if our predictive models suggest if President Trump is right or wrong. History's judgement will likely be more nuanced. He and Congress will get some things right, some wrong, and some will be debated in perpetuity.

It's now time for governing. It's best to take the President's statements seriously, yet not literally. There will be plenty of time to measure what accumulates. For now, just let it snow.

## Kemp Ups The Ante On School Safety Grants

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief

### Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Gov. Brian Kemp said Monday he will ask the General Assembly to provide an additional \$50 million in state grants to improve security in Georgia schools.

The added funding would bring the total for the current fiscal year to \$158 million, Kemp said during a news con-

ference at the state Capitol.

"This is going to keep our students, teachers, and school systems safer," he said.

The issue of school safety has taken on greater urgency under the Gold Dome since last September's mass shooting at Apalachee High School near Winder that killed two students and two teachers. A 14-year-old student was arrested at the scene and charged with the murders.

Lt. Gov. Burt Jones credited the school-safety grant program with reducing the potential carnage at the school in Barrow County.

"Had we not made that investment, the tragedy that hit Apalachee could have been much worse," he said.

The added funding for school safety would be enough to give each school in the state \$68,760.

Kemp said local school sys-

tems would be given discretion over how to use the money.

"They know their schools and their needs better than we do," he said.

However, legislation the General Assembly passed in 2023 requires schools to submit safety plans to the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency in order to receive the funds.

## Stacey Abrams-founded group fined for 2018 campaign violations

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief

### Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - A nonprofit voter registration organization founded by two-time Democratic gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams has agreed to pay the largest fine ever assessed by the Georgia Ethics Commission.

The commission's board voted Wednesday to approve a consent order calling for New Georgia Project and a separate fundraising arm to pay \$300,000 for

failing to disclose \$4.2 million in contributions and \$3.2 million in spending during the 2018 election cycle on behalf of Abrams' unsuccessful bid for governor.

New Georgia Project's activities included voter canvassing, campaign literature, social media engagement, and operations of field offices. Failing to disclose the contributions and spending listed in the consent order violated the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Act.

"While this fine is significant in scale, it is also appropriate given the scope of which state law was violated in this case," David Emadi, the commission's executive secretary, told Politico Wednesday.

"This represents the largest and most significant instance of an organization illegally influencing our statewide elections in Georgia that we have ever discovered, and I believe this sends a clear message to both the public and potential bad ac-

tors moving forward that we will hold you accountable."

New Georgia Project also admitted failing to report nearly \$650,000 in donations and almost \$175,000 in expenditures related to a 2019 transit referendum in Gwinnett County. Voters defeated the referendum, which called for Gwinnett to join MARTA.

Abrams, a Democrat, lost the 2018 governor's race to Republican Brian Kemp, and was defeated again by Kemp in 2022.

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# Planting Trees and Shrubs



**JEFF COOK**  
EXTENSION AGENT

If done correctly we can successfully plant trees and shrubs all year long in Georgia, however I would prefer they be planted when trees are dormant. I would also avoid any new planting during extreme temperatures like we have been experiencing. Once we start seeing more seasonable temps you could go ahead and resume any planting. I should warn you that just because a store has a tree or shrub doesn't mean that it is suitable for our area. This is especially true with fruit.

When planting trees and shrubs we first need to prepare the site so that it will be suitable right now and years from now as the plants grow and mature. How do we do this? If you didn't say get a soil sample then this is the first article of mine you have ever read. In the absence of a soil sample, you should apply 20 - 40 lbs. of lime per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup>. It would also be beneficial

to add some phosphorous fertilizer. The addition of lime and phosphorous is critical prior to planting. Lime needs to mix with the soil to react and raise the pH. Phosphorous needs to be incorporated because it will not move within the soil. Once a tree or shrub is planted, it is hard to correct a low pH or low phosphorous fertility without causing damage to the roots.

You are now ready to plant. Planting is best done when trees and shrubs are dormant. I like to wait until January, only because there is plenty of other stuff to do in December. When you prepare the hole make sure that you make it deep enough to accommodate the root ball or tap root (on bare root trees). Don't make it too deep because your plant will probably settle. It is also important to make sure the hole is 2 times wider than the root ball or wide enough to arrange bare roots without them touching the sides. Finally it is a good idea to angle the sides of your planting hole upward. This will encourage the roots to grow outward and not down or in a circular pattern around the existing roots.

Finally refill the hole with the soil that you removed. Never place potting soil, fresh manure, or fertilizer directly into the planting hole. This can actually do more damage than good. Fertilization of new plantings does not need to be started until the following summer. For

most trees and shrubs 6 - 12 inches of growth annually is ideal. If growth is slower than this you can apply a complete fertilizer like 16-4-8 at the rate of 6 pounds per 1000 ft<sup>2</sup>.

Be sure to keep the new planting well watered. Watering will help settle the soil and remove air pockets. It also insulates the roots from cold winter temperatures. Dry roots can get much colder than roots with plenty of moisture. It is sometimes beneficial to place tree wraps on young trees. Tree wraps can serve multiple purposes. They can protect thin bark from cold damage, they provide a barrier to herbicides, and they provide a shield against weed whacker disorder. They also provide shelter for all sorts of insects (wasps love them) so be careful when removing them.

I hope this helps you as you get ready to spruce up your landscape or orchard. This is where we see who actually reads my articles. If you are planting new trees or shrubs and want me to, I can come out and help make sure you are doing it correctly. I will actually bring my shovel and help you plant some trees, so I don't have to come out in two years to say, "you did it wrong". If you have questions about this or other agriculture related topics, contact me at 478-825-6466, 478-862-5496 or mackiv@uga.edu

## PAY

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council can vote to increase or decrease the pay. The previous City Administrator's pay was under \$100,000.

Lee's contract will take effect on January 1, 2025. The contract includes an automatic renewal clause for two-year terms unless the council votes against renewal within 30 days of the anniversary date.

Regarding resolutions, the council approved to reappoint Calvin Jones Sr. to the Fort Valley Housing Authority. The

Mayor and Council voted to remove the Economic Development Department as well as the Economic Development Director position, which was approved. Next, they approved a bid from Medina Construction for Fire Station No. 2.

Keith Hundley of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC went over the 2021 Audit and stated that he will be starting the 2022 Audit within the next couple of months.

The council named the current

members of the Ethic Board; Stanley Williams, Herbert Grace, James Khoury, Mary Edwards, and Calvin Jones, Sr. They will soon be partaking in training from the Georgia Municipal Association.

The employees of the month are Anthony Howell of the Public Works Department, Sgt. Ian Lindsey of the Fort Valley Fire Department, Alfred Edwards of the Fort Valley Police Department, and the staff of the Administrative Department.



## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

email: news@theleadertribune.com

**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)

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

**GREATER FAITH BABIES MINISTRIES**  
1000 Tulip Drive, Fort Valley. Sunday School at 8:30am Morning Worship at 10:00am Wednesday: Free Fellowship Meal at 6pm 60 Minutes Bible Study from 7:00pm -8:00pm Come and fellowship with us!

**COME PRAISE THE LORD OVER ZOOM**  
Sundays 10am - 12noon. Wednesday nights 7pm-8:30pm. Meeting# 2059432744 Code 7Sb6h8 Host James Manning (Elder)

**CHRISTIAN FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
"Connecting People to Christ" Rev. Bobby J. Roberson, Pastor 478-822-9897. 1735 Hwy 341 North, Fort Valley, GA 31030

**FORT VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH**  
301 W. Church Street (478)825-2762  
Join us each Sunday at 10:55AM for Christian fellowship and a spirit-lead service with our pastor, Rev. Herb Flanders. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:45AM. Nursery is available for infants and younger children.

**FT VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** (behind Courthouse)  
Come & worship in a casual atmosphere at 5:00pm each Sunday. Our weekly pastor will be the Rev. Dr. Bryan Whitfield, a Presbyterian minister who also teaches at Mercer University. For any interested, we will have weekly Sunday School Bible Study starting at 4:00pm in the room off the sanctuary. Come and join us for an exciting summer. Brenda Rackley 478-283-1356.

**FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
2560 Willow Lake Road, Fort Valley, GA 31030. MISSION PROGRAM October 13 at 10am. Chairman: Sis. Debra Hill

**CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**  
October 17 at 10am. Bro. James Crocker & Bro. Wayne Crocker. BIBLE STUDY Please dial in for Bible Study each Tuesday at 6:30pm. Number 646-876-9923, your meeting ID is 783-154-6108#.

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

**ST. JULIANA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
804 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Phone:(478) 825-7127 Sat., 7:00pm Spanish Mass Sun., 9:00am English Mass; 11:00 am Spanish Mass Weekday Mass: Tues., - Thurs. 6:30pm Confessions: Thurs., 6:00pm; Sat. 6:30pm; Sun. 10:30am Adoration: Thurs., 7:00pm; Sat. 8-9am; Sun. 6:00pm

**LENTEN SCHEDULE - ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
1000 State University Drive across from the first entrance to FVSU. We hold morning prayer services, at 10:15am Sundays. Eucharist (Communion) is on second Sundays at 11am.

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**SAINT PETER AME CHURCH**  
502 State University Drive, Fort Valley GA 31030  
Join us for a rewarding Worship Experience at "The Rock" each Sunday at 10:00AM. Our pastor is Rev. Anthony Dixon. You may also join us via YouTube and Facebook. Weekly Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:00p.m. Bianca Ballard (478)825-8452.

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH OF FORT VALLEY**  
1101 East Church St, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
Please join us as we continue to seek to save them that are lost! Our weekly schedule is: Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. Sunday Worship at 11:15 A.M. Bible Study at 7:00 P.M. - Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

## Region 5 EMS Awards Banquet Highlights



By Peach County Government

We are proud to announce the amazing achievements of Peach County EMA and EMS at the 2024 Region 5 EMS Awards Banquet!

Chad Davis, Deputy EMS Director, was honored with the 2024 Resilience Innovation Award for his exceptional work in employee recognition, peer support, and innovative QR code enhancements for the agency.

Peach County EMS received the 2024 Excellence in Resilience Award for their unwaver-



ing commitment to excellence in emergency services.

Ryan Roberts, Assistant Fire Chief/EMA Director, was awarded the 2024 Impact Award for his leadership in the Peach County High School Exercise, helping to strengthen community readiness.

Ryan Roberts also received a Region 5 EMA Impact Award for his crucial role in moving training mannequins from Athens to Forsyth, which will be distributed across the region. Peach County EMS is proud to be a recipient of one of these mannequins.

Peach County Fire and Peach County Emergency Management Agency earned two awards for their incredible collaboration on the 2024 Cans for Kids Campaign, benefiting children's programs across the region. This was a true community effort, with Peach County Public Works assisting with moving items to South Georgia after Helene.

Congratulations to all of our outstanding team members and partners for their dedication and hard work!

Section 00020  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Peach County Board of Commissioners will be accepting Sealed Bids for the South Peach Park Trail Expansion in Peach County, GA.

Closing date for Sealed Bids responding to Request for Bid (RFB) No. 25-002 shall be February 20, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Bids will be opened in public without discussion on February 20, 2025 at 3:15 p.m. at the Peach County Board of Commissioner's Office, 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030. Bid amounts will not be released until the Board of Commissioners has awarded the project to the winning contractor.

The work for this project includes the construction of ±4000 L.F. of concrete trail. This includes the import, placement, and compaction of ±500 C.Y. structural fill for the trail expansion. Additionally, drainage improvements, erosion / sediment control, landscaping, outdoor workout equipment installation, and final stabilization are a part of the work for this project.

A Pre-bid meeting will be held February 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at South Peach Park. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is required.

The complete RFB package will be available by contacting Morgan Hoffmann at (478) 476-0700, [morgan@tpointeng.com](mailto:morgan@tpointeng.com)

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the Base Bid. Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount, will be required of the successful bidder. Bond must be written by an acceptable Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed with the Department of the Treasury.

See Instructions to Bidders for additional bidding requirements.

Peach County reserves the right to reject all bids, to waive informalities, to re-advertise and/or to award any bid that is in the best interest of Peach County.

Mail or deliver Sealed Bids to:  
April Hodges, Administrator  
Peach County Board of Commissioners  
ATTN: RFB # 25-002  
213 Persons Street  
Fort Valley, GA 31030



The City of Fort Valley is accepting applications to fill one (1) vacancy on the Fort Valley Historic Preservation Commission Board. The appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission Board shall be one (1) member for the remaining two (2) years of the appointment. Interested individuals should fill out an application and present a brief biography/resume.

The purpose of the Fort Valley Historic Preservation Commission Board is to provide for the protection, enhancement, perpetuation, and use of areas having special historical, cultural, or aesthetic interest or value and which contribute to a sense of place and historical purpose to the citizens. The preservation of this heritage is of basic and vital importance for the development and maintenance of the community's history, culture, vacation-travel industry, historical and architectural tourism and for the protection of property values because of their association with history.

Board Members must meet the following two requirements:

1. Own property in the City of Fort Valley
2. Have been residents of the City of Fort Valley for a minimum of ten years (10) at the time of their appointment

Interested individuals must demonstrate:

- Special Interest
- Special Training
- Knowledge in real estate, law, history, or architecture.

Applications may be obtained at Fort Valley City Hall or by contacting Diane Brown, City Clerk in the Mayor's Office via email at [dbrown@fortvalleyga.org](mailto:dbrown@fortvalleyga.org).

All applications must be submitted no later than Wednesday, February 5, 2025, by 5 p.m. to:

Fort Valley City Hall  
204 W. Church Street  
Fort Valley, Ga. 31030

For any questions or more details contact Gary Lee, City Administrator via email at [glee@fortvalleyga.org](mailto:glee@fortvalleyga.org) or by telephone at (478)825-8261.

## COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

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Community Design and Preservation, was the teacher overseeing this project. She prompted those giving feedback to think about the good as well as the growth opportunities.

"When we were asked to come share our expertise in Fort Valley, on our first visit I was excited at the possibilities of what's here. As a historic preservationist, I see the history, the authenticity, and craftsmanship of these buildings – the beauty of the large oak trees, the wonderful little pocket parks and spaces. Those small little intimate human scaled-spaces that are so different from the generic highway, fast food kinda places that look like everywhere in the United States. Fort Valley looks distinct, it's a special kind of place that has that small town feel," she said. "What we want to do is be able to show what that can look like and lean in to the authenticity."

Lewis was happy with the turnout from the community and stakeholders, saying it would give plenty of varying perspectives.

"I am excited about today's



Photos from the Fort Valley DDA and University of GA's Connected Resilient Communities program.

turnout! I think we had a wonderful, diverse group of folks – some who are from Fort Valley and some that grew up in other places which is a good ratio of 'come-heres' and that's going to make a good mix for change and progress going forward," Lewis said.

When asked if she had anything to say to the citizens of Fort Valley, Lewis had this to say.

"Stay tuned! And if there is an idea that's presented out of this charrette that you think is a good one, let your elected officials know," she said. "See how you can get involved, as a small town we all wear lots of different hats, but it takes some ownership to make the community you live in a better place."



## Jacob Turner Of Peach County and Andy Payne Of Webster County Elected As GACD Group 3 Vice Presidents



Contributed

January 16, 2025: At their Group Meeting in Tifton, GA on January 16, members of the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts (GACD) elected Jacob Turner of Peach County as GACD Group 3 Vice-President, and Andy Payne of Webster County as GACD Group 3 Alternate Vice-President. They will each serve two year terms and represent Conservation Districts located in the South-west region of the state on the GACD Board.

(pictured Jacob Turner (left) and Andy Payne (right))

The mission of GACD is to advocate for the conservation of Georgia's natural resources by providing organization, leadership and a unified strategic direction to the Conservation Districts of the state. For more information on GACD or to explore opportunities on how you can support our efforts, please visit us online at [www.gacd.us](http://www.gacd.us) or on Facebook @GACDConserve.

## INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The Peach County Board of Education intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for the Peach County School District. All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at the Peach County Board of Education Office located at 900 Campus Drive, Fort Valley, Georgia on February 3, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Times and places of additional public hearings on this matter are at the Peach County Board of Education Office located at 900 Campus Drive, Fort Valley, Georgia on February 4, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and February 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA CIVIL ACTION CASE NUMBER 24-V-0476

#### IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF JOHN SANDIFORD, PETITIONER. NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

John Sandiford filed a petition in the Peach County Superior Court on December 30, 2024, to change the name from: John Sandiford to John Kendell Edwards. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed. 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2025 3270

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

Rebecca J. Hamilton and James O. Hamilton, Jr.,

Petitioners

Civil Action No. 24-V-0356

VS.

The estate and all known and unknown heirs of Brenda Durden Barrett, a/k/a Brenda E. Barrett, the estate and all known and unknown heirs of Todd Brian Barrett, Mark Shane Barrett, as an heir of Brenda Durden Barrett, a/k/a Brenda E. Barrett, and all persons unknown who claim or might claim an interest to Petitioner's title in Lot 35 of Block B of Phase 6 of Sherwood Forest Subd., 594 Michelle Dr., Byron, Peach County, Georgia, Respondents

#### SUMMONS

TO: Innocence Freeman, Abigail Barrett, as an heir of Todd Brian Barrett, the Estate and all known and unknown heirs of Brenda Durden Barrett, a/k/a Brenda E. Barrett, the Estate and all known and unknown heirs of Todd Brian Barrett and any and all unknown parties who claim or might claim an interest in Lot 35 of Block B of Phase 6 of Sherwood Forest Subdivision, 594 Michelle Dr., Byron, Peach County, Georgia

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to establish title to the above-described property against all the world was filed by Rebecca J. Hamilton and James O. Hamilton on the 25th day of September, 2024, in the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, and by reason of Order for Service by Publication entered by said Court on the 8th day of January, 2025, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order for Service by Publication to answer said Petition and file pleadings before this Court.

The real property which is the subject of this civil action is more particularly described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 75 of the Fifth Land District of Peach County, Georgia, known and designated as Lot 35 of Block B of Phase 6 of Sherwood Forest Subdivision, according to plat of survey dated 6-13-1979 made by Thomas W. Futral, III GRLS No. 1202, a copy of said plat having been recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 227, Clerk's Office Superior Court of Peach County, reference hereby made to the recorded copy of said plat for description and all other purposes.

As described in Deed Book 183, Page 407. Further described as Map & Parcel 064G062.

This is the same property described in that certain Tax Sale Deed from W. L. Brown, Commissioner and Ex Officio Sheriff of Peach County, Georgia, to Rebecca J. Hamilton and James O. Hamilton, Jr. dated May 1, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 583, Page 541.

Witness, the Honorable Judge of said Court, this 14 day of January, 2025.

Clerk, Superior Court of Peach 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2025 3280 (No. 54376.0026)

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

##### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

The Last Will and Testament of DAVID JACKSON SHERRILLS having been Probated in Solemn Form and Letters Testamentary, having been issued to DEBORAH L. MOONEYHAM this is to cite all creditors of said estate to make their demands known to us and all debtors of said estate to make immediate payment to us.

This 3RD day of DECEMBER, 2024. DEBORAH L. MOONEYHAM, Executrix C/O Robert J. Aromatorio Collins & Aromatorio, P.C. GA Bar No.023708 P.O.Box 250 Byron, Georgia 31008 478-956-3071 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 2025 3260

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

#### IN RE: ESTATE OF TREVONIO RAHEEM COLEMAN DECEASED ESTATE NO: 2019-ADM-6173 NOTICE

### The petition of personal representative for leave to sell property in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed, TO: ANTONIO COLEMAN

This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before FEBRUARY 19 2025

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections must be worn 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 fee. 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 Judge of the Probate Court Kim Wilson 205 West Church Street Fort Valley, Georgia 31030 478-825-2313 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025, 02/05/2025, 02/12/2025 3281 (93970)

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA DWIGHT AND JANICE CORNELIUS, Petitioners, vs.

Civil Action No.: 23-V-502

A TRACT OF LAND KNOWN AS 807 CARVER DRIVE, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA TPID: F04C 072; and ANGELA JOHNSON, Respondents.

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO RESPONDENTS: Joseph A. McKenzie, Tavonya B. McKenzie, Monte J. McKenzie, Anthony Clark, Meisha L. Blocker, Sonia Alvarez and Clarence McKenzie whose addresses are unknown and may reside outside of this state and are entitled to notice of the above cause and any unknown or known parties claiming any interest in the land known as 807 Carver Drive, Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia; TPID F04C072.

By Order for Service of Publication dated December 19, 2024, you are hereby notified that the above referenced Petition to Quiet Title Against All the World and any known or unknown parties claiming any interest in the Land known as 807 Carver Drive, Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia; TPID F04C072, was filed on December 21, 2023, in Peach County Superior Court.

Any party claiming an interest in the below described property shall appear at the Peach County Superior Court within sixty (60) days from the date of the order for service by publication.

Any adverse party shall be entitled to have at least thirty (30) days after completion of service to file any pleadings he desires in the matter before the Court.

All persons owning or claiming any right, title, interest claim or demand in and to the above-described parcel of land should appear before the Special Master appointed by Judge Kenneth R. Smith, Peach County Superior Court, 205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030 to make known their rights, title, claim and any other matters material to their respective rights.

Order Signed By: Kenneth R. Smith Peach County Superior Court Attorney for Petitioner: William R. Jerles, Jr. Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP 912 Main St., Perry, Georgia 31069 (478)987-2622 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 2025 3264

### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

#### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained within that certain Security Deed dated March 18, 1994, from Jan A. Grinnell to The United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, recorded on March 18, 1994, in Deed Book 147 at Page 524, Peach County, Georgia records, with said Security Deed being assumed by Sarah F. Seman, by agreement; and

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained within that certain Security Deed dated October 3, 1997, from Sarah F. Seman to The United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, recorded on November 3, 1997, in Deed Book 181 at Page 256, Peach County, Georgia records, and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated October 3, 1997, in the amount of \$51,999.42, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Peach County, Georgia, on February 4, 2025 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"):

ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT, LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 208 OF THE NINTH LAND DISTRICT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 2, CONTAINING 0.632 ACRE, OF A RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 11 OF OLD BASSETT ESTATES ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY DATED NOVEMBER 10, 1993, PREPARED BY ROBERT L. STORY, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1853, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 220, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT, GEORGIA; REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

The debt secured by the Security Deed(s) and evidenced by the Note and has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining is in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed(s), accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees. Notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees has been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in possession of the property is/are The Estate of Sarah F. Seman.

The property, being commonly known as 1402 Woolfolk Rd, Fort Valley, GA 31030 in Peach County, will be sold as the property of The Estate of Sarah F. Seman, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed(s).

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above-described Security Deed(s) is as follows: Dawson's Realty & Mortgages, Inc., 1293 Whisperwood Lane, Lawrenceville GA 30043, 678-558-7822. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed(s). Albertelli Law Attorney for Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development as Attorney in Fact for Sarah F. Seman 100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1000 Atlanta, GA 30339 Phone: (770) 373-4242 THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. - 24-036313 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2025 3266 (24-036313)

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

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from Daisy M Oates to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture and recorded in Deed Book 300, Page 71, Peach County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$87,463.00 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 February, 2025, to wit: February 04, 2025, the following described property: TRACT ONE: All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 214 of the 9th Land District of Peach County, Georgia, and in the City of Fort Valley therein, being more particularly described as follows: To obtain the point or place of beginning, start at the intersection of the center line of South Macon Street formerly known as State College Drive and now known as State University Drive and the center line of Solomon's Gin Road, and run thence in a North-easterly direction 205 feet along the center line of State University Drive to a point; thence run perpendicular to the center line of State University Drive in a Northwesterly direction a distance of 45 feet TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING on the Northwest right of way line of State University Drive; and from said point or place of beginning; thence North 60&deg;00' West a distance of 77.30 feet to a point; thence North 30&deg;00' East a distance of 44.00 feet to a

point; thence South 60&deg;00' East a distance of 77.30 feet to a point on the Northwest right of way line of State University Drive; thence run South 30&deg;00' West a distance of 44.00 feet to the point or place of beginning; all as is more fully shown and described on that certain plat of survey for Mrs. W. L. Windham prepared by H. C. Kendrick, Jr., GRLS No. 1592, dated December 22, 1973, and recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 202, Clerk's Office, Peach County Superior Court; reference to said plat and the record thereof is incorporated herein and made a part of this description. TRACT TWO: All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Peach and in the City of Fort Valley therein, fronting East 32 feet, more or less, on State University Drive and running back with uniform width a distance of 100 feet, more or less. Said tract is bounded on the North and South by lands formerly owned by Henry Toomer; on the East by State University Drive and on the West by lands formerly owned by Annette and C.L. Shepard, Jr.

Said property is the same that described in deed dated April 1, 1944 from Henry Toomer to Alfred Ellis, Jr. and Martha J. Ellis, recorded in Deed Book T, Page 89, Peach County Records. Being real property commonly known as 614 State University Drive, Fort Valley, GA 31030.

The debt secured by the above-referenced security deed has been declared due because of the default in the payment of said debt per the terms of the note and other possible defaults by the borrower or the successor thereto. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which 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 United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture as Attorney in Fact for Daisy M Oates Attorney Contact: Miller, George and Suggs, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 24GA14-0222 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4830876 01/08/2025, 01/15/2025, 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025 3262 (ASAP# 4830876)

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

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Anthony J Henry to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, its successors and assigns, dated August 5, 2014, recorded in Deed Book 516, Page 414, Peach County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 678, Page 475, Peach County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 608, Page 260, Peach County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$151,938.00), 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 Feb-

ruary, 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.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, 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: M&T Bank, One Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203, 800-724-1633. 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 Anthony J Henry or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 302 Amber Drive, 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.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Anthony J Henry McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Rd Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net 5783019 EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 60 of the Fifth Land District of Peach County, Georgia, known and designated as Lot 72, Block "A," Phase 4, Section 2, of a Subdivision known as THE PRESTON, according to a plat of survey of said Subdivision prepared by Collins & Company, certified by Jesse Collins, Jr., Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2085, dated January 30, 2013, a copy of which is of record in Plat Book 27, Page 127, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes.

The above-described property is conveyed subject to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions as contained in instrument of record in Deed Book 317, Pages 236-252; amended by instruments of record in Deed Book 345, Pages 558-559, Deed Book 418, Pages 479-480, Deed Book 486, Pages 534-535 and Deed Book 492, Pages 181-182, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court; also, subject to easements and rights-of-way for public roads and utilities as they now exist, and building lines and other matters shown on the aforesaid recorded plat of survey. MR / February 4, 2025 Our file no. 5783019-FT5 01/08/2025, 01/15/2025, 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025 3265

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

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA THE PEACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER, In rem Civil Action No. 24-V-0376 Petitioner-Condemnor VS.

750 square feet of permanent easement rights; Lisa Renee Shelley, individually, Peach County Tax Commissioner, all persons, firms, corporations claiming any right, title or interest in and to the lands herein involved,

#### Respondents-Condemnees SUMMONS

TO: Lisa Renee Shelley Respondent/Condemnee:

You are hereby notified that the above-styled condemnation action was filed in said Court on the 8th day of October, 2024, and that by reason of an Order for service of summons by publication entered by the Court on the 19th day of December, 2024, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said

court and serve upon James Banter, Petitioner/Condemnor's attorney, whose address is James-Bates-Brannan-Groover-LLP, 231 Riverside Drive, PO Box 4283, Macon, Georgia 31208-4283, an answer to the petition/complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication.

The permanent easement is described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 40 of the 9th Land District in Peach County, Georgia, and consisting of 0.017 acres, more or less, or 750 square feet, of permanent easement rights as identified as Parcel ID: 039 105 as shown on the plat prepared by Surveying and Mapping, LLC, Spencer H. Johnson, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor # 3171 and having the boundaries as set forth on the plat attached to the condemnation petition and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description. Witness the Honorable Ken Smith, Judge of said court.

This 7 day of January, 2025. Clerk of Superior Court, Peach County, Georgia 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2025 3272 ( 54167.0019)

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

This 16th day of January, 2025 Name: Raphael G. Green Title: Administrator Address: 120 Village Circle, Senoia, GA 30276 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2025 3282 (94144)

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA DWIGHT AND JANICE CORNELIUS, Petitioners, vs.

Civil Action No.: 23-V-0496

A TRACT OF LAND KNOWN AS 220 DAVIDSON DRIVE, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA TPID: F04B 127; and ALONZO TUCKER, Respondents.

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO RESPONDENTS: Any administrator, executor, heir, assignee or beneficiary of the Estate of Annie Laney, and any administrator, executor, heir, assignee or beneficiary of the Estate of Bobbie Laney, whose addresses are unknown and may reside outside of this state and are entitled to notice of the above cause and any unknown or known parties claiming any interest in the land known as 220 Davidson Drive, Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia; TPID F0. By Order for Service of Publication dated December 19, 2024, you are hereby notified that the above referenced Petition to Quiet Title Against All the World and any known or unknown parties claiming any interest in the Land known as 807 Carver Drive, Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia; TPID F04B 127, was filed on December 21, 2023, in Peach County Superior Court.

Any party claiming an interest in the below described property shall appear at the Peach County Superior Court within sixty (60) days from the date of the order for service by publication.

Any adverse party shall be entitled to have at least thirty (30) days after completion of service to file any pleadings he desires in the matter before the Court.

All persons owning or claiming any right, title, interest claim or demand in and to the above-described parcel of land should appear before the Special Master appointed by Judge Kenneth R. Smith, Peach County Superior Court, 205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030 to make known their rights, title, claim and any other matters material to their respective rights.

Order Signed By: Kenneth R. Smith Peach County Superior Court Attorney for Petitioner: William R. Jerles, Jr. Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP 912 Main St., Perry, Georgia 31069 (478)987-2622 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 2025 3263

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

##### IN RE: Estate of Barry R. Lung, Deceased

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

## LEGALS

### CONTINUED FROM 7A

Byron, Georgia 31008

This 7th day of January, 2025.  
Sarah W. Lung  
Executor  
1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2025  
3271

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

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Peggy Jean Smither to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank dated April 28, 2015, and recorded in Deed Book 527, Page 488, Peach County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for Freddie Mac SLST 2024-1 Participation Interest Trust, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$102,000.00, 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, March 4, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, before the Court-house door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 7 of the Fifth (5th) Land District of Peach County, Georgia, being known and designated as Tract #41 containing 0.57 acre, more or less and Tract #42 containing 0.51 acre, more or less, according to a plat of survey being of record in Plat Book 19, Page 177, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Also conveyed is an easement for ingress and egress from Oak Ridge Drive to the above property over and across that certain sixty foot easement as shown on a plat of survey recorded in Plat Book 19, Page 177, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court.

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.

Said property is known as **202 Oak Ridge Drive, 204 Oak Ridge Drive, 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 Peggy Jean Smither, successor in interest or tenant(s).

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for Freddie Mac SLST 2024-1 Participation Interest Trust as Attorney-in-Fact for Peggy Jean Smither  
File no. 24-082036  
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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

The Last Will and Testament of **NELLIE P. SINGLETON** having been Probated in Solemn Form and Letters Testamentary, having been issued to ELIZABETH SINGLETON BROWN AND NANCY REE SINGLETON, this is to cite all creditors of said estate to make their demands known to us and all debtors of said estate to make immediate payment to us.

This 23RD day of DECEMBER, 2024.

ELIZABETH SINGLETON BROWN, NANCY REE SINGLETON, Executrices  
C/O Robert J. Aromatorio  
Collins & Aromatorio, P.C.  
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P.O.Box 250  
Byron, Georgia 31008  
478-956-3071  
1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 2025  
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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

#### IN RE: ESTATE OF MARK RUSSELL KEADLE, SR.

All creditors of the Estate of Mark Russell Keadle, Sr., 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.

Jenna R. Hagin is the Administrator of the Estate of Mark Russell Keadle, Sr. D. Lee Peacock, Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088, (478)922-3010.  
1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2025  
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### FORECLOSURE NOTICE STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

By virtue of Power of Sale contained in a deed to secure debt from **John lee, to Gail Rogers** dated September 30, 2023 recorded October 23, 2023 in Deed Book 710 Pages 619-623 Peach County Records said deed to secure debt being given to secure a note executed on September 30, 2023, in the original principal amount of Fifteen Thousand and 00/100-----(\$15,000.00), as stated therein, there will be sold to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door at Peach County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2025 the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Peach and in the City of Fort Valley, therein, being more particularly described as follows: BEGIN at iron stob on the southeasterly margin of Murray Road (formerly Cemetery Road) which iron stob marks the common corner between the property hereby conveyed and the property of the Housing Authority of Fort Valley which adjoins the property hereby conveyed on the southwest; run these south 23° east 191.5 feet to an iron stob; thence north 71° 30' - east 182.5 feet to an iron stob; run thence north 1° east 31 feet to an iron stob; thence north 86° west 132 feet to an iron stob; run thence north 3° east 135 feet to an iron stob on southwesterly margin of Murray Road; run thence south 68° west 133 feet along southeasterly margin of Murray Road to an iron stob which is the point or place of beginning. All courses an distances according of said land made T. F. Flourney recorded in Map Box 2 Page40, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Peach County Georgia. Also conveyed is all land lying between lying between the northeasterly line of the property above described and the present right-of-way of Murray Road.

This is the same property conveyed by warranty deed from Carl Collier to Dennis Peterson dated July 30, 1952 and being recoded in Deed Book B-1 Page 125, Clerk's Office Peach Superior, Georgia which the recorded deed is hereby referred to for a more complete description for other purposes.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with

the debtor is: Nikitis Zoumberis, Warner Robins, GA 31093, 478-328-1387.

The debt secured by said deed to secure debt has and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees. The address of this property is 711 Murray Road Fort Valley Georgia. The best of the undersigned's knowledge, information and belief, the property is in the possession of John Lee.

**Nikitis Zoumberis  
as Attorney in Fact for  
Gail Rogers**  
1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2025  
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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

All creditors of the estate of **JAMES RONALD NELMS**, deceased, late of Peach County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

This 23RD day of December, 2024.  
Phyllis Jacks, Administrator  
Collins & Aromatorio, P.C.  
Robert J. Aromatorio  
GA Bar No.023708  
P.O.Box 250  
Byron, Georgia 31008  
478-956-3071  
1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 2025  
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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

The Last Will and Testament of **RONALD BERNARD CANNON** having been Probated in Solemn Form and Letters Testamentary, having been issued to FAYE SENKBEIL this is to cite all creditors of said estate to make their demands known to us and all debtors of said estate to make immediate payment to us.

This 23RD day of DECEMBER, 2024.  
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1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 2025  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

#### STATE OF GEORGIA Civil Action No.: 23-V-0504 ALVIN SMITH, Petitioner, vs.

**A TRACT OF LAND KNOWN AS 1011 PINE STREET, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA TPID: F04A 125; THE CITY OF FORT VALLEY, Respondents.**

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

**TO RESPONDENTS:** Mary T. Willis, Robert Gadson, Darlene Hammons, Reatha White, Daniel Gadson, any administrator, executor, heir, assignee or beneficiary of the Estate of Dorothy Kidd, Barbara Stephens and any administrator, executor, heir, assignee or beneficiary of the Estate of Ellen G. Bryant whose addresses are unknown and may reside outside of this state and are entitled to notice of the above cause and any unknown or known parties claiming any interest the land known as 1011 Pine Street, Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia; TPID F04A 125.

By Order for Service of Publication dated January 3, 2025, you are hereby notified that the above referenced Petition to Quiet Title Against All the World and any known or unknown parties claiming any interest in the Land known as 1011 Pine Street, Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia; TPID F04A 125. was filed on December 22, 2023, in Peach County Superior Court.

Any party claiming an interest in the below described property shall appear at the Peach County Superior Court within sixty (60) days from the date of the order for service by publication.

Any adverse party shall be entitled to have at least thirty (30) days after completion of service to file any pleadings he desires in the matter before the Court.

All persons owning or claiming any right, title, interest claim or demand in and to the above-de-

scribed parcel of land should appear before the Special Master appointed by Judge Kenneth R. Smith, Peach County Superior Court, 205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030 to make known their rights, title, claim and any other matters material to their respective rights. Order Signed By: Kenneth R. Smith  
Peach County Superior Court  
Attorney for Petitioner: Robert R. Lawson  
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP  
912 Main St., Perry, Georgia 31069  
(478)987-2622  
1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2025  
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### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM TAKE NOTICE THAT:

All that tract of land situate, lying and being in Peach County, Georgia. In the Fifth Land District, and in Land Lot 78 thereof, and being known as Parcel HA" containing 0.182 acres, more or less, and Parcel " B# containing 0.52J acres, more or less, as shown on a plat survey prepared by Terry M. Scarborough on March 4, 2009, of record in Map Book 26, Page 201 < Clerk's Office, Peach County, GA. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are made a part hereof by reference thereto for all purposes. The Order of Year's Support recorded in Book 4 J 3, Page 160, on the 15th day of October, 2008, was, entered prior to a survey of the property and was in error. This Order is entered to correct the legal description awarded to Elaine Tanner in the prior order and to release the property described in the document from the original deed awarded Elaine Tanner the property owned by B. Glenn Tanner and said deed was in error. Sold together with a 1972 J 2x60 Fleetwood Serial # DK5TS5515 Mobile Home. As described in Deed Book 437, Page 629. Further described as **Map & Parcel 065D031.**  
1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2025  
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### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt, Assignment and Security Agreement dated October 22, 2021, executed and delivered by **Briggs Brothers Enterprises Corporation** to The Development Authority of Peach County and recorded on November 1, 2021 in Deed Book 662, Page 255, Peach County Deed Records ("Security Deed"); conveying the after-described property (through the open end provisions therein) to secure that certain promissory note (as it may have been amended, modified, extended, and/or renewed, the "Note") executed and delivered by Briggs Brothers Enterprises Corporation (the "Borrower") dated October 22, 2021 in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and 00/100s (\$200,000.00) with interest thereon as set forth therein. The Development Authority of Peach County being the current owner and holder of the Note, there will be a sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia during the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday of February, 2025, of the following described property (the "Property"):

All that tract of parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 169 and 184, 9th Land District, Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia, being shown and designated as Tract A, containing 18.81 acres, according to that certain Sub-division Plat for Peach County Development Authority, prepared by Wellston Associates Land Surveyors, LLC, certified by Carl B. Levi, G. R. L. S. No. 2744, dated May 21, 2018, and recorded in Plat Book 28, Page 216, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said Tract A having such size, shape and dimensions as shown on said plat, which by reference thereto is made a part hereof.

The indebtedness secured by the Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable by reason of default for, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in

the manner provided in the Note and the Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying said debt and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including but not limited to attorneys' fees (the statutory notice of intent to collect attorneys' fees having been served). The Property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes that are a lien, but not yet due and payable); any matters that might be disclosed by an accurate survey and/or inspection of the Property; any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, and covenants; and matters of record superior to the Security Deed. Additionally, this sale will be conducted subject to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and subject to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loans with the holder of the Security Deed.

Notice to the debtor as required by O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 has been given. Please note that The Development Authority of Peach County, located at the business address of 425 James E. Khoury Drive – Unit B, Fort Valley, Georgia, 31030, is the entity that has the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan documents. The Development Authority of Peach County can be contacted through the following representative: Hays B. McQueen, James-Bates-Branan-Groover-LLP, 231 Riverside Drive Macon, Georgia, 31201, Tel: (478) 749-9915.

The Development Authority of Peach County, as Attorney-in-Fact for Briggs Brothers Enterprises Corporation. Hays B. McQueen, Esq. James-Bates-Branan-Groover-LLP  
231 Riverside Drive  
Macon, Georgia, 31201  
(478)749-9915  
1/1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2025  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF TED H. PERNELL

#### ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-7034 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

#### TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:

**ERIC E. PERNELL** has petitioned for **ERIC E. PERNELL to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of TED H. PERNELL deceased**, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. Section 53-12-261.) All interested persons 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 FEBRUARY 19, 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, Clerk of the Probate Court.  
205 West Church Street  
Fort Valley, GA 31030  
478-825-2313  
1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2025  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF EDDIE J. JONES, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-7021 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, and to whom it may concern:

JOAN MARIE JONES has petitioned for JOAN MARIE JONES

to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of EDDIE J. JONES, 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 FEBRUARY 05, 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  
1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2025  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-V-0325 Khiem Thi Tran, Petitioner v.

**Paul Easley, Jr., by and through Pauline Easley as Executor of the Estate of Paul Easley, Jr.; Pauline Easley, Individually; Jennifer Lynn Simms; Linda M. Easley; and all persons known or unknown who might claim adversely to Petitioner's title to Land Lot 75, Parcel A-1, Peach County, Georgia. Respondents.**

All Persons unknown who claim or might claim to have an interest in this cause. SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY; Civil Action No. 24-V-0325; Khiem Thi Tran, Petitioner v. Paul Easley, Jr., by and through Pauline Easley as Executor of the Estate of Paul Easley, Jr.; Pauline Easley, Individually; Jennifer Lynn Simms; Linda M. Easley; and all persons known or unknown who might claim adversely to Petitioner's title to Land Lot 75, Parcel A-1, Peach County, Georgia. Respondents.

You are hereby notified that the above-referenced action seeking to establish title to the below-described property against the world was filed on the 29th day of August, 2024 in the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, the Macon Judicial Circuit, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court within thirty days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication to answer said Petition and file pleadings before the Court. The real property which is the subject of the civil action is more particularly described as follows:

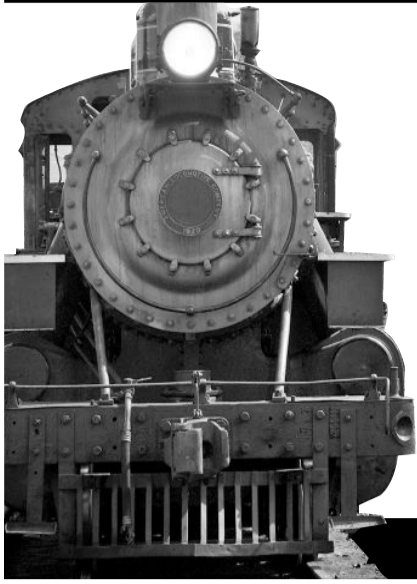
All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 75 of the Fifth (5th) Land District of Peach County, Georgia, containing 1.570 acres, more or less, and being known and designated as Parcel A-1, according to a plat of survey being of record in Plat Book 21, Page 284, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Subject to drainage and utility easements and building setback lines shown on said plat.

The property herein conveyed is the same as that conveyed from George R. Spooner to James W. Winko and Sandra E. Winko on October 22, 1999 by deed of record in Deed Book 208, Page 166, said Clerk's Office.

Sandra E. Winko died a resident of Peach County, Georgia on September 29, 2011, and her will was probated in solemn form on September 16, 2016. Grantor herein, James W. Winko, Sr. is the sole legatee and devisee under the will.

As described in Deed Book 554, Page 409. Further described as **Map & Parcel 064F022.**  
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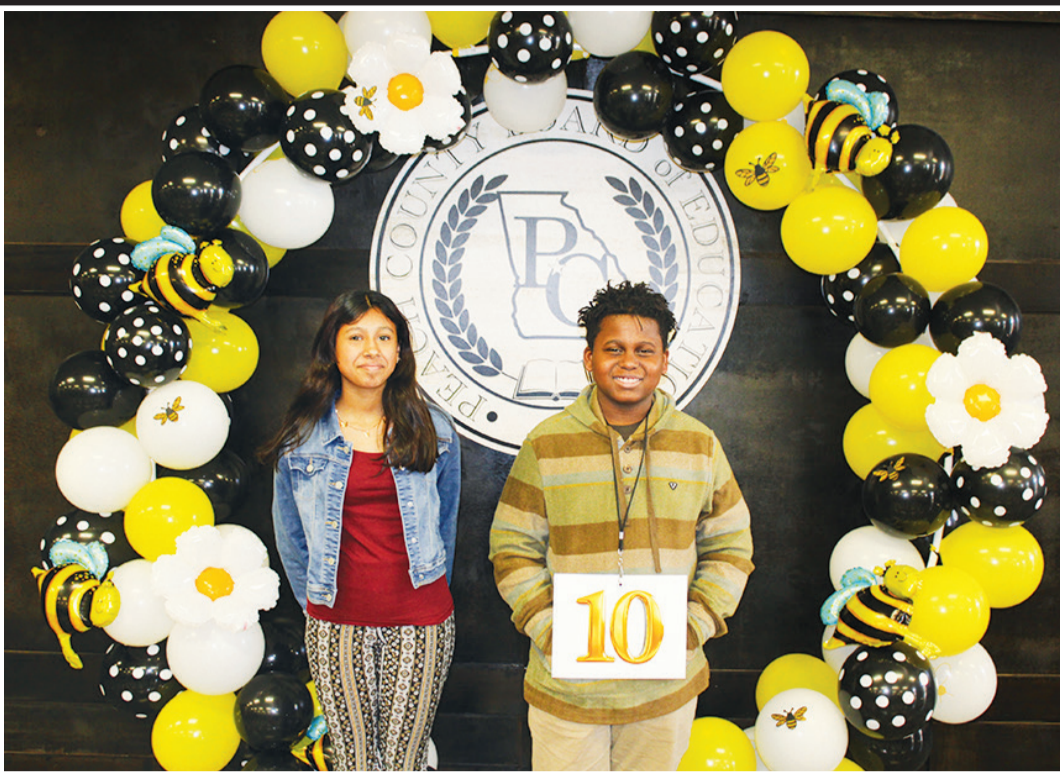
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# Peach County Schools Holds District Spelling Bee

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We are thrilled to announce that Adrian Fleming, 6th grade student at Fort Valley Middle School, has emerged as the Champion of this year's Peach County Schools District Spelling Bee! With incredible focus and determination Adrian showed remarkable spelling skills and secured the top spot. Our runner-up was Giselle Huerta

from Byron Middle School! Giselle was a tough competitor!

A huge round of applause to all participants for their hard work and dedication. Whether you won the competition or simply gave it your best shot, you should be incredibly proud of your achievement. Keep up the great work, keep expanding your vocabulary, and never stop learning!

Special thanks to Ms. Krystal Slaughter, member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, for providing a prize for our winner.

Spelling Bee Participants:  
Byron Elementary School  
Zach Grissom- Winner(4th Grade)  
Callie-Anne McLarty- Runner Up- (3rd Grade)

Byron Middle School  
Giselle Huerta- Winner(7th Grade)  
Cameron Crews- Runner-Up(6th Grade)

Fort Valley Middle School  
John Cornelius- Winner(8th Grade)  
Adrian Fleming- Runner-Up(6th Grade)

Hunt Elementary School  
Averie Crafter- Winner(4th Grade)  
Kaylee Tubbs- Runner-Up(5th Grade)

Kay Road Elementary School  
Alexander Sirmans- Winner(5th Grade)  
Bryson George- Runner-Up(4th Grade)

## Trojan Scholars For January

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The Male Trojan Scholar for January is Kim Howard. Kim is a senior at Peach County High School where he is part of the Band, Track & Field, Health Occupations Students of America, Future Business Leaders of America and the National Honor Society. Following

graduation, he plans to attend either Georgia State University, Fort Valley State University or Morehouse College and major in Business Management. He is a Georgia Certificate of Merit recipient, has received A+ Honor Roll all 4 years, and received the award for Highest Algebra 2 Average.

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The Female Trojan Scholar for January is Madison Abdale. Madison is a senior at Peach County High School where she was a Cheerleader in her 9th and 10th grade years, a member of FBLA in the 9th grade and is currently part of Theatre. Following graduation, she plans to attend Georgia Tech. She

plans to major in Astrophysics. She has received the Georgia Certificate of Merit, A and A+ Honor Roll, Highest EOC Score in Biology and an AP Scholar with Honor Award.

## Peach County School System Celebrates a Century of Educating Students



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As we step into 2025, the Peach County School System proudly celebrates a century of shaping minds and building futures. This monumental milestone marks 100 years of educational excellence, community involvement, and unwavering commitment to the students of Peach County, Georgia.

The roots of this historic celebration date back to the founding of Peach County itself in July 1924. Named for the region's famous peach orchards, Peach County became Georgia's newest and smallest county at the time. Soon after, on Janu-

ary 1, 1925, the Peach County School System was officially established, ensuring that education would play a pivotal role in the growth and success of the community.

Over the past century, the school system has grown and evolved to meet the needs of its students and the broader community. From its humble beginnings to the dynamic and innovative district it is today, the Peach County School System has remained steadfast in its mission to provide a high-quality education for all. Generations of students, teachers, and administrators have contributed

to this legacy of achievement, making the centennial celebration a reflection of the collective efforts of an entire community.

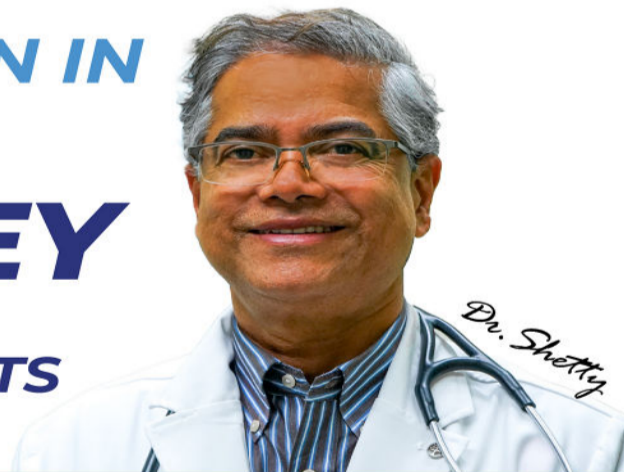
As Peach County looks forward to the next 100 years, the school system remains committed to fostering a culture of excellence, inclusivity, and innovation. The centennial is not just a time to reflect on the past but also an opportunity to recommit to the values and vision that have guided Peach County for a century.

Here's to 100 years of education, community, and progress—and to a future that is just as bright as the past.



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