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## Peach Board of Education Welcomes Peach's Teacher of the Year



By Zoe Hammond  
 News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – The Peach County Board of Education recognized Peach County's Teacher of the Year and Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center Don Cargill STEM Scholar recipient, Charvez Holmes.

Holmes is an 8th Grade Physical Science and Social Studies teacher and Gifted Lead Teacher at Fort Valley Middle School. According to FVMS Principal Kizzy Johnson, Holmes creates “an engaging and inclusive learning environment where all students

can feel valued and supported.” Johnson continued by stating that Holmes demonstrates a passion for teaching and challenges her students to critically think about the content that she creatively teaches.

Holmes will represent the district to compete on the state level for Georgia's Teacher of the Year.

Holmes had the opportunity to share her STEM journey, recounting the various projects she did when she was young such as making ramps and parachutes. Holmes recounted that her educators helped foster hands-on experiences and provided problem-solving skills. She got to partake in projects that challenged her to think critically.

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR**  
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Photo by Zoe Hammond  
 (From left to right) Fort Valley Middle School Principal Kizzy Johnson, Peach County Teacher of the Year Charvez Holmes, and Peach County Superintendent Dr. Lionel Brown.

## Fort Valley Chief of Police Put on Probation by POST

By Zoe Hammond  
 News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – The Fort Valley Chief of Police has been placed on a two-year probation with Georgia's Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) for unethical and untruthful conduct in previous jobs, according to a record from POST.

Police Chief Dennis John (DJ) Flores received his punishment from POST due to his conduct during his time with the Dublin Police Department and the Centerville Police Department.

This punishment still allows Flores to continue serving as a law enforcement officer, as long as he adheres to the terms that POST imposes on him and does not get into any additional trouble with POST.

The four-page report from Georgia's Peace Officer Standards and Training Council outlines alleged time card inconsistencies during his time with the Dublin Police Department as well as an alleged effort to get a

loan from a subordinate while working with the Centerville Police Department.

While Flores was serving as a corporal for the Dublin Police Department, a coworker noticed Flores' patrol vehicle was parked outside his home on Sept. 12, 2022, despite Flores being shown as on the clock.

According to the report, Flores clocked in at 12:05 p.m. Flores' vehicle was spotted at his home at 1 p.m., Flores stated that he ran his personal vehicle to a mechanic. At 2 p.m., Flores got back into his patrol vehicle and responded to a call. However, in doing this, Flores was accused of not signing back into service with dispatchers, which was a violation of the department's policy.

Flores stated that it was early in the pay period and he intended to correct those problems a few days before the pay period ended.

Flores received a disciplinary demotion on Sept. 15, 2022, and was reassigned to the patrol division. He later voluntarily re-



Fort Valley Police Chief Flores.

Photo by Zoe Hammond

signed from the department on Oct. 13, 2022.

Flores, however, states that he did not intend to mislead and file a false time card. In a letter to POST, Flores states he left the Dublin Police Department in good standing with the assistant chief asking Flores to remain with the police department.

Flores accepted a new job as a lieutenant with the Centerville Police Department on Oct. 26, 2022. The Centerville Police reported to POST that Flores was

**POST**  
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## Fort Valley DDA Discusses UGA's Involvement with Downtown Area

By Zoe Hammond  
 News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – The Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority has provided some updates on the Connected Resilient Communities Archway Program's Mini Charrette. Chairwoman Horton discussed the UGA students who were present in Fort Valley from Jan. 17 through Jan. 19.

During this three-day event, the students listened to business owners, local officials, and the residents. The students then drafted plans for how Fort Valley's downtown area could look. The students advised the DDA regarding landscape management when to prune the trees and use native flowers. Concerning old business, there were

no updates regarding recent questions about the SPLOST or updates regarding the lease for the Troutman House and the Police Department. There was an update on the broken window, with Chairwoman Tisa Horton stating that the window will be repaired next week. Fort Valley Mayor Jeffery Lundy and City Administrator Gary Lee have been made aware of the window repairs. It is unclear if the city will reimburse the Downtown Development Authority for the repairs.

Regarding new business, there was a discussion regarding the upkeep of the overpass bridge in reference to the overgrown bushes and grass. Council-

**FV DDA / UGA**  
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## Shooting Leaves One Injured at Fort Valley Apartment Complex

By Zoe Hammond, News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – A man was shot at a Fort Valley apartment complex on Thursday, Feb. 6, according to a report from the Fort Valley Police Department.

According to the FVPD, a man was shot at the Magnolia Terrace Apartments on the 700 block of Green Street in Fort Valley around 7:15 p.m. on Thursday. The victim, a man in his early 30's, was transported to the Peach County Hospital.

Police are currently investigating the case and have identified a person of interest in the shooting. Details cannot be released currently as the police are still working to gather information.

If you have any information about this case, the Fort Valley Police Department urges you to contact them at (478) 825-3383.

This is an ongoing investigation. The Leader Tribune will update this story as more information becomes available.

## Suspect Charged With Murder in Death of FVSU Basketball Coach



Photo Houston County Sheriff's Office  
 Iquane Brown, 30, suspect in Atlanta Police Department homicide investigation.

By Zoe Hammond  
 News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – Iquane Brown, a 30-year-old man, has received multiple charges in the death of former Fort Valley State basketball coach Samuel “Sammy” Jackson, according to a press release from the Atlanta Police Department.

Brown's charges include murder, armed robbery, kidnapping, hijacking a motor vehicle, use of a firearm during the commission of a felony, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

According to the Atlanta Police Department, Brown was the one who ordered a reshare in Houston County before Jackson's disappearance.

Brown is currently in custody in the Houston County Jail for an armed robbery at a Burger King on Russell Parkway that took place on Jan. 28. Brown faces charges of armed robbery, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and more.

Jackson was reported missing on Monday, Jan. 27, and was found deceased in Atlanta on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Funeral services for Jackson were held on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. at the Headland High School Gymnasium with his brother, Reverend Dr. Bobby J. Jackson officiating. The burial took place in the Gates of Heaven Cemetery.

This is an ongoing investigation and *The Leader Tribune* will update this story as more information becomes available.



# “The Sewing Group” of Peach County



L-R Standing: Lucille Parham, Judy Smith, Connie Pearson.  
L-R Seated: Melinda Horne, Janice Polmatier.

Photo Contributed



L-R Standing: Janice Polmatier, Barbara Cleveland, Mary Bozeman, Lucille Parham, Connie Pearson, Melinda Horne. L-R Seated: Mary Weidel, Judy Smith.

Photo Contributed

**Contributed by Janice Palmatier**

About forty-odd years ago, a group of ladies got together and formed what would become known simply as “The Sewing Group”. These ladies, Mary Bozeman, Barbara Cleveland, Melinda Horne, Lucille Parham, Connie Pearson, Janice-Palmatier, Judy Smith, and Mary Weidel all worked as teachers and secretaries in the Peach County Schools. At that time, sewing and crafts, especially country crafts, were very popular. With a shared interest in doing some hands on projects, these ladies decided to meet one day after school at Judy Smith’s house and talk about doing some things together. The

idea was to produce individual projects of a similar nature and help, encourage, and teach each other along the way. The idea took firm hold of our imaginations, and so we continued. We rotated meeting in our houses, bringing along bags of materials for our various projects. Delicious treats were always a part of our gatherings.

We did all kinds of projects! We crocheted, quilted, embroidered napkins, tablecloths, and pillow cases. We did cross stitch, made decorative pillows, stuffed animals, baby blankets and accessories. We enjoyed crafting seasonal items, especially at Christmas. We occasionally made-decorative yard art.

members were often the recipients of our lovingly made items. We were all working at our jobs in those early days, and we found that working with our hands gave us a respite from the day’s challenges.

Our “sewing” was important, but as the years went by, we shared every season of life, so many milestone events. We celebrated the joyous times of births, weddings (we gave bridal teas for our children), graduations, achievements of children and grandchildren. We comforted each other during sad times; deaths of family members and other friends, and during particularly challenging periods that were difficult to talk about, even to each other.

Our friends and family

We branched out somewhat as the

years passed. We shared gardening tips and ideas, traded good books and recipes. We went on shopping trips and other outings, went to church events, and treated ourselves to lunch dates. We met all year round and set aside time for things we enjoyed doing together. We knew each other so well that conversation was always easy and enjoyable. There was always something to talk about, and our similar values and backgrounds meant that we agreed on most important subjects. We never ever had a “falling-out” with each other in all of our 44 or 45 years, even though advice was freely given and opinions stated.

Sadly, three of our members have gone on to heaven; Mary Bozeman, Barbara

Cleveland, and Mary Weidel. We miss them greatly and often reminisce about old times with laughter and sometimes a few tears. We all have other dear friends and interests that are near and dear to our hearts. I must admit that we really don’t sew now when we get together. A few of us still make baby blankets for charity on our own time. But, we eat, talk, and enjoy each other’s company, catching up on personal and wider community and world events. It’s all about love and loyalty, a testament to true and lasting friendship. So, at 3:00 PM on Monday afternoons, we know where we’re going to be.

A friend loves at all times-Proverbs 17:17

## Notice of Election City of Fort Valley

The General Election for the City of Fort Valley will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, for the purpose of electing City Council East Ward, City Council West Ward, City Council At Large, East Ward Utilities Post1, Utilities at Large Post 3, and the Mayor seats. The election will take place at the Thomas Public Library 315 MLK Jr Dr. Fort Valley, Ga, 31030. The Polls open at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Qualifying Will begin on August 18, 2025, at 8:30 AM and will close on August 22, 2025, at 4:30PM.

Anyone wishing to qualify for these positions will need to file a notice of candidacy and pay the set Qualifying fee. The qualifying fee for Council Member candidates is \$180.00, the fee for the Utilities is \$360.00 and the Fee for the Mayor is \$540.00



### NOTICE

The City of Fort Valley is accepting applications to appoint a board member to the Fort Valley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to fill the vacant position of an unexpired term. The appointment to this position will expire on April 21, 2026.

To apply submit résumé or letter of interest to the Fort Valley City Hall, 204 West Church Street, Fort Valley, Ga. 31030, Monday-Friday from 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

The deadline for applying is March 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Contact: Diane Brown | City Clerk  
City of Fort Valley  
204 West Church St.  
Fort Valley, Ga. 31030  
Office | 478-825-8261  
Email: [dbrown@fortvalleyga.org](mailto:dbrown@fortvalleyga.org)

## Peach County Retired Educators Association Celebrates Black History Monty



**By Hope Giles, PCREA**

On Monday, February 3rd, the Peach County Retired Educators Association held its monthly meeting at Trinity Baptist Church, highlighting students from Kay Road Elementary and Hunt Elementary schools. In

celebration of Black History Month, the students recited poems by African American poets.

A preschool student from Hunt Elementary demonstrated his math skills by answering multiplication facts. The participating

students from Kay Road were Landron Walker and Kinsley Wellons, and from Hunt Elementary, Jayceon Miller, Amor Brown, and Everett Griffin. The students did an exceptional job.

## Georgia Senate Leadership Reveals Priorities For The Year

**By Ty Tagami  
Staff Writer**

**Capitol Beat News Service**  
ATLANTA – The Republicans in charge of Georgia’s state Senate say they plan to focus on a host of consistent conservative issues this year, from tax cuts to transgender athletes. During this legislative session,

their attention will also be absorbed by something that paid no heed to partisan lines: the massive hurricane that wreaked havoc on the state last fall.

“The families that have been devastated by Hurricane Helene have suffered generational loss-

**GA LEADERSHIP  
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## Byron Gets A Rae of Hope



Photo Contributed by Rae of Hope Facebook

**By Zoe Hammond, News Editor**

The Byron Welcome Center celebrated a ribbon cutting ceremony at Rae of Hope Boutique located on 212 North Highway 49, Suite 1600, in Byron. Rae of Hope showcases 17 local vendors.

# FESTIVAL OF CAMELLIAS

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# Police Beat



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## Byron Arrests/Citations

Kaczocha, Kenneth Anthony, 43, Byron, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

## Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Harris, Rafael Lamar, 40, Marshallville, GA: Criminal Trespass

James, Percell Rashad, 38, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Trespass, Disorderly Conduct

Thomas, Albert Bernard, 44, Fort Valley, GA: Receipt, Possession Or Transfer Of Firearm By Convicted Felon Or Felony First Offender, Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers

## Peach County Sheriff's Office

### Arrests/Citations

Alexander-Gray, Jacob Emmanuel, 19, Covington, GA: Manufacture/Deliver/Distribute/Administer/Sell/Possess W/ Intent To Distribute Controlled Substance, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies

Aruz, Amanda Rosa, 41, Macon, GA: Expired License, DUI - Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol - Concentration Is 0.08g Or More Within 3 Hrs Or More, Possession Of Open Alcohol Container, Possession Of Open Alcohol Container, Possession Of Open Alcohol Container

Barnes, James Fletcher, 69, Fort Valley, GA: Court Order

Borah, Brandon Kersey, 34, Byron, GA: Sexual Exploitation Of Children

Cameron, Taylor Elaine, 24, Byron, GA: Entering Automobile Or Other Motor Vehicle With Intent To Commit Theft Or Felony

Cannon, Jamari Tayshaun, 20, Covington, GA: Manufacture/Deliver/Distribute/Administer/Sell/Possess W/Intent To Distribute Controlled Substance, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies

Clark, Gail Denise, 54, Warner Robins, GA: Failure To Yield Right Of Way To Emergency Veh, Driver Must Apply For A New License Within 60 Days Of A Change Of Name Or Change Of Address, Willful Obstruction Of Law Enforcement Officers - Misdemeanor, Failure To Obey Stop Sign

Davis, Desmond Jarrod, 22, Warner Robins, GA: Criminal Trespass

Durand, David Robert, 48, Woodland, GA: Possession Of Open Alcohol Container, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Failure To Maintain Lane, Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol

Funk, Brenton Robert, 20, Warner Robins, GA: Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol

Girdner, Christian Emmanuel, 20, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Trespass

Henley, Senia Danielle, 45, Conyers, GA: Tail Lights / Tag Lights Lenses Required,

Window Tint Violation, Driving While License Suspended, Removing Or Affixing License Plate With Intent To Conceal Or Misrepresent, Expired Tag

Hill, Glenda Michelle, 42, Byron, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Louis, Cameron, 19, Covington, GA: Failure To Dim Lights, Window Tint Violation, Possession Of A Schedule I Or II Controlled Substance With Intent To Distribute, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies, Littering From A Motor Vehicle, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies

Morgan, Travis Torrance, 48, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Morrison, Rudolph Gaines, 49, Fort Valley, GA: Failure To Register As Sex Offender/ Failure To Comply With Requirements/ Provided False Information

Nixon, John Kedrick, 34, Macon, GA: Driving W/O Valid License, Failure To Maintain Insurance

Redding, Antonious Bendarius, 25, Fort Valley, GA: Aggravated Assault, Terroristic Threats And Acts

Rios, Jonathan, 25, Miami, FL: Failure To Maintain Insurance, Driving While License Suspended

Rodriguez, Hector, 53, Louisville, KY: Possession Of Marijuana, Possession Of A Schedule IV Controlled Substance

Singh, Lal, 46, Jamaica, NY: Possession Of Open Alcohol Container, Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol

Spires, Dustin Ashley, 40, Warner Robins, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Weaver, Jatavius Keshawn, 20, Covington, GA: Possession Of A Schedule I Or II Controlled Substance With Intent To Distribute, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies

## GA State Patrol Perry Arrests

Ringley, Jacob Marion, 24, Warner Robins, GA: Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol, Failure To Maintain Lane, Improper Passing Of Emergency/Towing/Hwy Vehicle

## GBI Arrests

Holden, Alex Rashun, 18, Fort Valley, GA: Murder, Malice Murder, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Battery

Lockhart, Damontae Xzavier, 18, Fort Valley, GA: Felony Murder, Aggravated Battery, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Assault, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies, Malice Murder

# Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.com



## Uncle Sam Wants You And So Do We!

### Contributed by the Byron Area Historical Society

It is hard to believe that it has been almost five years since the COVID-19 outbreak! Where has the time gone? Unfortunately, the Byron Area Historical Society, like many other groups and organizations, was basically shut down and have been inactive since then.

### CITY OF FORT VALLEY MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FEBRUARY-2025

Location: City Hall, 204 West Church Street, Fort Valley Ga. 31030. Office: 478-825-8261

### COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, February 13, 2025 Time: 9:00 A.M.

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 816 0182 5231 Passcode: 153378

### WORK SESSION MEETING Tuesday, February 18, 2025 Time: 6:00 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 837 0736 4283 Passcode: 675406

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, February 20, 2025 Time: 6:30 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 868 3026 8428 Passcode: 236306

### TROJAN NATION TD CLUB

The time is drawing near when the 2024 football season starts. The Trojan Nationa 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 Danielli at 478-957-1141 for more information.

### AMERICAN LEGION MEETINGS

Veterans, consider joining the American Legion Frederick Withoft Post 76 in Peach County, GA. We are an organization of Veterans supporting Veterans and the local community.

Regular Post Meetings are held on the Third Thursday of Every Month, Social Hour with American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Guests at 1700 (5:00pm) followed by the Meeting Start at 1800 (6:00pm) at 1212 Peach Parkway, Fort Valley, GA 31030.

We can be reached at our Facebook Page (American Legion Post 76 - Peach County GA) or via e-mail (legionpost76pcga@gmail.com).

All Veterans and Spouses are encouraged to participate.

### ATTENTION: VETERANS

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

### FORT VALLEY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - BOARD MEETING

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

### PEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSIONS

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

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

The Board also conducts Public Hearings to consider

BUT... we are back and want you to join with us in learning and sharing the history of the Byron area. We have five years to catch up on, and a lot of history to discuss.

We have scheduled a reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Byron Depot. We will discuss our plans for the future and

refreshments will be served. The history of our town is too important to be lost or forgotten. Join us as we take the first steps to making new history in Byron. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peggy Rigby at 478 956-3957 Or 478 542-3335.

zoning requests at 6:30pm during regularly scheduled monthly meetings. \*Scheduling may differ due to holidays and unforeseen circumstances. Prior notice will be given. Visit our website for more information: <https://www.peachcounty.net/board-of-commissioners.cfm>

### FT. VALLEY UTILITY COMMISSION

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

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

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

### KIWANIS CLUB OF FORT VALLEY

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley meets 1st & 3rd Thursdays every month, noon at Kay Center in Fort Valley. Kiwanis is a civic group focused on helping children, and community service. Each week, members and guests enjoy lunch and a guest speaker who addresses a topic of local, state and sometimes even global interest. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and join one of America's oldest service organizations. See the Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley Facebook page for more information. (TFS)

### PEACH PUBLIC LIBRARIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THOMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY, FORT VALLEY, GA

REGULAR MEETING WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 AT 5:15PM at the 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

"Abstract" Exhibit Jan 17 - Feb 15

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!

### 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

### 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 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.

### Currently Accepting Applications for 2025-2026 Year! 2025-2026 FORT VALLEY HEAT START

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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.

### BYRON AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

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### 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.

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.

### ADDICTION COUNSELING

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

### 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

### BYRON ROTARY CLUB

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

### 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.

### 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, GA.

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## It's Time for Accountability and Transparency



ZOE HAMMOND

### News Editor

Back at the end of 2023, with the election of local government, there was a lot of talk about accountability and transparency of said elected officials. So, with all due respect, where is it?

I say this as someone who has been observing the behaviors and constantly shifting alliances within city hall. I say this as someone who has sat in board meetings and watched argument after argument on both trivial and significant issues. I say this as someone who has seen elected officials behave in unfortunate manners ranging from sulking, rude comments, interrupting, harsh words, and more.

I say this as someone who has heard the whispers from the many disgruntled citizens during the lengthy executive sessions that are called at the start of the meeting. I say this as the one who sees the citizens gathered around after the meeting discussing how the latest policy or expenditure is going to cause problems. I say this as someone who has listened to the many mutterings of "that's not legal" or "they are wrong" in the audience during a board meeting.

It is disappointing that the people who claim to represent their citizens seem to be the ones who most often re-

fuse to listen to their constituents. However, that doesn't surprise me since citizens have to get on the agenda just to be heard.

I will state that I am not a lawyer, I do not know every law and every infraction that has happened at these meetings. I have never received training to be a city official. I do not know what happens behind closed doors.

However, I do know that when the Mayor does not call the meeting back in session after an executive session, the meeting is now illegal.

I do know that it's illegal for a city government in the state of Georgia to not accept cash as payment. Georgia law requires city governments to accept cash and not discriminate against cash buyers. If I know that information, why don't the city officials who are making this decision? I'm unsure whether the board believes they've successfully kept these workings quiet or if they simply don't care if it is known.

To call an executive session at the start of the meeting – even though it is at the bottom of the agenda – and then later cite "Robert's Rule of Order" to another council member as they try to add something to the agenda?

To later thank a city employee for all their hard work after trying and succeeding to get them fired not even a year ago?

Behavior like this is hypocritical.

For individuals who cited the importance of accountability and transparency, I ask again. With all due respect, where is it?

## Healthcare vs. Sickcare



WADE YODER  
LT COLUMNIST

Early detection by the medical field, should have never attempted to step into the shoes of prevention, it is incapable of yielding the same benefits.

Navigating health insurance, healthcare, and prevention tactics is something we hear a lot about and it can be unnerving to say the least! Along with all the noise, we have a large aging population which will be stretching our healthcare system and capabilities to the max, so it should concern us as to what kind of care we can expect if we or family need healthcare services.

It really made an impact years ago when I read an article in the Wall Street Journal- where it said that "there

are enough people that die each week from medical mistakes to fill 4 jumbo jets." This does not include the ones with temporary or lifetime complications from medical mistakes. As the system gets loaded with more and more patients due to our aging population, we need to consider that quality of care may decline due to wait times, and less time for individual care by the healthcare professional. Adding to this, if there happens to be a pandemic that gives a hospital the excuse of enacting policy that heavily restricts family members being able to be with their loved one (sorta clears the path for the medical doctor, when making his/her rounds when they don't have to deal with family asking questions). We saw this in hospitals and nursing homes during the Covid Pandemic, where patients and individuals lost the benefit of having ones at their bedside (24/7) who know them best -and there was little regard given to the unmeasurable pain of separation in the final days of life that this caused.

We have grown dependent on a healthcare system that is largely governed by health insurance companies that tell doctors what they can or cannot

do, so even the heavily insured are not that assured. We can decrease our dependency on external systems often by simply changing negative lifestyle habits and figuring out what we might need to adjust by asking ourselves a few simple questions:

1. What have I been doing wrong?
2. What have I not been doing right?
3. How long has 1 or 2 been going on?
4. What can I do to correct this? Asking ourselves these questions and answering them honestly can put us on track for decreasing our dependency on others for our health.

Self-diagnostic questions we can ask ourselves: Are we getting, adequate water? Plenty of activity and exercise? Healthy diet? Deep sleep? Getting rid of stress? Maintaining good social (family and friends) connections? Sunshine? Consistency with the above 7?

We have an internal doctor (our immune system) that works 24 x7 x 365 and it isn't practicing medicine- it knows exactly what's wrong and what it needs to repair and rejuvenate us with. Oft times all this internal system asks from us is

a better diet, more water, more activity and better rest.

1. When you feel fine and your doctor is constantly trying to get you to come back for checkups etc. (remember this is a business to them), but for you it's subjecting yourself to a gathering place of sick people many times unnecessarily.

2. When it comes to our medicine(s) we need to know the purpose of each and every one.

3. Learn all the side effects of each medicine, before using it.

4. If you're on medicine(s), question yourself and your doctor, to see if there is anything in your lifestyle that you can change or add to lessen the need for the medicine over time?

If we can change our thought pattern from how we will be able to access healthcare, to a more defensive play of how we can keep from needing the healthcare system, (we can save ourselves a lot of down time as well as exposure to other pathogens etc. while we are in doctor' offices, hospitals and waiting rooms). This helps create healthcare independence and that is much better than healthcare dependence!

## TORT reform and what it means for cost and access in Georgia healthcare

By Chris Denson, Director of Policy & Research, Georgia Public Policy Foundation

Legislators will soon begin hearings for Gov. Brian Kemp's much publicized attempt to reform Georgia's legal system.

For the first time since 2005 – when Republicans gained the majority in the State House for the first time in over a century, giving them full control of the Governor's office and state legislature – a comprehensive legislative package in Georgia will seek to address some of the state's most contentious areas of litigation.

One of those areas is healthcare, as hospitals and physicians lament a system that has seen significant cost increases just to carry medical malpractice insurance. But since multimillion-dollar verdicts are typically the realm of John Grisham novels and attorneys advertising on TV, what does that mean for the rest of us?

For Georgia legislators, in 2005 as now, one goal is clear:

to determine what healthcare damages are worth from a legal perspective, and consequently, the costs associated with maintaining the status quo.

Notably, much of the existing economic research on tort reform at the state level has focused on the impact of capping damages in medical malpractice cases. This is likely because many of the laws that once limited the amount of money a plaintiff could be awarded were later found unconstitutional by state Supreme Courts, offering tidy bookends to examine the impact of these laws.

In Georgia, the bill that passed in 2005 limited awards in medical malpractice cases to no more than \$350,000. For example, in the case that ultimately led to Georgia's cap being deemed unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court in 2010, Atlanta Oculoplastic Surgery, P.C. v. Nestlehutt, the jury awarded Mrs. Nestlehutt \$1.2 million in total damages after cosmetic surgery left her permanently

disfigured; under Georgia's then law, she was only eligible to receive \$350,000.

While caps on financial damages are not on the table this time in Georgia, their impact on the insurance market – and the costs that are passed on to providers and consumers – is instructive. Nor is this principle just applicable for healthcare either.

As more carriers quit offering policies in a certain market, insurance premiums rise for the businesses in that community. Kemp highlighted one example, Waffle House's struggles to find affordable insurance in Georgia, in his State of the State address last month. Without a robust market of insurers offering liability policies, the result for restaurants, grocers and other businesses can be limited operating hours or closing locations completely.

Just as these negative effects in the marketplace are spurring reform efforts in 2025, Georgia legislators were arguably forced

into taking action back in 2005. Between 2000 and 2002, 15 of Georgia's 20 active medical malpractice insurers simply stopped writing new medical liability policies.

Later, a 2011 report by the Georgia Board of Physician Workforce reviewed the period when the law was in effect and found that not only did most insurance companies not institute a rate increase during this time, some companies even reduced their rates. One insurance provider reported an average 18% reduction in the cost of their insurance and premiums. New companies offering medical liability policies also entered the Georgia marketplace during this time as well.

Now, Georgia lawmakers will attempt to limit the economic damages that can be considered in these cases to the actual expenses incurred for the procedure. Currently, it is permissible

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## When Evaluating Washington's Spending More Skepticism Is Needed

Charlie Harper  
Guest Columnist

Many if not most of our political battles are wrapped in virtue. After all, we are always on the side of what is right and those who oppose us are aligning with evil. This way of thinking allows us to build up a sufficient reservoir of righteous indignation when we don't get, via political means, what we want.

At the end of the day, most voters ultimately align themselves with their economic interests. The exercises in virtue are too often just a cover to not appear so nakedly selfish as to get more of what we want. There also lies the inherent issue that the study of economics is hard, and economic illiteracy is rampant yet unacceptable in a country that is a beacon for modern day capitalism.

This introduction is a pretext to discuss the current narrative coming out of Washington where the new administration, fortified with the world's richest man and a team of his best engineers, is taking a hard look at how Washington spends our money. The results are not unexpected. Many agencies have appeared to at least turned a blind eye to fraud waste and abuse. At least one seems to have that as its pretense to exist. What is somewhat surprising, though given their recent

history probably shouldn't be, is the reaction of the White House Press Corps and national media outlets with respect to news that some agencies have few controls on how our money is being spent, and it appears that hundreds of billions of dollars have been wasted and/or outright stolen. They're more concerned with shooting the messengers than the message.

While data is coming out via leak and via post from Elon Musk and others on his X platform, it's too early to draw specific conclusions. We do seem to have a real problem with how money has been spent at USAID, with real questions as to whether the money appropriated has been used for the international relief that it was intended, or if it has become more of a slush fund.

Journalists used to be skeptical of government and power. They now seem to wish to protect it more than to uncover abuses or outright fraud. Instead of digging further into the details that are currently available, there seems to be an outright defense of maintaining the status quo, and the fiefdoms within the vast bureaucracy that is our federal government.

Note the number of stories flooding our largest media outlets reminding us of all the good agencies like USAID, or the Na-

tional Institutes of Health do. Note the lack of the same outlets asking if all of the money allocated is given to these programs, or if some is being skimmed off the top for other programs or, perhaps worse, for individuals and groups who provide no benefit to taxpayers whatsoever. We're used to some of this on the local level. When a city or county needs to raise taxes or cut a budget, the first thing they do is propose cuts to the most vital services. Media are all too happy to frame the narrative of "would you rather pay more per month on your tax bill, or have less fire or police service?"

Rarely is there an overall evaluation of the total scope of services provided, and if some of the programs started years ago are still relevant today, or even achieving their mission. We just get threats to cut the services we like until we capitulate to allow the bureaucracy to grow, often unchecked.

There are a litany of program grants that have been funded by USAID that need further explanation to taxpayers. They may represent a tiny fraction of total federal spending, but so does mine and your total tax payments each year.

If the government is willing to put us in jail if we don't pay our taxes that are counted in the thousands every year, then

why is it too much ask for the government to justify, grant by grant, expenditures that are in the hundreds of thousands or hundreds of millions?

The tiny fractions add up. They become trillions when yours and my tax revenues reach DC. We have every right to demand that the tiny fractions clearly being abused be defended, explained, and accounted for.

The defenders of these programs will appeal to our virtue. I want to know why these dollars should be taken by force from me, or from the waitress who serves me breakfast and is trying to buy her first home and asks me regularly for an update on "no taxes on tips."

I really don't think the answer is she can't have that break because what she will pay in taxes in the next decade funded an opera in Colombia or comic books in Peru. She is at work 5-6 days per week, starting at 7am, and often works full shifts through the lunch crowd.

Some may find virtue in the spending on these line items. I'd like someone to explain why taking her tax withholdings to fund them helps her, our us as Americans, more than spending that money on direct priorities here. Or better yet, than by letting her keep it to fund her own priorities as she sees fit.

## Something Supernatural Happened!



**BILLY POWELL**  
Parables to Ponder  
COLUMNIST

After Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples scattered. The leader whom they had followed for three years was dead, crucified as an ordinary criminal. The disciples were disillusioned, their hopes dashed, their dreams shattered. Afraid the authorities might track them down, they went into seclusion, hiding behind locked doors. But soon, their fear was replaced by the conviction that Jesus was alive.

Fifty days later on the Day of Pentecost, Peter spoke to a multitude in Jerusalem. He stated that "Jesus had been raised from the dead and exalted to the right hand of God." After hearing this message, 3,000 people were saved. This was the beginning of the Christian church, which, 19 centuries later, has spread throughout the world.

Soon after Pentecost, Peter

and John healed a crippled man at the temple gate. Annoyed they were preaching Jesus' resurrection, the Sadducees arrested the two disciples and brought them before the Jewish Council for questioning. Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, defiantly said: "It was by the power of Jesus of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom God raised from the dead, that this crippled man is standing before you." He added, "There is salvation in none other, for there is no other name under heaven whereby we may be saved." So what changed Peter, who thrice denied knowing Jesus, to openly defying the Jewish rulers who had the power to condemn him to death? What transformed the disciples from cringing cowards to roaring lions of the faith willingly to risk their lives to proclaim that Jesus was alive? What prompted Stephen to proclaim his belief in a risen Savior at the expense of being stoned to death?

And who would die for a lie? Every time the disciples professed their Master had arisen from the dead they were literally driving nails in their coffins. Yet, they persisted at the expense of suffering martyrdom and enduring violent deaths. Except for Judas Iscariot who committed suicide by hanging

and John who lived to a ripe old age, the remainder of the disciples were martyred: Crucified were Peter, Andrew, Simon the Zealot, and Philip. Matthew was killed with an axe, Thomas speared with a sword, and James, son of Alphaeus, was beaten to death. James, son of Zebedee, was decapitated, Judas, son of James, was killed with arrows, Bartholomew was whipped to death, and Matthias, who replaced Judas, was beheaded. The Apostle Paul, who authored 13 books of the New Testament and the greatest spokesman for Christ the world has ever known, was beheaded in Rome by Emperor Nero. James, the brother of Jesus and leader of the Jerusalem church, also was beheaded.

On a Friday afternoon during 33 A.D., Jesus died on the cross. His cadaverous, blood-drained body was wrapped in linen cloths and hastily buried in a garden tomb just before sunset. The next day, Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, came and passed without incident. But on Sunday morning, angelic forces were at work as the first rays of the morning sun danced off the garden tomb. Then, **Something Supernatural and Stupendous Happened!**

## Byron Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Contributed by Byron Lions Club

One of the biggest events of the year in Byron is the very popular Byron Lions Club Annual Jethro Johnson Pancake Breakfast coming up on March 16 at the Mickey Fuller Masonic Lodge #720 at 106 Gralan Drive (behind Rooks Funeral Home). For only \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids (ages 3-12) you will get a full pancake breakfast accompanied by scrambled eggs and sausage, with coffee, orange

juice, and milk for the kids. Plus, you'll be supporting your community, as all proceeds help the Lions help others.

The breakfast is held each year on a Sunday in early spring in honor of Jethro Johnson, who was a long-serving member of the Byron Lions Club, and a community leader. Breakfast will be hot and ready to eat before church, starting at 7:30 AM, or come hungry up until 1pm. Tickets are available from any Lions Club member or at

the door.

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

## Spring Is Just Around The Corner!

Contributed by Byron Lions Club

It won't be long till the peach blossoms, cherry blossoms and Bradford pears are in bloom. In fact, some of them already are blooming! It is a beautiful time of year. The Byron Lions Club has a way to make your home/porch/deck even more beautiful.

We are again selling absolutely gorgeous hanging baskets—both flowering and foliage. There are seven varieties

of 10 inch foliage baskets available for \$15.00 each—Spider Plants, Purple Wandering Jews, Variegated Swedish Ivy, White Wandering Jews, Bridal Veils, Bolivian Jews, and Green Swedish Ivy. There are seven varieties of blooming 10 inch baskets available—Petunia, Geranium, Fuchsia, New Guinea, Verbena, Scaveola, and Lantana. They are very hardy as well as beautiful. They are \$20.00 each. You can also order a 14 inch wire Cocoa basket filled with a variety of flowers for \$40.00.

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MARCH 14.

We won't know for sure when delivery will be until we place the orders. Baskets will be delivered to you as soon as possible after we receive them. To order call either Frany Washko at (478) 396-0131 or Marlene Humphry at (478) 918-3666, or see any Byron Lions Club member. Don't miss this opportunity to help the Byron Lions provide needed services in the community and add natural beauty to your home at the same time.

## Special Thanks

Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers and kind expression of sympathy, and thoughtfulness during the passing of our love one. Your support at this time was very much appreciated and will always be remembered by the family.

*The McGhee Family*  
(J.D. McGhee, Jr.)

## GA LEADERSHIP CONTINUED FROM 2A

es and they need help," Senate President Pro Tem John Kennedy, said Monday. "We're going to do all that we can, and we're going to be creative."

Kennedy praised the recovery funding that Gov. Brian Kemp placed in the budgets for the rest of this year and next. "But the truth is, there's simply communities that are not going to recover if we don't provide help," the Macon Republican said.

Senate Republicans also expressed support for Kemp's initiative to reduce payouts in lawsuits, known as tort reform.

Other priorities include Senate Bill 1, which would prohibit students from competing on teams or using locker rooms that do not match the sex on their birth certificates. It has already passed a legislative committee.

Steve Gooch, the Senate majority leader, placed that topic under a category of legislation he summed up as security-related.

Also under that umbrella: tax cuts (economic security), rejecting "woke" views (emotional security), and intercepting criminals and drugs that cross the U.S. border (physical security).

Gooch, R-Dahlonega, placed fentanyl in that last category.

He cited a new bill that would enhance penalties for trafficking the deadly drug.

It was introduced by Sen. Russ Goodman, R-Cogdell.

Goodman said a person caught trafficking 4 grams of fentanyl currently faces the same criminal penalty as someone trafficking cocaine.

The two shouldn't be treated equally, he said. "I don't think 4 grams of cocaine will kill 2,000 people, but 4 grams of fentanyl will."



## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### BAHA'I COMMUNITY OF PEACH COUNTY

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

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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.

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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#, your participant ID is #. You are in the meeting. Dial in 3 to 4 minutes before 6:30pm.

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

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Morning Worship at 10:00am  
Wednesday: Free Fellowship Meal at 6pm  
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### 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Bianca Ballard (478)825-8452.

### SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH OF FORT VALLEY

1101 East Church St, Fort Valley, GA 31030

Please join us as we continue to seek to save them that are lost! Our weekly schedule is:

Sunday School at 10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Worship at 11:15 A.M.  
Bible Study at 7:00 P.M. - Tuesdays

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

### TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

505 State University Drive, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

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

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

For additional information, call 478-825-7349.

### USHERS TEMPLE CME CHURCH

411 Railroad Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030. 478-825-5106.

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

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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)

## 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 a distances according of said land made T. F. Flourney recorded in Map Box 2 Page 40, 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 recorded 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  
3276

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OR EQUITY OF REDEMPTION Take notice that: THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO WIT:

All that only that tract of land designated as **Tax Parcel F05A 244**, lying and being in the City of Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia, being a portion of the property described in Deed Book 482, Page 455, the description incorporated herein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as **520 Vineville Street** and more particularly described as:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being the City of Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia, fronting south 50 feet 011 Vineville Street and running back with even width a distance of 150 feet, bounded East by Tract 11 below and West by lands of Sarah Harris. This is the same property as Tract 10 in a deed to Bennett Family Partnership recorded in Deed Book 210, page 384, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court, and is commonly known as **510 Vineville Street**.

WILL EXPIRE AND BE FOREVER FORECLOSED AND BARRED ON AND AFTER THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the October 6, 2015, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, in Deed Book 538, Pages 672, and corrected in Deed Book 734. Pages 629-30.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 24th day of March, 2025, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:  
466 S. Houston Lake Rd.  
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088  
Please be governed accordingly.  
2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 2025  
3302

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA CIVIL ACTION CASE NUMBER 24-V-0477

**IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF: MADISON ELIZABETH HENRY, Petitioner.**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT**

Madison Elizabeth Henry filed a petition in the Peach County Superior Court on December 30, 2024, to change the name from: Madison Elizabeth Henry to Madison Elizabeth Hayden. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the petition was filed.  
This December 30, 2024.  
1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2025  
3285

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

**IN RE: ESTATE OF BERNICE WILLIAMS, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7058 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, and to whom it may concern:**

MICHAEL WILLIAMS, has petitioned for MICHAEL WILLIAMS, to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of BERNICE WILLIAMS 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 MARCH 12, 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  
2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 2025  
3300

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

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 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  
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP\*  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 130  
Atlanta, GA 30346  
(770)220-2535  
<https://www.logs.com/>  
\*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
01/22/2025, 01/29/2025, 02/05/2025, 02/12/2025, 02/19/2025, 02/26/2025  
3277 (BCNS 245013)

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

**ESTATE NO. 2025-MGDN-7052 IN RE: ESTATE OF KYRON MICHAEL FRANCISCO, JR., MINOR NOTICE**

**TO: AMY KATHERINE LYNN**  
**You are hereby notified that ETH-EL H. JOHNSON** has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian(s) of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the petitioner(s) as temporary guardian(s), must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication for this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia 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.

NOTE: If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.  
Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court  
By Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030  
478-825-2313  
2/12, 2/19, 2025  
3307

## 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**.  
1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2025  
3278

## DIVORCE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-V-0118

**Ana Luisa Corado Gonzalez, Plaintiff, v. Caleb Jacobi Watson, Defendant.**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION TO: Caleb Jacobi Watson. Last known address: 303 Crestwood Drive, Fort Valley, GA 31030.**

By order of the court for service by publication dated July 12, 2024, you are hereby notified that on April 2, 2024, Plaintiff Ana Luisa Corado Gonzalez filed suit against you for divorce. You are required to file with the clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, and to serve upon Plaintiff, Ana Luisa Corado Gonzalez, 1478 Williamson Road, Macon, GA 31206, an answer in writing within 60 days of the date of the Court's Order for Service by Publication. Witness, the Honorable Judge Ken Smith of Superior Court of Peach County.

This 7th day of February, 2025.  
W. Newlson, Deputy Clerk Peach County Superior Court  
2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 2025  
3305

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

The undersigned does hereby certify that L & L SNEAD ENTERPRISE, LLC., conducting a business as COMMUNITY FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES in the City of Fort Valley, County of Peach, in the State of Georgia, under the name of COMMUNITY FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES and that the nature of the business is Mortuary Services and that the names and addresses of the persons, firms or partnership owning and caring on said trade or business are Larry Snead Sr., owner, 409 Preston Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030.  
This 6th day of December 2024.  
2/12, 2/19, 2024  
3301

## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, PEACH COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by James E Monroe Sr to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated 1/8/2013 and recorded in Deed Book 491 Page 485 Peach County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, conveying the afterdescribed property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$133,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on March 4, 2025 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property, to-wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 175 of the Sixth (6th) Land District of Peach County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 19, Block "A", Phase 3, The Orchard Subdivision, according to a plat of survey being of record in Plat Book 23, Pages 243-244, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. This conveyance and the warranties hereinafter contained are made subject to any and all restrictions, easements, covenants and rights-of-way affecting said described property in addition to Restrictive Covenants as contained in instrument of record in Deed Book 273, Pages 841-845, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. The improvements thereon being known as **404 Southland Trail, Byron, Georgia - 31008**.

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

Said property is commonly known as **404 Southland Trail, Byron, GA 31008** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): James E Monroe Sr or tenant or tenants.

Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.  
Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing PO Box 10826 Greenville, SC 29603-0826  
1-800-365-7107

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

of the loan.

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

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.

US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust as agent and Attorney in Fact for James E Monroe Sr Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.  
1263-4208A  
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
1263-4208A  
02/05/2025, 02/12/2025, 02/19/2025, 02/26/2025  
6274 (94458)

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

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain security deed from **Hannah Lowe and Jimmie Stembbridge** to United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture and recorded in Deed Book 406, Page 890, Peach County, Georgia records given to secure a note in the original amount of \$74,265.00 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 March, 2025, to-wit: March 04, 2025, the following described property:

All that certain tract, lot of parcel of land situate, lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Peach, and in the City of Fort Valley therein, and being more particularly described as follows: To obtain the point or place of beginning, start at the intersection of the centerline of North Avenue with East right of way of Hardeman Avenue and run thence South 01 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 236.52 feet TO POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING; and from said point or place of beginning, run thence South 00 degrees 55 minutes 30 seconds East along the East right of way of Hardeman Avenue a distance of 125.00 feet to a point; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes 31 seconds East a distance of 164.53 feet to a point; thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 50 seconds East a distance of 119.52 feet to a point; thence North 86 degrees 37 minutes 34 seconds West a distance of 167.27 feet to the point or place of beginning on the East right of way line of Hardeman Avenue; all as is more fully shown and described on that certain plat of survey prepared by Thomas W. Futral, III, GRLS No. 1202 dated January 14, 1986, and recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 41, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court; reference to said plat and the record thereof is incorporated herein and made a part of this description. Subject to any and all easements, rights of way, building line restrictions and covenants of record. Property now known as **410 Hardeman Avenue** according to the present system for numbering improvements.

Being real property commonly known as **410 Hardeman Ave, 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: **Dawson's Management c/o USDA3775 Venture Drive Duluth, GA 30096 770-962-4981** The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to

require The United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.

The United States of America, acting through the Secretary of Agriculture as Attorney in Fact for Hannah Lowe and Jimmie Stembbridge Attorney Contact: Miller, George and Suggs, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 24GA414-0201

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4833148 02/05/2025, 02/12/2025, 02/19/2025, 02/26/2025  
3285 (ASAP# 4833148)

## Georgia Department of Transportation Request for Feedback For P.I. Nos. 0019838 & 0019840 Houston and Peach Counties

The Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) is requesting your review and feedback on the proposed project. We appreciate your participation in this process.

Georgia DOT proposes safety improvements along State Route (SR) 11/49 from US Highway 41 to Houston Road. The proposed projects would reconstruct the existing intersection at N Houston Lake Road to a three-legged multi-lane roundabout and the existing intersections of US Highway 41 and Houston Road to a Restricted Crossing U-turn. No offsite detours are anticipated.

GDOT has placed information about the proposed project at <https://www.dot.ga.gov/GDOT/Pages/PublicOutreach.aspx>. The information on the website is provided in place of an in-person meeting, allowing the public to review the proposed project, provide feedback, or write in with questions.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information:

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities, contact the district planning and programming liaison at [gsnyder@dot.ga.gov](mailto:gsnyder@dot.ga.gov) or 706-646-7532.

Comments will be accepted concerning this project until March 12, 2025. Written statements may be submitted to:

**Mr. Eric Duff**  
**State Environmental Administrator**  
**Georgia Department of Transportation**  
**600 West Peachtree Street, NW – 16th Floor**  
**Atlanta, Georgia 30308**  
2/12/2025 & 3/5/2025  
3296 (P.I. Numbers – 0019838 & 0019840 Houston & Peach)

## AUCTION PUBLIC SALE NOTICE OF SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien on said property pursuant to the Georgia Code Sections 10-4-210 to 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Thursday, February 20, 2025** at 10:00 a.m. online at [www.storage-reasures.com](http://www.storage-reasures.com), property found in the following units:  
Unit G01 Stephanie M. Carter Household Items  
Unit C08 & C19 Carol D. Brown Household Items  
Unit D04 Chandra plant Household Items  
Unit D24 Lee Everett Household Items  
UNIT G13 Letitia L. Jones Household Items

Tenants have the right to redeem prior to sale.  
**Peach Mini Storage**  
2/5, 2/12, 2025  
3287

## NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

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

**RICHARD A. DENNIS, JR., Executor**  
**225 Sapphire Point**  
**Anderson, South Carolina 29626**

Sara C. Diamond Wechsler  
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP  
PO Box 1770  
Perry, GA 31069  
478-987-1415  
2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 2025  
3290

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OR EQUITY OF REDEMPTION

**Take notice that: THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO WIT:**

All that only that tract of land designated as **Tax Parcel F05A 243**, lying and being in the city of Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia being a portion of the property described in Deed Book 416, page 748, deed book 416, page 743 and deed book 482, page 455, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as **518 Vineville Street** and more particularly described as:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the city of Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia, bounded now or formerly on the east by lands of Doles Bros Land & Property, LLC, on the west by the estate of Millard Peterman, on the north by lands of Ellen R. Williams and Cheryl Johnson, and fronting south 60 feet on Vineville Street and running back with even width. This is the same property as Tract 14 in a deed to Bennett Family Partnership recorded in deed book 210, page 384, Clerk's office, Peach

## LEGALS

### CONTINUED FROM 7A

Superior Court, and is commonly known as **518 Vineville Street**. WILL EXPIRE AND BE FOREVER FORECLOSED AND BARRED ON AND AFTER THE 24th DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the October 6, 2015, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, in Deed Book 538, Pages 673, and correct

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 24th day of March, 2025, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: ed in Deed Book 734, Pages 627-28. 466 S. Houston Lake Rd. Warner Robins, Georgia 31088 Please be governed accordingly. 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 2025 3306

### 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  
3279

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF HOSEY JAMES WHITE, SR., DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7059 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

**TO: SANDRA FLUELLEN AND ARTHUR MCKENZIE, JR., and to whom it may concern:**

SANDRA FLUELLEN AND ARTHUR MCKENZIE, JR., has petitioned for HOSEY WHITE, JR., to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of HOSEY JAMES WHITE, SR., 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 MARCH 12, 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: Chief Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
478-825-2313  
2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 2025  
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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH IN RE: ESTATE OF EMMA LEE AIKEN

All creditors of the estate of Emma Lee Aiken, late of Peach County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 24 day of January, 2025.

**Geraldine Adams Administrator/Executor of Emma Lee Aiken, deceased 304 Hiley Street Fort Valley, GA 31030 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2025 3286**

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

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Shenika L Smith to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems,

Inc., as nominee for LoanDepot.com, LLC, dated September 19, 2019 and recorded on September 26, 2019 in Deed Book 607, Page 634, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Fifty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Three and 00/100 dollars (\$56,363.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to loanDepot.com, LLC, recorded in Deed Book 700, Page 679, aforesaid records, 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 has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2025, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 213 of the Ninth Land District, Peach County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 5 of a re-survey of Lots 4-7, Block "8", Sunset Park Subdivision, according to a plat of survey or record in Plat Book 16, Page 258, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions and rights-of-way of record, it any.

Address under current system of numbering: 607 Courtland Avenue, Fort Valley, Georgia. Deed Reference: Deed Book 370, Page 752, said Clerk's Office.

**Said property may more commonly be known as 607 Courtland Avenue, Fort Valley, GA 31030.**

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is loanDepot.com, LLC, 5465 Legacy Drive, S-200, Plano, TX 75024, 866-970-7105. Notwithstanding the prior sentence, the Creditor is not required to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the Security Deed.

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Shenika L Smith and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. loanDepot.com, LLC

As Attorney-in-Fact for Shenika L Smith Contact: Paddgett Law Group; 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850)422-2520 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 2025 3288 (23-005423 2334)

### IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA IN THE INTEREST OF:

**FILE #732Z-J A. B., SEX F, AGE 12, DOB 01/2023, CASE #111-2024J-103 CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE NOTICE OF SUMMONS**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, TERRANCE HOUSTON AND ANY OTHER PARTY CLAIMING TO HAVE A PARENTAL INTEREST IN SAID MINOR CHILD BORN TO ALAETRICE BENNETT.**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the above styled action seeking the termination of the parental rights of the parents of the named child was filed against you in said Court on 2/4/25, by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on 1/31/25; YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Peach County, Georgia, in Fort Valley, Georgia, on the 20th day of February, 2025 at 10:30 o'clock a.m. for a status hearing (attorney appointment only) and on the 8th day of April, 2025 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. The second hearing is for the purpose of determining whether your parental rights should be terminated. The effect of an order terminating parental rights under O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-284 is without limit as to duration and terminates all the parent's rights and obligations with respect to the child and all rights and obligations of the child to the parent arising from the parental relationship, including rights of inheritance. The parent whose rights are terminated is not thereafter entitled to notice of proceedings for the adoption of the child by another, nor has the parent any right to object to the adoption or otherwise to participate in the proceedings.

A copy of the petition may be obtained by the parents from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court at Peach County Courthouse, Fort Valley, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 o'clock am until 5:00 o'clock p.m. exclusive of holidays. A free copy shall be available to the parent. Upon request, the

copy will be mailed to the requester - parents or alleged parents only. The child is in the present physical custody of the Petitioner, the Peach County Department of Family and Children Services.

The general nature of the allegations is termination of the parental rights.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that while responsive pleadings are not mandatory, they are permissible and you are encouraged to file with the Clerk of this Court and serve upon Petitioner's attorney, James E. Patterson, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029-1006 an answer or other responsive pleading within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE Judge of said Juvenile Court.

This 4th day of February, 2025. Whitney Nelson, (Deputy) CLERK, JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 2025 3298

### 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)

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

**IN RE: ESTATE OF TERRY LITTLE RAINES, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-7035 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, and to whom it may concern:**

FRANK MILTON LITTLE, JR., has petitioned for FRANK MILTON LITTLE JR., to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of TERRY LITTLE RAINES 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 MARCH 12, 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  
2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 2025 3299

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF BOBBY L. BOWEN, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7049 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:

BOBBIE KIM MCHALE, has petitioned for BOBBIE KIM MCHALE to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of BOBBY L. BOWEN, 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 MARCH 12, 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: Chief Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
478-825-2313  
2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 2025  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE:ESTATE OF TREVENIO 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 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 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  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF AMOS E. LAWRENCE, JR., DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2024-TADM-6952 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE**

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

**AMOS EARL LAWRENCE, SR., has petitioned for AMOS EARL LAWRENCE, SR., to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of AMOS E. LAWRENCE, JR., 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 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  
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2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 2025  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**JULIETTE MEEKS V.**

**RAYMOND ANTHONY MEEKS Civil Action Number: 24-V-0407 NOTICE OF SUMMONS**

**TO: RAYMOND ANTHONY MEEKS** You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce, was filed against you in said court on the 31st day of October, 2024, and that by reason of an Order for Service by Summons by Publication entered by the Court on the 28th day of January, 2025, you are hereby commanded and required to file with

the Clerk of said Court and serve upon Eva K. Hutcherson, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 487 Cherry Street, Suite 250, Macon, Georgia 31201, an Answer to the Complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication. 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 2025 3289

### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, PEACH COUNTY

**Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Melinda Goodwin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for PHH Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns dated 6/19/2009 and recorded in Deed Book 426 Page 330 Peach County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$65,786.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on March 4, 2025 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:**

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 28, OF THE 10TH LAND DISTRICT, OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE EAST-ERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS THE HOUSER MILL TO BYRON ROAD WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF GEORGIA HIGHWAY NO. 96 AND FROM SAID POINT OF INTERSECTION EXTEND IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 1093.7 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT OR PARCEL HEREIN CONVEYED; AND FROM SAID BEGINNING POINT EXTEND NORTH 0 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 217.8 FEET TO A POINT AND CORNER; THENCE EXTEND NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 1 SECOND EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO A POINT AND CORNER; THENCE EXTEND SOUTH 0 DEGREE 18 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 217.8 FEET TO A POINT AND CORNER; THENCE EXTEND SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 1 SECOND WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET TO A POINT AND CORNER, SAME BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE TRACT OR PARCEL HEREIN CONVEYED. DEED REFERENCE: DEED BOOK 349, PAGE 40, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT.

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

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

LoanCare, LLC is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

LoanCare, LLC Attention: Loss Mitigation Department 3637 Sentara Way Virginia Beach, VA 23452 800-909-9525

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

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

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Melinda Goodwin Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1154-3014A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1154-3014A 02/05/2025, 02/12/2025, 02/19/2025, 02/26/2025

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

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **H. W. HEAD AKA HARMON W. HEAD** to METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE BANK, N.A., dated October 21, 2010, recorded October 28, 2010, in Deed Book 448, Page 357, Peach County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$189,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GITSIT Mortgage Loan Trust BBPLC1, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Peach County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2025, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

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, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TO OBTAIN THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING START AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF NORTH AVENUE AND THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HARDEMAN AVENUE AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 07' 51" EAST ALONG THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HARDEMAN AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 434.374 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING; AND FROM SAID POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 08' 43" WEST A DISTANCE OF 201.33 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 17' 05" EAST A DISTANCE OF 180.07 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 38' 27" EAST A DISTANCE OF 200.77 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HARDEMAN AVENUE; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 07' 51" WEST ALONG THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HARDEMAN AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 178.30 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING; ALL AS IS MORE FULLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ON THE CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY THOMAS W. FUTRAL, III, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1202, DATED NOVEMBER 14, 1995, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 297, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT; REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. LOCATED ON SAID PROPERTY IS AN EXISTING SWELLING. PARCEL # F02B-006

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **409 HARDEMAN AVE, FORT VALLEY, GA 31030.**

The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: 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; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is H. W. HEAD AKA HARMON W. HEAD, ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF H. W. HEAD, or tenants(s). 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.

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: GITSIT Solutions, LLC f/k/a Kondaur Capital, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 333 South Anita Drive Suite 400, Orange, CA 92868, Telephone Number: 888-566-3287. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

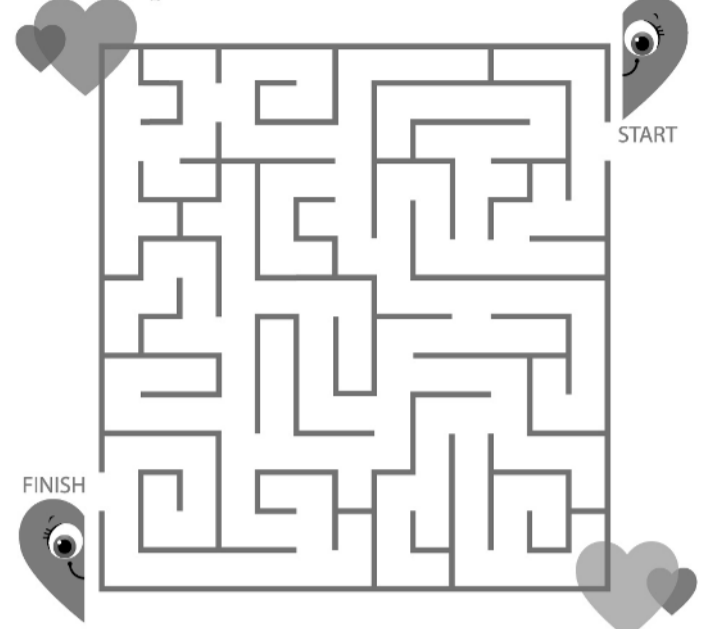
GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1 as Attorney in Fact for H. W. HEAD AKA HARMON W. HEAD

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Attorney Contact: Rubin Luitel, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877)813-0992 Case No. KCP-24-05582-1 rselaw.com/property-listing 02/05/2025, 02/12/2025, 02/19/2025, 02/26/2025 6270 (BCNS 244869)

# Peach Teach **KIDZ** Outreach



Help this heart find its other half!



### Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

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7 1 4 2 1 3 6 5 3 1

Answer: Be my Valentine

## Now You Know Fun facts and conversation-starting snippets for curious minds of all ages!

### What's the Relationship Between Chocolate and Valentine's Day?

It's hard to imagine Valentine's Day without chocolate, and that association can be traced to a name that is very familiar to people who enjoy sweets on February 14. According to History.com, Richard Cadbury utilized advancements at his family's chocolate factory in England to produce new varieties of what was then known as "eating chocolate." Cadbury then began marketing eating chocolate in decorative boxes, and while History.com notes he never patented the heart-shaped box, it's widely believed Cadbury was the first to create one.



### Fun FACT:

Around 250 million of these are grown for Valentine's Day each year. They are a popular offering as a gift of love.

Answer: Red roses

### How they say "that in..."

**English:** Love  
**Spanish:** Amor  
**Italian:** Amore  
**French:** Amour  
**German:** Liebe

## VALENTINE'S DAY WORD SEARCH

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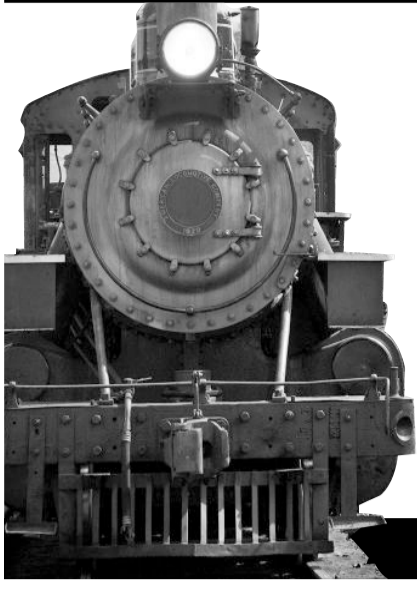
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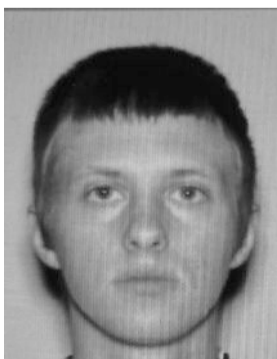
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# Fort Valley State University Names Marlon Watson as Head Football Coach



By FVSU

(Fort Valley, GA) - Fort Valley State University (FVSU) is proud to announce the appointment of Marlon Watson as the head football coach of the Wildcats. A seasoned coach with a track record of success at multiple collegiate levels, Watson brings a wealth of experience in player development, defensive strategy and special teams excellence.

Over the past two seasons, Watson was a key member of the Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) coaching staff, serving as the special

teams coordinator and defensive ends coach. During his tenure, he played an instrumental role in PVAMU's 2023 SWAC Western Division Championship and led improvements in multiple statistical categories, including PATs, field goals and net punting. He also helped mentor top athletes, including All-SWAC honorees and future professional players.

"We are excited to welcome Marlon Watson to the Wildcat family," said President Paul Jones, Ph.D. "His depth of experience, leadership qualities and ability to elevate student-athletes on and off the field make him an outstanding choice to lead our football program. We look forward to seeing the energy and excellence he brings to Wildcat Nation."

Before joining PVAMU, Watson served as the defensive coordinator at Upper Iowa University in 2021, where he coached a first-team All-NSIC defensive lineman and helped the team achieve national rankings in key defensive categories. He also spent three seasons as the defensive coordinator at Elizabeth City State University, where he significantly improved the team's overall defensive performance despite challenges such as no spring ball and school closures due to hurricanes. His coaching experience also includes stints at Alabama A&M University, where he developed standout players such as All-SWAC linebacker

Kenny Davis and played a key role in recruiting some of the program's most dominant athletes, including record-setting quarterback Aqeel Glass and running back Jordan Bentley.

"I look forward to seeing Coach Marlon Watson's leadership as our head football coach. He is an outstanding and authentic man with a strong passion for developing young men," said Interim Athletic Director Daphnie Johnson. "His track record of competitive success at the collegiate levels makes me confident that he will lead our football program to new heights. We welcome his wife Jasmine, and his children, Brayden, Brianna, and Brynleigh, to the Valley."

Additionally, Watson has coached at Georgia Military College and Bethel University in Tennessee, where he helped lead the team to back-to-back Mid-South Conference Championships and multiple NAIA playoff appearances. His experience extends to the high school level as well, having served as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Joliet West High School in Illinois, where he developed multiple All-Conference players.

Watson shared his excitement about joining FVSU and leading the Wildcats:

"Thank you to President Paul Jones, Interim Athletic Director Daphnie Johnson, and the entire search committee for the opportunity to be the

head football coach. I am grateful and extremely honored for the opportunity to lead the Fort Valley State University football program. FVSU has a rich tradition of academic and athletic excellence. I look forward to serving our phenomenal student-athletes, partnering with our dedicated staff and fostering a positive relationship with our passionate community to build on that legacy."

A native of Chicago, Illinois, Watson was a linebacker at Northern Illinois University under Head Coach Joe Novak. As a key player for the Huskies, he contributed to a program that achieved a No. 10 national ranking in 2003, securing victories over nationally ranked opponents Maryland, Alabama and Iowa State. During his collegiate career, Northern Illinois was a three-time MAC West Co-Champion (2001, 2002, 2004) and won the 2004 Silicon Valley Bowl. He earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Northern Illinois and later obtained a master's degree in education from Bethel University in Tennessee.

A dedicated family man, Watson is married to Jasmine Watson, and together they have three children: Brayden, Brianna and Brynleigh.

A formal press conference introducing Coach Marlon Watson will be held at 11 am on Friday, February 14 at the Christine and Willie C. Jones Amphitheater. All media, fans and members of the Wildcat community are invited to attend.

## State House Speaker Burns introduces school-safety package

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA – Georgia House Speaker Jon Burns introduced school-safety legislation Monday stemming from last year's school shooting in Barrow County that killed two teachers and two students.

The comprehensive proposal calls for improvements in information sharing among schools through a new anonymous app, increases penalties for those who make terroristic threats, and provides tax incentives to encourage gun owners to purchase firearm safety storage devices.

"The Georgia House is committed to taking strong action to ensure no parent, student or teacher ever has to fear for their safety when they drop their children off at school, go to class or go to work," Burns, R-Newington, said during a news conference at the state Capitol. "This school safety plan is a comprehensive approach to securing our school buildings, prioritizing the mental health of our children and keeping Georgia's students safe."

A 14-year-old student at Apalachee High School, Colt Gray, was arrested at the scene of the shooting last September and charged with the murders. Gray had just transferred from another school, leading to a provision in the House bill requiring the establishment of a

## Special Olympics 3x3 Team, Team Skills, and Unified Team Wins Gold



statewide student information sharing database to allow the timely transfer of pertinent student data between school systems, law enforcement officials, and mental health-care professionals.

The legislation also would require schools to use an anonymous reporting app where tips could be evaluated quickly and provided to law enforcement and the necessary personnel across the state as needed.

The measure would provide for the mandatory suspension of students who make threats until law enforcement and school personnel determine the student is cleared to return to school.

And the legislation would offer tax incentives for the purchase of safe gun storage equipment including firearm safes

and trigger locks.

Apart from the school safety bill, the House mid-year budget would include funding to establish the student database as well as an additional \$50 million for one-time school safety grants, which Gov. Brian Kemp announced last month. Every public school in Georgia would get \$68,000 to spend as local school officials see fit.

"Each school system has unique needs and challenges," said House Majority Leader Chuck Efstretation, R-Dacula.

Burns and Efstretation were joined at Monday's news conference by Barrow County Sheriff Jud Smith, Barrow County School System Superintendent Dallas LeDuff, and the parents of Coach Richard Aspinwall, one of the victims of the Apalachee High shooting.



## Georgia Centennial Farm applications open now

By Ga Department of Community Affairs

Atlanta, Ga. (February 5, 2025) – Georgia Centennial Farm applications are now open to all qualifying candidates with a deadline of May 1, 2025.

Farms play a pivotal role in shaping Georgia's legacy, serving as the bedrock for economic, cultural, and familial traditions for generations of Georgians. Several farms boast a legacy spanning more than a century, and the state recognizes their historical significance through the Georgia Centennial Farm program.

More than three decades ago, the Centennial Farm program was created to draw attention to historic farms and to encourage

preservation. Since 1993, the program has recognized more than 630 farms around the state.

Nominees must be working farms with a minimum of 10 acres of the original purchase, actively involved in agricultural production, and must generate at least \$1,000 in annual farm-generated income. In addition, farms must have been continuously farmed by members of the same family for at least 100 years or must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Qualifying Georgia Centennial Farms are honored each October during an awards ceremony at the Georgia National Fairgrounds and Agricenter in Perry.

The Georgia Centennial Farm program is administered by the

Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Georgia Farm Bureau Federation, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia EMC, Georgia National Fair and Agricenter, and University of Georgia Cooperative Extension.

For more information, contact Rose Mayo, Historic Preservation Division Outreach Coordinator, at 770-855-2586 or rose.mayo@dca.ga.gov. The postmark deadline for applications is May 1, 2025, and they are available online at [dca.ga.gov/community-assistance/historic-preservation/centennial-farms-program](https://dca.ga.gov/community-assistance/historic-preservation/centennial-farms-program).



# 2025 National Signing Day

By Chris McKenzie,  
Sports Reporter

This is what dreams are made of. National letter of intents were signed by two of our Peach County student athletes on Wednesday February 5, 2025.

Quarterback DJ Hudson and Offensive Lineman Jordyn Miller-Horne were surrounded by family and friends in the PCHS

gym as committed to their next home for four years. They will be able to further their academic and athletic career after a stellar senior season at PCHS.

- Quarterback DJ Hudson signs with Fort Valley State University

- Offensive Lineman Jordyn Miller-Horne signs with Iowa Western Community College  
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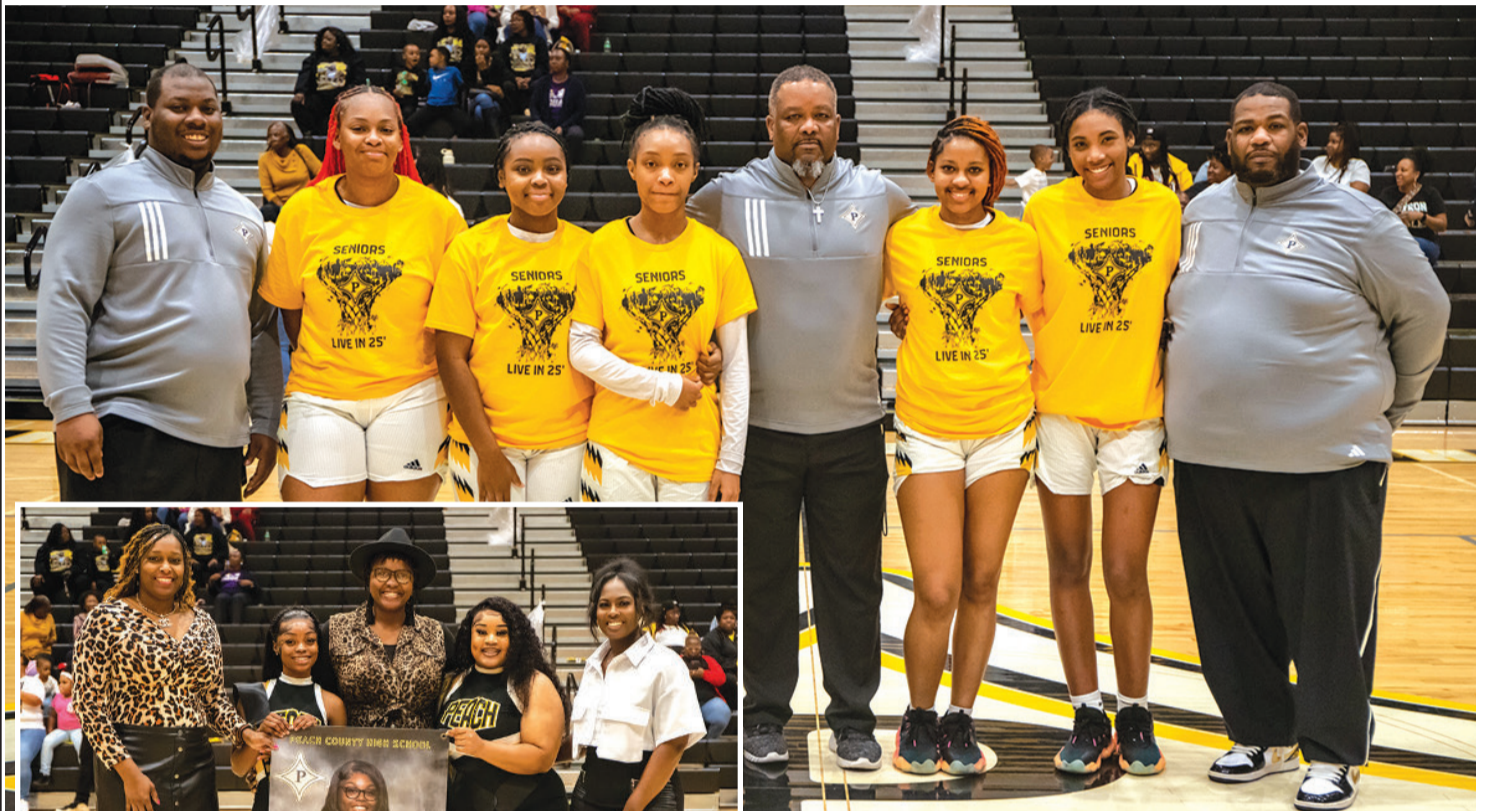


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