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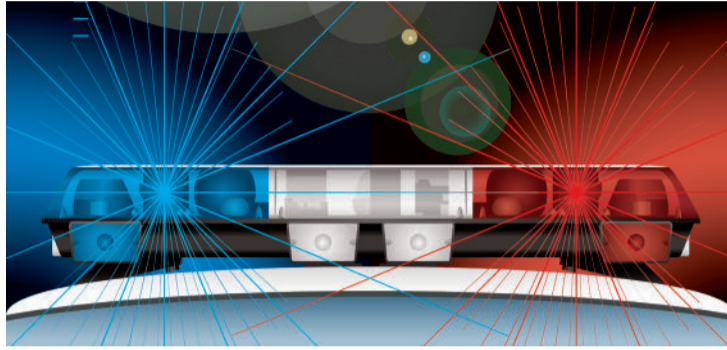
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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME Sunday, March 9, 2025 Set clocks forward one hour at 2:00a.m.



Fort Valley Police Investigate Drug Deal Shooting

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – The Fort Valley Police Department is currently investigating a shooting that took place on Davis Street and Hosley Street on Thursday, Feb. 27.

According to the Fort Valley Police Department, officers were dispatched to the scene at 3:40 p.m. after receiving reports of multiple gunshots in the area.

Officers have determined that a man and his sister traveled to Fort Valley to meet with an individual for an illegal narcotics transaction. During the exchange, an unknown male approached the vehicle and at-

tempted to rob the male driver with a firearm.

In response, the female passenger, who was armed, opened fire towards both the suspect and her brother. The brother was struck at least three times during the exchange. They then fled to a nearby medical center. The brother was airlifted to a hospital in Atlanta for further treatment.

The Fort Valley Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division is investigating this incident. The department encourages anyone with information to call (478) 825-3383.

This is a developing story. The Leader Tribune will provide more information as it becomes available.

18-Year-Old Arrested for October Shooting Death

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – An Albany man has been arrested for allegedly shooting and killing a man in Fort Valley back in early October, according to a press release from the Fort Valley Police Department.

According to the press release, 18-year-old Ja'Qwan Johnson has been charged in the death of Naun Mendez on Oct. 5, 2024.

Johnson, an Albany, Georgia native, was arrested on unrelated charges in Albany before the Fort Valley police learned of his involvement and charged him with murder.

According to the report, the po-



Ja'Qwan Johnson
Photo FVPD

lice responded to the 400 block of Boulevard Street around 3:30 a.m. on Oct. 5 for a fight in progress. Upon their arrival, officers found a man lying face down.

The man, Mendez, had been shot in the chest and died shortly after.

Fort Valley Teacher Arrested for Assaulting a Student

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – A Fort Valley teacher has been arrested for simple assault after she allegedly pulled a student's hair and broke their necklace, according to an incident report from the Peach County Sheriff's Office.

Aja Ellis, a teacher at Fort Valley Middle School, was arrested and charged with simple battery on Wednesday, Feb. 19, after a dispute with a student.

According to the incident report, officers were alerted on Wednesday, Jan. 29, around 8 a.m. to an incident between a teacher and student by Fort Valley Middle School Principal Kizzy Johnson.

The report states that Ellis took the student out of class to meet a student teacher from Fort Valley State University. During the conversation, Ellis threatened to reveal personal information about the student to the student teacher, if the student didn't volunteer the information herself.

The student told authorities that "she refused to answer because it was something personal and something she didn't like talking about, especially in front of a stranger," according to her statement in the report.

Ellis told authorities she was trying to connect



Photo by Peach County Sheriff's Office Sheriff's Office
Aja Ellis

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Fort Valley Dedicates Building to Long-Time Employee



CITY OF FORT VALLEY
FREDERICK "FRED" BANKS
PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING
DEDICATED FEBRUARY 2025

Photos by City of Fort Valley
Fred Banks and Fort Valley Mayor Jeffery Lundy and a close up of building sign dedication to Fred Banks.

Submitted by City of Fort Valley

The City of Fort Valley Public Works Building was dedicated to Mr. Fred Banks. Mr. Fred Banks has served 52 years with the City of Fort Valley Public Works Department. What an honor to recognize and dedicate this building to him.

The City of Byron Partners with Citibot to Launch Ask Byron: A 24/7 AI-Powered Customer Support Platform

Connect with Ask Byron!

Text "Hello" to (888) 61-BYRON (29766) or visit ByronGA.com

Contributed

Byron, GA - The city of Byron is excited to announce the launch of Ask Byron, a cutting-edge, AI-powered customer service solution developed in partnership with Citibot, a leader in interactive chat services for local governments.

Ask Byron provides residents with seamless, round-the-clock access to city services via an easy-to-use web chat and text messaging platform. This new service helps residents quickly find information, submit service requests, and connect directly with city staff, simplifying the way they access city services.

Ask Byron combines advanced generative AI and machine learning to handle a wide range of resident needs. With support for 75 languages, it is also a valuable tool in creating an inclusive and accessible community. Residents can access Ask Byron's

web chat from the City's website (www.byronga.com) by clicking the chat icon in the bottom right corner of their screen. They'll be welcomed with a friendly message, ready to assist them in navigating city resources and submitting requests.

Residents who prefer texting can begin by sending "Hello" to (888) 61-BYRON (29766), where Ask Byron will respond with helpful guidance. A link to sign up for city text alerts will also be provided, ensuring residents stay informed.

If further assistance is needed during the interaction, Ask Byron can easily escalate requests to city staff for personalized support.

Based in Charleston, SC, Citibot LLC was founded in 2016 with the mission of making government services accessible to all. Citibot CEO Bratton Riley was inspired by the power of

conversational chatbots to help governments become more accessible and accountable.

"Expectations for quality customer service are always rising," said Riley. "Cities and counties like Byron are leading the way, implementing technology that enhances efficiency and improves access to essential information and services."

The City of Byron is among the first municipalities in GA to adopt Citibot's solution.

For more on the city of Byron's use of Citibot, visit (www.byronga.com).



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Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation Announces Its 2025 List of State's 10 Places in Peril

By The Ga Trust for Historic Preservation

ATLANTA, Feb. 26 — The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation released today its 2025 list of 10 Places in Peril in the state.

Sites on the list include: 148 Edgewood Avenue in Atlanta (Fulton County); Collier-Toomer House in Savannah (Chatham County); Crossroads Rosenwald School in Dixie (Brooks County); Gaisert Homeplace in Williamson (Spalding County); Miami Valley Peach Packing Barn in Fort Valley (Peach County); Historic Nicholsonboro Baptist Church in Savannah (Chatham County); Powell Opera House in Blakely (Early County); Historic Rock House in Thomson (McDuffie County); Southeastern Railway Museum in Duluth (Gwinnett County); and Buckhead Town Hall and Jail in the town of Buckhead (Morgan County).

"This is the Trust's twentieth annual Places in Peril list," said W. Wright Mitchell, president and CEO of the Trust. "We hope the list will continue to bring preservation solutions to Georgia's imperiled historic resources by highlighting ten representative sites."

Places in Peril is designed to raise awareness about Georgia's significant historic, archaeological and cultural resources, including buildings, structures, districts, archaeological sites and cultural landscapes that are threatened by demolition, neglect, lack of maintenance, inappropriate development or insensitive public policy.

Sites on previous years' lists include the c. 1883 Foster-Thomson-Miller-Minnix House in Madison, a Queen Anne style house that suffered from fire damage and decades of neglect, was completely rehabilitated and received a Georgia

Trust Preservation Award in 2024; the McConnell-Chadwick House in Milton, one of Cherokee County's oldest structures, was recently donated by Larry Chadwick to the City of Milton, which has approved funds for its preservation; the Adam Strain Building in Darien, one of Georgia's last surviving tabby structures, was saved from demolition and fully rehabilitated into a brewhouse and restaurant in 2024; the historic integrity of the Calvary Episcopal Church in Americus was preserved when GDOT replaced the old Lee Street Bridge with an in-kind replacement that meets modern transportation needs; the Cuthbert Water Tower, the country's only water tower positioned in the middle of a federal highway, was saved thanks to community efforts and a grant from the Georgia Trust; and the Huston House on Butler Island in Darien, a historic house built in 1927 by Colonel T.L. Huston, was tragically destroyed by fire in June 2024.

Founded in 1973, the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation works for the preservation and revitalization of Georgia's diverse historic resources and advocates their appreciation, protection and use. As one of the country's leading statewide, nonprofit preservation organizations, the Trust generates community revitalization by finding buyers for endangered properties acquired by its Revolving Fund and raises awareness of other endangered historic resources through an annual listing of Georgia's Places in Peril. The Trust offers a variety of educational programs for adults and children, provides technical assistance to property owners and historic communities, advocates for funding, tax incentives and other laws aiding preservation efforts, and manages two house museums in At-



Side view of the building along SR 96 in Peach County, Georgia. Photo Contributed

lanta (Rhodes Hall) and Macon (Hay House).

Summary Information on each 'Places in Peril' Site

148 Edgewood Avenue in Atlanta (Fulton County)

The building at 148 Edgewood Avenue was constructed as a substation in 1926 by the Georgia Railway and Power Company and played a crucial role in powering downtown Atlanta. Acquired by Georgia State University (GSU) in 1966, the university has recently proposed demolishing the building to make way for a parking lot. With a demolition permit signed by Governor Kemp, GSU continues discussions about the destruction of this contributing building in the already threatened Martin Luther King, Jr. National Register District.

Collier-Toomer House, Savannah (Chatham County)

The Collier-Toomer House in Savannah was built in 1938 for Dr. Nathaniel H. Collier, an esteemed African American dentist and civic leader in Savannah, and his wife, Nancy. The home served as a gathering place for social and educational events that contributed to the local community. In 2024, the owner sought to convert the site from residential to commercial, with plans to demolish the building. Although public opposition successfully blocked the zoning request, the property remains at risk with no historic designation or local protections in place.

Crossroads Rosenwald School, Dixie (Brooks County)

One of the few remaining Rosenwald Schools in Georgia, the 1927 Crossroads School played a vital role in the education of the local African American community during a time of segregation. The building is at risk of demolition by neglect, having been abandoned for many years. Situated in a rural area, the property suffers from both low visibility and a lack of

funding for necessary repairs and preservation.

Gaisert Homeplace, Williamson (Spalding County)

Built in 1827 on land ceded by the Creek Nation in 1821, the Gaisert House was constructed by Daniel Orr for his son. Over the years, it changed hands several times and was ultimately purchased by George Columbus Gaisert in 1906, remaining in the Gaisert family for generations. Following the recent passing of the last family member, whose plans for commercial development threaten to erase the property's historic integrity.

Miami Valley Peach Packing Barn, Fort Valley (Peach County)

Constructed c. 1900, this barn was originally part of the Miami Valley Fruit Farm, a thriving peach operation owned by former Senator J.E. Davidson, a key figure in establishing Georgia as the heart of "peach country." The barn has been inactive for many years and is deteriorating. While its eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places may protect it from current development plans, growing development pressure poses a continuous threat.

Historic Nicholsonboro Baptist Church, Savannah (Chatham County)

Founded in 1850 on St. Catherine's Island, this Baptist congregation of formerly enslaved individuals built a church in this location in 1870, followed by a second in 1890. The historic 1870 church stands as a testament to the congregation's roots, while the 1890 church is still in use. Both structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, with a small, aging congregation, it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain and restore the church buildings, as resources are limited.

Powell Opera House, Blakely (Early County)

The original Powell Opera



Local iconic site of an old pickup truck that has been parked at this location for ages. Making it a favored image for artisans to recreate. Photo Contributed

House, built in 1904, was a three-story brick building that purportedly had seating for 750 and hosted a variety of performances. After a fire in 1907, it was rebuilt in 1910 as a two-story office building with businesses on the first floor and the opera house on the second. It closed in 1936 and has remained shuttered since. Although the space shows numerous signs of deterioration, it is largely intact. Locals are now advocating for its rehabilitation.

Historic Rock House, Thomson (McDuffie County)

The c. 1795 Rock House in McDuffie County is one of the few remaining structures linked to Georgia's 18th-century Quaker community of Wrightsboro. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it is considered to be the oldest stone house in the state and has ancestral ties to former President Jimmy Carter. The property faces challenges from vandalism and the elements, with its remote location complicating security and repairs, as well as a lack of sufficient funds for restoration.


Southeastern Railway Museum, Duluth (Gwinnett County)

Spanning 35 acres, the Southeastern Railway Museum boasts a remarkable collection of rolling stock that is not only significant to Georgia's history but to the broader story of American transportation. Noteworthy railcars include President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Marco Polo and the 1911 Pullman Superb, the latter listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The museum thrives on a small staff and a team of dedicated volunteers. However, with over 90 pieces of historic rolling stock, the museum is limited in its capacity to restore and care for the whole collection.

Buckhead Town Hall and Jail, Town of Buckhead (Morgan County)

The Buckhead Town Hall and Jail in Morgan County is a c. 1910 one-story brick building that originally served as the town of Buckhead's jail before later being repurposed as a town hall. The building faces a severe threat of collapse due to prolonged neglect and lack of maintenance. Despite a new roof and assistance from students at UGA, there is still much to be done.



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Applications are now being received for the Peach County Farm Bureau 2025-2026 Scholarship. The scholarship is available to any Peach County High School Senior who plans to be enrolled during the 2025-2026 academic year and who will be pursuing an undergraduate degree in Agriculture.

Please stop by the office at
470 Taylors Mill Road Ft. Valley,
M-F 8:30 am-5:00 pm to pick up your application.
Applications can be returned via mail
P.O. Box 1117 Ft. Valley, GA 31030, email to
screws@gfbc.org, or dropped by the office.



Deadline to apply: April 30, 2025
One scholarship will be awarded from our Peach County Farm Bureau office.

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the student to the student teacher, as they were both from the same area and thought the student teacher could be a good influence.

However, when the student refused to provide the private information, Ellis stood behind her and "jacked her up by her hair" and proceeded to share the personal information of the student, according to the incident report.

The student has also accused Ellis of saying that "she [the student] loves me to death but she be on my f--- s---." However, Ellis states she does not think she said that.

In her statement, Ellis did not deny grabbing the student's hair and throwing her into the classroom. Ellis said, "She probably did." She also stated that she "has

pulled Juvenile No. 1's hair a thousand times."

In the report, the deputy said that the video shows Ellis speaking to the student, standing beside the student, and "grab a handful of Juvenile No. 1's hair."

The student has also stated that on Friday, Jan. 24, while she was talking to another teacher, Ellis "came and jacked her up and broke her necklace." She continued stating that Ellis said, "I don't care about that chain." However, Ellis stated she didn't know anything about a necklace that was broken.

The Leader Tribune has reached out to Fort Valley Middle School for comment but has not received a response as of yet.

Georgia House Taking The Lead On School Safety

By Dave Williams
Bureau Chief
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - The state House of Representatives passed legislation last year offering tax credits to Georgians who buy safe firearm storage devices such as trigger locks and gun safes, but the bill died in the state Senate.

Doing nothing is no longer an option following last September's mass shooting at Apalachee High School in Barrow County that killed two teachers and two students. During the opening weeks of this year's General Assembly

sessions, lawmakers have introduced a series of bills aimed at improving school safety.

"Our children are our future," House Speaker Jon Burns, R-Newington, said early this month during a news conference unveiling a comprehensive school safety measure. "This House is committed to leaving no stone unturned when it comes to securing their safety."

House Bill 268 calls for improvements in information sharing among schools through a new anonymous

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Police Beat



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

Byron Arrests/Citations

=Bonner, Janiyah Alexis, 23, Byron, GA: Driving With Suspended License, Failure To Yield Right Of Way To Vehicle

Cook, Deontray Romell, 28, East Point, GA: Probation Violation

Martinez, Recinos, 33, Byron, GA: Failure To Maintain A Single Lane, Failure To Stop At Stop/Yield Sign, DUI / Alcohol / 0.08 Grams Or More 21 Yoa Or Over

Ponder, Marquise P, 17, Byron, GA: Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree

Thomas, Lakelsha, 36, Fort Valley, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Walden, Michael Timothy, 27, Kathleen, GA: Financial Transaction Card Fraud

Williams, Pamela Denise, 37, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation

Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Bouyer, Catherine, 61, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Bryant, Juanita Plant, 74, Fort Valley, GA: Terroristic Threats And Acts, Simple Battery

Chester, Ladonna Rita Renee, 37, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Cooper, Jeremy Jamarcus, 17, Fort Valley, GA: Party To A Crime, Burglary, Home Invasion 2nd Degree, Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers

Fagans, Elijah, 20, Tucker, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Harris, Derek Deion, 32, Fort Valley, GA: Aggravated Stalking, Criminal Trespass

Jones, Zikeiz, 19, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Trespass, Sexual Battery - Misdemeanor, Public Indecency/Indecent Exposure (Fel After 2 Prior Conv)

Maxwell, Navarr Corday, 38, Fort Valley, GA: Marijuana-Possess Less Than 1 Oz., Possession Of A Schedule I Controlled Substance

Roberts, Isaiah T, 34, Perry, GA: Possession Of A Schedule Ii Controlled Substance, Possession Of Drug Related Objects

Robinson, Jason Tyrellze, 28, Fort Valley, GA: Terroristic Threats And Acts

Rumph, Tommy James, 31, Fort Valley, GA: Aggravated Assault

Sadler, Ty'meer Ashown, 30, Fort Valley, GA: Possession Of A Schedule V Controlled Substance, Driving While License Suspended

Williams, Thomas Owen, 46, Fort Valley, GA: Aggravated Assault

Peach County Sheriff's Office

Arrests/Citations

Anderson, Carlos Daveno, 24, Macon, GA: Knowingly Driving Motor Vehicle On Suspended, Canceled, Or Revoked Registration, Failure To Maintain Insurance, Driving While License Suspended

Black, Joshua Alan, 35, Byron, GA: Willful Obstruction Of Law Enforcement Officers - Misdemeanor, Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude Police Officer, Driving While License Suspended

Bogdanovich, Martin, 33, Lake Mary, FL: Driving While License Suspended

Ellis, Aja Jovita, 39, Fort Valley, GA: Simple Battery

Gaines, Kewami Onunje, 37, Warner Robins, GA: Possession Of Open Alcohol Container, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol

Harris, Christopher Antonio, 44, Macon, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Jackson, Rodnerica, 32, Fort Valley, GA: Driving While License Suspended

Palmer, Christopher Scott, 43, Veron Center, NY: Court Order

Smith, Dakedrian, 25, Warner Robins, GA: Driving While License Suspended, Defective Or No Headlights

Thompkins, Rabrequias Zaquan, 25, South Fulton, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Walden, Michael Timothy, 27, Kathleen, GA: Financial Transaction Card Fra

GA State Patrol Perry Arrests

Frederick, Ky'ree Deshun, 19, Bonaire, GA: DUI - Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol, Operating W/Out Lights Required By Law, Furnishing, Purchasing, And Possession Of Alcoholic Beverages By Persons Below Legal Age, Failure To Exercise Due Care

Hart, Kenneth, 50, Roberta, GA: Driving While License Suspended, Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol, Seat Belt Violation

Holley, Breona Nicole, 21, Fort Valley, GA: Willful Obstruction Of Law Enforcement Officers By Use Of Threats Or Violence - Felony, DUI - Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol - Concentration Is 0.08g Or More Within 3 Hrs Or More, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits)

Mangham, Willie Lee, 26, Fort Valley, GA: Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits)

Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.com



MARCH 10 Fort Valley Historic Preservation Commission

Board Meeting at 6pm Monday, March 10, 2025 Troutman House 201 Oakland Heights Parkway Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

APRIL 12 First Responders Recognition Day

Saturday, April 12, starting at 12:00pm at Peach County High School.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

Flag football, first responders vs PCHS players 12:30. PCHS Girls flag football team vs the winner of the first game.

Strongest first responder, bench press, male or female. 100 yard dash, heats of 8, Top 2 in heat goes to the Final! Male or female.

For event registration or donation info contact: Drenon Everett 478-952-4390. Drenoneverett64@gmail.com or Scott Hodges 478-808-3294.

Deadline for registration: April 5, 2025

Trojan Nation TD Club

The time is drawing near when teh 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 Danielly 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 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->

PUBLIC HEARING Planning & Zoning Board

Ronald Prided 609 Camellia Blvd., Parcel F05E-009, 1.85 acres a petition for zoning action to request zoning change from industrial to R2 Multi-Family.

MARCH 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM FORT VALLEY CITY HALL

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. (fns)

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 HEAD START

700 Spruce St, Ft. Valley, GA 31030. (478)825-8584.

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Byron AL-ANON Family Group

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

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

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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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New Georgia PSC Elections Set

By Dave Williams
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ATLANTA - For the first time since 2020, Georgia voters will elect members of the state Public Service Commission (PSC) this year.

Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger issued a call Wednesday for special elections on Nov. 4 to fill two seats on the PSC. Primaries will take place on June 17, with any runoffs that become necessary set for July 15.

District 2 Commissioner Tim Echols and District 3 Commissioner Fitz Johnson are currently serving terms that were extended because of a 2022 lawsuit challenging the way members of the PSC are elected in Georgia.

Four Black Fulton County residents argued that electing members of the PSC statewide rather than by district dilutes Black voting strength in violation of the federal Voting Rights Act, making it more difficult for Black voters to elect a candidate

of their choice.

A lower federal court agreed and ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, but the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals overturned that decision. The appellate court ruling was allowed to stand when the U.S. Supreme Court decided not to take up the plaintiffs' appeal.

The General Assembly passed a bill during last year's legislative session scheduling the elections for PSC districts 2 and 3 this year. The election for District 5 will be held in 2026, and elections for PSC districts 1 and 4 will take place in 2028.

Under Raffensperger's order, candidate qualifying will take place April 1-3 at the state Capitol.

PSC District 2 stretches from Rockdale and Henry counties in Atlanta's southern and eastern suburbs southeast all the way through Chatham County. District 3 - the Atlanta district - includes Fulton, DeKalb, and Clayton counties.

State Senate Passes Farmland Preservation Constitutional Change

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ATLANTA - Legislation doubling the acreage Georgia farmers can set aside for conservation in exchange for a property tax break easily cleared the state Senate Wednesday.

Senators voted 51-1 in favor of a constitutional amendment that would let Georgia voters decide in a statewide referendum next year whether to let farmers set aside up to 4,000 acres of farmland as conservation property, up from the current limit of 2,000 acres.

Expanding Georgia's Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) program was among the recommendations issued last fall by a Senate study committee that held a series of hearings to consider ways to preserve farmland. Georgia

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

CUVA was launched way back in 1991, Sen. Sam Watson, R-Moultrie, the constitutional amendment's chief sponsor, said Wednesday on the Senate floor.

"Agriculture has changed," Watson said. "Our family farms are getting much larger today."

The Senate also passed a separate "enabling" bill accompanying the constitutional amendment by the same 51-1 margin. The enabling measure sets the voter referendum to coincide with the November 2026 general election and specifies that the measure would take effect on Jan. 1, 2027, if the referendum passes.

Both the constitutional amendment and enabling bill now move to the Georgia House.

Diabetes an Enemy of Healthy Cells



WADE YODER
LT COLUMNIST

Diabetes not only is a leading cause of death, but it is also a leading cause of blindness, kidney failure, heart, disease, stroke, and lower limb amputations.

Because of all the things that start going wrong in the body when sugar is not safely transported out of our blood and kept at safe levels, staying on top of this can really pay off. Prevention and proper maintenance through lifestyle habits can also decrease our reliance on medical intervention and minimize the effect diabetes (or being borderline diabetic) has on our life and the ones we care about. Type 2 diabetes (as with most other chronic diseases) often takes root in lifestyle factors that contribute to the problem instead of preventing or suppressing. Pinpointing these factors can guide us in possibly preventing type 2 diabetes or at least mitigating its affect.

1. We eat a lot more pack-

aged and processed foods (that are either artificially sweetened or breakdown rapidly into sugar) than we used to, and a lot of these foods cause a sharp spike in blood sugar.

Example of why: processed food and drinks such as candies, deserts, sodas, sweat tea, fruit drinks, etc. do not have the soluble fiber that comes with nature's sweets. These fruits have their own soluble fiber that slows the absorption (of the sugars they contain) into our system. (God knew what he was doing when he designed nature's sweets!)

A high carb, starchy diet will constantly keep our blood sugar spiked from the rapid breakdown of these foods into sugar, and this will continue to place a demand on the pancreas to produce more insulin. Insulin is the hormone that helps unlock the cells of our body to transport energy and nutrients into them, when this need is satisfied it will take the left-over energy and put it into our liver and fat cells for later use.

2. Activity burns off extra blood sugars. Insulin needs to take the extra glucose somewhere, either to muscles that need the energy or to the liver for our backup supply and after this it has no choice but to store it in our fat cells, (this is what makes them larger and is simply our insulin working properly). If this process does not happen and our insulin cannot regulate and remove the excess sugars from our blood it can cause a sticky goeey mess in our system that can start to cause things

like blindness, and poor circulation that can lead to amputations. So, it's important that our insulin is able to regulate the levels of glucose in the blood.

Two things can happen when you constantly put an overload of sugar into your bloodstream; 1. The cells that make up our body start to get resistant to a constant barrage of insulin and will become less responsive, and when this happens it forces the pancreas to produce a stronger surge of insulin to overcome the resistance the cells are putting up. 2. Your pancreas (which produces the insulin) may get wore out and fatigued and start producing less and less insulin causing you to become insulin dependent on an outside source.

Diet: When we eat something that is high in carbs, such as casseroles, spaghetti, and other starchy foods, avoid deserts or sugary drinks! It is easy to add in an extra 100 grams of sugar, simply by what we choose to drink or by adding a dessert! Eat foods that absorb into your system slower. Add foods that are rich in soluble fiber to your meals (to slow the absorption of sugars into your blood) such as-

legumes, seeds, nuts, beans and lentils. You can also keep a bottle of BeneFiber (or other) soluble fiber powder around to mix in or sprinkle over your foods. A good way to see if its soluble or insoluble fiber is, soluble fiber mixes easily in water and insoluble fiber clumps up. Insoluble fiber helps push food through your system and helps with waste elimination, and sol-

uble fiber forms a gel like substance in your digestive track that helps slow down sugar's entry into your blood.

If we could get a good picture of the pain and misery that sugar loaded foods too often can cause in our lives, they probably wouldn't look and taste so good!

Food tip: something that can really help control blood sugar naturally, and it can be used by individuals that are not diabetic as well, is a diabetic diet. This diet should be made up of protein, healthy fats, healthy carbohydrates that are low on glycemic index (not sugary or starchy), fiber, rich foods, and staying hydrated with water. It is also good to eat protein and fat prior to taking in the carbs. A diabetic diet is good even for someone that is not diabetic.

Exercise and staying active: Exercise and staying active helps your body burn off extra blood sugars that your body must otherwise figure out what to do with and also keeps your cells more insulin sensitive.

Exercise tip: Do a full body exercise, such as rapid squatting and standing arms thrusting upward for about 1-3 minutes, 5 minutes prior to eating and 1 hour after eating, this helps make your muscle cells more receptive to the glucose from the meal, takes a burden off the pancreas and helps guard us against insulin resistance.

Eat foods that break down slower and save the foods that don't for time periods that you are going to be very active physically. In other words, don't put jet fuel in an idling engine.

Economy Gets Long Term Changes; Voters Get Short Term Input

Charlie Harper
Guest Columnist

If you're trying to make sense of what is going on with the economy, you're not alone. Even many of the professionals, whether they be academics or full time traders, are somewhat flummoxed.

Surveys have shown that prior to the election, those who thought the economy was good or on the right track were almost exclusively voting Democratic, while those who found it bad or on the wrong track voted Republican.

These views flipped along the same lines immediately after the election. The economic statistics haven't changed much. The belief that "our side" is right and "their side" is wrong is deeply embedded with economics - which not coincidentally is a lot about expectations of what is about to happen.

A generation of politicians have been raised on the Clinton era slogan of "It's the economy, stupid." We've learned to sell and buy a myriad of political proposals through the lens of economics. Too often we can't separate what is from what we want it to be.

The caveat to selling policies that have a long run payoff was best articulated by John Maynard Keynes who quipped "In the long run, we are all dead." Politicians who have to run for re-election every two, four, or

even six years are too familiar with this concept.

Many of us know about the Reagan Revolution that brought about 80's prosperity. Few recall that Democrats gained 26 seats in the US House and one seat in the Senate during Reagan's first midterm due to an unexpected recession, and lost control of the Senate in the 1986 midterms when freshmen Senators elected with Reagan's 1980 victory couldn't persuade voters their record deserved another term.

That's the politics of where we are. The economics are setting up in similar fashion.

President Trump and Congressional Republicans view the November elections as a mandate for change. We're actively changing tax policy, attempting to cut government spending and entire agencies, hitting trade policy with new tariffs and foreign policy via dramatically reduced foreign aid - with an open question of who are our actual allies.

That's a lot of change for voters to absorb. When consumers can't place bets on what is likely to happen in the future, they tend to close their wallets and spend much more conservatively. Spending is just over two thirds of our economy as measured by GDP. When consumers don't spend, GDP declines.

Government spending is roughly 18% of GDP. While many believe that government

spending when paid dollar for dollar with tax revenue crowds out consumer spending and/or investments, we've become used to spending with deficits. The bill for this three-decade long sugar high is coming due, as interest on the debt is now greater than what we spend on national defense.

Any cuts here won't immediately go back to taxpayers, as we'll be deficit spending for the foreseeable future. The short term result to reduced government spending will show up in statistics as reduced GDP.

The most immediate beneficiary of the Trump policies will show up as new net investment, as the threatened tariffs are meant to bring manufacturing jobs and energy production back to America. Investment is roughly the same as Government spending, most recently measured at 17% of GDP.

To account for money spent here for goods produced abroad and goods produced here but sold elsewhere, we have a figure of net exports. This is a negative number, as we import more goods and services than we export. We had an amazing increase in goods imported last quarter, as companies raced to get foreign made goods on shore ahead of any tariffs imposed.

This has already shown up in preliminary GDP statistics, with the Atlanta Fed's instant readings now showing a potential

negative GDP for the quarter.

What does all this mean, in summary? This will likely depend on where you get your news. Outlets that saw no problems with the economy for four years are now suddenly obsessed with egg prices. Outlets that covered inflation and falling real wages for four years are suddenly parsing the definition of inflation that properly excludes a tariff as a one-time price increase, yet pretending consumers won't notice that or pay it. But the GDP statistics are likely to be lower in the near term, just based on how we compute the measurement based on intentional measures to shore up the economy for the long haul.

Economics is always a bit of an experiment, and there are still outside forces that will come into play that can change all the planned outcomes. We don't even know if the President really wants tariffs, or if this is all a giant negotiating tool to get other countries to just reduce their tariffs on American made goods.

It's hard to form "rational expectations" in this environment of so much uncertainty. It's best to try to keep a long term perspective when reading day to day headlines.

We won't know how all of this turns out for years. Incumbents will still get a report card from the voters on how they think it's going in November of 2026.

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How do we get more Georgia grown physicians?

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For Georgia fans of a certain age that follow college football recruiting, and especially ones who remember those wilderness years prior to winning national championships, the concept of "building a recruiting fence around Georgia" is a familiar one. If only Mark Richt, and later Kirby Smart, could keep all of the top players in state, Georgia would be in the national title race every year.

Similarly, we might be enter-

ing an age of reconsidering how we produce and retain physicians in Georgia.

According to the Georgia Board for Healthcare Workforce, less than a third of Georgia's 2024 medical school graduates chose to do their residency in Georgia. Put another way, that means almost 70% of the graduating classes at Emory, Medical College of Georgia, Mercer, Morehouse and PCOM Georgia began their final path towards practicing medicine outside of the state.

For a state that has added a million new residents each de-

cade since 1980, and is currently on pace to reach that mark again during the 2020s, that is a worrisome trend. It also helps explain why Georgia currently ranks 40th in the nation for the number of active physicians per capita.

So, how do we create an environment that ensures we produce enough physicians to meet our state's needs?

Cultivating homegrown physicians is a worthwhile, yet demanding endeavor. Despite recent innovations like the accelerated programs for primary care physicians at Mercer and

the Medical College of Georgia, most doctors undergo at least 11 years of post-secondary education. Still, certain factors influence how likely a physician is to practice in a specific place, such as the location of their medical school or residency.

The Association of American Medical Colleges' most recent physician survey in 2023 found that nearly 38% of U.S. physicians practice in the state where they completed medical school. By comparison, that number increases to over 48% of physicians

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Still Waters and Green Pastures



BILLY POWELL
Parables to Ponder
COLUMNIST

Are you troubled? If the answer is yes, you are not alone for concern and worry are universal traits that plague all humans. Does your disquietude involve people who mistreat you, job pressures, health concerns, marital issues, economic woes, dreams unrealized, wayward children, or whatever?

God's holy word offers a solution that could bring solitude and peace to troubled minds. You can find it in the refuge of Psalm 23. This great scripture depicts God as the Great Shepherd who protects His sheep and says they "shall not want." Its beginning verses follow:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

When unduly troubled and not knowing what to do, we must mentally and figuratively lie down beside the "still waters" and "green pastures" personified in Psalm 23. There we can unscramble our minds and meet the Great Shepherd who can impart the wisdom for overcoming our problems and restore the tranquility we have lost. It is there where we can tune out the drumbeat of unpleasant things that plague our daily lives and listen to the Shepherd's wisdom for overcoming our difficulties. Seek the still waters and green pastures of Psalm 23. There you will receive the guidance of the Great Shepherd, and come away with

the best plan for overcoming your difficulties.

All sheep listen for the voice of their shepherd. When the shepherd calls, the ears of his sheep perk up and they move toward him. Even if mixed inside another herd, the sheep, upon hearing their master's call, will make their way toward his voice. Jesus reiterated that truth when He said: "The sheep hear the shepherd's voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them. When he has guided them out, he leads the way, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."

Shepherds have been known to fight to the death to protect their flocks from robbers and wild animals. That's what Jesus did. He gave His life for His sheep. He also made a solemn promise regarding their enduring protection: "My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand." Most importantly the Great Shepherd loves His sheep and gave His life for us.

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who practice in the same state as they completed their residency.

This holds even more true for areas that traditionally have provider shortages: One study in the Journal of Graduate Medical Education found that family medicine residents who spent half of their training time in a rural setting were five times more likely to practice in a rural setting.

Notably, more than 68% of U.S. physicians who completed their medical school and residency in the same state remained in that state to practice medicine. For physicians that completed their medical school and residency in Georgia, over 73% of them practice in the state.

Looking ahead to 2026, UGA's School of Medicine, the state's second public medical school after the Medical College of Georgia, will mark another important step in retaining Georgia's physicians: the number of physicians practicing in the same state as their medical school location increases from 38% to 46% when examining only public medical school graduates.

Importantly, how does Georgia stack up with its neighboring states – and its competitors in economic development – when it comes to producing physicians?

State, Medical Schools, Teaching Facilities**, 2023 Residents***

Georgia, 5*, 32, 3,343
Florida, 10, 62, 8,525
North Carolina, 6, 20, 4,264

Tennessee, 5, 12, 2,785

*Six, once the UGA School of Medicine opens

** Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited facilities

***per ACGME

When reviewing those numbers, Georgia seems relatively middle of the pack. However, Georgia's true lag behind its neighbors becomes clearer when considering population: North Carolina produces 39.87 residents per 100,000 people (18th in the nation) followed by Tennessee at 39.51 (19th). Florida is just behind at 38.32 (21st).

Georgia produced 30.63 residents per 100,000 people, which was 36th in the nation for the same time period.

To put that into perspective, the state and its teaching facilities would need to invest in roughly 1,000 more residency slots to produce physicians at the same rate as North Carolina and Tennessee. Clearly, Georgia has some work to do to catch up to our neighbors if we want to train our physician workforce of the future to keep pace with our growing population.

Of course, investing in residency training requires money, and while graduate medical education primarily takes place in a hospital setting, it is almost completely funded by two government programs.

Medicare, the federal insurer for seniors, spends \$18 billion annually to fund residency training across the country. However, states such as Georgia that have experienced high

growth in recent decades are a net loser per capita in this arrangement; the spending levels are still based on 1996 population levels as set by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

Medicaid, the state and federally funded program for the aged, blind, disabled and low-income populations, accounts for roughly \$8 billion in residency training nationally. Every dollar spent by Georgia on Medicaid is matched by two federal dollars. This represents the best avenue for maximizing residency funding, especially given the limitations for the state when it comes to Medicare funded training.

Currently, lawmakers are considering ways to invest in additional residency slots here in Georgia. In the amended budget, the House proposed \$12.5 million for 270 new residency slots at one health system, while the Senate proposed over \$20 million for new GME programs at hospitals south of State Route 540, the "Fall Line Freeway" that runs from Columbus to Augusta.

This investment will take years to bear fruit. That is why the Georgia Public Policy Foundation also champions policies adopted by other states to bring more providers online in the short-term, such as allowing Assistant Physicians and Internationally Licensed Physicians to practice in Georgia.

If 1,000 new residency slots is Georgia's benchmark, then it will take a strong commitment from the state and its teaching facilities to get there.



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Code 7Sb6h8
Host James Manning (Elder)

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Adoration: Thurs., 7:00pm; Sat. 8-9am; Sun. 6:00pm

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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

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

For additional information, call 478-825-7349.

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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.

From the Archives: Tornado Rips Through Fort Valley Tuesday

The Leader Tribune/Archives

The devastation was complete.

A tornado touchdown in Fort Valley, Tuesday afternoon about 4:10 and nearly demolished the entire downtown section. The tornado continued on its deadly march down Highway 96 East and destroyed many homes in its path.

At the time of this writing, it appears that one person is dead as a direct result of the storm. The

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TORNADO RIPS THROUGH FORT VALLEY TUESDAY

Spillers Brothers Lumber and Supply

New Bank of Byron Location

Looking West on Main Street

Strickland Hardware

The View From South Macon St.

Warehouse Rubble

South Wall of Methodist Church

Removing wreckage from trapped man

Suzanne Swifty - East Church Street

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Sen. Ossoff on Postmaster General's Announcement to Step Down

By the office of U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff

Washington D.C. — Today, U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff released the following statement after USPS Postmaster General Louis DeJoy announced he is planning to step down from his role.

"USPS leadership has failed Georgia for over a year, leading to abysmal on-time performance and hardship for families, businesses, seniors, and veterans. That's why I've led aggressive oversight to demand better performance and prevent disastrous delays across our state.

"As the USPS Board of Governors begins its search for a replacement, I urge them to find new leadership that will swiftly restore normal service that Georgia families and businesses can rely on, and I will continue holding them accountable."

Sen. Ossoff has conducted vigorous oversight of USPS and pressured leadership to improve perfor-

mance after delays impacting Georgians throughout the last year.

Last month, Sen. Ossoff launched an inquiry with the U.S. Postmaster General demanding that USPS deliver prescriptions, medications, and VA appointment notices to Georgia veterans on time, after receiving reports from Georgians that they are receiving prescriptions late and appointment notices after their scheduled appointments.

Last year, Sen. Ossoff questioned Postmaster General DeJoy under oath during a U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee hearing about the delays.

Last year, Sen. Ossoff also introduced the Postmaster General Reform Act of 2024, which would make the position of Postmaster General subject to a Presidential appointment with confirmation required by the U.S. Senate, similar to other Administration positions.

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app for tips alerting law enforcement personnel or mental health-care providers that a troubled student could pose a treat to themselves or others.

The measure also would establish a statewide information-sharing database to allow the timely transfer of pertinent student data between school systems. The 14-year-old student at Apalachee High arrested for the murders, Colt Gray, had just transferred from another school.

The bill also requires school systems to create threat management teams, provides for the mandatory suspension of students who make terroristic threats, and offers tax incentives to encourage gun owners to purchase safe gun storage equipment.

On the Senate side, majority Republicans are backing legislation requiring schools to install alert systems that could be triggered discretely to warn nearby law enforcement agencies of an active shooter. Senate Bill 17 - Ricky and Alyssa's Law - is named in honor of Ricky Aspinwall, the coach at Apalachee High who died in the September shooting, and Alyssa Alhadeff, one of the students killed in the 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

The bill also requires schools to develop maps showing first responders the layout of school buildings, including access points.

"The big picture is to save minutes, save time, to let first responders take down an active shooter and protect the lives of children and teachers in the building," Sen. Jason Anavartate, R-Dallas, the bill's chief sponsor, told members of the Senate Education and Youth Committee Thursday.

"Time equals life," added Lori Alhadeff, the mother of Alyssa Alhadeff and founder of the nonprofit Make Our Schools Safe. "We need to get our kids and teachers to safety quicker and reduce the response time for first responders."

The committee approved Anavartate's bill, and it appears headed toward passing the full Senate. Legislation backed by Senate Democrats, however, likely faces tougher sledding.

The main difference between the approach Republicans and Democrats are taking on gun safety is that Democrats want to require firearm owners to store their weapons safely, while GOP lawmakers favor offering tax incentives to encourage gun owners to voluntarily take steps to secure their firearms.

Senate Bill 49, introduced by Sen. Elena Parent, D-Atlanta, criminalizes making a firearm accessible to anyone younger than 17 without adult super-

vision or leaving an unsecured firearm in a place where children are likely to gain access to it.

Parent criticized Republicans for merely encouraging gun owners to store their weapons safely rather than mandating safe storage.

"If you as an adult have a gun in an unsafe location and children can gain access to it, or if you give a child a gun, the message they're sending is, 'Please don't do that,' " she said. "The message should be stronger."

Georgia Rep. Michelle Au, D-Johns Creek, has introduced similar legislation in the House providing criminal penalties for adults who allow children access to firearms. She held a news conference on her bill recently with Apalachee High School students and their families.

"The families were appreciative of Speaker Burns and his attention to the issue of school safety but, like many, feel it does not go far enough to address the gun violence at the heart of the problem," Au wrote in an update on the legislative session to her constituents.

Burns said he supports the Republicans' voluntary approach to gun safety rather than a mandate to protect Georgia gun owners' Second Amendment rights.

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Domestic Matters - These include notices for change of name and for divorce. When one of the parties cannot be located locally. Both of these items run four times.

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GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **KATHRYN FRANCES YANCEY, deceased, of Peach County, Georgia**, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate required to make immediate payment.

This 24th day of February, 2024. James Hunt Yancey, Sr., Executor c/o Rebecca C. Moody, Esq. MOODY AND ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM, LLC P.O. Box 422 Perry, GA 31069 478-988-0238 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 2025 3322

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: **CHARLES O. MANNING.**

All creditors of the estate of **CHARLES O. MANNING, 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 25th day of February 2025 to Teresa A. Manning c/o Attorney: Tim J. Thompson, 1900B Northside Crossing, Macon, GA 31210, 478-471-9900. 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 2025 3330

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: **ESTATE OF TINA MICHELLE SKINNER, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7050 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:**

KALEY BROOKE INFINGER, has petitioned for KALEY BROOKE INFINGER to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of TINA MICHELLE SKINNER, 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.

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By: Chief Clerk of the Probate Court 205 Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030 478-825-2313 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 2025 3308

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.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: **ESTATE OF LORIA ANN DEWBERRY, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7067 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:**

LACOVIA CURTES DEWBERRY, has petitioned for LACOVIA CURTES DEWBERRY to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of LORIA ANN DEWBERRY, 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 APRIL 02, 2025.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: **ESTATE OF ZACHARY WILLIAM BUEHLER, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-7071 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:**

STEVEN DOUGLAS BUEHLER has petitioned for STEVEN DOUGLAS BUEHLER to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of ZACHARY WILLIAM BUEHLER, deceased, of said County. The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 2, 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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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: **Estate of Sue L. Allmon, Deceased**

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

This 24th day of February, 2025. Jason E. Allmon Executor 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 2025 3325

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed Proposals will be received at the Joint Development Authority of Peach County & The City of Warner Robins (the "JDA") offices located at 425 James E. Khoury Dr., Unit B, Ft. Valley, Georgia until 2:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, April 17th, 2025 for the following project: The Pete's Way Road Extension, Project #0322-002, consisting of the new construction for a common development which will include approximately 3,725 L.F. road and ditches, associated storm drainage, sewer and water and striping per the Construction Documents, Supplemental Specifications, and the City of Warner Robins Specifications (Current Edition). Erosion control shall comply with Georgia EPD requirements.

The Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents are available for review at the offices of the JDA during regular business hours, and complete bid documents may be obtained upon deposit of \$100.00 per set, NON-REFUNDABLE. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held Thursday March 20th, 2025 at 2:00 PM at the offices of the JDA.

All bidders shall provide a signed E-Verify affidavit with their bids, and shall provide a Bid Bond in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid amount, and the successful bidder shall provide a Performance Bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract Amount, and a Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract Amount.

All bidders shall hold a current contractor's license issued by the GA State Construction Industry Licensing Board. The JDA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any technicalities and informalities and re-advertise, and reserves the right to award the contract in whole or in part. Further information is available at <http://peachcountydevelopment.com/> 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 2025 3315

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated February 28, 2024, from Clifton Tucker, III, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, recorded on March 6, 2024 in Deed Book 00718 at Page 0053, Peach County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, by Assignment, and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated February 28, 2024, in the amount of \$232,703.00, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Peach County, Georgia, on April 1, 2025 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"):

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 10 OF THE TENTH (10TH) LAND DISTRICT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 155, PHASE NO. 3 OF A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS HAWK'S RIDGE, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY, PREPARED BY WELLSTON ASSOCIATES LAND SURVEYORS, LLC, CERTIFIED BY CARL B. LEVI, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2744, DATED JULY 26, 2022, A COPY OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGE 253, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES.

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

The property, being commonly known as **166 Red Tail Circle, Byron, GA 31008 in Peach County**, will be sold as the property of Clifton Tucker, III, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Nationstar Mortgage

LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd., Coppell, TX 75019, 888-480-2432. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Albertelli Law Attorney for Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, as Attorney in Fact for Clifton Tucker, III 100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1000 Atlanta, GA 30339 Phone:(770)373-4242

THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 2025 3317 (24-040721)

CITY OF FORT VALLEY AND PEACH COUNTY

NOTICE TO FILE REQUEST FOR BEER AND WINE LICENSE

Pursuant to the code or ordinances of the City of Fort Valley, Part II, Chapter 4, Article II, Section 4-49 (11). Notice is hereby given that on or after the 25th day of February, 2025, the undersigned will apply to the City of Fort Valley for the issuance of a license for the retail sale of beer and wine at an establishment known as: Ram Lalla LLC, PBA Express 49. Located at: 100 GA 49 Connector, Fort Valley, GA 31030 Applicant: Girish Patel (manager) Address: 200 Kinley Ann Court, Warner Robins, GA 31030. 3/5, 3/12, 2025 3327

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA **ESTATE NO. 2025-MGDN-7064** IN RE: **ESTATE OF BENJAMIN ALEXANDER EZEKIEL MYLER, MINOR**

NOTICE TO: CHRISANTHIA J. (MCNEIL MYLER) AND TOMMY LEE MORRIS

You are hereby notified that **ALFRED C. MYLER AND WINIFRED A. MYLER** 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 3/5, 3/12, 2025 3321

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: **ESTATE OF DOROTHY J. ROBINSON, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-7041 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:**

WILSON L. ROBINSON, has petitioned for WILSON L. ROBINSON to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of DOROTHY J. ROBINSON, 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 APRIL 02, 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 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 2025 3326

NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM

TO The estate and all known and unknown heirs of Annie Ruth Banks and the estate and all known and unknown heirs of Armagene Evans and other interested parties TAKE NOTICE THAT:

The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Peach, and in Land Lot 28 of the Eighth Land District therein, containing 1.0 acres, more or less, identified as Lot 5, having such metes and bounds, courses and distances as are shown on a certain plat of Davis Gun Club Road Subdivision, Addition No. 1, by John J. Braxton, Ga. RLS No. 1492 dated October 5, 1972 and recorded in Plat Record 15, Page 4, Clerk's Office, Superior Court, Peach County, Georgia. Reference to said plat and the record thereof is hereby made for a more complete description.

As described in Deed Book 342, Page 74. Further described as Map & Parcel 008D072.

will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 29th day of April, 2025. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated February 6, 2024 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, in Deed Book 717, Page 833. **The property may be redeemed at any time before the 29th day of April, 2025, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:**

Kim H. Stroup James-Bates-Brannan-Groover-LLP PO Box 4283 Macon GA 31208-4283 (478)749-9929 Please be governed accordingly. 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 2025 3332 (File No. 56081.0001)

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

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by ELLEN JOHNSON to UNITED SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS FSB in the original principal amount of \$41,800.00 dated April 16, 1992, and recorded in Deed Book 129, Page 551, Peach County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY

AS TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2021-RPL7 TRUST in Deed Book 665, Page 36, Peach County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on April 01, 2025, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

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, BEING KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS LOT 4, BLOCK J, WEST END ADDITION ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY THOMAS W. FUTRAL, III, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1202 DATED APRIL 7, 1992, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE 172, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, GEORGIA. REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF IS HERE HAD AND MADE FOR ALL PURPOSES.

SAID PROPERTY IS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED BY METES AND COURSES AS FOLLOWS: START AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MONTROSE STREET AND THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BELLE STREET AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 89° 00' 00" WEST 150.00 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE NORTH 01° 11' 50" WEST 149.96 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 89° 00' 00" WEST 50.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 01° 11' 50" EAST 149.96 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BELLE STREET; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BELLE STREET NORTH 89° 00' 00" EAST 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Said property being known as: 704 BELLE ST, FORT VALLEY, GA 31030

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are ELLEN JOHNSON or tenant(s).

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

Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

Said sale will be conducted subject to the following: (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.

The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:

Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. 3217 S. Decker Lake Drive Salt Lake City, UT 84119 800-635-9698

Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2021-RPL7 TRUST,

as Attorney-in-Fact for ELLEN JOHNSON

Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450 Alpharetta, GA 30004 Phone:470-321-7112 Firm File No. 25-269487-DOP 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 2025 3318 (25-269487)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA **ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7057** IN RE: **ESTATE OF STEVEN RAY BELCHER, DECEASED**

NOTICE FOR OBJECTION TO PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINIS-

LEGALS

CONTINUED FROM 7A

TRATION AND APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR PURPOSES OF A LAWSUIT

TO: MICHELLE LYNN JENKINS, 881 KEWANEE DRIVE BYRON, GA. 31088

ZACK DOZIER, has petitioned for the appointment of the County Administrator to be appointed as Administrator of the Estate of **STEVEN RAY BELCHER**, deceased, of Peach County for the sole purpose of making it possible to commence or continue a lawsuit against the estate of said decedent. If the petition is granted, the County Administrator shall be relieved by the Court from all liabilities, duties and obligations otherwise imposed on the administrator of an estate, included but not limited to the marshaling of assets, the publication of notice to creditors, the filing of an inventory, the filing of returns, and the posting of a separate bond, except for these duties and obligations directly related to the acceptance of service of process and qualification as administrator and other duties directly related to the lawsuit. 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 (30 days after first date of publication).

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 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.

This 17th day of February.
Hon. Kim Wilson, JUDGE Probate Court of Peach County
Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court
205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030
478-825-2313
2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 2025
3310

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: Estate of Kaitlyn M. Hermans, Deceased

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

This 24th day of February, 2025.
David Massey
Administrator
3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 2025
3324

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 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)**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF 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 deed to Bennett Family Partnership recorded in deed book 210, page 384, Clerk's office, Peach 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

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Byron Self Storage 107 W White Rd/107 W.E. Green Jr Pkwy/500 GA-49 Byron GA 31088

intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The public sale to the highest bidder will occur at an online auction via www.storage treasures.com on **3/18/2025 at 12:00 PM.** Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials.

Traci Tafel unit #209; Keir Foster unit #227; Alonza Sirmans unit #254; Evan Thompson unit #E149.

All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.
2/26, 3/5, 2025
3311

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Lucas E Manson** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for IBERIABANK Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns, dated September 5, 2014, recorded in Deed Book 518, Page 436, Peach County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 697, Page 279, Peach County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 523, Page 3, Peach County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of THIRTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$30,953.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in May, 2025, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.
The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., PO Box

10335, Des Moines, IA 50306, (800) 416-1472.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Lucas E Manson or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **201 Deloris Drive, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030.** Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Attorney in Fact for Lucas E Manson
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Road
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Peach County, Georgia and being shown and designated as Lot 16, Block A, Willow Lake Subdivision, upon plat of record in Plat Book 9, Page 134, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, to which plat reference is made and incorporated herein for a more complete and accurate description. Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, restrictions and rights-of-way of record, if any.

Address Under current system of numbering: 201 Delores Drive, Fort Valley, Georgia
Deed Reference: Deed Book 510, Page 391, said Clerk's Office.
MR/ca 5/6/25

Our file no. 23-12697GA - FT5
02/26, 03/05, 03/12, 03/19, 03/26, 04/02, 04/09, 04/16, 04/23, 04/30, 2025
3313 (23-12697ga)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF 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 PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF 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 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
3303

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

FreeUp Storage Fort Valley located at 1091 Peach Pkwy, Fort Valley, GA, 31030

will hold an online public sale to enforce a lien imposed on said property, as described below, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code 10-4-210 to 10-4-215. The auction will be held online at www.storage treasures.com and will end on **Wednesday March 19, 2025 at 12:00 pm.** Unless stated otherwise, the personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household items, furniture, boxes, clothes, appliances, garage essentials and vehicles. Registered or motor vehicles are sold "As Is/ Parts Only", no titles or registration. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice.

230C - Calandra Permenter
366D - Nia Rogers
420E - Janet Carson
457E - Janet Carson
736 - Brittany Harris
700 - Lamar Jones
2/26, 3/5, 2025
3312

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF ALICE M. WEST, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-7062**

**PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE
TO: Shawn Davis, Bryan H. Davis, Sheree P. Davis, Ernest T. Davis, Joshua A. Davis, Krystal K. Davis, Elizabeth Davis and Milton E. Davis, their heirs, Executors, Administrators and Any and all Interested Parties.**

Michael L. Chidester has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Alice M. West, deceased, of said County. The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 2, 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
3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 2025
3328

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

**IN THE INTEREST OF:
FILE #7322-J**

**A. B., SEX F, AGE 12, DOB 01/20/2023, 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 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:**

BOBBI 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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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

INCORPORATION

Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **JC SMITH BREAD DISTRIBUTING COMPANY Inc.**, have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 245 Woodhaven Rd., Fort Valley, GA 31030 and its initial registered agent at such address is Johnny Christopher Smith.
3/5, 3/12, 2025
3319 (57994525)

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Section 12-8-32(a) of the **Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act**, notice is hereby provided that Houston County Board of Commissioners on February 26, 2025 submitted an application for a solid waste handling permit for the Houston County SR 247 Klondike C&D solid waste disposal facility proposed to be located on 2080 Hwy 247 South, Mile Marker

2, Kathleen, Georgia 31047 to the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

3/5/2025
3331

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

State of North Carolina
County of Transylvania

In the District Court
In the Matter of

Minor boy A.L.B.
File#: 23 JA 000063-870

TO: LaBobby Booker, putative father of the minor boy, A.L.B. &

Unknown Father, any unknown father of the minor boy, A.L.B.

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the termination of your parental rights in and to Minor Boy A.L.B., born on or about 11 July 2012 in Transylvania County, North Carolina. A court order from the District Court of Transylvania County directing that service of process on the putative father and any unknown father take place by publication was entered against LaBobby Booker, the putative father of the juvenile, and against Unknown Father, any unknown father of the juvenile, as no address or location of any father is known.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days after the date of first publication of this notice, and your answer or other document must be substantially in the form as set forth in N.C.G.S. 1A-1, Rule 4(1). If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, your parental rights in and to the juvenile referred to above will be terminated. The court will conduct an adjudication and a dispositional hearing to consider the needs of the juvenile and enter an order designed to meet those needs and the objectives of the State, which, upon proper notice and hearing and a finding based on the criteria set out in G.S. 7B-1111, may include the termination of your parental rights in and to the juvenile.

If you are indigent and are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and, to that end, provisional counsel has been appointed for you in this matter. Said appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed (including the issue of whether to release such provisional counsel if you do not appear) by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Court of Transylvania County, at (828) 885-3100, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleading filed herein, the name, address, and telephone number of provisional counsel appointed in this matter, and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

This, the 25th day of February, 2025.

James H. Taylor III
Office of the Special Counsel for Transylvania County
Attorney for the Transylvania County Department of Social Services
106 E. Morgan Street, Suite 100
Brevard, NC 28712
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FILE #7379-J**

K. J., SEX M, AGE 15, DOB 8/2009, CASE #111-2025J-016

M. T., JR., SEX M, AGE 12, DOB 8/2012, CASE #111-2025J-017

CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, MONTERIO TRIPPLETT, SR. (putative father); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHERS, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO CORNELIA TRIPPLETT

You are notified that a Petition for Dependency was filed against you in said court on 2/19/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 2/17/25.

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Peach County Juvenile Court, held at Peach County Courthouse, Ft. Valley, Georgia on 02/20/2025 at 10:30 o'clock a.m. for a hearing, and on 03/20/2025 at 10:30 o'clock a.m., for a dispositional hearing. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Peach County Juvenile Court Clerk.

WITNESS THE Honorable Judges of this court, this 19th day of February, 2025.

Kelli Hawkins, CLERK, PEACH COUNTY PEACH COURT
2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 2025
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PCHS Receives Electric Car for the Automotive CTAE program

By PCSS

Peach County Schools are thrilled to announce that the Kia America plant in West Point, GA, has generously donated a brand-new 2025 Kia EV6 GT to our Automotive CTAE program! This incredible donation will provide our students with the opportunity to learn about cutting-edge EV technology and gain hands-on experience with one of the most innovative electric vehicles on the market today.

A special thank you to David at Roberts Towing for provid-

ing the delivery from Kia in West Point to Peach County High School – we truly appreciate your support.

This partnership opens doors for our students to dive into the future of automotive technology, learn about sustainable energy, and prepare for careers in the rapidly growing electric vehicle industry.

A huge thank you to Kia for their support and commitment to education and innovation!



Peach County EMS Gets Two More Rising Stars



By PC EMS

These two are rising stars in our organization and were thoughtfully paired. Jamie has been with us for some time and came to us as an Advanced EMT, but recently achieved licensure as a paramedic, which is the top of the food chain in the EMS world. After working under the mentorship of one of our shift supervisors for a period, she was given charge of her own truck a couple months ago.

Daisy is no newbie but recently upgraded her EMT license as well and is now an

Advanced EMT and working under the mentorship of Jamie. We believe in professional development and strongly believe in the "Learn It, Do It, Teach It" model. Sooner or later, everyone in our organization will get the opportunity to lead and teach someone who is now where they once were.

Together, they're a shining success story. Pictured here, they are presented with a Certificate of Achievement from Houston Healthcare for a 79 minute "Patient Contact to Catheterization" time. They recognized that their patient was

having a heart attack just 4 minutes after arrival and emergently departed the scene 9 minutes later. They rapidly notified the cardiac care team who were scrubbed and waiting for them in the cath lab. 1 hour and 19 minutes after calling 911, the heart blockage had been cleared and blood flow was restored.

The cardiac team strives for less than 90 minutes and their urgency of movement, early notification, and the well executed process of the Houston Healthcare Cardiac Care Team all contributed to smashing this goal.

FVSU Earns Esteemed Recognition as a Research College and University by Carnegie Classification

By FVSU

(Fort Valley, GA) – Fort Valley State University (FVSU) has earned the recognition of being designated as a Research College and University in the 2025 Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, a milestone that highlights its dedication to research and innovation. FVSU is the only University System of Georgia (USG) institution that moved from the Master's Colleges & Universities: Small Programs classification to this new designation.

The Research Colleges and Universities classification, introduced in 2025, acknowledges institutions that actively engage in research but may not have previously been recognized for

their contributions. This new category allows non-doctoral institutions, including tribal colleges, to be acknowledged for their research endeavors, broadening the scope of institutions classified for their research impact.

"Fort Valley State University's recognition as a Research College and University reaffirms our commitment to innovation and scholarship," said President Paul Jones, Ph.D. "With more than \$15.5 million in research expenditures in fiscal year 2023, our faculty, students and staff continue to drive discovery and scholarship that benefit Georgia and beyond. This designation underscores the impact of our work and positions us to expand our research enterprise

even further."

The Carnegie Classification's revision aims to highlight research activity at institutions that have historically been overlooked due to the lack of doctoral programs. By setting a research expenditure threshold of at least \$2.5 million annually, this classification ensures that universities like FVSU receive well-deserved recognition for their contributions to research and development.

With its new classification, FVSU is poised to strengthen its research infrastructure, expand partnerships and enhance opportunities for students and faculty engaged in groundbreaking research across various disciplines.

Congressman Bishop Commends Reinstatement Of The 1890 Land Grant Scholars Program

By Office of US Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.

WASHINGTON – Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr., (GA-02), the top Democrat serving on the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Agriculture, Rural Development, the Food & Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, commended the decision to reinstate the 1890s Land Grant University Scholars Program which is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The program was suspended because of executive orders issued by the President on Inauguration Day. However, on February 21, a federal judge issued a temporary injunction blocking the portions of the executive orders that resulted in the program being suspended. On February 24, the administration lifted its suspension of and reopened applications to the program.

"The 1890 National Scholars Program makes higher education accessible for everybody. Scholars get real-world work

experience at USDA while completing their studies, helping improve our agriculture industry so that it can continue to deliver the highest quality, safest, most abundant, most affordable food and fiber that every American relies on every day," said Congressman Bishop. "The move to suspend the 1890s Scholarship Program was out of step with public support for the program and bipartisan support in Congress. The program's reinstatement restores our ability to get the next generation's best and brightest from every community to help our country thrive."

During a 2021 hearing in the House Agriculture Committee, Congressman G.T. Thompson, current committee chair and Republican from Pennsylvania, said, "I would like to highlight the grant program to award scholarships to students at 1890 universities who are pursuing a career in agriculture. This provision was a priority for several Members of the Committee, and we worked hard to include it in both the House-passed version and the

final conference report [of the 2018 Farm Bill]."

You can read more about the bipartisan support for the program during that hearing by visiting [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov/event/117th-congress/house-event/112779/text) for the hearing transcript: <https://www.congress.gov/event/117th-congress/house-event/112779/text>.

1890 Institutions were established by law in the year 1890 to provide research, extension, and teaching in states that refused to admit non-White students to the 1862 land-grant institutions. In Georgia, Fort Valley State University is an 1890 Land Grant University.

In the United States, there are nineteen 1890 Land-Grant institutions, serving nearly 90,000 undergraduate students and 15,000 graduate students of all races, creeds, colors, religions, abilities, and backgrounds.

The House Agriculture Committee included the scholarships in the 2018 Farm Bill and Congress supports them with both mandatory and discretionary appropriations.

10th AED Installed

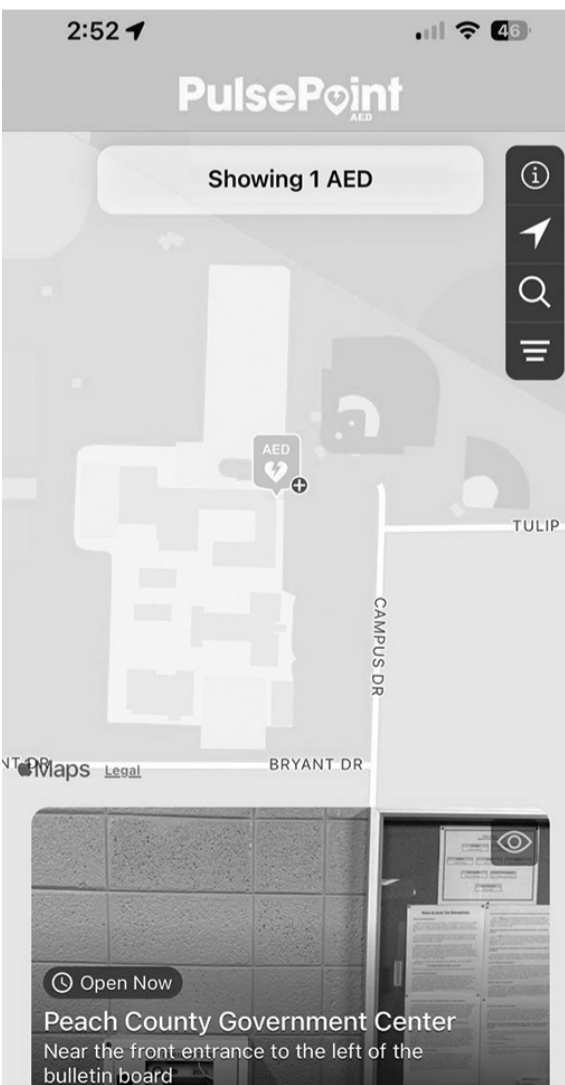


By PC EMS

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Commercial Real Estate Investment Firm Head Pleads Guilty In \$62.8M Fraud Scheme

By Dave Williams
Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - A New York City man has pleaded guilty to running a massive investment fraud scheme involving a planned commercial real estate project in the Buckhead area of Atlanta.

Elchonon "Elie" Schwartz, 46, admitted his guilt on one count of wire fraud in federal court Wednesday and faces a maximum of 20 years in prison.

According to information presented in court, Schwartz began soliciting investments in the proposed Atlanta Financial Center in May 2022 and subsequently in a mixed-use building in Miami Beach, Fla. He ultimately raised \$62.8 million from more than 800 investors.

However, before either real estate project closed, Schwartz diverted the funds to his personal bank account and accounts for other unrelated commercial real estate investments he controlled.

Schwartz spent the money, among other things, on luxury watches and stocks and options in a brokerage account. In July 2023, both of the corporate entities he formed to receive investments in the two projects filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

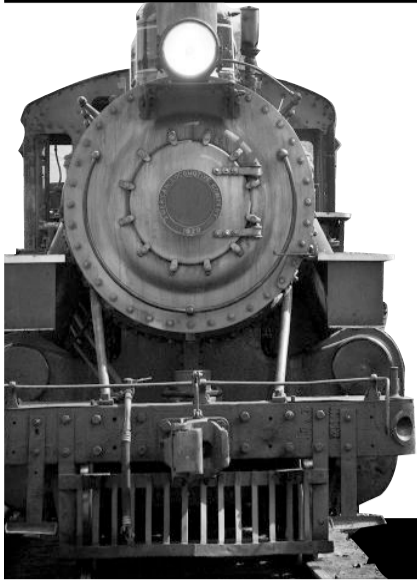
"Seeking to do nothing more than pad his own bank accounts

and buy expensive luxury items, Elie Schwartz betrayed hundreds of investors who sought the opportunity to invest in these commercial real estate projects," said Richard Moultrie Jr., acting U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Georgia.

"This office is committed to protecting investors from in-

dividuals, like Schwartz, who defraud donors out of their hard-earned money and seek to prioritize their own greed at the expense of legitimate investors."

Schwartz is scheduled to be sentenced in May.



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Hicks, Eddie B., age 48, b/m, 5'9 @ 151. lbs. Wanted by the Houston County Sheriff's Office for Agg. Assault, Poss. F/A by a Convicted Felon, and Poss. of Weapon during the Comm. of certain crimes.



Brooks, Andrew C., w/m, age 37, 6'1 @ 183. lbs. Wanted by the Peach County Sheriff's Office for Sup. Ct. VOP. o/c being Poss. of Amphetamines. Also wanted by the Houston Co. S.O. for Battery F/V, and Poss. of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.



Fuller, Brandon N., w/m, age 31, 6'0 @ 145. lbs. Wanted by the Peach County Sheriff's Office for Failure to Report as a Sex Offender. This fugitive is also wanted by the Warner Robins Police for St. Ct. VOP. o/c being Traffic Offenses.



Ates, Lawrence M., age 39, b/m, 6'5 @ 187. lbs. Wanted by the Houston County Sheriff's Office for Failure to register as a Sex Offender and Child Molestation.

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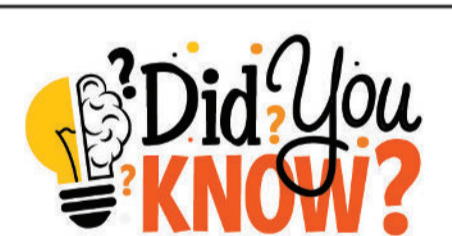
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Answer: Chris Martin

Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Smoothie

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to pet sitting.

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Answer: Walks

Food FACT!

True or false? There is no perfect diet for everyone.

Answer: True; experimentation may be needed

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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

E H L T Y H A L M S A E

Answer: Healthy meals

Peach County Rolling Trojans WIN JV Wheelchair Basketball State Championship, Team Members and Coach Honored



By PCSS

The Peach County Rolling Trojans win JV Wheelchair Basketball State Championship, Team Members and Coach Honored

(Saturday, March 1st) The Trojans rolled into the state championship with a 6-0 record in 1st place. During the semifinal game the Trojans faced the Clarke County Classic City Dawgs. The Classic City Dawgs played tough defense, but the Trojans well rounded offensive attack overwhelmed them. Caleb Watters (PCHS) 14 points and Jace Harter (PCHS) 12 points led the Trojans offense. Sannitra Colbert (PCHS) 4 points and Jeremiah Rhodes (PCHS) 6 points contributed

as well. Jace Tolliver (BES) and Nick Long (PCHS) worked hard on defense to hold off the Dawgs late game rally. The Trojans advanced to the championship game with a 36-24 victory.

During the championship game, the Trojans went head-to-head with the Ga Storm. The GA Storm ended their season 6-0 tied for 1st. The Trojans knew they had a battle ahead of them. The championship truly lived up to the hype from the jump ball. Jace Harter stepped up huge leading his team with 23 points!!! Caleb Watters poured in 9 points and

Sannitra Colbert contributed 6 points. Nick Long worked hard helping his teammates to get open to score. Jeremiah Rhodes



and Jace Tolliver played heads up defense turning on the pressure not allowing the Storm to score during the 6th period.

The Trojans defeated the Ga Storm 38-23 to capture the 2025 State JV Wheelchair Basketball Championship!!

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Fort Valley State University Names Daphnie Johnson as Athletics Director

By FVSU

Fort Valley State University (FVSU) announces the appointment of Daphnie L. Johnson as its new director of Athletics. Johnson, who has served as interim director since February 2024, brings extensive experience in collegiate athletics administration, compliance and student-athlete development.

Under her leadership, FVSU Athletics has seen significant progress, including the revitalization of student-athlete engagement, establishing new strategic partnerships, the launch of the Gridiron Football Classic and key coaching hires including the recent hire of Head Football Coach Marlon Watson.

Her tenure has also driven competitive success, with FVSU securing the 2024 SIAC Men's Volleyball Championship and multiple SIAC student-athlete and coaching accolades, including Men's Volleyball Coach of the Year Larry Wrather, Softball Coach of the Year Rufus Green, Men's Volleyball Player of the Year Jaxon Hicks, Softball Player of the Year Mariah Williams, and Relief Pitcher of the Year Taylor Orr.

"Daphnie Johnson's leader-



ship has already made a tremendous impact on our athletic programs," said FVSU President Paul Jones, Ph.D. "Her vision and commitment to student-athlete success make her the ideal leader to take FVSU Athletics to new heights."

Johnson previously served as director of Athletics at Clinton College, senior woman administrator at Elizabeth City State University, and administrative roles at Regent University. She holds a Master's in Education -

Sport and Athletic Management and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Organizational Management.

"I am honored to continue serving the student-athletes, coaches and supporters of Fort Valley State University in this role," said Johnson. "FVSU Athletics has a legacy of excellence, and I look forward to building on that foundation by fostering stability, growth and championship success."



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