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## Fort Valley Council Talks Rebuilding Planning and Zoning Board Amid Rezoning Request

By BRIANNA SMITH  
 For The Leader Tribune  
 brianna@hhjonline.com

FORT VALLEY, Ga. — Fort Valley City Council rezoned a property on 609 South Camellia Boulevard from Industrial to R-2 Residential, despite concerns from Councilmember Sandra Marshall about the timing of the decision.

She preferred to table the rezoning, citing a lack of quorum in the city's Planning and Zoning Board. She suggested the board should be rebuilt before moving forward.

"Once we get those six members, we need to come up with the bylaws for planning and zoning. In all fairness, there was a hearing and only two members there. Therefore, we need four more members to make that body in all fairness to everybody,

according to the charter," she explained.

Later in the meeting, Roscoe Miller, the city's building inspector and zoning administrator, explained that the applicant, Ronald Pride, had already submitted his paperwork. Miller said he was advised to move forward with March's vote and ensure the board has six members afterward.

"Mister Pride already had his paperwork in. In that way, you can't stop city business because of what we didn't have. But now that it's going to be taken care of, we're going to get six," Miller said.

To address the board's vacancies, Miller proposed appointing Ralph Davis and noted that three more members may be proposed



Brianna Smith/For The Leader Tribune  
 Fort Valley City Council celebrates employees of the month during the city's most recent meeting on Thursday, March 20. Left-right: Mayor Jeffery Lundy, Councilmember Henry Howard, Councilmember Sandra Marshall, Fire Chief Antonio Woodard, Tobias Howard.

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## Fort Valley Police Arrest Macon Man After Drug Bust



By Zoe Hammond  
 News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. — Fort Valley Police Officers arrested a Macon man after discovering drugs and guns during a traffic stop on March 13 at the 200 Block of North Camellia Street, according to a recent FVPD Facebook post.

According to the report, while patrolling, officers stopped a vehicle and upon further investiga-

tion discovered an amount of drugs, amphetamines, guns, a scale, and other drug related items.

Alexander Culler, 28-years-old, of Macon, Georgia, was arrested and charged with defective headlight, possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, possession of firearms during certain crimes, and drug related items.



Alexander Culler  
 Photo by FVPD

## Introducing The Police Departments Motor Unit



By Fort Valley Police Department

Chief Flores is happy and excited to announce the newest addition to the Fort Valley Police Department's fleet.

The Police Departments Motor Unit is a specialized section responsible for educating drivers and the community on road and driving safety.

Chief Flores believes in high visibility enforcement as a traffic safety approach which is designed to create deterrence and to change unlawful and dan-

gerous driving behaviors.

According to Chief Flores, this initiative will only cost the city of Fort Valley \$1 per year to lease the motorcycles, and the operators of the motorcycles are already trained and certified in operating them.

Furthermore, Chief Flores states that the department currently has 5 police officers who are trained and certified to operate the police department motorcycles.

## If Spring Is Here, Can BOB Be Far Behind?

Contributed

The Battle of Byron Festival is back! The last two years' events after the 8-year hiatus were great! The fun, the food, the games, the challenges, and the music will all be back on the first Saturday in May.

This year's date is May 3 in Downtown Byron, and we want YOU to be part of the festivities. The Board and Friends of BOB are working hard to make this event successful, but we need YOUR help. We need sponsors, vendors and, of course, we want everyone to

be part of the Festival fun. But right now, what we need are volunteers to help plan, set up and work the event. We will have a volunteer meeting in April.

With YOUR help, we can make this year's BOB even more fun and successful. Please join us. Questions? You can call or text me, as I am helping coordinate the volunteers. I'm not new to volunteering, but I've only been working with the Battle since 2023.

This year WE NEED YOU! Looking forward to talking to you and seeing you in April. (More information to follow!)



A Historic Festival of Challenges



# FV REZONING

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next month. "I just would have liked to see us get these numbers first together, do the bylaws and that sort of thing, according to what the charter said, and what was recommended by our lawyer to do before we do any of this voting or zoning," Marshall replied. Mayor Jeffrey Lundy and Councilmembers Laronda Eason, Fred Van Hartesveldt, and Henry Howard voted favorably for rezoning, while Marshall abstained from the vote. Council also approved Davis to the Plan-

ning and Zoning Board, with Marshall abstaining.

The council also approved an amendment to the business license application for Express 49 Truck Stop. According to the agenda, ownership transferred from Giresh Patel to Mohini Patel, and the business name changed from Mangal Mirti 2016, LLC to Ram Lalla, LLC. Giresh Patel was named the business's local manager.

In other business, the council approved the purchase of 40 LED lamp bulbs and 40 globes

from Gresco Utility Supply for \$25,200. Public Works Director Antonio Lopez stated that the lights will be installed on city-owned poles downtown, with labor provided at no cost to the city.

The employees of the month are Rhonda Walker of the Administration Department, Tobias Howard of the Fort Valley Fire Department, Jazmine Bishop of the Fort Valley Police Department, and Willie Joe Marshall of the Public Works Department.



Willie Joe Marshall

Photo Contributed



Jazmine Bishop

Photo Contributed



Rhonda Walker

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### Sgt. Patrick Sondron Memorial Bridge: Ad Language

#### NOTICE OF ROAD FACILITY DEDICATION

Notice is given that there will be introduced at the 2025 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia a resolution sponsored by Senator John F. Kennedy, 321 State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, (404) 656-6578, to dedicate the bridge on State Route 49 over Interstate 75 (Exit 149) in Peach County as the Sgt. Patrick Sondron Memorial Bridge in honor of his achievements, accomplishments, and contributions to the State of Georgia; and for other purposes. The estimated cost of such dedication is \$500.00.

### Deputy Daryl Smallwood Memorial Bridge: Ad Language

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# Legislature Passes Two Tax Relief Bills

By Ty Tagami  
Staff Writer

### Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA – Georgia taxpayers will pay a little less after Gov. Brian Kemp signs two tax relief measures following their approval Thursday by the state Senate.

"The final passage of these two measures today brings us one step closer to eliminating the state income tax, while providing tax relief for Georgia families and businesses," said Lt. Gov. Burt Jones, who thanked Kemp for leading the effort.

House Bill 112, which passed unanimously, seeks to give one-time rebates equaling \$250 to single tax return filers, \$375 to heads of household and \$500 to married couples filing jointly.

But a tax cut bill – House Bill 111 – was as controversial in the Senate as it had been in the state House of Representatives, with Democrats calling it a sop to the rich that would reduce funding for services to the poor and Republicans labeling their criticism "class warfare."

The bill, which passed 30-23

with mostly Democrats opposed, would reduce Georgia's income tax rate from 5.39% to 5.19% retroactive to the beginning of the current tax year.

Sen. Elena Parent, D-Atlanta, said it amounts to \$10 off the taxes for earners in the bottom 20% but at least \$3,000 for the top 1%.

"That is a finger in the eye of everyone who struggles to afford gas, eggs and rent," she said. "When you make \$2 million a year, you're probably not worried about \$3,000."

Sen. Ed Setzler, R-Acworth, said a large portion of those top earners are actually small businesses. They'll notice \$3,000, he said, adding that it's enough to pay their internet bill.

In conjunction with the tax cut, Republicans said, a low-wage family of four will owe nothing.

"You won't pay a dime in state income tax unless you make over fortyish thousand a year," said Sen. Bo Hatchett, R-Cornelia, adding that he'd like to see the state income tax eliminated altogether.

The two Republicans who sided against HB 111 did so acci-

dentally. One of them, Sen. Bill Cowsert, R-Athens, asked to reconsider the vote before withdrawing that request. A spokesman later explained that he and Sen. Clint Dixon of Buford, the other Republican 'no' vote, had pushed the wrong button at their desks and had intended to support HB 111.

Both later filed clarifying statements with the secretary of the Senate. (Something similar happened last month when Sen. Nan Orrock, D-Atlanta, accidentally voted with two Republicans against a measure to ban cockfighting.)

The Senate also on Thursday gave bipartisan approval to House Bill 161, which would empower the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to issue subpoenas in investigations into domestic terrorism. The GBI must get court approval for subpoenas, but this legislation would bypass that process to expedite investigations of crimes like swatting.

HB 161 now returns to the House for approval of Senate amendments.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Housing Authority of the City of Byron will be conducting a Public Hearing regarding its Public Housing Agency Annual Plan on April 9, 2025 at 2:pm at the Byron Community Center.

Proposed documents are available for review at the meeting. Additional copies are located at the Byron City Hall and at the Rental office. If you have any questions regarding the Plan, Please contact Helena Jefferson or Phyllis Davis, Administrative Assistant at 478-956-3135. Equal Housing Opportunity.



# Police Beat

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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

Abbott, Devin Blake, 26, Union City, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Durham, James Bradley, 58, Macon, GA: Driving With Suspended License, Operating Vehicle With Susp/Canc/Rev Registration, No Insurance, Marijuana Possession, Possession Of Drug Related Object

Kitchens, James, 44, Byron, GA: Failure To Appear

Mims, Niobe A, 19, Jacksonville, GA: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Safety Belt Violation For 18 Yoa And Older, Marijuana Possession, Driving With Suspended License

Moore, Brandon Pierre, 35, Byron, GA: Driving With Suspended License, Marijuana Possession, Operating Vehicle With Susp/Canc/Rev Registration, No Insurance

Moore, Demarcus Santana, 34, Macon, GA: Driving With Suspended License, Operating Vehicle With Susp/Canc/Rev Registration, No Insurance, Marijuana Possession, Possession Of Drug Related Object

Searcy, Kajeon Tre-Jamaal, 22, Macon, GA: Operation Of Unreg. Vehicle Or W/O Current License Plate, Revalidation Decal, County Decal, Safety Belt Violation For 18 Yoa And Older, Operating Vehicle With Susp/Canc/Rev Registration, No Insurance, Driving With Suspended License

Simmons, Javoris, 37, Macon, GA: Probation Violation

Tidwell, Brandi Michelle, 38, Byron, GA: Failure To Appear

## Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Briener, Charles, 39, Fort Valley, GA: Terroristic Threats And Acts

Crafter, Garrett Ginean, 45, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Eason, Jason Rade, 46, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Leary, Shayla Chandrelle, 35, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Trespass Family Violence

Johnson, Daqvavious J, 20, Macon, GA: Criminal Trespass

Johnson, Jason Shemuel, 44, Fort Valley, GA: Theft By Shoplifting

Jones, Kayle Q, 19, Byron, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Paster, Tony Leon, 53, Montezuma, GA: Driving W/O Valid License

Schofield, Jakari Kadeem, 32, Fort Valley, GA: Violate Family Violence Order

Simmons, Marquis Antonio, 31, Macon, GA: Failure To Have License On Person

Warren, Dontavias Lamar, 31, Montezuma, GA: No Insurance

## Peach County Sheriff's Office

### Arrests/Citations

Allen, Brandon Nicholas, 40, Reynolds, GA: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Failure To Obey Stop Sign, Reckless Driving, Driving While License Suspended, Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude Police Officer

Barreiro, Faith, 22, Byron, Ga: Battery, Theft By Taking - Felony

Carey, Brian John, 47, Warner Robins, GA: Failure To Appear - Felony

Davidson, Wayne Elliott, 53, Fort Valley, GA: Failure To Register As Sex Offender/Failure To Comply With Requirements/Provided False Information

Dickson, James Robert, 43, Byron, GA: Simple Battery - Family Violence, Cruelty To Children In The 3rd Degree 3rd Or Subsequent Offense, Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers, Removal Or Attempted Removal Of Weapon From Public Official

Enriquez, Yan Carlos, 34, Tampa Bay, FL: Trafficking In Cocaine, Illegal Drugs, Marijuana, Or Methamphetamine

Everett, Jarvis Sentell, 36, Fort Valley, GA: Here For Court

Hamilton, Dion Demetrius, 52, Fort Valley, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor, Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Hicks, Braxton Stephon, 24, Fort Valley, GA: Here For Court

Hill, Jakavion Rushon, 23, Oglethope, GA: Manufacture/Deliver/Distribute Or Possess W/Intent To Distribute Controlled Subs In Schedule I Or II, Hands Free

Hill, Shane Edward, 45, Yatesville, GA: Driving While License Suspended, Failure To Maintain Insurance, Seat Belt Violation

Jacobs, Gregory Dalton, 23, Appling, GA: Improper Starting, Reckless Driving

Little, Demarcus Devantae, 27, Fort Valley, GA: Here For Court

Lowe, Derronsdell Markieth, 32, Vienna, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Maxwell, Catrina Latrelle, 40, Fort Valley, GA: Possession And Use Of Drug Related Objects

Morrison, Jeffery Michael, 48, Morgan, GA: Production Order Brought Back For Court

Nelson, Dana Sharee, 35, Butler, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Perez-Villatoro, Jose Armando, 20, Warner Robins, GA: Expired Or No Drivers License, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits)

Richardson, Michelle Colleen, 52, Dry Branch, GA: Possession Of Open Alcohol Container, Possession Of Marijuana, Driving Under The Influence/Alcohol

Rumph, David Gabriel, 59, Fort Valley, GA: Simple Assault

Smith, Christoper Nicolas, 29, Byron, GA: Manufacture/Deliver/DistributeAdminister/Sell /Possess W/Intent To Distribute Controlled Substance, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies, Window Tint Violation, Possession Of Open Alcohol Container, Possession Of Open Alcohol Container

Turner, Deric Lashawn, 48, Fort Valley, GA: Here For Court

Williams, Idrena Denise, 24, Fort Valley, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

# Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.com



## City of Fort Valley Mayor & Council SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

MEETING PURPOSE: IMOLA PRESENTATION  
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 2:00 P.M., City Hall, 204 West Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030

JOIN ZOOM MEETING  
Meeting ID: 898 5752 3473  
Passcode: 286221

## Peach County Schools Spring Break

Peach County Schools will be closed for Spring Break, March 31 to April 4, 2025. Students will return to school on Monday, April 7, 2025.

## 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 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-of-commissioners.cfm>

## FT. Valley Utility Commission

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

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

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

## Kiwanis Club of Fort Valley

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

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

## Peach County Historical Society meeting

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

## 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 Unversity Drive. For further info. please contact Dr.

Quintin Green (478)951-1911.

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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](http://www.compassionatefriends.org).

## Addiction Counseling

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

## Byron Lions Club

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

## Byron Rotary Club

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

## Byron Main Street DDA/CVB

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

## Byron Tax Office

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

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## It's Women's History Month



ZOE HAMMOND

### News Editor

March is Women's History Month! It's the time to honor women's contributions to American history.

For those who don't know, Women's History Month, originally Women's History Week, began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California in 1978 by the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day. Within the following year, other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations across the country.

According to the National Women's History Museum; "In 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians—led by the National Women's History Project (now the National Women's History Alliance)—successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th, 1980 as National Women's History Week."

Since then Presidents continued to proclaim a National Women's History Week in March until 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, each president has issued an annual proclamation designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

Like many monthly observances, each year has a specific

theme. The National Women's History Alliance (NWHHA) is the one that selects and publishes the yearly theme. The theme for Women's History Month 2025 is "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations."

According to the National Women's History Alliance's website; "this theme celebrates the collective strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership. Through their efforts, they have served as an inspiration for all generations — both past and present."

This theme is meant to highlight the importance of sharing knowledge whether that be from classrooms to boardrooms or from grassroots movements to global initiatives. "Women educators and leaders have played a pivotal role in nurturing minds and inspiring transformative action."

Along with the theme, the NWHHA also provides goals and objectives to go in hand with said theme. Here are the five goals they hope for people to achieve.

**Honor:** Recognize the achievements and contributions of women educators, mentors, and leaders.

**Inspire:** Motivate all generations to pursue education and leadership roles.

**Educate:** Raise awareness about the unheralded legacies of women from every walk of life, highlighting their unique contributions and diverse backgrounds, including socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, culture, abilities, and personal experiences.

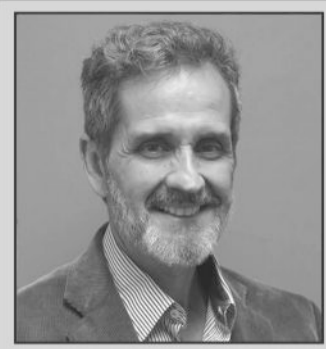
**Unite:** Bring together communities to explore, share, and celebrate women's history and achievements.

**Envision:** Create a blueprint for the future that honors our foremothers and builds bridges for the next generation of women.

Looking at this year's celebration, I think of all the women who have helped guide me into the person I am today. I think

**WOMENS MONTH  
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## Your Body "A Self-Contained Gym"



WADE YODER  
LT COLUMNIST

We get bombarded throughout the year with ads promoting super supplements, weight loss pills, weight loss plans, and exercise machines, so it's no wonder that it has a psychological effect on what we feel is necessary for health and fitness. Though some of these are effective, the problem is when these ads make someone feel they have to have it for increasing their level of fitness.

What each of us needs to know is that we have enough body weight to give us the resistance we need to get a good exercise routine wherever we're

at, whenever we want, and the only cost is your time. When we move our body weight at a faster pace it increases the resistance and done consistently over a period of time these muscles used for the movement will build and develop to accommodate the new stress, (this is the strengthening and toning process in a nutshell).

When you use functional exercise movements (that you use in everyday living) for your exercise, you strengthen and condition this part of your life. When we do something like stooping or squatting to pick something up, we would really be surprised if we could see the muscular mechanics going to work to make this movement possible. When we repeat this same movement several times at a faster speed or add extra resistance or weight, we strengthen the muscles, bones, tendons and ligaments used to do this and it becomes easier!

Example: Many times when a person falls, it's the first time in a long time that they were actually laid out on the floor, and now the person is possibly

hurt and is faced with having to get back up from a position they are not used to being in. If a person would get down on the floor and then get back up several times, (slowly at first) and gradually pick up the pace, it could give someone a pretty good workout. When we mimic the movements, we use in real life (in our exercise routine) it makes our activities of daily living (ADLs) easier and whether a young athlete or a senior, it simply helps us handle our day better.

Take away: Find an exercise or 2 that gets most of your skeletal muscles moving, (such as a squat thrust). Do this by squatting and then rising to the front of your foot with arms thrusting upward. Do the movement slowly and don't squat too deep. As you get used to this, do a deeper squat and speed up the movement.

The 3 main things you want to work toward are:

1. Range of motion.
2. Speed of movement.
3. Length of time that you can go before resting.

A good short workout to in-

tensify the above would be to go from the squat-thrust exercise and then lay down on the floor and do pushups, (beginners can keep the knees against the floor to decrease resistance). The speed of movement in most any exercise you do increases the resistance and it results in increased muscle strength, size and bone density. So whether confined to your office, home or on the road, you carry your gym with you wherever you go if you have a few basic movements that activate the large muscle groups of the body! Try getting down flat on the floor, stomach or back and get back up lifting your arms above your head and see how many times you can do this, it's like a full body power jog!

Full body movements done with intensity = Results! The key to getting results and at the same time preventing injury is "gradually" increasing the range of motion, speed, and length of time doing the exercises.

Remember: steady wins the race!

## Will "Move Fast And Break Things" Work For The US Government?

Charlie Harper  
Guest Columnist

Javier Meili isn't exactly a household name to most Americans. The relatively new President of Argentina has become a hero since his 2023 election for swiftly, drastically, and emphatically reducing the size and scope of his government in favor of lower taxes and free markets.

Upon assuming power, he systematically eliminated entire government agencies. This not only reduced government spending (and a lot of jobs for those employed by the Argentine government), but drastically cut regulations on the country's producers.

His results are impressive. After an initial slowdown in economic activity due to the reduction in government spending and employment, Argentina's economy is growing at a robust pace.

With their GDP now growing at over 5%, Argentinians are feeling good about their future. It helps that their pesos are going farther than they have in recent memory, as Meili's actions cut inflation from 25 percent per month when he took office to just 2% in January according to the Cato Institute, who are among Meili's biggest fans.

Argentina was among the most prosperous countries in the world a century ago, even wealthier than France or Ger-

many. Decades of drift into socialist and government control set the country into a permanent malaise, with deficit spending setting off an inflation spiral that seemed permanent.

Meili was elected with a mandate for drastic change. Many of President Trump's supporters argue the same mandate, with Meili's example at the template.

It was no coincidence that he was recently a guest at the White House presenting a chainsaw to Elon Musk. Among Musk's many titles and activities, he's spearheading the Trump Administration's efforts to reduce the federal government's size and make it more efficient.

Critics continue to urge Musk use an approach more akin to a scalpel. Those who have watched with horror as the American government grew in size and scale with a national debt to match are cheering for the chainsaw approach. Argentina took a short term hit for what is now hoped to be long term prosperity.

So can it work here? Maybe... Economics is largely theoretical. Actual sciences require that you be able to replicate your experiments over and over, getting the same result.

This is impossible to do in economics, at least on the macro level. You can never create the same conditions, with the same public expectations, to engineer

the same outcome.

More specific to the comparison of America to Argentina, pretending one is the same as the other violates one of the major assumptions taught in introductory econ courses. For the simple models to work, you have to assume the participants are not "market makers" but are instead "price takers". In layman's terms, this means that the actions of one buyer or seller don't affect the market as a whole.

Argentina represents less than 1% of the world's economy. The United States represents about 16%. More importantly, the United States represents the world's reserve currency. We're also the world's largest superpower.

While Argentina can largely be viewed as if it were a controlled lab experiment, what the United States does will have far ranging consequences. No one really knows how this is all going to work itself out.

That's not an argument for the status quo. The problem the United States faces – one that is acknowledged by both political parties – is that the current financial situation of the United States is untenable in the long run. We spend too much in excess of what our government takes in. We finance that deficit with bonds, now at increasing interest rates.

While both parties pretend or ignore our entitlement spending, the math doesn't lie. Social Security and Medicare spending will continue to increase with population that is getting older and living longer – even if a significant amount of fraud can be rooted out of the system.

Musk is getting criticism for the tactics of his DOGE team. He would be better served if he let them work more quietly, with less posting claims of "savings" on his X/Twitter platform until an agency's work is done, and cuts can be summarized and fully quantified.

It would be helpful for critics to understand that he comes from a Silicon Valley culture of "move fast and break things". SpaceX is the most visible example of this process. We've seen several of his test flights blow up in spectacular fashion recently. We've also seen his spacecraft retrieve astronauts from the Space Station that were stranded by more cautious and bureaucratic collaboration between NASA and Boeing.

For this process to work, we're going to have to expect that a few things will be broken along the way. We have to hope that there is enough wisdom of those overseeing this process to understand what once broken must be immediately fixed – and how.

## Justice for sale: How third-party litigation funding skews the legal system

By Kyle Wingfield, President and CEO, Georgia Public Policy Foundation

Opponents of Gov. Brian Kemp's lawsuit reform efforts have talked a lot about other industries' profits. So, you may be surprised to learn that some lawsuits are run as profit centers for loan sharks, institutional investors and even foreign governments.

Welcome to "third-party litigation funding," an innocent-sounding practice that puts profits – that word trial lawyers love to vilify – over justice, fairness and transparency.

Transparency is a key aspect to this issue, because it's sorely lacking at the moment. Details have emerged only in a few isolated – yet disturbing – cases.

But we know third-party litigation funding (or TPLF for short) originated in Australia about 30 years ago and soon was adopted elsewhere, including the United States. An industry firm,

Westfleet Advisors, reported last year that there was "a combined \$15.2 billion in assets allocated to U.S. commercial litigation investments."

That's a big number, and it's unclear if that figure is exhaustive or relates to all of the forms of TPLF that Georgia lawmakers are seeking to regulate.

Let's look at this issue point by point:

The first type of TPLF involves financing for plaintiffs. Think of someone injured in an accident who needs some financial assistance to pay bills while pursuing damages. This loan may be subject to high interest rates and/or a large portion of any money recovered – as much as half of the proceeds.

Such an arrangement raises obvious questions about whose interest is really being served by the lawsuit: the plaintiff's or the investor's? It also creates perverse incentives for plaintiffs to continue litigation beyond a pro-

posed settlement if it wouldn't cover what they owe the funder. In some cases, the plaintiff may even lose the autonomy to make that decision.

It's worth noting that Kemp's TPLF proposal explicitly excludes the traditional "contingency fee" lawsuits that you often see advertised on television or billboards, in which a law firm only gets paid if it wins the case. Those would remain an avenue for plaintiffs to pursue a case if they otherwise wouldn't be able to pay a lawyer.

The other type of TPLF is more commercial. In these arrangements, investors might front the money for a lawsuit or series of lawsuits, hoping to win big and get a large return on their investment – or perhaps to drain a corporate target financially and distract it from growing its business.

Some of the same bad incentives exist here as in the first type, such as the plaintiff's diminished

willingness to settle a suit. But others are more nefarious.

Bloomberg Law reported last year that Russian billionaires close to Vladimir Putin had "financed lawsuits around the world, in some cases working with the company's directors, clients, and Russian banks in an effort to evade international sanctions." The story illustrates how the opacity of such TPLF arrangements turns the American legal system against American interests.

Foreign companies have also taken advantage of weak U.S. laws and practices regarding TPLF to engage in widespread "lawfare" against the intellectual property of American companies. An estimated 30% of U.S. lawsuits alleging patent infringement are being financed by firms in the Middle East, China and elsewhere under TPLF arrangements. Some of these investors

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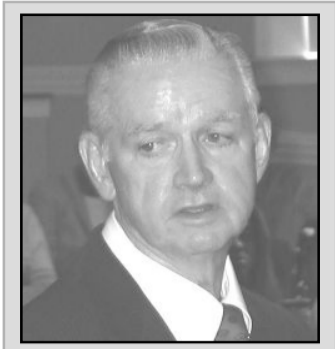
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# Mosaic Law could not Save Man



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On the third month following the exodus from Egyptian bondage (circa 1450 B.C.), God commanded Moses to assemble the Hebrew people at Mount Sinai to hear His laws. The thunder and lightning on the mountain coupled with God's voice frightened the Israelites so badly that they said to Moses, "You speak to us and we will hear, but let not God speak with us, lest we die." Thereafter, God spoke to the people through Moses. The rules and statutes imposed on the Israelites became known as the Mosaic Law.

The laws that God gave Moses can be grouped in two major

categories: (1) the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20 and (2) 613 individual ordinances that are sprinkled throughout Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, and Numbers. This corpus of rules became collectively known as the "Law." Paul made references to the Law in his epistles on faith. Jesus was the fulfillment of the Law.

After 1400 years of living under the Mosaic Law, the Jewish people had failed miserably. All the various laws became impossible to keep, causing the Israelites to go through endless cycles of sin followed by animal sacrifices for forgiveness. Thus, redemption became a temporary thing that lasted from one day to the next. But God had a solution: "In the fullness of time," He sent His son. Consequently, "What the law could not do due to weakness of the flesh, God did by sending His own Son" (Romans 8:3).

In one fell swoop, Jesus achieved eternal redemption for all mankind. He did so, "not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place

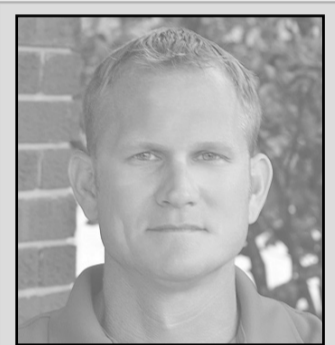
once for all to obtain eternal redemption." (Hebrews 9: 12-14). "If the blood of bulls and goats sanctifies the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who offered Himself without spot or blemish, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" One drop of Jesus' divine blood was sufficient to pay the price for all of mankind's sins from creation to the end of the age.

If salvation could be achieved through obedience of the Law, Christ died for nothing.

Since the scripture states that "man is not justified by works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ," shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! The real question is "How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?" The fact is that a person who is truly saved has no desire to break God's commandments.

To summarize, the "Law of Moses was not meant to save men, but to show them their need to be saved, and thus to lead them to Christ (Galatians 3:24).

# Spring is Blooming!



**JEFF COOK**  
EXTENSION AGENT

Spring is finally making its way in, even if the weather can't quite make up its mind. We've had a mix of warm spells and chilly days, but one thing is for sure—Mother Nature is right on schedule. Trees, shrubs, and vines are putting on a gorgeous show, splashing the landscape with color.

It all kicked off in early March with the bright golden blooms

of Forsythia, a sure sign that spring is waking up. Not long after, Japanese Magnolias made their grand entrance, their big purple flowers standing out against the last hints of winter. By mid-March, cherry trees were in full bloom—just in time for the Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon—creating stunning pink and white canopies. Meanwhile, peach trees are right on track, promising a great season ahead.

But it's not just gardens and orchards showing off. Along roadsides and in the woods, Yellow Jasmine is lighting up treetops and fences with its bright yellow blossoms, looking more vibrant than ever. Wisteria is also starting to bloom, its vibrant purple flowers draping over trees and filling the air with a sweet fragrance.

Now that April is just around the corner, the colors will only show more and more. Camellias

have been adding splashes of red, pink, and white since late winter, and Azaleas—one of the South's favorite springtime stars—are reaching peak bloom, just in time for the Master. Their brilliant shades of pink, red, and white are a sure sign that spring has officially arrived. And let's not forget about our beautiful Dogwoods. Do you know how you can identify a dogwood when it has no leaves? It's bark! Ha.

With so much in bloom, this season is shaping up to be a stunning one. Whether you're admiring a well-kept garden, a roadside bursting with color, or a wooded trail coming to life, spring is putting on a show you won't want to miss! If you have any questions or comments, please contact our office. 478-862-5496, 478-825-6466 or mackiv@uga.edu

# WOMENS MONTH

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of my family members – my mother, aunts, grandmothers, and even great-grandmother – who have told me the history of our family as well as some of the history of Georgia (my mom is a history buff). I think of the skills they taught me – cooking, baking, and leather-working – and the time spent helping encourage me to do what I wanted with my life.

I think of the educators at Byron Elementary School and Byron Middle School who helped cultivate my love of learning and reading. I remember one math teacher in middle school, who would let me run to the library either right before class started or ended to grab a new book whenever I finished reading. During the scholastic book fair, she had a couple of math

books she wanted for the classroom that Mom and I agreed to get her. She wrote me a little letter as thanks, I still have it in my memory box.

I encourage everyone to think of the women who have made a difference in their lives and if given the chance, thank them for it.

# Religious freedom bill gets lengthy hearing with uncertain outcome

By Ty Tagami  
Staff Writer

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA – A marathon hearing about legislation to enshrine religious freedom in Georgia law produced no outcome but clarified the fears of those on both sides of the issue.

The Georgia Religious Freedom Restoration Act passed the state Senate along party lines earlier this month. A committee of the House of Representatives spent four hours vetting the proposal on Wednesday, then ended without final action on the measure.

Democrats, with the help of a Republican, nearly succeeded in derailing the GOP bill, but it survived for possible passage in a future hearing.

Senate Bill 36 says government "shall not substantially burden" a person's exercise of religion except "in furtherance of a compelling government interest."

Sen. Ed Setzler, R-Acworth,

said he drafted it with help from Gov. Brian Kemp's office.

It is a necessary protection against government intrusion into religious practices and would bring Georgia in line with 39 other states with a similar statute, Setzler and his supporters said.

Twenty-nine people testified for and against the bill, many of them religious figures such as Bishop John E. Citizen, a Pentecostal pastor in Powder Springs.

He said he supported the legislation because he didn't want the government dictating whom his church must hire and serve.

"I want to be left to do my worship my way, the way God intended me to do it," he said. "I'm not going to push my agenda onto you, but don't push your agenda onto me."

Opponents noted that only a handful of states have such a law without counterbalancing safeguards for marginalized groups. And Setzler's refusal to include an anti-discrimination

clause in SB 36 was evidence for them that the intent was to wield religious freedom as both a shield against government and a sword against gays, lesbians, transgender people and others outside the heterosexual mainstream.

They said the lack of an anti-discrimination clause would allow private actors to refuse services on religious grounds, including landlords, adoption agencies, and medical dispensaries.

"We want to be protected by the state of Georgia and we're asking you to add that language to the bill," said Michael Schulte, a Lutheran pastor in Decatur who said nearly half of his congregation identifies as LGBTQ+.

"They are the people who will be discriminated against if this bill is passed," he said. "And that is so unfair and it's so unjust, and to me it is not Christ-like."

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# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## LENTEN SCHEDULE ST ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All are welcome!  
6:00pm Thursdays during the Lenten Season

Covered Dish, Presentations, Evening Prayers

**First 2 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1000 State University Dr - Fort Valley**

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 309 Central Ave, Fort Valley**

**Thursday, March 27** - Tommy Alden, One of our own members with a unique surprise presentation

**Thursday, April 3** - Jesse Thompson, Camp Vinson Valley Director - Ministry of Byron Heritage Church

**Thursday, April 10** - Bett Rayburn, Granddaughter to W.T. Forbes, Founder Athens Y Camp - Stories

**Friday Evenings 6:00pm**  
**March 14 - April 14** Stations of the Cross in St. Andrew's Church  
St. Andrew's & St. Luke's wish you a Holy Lenten Season

## BAHA'I COMMUNITY OF PEACH COUNTY

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

## COME PRAISE THE LORD OVER ZOOM

Sundays 10am - 12noon.  
Wednesday nights 7pm-8:30pm.  
Meeting# 2059432744  
Code 7Sb6h8  
Host James Manning (Elder)

## CHRISTIAN FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

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

## FORT VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Come & worship in a casual atmosphere at **5:00pm each Sunday**. Our weekly pastor will be the Rev. Dr. Bryan Whitfield, a Presbyterian minister who also teaches at Mercer University. For any interested, we will have weekly **Sunday School Bible Study starting at 4:00pm** in the

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## FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2560 Willow Lake Road, Fort Valley, GA 31030.

## BIBLE STUDY

Please dial in for Bible Study each Tuesday at 6:30pm. Number 646-876-9923, your meeting ID is 783-154-6108#, your participant ID is #. You are in the meeting. Dial in 3 to 4 minutes before 6:30pm.

## GRACE HOUSE COMMUNITY FOODBANK

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Wednesday: Free Fellowship Meal at 6pm  
60 Minutes Bible Study from 7:00pm -8:00pm Come and fellowship with us!

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Learn the basics of the Christian Faith while enjoying a meal and fellowship.  
We will cover theology, history, liturgy, and more!  
To register contact Fr Matt at harlowmatt@gmail.com  
https://www.middlegaanglican.org

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Looking for a church? Pastor Tony Wood invites you to come visit us. Bring the kids for Children's Church!  
Sunday School at 9:30. Sunday Worship at 10:30.

## SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

## ST. JULIANA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

804 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Phone:(478) 825-7127  
**Sat., 7:00pm** Spanish Mass  
**Sun., 9:00am** English Mass; 11:00 am Spanish Mass  
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**Adoration:** Thurs., 7:00pm; Sat. 8-9am; Sun. 6:00pm

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1000 State University Drive across from the first entrance to FVSU.  
We hold morning prayer services, at 10:15am Sundays.

## BAHA'I FAITH

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For more information peachcobahais@gmail.com www.bahai.us

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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 Anna Holloway 478-397-4678 and leave a text message.

## SAINT PETER AME CHURCH 502 State University Drive, Fort Valley GA 31030

Join us for a rewarding Worship Experience at "The Rock" each **Sunday at 10:00AM**. Our pastor is **Rev. Anthony Dixon**. You may also join us via **YouTube and Facebook**. Weekly **Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:00p.m.**  
Bianca Ballard (478)825-8452.

## SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH OF FORT VALLEY

1101 East Church St, Fort Valley, GA 31030

Please join us as we continue to seek to save them that are lost! Our weekly schedule is:  
**Sunday School** at 10:00 A.M.  
**Sunday Worship** at 11:15 A.M.  
**Bible Study** at 7:00 P.M. – Tuesdays

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

## TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

505 State University Drive, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

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

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

For additional information, call 478-825-7349.

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

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

# JUSTICE FOR SALE

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are government-owned funds such as sovereign wealth funds, raising clear national-security implications.

Yet, these investments typically go unreported; the ones that have come to light in any detail are the exception.

Kemp's proposal addresses several of these concerns. First, it would

require litigation funders to register with the state and be authorized by the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance. It would prohibit funders from making or directing decisions related to a plaintiff's legal representation, use of expert witnesses or legal strategy. Funders would also be barred from making

more money off a case than the plaintiff. Defendants would be able to learn about any TPLF arrangements through the discovery process.

There's nothing wrong with companies trying to turn a profit. But they should limit their efforts to the marketplace, not the courtroom.

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FORT VALLEY UTILITY COMMISSION  
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Request for Proposal (RFP)  
RFP #32172.0001- Contract A-Tank  
Peach County Water Infrastructure Improvements  
Issue Date: March 21, 2025

1. The Fort Valley Utility Commission (FVUC) is seeking Sealed proposals for the construction of new water supply wells, elevated water storage tank, water treatment plants, and water mains located along Fulwood Road and River Road in Peach County, GA.

2. Sealed Proposals will be accepted at the Fort Valley Utility Commission, in the Meeting Room, 500 Anthoine Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030 until **10:00 AM, Thursday, May 1, 2025**, at which time they will be opened publicly.

For the Bid Submittal Instructions see RFP documents and Contract Documents Section 00 21 13 "Instruction for Bidders".

3. The scope of the project shall consist of the following generally described work:

**Peach County Water Infrastructure Improvements:**

**Contract A: 750,000-gallon elevated water tank - Complete**

The scope of work in Contract A includes construction of a new 750,000-gallon elevated water storage tank along GA Hwy 49/Peach Parkway in Peach County, GA., within the proposed Peach Parkway water treatment compound. The work in Contract A includes permitting, clearing, grading, earthwork, grading, erosion control, gravel access driveway, a new 750,000-gallon elevated storage tank, painting, piping, fittings, valves, wiring, electrical components, SCADA, and all necessary material, labor, and appurtenances associated with a complete new elevated water storage tank as shown on the plans and in the specifications.

4. Plans and Specifications are to be obtained from Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co., 5553 Peachtree Road, Suite 175, Atlanta, GA 30341, (Issuing Office) upon payment of \$200.00 (plus shipping charges as applicable). The payment is non-refundable. Contact Maggie Cofer via phone (678) 730-1894, or email: [cofer.m@tandh.com](mailto:cofer.m@tandh.com) to request plans and specifications. **Only Bidders who obtain documents from Thomas & Hutton (the Issuing Office) shall be placed on the plan holder list and allowed to submit bids.**

5. Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified cashier's check in an amount not less than 5% of the base bid. All bonds shall be by a surety company licensed in Georgia with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability." Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price, shall be required of the successful bidder if contract is awarded. Each Bond shall be accompanied by a "Power of Attorney" authorizing the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.

6. Evaluation of Bids:

The Fort Valley Utility Commission (FVUC) reserves the right to cancel this solicitation and/or reject any and all proposals in whole or in part if FVUC determines that cancellation and/or rejections are advantageous to the Commission. Proposals are legal and binding upon the Respondent when submitted. It will also be the responsibility of each Bidder to obtain any addenda issued for the project. The written documents supersede any verbal or written prior communications between the parties.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Fort Valley Utility Commission  
500 Anthoine Street  
Fort Valley, GA 31030

Dodge Plan Room / Clayton Digital Reprographics  
1000 Eisenhower Drive, Suite 1  
Savannah, GA 31406  
[www.construction.com/projectcenter](http://www.construction.com/projectcenter)

Reed Construction Data  
30 Technology Parkway S., Suite 100  
Norcross, GA 30092

7. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM virtually via MS TEAMS and** at the Fort Valley Utility Commission, in the Meeting Room, 500 Anthoine Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030. Following the Pre-Bid Conference will be a visit to the Project site. The Pre-Bid Conference is **not mandatory** for the potential Bidders. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend. Last day for Questions to submit in writing shall be **Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 10:00 AM**.

8. This project is federally and state funded through the Water and Sewer Infrastructure, State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) program under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The Project is eligible through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and will be required to comply with the Clean Water Act and applicable state and local laws.

9. Procedures for the selection of the Bidder will be in accordance with the RFP package and local procurement requirements as well as the requirements of the Procurement Standards in the Title 2 C.F.R. 200.317 through 200.327, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and applicable subparts and within the grant managements system administered by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget (OPB), Georgia Grants.

10. The Project is eligible through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and will be required to comply with the Clean Water Act and applicable state and local laws.

11. Bidder must comply with the President's Executive Order Nos. 11246 and 11375, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidder must also comply with Executive Order No. 13988 that states all person should receive equal treatment under the law regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation.

12. Bidder must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act, and the Contract Work Hours Standard Act.

13. Bidder must comply with procurement of recovered materials pursuant to 2 C.F.R. §200.323, which requires contractors to comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

14. The successful low, responsive, responsible bidder must provide to the Owner written oath in accordance with O.C.G.A. §36-91-21(e), certifying that the Contractor has not acted alone or otherwise to prevent or attempt to prevent competition in bidding or proposal for said project by any means whatsoever. Furthermore, the oath shall certify that the Contractor during this process of procuring said work has not prevented or endeavored to prevent anyone from making a bid or proposal by any means whatsoever, nor caused or induced another to withdraw a bid or proposal for the work.

15. Buy America Clause: Bidders hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American made equipment and products with funding provided under this contract.

16. The American Iron and Steel (AIS) provision apply to the proposed Project. The successful Bidder shall use iron and steel products that are produced in the United States.

17. The Contractor, or any subcontractor, submitting a bid for utility contracting, as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 43-14-2 to a utility system as defined in said section, shall conform to O.C.G.A. Section 43-14-8.2 et seq. with reference to Utility Contractor's Licenses and shall submit the bid with the license numbers, as issued by the Division of Utility Contractors, affixed on the outside of the bid envelope as provided by O.C.G.A. Section 43-14-8.2(h). Utility contracting means a proposal to perform utility work, the depth which exceeds five (5) feet, to a utility system as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 43-14-2(17).

**A Utility Contractor (UC) License will be required for this project.**  
FORT VALLEY UTILITY COMMISSION, GEORGIA  
END OF INVITATION TO BID

## State House Sends Two Speed Camera Bills To Senate

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service  
ATLANTA - The Georgia House of Representatives passed two bills Tuesday aimed at reining in abuses in the use of speed-detection cameras in school zones.

One of the bills would ban the cameras altogether, while a second would put restrictions on the use of the cameras without prohibiting them.

House Bill 225, the legislation repealing the cameras, passed the House 129-37, seven years after the General Assembly first authorized their use.

"Operation of these cameras has not improved public safety but become a highly profitable revenue stream for private corporations and local governments," said Rep. Dale Wash-

burn, R-Macon, the bill's chief sponsor.

Washburn also argued the use of speed-detection cameras in school zones is unfair because there's no way for motorists to contest a ticket.

The second measure, House Bill 651, takes a less dramatic approach. It would limit the hours speed cameras could be operated to two hours in the morning before school starts and two hours in the afternoon after school lets out.

The cameras would have to be accompanied by flashing signs that would warn motorists when they're driving too fast through a school zone.

Only half of the fines levied against violators could be retained by the local government, while the other half would have to go to local schools to be used for safety improvements.

"It ceases to be a revenue-driving device for local governments," said Rep. Alan Powell, R-Hartwell, the bill's chief sponsor.

Powell's bill also would give motorists accused of speeding through school zones based on evidence from a camera the right to contest the ticket through the local courts.

It's unusual for a legislative chamber to pass two bills on the same subject during the same session. Powell said that was done because the state Senate hasn't been willing to address speed-detection cameras in the past.

"This House of Representatives is very serious about dealing with this problem," he said. "We want to give them a second choice."

The House passed Powell's bill 164-8.

## Georgia Senate Moves To Expose Librarians To Prosecution If They Loan 'Harmful' Materials To Minors

By Ty Tagami  
Staff Writer

Capitol Beat News Service

The Georgia Senate adopted a measure Monday that would strip librarians of their decades-old shield from prosecution for violating a law against giving children pornography and other materials deemed obscene.

Librarians have been exempted from Georgia's "harmful to minors" law since the mid-1980s. Republican state senators have been trying to remove that exemption for several years.

The party-line 32-23 vote to pass Senate Bill 74 followed a partisan debate about free speech.

"It is a bill designed to protect children," said Sen. Max Burns, R-Sylvania, the chief sponsor of the measure. He said Georgia is one of four states that exempt librarians from obscene materials laws.

Burns said bookstores enjoy no such exemption and must filter questionable materials from children's sections. Trained librarians should be expected to do the same, he said.

SB 74 "requires all Georgians to follow Georgia law. I don't get an exemption. You don't get an exemption."

Democrats said the measure seeks to pressure librarians into more conservative judgments about whether content is ob-

scene.

"It would criminalize librarians simply for doing their jobs," said Sen. Elena Parent, D-Atlanta.

The bill is not about protecting children, she said. "It's much more about censorship and fear."

Parent noted a movement in recent years to remove classics such as "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "The Diary of a Young Girl" from library shelves.

Burns said the legislation doesn't seek to ban any particular book.

"We simply ask that you put it in the right place," he said.

SB 74 now goes to the Georgia House of Representatives.

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

CONTINUED FROM 5A

Rep. Stacey Evans, D-Atlanta, pressed Setzler for evidence that religious freedoms were being violated in Georgia and that such protections were needed. She asked him five times to cite specific cases.

Setzler could only produce examples from other states, though an advocate he brought to testify with him offered a couple of local instances.

One involved a Gwinnett County student who was prohibited from distributing religious literature on campus. Another involved a counselor at Augusta State University who asserted that her religious rights were compromised by having to counsel LGBTQ students.

The students complained, then the university put her on a

remediation plan and she sued in federal court. The court sided against her.

A lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union said religion had been used to justify atrocities in America's past, including the massacre of Native Americans and the enslavement of Black people.

Racial discrimination has been prohibited by federal law since the 1960s, but no such protections exist for those with sexual identities outside the mainstream, except on a local basis. Eighteen jurisdictions in Georgia have passed ordinances protecting the rights of LGBTQ people.

Opponents of SB 36 fear that a statewide religious freedom law would pre-empt those local

protections, despite Setzler's assurances that it would not.

One Republican, Rep. Deborah Silcox from Sandy Springs, pressed Setzler on that issue, and later sided with Democrats in a vote against passage.

Opponents briefly had the upper hand. With at least one Republican absent and the acting chairman abstaining, SB 36 failed to pass in that first House Judiciary Committee vote. But Republicans rallied and with the help of Rep. Matt Reeves, R-Duluth, the acting chairman, they approved a motion to reconsider SB 36 before adjourning the meeting.

That means the committee can revisit the measure at a future meeting.

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For information concerning billing, please contact The Leader Tribune at (478)-825-2432. Notices cancelled after 12:00 Noon on Friday will be billed for insertion in that edition.

Legal ads may be sent via Federal Express for Saturday delivery. Legal ads may be sent via email to [legals@theleadertribune.net](mailto:legals@theleadertribune.net), please use word document or typed text. Many legal notices are billed at the rate of \$15.00 per 100 words or a portion thereof for each insertion for the first four insertions. Some specific types of ads, such as divorce, articles of incorporation, articles of merger, petition to adopt, name changes and DUI notices have fees set based on the number

of times the notice is inserted. All rates are set by the Georgia General Assembly.

For billing purposes, every word shall be counted as one word including words such as; the, of, a, etc. Grouped numbers shall be counted as one word.

The deadline for foreclosure notices and tax sales for disposal is Thursday the week before the first publication.

Incorporation Notice - These are notices concerning a business which is to be incorporated with the office located in Peach County. Related incorporation notices can include an intent to dissolve a corporation, a name change of the corporation and mergers of a corporation. These notices typically run two weeks at a cost of \$40.00.

Driving Under the Influence - State law requires publication of a picture and a brief notice of anyone convicted in Peach County of a third Driving Under the Influence charge. The fines and related matters of settlement are included. The fee for these

ads is \$25 each. These ads run one time and typically come from the Peach County State Court or the Municipal Court of incorporated cities.

Juvenile Matters - This broad category can include notices such as adoption, custody, juvenile court actions and contemporary custody. These matters frequently run from two to four times, depending on the order. Some of these issues come from the Peach County Juvenile Court, others from the Peach County Probate Court.

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

Notice of Sale or Foreclosure Notice - These notices typically run the four Wednesdays prior to the first Tuesday of the month when the sales are held at the Peach County Courthouse in Fort Valley. The fee for these notices is \$15 per 100 words per insertion.

Publisher's Affidavit fee is \$10.

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#### NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **Moms Advocacy for Motherhood Access Corp.**, has been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 240 Industrial Blvd., Fort Valley, Georgia 31030, and its initial registered agent at such address is Angelyca M Russell. 3/26, 4/2, 2025 3364 (581013724) Mama Corp

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

##### GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY

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

This 18th day of March, 2025.

ERIC E. PERNELL  
ADMINISTRATOR OF TED H. PERNELL ESTATE  
101 Springs Lakes Drive  
Apartment 108  
Savannah, Georgia 31407  
3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 2025  
3357

#### CITY OF FORT VALLEY AND PEACH COUNTY NOTICE OF 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 19th day of March, 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:

##### VALLY FOOD MART INC.

Located at: 601 Knoxville, Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
Applicant: Vally Food Mart Inc.  
Address: 601 Knoxville St., Fort Valley, GA 31030  
3/26, 4/2, 2025  
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#### 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, CLERIC'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)

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF: JUVENILE FILE #7221-J S. B., SEX F, AGE 4, DOB 02/2020, CASE #111-2025J-013 CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, MARTEL BUCHANNON, ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO MARY-ANN WOODALL**

You are notified that a Petition for Dependency With Guardianship Placed with Maternal Step-Grandparents was filed against you in said court on 2/28/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 2/25/23.

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Peach County Juvenile Court, held at Peach County Courthouse, Ft. Valley, Georgia on March 11, 2025 at 9:30 o'clock a.m. for a hearing, and on May 13, 2025 at 9:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. 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 28th day of February, 2025.  
Whitney Nelson, CLERK, PEACH COUNTY PEACH COURT  
3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 2025  
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#### ZONING LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing, with public comment heard, will be held by the Peach County Planning Commission on a zoning map amendment request for +/- 85.5 acres **known as tax parcel number 016 005 located in the 700 block of Barrow Rd Road Fort Valley, GA.** The request is to rezone the parcel from RR-1 (Residential district) to R-AG (Agricultural residential district).

The hearing will be in the Public Meeting Room of the Board of Commissioner's Office located at

213 Persons Street in Fort Valley on April 17th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Recommendation from the Planning Commission will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on May 13th, 2025 at 6:30 pm during the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

The re-zoning application for this parcel is on file and available for review. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

3/26, 4/2, 2025  
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#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM [REF. O.C.G.A., Section 48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

**TO: DELORES C. MATHIS UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF CHARLIE LYNN MATHIS JR. CHRISTOPHER LYNN MATHIS T'YANCA LYNNETTE MATHIS UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF TONDRA LYNN MATHIS MIRACLE PRECIOUS MATHIS BRIA D'LYNN MATHIS BRANDYN KEITH MATHIS TAIWAN ADRIA GREENE DEANNA SHALYNNCIA MATHIS DEANDRE BURLYNN MATHIS CONSUELA FRANKLIN MATHIS Occupant of 65 MATHEWS STREET, Peach County, Georgia.**

**RE: FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45, 46) Take notice that:**

The right to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of five o'clock (5 p.m.) on April 28, 2025 or 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE AND LYING IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF PEACH, AND IN THE WILLOW LAKE SUBDIVISION, BEING KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS LOT NUMBER 9, BLOCK B, OF WILLOW LAKE SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY A PLAT OF THE SAME RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 134, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT, GEORGIA.

ACCORDING TO SAID PLAT, SAID PROPERTY IS DESCRIBED BY METES AND COURSES AS FOLLOWS: STARTING AT A POINT LYING ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MATHEWS DRIVE, WHICH POINT IS NORTH 67 DEGREES 13 MINUTES WEST, AS MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MATHEWS DRIVE, 307.26 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE EXTENDED SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MATHEWS DRIVE AND THE EXTENDED WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WILLOW LAKE ROAD; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 13 MINUTES WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MATHEWS DRIVE, 96.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 22 DEGREES 27 MINUTES WEST, 170 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 13 MINUTES EAST, 96.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 22 DEGREES 47 MINUTES EAST, 170 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING.

LOCATED ON SAID PROPERTY IS ONE EXISTING DWELLING.

SAID PROPERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ARE MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED IN A PLAT ENTITLED, "PROPERTY OF CHARLIE LYNN MATHIS, LOCATED IN WILLOW LAKE SUBDIVISION, LAND LOT 233, NINTH DISTRICT, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS MADE BY THOMAS W. FUTRAL, III, REGISTERED SURVEYOR NUMBER 1202, ON MAY 19, 1971, WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 44, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT, GEORGIA AND SAID PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF SAID HEREIN CONVEYED PROPERTY.

SUBJECT TO THE BUILDING LINE RESTRICTIONS SHOWN ON THE ABOVE SUBDIVISION PLAT; SUBJECT TO THE DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS SHOWN ON THE ABOVE SUBDIVISION PLAT; SUBJECT TO THE PROTECTIVE COVENANTS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK I-2, PAGES 231-232, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT, GEORGIA;

AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EXISTING AND RECORDED EASEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAYS AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS.

That property known as **65 MATHEWS STREET** according to the present system of numbering homes and having tax parcel identification number **012D095**.

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 861.

The property may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

Verdin Properties, LLC  
c/o Carolina Dallal Bryant Esq.  
Ayoub, Mansour & Bryant, LLC  
675 Seminole Avenue, Suite 301  
Atlanta, Georgia 30307  
404.892.2599  
Please be governed accordingly.  
3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 2025  
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#### NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice **Byron Self Storage located at 107 W White Rd/107 W.E. Green Jr Pkwy/500 GA-49, Byron, GA 31008** intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The public sale to the highest bidder will occur as an online auction via **www.storage-treasures.com** on **4/15/25 at 12:00 PM**. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials.

Robert Waller unit #009; Robin Alexander unit #014; Lawrence Allison unit #044; Chandler Partin unit #C538; Steven Davis unit #E058; Chase McReynolds unit #E129; Tiffany Brown unit #E229; Tiffany Brown unit #E427.

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.  
3/26, 4/2, 2025  
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#### 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 JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

**IN THE INTEREST OF: JUVENILE FILE #7394-J BABY BOY K, SEX M, AGE 0, DOB 3/06/2025, CASE #111-2025J-032 CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, WILLIAM CHRIS KITCHENS (putative father); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO AMANDA DRAKE**

You are notified that a Petition for Finding of Dependency As to the Mother was filed against you in said court on 3/18/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 3/18/25.

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Peach County Juvenile Court, held at Peach County Courthouse, Ft. Valley, Georgia on 3/20/25 at 10:30 o'clock a.m. for a hearing, and on 4/17/25 at 10:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. 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 18TH day of March, 2025.

Kelli Hawkins, DEPUTY CLERK, PEACH COUNTY COURT  
3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 2025  
3365

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

##### STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: The Name Change of Natalie Susan Hinson, Child SARAH ELIZABETH MOORE, Civil Action No. 25-V-0088 SARAH ELIZABETH MOORE, Petitioner.**

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD

Notice is hereby given that Sarah Elizabeth Moore by and through the undersigned, filed her Petition in the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, on or about March 7, 2025, praying for a change in the name of a minor child from Natalie Susan Hinson to Natalie Susan Moore.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of the Petition to Change Name of Minor Child.

This 7th day of March, 2025.

Jocelyn P. Daniell  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Georgia Bar No. 558790  
DANIELL LAW FIRM, LLC  
524 South Houston Lake Road  
Suite C100  
Warner Robins, GA 31088  
(478)953-6103  
3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 2025  
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#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

##### STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF WALLACE SMITH, DECEASED ESTATE NO: 2025-ADM-7077 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Phyllis Smith has petitioned for Phyllis Smith to be appointed administrator of the estate of Wallace Smith deceased of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before April 18, 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. 205 West Church St, Fort Valley, GA 31030  
478-825-2313  
Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court

By: Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court  
3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 2025  
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#### 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  
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#### 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

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t 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)

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF LORIAN 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 LORIAN 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.

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  
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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA PEACH COUNTY IN RE: CHARLES HERB

All creditors of the estate of Charles Herb, late of PEACH COUNTY, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 10th day of March 2025  
Donald C. Herb  
Executor for Charles Herb

103 Rambling Creek Cove  
Byron, GA 31008  
3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 2025  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTIE B. ROBINSON, DECEASED  
ESTATE NO. 2024-ADM-7014  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE  
TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:**

DEWANTA DAVIS has petitioned for DEWANTA DAVIS to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of BETTIE B. ROBINSON, 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 18, 2025.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing. Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court  
By: Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 Church Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030  
478-825-2313  
3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 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  
By: Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 Church Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030  
478-825-2313  
3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 2025  
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### 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, 3/25, 2025  
3318 (25-269487)

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

**The Last Will and Testament of BETTY A. EVANS** having been Probated in Solemn Form and Letters Testamentary, having been issued to C. RANDALL EVANS this is to cite all creditors of said estate to make their demands known to us and all debtors of said estate to make immediate payment to us.

THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH 2025.  
C. RANDALL EVANS, Executor  
ROBERT AROMATORIO  
Collins & Aromato10, P.C.  
GA Bar No. 023708  
P.O. Box 250  
Byron, Georgia 31008  
478-956-3071  
3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 2025  
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### AUCTION PUBLIC SALE

**NOTICE OF SALE.** Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien on said property pursuant to the Georgia Code Sections 10-4-210 to 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 10:00am online at www.storage-treasures.com**, property found in the following units:  
Unit B02 Kelvee J. Evans  
Household Items

Unit C35 Cherri White  
Household Items  
Unit C09 Debora Jones-Canion  
Household Items  
Unit C14 Lakeitha N. Brown  
Household Items  
Unit B28 Preston L. Battle  
Household Items  
Unit D27 George Hollis  
Household Items  
Unit D21 Tasha R. Dodson  
Household Items

Tenants have the right to redeem prior to sale.

**PEACH MINI STORAGE**  
3/26, 4/2, 2024  
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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**IN RE: Estate of James Glenn Hardison, Sr., Deceased**

All creditors of the Estate of James Glenn Hardison Sr., 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 12th day of March, 2025.

**James G. Hardison, Jr. Administrator**  
3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 2025  
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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

**Civil Action Case Number 25-V-0006**

**IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF AVLYNN MARIE FLYE, PETITIONER.**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF AVLYNN**

Avlynn Marie Flye filed a petition in the Peach County Superior Court on January 06, 2025, to change the name from Avlynn Marie Flye to Avlynn Marie Mercado. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the petition was filed. 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 2025  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

The Peach County, Georgia, in accordance with National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.7(b) (1), hereby gives notice of the Peach County, Georgia's intent to revise the flood hazard information, generally bounded by Watson Blvd to the north, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Pkwy to the west, and Crestview Church Road to the south.

The flood hazard revisions are being proposed as part of Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) Case No. 24-04-6776R for a proposed project along Sandy Run Creek, Sandy Run Creek Tributary 3, and Sandy Run Creek Tributary 5. WCH Homes, LLC is proposing to convert portions of an existing Zone A without base flood elevations to Zone AE with base flood elevations and to re-delineate the existing Zone AE through the project reach as part of a planned commercial development along GA 247 and a planned residential development along Crestview Church Road. Once the project has been completed, a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) request should be submitted that will, in part, revise the following flood hazards along Sandy Run Creek from approximately 4,550 feet downstream of Watson Boulevard to just downstream of Watson Boulevard, Sandy Run Creek Tributary 3, from the confluence with Sandy Run Creek to approximately 4,690 feet upstream of the confluence with Sandy Run Creek, and Sandy Run Creek Tributary 5, from the confluence with Sandy Run Creek to approximately 2,090 feet upstream of the confluence with Sandy Run Creek.

Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) will be established along Sandy Run Creek, Sandy Run Creek Tributary 3, and Sandy Run Creek Tributary 5. Also, BFEs will increase and decrease along Sandy Run Creek and Sandy Run Creek Tributary 3.

The Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) will be established along Sandy Run Creek, Sandy Run Creek Tributary 3, and Sandy Run Creek Tributary 5 (Zone A to Zone AE). Also, Zone AE will increase and decrease along Sandy Run Creek and Sandy Run Creek Tributary 3. Maps and detailed analysis of the revision can be reviewed at the Warner Robins City Hall at 610B Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, GA 31099. Interested persons may call Victor Savage, Assistant Engineering Director, at (478) 02-5500 for additional information from 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.  
3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 2025  
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### ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to OCGA 40-11-19 Evans Towing Services states that the following vehicles have been declared abandoned and will be sold at public sale on **4-16-2025 from 10AM to 2PM at Evans Towing Services, 750 Dunbar Rd., Byron, GA.,**

1995 Chevrolet Blazer  
1GNCS13W4S2263796

2007 Ford Taurus

1FAFP53U27A157170

2017 Ford Escape  
1FMCU0GD1HUA02494

3/26, 4/2, 2025  
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### 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  
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### 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](http://www.storage-treasures.com) and will end on **Wednesday April 16, 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.

**105A - Michael Nixon  
221C - Charlene Carter  
327D - Willie Talton  
459E - Travis Lauritzen**  
3/26, 4/2, 2025  
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### 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  
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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  
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### 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 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  
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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  
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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY**

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

This 12th day of March, 2025.

**DARRAL L. COREY  
ADMINISTRATOR OF GARY A. COREY ESTATE**

**104 Chisom Trail  
Bonaire, Georgia 31005**  
3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 2025  
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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**ESTATE OF RONALD KEITH TOLBERT  
PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA**

All creditors of the Estate of **Ronald Keith Tolbert** are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned in accordance with law, and all persons indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 6th day of March, 2025.

By Executor: Jeanette B. Tolbert, 413 Lamplight Drive, Byron, GA 31008  
3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 2025  
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### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF PEACH**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS JAMES NESMITH, JR., DECEASED.**

All creditors of the Estate of Thomas James Nesmith, Jr. deceased, of Peach County are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 18th day of March, 2025.

**Jean NeSmith, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Thomas James NeSmith, Jr., Deceased**

**P.O. Box 89  
Perry, Georgia 31069**  
William R. Jerles, Jr.  
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**ESTATE NO. 2025-PRO-7055  
NOTICE**

**RE: PETITION OF SHAUN H. B. ANDREW TO PROBATE IN SOLEMN FORM THE WILL OF THOMAS JOHN LAMAR, DECEASED, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THIS COURT ON MARCH 20, 2025.**

**TO: Regina C. Middleton**

This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before April 18, 2025.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number 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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## State House panel OKs one solar bill, shelves a second

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief

### Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Legislation that would require installers of solar panels on property leased from a landowner to return the land to its natural state cleared a Georgia House committee Wednesday.

But a second bill pertaining to solar panels installed in communities governed by homeowners' associations ran into pushback from members of the House Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Committee.

Solar panels have been cropping up on farms across Georgia in recent years. House Bill 249 would require that solar panels be removed from properties upon the termination of the operator's lease and that any holes in the ground left by solar panels be filled with the same type of soil found elsewhere on the property.

The measure also requires the removal of any overhead powerlines or roads constructed in conjunction with solar panels.

"When these solar facilities get to the end of their life and become obsolete, there (needs to be) somebody standing there with some money to put them back in the original state," said Rep. Robert Dickey, R-Musella, chairman of the House Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee and the bill's chief sponsor.

While Dickey's bill won the committee's support, a second measure to prohibit homeowners' associations from preventing property owners from installing solar panels drew concerns from members of the panel.

Rep. Chuck Martin, R-Alpharetta, said the General Assembly shouldn't interfere in private agreements between homeowners' associations and property owners living in those communities.

"If you don't like the agreement, don't buy a home in a neighborhood that says you can't have solar," he said.

Rep. Trey Kelley, R-Cedartown, said he's concerned that a property owner denied permission to install a solar panel could sue his or her homeowners' association, resulting in litigation costs that could be spread to everyone in the neighborhood.

But Rep. Eric Bell, D-Jonesboro, chief sponsor of House Bill 389, said Georgians who invest their life savings in buying a home should have the right to install solar panels if they choose to do so.

Chairman Don Parsons, R-Marietta, announced he would set the bill aside until next year to allow further work on it. Meanwhile, Dickey's bill heads next to the House Rules Committee to schedule a floor vote.

## Georgia Senate votes to increase prison time for possessing or trafficking fentanyl

By Ty Tagami  
Staff Writer

### Capitol Beat News Service

People caught with a quarter gram of fentanyl would face one to five years in prison if a measure that passed the Georgia Senate Wednesday goes on to become law.

It's a tiny amount, but it's enough to kill 120 people, said Sen. Russ Goodman, R-Cogdell, in explaining why he sponsored Senate Bill 79.

The measure, which gained approval in an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote, would lower the threshold prison time based on the amount of the drug possessed.

Under the bill, possession of a quarter gram to four grams could draw a decade in prison. Also, the mandatory minimum prison sentence for trafficking would be much higher than for the same amount of a traditional drug, such as cocaine or heroin.

"If other illegal drugs are a

BB gun, fentanyl is a nuclear bomb," Goodman said. "I say that to say, if you look at the numbers, the people that were killed combined at the bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima roughly equals the amount of Americans that die every year from fentanyl."

A couple hundred thousand were killed by those atomic bombs, while the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency estimates about 107,000 overdose deaths from all drugs in 2023. Still, fentanyl poses an unprecedented threat because trace amounts can be fatal.

Gus and Beth Walters from Valdosta lost their son, Austin, four years ago at the age of 30 when he took a Xanax laced with fentanyl. In their grief, they emailed Goodman hoping to make something meaningful from his death.

Last year, the General Assembly passed Austin's Law, which makes it a felony to manufacture or sell any substance containing

fentanyl that causes a death.

"It's really healed a wound for us that is deep," Gus Walters said Wednesday after SB 79 passed 50-3. The bill now goes to the state House of Representatives, which last year amended the Senate's version of Austin's Law to exempt manslaughter that resulted from mere possession, noted Sen. Josh McLaurin, D-Sandy Springs.

McLaurin and two other Democrats were among the three senators who voted against SB 79. He explained ahead of his vote that he was concerned that the legislation would send people to prison for mere possession and not just for trafficking.

"When you criminalize possession, you are criminalizing addiction ... which is a mental health problem, it is a disease," he said, adding that prison isn't a great place to overcome addiction.

He likened the measure to the War on Drugs in the late 20th century, which was criticized for overwhelming Amer-

ica's prisons.

Goodman noted that SB 79 only would require mandatory minimum sentencing for possession of four or more grams, which he said is in the realm of trafficking. Judges could order suspended sentences or probation for convictions involving lower amounts, he said.

Gus Walters said after the vote that he'd rather his son had been convicted and jailed than lying in a grave. Beth Walters said the couple believe in addiction recovery.

"We are not saying that you should not have recovery programs. What we're trying to do is to save lives so they can get to recovery," she said. "We keep going down the road we're going down right now. We're not going to have anybody left to send to recovery."

McLaurin said he hopes the House does to SB 79 what it did to Austin's Law last year, downplaying the legal consequences for possession.

## Georgia House panel mulls PFAS bill

By Dave Williams  
Bureau Chief

### Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Representatives of Georgia manufacturers asked state lawmakers Tuesday to pass legislation shielding them from lawsuits brought by victims of contamination from "forever chemicals" - known as PFAS - in their water.

But lawyers representing those victims told members of the House Judiciary Committee companies including carpet and textile manufacturers knew the wastewater they were dumping was polluted and should be held responsible.

House Bill 211 would shield from legal liability companies

that have used PFAS chemicals, typically to make fabric stain resistant and fire retardant, while holding companies that produce the chemicals - including DuPont and 3M - responsible for polluting rivers and streams with cancer-causing pollutants.

Only companies guilty of "willful misconduct" in using PFAS chemicals would not be shielded from lawsuits.

"(PFAS manufacturers) sold them to us as safe," said Rep. Kasey Carpenter, R-Dalton, the bill's chief sponsor. "(This) focuses the attention of litigation on the chemical companies that willfully neglected protecting consumers."

"Many of my members are being drawn into lawsuits over

something they had no control over," added Brittney Hull, vice president of government affairs for the Georgia Association of Manufacturers. "They used a product deemed legal and, as such, should not be held liable."

But the bill's opponents argued the companies that have used PFAS chemicals were aware they were unsafe and continued to use them anyway.

"This bill imposes a get-out-of-jail-free card for Mohawk, Shaw, and others," said Andy Davis, a lawyer representing the Northwest Georgia cities of Rome, Summerville, Chatsworth, and Calhoun, which are being forced to clean up PFAS pollution and charge their taxpayers for the cost. "People re-

sponsible for putting it in the waterways, once they know about it, they're responsible."

Amber Fletcher, who lives in Dalton downstream from Mohawk Industries Inc. storage ponds with her husband and six children, said the creek by her house has been found to contain dangerous levels of PFAS chemicals.

"Our children play in that creek," she said. "They need to be held accountable for what they did."

The committee ran short of time Tuesday morning and did not vote on the bill. The Crossover Day deadline for bills to pass either the state House or Senate to remain alive for the year, falls on Thursday.

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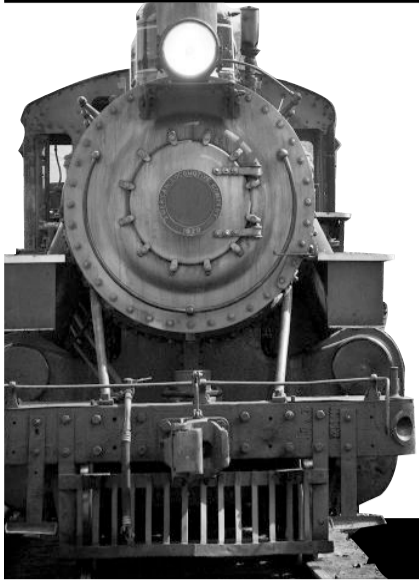
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By Flint Energies

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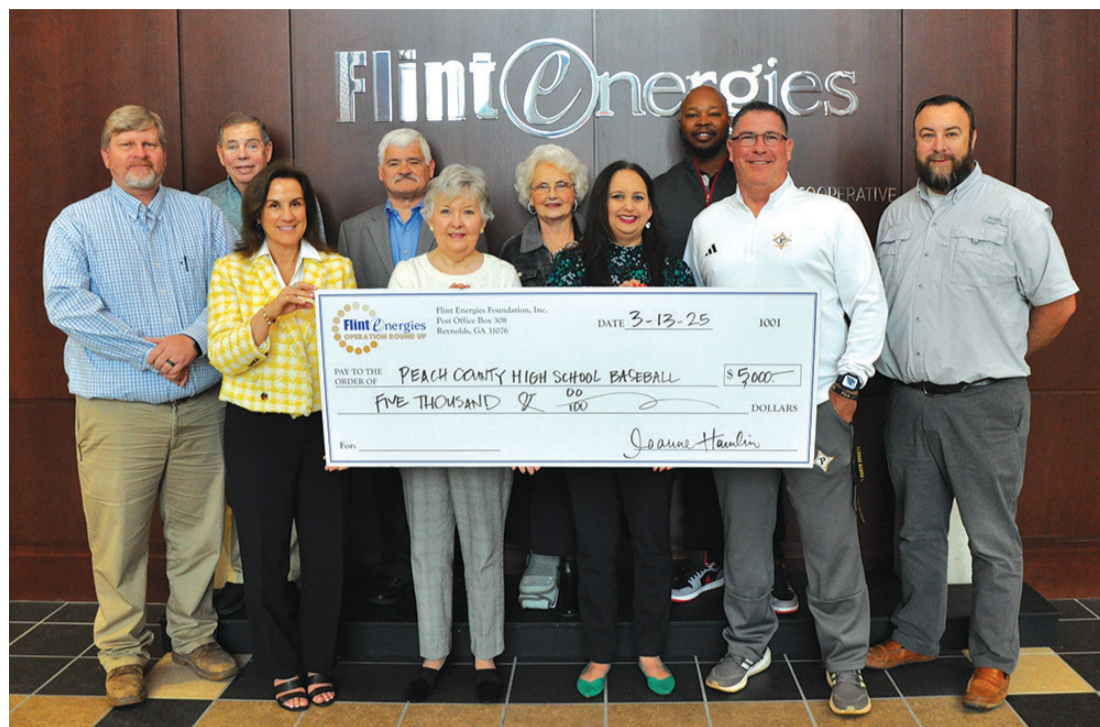
Peach County High School Baseball representative, Joey Hiller stated, "The baseball team will be traveling to Emerson, Georgia, to compete at the Georgia Dugout Club Tournament. This will allow the students to play more competitively and this grant will help make that possible."

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## The Rolling Trojans are continuing their winning streak!

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Last weekend, they began their journey to defend their Wheelchair Football State Title. The Trojans defeated the Clarke County Classic City Dawgs 17-3 and the GA Storm 22-12.

Jace Harter, Caleb Watters, and Jeremiah Rhodes continue to lead their team offensively. Nick Long did a phenomenal job at center, while Sannitra Colbert and Lillian Harter excelled on both the offensive and defensive lines.

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ness, Roberts Towing continues to make a positive impact on our school and community.

Pictured are LSGT Chairman Dustin Chancellor, David Roberts, and PCHS Automotive Instructor Gary Moye.

## SGTC Hosts Financial Literacy Workshop for College Students



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Wallace Keese of Fort Valley State University was the keynote speaker during the recent Financial Literacy workshop at SGTC's Crisp County Center.

By SGTC

South Georgia Technical College (SGTC) recently hosted a financial literacy workshop titled "Building Financial Literacy for the College Student" at the Crisp Center Campus, providing students with valuable insights on managing their finances and preparing for future success.

The event, organized by SGTC Career Services Director Cynthia Carter, featured guest speakers Wallace Keese, TRIO/Educational Talent Search Director at Fort Valley State University, and Carl M. Reid II, Workforce Development professional. The workshop focused on practical money manage-

ment skills, financial planning, and professional development to help students make informed decisions about their financial futures.

Students participated in interactive discussions on budgeting, credit management, and financial responsibility. Speakers emphasized the importance of tracking daily expenses, setting up emergency funds, and avoiding unnecessary debt—especially credit card debt, which can quickly spiral out of control due to high interest rates. Attendees were advised to pay off balances in full each month, make timely payments, and use credit wisely to build a strong financial foun-

ation.

Beyond financial planning, the workshop also covered professional development topics, including interview techniques, workplace etiquette, and the importance of soft skills in communication and career advancement. Students were encouraged to develop a professional profile, dress appropriately for job interviews, and exhibit confidence in their interactions. The session reinforced the 3Cs of success: character, courage, and commitment, stressing that proper preparation prevents poor performance.

SGTC Career Services provides a range of career readiness workshops, financial literacy sessions, and professional development opportunities to help students achieve their personal and career goals.

For more information on upcoming workshops and career resources, contact Cynthia Carter at [ccarter@southgatech.edu](mailto:ccarter@southgatech.edu).

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# 2025 Spring Home & Garden

## Spring Planting Pointers

Special to The Leader Tribune

Many people view spring as a season of rejuvenation. That renewal may be somewhat metaphorical for human beings, but it's literal for lawns and gardens that begin to grow anew as temperatures rise and hours of daylight increase in spring.

Each spring presents an opportunity for homeowners to get back outside and tend to their gardens. As the temperatures rise, homeowners can consider these spring planning pointers to ensure their landscapes look lush and full in the months ahead.

- Start with the soil. Soil can serve as the starting point each spring. Winter can take its toll on a garden and even overwhelm the area with debris over the colder months. Clear rocks and other debris from the area before loosening the soil. The Farmer's Almanac recommends loosening soil to a depth of at least eight inches if planting a new garden. An existing garden may only need to be loosened to a depth of around six inches, after which homeowners can mix compost

into the soil in early spring. Compost is organic matter that provides nutrients and helps to build strong plant roots.

- Consider a raised garden in colder climates. The Farmer's Almanac notes raised gardens can help homeowners in colder climates dry out and warm up wet, cold soils more quickly. Homeowners in such regions also can cover their beds with black plastic or cardboard prior to planting. Doing so can protect the beds from late-season snow and spring rains and also helps to overcome erosion.

- Take soil temperatures. Unpredictable weather is among the noticeable effects of climate change in recent years. That lack of predictability can make spring planting a little more tricky than it once was. Experts note that soil temperatures around 50 F are best for cool-season crops, while soil should be 60 F or warmer when planting warm-weather plants such as tomatoes.

- Work with a garden center to identify what to plant. The right plants for one region may not be

ideal for another, so homeowners are urged to work with a local landscaper or garden center before planting. Such a consultation can be especially useful for homeowners planting a new garden. Landscapers and garden center professionals will know which plants work in the local climate.

- Consider planting vegetables in the spring. Various garden experts note that spring is an ideal time to plant a vegetable garden. If planted at the right time, a vegetable garden can save homeowners money on their grocery bills and provide a season's worth of fresh veggies. Lettuce and spinach are sun- and shade-friendly vegetables, which can make them good options for a spring garden. Cool-season root vegetables, which include beets, carrots and swiss chard, are some other notable veggies that can thrive in early spring.

Spring is a season of rejuvenation for gardens. That's even more true when homeowners consider some conventional planting wisdom in early spring.

## Small Renovations That Make A Big Impact

Special to The Leader Tribune

Homeowners may think they have to tear down walls or build room extensions to transform their homes with renovation projects. But small projects can yield impressive results, and that's something homeowners working with limited budgets can keep in mind.

There's no shortage of small projects that can change the look and feel of a home. Many of these undertakings can be achieved with a modest investment.

- Front door replacement: A new front door instantly improves curb appeal and can make a home more secure and energy-efficient. Painting the existing front door is an even smaller project that still offers appeal.

- Lighting addition: Whether a homeowner enlarges a window or adds skylights, natural light can produce incredible results. Investing in new lighting can feel like expanding a space without pushing out walls.

- Kitchen and bath fixture upgrades: Faucets and door pulls are used every day. Swapping existing fixtures for something a little more modern can unify spaces and provide subtle changes that enhance these popular spaces.

- Wood floor restoration:



Scuffing and scratches can adversely affect the pristine look of a natural wood floor. Homeowners can polish a floor to restore its shine. A professional service will sand down and refinish older floors at a fraction of the cost of a new floor installation.

- Exterior lighting: Lighting isn't just important inside. A welcoming glow in the yard is awe-inspiring. There are many energy-efficient lighting options, including ones that do not need to be hard-wired to the circuitry inside the home.

- Interior paint: Change the color of walls, doors, cabinets, or even furniture with paint. All homeowners need is a paint color that inspires them and a little bit of time.

- Replace outlet covers: Upgrade outlet covers with screwless options. Screwless plates for outlets and light switches can make walls look more sleek.

- Entry organizer installation: Banish clutter from the home by catching it at the door. An entry organizer with spaces for shoes, coats, backpacks, and shopping bags can be eye-catching and functional.

- Carpets cleaning: Soiled carpets can look drab and dingy. Homeowners can rent carpet-cleaning machines or hire services to revitalize carpets with a deep cleaning.

Small changes around a home can create a big impact without breaking the bank.

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