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Update on the 341/96 Railroad Intersection Project

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – Questions regarding the delayed completion of the U.S. Route 341 and State Route 96 Intersection Project have been a constant in Fort Valley. Peach County Commissioner Wade Yoder provided an update on the project.

Commissioner Yoder explained that he reached out to Cathy Williams, an area board member with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), to get an update on the U.S. 341/SR 96 Railroad Intersection Project. Williams provided an update that there had been a delay because of a dispute between the Railroad and Fort Valley Utility Commis-

sion, which had been straightened out in December.

Williams stated that the contractors would be mobilizing in the next couple weeks. Commissioner Yoder spoke with the project manager from GDOT, who updated the timeline for the project's completion. The original finish date was planned to be May 31, however, because of the delay, it was pushed out until July. Commissioner Yoder stated that the project manager seemed to think the finish date could be extended into August.

There will be a closure of the intersection in the following

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Bottle-necked traffic from Rail Road crossing.

Photo Fort Valley Railroads.tv /Facebook

City of Byron's Train Depot Remodel is Complete



Photos by Zoe Hammond

Pictures from the newly renovated Byron Train Depot.

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

BYRON, Ga. – After a brief remodel, the City of Byron's Historic Train Depot Museum is now open to the public! It's an opportunity to discover the rich history of Byron, with numerous artifacts and photographs of the depot and the city's history.

The scope of work done includes a fresh coat of paint, refinished floors, new and reworked displays, historic photos on the wall, and refurbished doors. The photos show the rich history of Byron ranging from the depot itself and its Station Master Robert Murdock, as well as local buildings and their interiors, peach



farms, students and sports teams from the Byron schools, and members of the Byron community including members from the Peavy and Moseley families. There is also a photo of Dr. C.H. Richardson, Byron's first mayor.

Selina Hall, Tourism Specialist of the Byron Convention & Visitors Bureau, is ecstatic that the remodel is completed. She is happy that the depot has been made into a place where people can visit and learn about the rich history of Byron

and the railroad.

The Train Depot is open Monday to Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is located at 101 East Heritage Blvd.

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Community Ministry



By Church in the Orchard/Facebook

What a great day of Ministry in our community, we were able to give out almost 400 hamburgers and hotdogs. We got to meet and pray with so many awesome people, thank you CITO for the way you showed up and loved on everyone. We can't wait to do this again

City of Fort Valley Looks to Combat Bullying

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – The City of Fort Valley is looking to combat bullying and encourage respect and positivity in youth. The city held an Anti-Bullying Rally on Thursday, April 3, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Festival Park.

The Fort Valley Anti-Bullying Rally was a collaborative effort between the city, the Fort Valley Police Department, Fort Valley State University, and the Reclaiming Ground Inc. (RGI) "Combat the Bullying" Tour.

Local groups including iHope, Head Start, the Fort Valley Police and Fire Departments, District Attorney Anita R. Howard's team, and Fort Valley State University were present with informative pamphlets and similar resources to help inform the public about

bullying and the effect it has on children.

Willie B. "Freight Train" Raines, the president of Reclaiming Ground Inc. (RGI), was present to discuss bullying and the conversations that need to be had between families.

Raines highlighted the severe effects bullying can have on children, such as anger issues and depression. He also encouraged

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Chair of Honor Unveiled Honoring Loal Service Men at the new Perry CBOC VA Medical Center



Facebook/U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, VA

Earlier this month the Perry CBOC had its ribbon cutting ceremony, where they unveiled a Chair of Honor.

The president of Rolling Thunder Georgia Three presented the unveiling of the new Chair of Honor at the Perry VA location.

"We are grateful to be a part of this dedication. Rolling Thunder is a national non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting and educating the public on the POW MIA issues and to help correct the past and promote the future veterans from being left behind should they become prisoners of war."

"Missing in Action Rolling Thunder is also committed to helping all American veterans.

Currently, there are 80 chapters across the country and we are the only chapter here in the state of Georgia. There are over 80,000 who remain missing in action from all past conflicts, WWII, Korean War and Vietnam especially from Georgia there are 1,255 soldiers missing in action and to bring it closer to home we have two missing in action service members from Fort Valley Valley US Air Force Colonel Morris McDaniel Junior and US Army Sergeant Paul Fitzgerald Junior."

She continued, "Today, we are dedicating a chair of honor to those service members. The chair is meant to represent those service members who are unable to fill them because of their sacrifice and a special place un-

til the return home to rest. The chair of honor reminds us of the men and women who serve our county every day. At this time, I would like to call AJ Marchman who is the commander for the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and my Vice President Rolling Thunder Andy to unveil the chair of honor."

The chair of honor was uncovered followed by a moment of silence and prayer.

"Some may say it's just a chair or it's just a flag but you see, it's much more than that. The POW MIA logo, that flag, that chair of honor is a symbol of hope, strength and most importantly, shows that they are never forgotten. Our logo is, the don't know them all, we owe them all until they all com home."

Lawmakers Decide To Ban Cellphones In Public Elementary And Middle Schools

**By Ty Tagami
Staff Writer**

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA – Children and adolescents won't be able to use personal cellphones in public schools starting next fall after the General Assembly overwhelmingly supported banning the devices in elementary and middle schools.

House Bill 340 passed the Georgia Senate Tuesday 54-2 after the state House of Representatives passed it with strong bipartisan support in early March.

Gov. Brian Kemp will soon decide whether to sign the measure. So kids and parents will need to mentally prepare for the technology that tethers them to each other be severed during the school day.

The "Distraction-Free Education Act" requires schools to develop policies that allow parents to reach their kids, for instance, by calling the principal's office, and it provides exemptions for students with disabilities or medical conditions that require them to use a cellphone for learning or for health reasons, such as checking their glucose level.

But starting in July 2026 all other kids would have to hand over or lock up their device from the first bell of the school day until the final ring. The ban applies even during emergencies, when experts testified that cellphones pose a dangerous distraction, even if parents wish they could still contact their children during, say, a mass shooting.

The crackdown comes amid growing global concerns about the effect of technology and social media on children.

Documentaries such as "The Social Dilemma" have explored how social media companies target children and their attention. Books such as "Stolen Focus" by British journalist Johann Hari have described the impact of the resulting distraction on their ability to function. The new Netflix drama "Adolescence," about a boy accused of killing a girl, prompted British Prime Minister Keri Starmer to say he was concerned about social media spreading misogyny to young males.

Last year, Australia banned social media for those under 16. Last fall, France initiated a trial ban on cellphones in schools for students ages 11-15, with a potential expansion nationwide. Denmark is talking about banning them in schools, too.

Absent action from Congress, states in America have been tackling the issue on their own, with at least a half dozen already enacting bans like the one Georgia's legislature has passed.

They're reporting fewer disruptions and more interaction among students.

"The evidence is clear" that cellphones are a "major" distraction in classrooms, Sen. Jason Anavitarte, R-Dallas, the chair of the Senate Republican Caucus, said on the Senate floor Tuesday.

"This bill isn't just about academics," he said. "It's about student well-being."

Sen. Randy Robertson, R-Cataula, the majority whip, called cellphones a "serious cancer" in classrooms.

Some Democrats said Republicans are using the phone issue to distract from the concerns about school shootings. But they unanimously supported HB 340 in the Senate, with the only "no" votes coming from two Republicans.

Sen. Sally Harrell, D-Atlanta, said she and her husband struggled to place rules around phone use in their own home when their kids got them a decade ago. But schools had them doing homework on their phones, which made it difficult to enforce limits. She said she was suspicious when she read that Silicon Valley executives wouldn't let their own kids use such devices.

"So they knew that what they were putting into kids' hands was not good for them," she said.

Many suggested during weeks of hearings on the bill that the cellphone ban should also include high school students.

Rep. Scott Hilton, R-Peachtree Corners, the chief sponsor of HB 340, said after Tuesday's vote that the ban could be extended to those schools in coming years.

"Absolutely, based on the feedback that I have gotten, we do have a problem in (grades) 9 through 12, and it's the nuance of how do we address that," he said. "But I do imagine that in a future session we're going to be back to think deeply about what we do in high school."

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parents to take the time to talk with their children and take an active role in parenting.

Raines also urged parents who are gun owners to be responsible and keep firearms safely stowed away, out of reach of children. He discussed the recent school shootings, such as the one that occurred at Apalachee High School last September in Barrow County, Georgia.

Raines informed the audience that parents can now be held responsible for these kinds of incidents as well. He used the Apalachee High School Shooter Colt Gray, 14 years old, and his

father as examples. Colt's father, Colin Gray, 54 years old, was charged with multiple counts of second-degree murder, involuntary manslaughter, and cruelty to children. Each count against Gray accuses the father of providing a firearm to Colt with the knowledge he was a threat to himself and others.

Raines also spoke about his organization, Reclaiming Ground Inc., and their goals. They aim to foster respect for individual differences and beliefs, reduce bullying behaviors on campus and school buses, prevent the emergence of new issues relat-

ed to bullying and peer conflict, and strengthen positive peer interactions within the school community.

According to Raines' website, reclaiminggroundinc.com, their purpose is to "Partner with schools to create a learning environment that is safe, inclusive, and conducive to student success. Through Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) action plans, we identify specific needs and implement comprehensive, school-wide strategies to protect students and prevent bullying.



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Byron Arrests/Citations

Dumas, Aaron Blake, 36, Macon, GA: Simple Assault

King, Kelvin Denard, 23, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation

Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Brown, Tyrus, 44, Fort Valley, GA: Battery - Family Violence (1st Offense) Misd

Redding, Doretha Termaine, 42, Fort Valley, GA: Battery - Family Violence (1st Offense) Misd

Tobler, Lakyria Brashawanna, 25, Fort Valley, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Peach County Sheriff's Office

Arrests/Citations

Causey, Amija Tytiyana, 25, Macon, GA: Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers, Terroristic Threats And Acts, Theft By Taking - Misdemeanor, Battery/Simple Battery - Family Violence

Greathouse, Thomas Shadrack, 45, Kathleen, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony, Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony, Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony, Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Hutcherson, Xzavior Devonte, 20, Griffin, GA: Manufacture/Deliver/Distribute/Administer/Sell/Possess W/Intent To Distribute Controlled Substance, Crossing State/County Guard Lines With Weapons,

Intoxicants, Drugs Without Consent

Mathis, Edward Moody, 47, Warner Robins, GA: Driving Under The Influence

Maynard, Zykeyis Asherick, 21, Warner Robins, GA: Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol, Failure To Dim Lights, Possession Of Open Alcohol Container

Seay, Jhacolbi Decallier, 38, Byron, GA: Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Failure To Dim Lights

Shannon, Rickey Montrell, 19, Douglasville, GA: Failure To Obey Signs Or Control Devices, Manufacture/Deliver/Distribute/Administer/Sell/Possess W/Intent To Distribute Controlled Substance

Salazar, Jose Reta, 45, Macon, GA: Window Tint Violation, Driving While License Suspended

Soto, Adrian, 27, Fort Valley, GA: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol

Walls, James Edward, 42, Byron, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Macon Probation Office Arrests

Coyne, Victor Augustine, 59, Macon, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Peach County Community CALENDAR

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Meeting Notice City of Fort Valley Mayor and Council Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025
Time: 9:00 AM
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Meeting ID: 858 1927 8262
Passcode: 535177

Work Session Meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM
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Meeting ID: 891 7166 8646
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Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 17, 2025
Time: 6:30 PM
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 871 3731 4433
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APRIL 12 First Responders Recognition Day

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

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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 the 2024 football season starts. The Trojan Nation Touchdown Club is selling reserved parking for the upcoming season at a cost of \$125.00. This includes the four regular season home games plus any playoff game that we host. This offer is good as long as spaces are available. You can contact Nate Danielly at 478-957-1141 for more information.

American Legion Meetings

Veterans, consider joining the American Legion Frederick Withoff 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. (FNS)

THURS., APRIL 10, @ 5:15PM

Peach Public Libraries Board Of Trustees

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Middle Georgia Art Association

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Peach County Historical Society meeting

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

Fort Valley Historic Preservation

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

Peach County Retired Educators Association

The Peach County Retired Educators Association will meet on the first Monday of each month at 2pm. The meeting will be held at Trinity Baptist Church 507 State University Drive. For further info. please contact Dr.

Quintin Green (478)951-1911.

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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.

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Byron Lions Club

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

Byron Rotary Club

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

Byron Main Street DDA/CVB

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

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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Remembering Storm Safety through Tornado Season



ZOE HAMMOND

News Editor

Whew, the past week has been quite the whirlwind. Literally. With two tornadoes last Monday (March 31) and then the storms this past weekend. The storms came with a barrage of harsh winds and rain, and it seems like more bad weather is on the horizon.

I've previously discussed storm safety tips, though that was primarily focused on summer storms, but I feel it would be good to do a refresher as tornado season is upon us. There are numerous hazards to watch out for when dealing with storms; flooding and high winds. You may be thinking, "Well, yeah, Zoe. That's obvious." It is, but that doesn't stop people from going out and driving in these conditions.

When dealing with water on the road, it's important to slow down to avoid hydroplaning, which is a dangerous driving condition when vehicles slide uncontrollably on the wet surface of a road. The water causes a car's tires to lose contact with the road surface and slide along the road, often resulting in a crashed vehicle.

One of the best methods to avoid hydroplaning is to keep a vehicle's speed appropriate to conditions on wet roads. Stay calm and step off the gas, try to steer in the direction you need to go. Try to avoid any abrupt or jerky movements with the steering wheel and don't slam on the brakes, as either of these actions can produce a skid.

When winds are reaching upwards of 40 to 50 mph, wind damage is a possibility. During higher-level threat storms, winds can exceed 100 mph. These winds are strong

enough to knock down trees and powerlines; another hazard to watch out for while out on the road.

Straight-line winds of that magnitude, exceeding around 80 mph, can also be a threat to mobile homes. A common piece of advice from weather professionals is to not be in mobile homes when high winds or tornadoes are a probability.

When there is a threat of tornadoes, it's necessary to be as prepared as you can. Here are some safety tips provided by The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Storm Prediction Center.

When in a house with a basement, avoid windows and get in the basement. Get under something sturdy such as a heavy table or workbench. If that is not an option, cover yourself with a mattress. Know where heavy objects (pianos, refrigerators, waterbeds, etc.) are on the floor(s) above you and avoid those locations.

If in a house with no basement, avoid windows and go to the lowest floor and find a small center room (like a bathroom or closet), under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows. Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down, and cover your head. If there is a metal bathtub, that may offer more protection but do not get in one that is plastic or fiberglass, as they are easily penetrated by projectiles.

In an office building, hospital, nursing home, or similar location, go to an enclosed, windowless area in the center of the building - away from any glass and on the lowest floor possible. Crouch down and cover your head. Interior stairwells are also a good location to shelter, provided they are not too crowded. Stay out of elevators, if the power goes out you might get stuck.

In a mobile or manufactured home, seek shelter elsewhere (if possible). Even if your home is tied down, it isn't as safe as an underground shelter or per-

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A Double Good...Building Muscle Builds Bone Density



WADE YODER
LT COLUMNIST

We build and strengthen muscle first by a "breaking down process" through the introduction of a new stressor that our body is not familiar with.

Our body's natural response to a new stressor is to compensate by strengthening that area—simply so it doesn't get as stressed the next time it has to repeat the same action. If we repeat the same activity, we simply maintain that level of fitness. But if we increase the intensity, it forces the muscles to adapt to a new level of strength.

Atrophy: When we decrease

these activities, our body senses less need for strength in that area and will atrophy (shrink) that strength. This is pretty much the same whether it's mental or physical exercise. As we age, we tend to become more inactive due to fewer responsibilities, so as a natural response, our body sheds unnecessary muscle mass and bone density.

The first biomarker that indicates the early signs of aging is a decrease in protein (muscle) in the body—and the two largest contributing factors to this are inactivity and diet.

It's pretty simple to take steps to avoid this if we keep up the level and variety of activities throughout life. A lot of times, after long periods of inactivity, we suddenly return to exercise—or a similar level of activity—and wind up getting injured, then blame it on aging.

It's not so much that we're older. It's the inactivity that has caused us to lose strength in our muscles, tendons, and ligaments—which at the same time leads to loss in bone density.

The scale can give us a false

sense of security if we become inactive and simply try to maintain the same weight. When we become inactive, we should actually drop in weight due to the loss of muscle tone and bone density, since these are large contributors to overall body mass.

As our body becomes fatter, and our muscles, tendons, ligaments, and bones lose their strength, our weight begins to hang more heavily on the skeletal structure—causing rapid aging to our joints and bones.

This can also give us a false sense of aging (due to achy muscles, bones, and joints). However, inactivity is the true culprit—not aging.

The way we build muscle (yes, this includes seniors!) is to break down muscle fibers first by simply demanding more from them than they are used to. Your body will naturally rebuild them stronger in preparation for that stress returning.

So, if you want to strengthen muscles all over your body, you need more than just walking or jogging. You need exercises

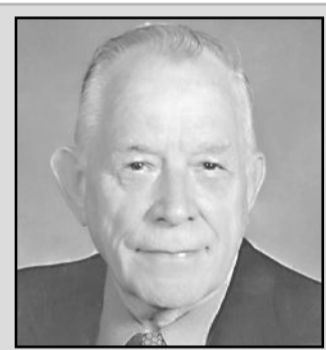
that involve the pushing and pulling muscles of the upper body—functional, everyday movements!

Example: Squatting and picking up an object (like a gallon jug), then lifting it above your head. Repeat this action for a few repetitions, and over time increase the resistance by adding speed or weight.

How building muscle builds bone density: The tugging action of active muscles pulling on the skeletal structure through a variety of movements signals the brain to increase bone mass in order to handle these new demands. So, when we do a variety of strength-building exercises, we're not just building muscle—we're also stimulating bone density throughout the body.

Since the first signs of aging begin with muscle loss, we can slow the aging process by stimulating muscle growth—no matter our age!

If we don't use muscle, we lose it, so let's use it, retain it, and gain it!



DANIEL GATLYN
MINISTER/COLUMNIST

Aside from the ever-present hope for peace in the world, the warriors' wish might well be to know what "goes down in the merry-go-round of military affairs". Staying abreast of specifics, and remaining "in the loop" is the constant task of those who

are uniquely connected with specifics of the armed services, and various advantages which apply to the veteran. To the patriots of foreign wars, there is no better venue than that of service organizations for a wealth of vital information.

That is a major reason for such personnel to stay plugged in as members of a group that cares for the welfare of the troops and those who have served in an honorable fashion. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is just one such organization and the object of our present commentary is to gather vital data on the "Whys and Wheres" of lights, fights, and rights of those

who have paid an extreme price for benefits.

The fact that the VFW is geared for meetings of "comradiree" is just one of the opportunities afforded those who wish to excel in the knowledge of successful inroads and dimensions. Your questions concerning financial data, home loans, travel, questions of health, disabilities, PTSD, (and much more) can bring answers to compatibility. Rubbing elbows with those of similar interests and concerns are well worth your time, and the minimal outlay of funds for activities. All that plus you will find that officers of the organizations

are more than willing to lend a word, or direction in your retirement or later years.

There are VFW posts in Macon, Perry, and Warner Robins, which welcome your presence and affiliation; the latter of which extends an open invitation to their activities. The Warner Robins Post Commander is Jason Broad, with an office telephone of (478) 922-2154 (or mobile (478) 447-0526). The address of the post is: 1011 Corder Rd, Warner Robins, GA 31088. I encourage your call for pertinent information.

The Warriors Wish

Mandates And Political Capital Are Fickle Things

Charlie Harper
Guest Columnist

It's important for all to understand - from "experts" to everyday folk alike - that the rules of Washington are different now. What we think we know about how things work is best thrown out the window. We should assume nothing and take nothing for granted.

For most of us, the election ended late in the hours of November 5th. Normal people just want to get on with their lives, and will check back in sometime before the mid-terms next year.

Many of us underestimate the number and influence of those in the professional class of politics, because the numbers extend well beyond those involved in the campaigns and government officials. As we've been learning with some of the findings of President Trump's Department of Government Efficiency efforts, our tax dollars have been spread around the country and globe to keep spheres of influence actively titled toward the needs of our federal bureaucracy.

It's clear the administration wants to change a lot of things at once. Many days it seems they want to change everything all at once.

Change is never easy. For change to be lasting and effective, you have to get buy in for

the process.

I've written recently about the election "mandate". There are issues which the vast majority of Americans agree on. Getting control of our border, having a criminal justice system that works, having a strong and effective national defense, and restoring trust while increasing the efficiency and responsiveness of government are among them.

On the economy, Americans are concerned about inflation. How to handle other economic matters has remained the subject of debate.

The President has decided to try to tackle all of these issues head on, all at once. I won't pretend to understand what his ultimate objectives are, but there definitely seems to be a "chaos theory" approach to achieving some of them.

The problem here, is that on some of the issues he's playing the long game. While his economic team has spent the last week contradicting each other on tariffs, the stated goals of worldwide reciprocal tariffs plus industry specific tariffs PLUS punitive tariffs on China is to return manufacturing jobs to America.

We're told that the tariffs will raise revenue to pay for tax cuts. We're also told that tariffs will be zero when countries capitulate to "fair" trade. The

problem with "fairness", whether being argued by the left or by the right, is that it is the most subjective property on planet earth. What is "fair" is almost always what benefits the person or entity making the argument.

We'll ultimately see how much of these tariffs are real, and how much is negotiating bluster. Years from now these actions will be studied by economists and historians. We're literally in the first days. There are many pages yet to be turned.

Structurally, the battle is uphill. The President is now simultaneously at war with his own bureaucracy, a large cross section of the federal judiciary, many of our largest employers, and most of our allies. He's on record of saying he has the cards, but he also seems to have shown them all at once.

Compounding the problem is that, again when taking his stated goal of bringing manufacturing back to the U.S., the process is long for each industry. Hyundai's new Georgia plant was built in almost record time, and took roughly 30 months to go from site announcement to full operations. The planning for the plant began within the company well before that timeline.

The pain of this transition is being felt immediately. The rewards, which remain highly nebulous and theoretical, are

years away.

President Trump may feel he can take on a battle with that level of risk and reward, as he can't run for re-election.

Congressional Republicans, however, don't have that luxury. They have roughly a year until primaries, and about eighteen months until general elections.

In the balance hangs "one big beautiful bill" to extend President Trump's 2017 tax cuts, make real cuts to federal spending, and increase the debt ceiling. Passage requires holding all but a half dozen Republicans together in both chambers.

Conventional wisdom says the unilateral actions on tariffs - and the worldwide market reactions - place the ability to get a transformational deal done in jeopardy. This President and his presidency remain as unconventional as we've seen in over a century.

And we, at least for now, largely remain spectators with everything on the line. We've not been asked to buy in, and the explanations of what we're doing amount to "trust us".

A lot of things may have changed in Washington. The reservoir of trust still has a direct link to American's wallets, however. Either markets will improve, or the President's perceived mandate will.

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What is Faith?



BILLY POWELL
Parables to Ponder
COLUMNIST

'Faith' is defined by Webster as 'unquestioning belief' in God and Jesus. Many people speak about "having faith in Jesus," but what exactly does this mean? The Bible uses the phrase "faith in Jesus" synonymously with 'belief' in Jesus as Savior. For example, John 3: 16 states "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Romans 3:22-23 states that "righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." When we place our faith in Jesus, we believe in Him, and God imputes Jesus' righteousness to us.

Faith is mentioned in Old Testament only twice: Deuteronomy 32: 20 and Habakkuk 2: 4. Neither of these two verses relate to faith in Jesus. In the New Testament, Faith is mentioned almost 500 times. In the New Testament, faith becomes the supreme act of all human acts and experiences. Faith is trust in the person of Jesus, the truth of His teachings, and belief in His redemptive work at Calvary. Faith is not to be confused with mere intelligent assent to the doctrinal teachings of Christianity. It includes a radical and total commitment to Jesus as the Lord of one's life.

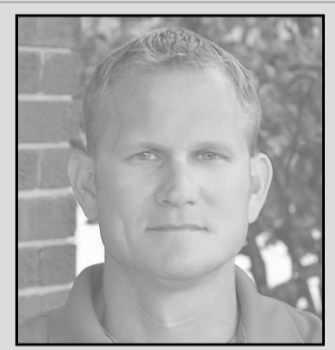
A highly acclaimed author, Harriet Houser of Perry, Georgia, wrote an inspiring book about her son, Hentz, who injured his spine in a diving accident at Houston Lake near Perry. Hentz was confined to a wheelchair. Houser entitled her book, "Of Things Not Seen" --hitch-hiking on the words of Hebrews 11: 1 which state: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." This book is highly recommended. Mrs. Houser was a neighbor of United States Senator Sam Nunn when he was growing up in Perry, living close by.

It was in the Pauline epistles (13 books in New Testament) that the meaning of faith is clearly set forth. James, the brother of Jesus and reputed head of the Jerusalem Church, wrote that "faith without works is dead" (James 2:26). To have faith in Jesus means to trust Him fully and without reservation. On one occasion, Jesus healed two blind men. He asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They answered, "Yes, Lord," and He healed them" (Matthew 9:28-29)

He did so based on their faith. The men simply trusted the power and goodness of the Lord and received their sight.

The key is belief in response to God's love. Anyone who places his or her faith in Jesus has the promise of eternal life. Without faith in Jesus, we remain in sin and cannot be accepted into God's presence in His perfect heaven. I close with my favorite verse on faith: "It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast." It isn't something you have earned, so there is nothing you can brag about.

Snakes



JEFF COOK
EXTENSION AGENT

Spring is finally here, and with the warmer temperatures everything is beginning to green up. Not only are plants blooming and gardens growing, but animals and insects are becoming more active. Since I saw my first snake of the year I thought I would talk about these animals and maybe help reduce your fear of them.

As most of you know, snakes are reptiles so the outside temperature affects their activity. That is why you don't see

snakes during the winter, or on extremely hot summer days. They prefer moderate temperatures, which is why spring and fall are the best times to see snakes active during daylight hours.

All snakes eat animals. This can range from earthworms and insects to rodents and small birds. The most common form of defense by snakes is avoidance, any other defensive behavior is usually a last resort.

We have 40 species of snakes in Georgia. They range from the earth snake which never reaches more than 12 inches to the eastern indigo snake which can grow more than 8 feet long. Of these 40 species we only have 6 snakes in Georgia that are venomous. Five of these are pit vipers and include the cottonmouth, copperhead, pigmy rattlesnake, canebrake (timber) rattlesnake, and the eastern diamondback rattlesnake. The other venomous species is the coral snake.

Of the 40 species that occur in

Georgia only one is considered legally threatened – the eastern indigo snake. Therefore, it is protected by law from being killed, harassed or kept as a pet. No protection is provided for the venomous species in Georgia. However, all non-venomous snakes are protected under the state's nongame species law. So think about this the next time you kill a non-venomous snake. Most of the snakes that people come into contact with are rat or king snakes and these species are predators of rodents and other snakes including venomous species.

I always find it a little humorous when I get a call about how to control mice and find out the homeowner has killed several rat snakes. I am not going to say that a snake in my yard is not a little unnerving, but I never kill one if I know it is doing me and others some good. If you have questions or need a snake identified call our office and we will see what we can do.

TORNADO SEASON

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manent building. Most tornadoes can destroy even tied-down mobile homes.

In a vehicle, there isn't really a safe option so much as a slightly less dangerous one. If the tornado is visible and far away, you might be able to drive out of its path by moving at right angles to the tornado - seek shelter as soon as possible. If you are caught by extreme winds or flying debris, park the car as quickly and safely as possible, making sure to stay out of the traffic lanes. Stay in the car, with your seatbelt on, and put your head down below the windows. Cover your head with your hands,

and, if possible, a blanket, coat, or other cushion. If you get lower than the level of the roadway, leave your car and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands. Do not seek shelter under bridges, as they offer little protection against flying debris and have the potential to collapse.

In the open outdoors, seek shelter if you can. If not, lie flat and face-down on low ground, protecting the back of your head with your arms. Get away from trees and cars, as there's a chance they might get blown onto you in a tornado.

In a shopping mall or large

store, move to an interior bathroom, storage room, or other small enclosed area, away from windows

In a church or theater, move to an interior bathroom or hallway, away from windows. Crouch face-down and protect your head with your arms. If there isn't enough time, get under the seats or pews, protecting your head with your arms or hands.

I hope these safety tips provided someone with a bit of information on what to do when dealing with tornadoes. Stay safe out there and I'll see you next week.

RR PROJECT

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months, in which a detour notice will be sent out to alert citizens of the upcoming closure.

The U.S. 341/SR 96 Railroad Intersection Project is a joint effort and partnership between the City of Fort Valley, Peach County, and GDOT to address the bottlenecked area at the 341/96 intersection, which is also used as a railroad switching station/tracks. Once the intersection is complete, those traveling on Hwy 341 North and South will

be able to access the overpass.

"This project has been a marathon that started in 2017 and it is exciting to see a potential wrap-up of the project in sight. I'm very appreciative of how the County, City, GDOT, Norfolk Southern, and the property owners around this intersection all came together to help make this happen!" Yoder said.

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Also, we invite the participation of children in our Godly Girls and Champs Ministries. Godly Girls, ages 8-15, meets Wednesday at 5 pm; Champs on Thursday at 6 pm. in Church Annex. Transportation is available. We look forward to having you join us soon!
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Tubman Museum Celebrates Local Family's Commitment to Preserving African American Art

By Tubman African American Museum

On Sunday, May 4, 2025, the Tubman African American Museum will unveil a landmark exhibition, *Miracles: A Selection from The Redd Family Collection of Black Art*. Featuring an array of paintings, masks, sculptures, wood carvings, woven fabrics, and mixed media works, this exhibition highlights the depth and diversity of Black artistic expression.

More than just an art exhibition, *Miracles* is a testament to survival, resilience, and revival.

Its title references both the legacy of *Miracles Fine Art Gallery* and the remarkable journey of the Redd family, whose dedication to preserving Black cultural heritage has spanned decades. One of the largest collections of its kind in the Southeast, the Redd Family Collection of Black Art comprises over 800 works by renowned artists, including Romare Bearden, Jacob Lawrence, Ernie Barnes, William Tolliver, and Kathleen Wilson, among others.

In 1990, Melgenia and Vernon Redd opened *Miracles Fine*

Art Gallery in Macon, the city's first fine art gallery dedicated to Black art. For six years, it served as a cultural hub, showcasing Black artists and fostering appreciation for their work in Middle Georgia. In 1996, health challenges forced the gallery to close, and for over two decades, the collection remained in storage. Now, in a long-awaited revival, this exhibition brings these treasured works back into the public eye, reaffirming the family's enduring commitment to preserving Black cultural heritage.

The opening reception for "*Miracles: A Selection from the Redd Family Collection of Black Art*" will take place at the Tubman African American Museum on Sunday, May 4, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free for museum members and \$5 for the public. The exhibition will be on view through June 28, 2025.

For more information about the exhibition and other upcoming programs, contact the Tubman Museum at (478) 743-8544 or visit www.tubmanmuseum.com.



Gov. Kemp: Georgia-based Flock Safety Opens New 97,000-Square-Foot Manufacturing Facility

By Office of Governor Brian P. Kemp

ATLANTA – Governor Brian P. Kemp today announced that Georgia-headquartered Flock Safety, a leading safety technology solutions provider, is opening a new manufacturing facility in Smyrna. The new 97,000-square-foot facility will ultimately create an estimated 210 new jobs over the next three years and represents an investment of approximately \$10 million. Governor Kemp and First Lady Marty Kemp joined Flock Safety CEO Garrett Langley, Flock Safety Chief People Officer Paige Todd, Smyrna Mayor Derek Norton, Cobb County Chairwoman Lisa Cupid, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce CEO Katie Kirkpatrick, Cobb County Police Chief Stuart Van-Hoozer, and other state and local leadership to celebrate the ribbon cutting.

"In Georgia, we foster a business environment where innovative companies can get off the ground and grow into leaders in their industry while operating in safe communities," said Governor Brian Kemp. "Flock Safety is a great example of the success that approach has created, and we're proud to celebrate this milestone with them. We look forward to many years of partnership with Flock Safety in their efforts to help keep Georgians safe."

Flock Safety was founded in Georgia in 2017, and the company currently supports more than 250 jobs in the state. Over

300 law enforcement agencies and 100 businesses in Georgia have deployed Flock Safety's technology to solve and reduce crime. Flock Safety launched its Drone as First Responder system last year upon the acquisition of Aerodome, a leader in rapid response drones for public safety.

"We feel fortunate to have our roots in Georgia, the state that is undisputedly the leader in the American aerospace industry, and are proud to invest further by creating hundreds of advanced manufacturing and aviation jobs locally," said Garrett Langley, Founder and CEO of Flock Safety. "Drone as First Responder technology stands to transform emergency response, and these made-in-America, NDAA-compliant drones will have a transformative impact on the local communities we aim to serve."

Flock Safety's new facility in Smyrna is dedicated to the production of the company's advanced public safety tools, including Drone as First Responder technology as well as refurbishing damaged devices and assembling solar panels. Hiring for the new facility is underway now, with projections to meet full operations in 2027. Interested individuals can learn more about working at Flock Safety and apply at www.flocksafety.com/careers.

"Smyrna's convenient location and diverse talent pool make the city an ideal environment for corporate innovation oppor-

tunities," said Smyrna Mayor Derek Norton. "We appreciate Flock's confidence in Smyrna and welcome them to our community."

"We are thrilled to welcome Flock Safety to Cobb County," said Chairwoman Lisa Cupid, Cobb County Board of Commissioners. "We have been early partners with Flock Safety by deploying their public safety technology, and I am happy to see this relationship evolve in our community, with its ready workforce and a business environment supportive of their commitment to innovation in public safety technology. We are certain the dynamic energy of Cobb's business climate and quality of life for residents will add to Flock Safety's success."

"Flock Safety's expansion is yet another Georgia business success story. This growth in Cobb County shows why companies that start here stay, put down roots, and keep thriving," said Katie Kirkpatrick, President & CEO of the Metro Atlanta Chamber. "With our unmatched talent, innovation, and pro-business environment, the expansion strengthens Flock Safety's ability to leverage technology to make our communities safer."

Senior Regional Project Manager Caroline Kinchler represented the Georgia Department of Economic Development's (GDEcD) Global Commerce team on this project in partnership with the City of Smyrna, Cobb County Economic Devel-

opment, Metro Atlanta Chamber, Georgia Power, and Select-Cobb.

"Aerospace products – Georgia's No. 1 export – come in all shapes and sizes, from jets and turbines to cutting-edge innovations like Flock Safety's Drone as First Responder technology," said GDEcD Commissioner Pat Wilson. "Georgia's strength in aerospace innovation and manufacturing is driven by strategic investments in education and a collaborative, business-friendly environment. Congratulations to Flock Safety on launching the first of its aerospace-focused manufacturing operations and to Cobb County and the greater metro Atlanta community on this exciting milestone."

About Flock Safety

Flock Safety is a leading safety technology platform, helping communities thrive by taking a proactive approach to crime prevention and security. The company's end-to-end hardware and software suite unites cities, law enforcement, businesses, schools, and neighborhoods in a nationwide public-private safety network. Flock is trusted by more than 5,000 communities, 4,500 law enforcement agencies, and 1,000 businesses to deliver real-time intelligence while upholding the highest standards of privacy, data integrity, and responsible innovation. Visit www.flocksafety.com for more info.

Federal judge sides with Georgia in 'water wars' with Alabama

By Dave Williams
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ATLANTA - The state of Georgia has won another legal case in its long-running "water wars" with Florida and Alabama.

A federal judge Monday sided with Georgia, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), and the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority in a dispute over allocation of water from Lake Allatoona.

The decision upheld the Corps' decision in 2021 to grant Metro Atlanta's water supply requests from the lake and allocate more of the reservoir to meet the long-term needs of Cartersville and Bartow County. The state of Alabama had challenged the federal agency's decision, arguing it would allocate too much water from the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) River Basin to Georgia.

"Backed by thorough analysis, factfinding, and experience, the Corps determined that granting Georgia's water-supply request would have little, if any, effect" on Alabama's water needs, U.S. District Judge Loren AliKhan wrote in a 38-page

decision. "The record is replete with evidence showing negligible or non-significant impacts."

Danny Jackson, managing director of natural resources at the ARC, praised the ruling.

"We are pleased to have a final decision that brings long-awaited certainty to all ACT stakeholders after decades of litigation," he said. "This ruling affirms our communities' responsible management and investment in water resources. We look forward to collaboration with all of the stakeholders in our shared river basins to address water challenges together."

In Georgia's other long-running water wars battle with the state of Florida, the U.S. Supreme Court also sided with Georgia, ruling in 2021 that Florida failed to prove its allegations that Georgia's water consumption from the Chattahoochee and Flint river systems caused the failure of Florida's oyster industry in Apalachicola Bay.

Representatives of water supply systems in Gwinnett, Forsyth and Hall counties finalized an agreement with the state of Georgia the following year guaranteeing them water from Lake Lanier through 2050.

AAA: Georgia Gas Price Average Jump at the Pump

By AAA

ATLANTA (April 7, 2025) — The average gas price in Georgia increased at the pumps compared to a week ago. Georgians now pay an average price of \$3.04 per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline, which can change overnight. Monday's state average is 10 cents higher than it was a week ago, 12 cents higher than it was a month ago, and 29 cents lower than this time last year. It costs drivers an average of \$45.60 to fill a 15-gallon tank of regular gasoline. Georgians are paying almost \$5.00 less to fill up at the pump than a year ago.

"We were kind of expecting gas prices to rise in April since that's when refineries do their tune-ups, which typically bump up the cost at the pump," said Montrae Waiters, a spokeswoman for AAA-The Auto Club Group. However, there is also an unpredictable atmosphere surrounding tariffs and their impact on the global stage, which may push those prices even higher."

Nationally:
Another Week of Rising Gas Prices

Since last Monday, the national average price for a gallon of regular gasoline has increased by 10 cents to \$3.25, subject to

change overnight. Gas prices experienced a significant increase this past week. Several factors are driving growth, including refinery maintenance and the switch to summer-blend gasoline. The last time the national average reached \$3.26 was in September, consistent with seasonal trends; however, current prices remain below those of this time last year.

According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gasoline demand decreased from 8.64 barrels per day last week to 8.49 barrels per day. The total domestic gasoline supply decreased from 239.1 million barrels to 237.6 million barrels. Gasoline production increased last week, averaging 9.3 million barrels per day.

Oil Market Dynamics
At the close of last Wednesday's formal trading session, WTI rose 51 cents to settle at \$71.71 a barrel. The EIA reports that crude oil inventories increased by 6.2 million barrels from the previous week. At 439.8 million barrels, U.S. crude oil inventories are about 4% below the five-year average for this time of year.

Electric:
Meanwhile, the national average per kilowatt-hour of electricity at a public EV charging

station remained at 34 cents today. Drivers can find electric charging prices along their route using the AAA TripTik Travel Planner.

Regional Prices:

The most expensive metro markets in Georgia are Athens (\$3.11), Atlanta (\$3.10), and Gainesville (\$3.07).

The least expensive metro markets in Georgia are Augusta-Aiken (\$2.94), Hinesville-Fort Stewart (\$2.92), and Columbus (\$2.91).

AAA encourages drivers to use the money-saving gas tips listed below.

Money-Saving Tips for Drivers

- Shop around for gas prices. Drivers can check area gas prices on the Fuel Price Finder.

- Consider paying in cash instead of using a credit card. Some retailers charge extra per gallon for customers who use a credit card.

- Enroll in fuel savings programs.

- Fuel-Saving Tips for Drivers
 - Maintain your vehicle to ensure the best fuel economy. Find a trusted automotive facility at AAA.com/AutoRepair.

- Combine errands to minimize driving time.

- Slow down. Fuel economy diminishes significantly at highway speeds above 50 miles per hour. Drive conservatively and avoid aggressive driving. Aggressive acceleration and speeding can reduce fuel economy.

Traffic Safety Tip: AAA-The Auto Club Group "Move Over For Me" Campaign

"Drivers, if you see a disabled vehicle on the roadside while traveling, be courteous and Move Over," said Waiters. "Remember, the person who broke down could be you, a friend, a family member, a coworker, or a neighbor. Move Over for the safety of others and because it is the right thing to do!"

Video: Move Over For Me PSA

Gas Price Survey Methodology

AAA updates fuel price averages daily at www.GasPrices.AAA.com. Every day, up to 130,000 stations are surveyed based on credit card swipes and direct feeds in cooperation with the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) and Wright Express for unmatched statistical reliability. All average retail prices in this report are for a gallon of regular, unleaded gasoline.

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Legal advertisements are published each Wednesday in The Leader Tribune newspaper, the designated legal organ of Peach County and the City of Fort Valley, City of Byron.

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Legal ads may be sent via Federal Express for Saturday delivery. Legal ads may be sent via email to 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.

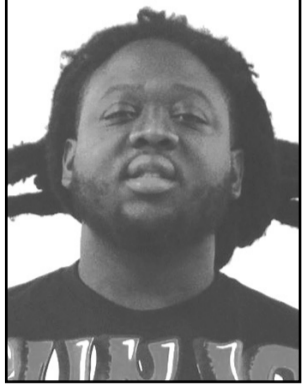
Juvenile Matters - This broad category can include notices such as adoption, custody, juvenile court actions and contemporary custody. These matters frequently run from two to four times, depending on the order. Some of these issues come from the Peach County Juvenile Court, others from the Peach County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

2ND DUI ZACHARY KENDALL DASSAU



Address: 500 PEACHTREE ST, FORT VALLEY, GA 31030
Date of Arrest: 6/16/2024
Time of Arrest: 2:33 AM
Place of Arrest: Warner Robins
Arresting Agency: Houton Co. Sheriff's Dept
Disposition: 60 days EM; 12 mo prob; clinical eval; risk reduction; victim impact panel; 240 hrs comm service; subject to alcohol/drug screening
Who has been convicted of his/her 2nd or subsequent DUI.
4/9/2025
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limitation, which will not change the emissions of any pollutant. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has prepared this Title V Operating Permit Amendment in accordance with Title V of the Clean Air Act. This permit amendment will be enforceable by the Georgia EPD, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other persons as otherwise authorized by law.

The draft permit, explanatory narrative, and permit application will be available for review on our Internet site, <https://epd.georgia.gov/draft-title-v-permitsamendments>.

These documents, and all information used to develop the draft permit amendment are available for review at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. All visits to EPD's offices are by appointment only. To set an appointment, email askped@dnr.ga.gov with your name, email and phone number and an associate will reach out to you. Copies of the draft permit, explanatory narrative, and associated permit application may also be requested by contacting Steve Allison, steve.allison2@dnr.ga.gov.

You are hereby notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the draft Part 70 Operating Permit Modification. Persons wishing to comment on the draft Part 70 Operating Permit Modification are required to submit their comments, in writing, to EPD at the above Atlanta Air Protection Branch address or via email [preferred] to air-permits.comments@dnr.ga.gov (emails must contain the facility name and "air permit" in the subject line). Comments must be received by the EPD no later than 30 days after the date on which this notice is published in the newspaper before close of business at 4:30 p.m. (Should the comment period end on a weekend or holiday, comments will be accepted up until the next working day.) The Division, in making its final decision to issue the Part 70 permit, will consider all comments received on or prior to that date.
4/9/2025
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA PEACH COUNTY

WHEREAS, Jennifer Marie Hermans, an unmarried woman, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for Movement Mortgage, LLC, Lender which was dated 1/8/2021, and recorded on 1/20/2021, in Instrument No. , Deed Book 639, Page 419, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$170,848.00 in Peach County, Georgia Register of Deeds. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 6/3/2025 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash During the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Peach County, Georgia, 205 W. Church Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030 of Peach, the following described property situated in Peach County, Georgia, to wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF FORT VALLEY, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FRONTING ON CHURCH STREET AND BEGINNING AT A POINT ON CHURCH STREET 202 FEET EAST OF THE CORNER OF CHURCH STREET AND KNOXVILLE STREET; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF CHURCH STREET A DISTANCE OF 90 FEET; THENCE NORTH AT RIGHT ANGLES WEST A DISTANCE OF 229 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES WEST A DISTANCE OF 82 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 19 FEET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES WEST A DISTANCE OF 8 FEET TO A POINT 202 FEET FROM THE EAST LINE OF KNOXVILLE STREET; THENCE AT RIGHT ANGLES SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 210 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING ON CHURCH STREET.

Tax Parcel ID: F05C-186 Being real property commonly known as 316 W CHURCH ST FORT VALLEY, GA 31030

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

liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower. Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgageors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is". The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 1600 S. Douglass Road, Suite 200 Anaheim, CA 92806, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Jennifer Marie Hermans Attorney Contact: Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 TS # 25-33349 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4839404 04/09/2025, 04/16/2025, 04/23/2025, 04/30/2025, 05/07/2025, 05/14/2025, 05/21/2025, 05/28/2025 3378 (ASAP# 4839404)

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Under power of sale contained in a security deed from Mable C. Rayford to Exchange Bank dated March 24, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 349, page 859, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court, said security deed securing a Note, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at Fort Valley, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in May, 2025, the property described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying, situate, and being in Peach County, Georgia, and in the City of Fort Valley, and being all of Lot 57 and the Southwest part of Lot 75 of the T.A. Parham Subdivision and being more particularly described as follows: To find the point of beginning commence at the point of intersection of the Southeast right-of-way line of Beech Street and the North right-of-way line of Spruce Street and run thence in a Northeasterly direction along the Southeast right-of-way line of said Beech Street a distance of 140 feet to the point of beginning. From said point of beginning run thence in a Northeasterly direction along the Southeast right-of-way line of said Beech Street a distance of 60.0 feet to a point; thence run in a Southeasterly direction on a line perpendicular to said Beech Street a distance of 177.9 feet to a point located on the North right-of-way line of said Spruce Street; thence run in a Westerly direction along the North right-of-way line of said Spruce Street a distance of 83.4 feet to a point; thence run in a Northwesterly direction on a line perpendicular to said Beech Street a distance of 123.0 feet to a point located on the Southeast right-of-way line of said Beech Street and the point of beginning.

Said property being further described as all that tract or parcel of land lying, situate and being in Peach County, Georgia, and in the City of Fort Valley, and being known and designated as Lot 57-A according to a plat prepared by Sommers J. Gostin, Registered Professional Engineer No. 3547, dated March 1963, and recorded in Plat Book 7, page 42, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia. Said Lot 57-A having the metes, bounds, size, shape and dimensions as shown on the aforesaid plat, which plat is made a part hereof by reference for a more definite description. Street Address: 603 Spruce St., Fort Valley, GA Tax Parcel Number: F05F-167

The note is declared due because of non-payment. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees.

To the best knowledge of the undersigned the property is in the possession of Mable C. Rayford and it will

be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes and/or assessments and any easements or restrictions of record, having priority over this security deed.

Exchange Bank as attorney in fact for Mable C. Rayford
Ian M. McMullen
McMullen Law Firm, LLC

54 Marshall Road
Milledgeville, GA 31061
4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 2025
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. MANSFIELD, DECEASED

All Debtors and Creditors of the Estate of Joseph A. Mansfield, deceased, late of Peach County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to the law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to David Venable, David Venable, Attorney at Law, P.C.

This the 31st day of March, 2024.
David Venable, Attorney At Law, P.C.
87 Broad Street
P.O. Box 750
Hawkinsville, Georgia 31036
(478)783-2825
4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 2025
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GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Edna Louise Smith, deceased, late 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 28th day of March 2025.
Sharon Mitchell as Administrator of the Estate of Edna Louise Smith
155 White Road
Byron, GA 31008
F. Bradford Wilson, Jr.
Adams, Hemingway, Wilson & Rutledge, LLC
544 Mulberry Street, Suite 1000
Post Office Box 1956
Macon, Georgia 31202-1956
4/2, 4/9, 4/23, 4/30, 2025
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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
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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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ZONING LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Byron, Georgia, will convene a public hearing on **May 6, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.** The meeting will be held in the Office of the Mayor, located on the second floor of the Byron Municipal Complex. The purpose of this meeting is to consider objections, if any, to the approval of a request for rezoning the following parcel, identified on the **Peach County Tax Map as B02A 059 L/D 6/5**, and recorded in the Deed Book-103 Page-394, Clerk's Office, Peach County Superior Court. The total acreage to be rezoned for this parcel is (8.07) acres from City R-1 District: Low-density residential area (single-family) to City R-3 District: High-density residential area (multi-family).

All citizens of the City of Byron and interested parties shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to the proposal. For additional information, call the Planning and Zoning Office at 478-956-5555.
4/9/2025
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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 STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS JOHN LAMAR, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2025-PRO-7055
NOTICE

RE: PETITION OF SHAUN H. B. ANDREW TO PROBATE IN SOL-EMN 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

By: Katrina Corbin, Chief Clerk of the Probate Court
205 Church Street,
Fort Valley, GA 31030
478-825-2313
3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 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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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Billy Brown, Sr. and Teisha Brown to Beneficial Mortgage Co of Georgia dated August 21, 2007 and recorded on August 24, 2007 in Deed Book 389, Page 175, Peach County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of Cabana Series V Trust by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on June 1, 2022 in Deed Book 678, Page 117, Peach County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Five And 44/100 Dollars (\$160,645.44), 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, within the legal hours of sale on May 6, 2025 the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF PEACH AND IN THE CITY OF FORT VALLEY THEREIN, BEING SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SUVEY OF THE PROPERTY OF BARBARA B. AND JOHN R. HARRIS, JR., PREPARED BY THOMAS W. FUTRAL, III, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1202, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 167, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE FOR ALL PURPOSES. SAID TRACT OF LAND IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WESTERN MARGIN OF WESTVIEW DRIVE WHICH POINT IS NORTH 1 DEG. 00 MIN. WEST A DISTANCE OF 480 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERN MARGIN OF WESTVIEW DRIVE AND THE NORTHERN RIGHT OF WAY MARGIN OF THE SOUTHERN RAILROAD AND FROM SAID POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTH 1 DEG. 00 MIN. WEST A DISTANCE OF 123.5 FEET TO A POINT AT THE SOUTHEASTERN INTERSECTION OF WESTVIEW DRIVE AND TULIP DRIVE; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHERN EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF TULIP DRIVE SOUTH 88 DEG. 09 MIN. EAST A DISTANCE OF 191.24 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEG. 00 MIN. EAST A DISTANCE OF 114.10 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG. 00 MIN. WEST A DISTANCE OF 191.00 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING. Tax ID #: F06C-148

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 Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Your mortgage servicer, SN Servicing Corporation, as servicer for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of Cabana Series V Trust, can be contacted at 800-603-0836 or by writing to 323 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

To the best knowledge and be-

LEGALS

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lief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the property are Billy Brown, Sr. and Teisha Brown or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **618 Westview Drive, Fort Valley, GA 31030**.

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.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of Cabana Series V Trust as Attorney in Fact for Billy Brown, Sr. and Teisha Brown

McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
404-474-7149

MTG File No.: GA2025-00138
04/09/2025, 04/16/2025, 04/23/2025, 04/30/2025
3381 (BCNS 250563)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ESTATE NO. 2025-PRO-7061

IN RE: ESTATE OF JANET LAVERNE MOORE, DECEASED

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

TO: APRIL GUELKER, JESSICA ROBERTS, ANGELA BROWN

This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the petition to probate will in solemn form, in this Court on or before APRIL 02, 2024.

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

Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court
By Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court

205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030
478-825-2313
4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 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 TONDRY 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.

ADDRESS UNDER CURRENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING: 170 Hawks Ridge Trace, Byron, Georgia.
Tax ID #: 052A 318
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 Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
Your mortgage servicer, SN Servicing Corporation, as servicer for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Ranch Series V Trust, can be contacted at 800-603-0836 or by writing to 323 5th Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

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 FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Tatjana Mendez to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Southeast Mortgage of Georgia, Inc. dated December 22, 2021 and recorded on January 11, 2022 in Deed Book 668, Page 52, Peach County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Ranch Series V Trust by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on November 5, 2024 in Deed Book 733, Page 406, Peach County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Seventeen Thousand Seventy And 00/100 Dollars (\$217,070.00), 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, within the legal hours of sale on May 6, 2025 the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Land Lot 11, Fifth Land District, Peach County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 123, Hawks Ridge Subdivision, Phase 2, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 29, Page 107, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes.

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

Address under current system of numbering: **170 Hawks Ridge Trace, Byron, Georgia.**

Tax ID #: 052A 318
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 Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Your mortgage servicer, SN Servicing Corporation, as servicer for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Ranch Series V Trust, can be contacted at 800-603-0836 or by writing to 323 5th Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the property are Tatjana Mendez or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **170 Hawks Ridge Trace, Byron, GA 31008**.

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.

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Ranch Series V Trust as Attorney in Fact for Tatjana Mendez
McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
404-474-7149
MTG File No.: GA2024-01084
04/09/2025, 04/16/2025, 04/23/2025, 04/30/2025
3380 (BCNS 250561)

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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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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State of Georgia County of Peach Take notice that:

The right to redeem the following described property, to wit: **Map and Parcel #F01D104**

All that tract or parcel of land situate and lying in the State of Georgia, County of Peach and in O'Nealton Subdivision therein. Said property being described by metes and courses and follows:

STARTING at a point lying on the Northwest side of Xavier Street, now Benjamin Street, which point is Southwest, as measured along the Northwest side of Benjamin Street, 126 feet from the Southwest side of Leon Avenue, now known as Effee Street; thence Northwest, on a line perpendicular to Benjamin Steet, 217 feet to the Central of Georgia right-of-way; thence in a Northwestly direction, along the Southeast right-of-way of the Central of Georgia 61 feet; thence in a Southeasterly direction on a line perpendicular to Benjamin Street 225 feet to the Northwest side of Benjamin Street; thence in a Northeasterly direction, along the Northwest side of Benjamin Street 64.5 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Said property is more particularly shown and described in a plat entitled "Property of Effee and Cleo Sim-

mons, being a part of O'Nealton Subdivision, Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia" and made by T. F. Flournoy, Surveyor, on October 6, 1948, a copy of said plat is recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 30, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court, Georgia, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference thereto.

Located on said property is a residential house and other improvements. As described in Deed Book 9, Page 126. Further described as Map & Parcel F01D104.
Deed Reference: Deed Book 717, Page 835, Peach County Records. Will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 12th day of May, 2025

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 6th day of February, 2024 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, in Deed Book 717 at Page 835.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 12th day of May, 2025, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: LeMario N. Brown., c/o Daniel L. Wilder, 544 Mulberry Street, Ste. 800, Macon, GA 31201, (478) 745-5415.

Please be governed accordingly.
LeMario N. Brown
c/o Daniel L. Wilder, Esq.
Emmett L. Goodman, Jr. LLC
544 Mulberry Street, Ste. 800
Macon, GA 31201
(478)745-5415
4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 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 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)



The City of Fort Valley is accepting applications to fill three (3) vacancy on the Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority Board. Interested individuals should fill out an application and present a brief biography/resume.

Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority focuses on promoting economic growth, improving infrastructure, creating a vibrant, welcoming community for residents and visitors alike.

One (1) Downtown Development Authority Remaining Board Member Vacancy serving a 2-year term.

Remaining Board Members must meet the following criteria:

1. Can be a downtown business owner or operate a business who lives outside the county but must be a Georgia resident.
2. Could be taxpaying residents who do not own or operate a business or property in the Downtown Development District.
3. Could be taxpaying residents of the county that own or operate a business in the Downtown Development District.

Two (2) Downtown Development Authority Core Board Member Vacancy, one member serving a four (4) year term and the other member serving a two (2) year term

Core Board Members must meet the following criteria:

1. Taxpaying residents (own and live at property within the city limits).
2. Have an economic interest in the redevelopment and revitalization of the Downtown Development District (Business Owner or Operator).

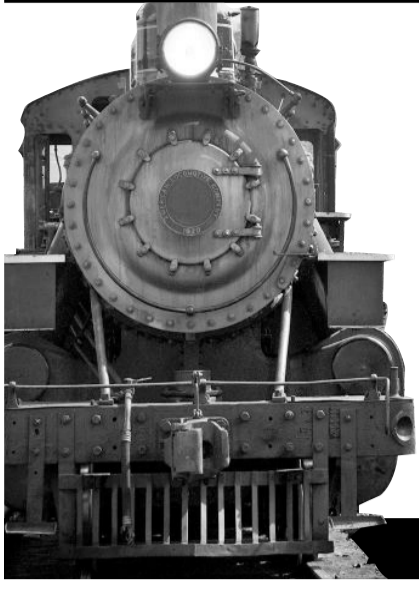
Applications may be obtained by contacting Diane Brown, City Clerk in the Mayor's Office via email at dbrown@fortvalleyga.org or by telephone at (478)825-8261.

If you have any questions, you may call (478)825-8261 and speak with Gary Lee, City Administrator.

All applications must be submitted no later than Friday, April 25, 2025, by 5 p.m. to:

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Perfect Spring Break for Trojans



By: Chris McKenzie
Sports Reporter

Spring break typically means relaxing and recharging for the remainder of the academic year. The Trojans turned the week into a 3-game business trip that was successful.

On Thursday, the young men held off Fernandina Beach with a

final score of 4-3.

On Friday, the Trojans were able to secure the victory against Camden County with a score of 12-7.

On Saturday, the day ended with club knocking off Ware County 12-4.

The Trojans will face Dougherty County at home on Friday April 11, 2025 for Senior Night.

General Assembly Passes Bill Targeting Fentanyl

By Dave Williams
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ATLANTA - Legislation stiffening penalties for trafficking in fentanyl in Georgia cleared the General Assembly Friday.

The Fentanyl Eradication and Removal Act, which now heads to Gov. Brian Kemp for his signature, imposes a range of mandatory minimum sentences on convicted traffickers in fentanyl. The smallest amounts covered by the bill - between four grams and 14 grams, will result in at least five years behind bars.

Fentanyl is so deadly that just four grams of the drug would be enough to kill 2,000 people, House Majority Whip James Burchett, said before Friday's 131-31 House vote to pass the bill.

"This drug has medicinal value," said Burchett, R-Waycross. "But it is being illegally imported and utilized by our youth. We have a silent epidemic here."

The bill's opponents agreed that fentanyl is a major problem affecting Georgians. But they ar-

gued that mandatory minimum sentences have proven ineffective in multiple studies dating back to the 1990s.

"Fentanyl is a scourge. It has caused heartbreaking loss," said Rep. Scott Holcomb, D-Atlanta. "(But) mandatory minimums do not work. ... They don't deter the conduct on the front end, which is purportedly what we're trying to do."

But House Majority Leader Chuck Efstoration countered that adopting mandatory minimum sentences for members of drug gangs who bring fentanyl into Georgia would convince them to take their deadly business elsewhere.

"This measure does a tremendous amount to deter fentanyl operators from operating in our state," said Efstoration, R-Mulberry.

The bill, which had passed the Senate 50-3 last month, cleared that chamber unanimously on Friday afternoon. It had gone back to the Senate to agree to changes the House had made to the measure earlier in the day.

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General Assembly Passes Transgender Sports Bill

By Dave Williams
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ATLANTA - Controversial legislation banning transgender student athletes from participating in female sports in Georgia cleared the Republican-controlled General Assembly Monday.

Senate Bill 1, which the Senate's GOP majority passed early last month, passed the House 100-64 virtually along party lines early Monday afternoon. The Senate then gave the bill final passage several hours later, voting 34-20 also along party lines to approve several changes the House had made to the measure.

The legislation prohibits Georgia public school and college students from competing on teams that do not match the sex on their birth certificates. It also applies to private institutions that compete against public schools and colleges.

Noncompliant public schools would risk loss of state funding and exposure to lawsuits.

During Monday's House floor debate, Republican supporters said transgender students born male enjoy an unfair competi-

itive advantage over women in sports to the point of threatening female athletes' safety.

"It is a narrowly tailored commonsense bill that eliminates the potential for male advantage," said Rep. Josh Bonner, R-Fayetteville, who carried the Senate legislation in the House. "Allowing that advantage on the field puts females at risk."

Democrats countered that the bill targets transgender students, already a vulnerable group of young people studies have shown are particularly susceptible to mental health problems.

"This bill does not make our children safer," said Rep. Jasmine Clark, D-Lilburn. "It's a license to harass, bully, and harm."

Other opponents said the bill isn't necessary because no transgender males are currently competing in women's sports in Georgia. House Democrats accused their Republican colleagues of seeking to score political gains at the expense of a tiny minority of Georgians.

"This is not about fairness. This is not about safety. This is about politics," said Rep. Karla Drenner, D-Avondale Estates. "It's a manufactured crisis de-

signed not to solve a real problem but to create division and fear."

But Rep. Chris Erwin, R-Homer, chairman of the House Education Committee, said the bill's purpose is to promote "fairness, safety, and integrity" in school and college sports.

"This legislation does not target individuals," he said. "It targets inequity."

After the votes, Lt. Gov. Burt Jones - who presides over the Senate - called the bill a "historic step toward achieving a critical goal" for the 2025 legislative session.

"Since I took office in 2023 as lieutenant governor, the Senate has led the way to make protections for females competing in athletics on any level a reality," Jones said.

"Today, the General Assembly sent a clear message - biological men are not welcome in girls' sports or spaces here in Georgia," added House Speaker Jon Burns, R-Newington. "The House was proud to support this measure, which builds on prior protections championed by the House."

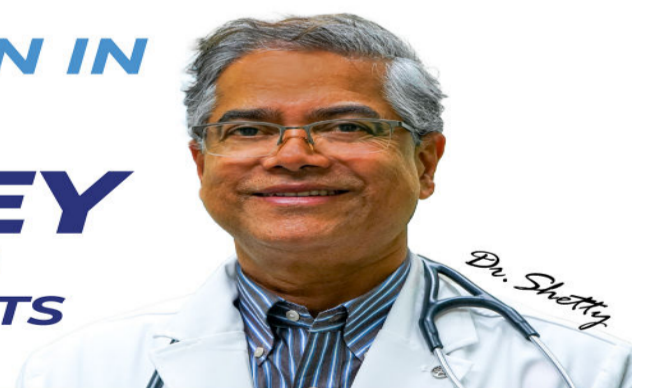
The bill now heads to Gov. Brian Kemp's desk for his signature.



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