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Byron Council Denies Rezoning Request Amid Citizen Concerns

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

BYRON, Ga. – After a public hearing regarding a rezoning request, in which multiple people spoke against the rezoning, the Mayor and City Council of Byron have voted to uphold the planning and zoning board's denial of the rezoning.

The property, located on Moseley Road, was planned to be rezoned from City R-1 to City R-3. During the board meeting, no one spoke in favor of this rezoning. Those who were against the rezoning cited issues such as traffic congestion, safety concerns, noise pollution, standing water, and sewage-related issues.

There were two covenants to annex, both approved by the council. The first was a request from Kelvin Brown regarding a property located at 400 Jones Road. The

second request was from Gabriel Garcia Pizano and Juana Hernandez Garcia regarding property located at 998 Jones Road. Both requests were to acquire water services.

There were multiple second readings of ordinances, all of which were unanimously approved by the council. The first was Ordinance No. 2025-7 regarding the annexation of a property located at Walker Road. The second, Ordinance No. 2025-8, is in regard to the number of gas stations, travel centers, and convenience stores within the City limits of Byron. The ordinance requires a minimum distance of 1,000 ft. between a proposed gas station, travel center, or other fueling center and any existing gas station, travel center, or other fueling center; any lot occupied by a church, place of worship, hospital,

grocery store, school, daycare, college, liquor store, or any place of public assembly; lot, or parcel of land which is zoned as residential. The third, Ordinance No. 2025-9, regarding an amendment to vape and hookah shops located within the City of Byron, which will allow additions, amendments, modifications, and asserting new language or portions of sections to the ordinance.

There was the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-10 regarding the amendment to Chapter 6, Animals, regarding chain and leash laws for dogs. This new ordinance will require dogs to be held by a chain or leash if they are off their owner's property. Additionally, all dogs will be secured to allow city employees to perform necessary work, meter readings, or other activ-

ities within the city. This ordinance will be voted on at the next board meeting.

Following that, the council unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Automatic Aid Agreement with Peach County regarding fire protection with the Byron Fire Department. Next, the council approved a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Georgia Peach Festival.

The council approved a resolution to amend the Schedule of Fees for the Building, Planning, and Zoning Department. They also approved a resolution for an update to the Public Works Director job description. Next, the council approved a

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Councilwoman Juanita Bryant received congratulations for her Georgia Municipal Association Certificate of Dedication.

Fort Valley Council Looks to Change Ordinances Concerning Dogs

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, GA. – The Mayor and City Council of Fort Valley are altering and adding to their City Ordinances when it is concerned about potentially dangerous dogs. The ordinances that received alterations and additions are City Ordinance, Sec. 14-10, 14-51, and 14-54.

City Ordinance, Sec. 14-10, is in regards to impounding dogs. These changes allow the police department to immediately impound a dog if it is an active threat to citizens. City Ordinance, Sec. 14-51 Definitions: Exemptions goes into detail about what dogs are exempt,

such as dogs used by the police or the government. City Ordinance, Sec. 14-54 Possession requirements, changes language within the ordinance to specify that a dangerous dog is not based on breed, as it previously was, but on behaviors, and if it presents an active threat to citizens.

Councilwoman Juanita Bryant pointed out that there were no associated fees discussed with these changes and additions. Chief of Police DJ Flores stated that it would be a separate ordinance. Councilwoman Sandra Marshall asked the Chief about a dog pack that has been roaming in Eastward, however, the Mayor called a point of order.

Councilwoman Marshall abstained or voted against the approval of the ordinance changes, and Councilwoman Juanita Bryant was opposed as well, since there were no fees mentioned in the changes.

Following that, the council approved the appointments of Alton Howard and Carson Brooks to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Next, the council approved the purchases of replacement engines for the stormwater vector truck, which totals \$46,430. The council also approved to fund the construction of two "Welcome to Fort Valley" signs for

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"Wings at the Commercial Circle" sculpture and Peach County students.

Photos Contributed

Peach County Schools CTAE AG Mechanics Students participated in "Wings at the Commercial Circle"

By City of Warner Robins Government / Peach County Schools Facebook

The City of Warner Robins proudly unveiled "Wings at Commercial Circle" — a new public art installation celebrating our aviation heritage, technical education, and the power of partnership.

This artwork features 46 handcrafted metal planes created by students from the Houston County School District, Central Georgia Technical College, and Peach County Schools — a true collaboration of talent, creativity, and civic pride.

Special thanks to our Public Works Department, Downtown Development Authority, Community & Economic Development Department, Georgia Council for the Arts, and all who helped bring this vision to life.

A special shout out to Matt Porter, a Public Works team member affectionately referred to as the City's "artist in residence," for his expert welding and craftsmanship.

Statement from Peach County Schools, "We are Peach County Proud of our Ag Mechanics stu-

dents and their contribution to this unique art display in Warner Robins!"

Georgia PEACH FESTIVAL

JUNE 6-7TH
FORT VALLEY, GA

JUNE 14TH
BYRON, GA



Peach Commissioners Dissolve Hospital Authority of Peach County

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, GA. – The Peach County Board of Commissioners has approved the dissolution of the Hospital Authority of Peach County in their May monthly board meeting.

This decision was a joint resolution by the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Directors of the Hospital Authority of Peach County. The dissolution was approved because the medical needs of Peach County are adequately provided for by the Medical Center and other medical providers in the county.

At 6:30 p.m. sharp, the commissioners entered into a public hearing regarding a rezoning request from Dawn McCurdy regarding her property at 727 Barrow Road. McCurdy was asking that the property be rezoned from RR-1, Rural Residential District, to R-AG, Agricultural Residential District. The commissioners approved the rezoning request.

Concerning new business, Grants Manager Matt Ingram presented the USDA Online Application Intake System for Telecommunication Programs, which the commissioners approved unanimously. Chairman Moseley has signed so that Ingram can provide signatures, authorize certifications, enter and update applications, submit applications for consideration, and assign access to new users in USDA's Online Application Intake System for Telecommunications Programs.

County Attorney James F. Banter brought multiple items to the table. First was a review of the CorpCare Contract, which was approved upon attorney review. Next was the Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Review, which was approved by the commissioners.

Fire Chief Tim Bechtel presented a request to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus

(SCBA) air packs, which would be 6 packs, 12 bottles, and 6 face pieces for \$70,484.16, which the commissioners approved. Assistant Fire Chief/EMA Director Ryan Roberts presented the Automatic Aid Agreement from the City of Byron, which the commissioners approved.

Interim Finance Director Janet Smith had multiple budget amendments to discuss. First was a budget amendment for overages for the Public Defender, taking \$3,669 from contingencies to legal services. Second was a budget amendment for overages for the assessors, taking \$6,420 from legal services to communications and temporary salaries. Third was a budget amendment for overages and funding for the remainder of the fiscal year for the superior court, taking \$800 from legal and court supplies to interpretation services. Fourth was a budget amendment for overages for the coroner, taking \$4,350 from education and training, energy, gasoline, and contingency to motor vehicle maintenance and travel. Fifth was a budget amendment for overages for the library, taking \$887 from contingency to repairs and maintenance, insurance other than benefits, and fire fees.

Next was a budget amendment for a van purchase for 4-H programs by the Extension/County Agent, taking \$58,621 from contingencies to vehicles. Seventh, was a budget amendment for Robins Air Force Base Support Financial Year 2025, taking \$91 from contingencies to the Middle Georgia 21st Century Economic Partnership. Last was a budget amendment for the general government, taking \$140,873 from accounting and auditing, public education, Middle GA Clean Air Coalition, and contingencies to bank service fees, web subscriptions, legal services, and other professional services.

All budget amendments were approved by the commissioners.

Following an executive session, the commis-

sioners appointed Columbus Alderman to the Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS) Board. They also appointed Tony Trice to the Middle Flint Health and Wellness Board. The commissioners reappointed Brenda Gilstrap and Joy Smith Bassett to the Library Board of Trustees.

For announcements, there was a proclamation proclaiming May 18 through May 24 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week. Commissioner Wade Yoder spoke on May being Mental Health Awareness Month.

Storm Damage Removal

By Peach County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff why are you out on River Road moving tree limbs? Because my team along with other First Responders are all over the county this morning moving actual trees out the road.

It went from me moving tree limbs to this. Therefore I had to call for backup. Not talking about a deputy but I'm talking about real backup for the situation. The Peach County Road Department and the Peach County Fire Department. Thank you all because there was no way I could have done this without you all.

Also a big Thanks to the citizen that stopped. He was a white male wearing a purple Masonic Lodge polo shirt. He was on the other side of the tree. He stopped traffic until another Fire truck could get there. Which prevented us from getting ran over. He was driving a truck. I don't remember what kind nor color. Peach is one community that sticks together.



Large tree that fell blocking the road has been removed.

Last but not least PEACH E911 dispatchers that held all this

Red Cross Helps 20 People After Storm

By American Red Cross

BYRON, Ga. (May 19, 2025)

— Sunday night, local American Red Cross volunteers from the Central Midwest Chapter responded to storm damage at US Highway 41 North in Byron, Georgia.

Red Cross volunteers as part of the Disaster Action Team were on the scene to help coordinate emergency aid to those affected.

They assisted three families for a total of 20 people.

The Red Cross provided comfort kits, direct client assistance and recovery planning to the families to meet their disaster-caused needs.

Every eight minutes, the Red Cross responds to a disaster in the community.

HOW TO HELP You can help people affected by disasters and

countless other crises by making a gift to American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small. People can donate by visiting redcross.org/donate, calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or texting the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

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\$50,000, with Councilwoman Marshall abstaining.

During the discussion phases of these two purchases, Councilwoman Marshall asked about the needed street sweeper that

Public Works had been discussing. She asked why

The employees of the month are Jaylin Knottingham from the Fort Valley Fire Department, Marquez Henderson from the

Fort Valley Police Department, Paul Owens from the Fort Valley Public Works Department, and the administration department staff.



Admin Dept.

Photo by Zoe Hammond



Fire Dept.

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resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with DataWorks Plus, LLC, regarding the GBI Rapid ID device software for the Police Department.

The Mayor and Council approved a request from the Byron Police Department to surplus a 2008 Ford Econoline Van. The council approved a write off of \$58.57 regarding

a personal property on an old business that had been sold a few years ago.

The council approved the proposed slate of GMA's District 6 Officers FY2025-2026 and the submission of the ballot. Next, the council approved the assessed amount of support of \$1598.00 from the Robins Air Force Base 21st Century Partnership.

Police Beat

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

Byron Arrests/Citations

Blalock, Evelyn Latonya, 36, Fort Valley, GA: Failure To Appear

Grace, Gary Barnard, 56, Warner Robins, GA: Probation Violation

Hobes, Keana Shondatel, 29, Jeffersonville, GA: Probation Violation

Matthews, Sivon Nathan, 23, Cayce, NC: Failure To Appear

Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Cox, Ryan Marcquez, 42, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Trespass

Harris, Tyrell Wiley, 41, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Trespass, Arson 1st Degree

Riley, Delonzo Demond, 51, Fort Valley, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Rumph, Emma, 67, Fort Valley, GA: Battery

Smith, Alfred Quintin, 28, Perry, GA: Criminal Damage To Property - 1st Degree

Snead, Jeffrey Henry, 48, Macon, GA: Home Invasion, Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree, Possession Of Firearm Or Knife During Commission Of Or Attempt To Commit Certain Felonies

Wyche, Curtis Lanorris, 61, Fort Valley, GA: Battery - Family Violence

Peach County Sheriff's Office

Arrests/Citations

Barrett, Kanetria Nicole, 41, Fort Valley, GA: Theft By Shoplifting

Castle, Taylor Gunn, 37, Byron, GA: Contempt Of Superior Court

Fowler, Sylvia Denise, 37, Fort Valley, GA: Theft By Shoplifting

Knight, Stephen Taylor, 32, Fayetteville, GA: Marijuana-Possess Less Than 1 Oz., Expired Tag, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

Mccrory, Chandler Freeman, 38, Macon, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

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Perez-Villatoro, Jose Armando, 20, Warner Robins, GA: Driving W/O Valid License, Failure To Yield Right Of Way To Vehicle

Pina, Juan Yahir, 18, Fort Valley, GA: Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol, Criminal Trespass, Failure To Maintain Lane

Simmons, Adrian De'shawn, 33, Fort Valley, GA: Registered Offender Intentionally Photographing A Minor Without Consent Of Minor Parent Or Guardian

Statum, Malik Tyre, 27, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Villatoro Tellez, Jose Roberto, 25, Columbus, OH: Expired Or No Drivers License, Tail Lights / Tag Lights Lenses Required

GA State Patrol Perry Arrests

Barner, Jerrod Thomas, 33, Fort Valley, GA: Failure To Maintain Lane, Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol

Griggs, Avery Jamel, 36, Fort Bragg, NC: Hit And Run; Duty Of Driver To Stop At Or Return To Scene Of Accident, Failure To Maintain Lane, Homicide By Vehicle In 1st Degree - Felony, Reckless Driving

Jones, Marquez Jones, 26, Macon, GA: Knowingly Driving Motor Vehicle On Suspended, Canceled, Or Revoked Registration, Failure To Maintain Insurance, Driving While License Suspended, Willful Obstruction Of Law Enforcement Officers - Misdemeanor

Thomas, Titeona, 20, Macon, GA: Marijuana-Possess Less Than 1 Oz., Unlawful To Purchase, Possess, Or Have Control Of Any Controlled Substance

FVSU Arrests

Lyons, Devante Deshawn, 28, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Trespass

Marable, Lawrence E, 65, Macon, GA: Criminal Trespass, Willful Obstruction Of Law Enforcement Officers - Misdemeanor

GA Dept Of Public Safety Arrests

Johnson, Egypt Johnny, 49, Woodbine, GA: Neglect Child

Sen. Ossoff Pressing for Competent Postmaster General to Solve Georgia Mail Delays

By the office of Jon Ossoff, U.S. Senator for Georgia

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff is pressuring the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to recruit a competent Postmaster General who can address mail delays in Georgia.

Following the resignation of former Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, Sen. Ossoff is urging the USPS Board of Governors to replace him with leadership who can solve the continued delays with on-time mail delivery across Georgia.

"My constituents, and I cannot emphasize this strongly enough, are beside themselves at the consistent and recurring failure of USPS leadership to execute their basic mission in

Georgia," Sen. Ossoff wrote to the Board of Governors.

According to data released by USPS last month, Georgia District Overall First-Class Mail Service is 7.7% below the National Average.

"The absence of a Postmaster General leaves USPS without direction and the urgency necessary to ensure timely delivery. Georgians deserve reliable on-time mail delivery, and competent leadership that will deliver results," Sen. Ossoff continued. "I once again urge you to swiftly appoint a new Postmaster General who will completely correct the abysmal failure of Postmaster General DeJoy's Delivering for America program."

Sen. Ossoff continues to lead vigorous oversight of USPS and

pressure leadership to improve performance delays that impact Georgians.

In January, after receiving reports from Georgia veterans that the U.S. Postal Service is failing to deliver prescriptions and appointment notices on time, hurting their access to benefits and care, Sen. Ossoff demanded that USPS swiftly delivers prescriptions, medications, and VA appointment notices to Georgia veterans.

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

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Peach County Community CALENDAR

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Election Board Meeting

May 23, 2025
at 205 W Church St., Fort Valley, Ga 31030
at 4:00 P.M.

Combining of Precincts

Byron 1 and Byron 2.

Early voting will be May 27, 2025 until June 13, 2025. Early Voting locations will be 902 Campus Dr., Fort Valley, Ga 31030, Peach County Government Center, and also 401 Main Street, Byron, Ga 31088, Byron Municipal Complex.
Monday through Friday 8:00a.m. until 5:00p.m.
and on Saturday 9:00a.m. until 5:00p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - ReZoning

The City of Fort Valley has a rezoning request from Ms. Marsha Gosier for **611 South Camellia Blvd., parcel F05E-098 containing 1.29 acres.** The application for rezoning for this property to be rezoned from its current I (Industrial) zoning to R-2 multi-family.

The date of this public hearing will be **May 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.** The second meeting will be June 17, 2025 for Mayor and Council at 6:00 p.m.

City of Fort Valley Memorial Day Ceremony - May 22

Remember and Honor
May 22 at Veterans Park from 10am to 11am. (Marvin Crafter Festival Park, 310 Martin Luther King Dr., Fort Valley, GA 31030. www.fortvalleyga.org

Georgia Peach Festival

Come out the Georgia Peach Festival held JUNE 6-7, 2025 in Fort Valley and JUNE 14, 2025 in Byron.

Trojan Nation TD Club

The Trojan Nation Touchdown Club is selling reserved parking for the upcoming season at a cost of \$75.00. This includes the four regular season home games plus any playoff game that We host. This offer is good as long as spaces are available. You can contact Nate Danielly at 478-957-1141 for more information.

American Legion Meetings

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

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

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

All Veterans and Spouses are encouraged to participate.

ATTENTION: Veterans

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

Fort Valley Downtown Development Authority - Board Meeting

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

Peach County Board of Commissioners Work Sessions

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

Regular Meetings* are held on the second Tuesday

of each month at 6:00pm in Commission Chambers located at 213 Persons Street in Fort Valley.

The Board also conducts Public Hearings to consider zoning requests at 6:30pm during regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

*Scheduling may differ due to holidays and unforeseen circumstances. Prior notice will be given. Visit our website for more information: <https://www.peachcounty.net/board-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. (TFNS)

Peach Public Libraries Board Of Trustees

THOMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY, FORT VALLEY, GA

Peach Public Libraries Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday of February, April, June, August, October, and December at 5:15pm in the Meeting Room at Thomas Public Library, Fort Valley, unless otherwise specified.

Middle Georgia Art Association

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

Peach County Historical Society meeting

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

Fort Valley Historic Preservation

The Fort Valley Historic Preservation Commission Board meeting is held on the second Mondays of the month at 6pm,

located at the Troutman House 201 Oakland Heights Pkwy, Fort Valley, Ga 31030.

Peach County Retired Educators Association

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

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Byron AL-ANON Family Group

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

Compassionate Friends Middle Georgia Chapter

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

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

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

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

Addiction Counseling

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

Byron Lions Club

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

Byron Rotary Club

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

Byron Main Street DDA/CVB

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

Byron Tax Office

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

Citizens Expect Better From Their Council Members



ZOE HAMMOND

News Editor

This will be a short column from me, as I am still gathering my thoughts on what has been happening in Fort Valley. All I can say is that while I am not surprised, I am disappointed in how the Fort Valley City Council has been conducting its meetings.

Yes, I know, this is a topic I have discussed before. Multiple times, if we are being honest. Although in each of those instances, I did not name which council I was referring to nor did I specify which councilmembers I was speaking about. Granted, most knew who I was referring to or at least had an inclination.

However, this time I want to be more direct. I am disappointed with the behavior displayed by the city council of Fort Valley. Every meeting I attend, there is consistent arguing and, in some cases, exceptionally rude behavior.

Please keep in mind, I am not a lawyer, nor have I received any type of training from the Georgia Municipal Association. However, I do understand the basics of Robert's Rules of Order, and have seen many councilmembers not follow it. An example would be calling for an executive session at the start of the meeting versus

following the agenda, which has an executive session at the end of the meeting. However, it seems only two councilmembers are reprimanded when they don't follow that procedure.

I have also seen hypocritical behavior. One example would be Mayor Jeffery Lundy requiring Council women Sandra Marshall and Junaita Bryant to raise their hands to speak (without being reprimanded), but Councilman Henry Howard being able to speak freely.

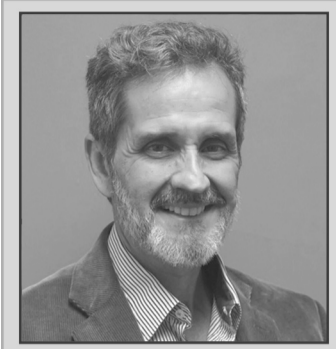
In multiple instances, he has started talking to whoever is at the podium and does not receive any backlash from the Mayor for not raising his hand. This has not been a consistent behavior by any means; it's happened only a handful of times, but to those of us paying attention, it sets a clear precedent.

Again, this is from what I have seen when attending these meetings as well as seeing behavior demonstrated afterwards, usually in front of City Hall. Citizens are angry. They are angry at how matters are being handled, or in some cases not handled at all or being blatantly disregarded, such as what the Fort Valley DDA is experiencing due to the City's negligence.

Again, I do not currently have all the information, so I cannot make definitive statements on how every matter is being handled by the city. But based on what I do know, have seen, and been told, it is not a pretty picture and won't be for some time if things stay the way they are.

So, with all due respect, it's time that this city council starts acting with integrity, transparency, and accountability.

The Thermic Effect of Food



WADE YODER
LT COLUMNIST

Most of us really like when our body has a high rate of thermogenesis (burning fat for energy), but did you know that not only can toned muscle burn more calories, the foods we choose to eat can also make a difference as well! Some foods make the body work harder (to

break them down into usable fuel and nutrients that our body can absorb), than others do, and in doing so causes us to burn more calories throughout the digestive period~ this is "The Thermic Effect of Food."

Example: when we intake a good source of protein, up to 30% of the calories in the protein can be burned just for digestive purposes.

The foods that would be on the lower end of the thermic burn chart would be sugary foods, starchy foods and foods with very little fiber. These foods absorb very rapidly into our bloodstream and besides using very little calories to digest them, they can also cause very rapid spikes in blood sugars. These foods can be good fuel when ate in low amounts prior to periods of intense ac-

tivity. This is because of us needing a fuel that our body doesn't have to work hard to breakdown and since we need our blood going to our working muscles instead of our digestive track, this can be a good time to eat some fast-absorbing foods. Remember: the key is in eating low quantities of fast burning fuel. These foods are the ones that have a lot of calories in even small amounts of food and it's easy to over consume since they don't have much fiber and it's not till later that we feel the effects of all these extra calories.

When we get to know what amount of energy output we have coming up, it can be a guide as to which foods we should eat more of.

Example: if we know we're going to be setting at the desk for the rest of the day, with lit-

tle activity, we should go really light on the starches, simple carbs, sweet foods and drinks. But if we know that we are really going to have a lot of energy output for the next hour, we could eat some of the above in small amounts and it would be great short-term energy. Just remember, this can fuel the body for the short run, but in general it's much better to eat a balanced meal where the starches, simple carbs, sweet food and drink are very much kept in moderation.

For a learning exercise do an Internet search on: "The thermic effect of food."

Take away: Rapid absorbing fuel if ate in excess before periods of low or no activity will be stored for later use in our fat cells and this is what makes them balloon in size.

With Kemp Out, Georgia's 2026 Election Could Be Wildest Yet

By Kyle Wingfield, Georgia Public Policy Foundation
Guest Columnist

Two groups got answers they'd awaited this past week, signaling what was to come for their future.

Catholics got their new pope. But Georgia Republicans are still waiting for their candidate.

No plume of smoke arose from the Governor's Mansion when Brian Kemp announced he would not seek one of Georgia's U.S. Senate seats next year. Nor would voting have been canceled if Kemp had decided otherwise.

But Kemp would have been the closest thing to an ordained selection in the GOP's nominating process: a sure bet to face Democrat Jon Ossoff, leaving other ambitious Republicans to seek other races or stay put.

Instead, it's looking like maximum political chaos.

The two plum jobs on the 2026 ballot are governor and senator. The former is open because Kemp is term-limited.

While the latter has an incumbent, Republicans in Georgia and nationally view the seat

as a prime opportunity in what could be a tough year elsewhere – and perhaps their last, best chance to unseat Ossoff. One-term senators can be vulnerable, but two-term senators start to look permanent.

Without Kemp in the Senate race, more Republicans in statewide offices or Congress will start activating plans they've been quietly making as contingencies.

Attorney General Chris Carr is the only declared candidate for governor among Georgia's seven other statewide, constitutional officers — but he won't be the last. The only one not rumored to be eyeing other posts is newly appointed Labor Commissioner Barbara Rivera Holmes, who's just settling into an office opened by the untimely death of Bruce Thompson.

Similarly, Congressman Buddy Carter of the 1st District, which hugs Georgia's coast, is the first out of the gate to seek the Senate nomination. Other names have been banded about, and it would be surprising if we don't see one or two of Carter's colleagues join the fray.

The domino effect will be far-reaching. State senators will run statewide or for Congress. State representatives will backfill those seats or run against those senators. And not only among Republicans: Apart from Ossoff's seat, each office will attract Democrats as well. State Sens. Jason Esteves, Josh McLaurin and Emanuel Jones have already announced bids for governor, lieutenant governor and the 13th Congressional District, respectively.

It was only a few years ago, after the 2022 elections, that a quarter of the General Assembly's 236 seats (180 House, 56 Senate) turned over. That's 60 offices. History suggests more change is on the way.

In 2018, the last open race for governor, two statewide officers ran for that job and a third retired. Eight state legislators sought higher office and a whopping 18 ran for re-election but lost, along with the usual complement of legislator retirements. In all, I counted 41 legislative seats that changed hands.

The previous open race for governor, in 2010, was even

more volatile. Seven statewide offices changed hands, along with three congressional seats. Those opportunities attracted a couple of dozen state legislators; in all, 51 legislators elected in 2008 did not return to their previous positions.

Amazingly, both of those years pale in comparison to 2002 – which had an incumbent running for governor, Roy Barnes, who ended up losing (as did U.S. Sen. Max Cleland) in part of the first red wave to hit Georgia in more than a century. Some 74 legislators did not return to office in 2003.

Democratic fortunes have been trending upward in Georgia until last year – similar to the way momentum grew for Republicans in the cycles leading up to 2002. Plus, there's the potential for lots of elected officials to seek higher offices that open up, just as in 2010 and 2018. Might next year bring the most chaotic election Georgia has seen?

It's too soon to say yes. But as of today, there are plenty of reasons to believe it just may be.

Time To Refocus On The Mission Of Our Military Members

Charlie Harper
Guest Columnist

The Navy had a couple of mishaps in the last few weeks that didn't receive a lot of attention. The attention it did receive was for all the wrong reasons.

On April 28th, an F-18 Super Hornet aircraft fell overboard from the U.S.S. Harry Truman and was lost at sea, along with the tow tractor that is used to move the aircraft within the ship. One person was slightly injured with the main casualty being an expensive airplane.

On May 6th, another F-18 was lost as the pilots were landing on the same ship at night. Initial reports indicated that the cable system that catches and slows the aircraft may have failed. The two pilots were able to eject safely, but another expensive plane was lost.

As is custom when there is failure, social media reaction among journalists and those journalist adjacent – the group that both reports what is news and those who decide what kind of coverage events will receive – focused on the planes. Also as is custom, those without working knowledge of an aircraft carrier nor much situational awareness of what the Harry S. Truman is

doing floating around the Red Sea were quick to essentially point and laugh.

To be clear, the Navy should not be losing aircraft overboard. I'll concede I don't know much of the circumstances of either incident. I do know enough about flying that a landing on an aircraft carrier at night is among the most difficult "routine" landings in aviation. Even when done successfully, the pilots are relying on technology developed in the earliest days of flight to get the plane safely to a stop.

What's missing in these accounts above is the mission of the Harry S. Truman, and that of the sailors about it and the other ships in its strike group. The U.S. Navy has been hitting targets in Yemen to degrade the offensive capabilities of the Houthis. The Iranian funded proxy has been attacking shipping interests in the area for months, as well as firing rockets and launching drones against Israel.

Reports on the first incident are that the Harry S. Truman had to make a sudden maneuver to avoid incoming fire from the Houthis. Even as big as an aircraft carrier is, they're still a

boat susceptible to waves and abrupt motion. The aircraft was being repositioned in an elevator that moves planes between the flight deck and lower in the ship where planes are stored. It's an unfortunate loss of hardware, but thankfully no service members were lost.

The point we all seem to be missing is that we do have untrained service members – part of an all-volunteer force – in harm's way all around the globe. Our initial reaction to stories like this isn't to first account for the danger, but to either find fault or to ridicule.

We're now a half century since we ended the draft. The last Americans who weren't given a choice in serving our country are now officially old men.

The generations that have come along since have seen fewer and fewer joining a smaller military. Meanwhile, our culture has satirized the services in comedies such as Stripes and M*A*S*H, or more ominous books like Catch 22.

We're losing our direct connections to those currently wearing the uniform. Too often, we're also seeing the inefficiencies and the failures without seeing the mission or the sacri-

fice.

We're desensitized to military action. We are a society where instant commentary is available via keyboard with little repercussion nor accountability for what we want our active duty military to do. We equate "air strikes" to video games, too often failing to realize that these are carried out by men and women who quite literally have targets on their backs.

Next week we will observe Memorial Day. It's the one day a year we set aside to honor those who left to serve our country and didn't come home.

As we approach this year's observance, we should resolve to remember that every person serving in each of our military's branches understand that next year it could be them being honored. It's not something we or they like to think about. But whenever we see any news about any "mishap," we need to think of them first.

Planes are replaceable. The important thing here is that we want to honor those undertaking these missions in November, not in May.

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Things You Need to Know



BILLY POWELL
Parables to Ponder
COLUMNIST

At the age of ten, I would slip into the Perry gym through the rear basement. One Saturday I went there to play. I heard a ball bouncing inside and wondered who it was. Once inside, I met a short, chubby man with a tam on his head who was shooting baskets. He threw me the ball, saying, "Hey, boy, you want to shoot with me?" This began my friendship with Bill Holland. Growing up in Perry, I played basketball with Bill in practically every backyard in Perry. We played in Tommy Mobley's backyard where Bill would shoot atop a tree stump 30-feet away and ring the goal repetitively. We played at Bert Bozeman's house where Bill would deliver a twirling 360-degree shot and knock the bottom out of the net. At the Powell house, Bill would ricochet the ball off overhanging tree limbs and swish the net. Bill had an insatiable fascination with basketball. He loved to launch a basketball 25-30 feet from the goal and watch it come crashing down through the net. I usually teamed with Bill to set him up for spectacular shots. When Bill attended school at Perry, the high school team did not have a gym--they played outdoors. Bill arrived at school soon after sunup and start shooting baskets. Old-timers say that Bill could

eat his breakfast sandwich in one hand, shoot with the other, and never miss a bite.

William Harrison remarked: "I'll always remember Bill's funny-looking cap, a tam! He worked for years for his brother-in-law, Phelan Andrews at the Ice House on Highway 41. Bill lived north of Houston Lake. Bill attended every Perry home game. Coach Staples arranged for him to attend free. Someone would usually give Bill a ride to out-of-town games. If not, he rode the school bus. He was the Perry Panther's number one fan. He always sat next to the cheerleaders who enjoyed his company. The Perry fans loved Bill. He will never be forgotten. Perry Mayor Jim Worrall stated: "My recollection of Bill was his insistence that I carry a rabbit's foot for good luck. On several occasions at basketball games, he would come up the seats to ask me to show him the rabbit's foot he gave me." "Bill usually gave the Perry players a victory handshake before the games." My brother, Dwayne Powell, said: "Bill insisted we shake with both hands but with our arms crossed. Bill's magic always worked."

Seeing Bill sitting among the cheerleaders cheering with all his heart, shouting encouragement over his megaphone, and brandishing a string of lucky rabbit feet was an inspiration to Perry teams and their fans alike. I shall never forget Bill's enthusiasm for basketball, but the attribute that impressed me most was his faithful church attendance. When the doors of Thorpe Memorial Church on Highway 41 opened, Bill was there. He was a mainstay in the church choir. Always smiling and affable, Bill never met a stranger and never

spoke an ill word about anyone.

Near the end, Bill lived with his sister, Mrs. Phelan Andrews, on Highway 41 North. A basketball goal stood in the backyard. On the day that Bill died, Mrs. Andrews said: "On the afternoon before Bill died, he worked in the garden and then shot baskets until the sun went down." That night God called Bill home and he stepped inside the Eastern gates of Heaven to begin his first ten-thousand years with the Lord. I know where Bill is today. The Master said, "In My Father's house are many mansions." Bill is shooting baskets in Heaven and, if that hallowed old gym is there (burned down in 1969), he's lighting up the scoreboard.

Others who attended Perry's basketball games were Gunrod (janitor at Bank of Perry) and O.W. Waddell (a local painter). These men usually sat on the Perry side near the scoreboard in the old gym. Perry was a basketball town. Out-of-town games would see caravans of cars leaving Perry to see the game. Contributing heavily was Perry's basketball coach, Eric Staples, the winningest coach in the nation. His teams won 83 percent of their games, often against higher classification schools. Staples' teams won 8 state championships in 15 years. Coach Paul Hartman's team won a 9th state championship in 1969. No state championships since. For verification, ask U.S. Senator Sam Nunn or Georgia House Majority Leader Larry Walker or Judge George Nunn, all of whom played for Coach Staples. A book by Billy Powell is titled "Pride of the Panthers." You can order from Amazon. It contains the foregoing and much more.



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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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Georgia Cracks Down On Fentanyl Trafficking, With New Sentencing Law

By Ty Tagami
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ATLANTA - The penalty for trafficking fentanyl just got more serious in Georgia after Gov. Brian Kemp signed legislation that seeks to suppress illicit sales of the dangerous drug.

When used in a medical setting with proper dosing, the painkiller can help patients experiencing discomfort. But it is 100 times more potent than morphine, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, and it can be lethal on the street where it can be found laced with other drugs, such as Adalderall, Oxycodone and Xanax.

Two milligrams can kill depending on a person's body

size, tolerance and past usage, according to the DEA, which maintains a memorial exhibit for the drug, which has predominantly killed teenagers.

The Fentanyl Eradication and Removal Act imposes a range of mandatory minimum sentences on convicted traffickers in fentanyl. Four grams to 14 grams, the smallest amounts covered by the legislation - Senate Bill 79 -- will result in at least five years behind bars.

Kemp signed the legislation Monday, along with 19 other bills.

Sen. Russ Goodman, R-Cogdell, drove more than eight hours round trip to watch the ceremony. The South Georgia blueberry farmer said Tues-

day that he introduced SB 79 because fentanyl is unlike any other drug experienced by older generations. If those older drugs are BB guns, then fentanyl is a nuclear bomb, he said, and teenagers are particularly at risk because they are unaware.

He has many anecdotes from his part of the state -- about a medical administrator whose child died after consuming marijuana laced with fentanyl or three young men who took cocaine laced with fentanyl while harvesting crops late one night. Two of them died, Goodman said.

"It's really gotten personal for me. I've met so many people who've lost their children."

Kemp Signs IVF Protections Into Law

By Dave Williams
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Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Gov. Brian Kemp signed legislation Thursday codifying into state law the right of women struggling to get pregnant to receive in vitro fertilization.

House Bill 428, which the General Assembly passed with just one "no" vote, was among a half dozen health-care measures the governor signed during a ceremony at the Savannah Convention Center.

The legislation's chief sponsor was Rep. Lehman Franklin, R-Statesboro, whose wife June received IVF treatment and is expecting a child next month.

"(Families) deserve to have the chance to experience this great gift from God," Kemp said before signing the bill.

The legislation was prompted by an Alabama Supreme Court ruling last year that declared frozen embryos created through IVF must be treated as children. The decision essentially banned the procedure in that state until Alabama lawmakers passed a bill protecting IVF and Republican Gov. Kay Ivey quickly signed it.

"We needed to ensure that here in Georgia, no family would have to question accessibility to IVF," said state House Speaker Jon Burns, R-Newington, who made the IVF measure one of his top priorities for this year's legislative session.

Other health-care bills the governor signed Thursday included:

- House Bill 94, which requires insurance companies to cover the costs of fertility preservation services when medi-

cally necessary treatments for cancer and other life-threatening diseases impairs fertility.

- House Bill 89, requiring health-care providers, hospitals, and pharmacies to release clinical records of certain deceased patients to the state's Maternal Mortality Review Committee.

- House Bill 584, which transfers oversight of various mental-health programs from the Georgia Department of Community Health to the state Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities.

- House Bill 473, an annual update of the list of controlled substances that are considered dangerous.

- Senate Bill 55, which provides a pay raise to Georgians with disabilities who are currently being paid subminimum wages.

Thirty Gang Members And Associates Charged With Racketeering, Murder

By Dave Williams
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ATLANTA - An eight-count federal court indictment unsealed in the Southern District of Georgia charges 30 alleged members of the Sex Money Murder (SMM) gang and associates with crimes including racketeering and murder.

The suspects were arrested in four Georgia cities - Savannah, Hinesville, Augusta and Atlanta - according to an indictment unsealed on Wednesday.

According to court records and testimony, the defendants trafficked large amounts of deadly drugs - including methamphetamine, cocaine, and heroin - throughout the Savannah area. They also are accused of taking part in sophisticated fraud schemes to obtain feder-

al COVID-19 relief and unemployment benefits, causing a loss of more than \$850,000.

The indictment also charges Byron Hopkins in the shooting death of a 19-year-old gang member who wanted to leave the gang.

"Today's indictment is an important step in ending gang violence on our streets and in our prisons," said Tara Lyons, acting U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. "My office will continuously work with our law enforcement partners to ensure public safety."

According to court documents, Hopkins and other SMM members intercepted a 19-year-old man in February 2020 and took him to a rural residential neighborhood, where Hopkins shot him to death. The victim had reportedly expressed a desire to leave the gang after ac-

curring Hopkins of having sex with a minor girl who became pregnant.

If convicted, the defendants face up to life in prison for the murder, up to life in prison for the racketeering conspiracy, and up to 30 years behind bars for wire fraud.

The case is being investigated by the FBI, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Army's Criminal Investigation Division, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the state Department of Corrections, and nine local law enforcement agencies.

The SMM gang is a subset of The Bloods, a gang that originated in Los Angeles in the early 1970s. From there, the gang spread to areas along the East Coast, including Georgia, where it operates inside and outside of prisons and jails.

May Awards presented by The Peach County Retired Educators Association

By Hope Giles,

The Peach County Retired Educators Association

The Peach County Retired Educators Association gathered for its monthly meeting on Monday, May 5th, at Trinity Baptist Church, under the leadership of President Alfred Ellis.

The meeting began with President Elect Dr. Quintin Green leading the group in the PCREA song, followed by inspirational remarks from Deloris Tate.

President Ellis presented several awards, including the Academic Award to Amore' Gulley, Emeritus Awards to Luetta McCrary and Thomas Palmer, the Leadership Award to Alfred Ellis, and Outstanding Educators Awards to Dr. Keysha King-Principal at Hunt Elementary School and Dr. Brandon Hall - Principal at Kay Road Elementary School, Bennie Rose Solomon received the Volunteer Service Award. Rev. Victor V. Johnson delivered the Challenge to The Retired Educators.

PCREA provided financial assistance to two FVSU students to help cover their GACE exam fees.

The meeting concluded with a social gathering, featuring good food and fellowship.



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Dr. Quintin Green, Pastor Victor V. Johnson and President Alfred Ellis



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Reeves Construction has planned work for May 26th through June 13th with funding from the Special Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and Transportation Special Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST)

Audit Finds Teacher Shortage Law Worked A Little But Didn't Fix The Problem

By Ty Tagami
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ATLANTA - As a generation of teachers retire and their burned-out younger colleagues quit sooner, complaining about the workload and the pay, public schools have struggled to keep their classrooms staffed.

Georgia lawmakers thought they had found a solution, passing House Bill 385 three years ago. It allowed retired teachers with 30 years of service to return to the classroom with full pay and pension from the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), provided they sat on the sidelines for one year.

The newly deepened bench helped, but not much, a new state audit has found.

The number of retirees who returned to the classroom represented less than 1% of the state's teacher workforce, said "Retired Teachers Return to

Work," a report by the Georgia Department of Audits & Accounts.

"HB 385 has had a minimal effect on the continued need for teachers and on TRS," the performance audit said. "The number of full-time retirees employed each year (approximately 350) is substantially smaller than the statewide teacher population."

One reason, said the report, is that requirements for 30 years of service and the one-year timeout are more restrictive than similar laws in many other states.

Georgia lawmakers adopted the one-year timeout because they didn't want to encourage teachers to retire earlier, since that could have exacerbated turnover.

But school systems told the auditors that a waiting period longer than a semester caused retirees to find jobs elsewhere, for instance at private schools,

or to get a taste of retirement and decide they didn't want to work anymore.

With HB 385 expiring next summer, lawmakers started rethinking their plan. They proposed a slightly different approach during this recent legislative session.

Georgia public schools were short 5,300 teachers as of December. Senate Bill 150, sponsored by Sen. Billy Hickman, R-Statesboro, chairman of the Senate Education and Youth Committee, would allow former teachers to return to the classroom 60 days after they retire following 25 years of service.

Lawmakers did not advance the bill, but the Senate Retirement Committee did refer it for a cost analysis. It will still be in play when lawmakers return in January for the next session of the General Assembly.



Tentative Paving and Road Construction Schedule

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May 26th through June 13th - Subgrade and Graded Aggregate Base Course (GABC) Construction
June 16th through June 20th - Paving

Fullwood Road - SPLOST Funding

June 16th through June 27th - Subgrade and Graded Aggregate Base Course (GABC) Construction
July 7th through July 11th - Paving

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA ESTATE NO. 2025-PRO-7107 IN RE: ESTATE OF ARTHUR RAGAN JR., A/K/A, ARTHUR RAGIN, JR., 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: ROBIN RAGAN, SHALIA NICOLE RAGIN AND ANY/ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

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 JUNE 13, 2025.

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

By: Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court
205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030
478-825-2313
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GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Mable Cleveland Rayford, deceased, of Peach County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate required to make immediate payment. This 13th day of May, 2025.

Denisha J. McKenzie A/K/A Denisha Michelle McKenzie, Executor
c/o Rebecca C. Moody, Esq.
MOODY AND ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM, LLC
P.O. Box 422
Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238
5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 2025
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA ESTATE NO. 2025-MGDN-7085 IN RE: ESTATE OF IVY ROSE CAMERON, MINOR NOTICE

TO: DALTON BLACKMON AND ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that KATHY J. BERRYHILL has filed a Petition seeking to be appointed temporary guardian(s) of the above-named Minor. All objections to the Petition to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the petitioner(s) as temporary guardian(s), must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and be filed with this Court no later than fourteen (14) days after this notice is mailed, or ten (10) days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten (10) days after the second publication for this notice if you are served by publication. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees.

NOTE: If a natural guardian files a timely objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the Petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the Petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date. If no objection is filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing. Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court

By Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court
205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030
478-825-2313
5/14, 5/21, 2025
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NOTICE OF HEARING TO: TYRUS ROBINSON ANY UNKNOWN BIRTHFATHER

You have been identified as the biological father of Baby Girl English born to Denatucilla English on January 13, 2025, in Houston County, Georgia. The natural and legal mother of the child has surrendered her parental rights and custody to the child to Covenant Care Services, Inc. for adoption. If you have any interest in the child, please contact Covenant Care Services, Inc., 3950 Ridge Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31210, (478) 475-4990 or toll free 1-800-226-5683. If you do not file a response to this Petition with the Court within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this notice and provide a copy to me

as attorney for Covenant Care Services, Inc., you will lose all rights you may have in and to the child and you will neither receive notice nor be entitled to object to the adoption of the child, pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

NOTICE OF HEARING
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that counsel of record for Covenant Care Services, Inc., will bring its Petition to Terminate on for hearing before the Superior Court of Bibb County, Bibb County Courthouse, 601 Mulberry Street, Macon, Georgia, at **12:00 NOON ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025.** THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE OF SAID HEARING.

H.J. STRICKLAND, JR., Georgia Bar No. 004450
Attorney for Covenant Care Services, Inc.

435 Second Street, P.O. Box 6437
Macon, Georgia 31208-6437
(478)745-2821
5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 2025
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LEGAL NOTICE

Atlanta Gas Light Company is filing its Capacity Supply Plan under O.C.G.A. § 46-4-155 with the Georgia Public Service Commission ("Commission") on July 1, 2025, in Docket No. 56177. A copy of the Capacity Supply Plan will be on file with the Commission once filed.

The Georgia Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at the Georgia Public Service Commission, Room 110, at 244 Washington Street S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701 for the purpose of hearing evidence regarding the Capacity Supply Plan.

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 46-2-59(c), persons wishing to intervene must file a petition to intervene with the Commission within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this notice. This filing shall be made at the office of the Executive Secretary, Georgia Public Service Commission, 244 Washington Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334-5701.

If you have a disability and will need assistance or accommodations to participate or need further information, please contact the Executive Director's Office, Georgia Public Service Commission at (404) 656-4501 or 1 (800) 282-5813 (inside Georgia only).

This notice is published in accordance with Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 515-2-1-.04.
Elizabeth Wade, Esq.
Chief Counsel, Regulatory Affairs
Atlanta Gas Light Company
5/21/2025
3415 (56177)

Notice of Sale Under Power. State of Georgia, County of PEACH.

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by KELLIE E JONES to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., dated 04/15/2016, and Recorded on 04/19/2016 as Book No. 544 and Page No. 258 274, PEACH County, Georgia records, as last assigned to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$99,434.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the PEACH County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 2025, the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 5 OF THE FIFTH (5TH) LAND DISTRICT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 10, BLOCK "B", ALPINE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 61, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE THERETO 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: 306 HOWARD STREET, BYRON, GEORGIA.

The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt 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 Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. WELLS FARGO

BANK, N.A., acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. may be contacted at: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., 3476 STATEVIEW BLVD., FORT MILL, SC 29715, 800 288 3212. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as 306 HOWARD ST, BYRON, GEORGIA 31008 is/are: KELLIE E JONES or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. as Attorney in Fact for KELLIE E JONES. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010449585 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 2025
3403 (10449585)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF NANCY LEE VINES, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7063 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: MITCHELL HALL JOHNSON has petitioned for MITCHELL HALL JOHNSON to be appointed administrator of the estate of NANCY LEE VINES, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. Section 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before May 23, 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 our 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
P.O. BOX 327, Fort Valley, GA 31030
478-825-2313
5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 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

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA PEACH COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Danielle Seeger, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia on the 28th day of April, 2025, praying for a change in the name of minor child(ren) from Darrin Jones to Darrin Seeger. 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 said petition. This 28 day of April, 2025.
5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 2025
3404

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.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY Case No. 25-V-0122

Notice is hereby given that Javi Alexander Aguilar Ramirez, by and through his mother, filed her petition to the Superior Court of Peach County, on the 28TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025, praying for a change in the name of her minor child from Javi Alexander Ramirez to Javi Alexander Ponce Aguilar. 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 thirty (30) days of the filing of said petition. This 25th day of March, 2025.

Micaela Aguilar Ramirez
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles
912 Main Street
P.O. Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
(478)987-2622
5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 2025
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA CIVIL ACTION NO 25-V-0099 IN RE: MARIA Z. COOK NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY Notice is hereby given that Maria Z. Cook, whose birth given name was Mary Rosado, the undersigned, filed her petition to the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia on the 13th day of March 2025, praying for a change in the name of petition from Mary Rosado to Maria Zorziado Osorio on the petitioner's birth certificate. 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 said petition. This 13th day of March 2025.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: BEATRICE L. PERNELL, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2024-PRO-6990 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED (WILL PREVIOUSLY PROBATED)

NOTICE: TO DAN LEE PERNELL: 107 PAL ALTO, BOERNE, TX 78006: This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition in this Court on or before the 30th day after May 14, 2025 (the date of the mailing of this notice to you by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested); provided, however, that if a return receipt for such notice is actually received by the Court within 30 days, the deadline for the filing of any objection shall be 30 days from the date of receipt shown on such return receipt.

TO: KATHY COLVERT: This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before June 13, 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 our 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
P.O. BOX 327, Fort Valley, GA 31030
478-825-2313
5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 2025
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, PEACH COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Shelia J. Wright to United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture dated 7/21/2008 and recorded in Deed Book 408 Page 584 Peach County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$82,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Peach

County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on June 3, 2025 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF FORT VALLEY, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 17, BLOCK "A", OF THE EASTSIDE SUBDIVISION THEREIN, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAID SUBDIVISION PREPARED BY THOMAS W. FUTRAL, III, SURVEYOR, DATED JULY 1965, A COPY OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 180, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE THERETO.

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

Said property is commonly known as 408 Spillers Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Shelia J. Wright or tenant or tenants.

Dawson's Management - USDA is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

Dawson's Management - USDA Dawson's Realty & Mortgages, Inc. 3775 Venture Drive Building K, Suite 200 Duluth, GA 30096 678-558-7822

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

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

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture as agent and Attorney in Fact for Shelia J. Wright Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1000-20614A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1000-20614A. 05/07/2025, 05/14/2025, 05/21/2025, 05/28/2025 3401 (97240 1000-20614A)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA ESTATE NO. 2025-PRO-7075 IN RE: ESTATE OF ELSA EDWARDS, 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: DANIEL WALDHIER AND AL-EXANDER BRENNER

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 May 23, 2025.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of

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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
5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 2025
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Georgia Forestry Commission will be accepting bids on Thursday, May 29, 2025, for a timber sale located on Fort Valley State University's property located in Peach County. Bids will be accepted until 11:00 am. Timber being sold is located on 126.5 acres with approximately 4,691 tons of pine and 1,838 tons of hardwood. Contract length to harvest and remove the timber is twelve (12) months. For more information on the timber to

be sold, the sale areas or the bid process or to receive a bid packet, contact Ben Hammond, Georgia Forestry Commission, at 706-612-3729.
5/14, 5/21, 2025
3412 (FVSU FY25 11458)

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

The Last Will and Testament of CHERYL G. DAVIS having been Probated in Solemn Form and Letters Administration with Will Annexed, having been issued to JOSEPH D. DAVIS this is to cite all creditors of said estate to make their demands known to us and all debtors of said estate to make immediate payment to us.
This 15TH day of MAY, 2025.
JOSEPH D. DAVIS, Executor
C/O Lawrence C. Collins
Collins & Aromatorio, P.C.
GA Bar No. 178600
P.O. Box 250
Byron, Georgia 31008
478-956-3071
5/21, 5/28

AUCTION – PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE OF SALE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien on said property pursuant to the Georgia Code Sections 10-4-210 to 10-4-215. The undersigned will

sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 10:00am** online at www.storage-treasures.com, property found in the following units:
Unit G05A Theresa Livingston Household Items
Unit G24 Dontavion L. Jones Household Items
Unit C27 and E12 Fronita Torres Household Items

Tenants have the right to redeem prior to sale.
PEACH MINI STORAGE
5/21, 5/28, 2025
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS IN RE: WALLACE SMITH.

All creditors of the estate of WALLACE SMITH, late of Peach County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment this 30th day of April 2025 to Phyllis Smith c/o Attorney: Tim J. Thompson, 1900B Northside Crossing, Macon, GA 31210, 478-471-9900.
5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 2025
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF ADELITA U. MAURICIO, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7091 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: EVA MARIE VARGAS has petitioned for EVA MARIE VARGAS to be appointed administrator of the estate of ADELITA U. MAURICIO, deceased, of said county. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. Section 53-12-261.) All interested persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before May 23, 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 our 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
P.O. BOX 327, Fort Valley, GA 31030
478-825-2313
5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 2025
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GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of MARIA GUADALUPE LOERA, deceased, of Peach County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate required to make immediate payment.
This 6th day of May, 2025.
Elena Resendiz, Administrator
c/o Rebecca C. Moody, Esq.
MOODY AND ASSOCIATES
LAW FIRM, LLC
P.O. Box 422
Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238
5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 2025
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PUBLIC NOTICE – AUCTION ABANDONED VEHICLES

Underwood's Towing, Inc will sell the following vehicles at **public auction** pursuant to Georgia Statute 40-1-9 through 40-11-1 at **9:30 A.M. June 9, 2025 at the office of Insurance Auto Auctions, 2200 Trade Drive, Macon, GA 31217.** Some of the vehicle(s) are damaged and not in operable condition.

2008 MITSUBISHI LANCER, JA3AU26U68U042478
2002 CHEVROLET SILVERADO, 1GCHC24U52E239309
2006 PONTIAC G-6, 1G2ZG558X64154283
2010 NISSAN ALTIMA, 1N4AL2AP2AN53591
2009 HYUNDAI SONATA, 5NPET46C39H566577
LINCOLN TOWN CAR, 1LNHM83W84Y664457
2012 HYUNDAI SONATA, 5NPEC4AB1CH353570
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA PEACH COUNTY

WHEREAS, Layne T. Page and Debora A. Page, husband and wife, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Brand Mortgage Group, its successors and assigns, Lender which was dated 8/18/2010, and recorded on 8/23/2010, in Instrument No.: , Deed Book 445, Page 260, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$380,144.00 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 7/1/2025 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash Before the Courthouse door of the Peach County Courthouse, 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 LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 143, 6TH LAND DISTRICT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS LOT 1 CONTAINING 5 ACRES OF THE WILLIAMS FIELD SUBDIVISION, ALL AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT MADE FROM A SURVEY RECORDED IN PLAT

BOOK 20, PAGES 276-277, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO.

SAID PROPERTY IS CONVEYED SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE COVENANTS APPLICABLE TO THE WILLIAMS FIELD SUBDIVISION, WHICH COVENANTS ARE RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 182, PAGE 900-903 IN THE ABOVE REFERRED CLERK'S OFFICE.

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The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 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 Layne T. Page and Debora A. Page

Attorney Contact:
Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC
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Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Phone: 404-793-1447
Fax: 404-738-1558
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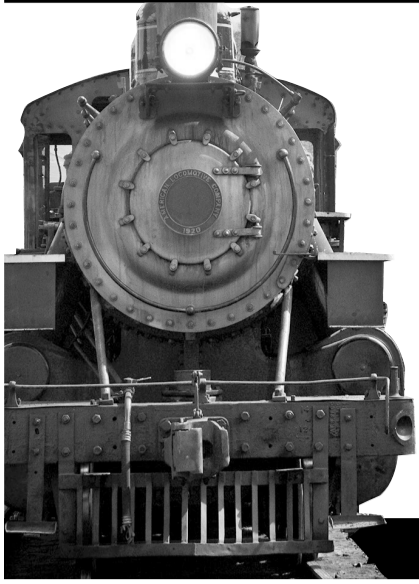
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Peach County Trojans Earn Silver at Special Olympics Georgia State Summer Games!



Peach County Special Olympics Flag Football Team won Silver

Photos Contributed



By Chris McKenzie
Sports Reporter

Peach County is beaming with pride as the Trojans Special Olympics Flag Football Team brought home the silver medal from the 2025 Special Olympics Georgia State Summer Games!

Competing with heart, determination, and teamwork, these incredible student-athletes demonstrated true sportsmanship and skill throughout the tournament. With big smiles and even bigger victories, the Trojans fought

hard on the field and emerged as state silver medalists—a monumental achievement for the team and the community.

Under the guidance of their dedicated coaches and the support of their families and school, the athletes proudly represented Peach County. The camaraderie and commitment among the players were evident, as was their unwavering team spirit.

As the cheers echoed back home in Peach County, it's clear: these athletes are champions in every sense. Congratulations, Trojans! Your community couldn't be prouder!

Trojans Fall in Heartbreaker, End Historic Run in GHSA Final Four Peach County's Season Ends in Game 3 Battle with Cherokee Bluff

By Chris McKenzie
Sports Reporter

Peach County's magical post-season run came to a bittersweet end Wednesday afternoon as the Trojans fell to the Cherokee Bluff Bears in Game 3 of the GHSA AAA Final Four, 15-2. Despite the tough loss, the Trojans captivated their community and energized the Peach County baseball program with their remarkable playoff push.

Game 1: Bears Strike Late to Steal the Opener

In the opening game of the series, the Bears struck first in the top of the 1st inning, setting the tone for a back-and-forth battle. Peach County roared back in the bottom of the 5th when Rigsby Booth delivered a clutch 2-RBI double, briefly giving the Trojans a lead. However, Cherokee Bluff exploded in the top of the 6th with a five-run rally that proved to be the difference,

taking Game 1 by a score of 6-4.

Game 2: Trojans Respond with Offensive Showcase

Facing elimination, the Trojans came out swinging in Game 2. Booth stayed hot at the plate, knocking an RBI double in the first inning. Kade Thompson ignited the crowd by stealing home in the 2nd, and the Trojans' offense rolled from there. Scout Willingham and Booth continued to deliver key hits, with Owen Meredith and Wyatt Blanton both crossing the plate. Peach poured on runs in nearly every inning, taking control early and never letting up. Although the Bears fought to keep it competitive, Peach County's relentless attack secured a 12-6 win and forced a decisive Game 3.

Game 3: Bears Silence Trojans' Bats in Series Finale

The energy and momentum from Game 2 couldn't carry over into the rubber match.

Cherokee Bluff stormed out of the gate, building a 9-2 lead by the end of the 4th inning. The Bears' offense stayed hot in the 6th, adding six more runs while holding Peach scoreless over the final frames. The 15-2 loss marked the end of Peach County's season—but not without a fight and a lasting impact.

Legacy Beyond the Scoreboard

Though the Trojans came up just short of a state title appearance, their postseason run won't soon be forgotten in Peach County. The team demonstrated grit, heart, and a team-first mentality that reignited community pride. Under the lights of this playoff season, the Trojans have planted the seeds for what's to come—a new era for Peach County baseball.

As one chapter closes, another begins. Peach County baseball isn't just back—it's on the rise.

LSGT Business of the Month for March



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The Peach County High School Local School Governance Team would like to recognize Zaxbys, 400 GA-49, Byron as the March Business of the Month. Zaxbys of Byron is a major sponsor of the PCHS Football Team. They record a pregame show "Zaxbys PCHS

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Peach County Trojans Shut Out Westside-Macon in Spring Scrimmage, 21-0

By Chris McKenzie
Sports Reporter

Fort Valley, GA – The Peach County Trojans gave their fans a preview of what's to come this fall with a dominant performance in their spring scrimmage, blanking the Westside-Macon Seminoles 21-0 on Friday night.

From the opening kickoff, the Trojans showcased their trademark toughness on both sides of the ball. The defense, known for its speed and physicality, set the tone early, holding Westside-Macon forcing multiple three-and-outs throughout the contest.

With the final score at 21-0, Peach County heads into the summer with momentum and confidence. The Trojans are looking to build on a strong tradition and make a deep playoff run in the upcoming season.

Westside-Macon, meanwhile, will use the scrimmage as a learning opportunity as they prepare for a tough fall schedule.

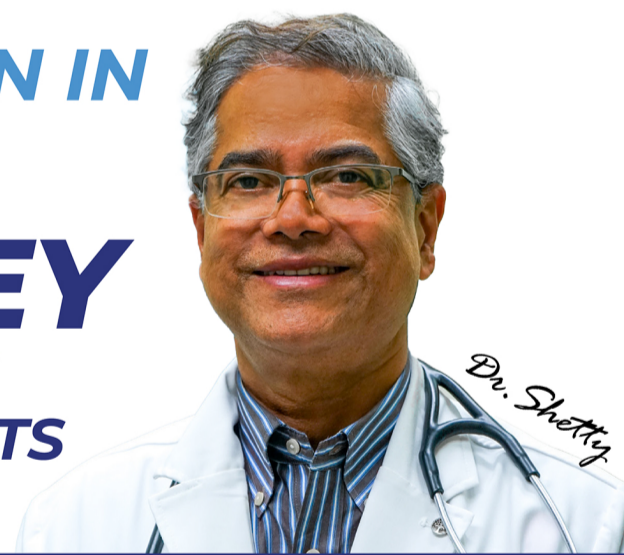
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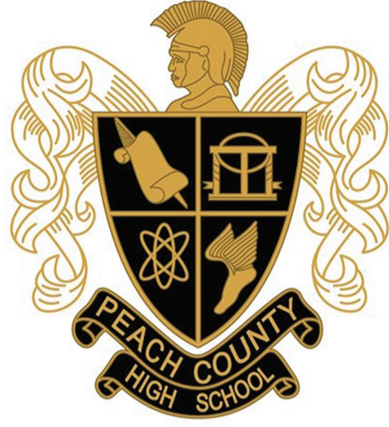
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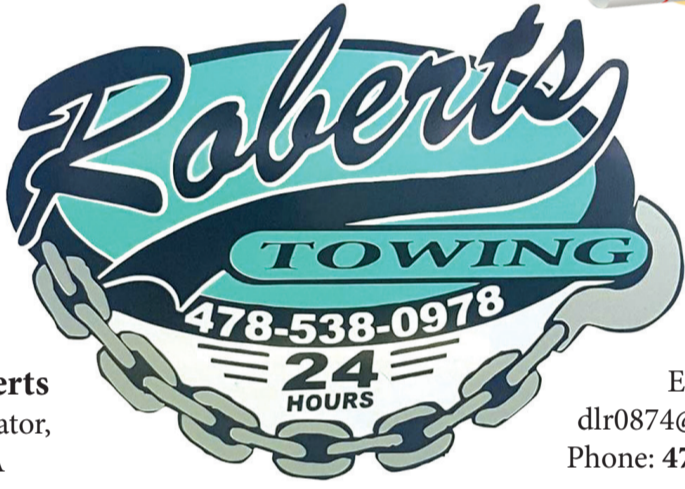


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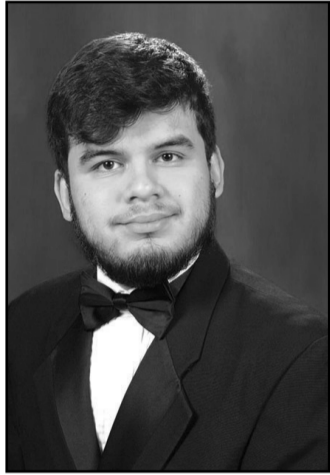




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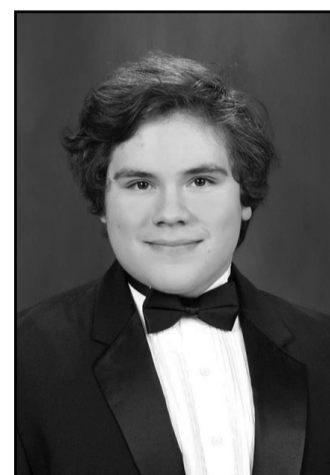
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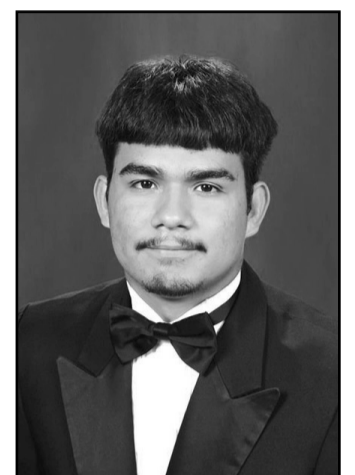
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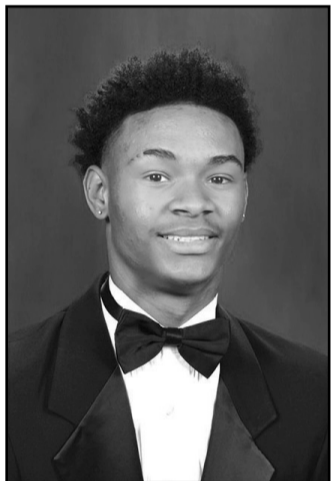
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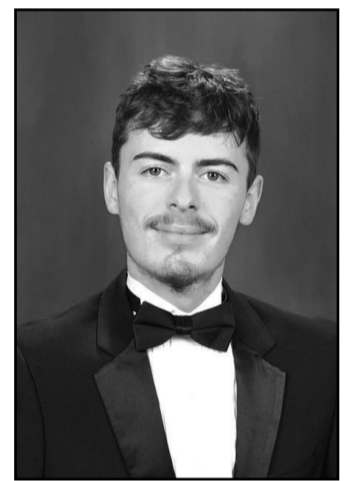
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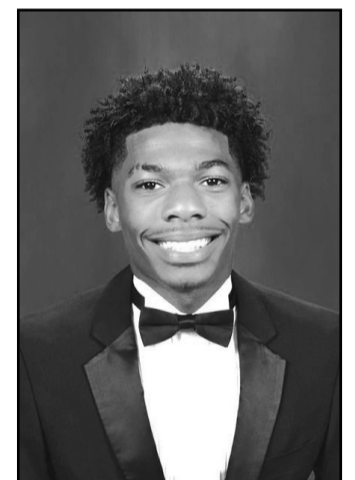
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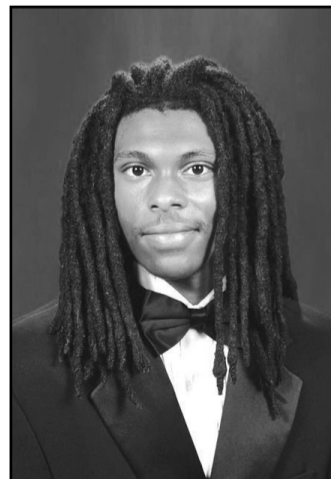
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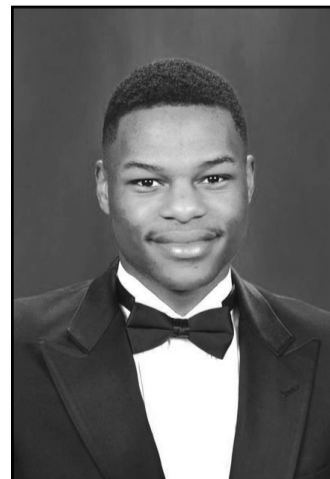
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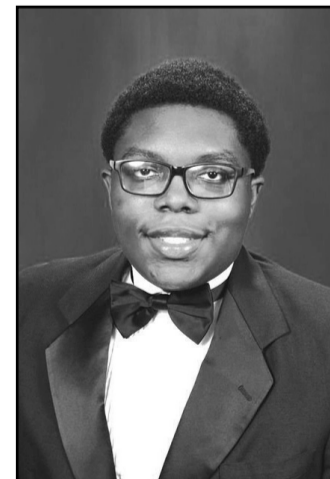
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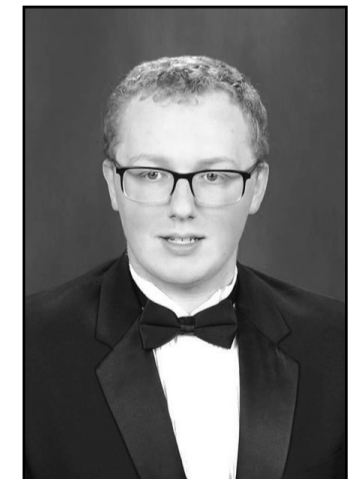
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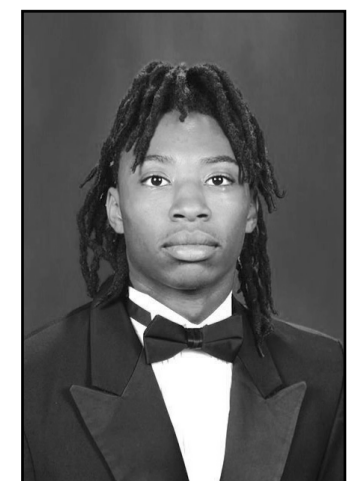
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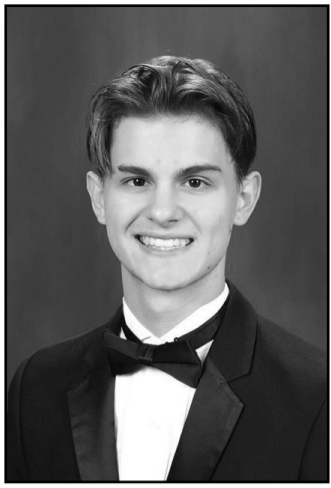
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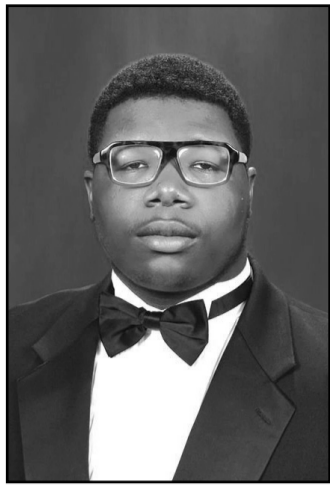
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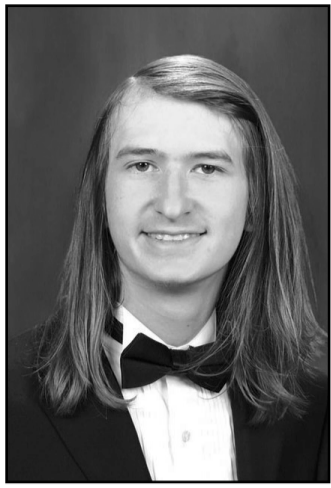
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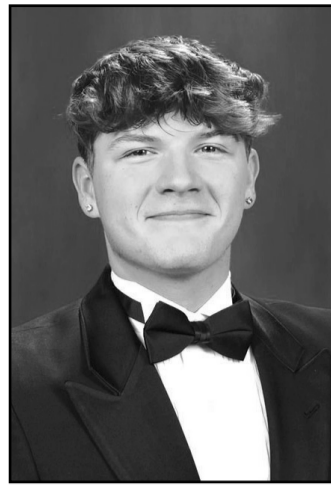
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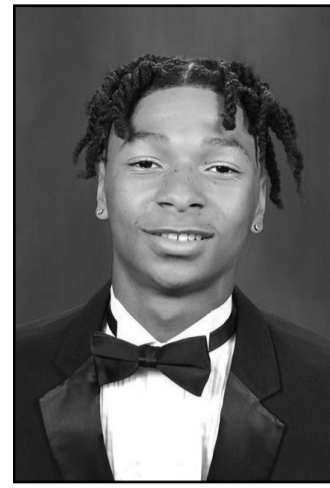
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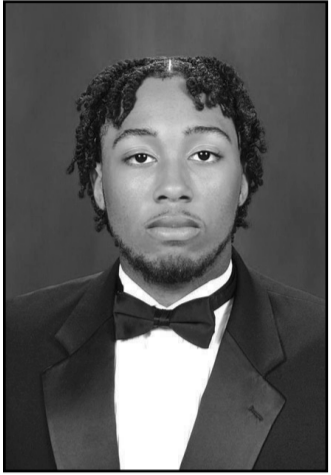
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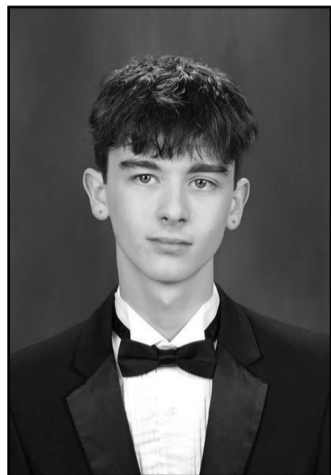
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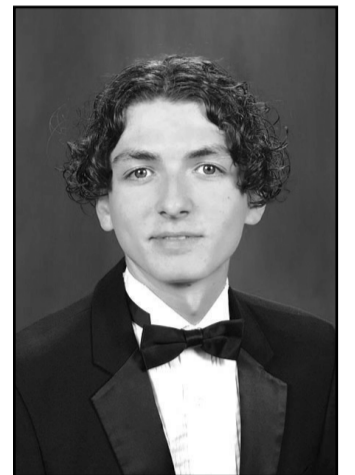
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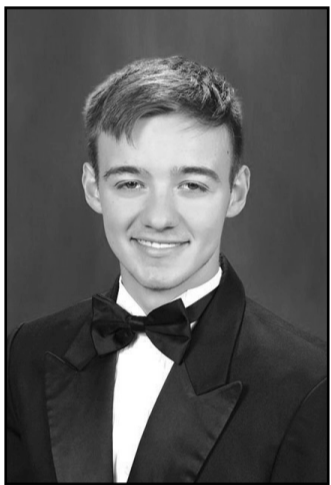
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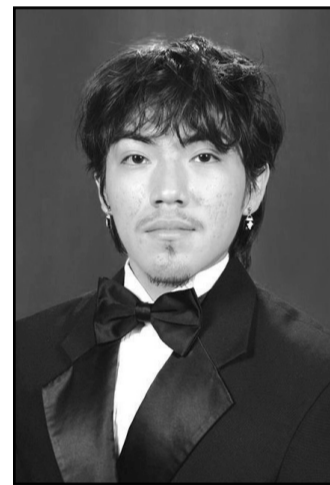
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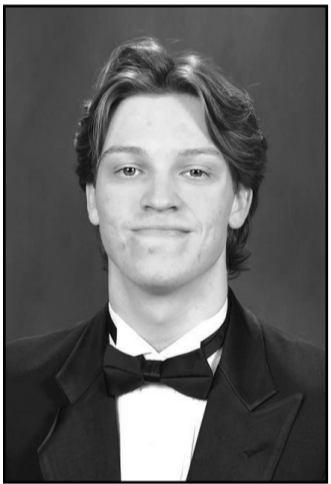
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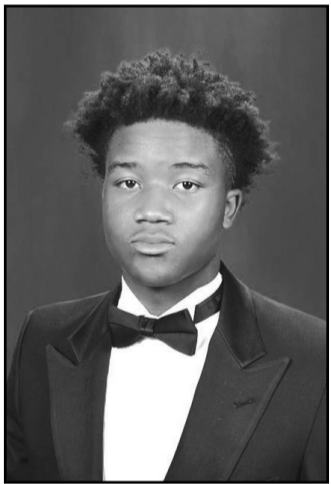
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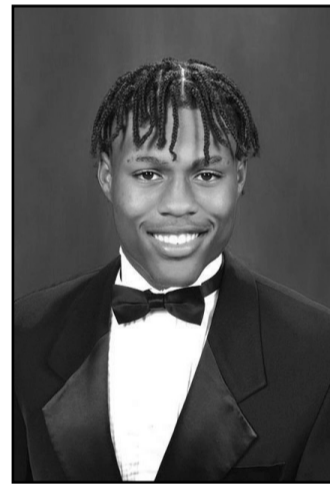
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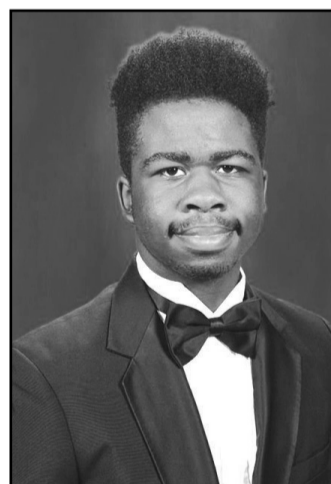
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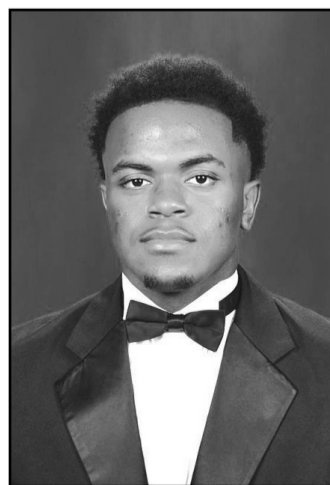
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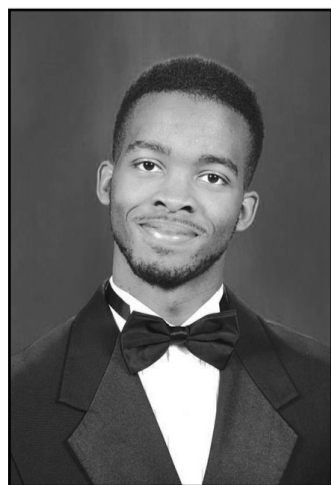
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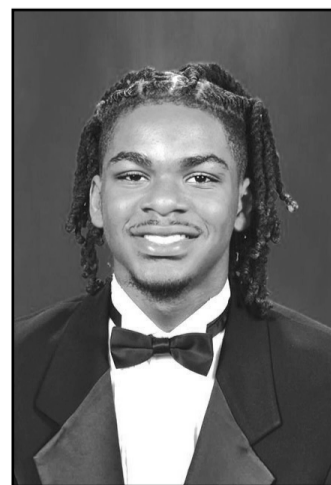
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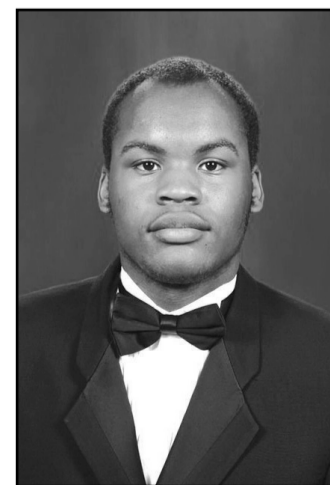
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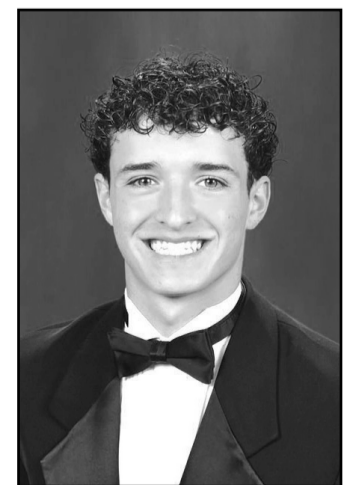
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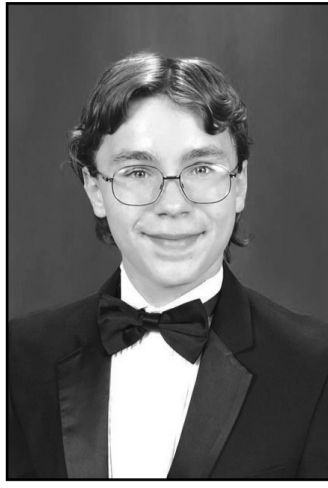
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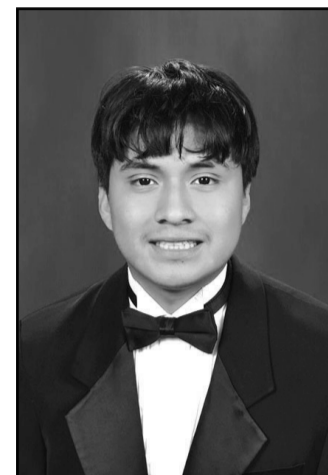
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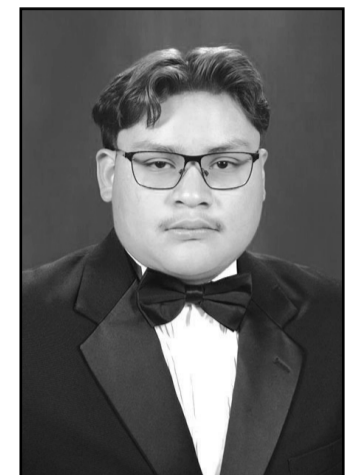
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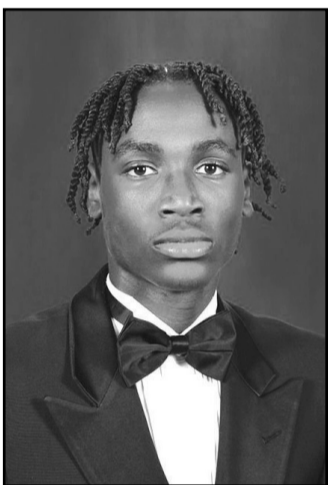
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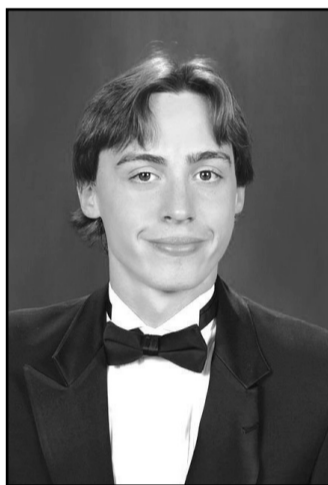
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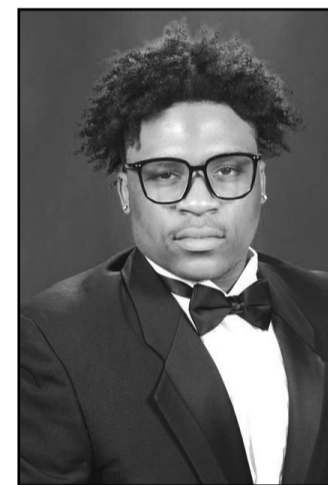
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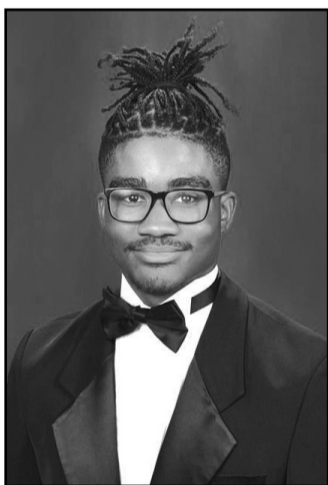
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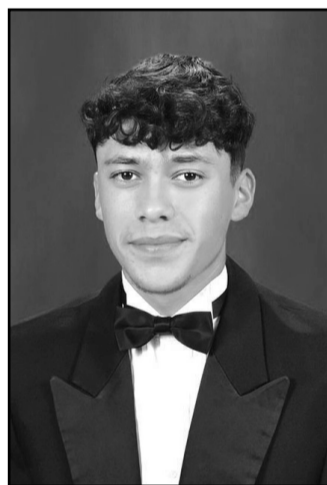
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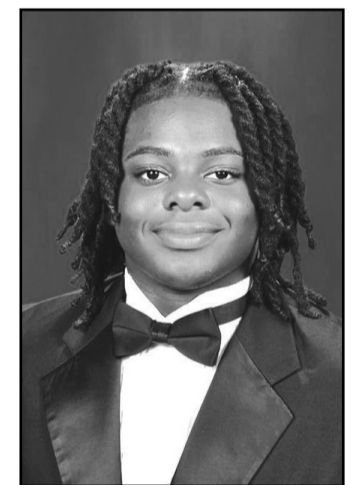
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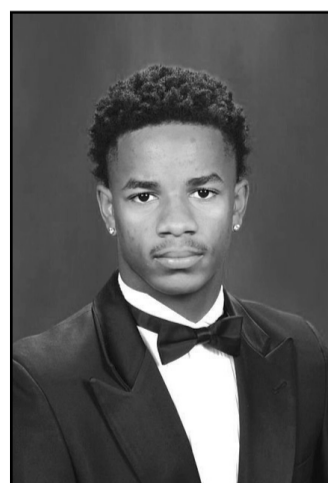
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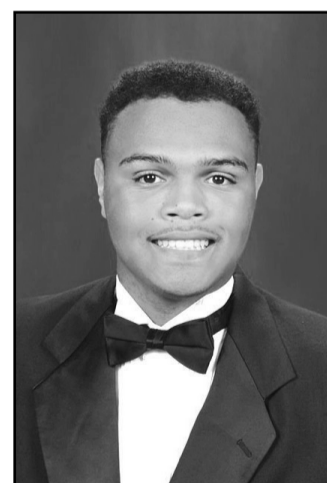
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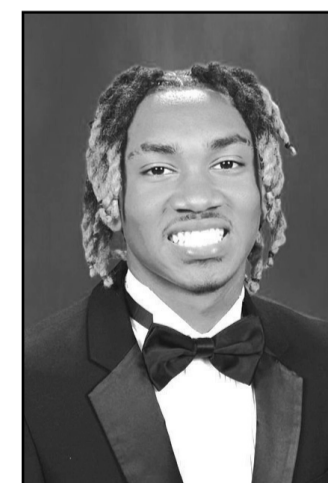
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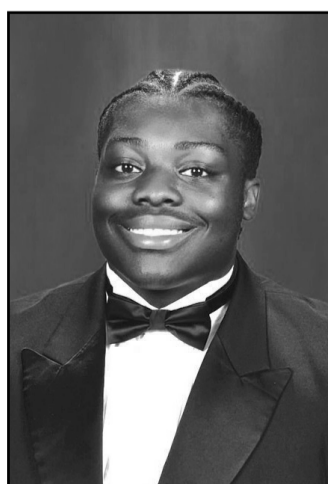
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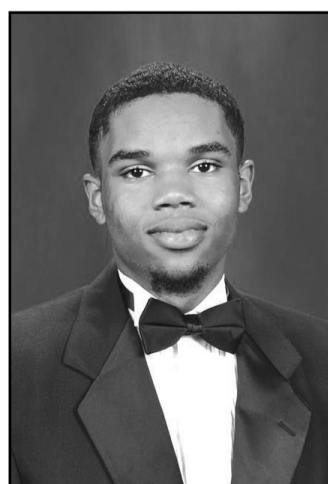
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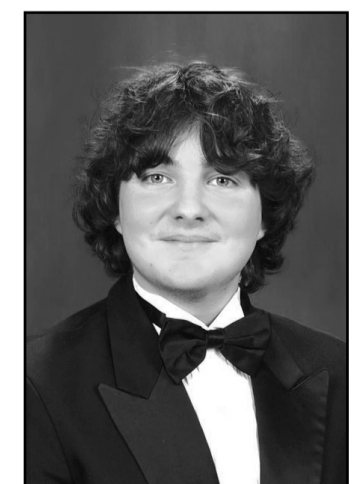
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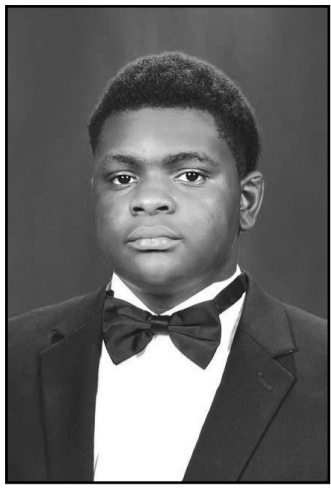
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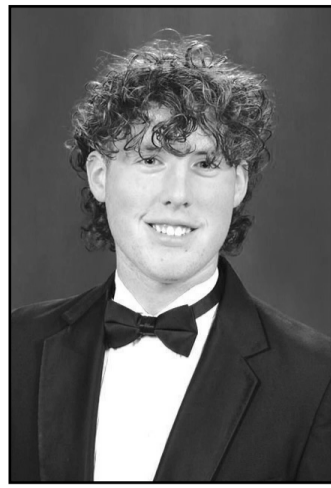
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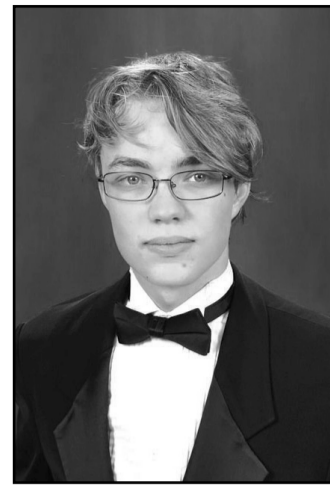
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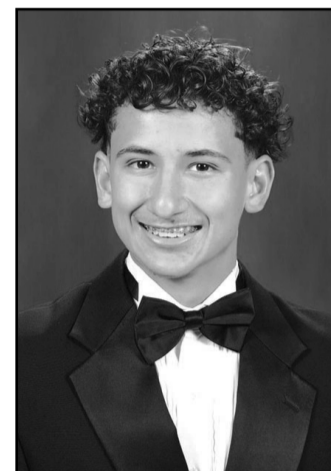
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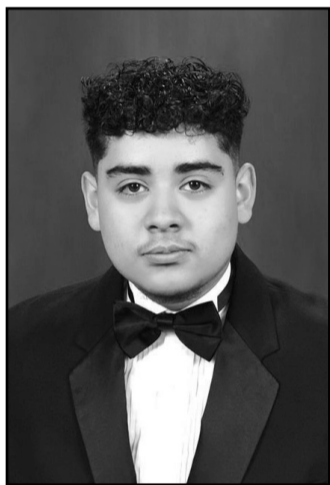
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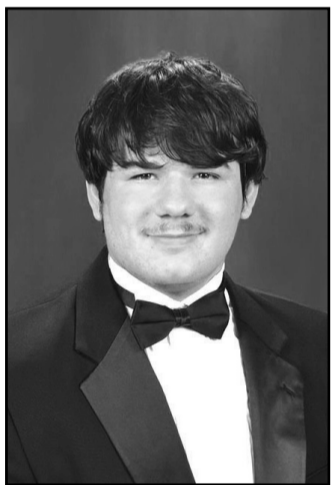
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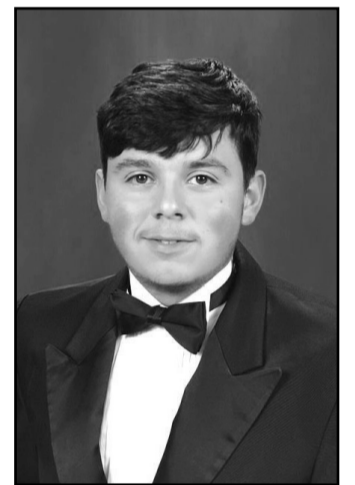
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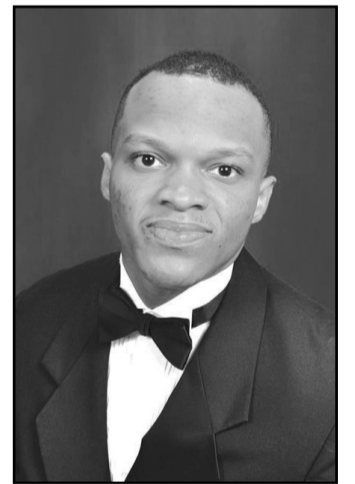
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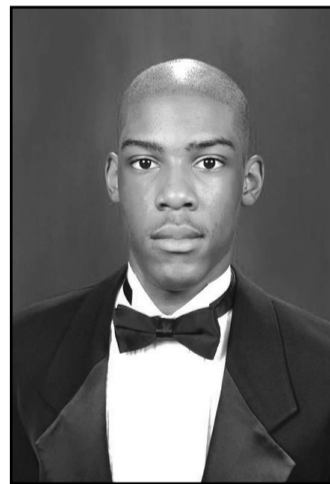
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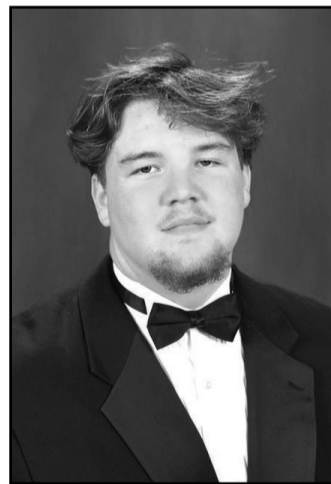
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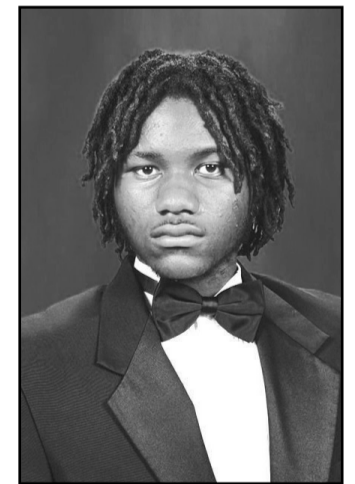
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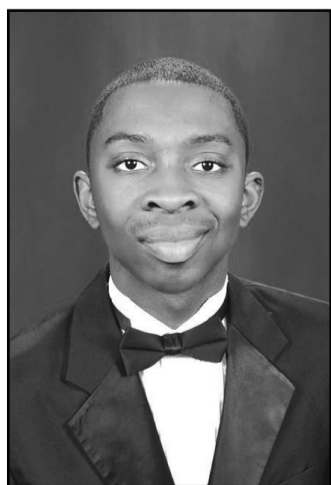
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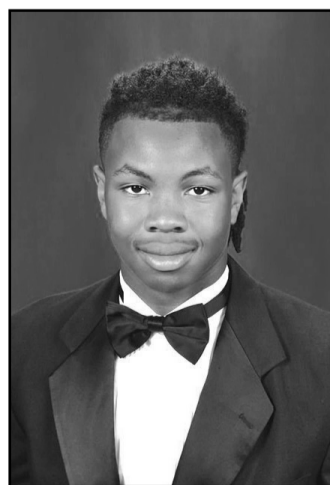
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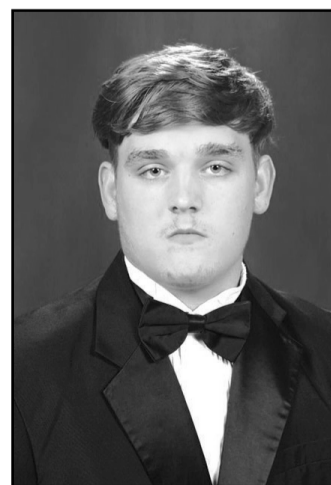
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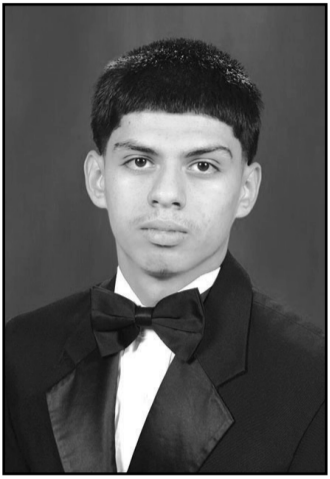
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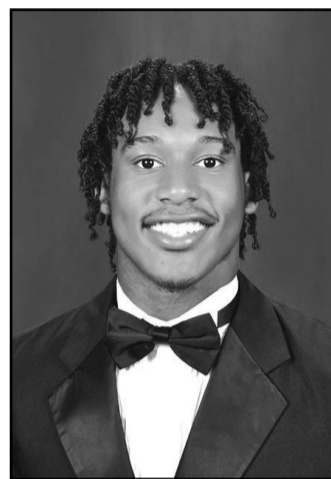
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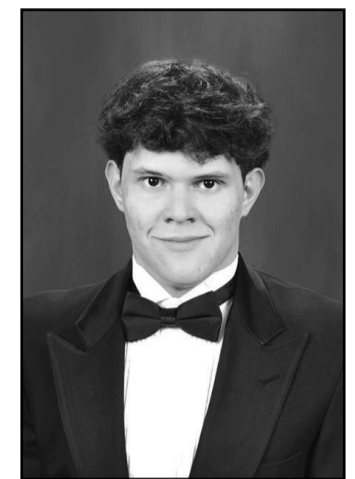
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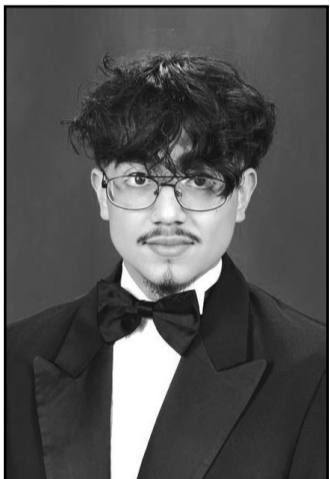
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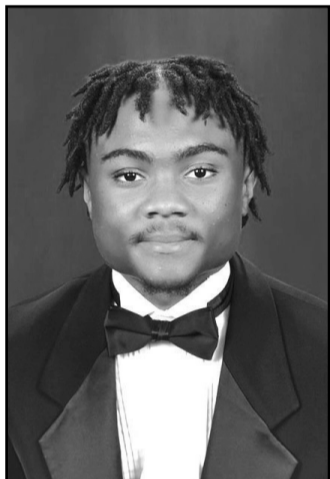
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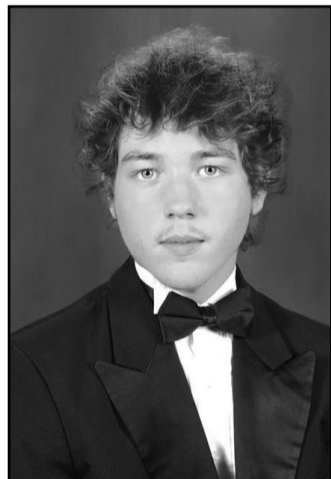
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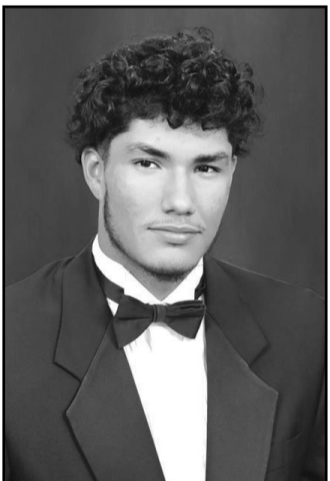
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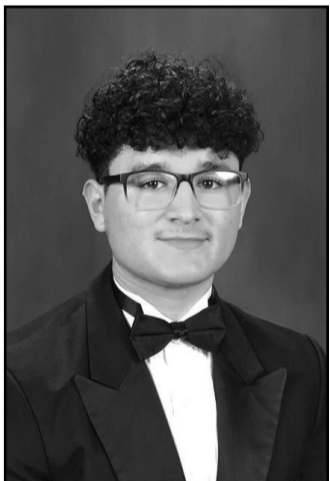
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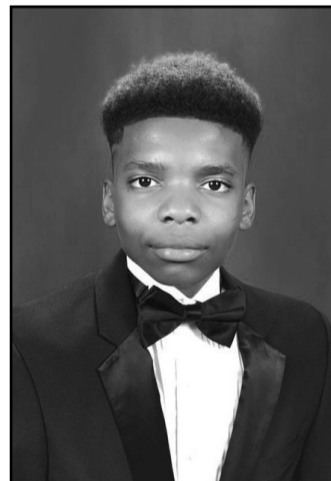
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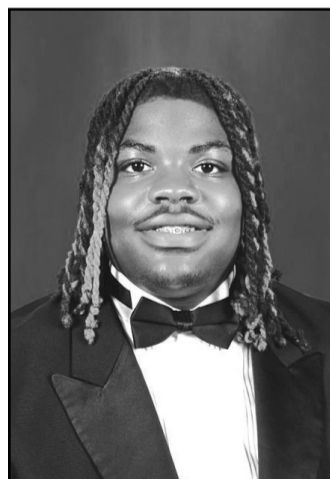
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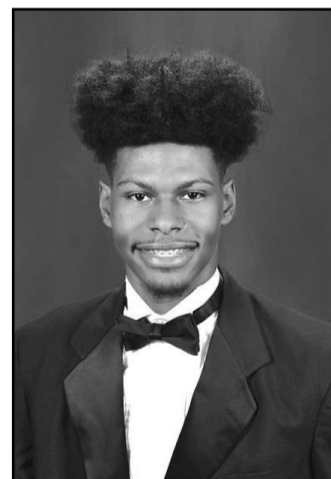
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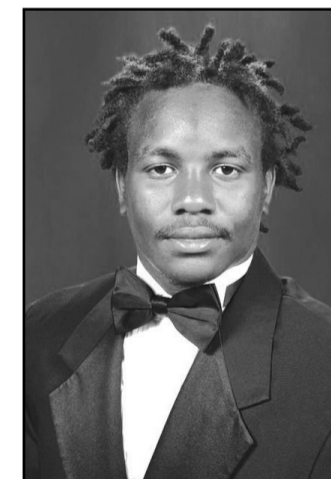
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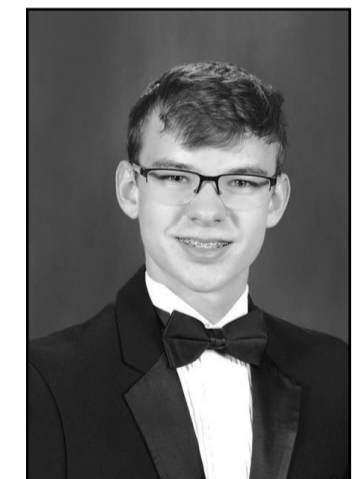
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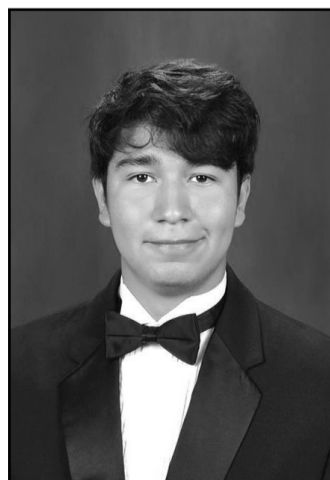
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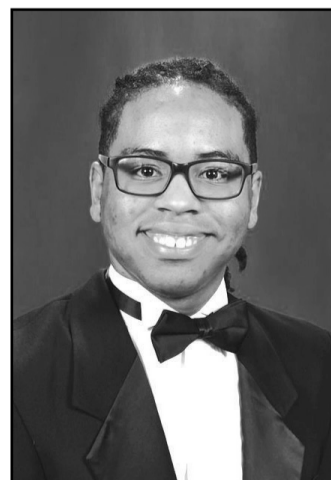
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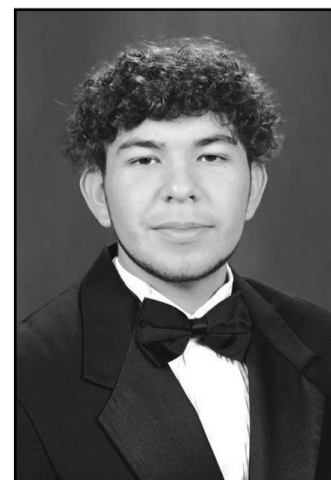
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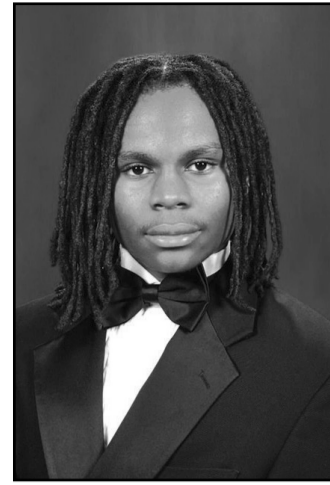
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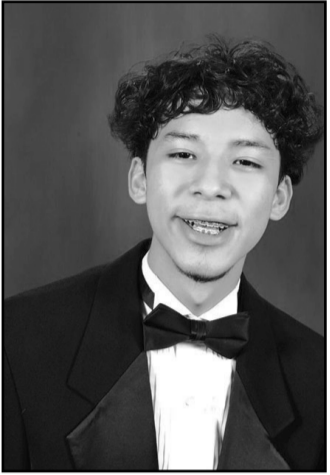
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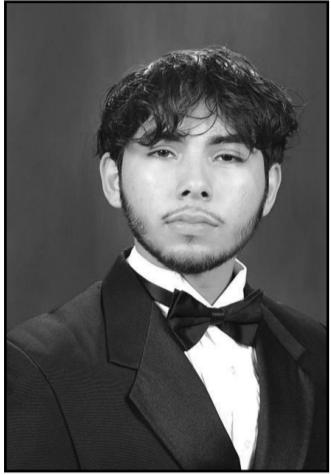
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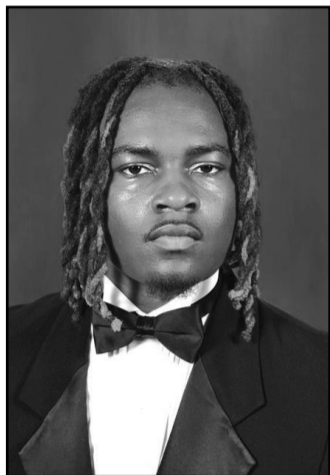
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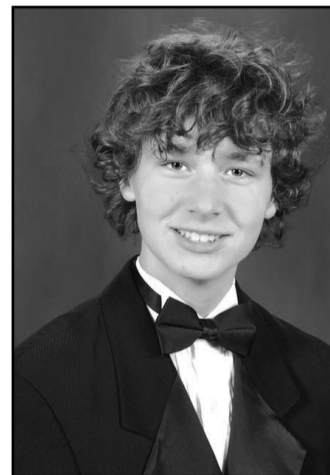
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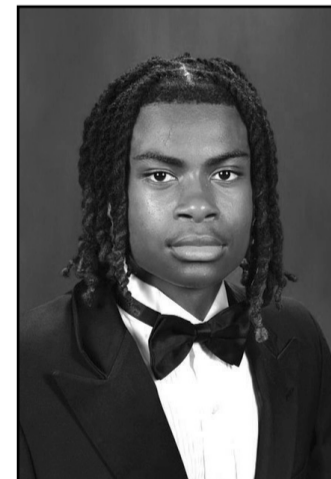
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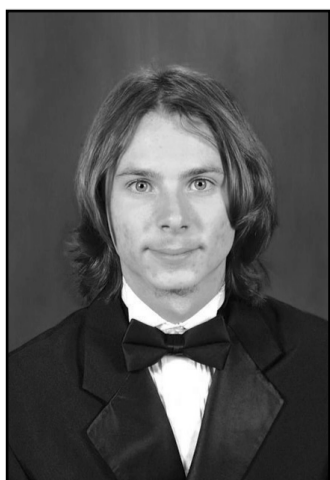
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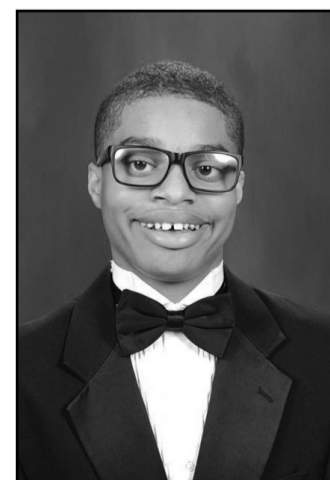
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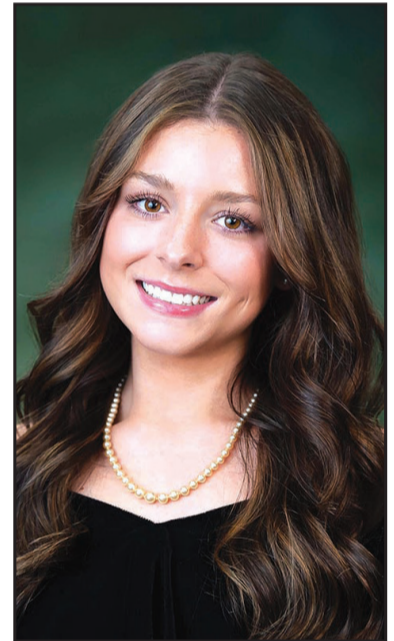
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