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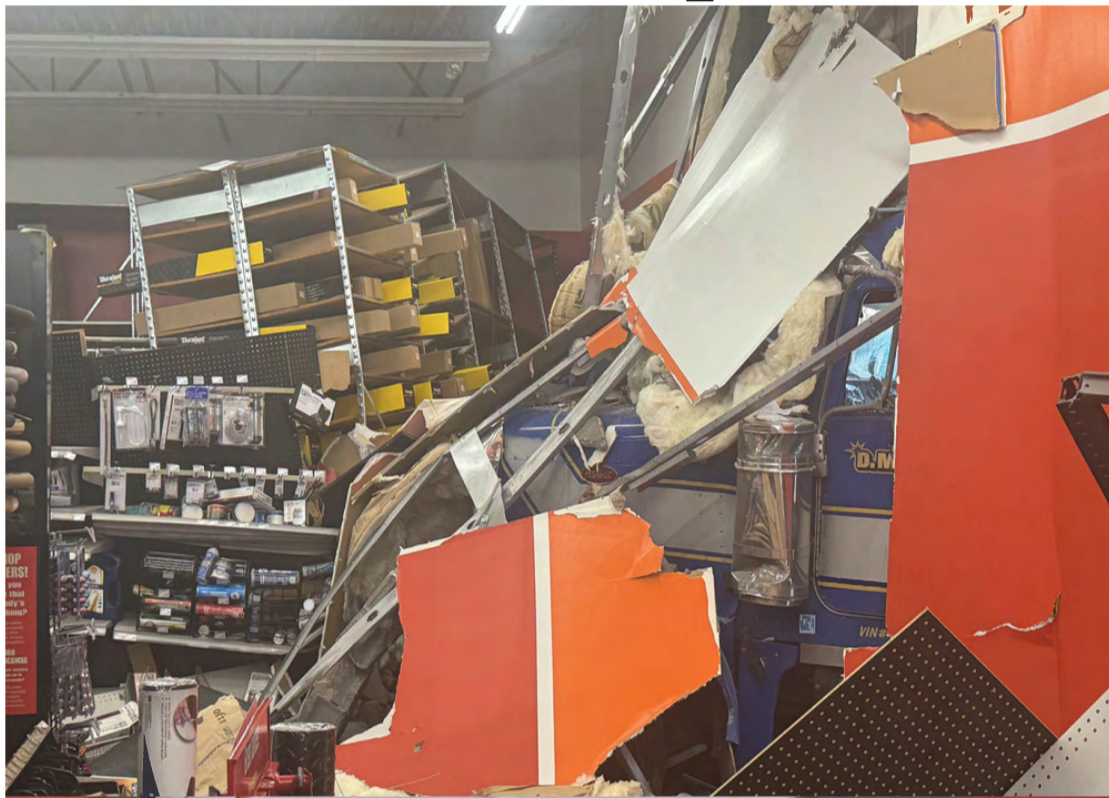
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Semi Crashes into Fort Valley AutoZone

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor



FORT VALLEY, Ga. – A semi-trailer truck crashed into the side of the Fort Valley AutoZone building during the early morning on Monday, July 7, according to the Fort Valley Police Department.

According to the Fort Valley Chief of Police, DJ Flores, officers of the FVPD were at the Five Points intersection when they observed a semi-trailer truck traveling east on Highway 96,

which was attempting to make a left turn onto Highway 49 towards Byron. The driver lost control of the semi and drove off the roadway, into the Fort Valley AutoZone.

At this time, the status of the driver is unknown.

The investigation has been turned over to the Georgia State Patrol. The Leader Tribune has reached out to the Georgia State Patrol and is waiting for a response.

This is a developing story. The Leader Tribune will provide updates as they become available.



Photos Contributed by Fort Valley Police Department

The NEW White Rd Roundabout is Officially OPEN



By City of Byron, Georgia
We're thrilled to announce the completion and opening of the new roundabout — a major improvement for traffic flow and safety in our community. A heartfelt thank you to The Peavy Family for the generous

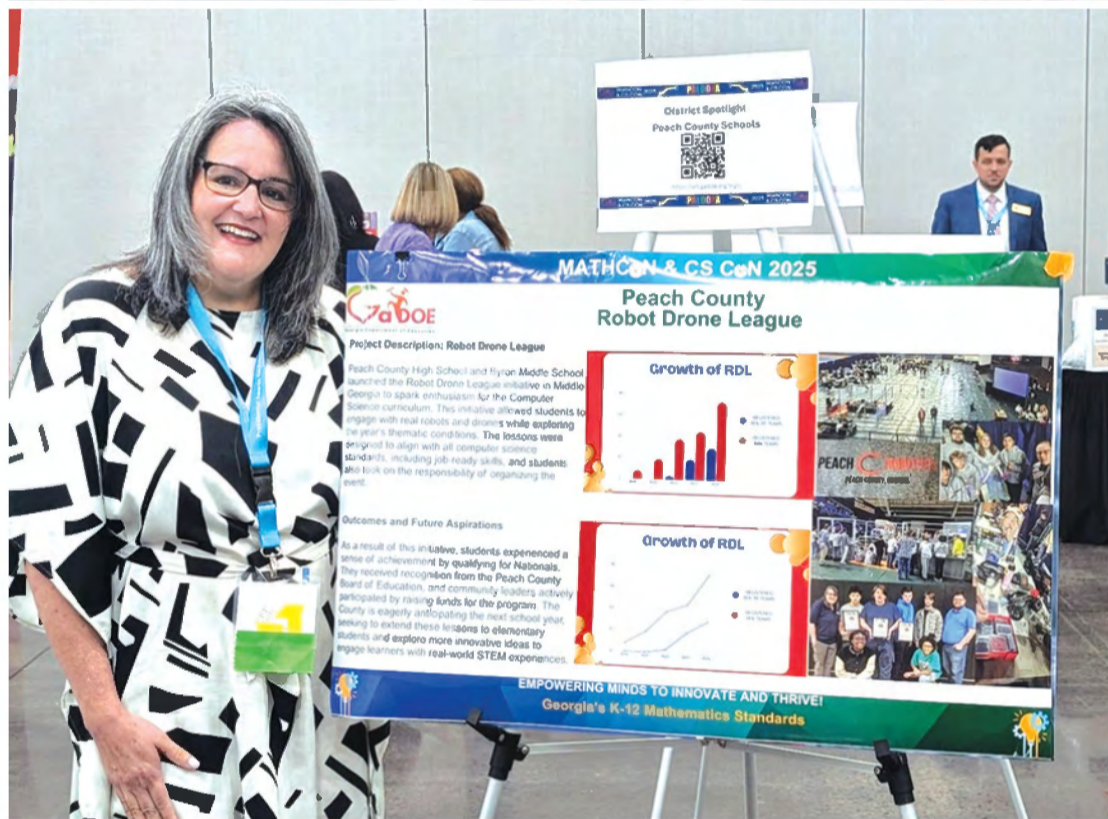
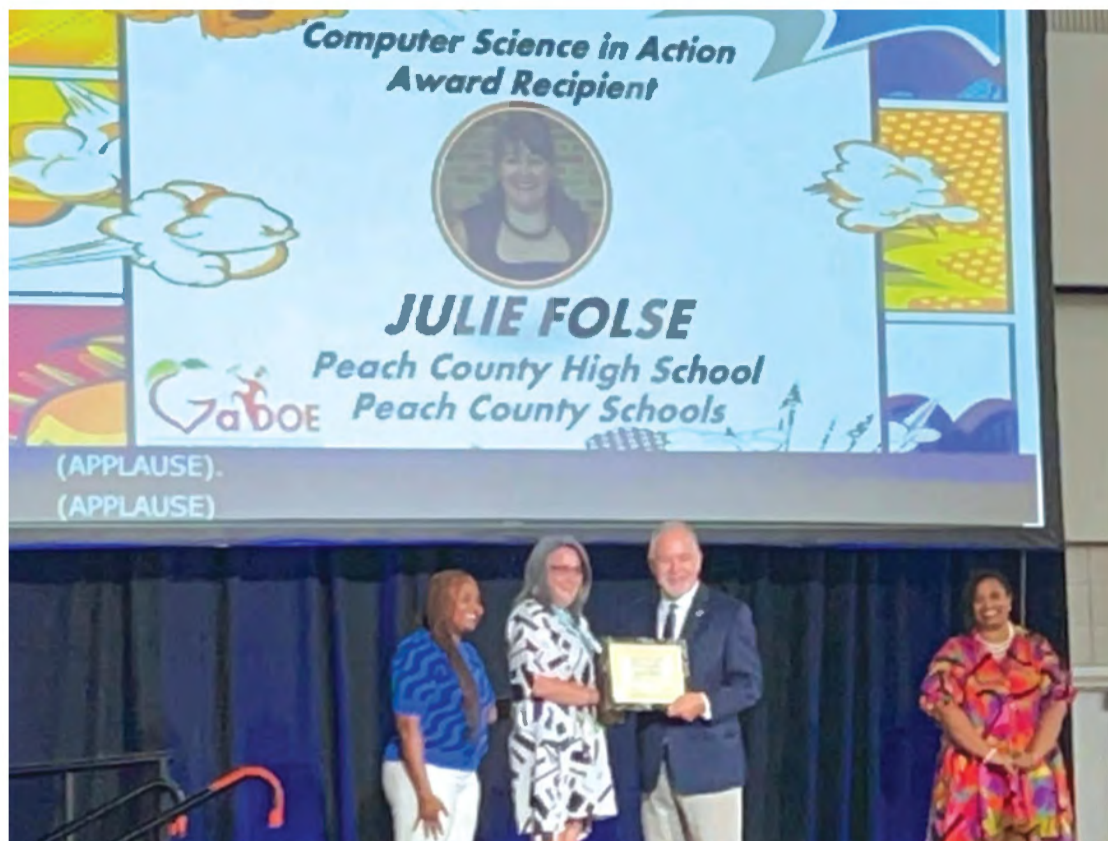
donation of land that made this project possible. We also extend our gratitude to the Citizens of Byron/Peach County for voting YES to the T-SPLOST, which funded this project. Your support — and your patience during construction — made all the difference.

Special thanks to the Byron Police Department, City of Byron Public Works Department, and the Byron Fire Department for their dedication and hard work from start to finish. This project was a true commu-

nity effort — and now, it's something we can all be proud of! Our next exciting project... the new traffic light at Chick-fil-A. Details are being finalized now and we will keep everyone posted on when work is scheduled to begin.



Peach County High School Teacher Receives Award



By PCSS

Mrs. Julie Folse, Computer Science teacher at PCHS, was named the Computer Science in Action Award recipient at the Georgia Department of Education's MATHCON & CS CON 2025! Mrs. Folse recently launched an RDL (Robot Drone League) team and completed the Advanced Educator RDL Workshop this June. STREAMWORKS said this about Mrs. Folse, "Her dedication to her students is inspiring and we can't wait to see what her team brings to ETSU in 2026 for the Moonbase Challenge." Congratulations Mrs. Folse!

Park Pickup & Popsicles Days in July



By Peach County Recreation Department

Join us throughout the month of July as we celebrate National Parks & Recreation month with "Community Park Pickup & Popsicles" days at North Peach (Byron) & South Peach (Ft. Valley) Parks.

Come help with litter pick-up, landscaping, and more. This is a perfect way to get some volunteer hours or just a fun opportunity to help out around the community. And there will also be POPSICLES to keep you cool!! "Community Park Pickup & Popsicles" 11 AM- 1 PM on the

following dates:

- Tuesday, July 15- South Peach Park (setup at Pavilion 1)
- Thursday, July 17- North Peach Park (setup at Pavilion 2)
- Tuesday, July 22- South Peach Park (setup at Pavilion 1)
- Thursday, July 24- North Peach Park (setup at Pavilion 2)

Byron Rotary Club Kicks Off New Club Year

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On July 2, 2025, the Byron Rotary Club installed its officers and directors for the 2025-2026 Rotary Year. Mayor Michael L. Chidester will serve as the Club President, with Leon Collins serving as President-Elect. The President-Elect will serve as club president in the ensuing year. The other officers installed were Sandra Khoury as Secretary and Membership Chair, Susan Potter as Treasurer, and Martin Moseley and Paul Capista as board members. Susan Potter is also the club's Immediate Past President. Serving as Rotary Foundation Chair will be Roy Lewis, and the club's Literacy Chair is Lara Davis.

The installation of officers was conducted by Dave Razo, a member of the Rotary Club of Warner Robins, who is serving as Area Governor, working alongside District Governor Terry Adkins, from the Rotary Club of Brunswick, Georgia.

After the installation and breakfast, President Chidester outlined his vision for the club's year. That vision includes the introduction of a literacy program designed to assist children in the second grade to increase an interest in reading, to engender a desire in them to read more,

and to teach them through reading about the functions and operation of local government. "It has been pretty well established that kids who cannot read proficiently at grade level at the end of the third grade are far more likely to encounter the criminal justice system and fare more poorly economically as adults" said Chidester. "Anything we can do to help change that is important work, worth doing", he added. This is in keeping with the motto of the Rotary Club, AService Above Self".

The Byron Rotary Club is a part of the worldwide organization of Rotary International, which had its beginning when attorney Paul P. Harris formed the first Rotary Club in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. The name "Rotary" originated from the practice of rotating meetings among members' offices. Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. By 1922, the organization adopted the name Rotary International and had established clubs on six continents, growing to over 35,000 clubs worldwide with more than

1.2 million members in the early 21st century.

Rotary's mission has evolved to focus not only on humanitarian service, but also on community development globally. Each Rotary Club, no matter its size, is dedicated to serving the community in which it is formed, contributing to solutions to global problems of access to clean water, and the eradication of polio from the earth. In addition, clubs focus on a wide variety of other issues depending on their location and talent pool, from feeding the hungry to collecting and providing medical supplies to less developed areas of the world. The Byron Rotary Club provides three scholarships annually to local high school students for further education, funded by proceeds from the annual box auction drawing which takes place each year during the Battle of Byron. "If you are interested in being of service to the community, the Rotary Club is a great way to get into action" said Sandra Khoury. "We would love to have you join us!", she added. The club meets on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast at Denny's in Byron.

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INVITATION TO BID

The Peach County Commissioners Office will be accepting Sealed Bids for the next two (2) weeks pertaining to the following: **Grass cutting for North and South Peach Parks.**

Location of Parks:

North Peach Park (NPP) located on 461 West White Road in Byron, GA 31088 which contains approximately 58 acres +/-.

South Peach Park (SPP) located on 200 Murray Road Extension, Fort Valley, GA 31030 which contains approximately 48 acres

The Parks include nine baseball fields, two soccer fields, and two youth football fields, as well as surrounding park areas. The bid will be for the next two fiscal years 10/01/2025 through 09/30/2027. The parks will be cut on a weekly schedule.

Bidders are encouraged to visit the sites prior to submitting their bid to fully acquaint themselves with the conditions relative to the performance of the contract.

Bid Specification Packages are available on the Peach County Website or by emailing Garland Hampton, Purchasing Manager, garland-hampton@peachcounty.gov.

Closing date for Sealed Bid #RFB-004, shall be Wednesday, July 10th, 2025 @ 2:00 P.M.

The Bid Opening shall be Wednesday, July 10th, 2025 @ 2:15 P.M., in the Peach County Board of Commissioners Office Meeting Room.

Any question concerning the above mowing contract please contact Bruce Mackey, Director of Recreation and Parks at (478)825-3334, to make an appointment.

Peach County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, to readvertise and/or to award the contract in the best interest of the County, and to retain any and all Bids for a period of thirty (30) days after the bid opening.

Bids should be mailed to:

Peach County Commissioners Office
Attn: Sealed Bid #RFB-004
213 Persons Street
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

Pineola Farms Open House



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On June 28, Pineola Farms opened its doors to the public, with Magnolia Garden Club members assisting visitors through the historic 1865 farmhouse. Paul Knight's antique flag collection, was displayed throughout the house, featuring flags

with 45 to 50 stars, the earliest from 1896.

The outside of the home was adorned with patriotic flair for the Fourth of July. Guests also toured the gardens. Pineola Farms will reopen on August 30 for the traditional quilt airing.



Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.com



PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Fort Valley
Mayor and Council
Public Meetings
Location: City Hall, 204 W. Church St, Fort Valley, Ga 31030

COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, July 10, 2025
Time: 9:00 A.M.
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 857 1210 0700
Passcode: 847755

COMBINED MEETINGS
WORK SESSION AND
REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, July 17, 2025
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 845 0447 2059
Passcode: 885411

Fort Valley Historic
Preservation
Commission
Board Meeting at 6pm
Monday, July 14, 2025
Troutman House
201 Oakland Heights Parkway
Fort Valley, Geo

Trojan Nation TD Club
The Trojan Nationa 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.

Fort Valley Utility
Commission
FVUC will be combining the Public Work Session and Monthly Regular meeting for the Fort Valley Utility Commission on Monday, July 07, 2025, at 4pm at 500 Antoine St.

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
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 Antoine 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. www.kiwanis.org

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: LRglies77@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.

Byron AL-ANON Fami-
ly 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 Harrel-

son 478-714-9393.
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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Chapter
We are a national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping bereaved parents by providing highly personal comfort, hope and support to every family experiencing the death of a child, a brother, sister or a grandchild and helping others to better assist the grieving family. We need not walk alone.
Byron meeting: 4th Thursday of every month. 7-9pm. Byron Baptist Church 100 W White Rd, Byron, Ga 21008.
Macon meeting location for TCF: Rock Springs Church, 6601 Zebulon Rd, Macon, GA. Please contact Chapter Leaders for more information: Karla Chidester - 478-954-4592, or Teresa Tompkins - 478-319-3526, or visit www.compassionatefriends.org.

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

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

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

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

Jury Convicts Man of Molesting Young Family Member

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Peach County, GA – After years of determined prosecution efforts, a Peach County jury delivered justice for a young victim on Friday, June 27, 2025, finding Michael Todd Durham, 57, guilty of Child Molestation for his predatory actions against a family member that dated back to 2017.

The jury was presented evidence that Durham unlawfully and inappropriately rubbed his genitals on a family member when she was 13 years old. At trial, two other family members also testified about inappropriate sexual contact Durham had with them when they were ages 7 and 13.

The state was able to overcome numerous challenges in the prosecution of this case, including the fact that a defense team investigator attempted to discourage a state's witness from testifying and the age of the case. Through the combined efforts of the Peach County victim advocates, investigators, and prosecutors, who stayed in close contact with the families, the witnesses were continually reassured of our Office's commitment to pursuing justice in this case. The victim and the other witnesses, who are now adults, all provided crucial

testimony for this trial. The victim traveled from another state back to Peach County to tell her truth to the jury.

"This conviction represents our unwavering commitment to protecting the most vulnerable members of our community," said District Attorney Anita Howard. "While this case presented significant challenges, our dedicated Team worked tirelessly to ensure this brave victim received the justice she deserved. I am so proud of her and the two other witnesses who demonstrated incredible courage to participate in this trial. We will continue to pursue every avenue available to hold those who harm children accountable for their actions."

The maximum penalty for the crime of Child Molestation is 20 years in prison. Michael Durham was taken into custody following Friday's verdict, and his sentencing, according to the Judge, will be scheduled at a later date.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Taylor Wilson and 3L law clerks Micah Burdette and Bryson Guillen, who provided critical assistance.

Red Cross: Make An Immediate Difference By Giving Blood Now

Contributed

MACON, Ga. (July 7, 2025) — The American Red Cross urges all donors to give now to keep the blood supply strong this summer. Type O blood products are most needed on hospital shelves – especially in the face of summer challenges that can quickly cause blood and platelet reserves to drop.

In addition to summer fun and holidays, severe summer weather can have a sudden impact on the ability to collect blood and platelets. Scheduling and keeping donation appointments are crucial this month to ensure blood products are constantly available in the weeks to come for all patients, including those in trauma situations that may require several lifesaving transfusions.

All blood types are needed, and donors who don't know their blood type can learn it after

donation. Book a time to give blood by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

As a thank-you, all who come to give by July 14, 2025, will receive an exclusive pair of Red Cross x goodr sunglasses, while supplies last. Donors can personalize their one-of-a-kind shades with a blood type sticker that's included! For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/goodr.

For those who come to give July 15-31, 2025, the Red Cross will say thanks with a Fandango Movie Reward by email. Use it to catch a summer blockbuster on the Red Cross! See RedCrossBlood.org/July.

How to donate blood
Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appoint-

ment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements. Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass* to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Red Cross Issues Advice To Stay Safe During Extreme Heat

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ATLANTA (June 23, 2025) — With the official start of summer, the American Red Cross of Georgia wants everyone to stay safe this summer. Extreme heat is deadly and kills more people than any other weather event. The Red Cross of Georgia urges everyone to take three critical actions to stay safe:

1. Stay hydrated by drinking a cup of water every hour, even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic drinks.
2. Stay cool by spending time in air-conditioned places. If your home is too hot, go to a mall, library or cooling center.
3. Stay connected by checking on others and asking for help if you need it. Make sure pets have access to fresh water and shade.

"Knowing what to do to protect yourself and loved ones from extreme heat can help save lives," said Alicia Doherty, Regional Executive. "We're asking everyone to check on friends and neighbors, especially older adults, people with chronic conditions, outdoor workers and athletes. You can make a difference by sending a text, making a call or knocking on their door."

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO
Remind everyone to drink water, even if they don't feel thirsty. Aim for a cup of water

every hour and encourage people to avoid sugary, caffeinated or alcoholic drinks. Babies should be breast-fed or bottle-fed often. Fewer wet diapers or darker urine can be signs of dehydration. Encourage athletes and outdoor workers to take breaks in the shade. They should drink a cup of water every 20 minutes and take frequent water breaks.

Help those without air conditioning find a safe place to go like a mall, library or cooling center. They can also take cool showers or baths to help cool off. Remind people to wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothes in light colors. Never leave a child or pet alone inside a parked car, and make sure pets have access to fresh water and shade.

HEAT ILLNESS SIGNS
Anyone can become ill during extreme heat if their body can't cool down properly. It's critical to act fast as some types of heat illness can be deadly.

Heat cramps are signaled by heavy sweating and muscle pain. Take action by stopping what you're doing, resting in a cool place and slowly sipping water. Don't drink if you feel sick, and get medical help if cramps last over an hour or you have heart problems.

Heat exhaustion is signaled by heavy sweating, weakness, cool and clammy skin, muscle cramps, dizziness, fainting, nausea or vomiting. Take

action by stopping what you're doing, resting in a cool place and slowly sipping water. Don't drink if you feel sick. Loosen your clothes and place a cool wet cloth on your body. Get medical help if you don't feel better, vomit or have heart problems.

Heat stroke is a deadly condition signaled by high body temperature, rapid heartbeat, confusion, headache, dizziness, fainting, nausea or vomiting. Call 911. Move to a cooler place, remove extra clothing and use a wet cloth or a cool bath to cool down. Don't drink anything.

IF THE POWER GOES OUT
When a heat wave and a power outage happen at the same time, it can be even more dangerous. Stay in air conditioning either at home or at a mall, library or cooling center. Keep an ice-filled cooler stocked with food, water and medicine, so that they don't spoil.

Finally, download the free Red Cross First Aid app so you'll know what to do if emergency help is delayed and the free Emergency app for real-time weather alerts and heat safety information. Content is available in English and Spanish with an easy-to-find language selector. Find both apps in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps.

Peach County Schools Open House

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Thursday, July 24th:

Byron Elementary School 3:00-5:00

Peach County High School 5:00-7:00

Friday, July 25th

Hunt Elementary School 3:00-5:00

Kay Road Elementary School

3:00-5:00

Byron Middle School 4:00-6:00

Fort Valley Middle School 4:00-6:00

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The Great 'I AM'



BILLY POWELL
Parables to Ponder
COLUMNIST

The story begins when Jacob's family of 70 people is forced to leave Canaan due to famine in the land. They traveled to Egypt where Jacob's son, Joseph was second-in-command only to Pharaoh. The people of Jacob are treated kindly at first, but after 430 years, the Hebrews have grown to over a million people, who were treated rather harshly by later Pharaohs. The later Pharaohs doubled their workloads and had required them to work on building projects with no pity on difficulty of taskings and deadlines.

You probably studied in Sunday School about Moses being born at a time when the Pharaoh had decreed that all Hebrew male children be killed. You know the rest of the story: Moses was placed by his mother in a water-proof basket near the banks of the Nile River. Soon thereafter, Pharaoh's daughter found and adopted Moses. After growing up and being educated in Pharaoh's palace, Moses became incensed when he saw an Egyptian severely mistreating a Hebrew slave. In retaliation, Moses killed the Egyptian and buried him in the sand.

To escape punishment, Moses traveled to the land of Median located in North-western Arabia. There he married Zipporah, the daughter of Jethro, the priest of Median. While watching Jethro's sheep near Mount Sinai, Moses noticed a bush in the distance that was burning without being consumed. So, Moses went to check out the phenomenon.

As Moses approached the bush, God spoke: "Do not come any closer." Then God

said, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." God added, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." Then, the Lord continued, "I have seen the misery of my people in Egypt and want you to lead them out." In response, Moses asked, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" God assured Moses, "I will be with you." Moses then asked, "They will ask me, what is his name?" God responded, "Tell them I am has sent me to you." After the 10 plagues, Moses led the Hebrews from Egyptian captivity. It was called the Exodus. You can read this in chapters 1-15 of Exodus.

In the book of John, Jesus referred to Himself as the 'Great I AM' a total of seven times. He said: "I AM the Bread of Life" (John 6: 35), "I AM the Light of the World" (John 8:12), "I AM the Door" (John 10:9), "I AM the Good Shepherd" (John 10: 11-14), "I AM the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11: 25), "I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No man goes to the Father except by Me" (John 14:6), and "I AM the Vine" (John 15: 1-5). In John 8: 24, Jesus declared, "For unless you believe that I AM, you will die in your sins," and later the crowd attempted to stone Jesus. In John 8: 38, Jesus uttered these impressive words, "Before Abraham was born, I AM."

The prologue of John's gospel says something similar about the identity of Jesus. The first verse in John, chapter 1 reads: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Then in verse 14, John states "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Word is the English translation of the Greek word "Logos." It means the manifestation of the mind and will of God. The 'Logos' or 'Word' spoke the universe into existence and controls the precise movement of plants, suns, stars, and galaxies.

Chronic Disease is a Manifestation of Inflammation



WADE YODER
LT COLUMNIST

All major disease has some form of relationship with inflammation. Inflammation is a reaction of our immune system's attempt to heal aggravation in or around a body part or system. When we don't do something to relieve the aggravation in, on and around these areas, it will simply build up to a diagnosable state that has a scary name attached to it.

When inflammation gets a name attached to it due to the damage it has done and could continue doing, (such as heart disease or cancer), we will have been suffering from it long before the specialist can diagnose

what it has or is becoming.

One of the most powerful sources of inflammation is visceral fat. This fat is not the kind that (if kept at reasonable levels) simply gives someone a healthy youthful look and holds reserve energy for low calorie days or periods of starvation, but rather a fat that builds up and surrounds internal organs. It will then release chemicals that produce a slow, smoldering inflammation that in turn gives a fertile environment for incubating a disease. This is not only restricted to ones that are obviously overweight, but it also can also be in a person that appears somewhat thin. What seems to make a big difference (regardless the size of the person) is the amount of visceral fat a person has, and seems to be closely connected with, a person's activity levels, dietary choices and stress levels.

A good approach is to not only avoid the things that cause aggravation to and within our body, but also to tip the scale in our favor by adding in the things that help our body build good health and function!

Dietary items to pull back from: Added sugars, common cooking oils, trans fats, processed meat, alcohol, refined grains, artificial food additives, and foods that we're sensitive to, (these are the ones that cause anything from a fiery inflammatory reaction to simply making us feel tired, nauseous, headaches, irritated digestive track etc.).

Foods good for fighting inflammation: fruits and vegetables, foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids: fish, such as salmon, sardines, tuna and other cold-water fish, nuts, and seeds, especially flax seeds, walnuts, soybeans, olive oil and pecan oil instead of common cooking oils, and anti-inflammatory spices such as curry powder, cloves, and ginger.

An anti-inflammation tool chest: make sure there is adequate fruits, vegetables, healthy fats/oils, herbs, and spices, mixed in your diet and it can really help our body fight its inflammation battles!

Note: most teas, onions, garlic, berries, artichokes, and all herbs and spices contain pow-

erful phytonutrients that fight inflammation and protect your body from degenerative diseases. Some of the strongest inflammation fighters in this category are cherries or tart cherry juice, pistachios, and artichokes.

Exercise: staying on a regular full body exercise regimen (whether exercise or active physical labor) helps keep muscles toned and much more supportive of your body weight. This in turn helps keep joints, tendons, and ligaments from getting aggravated because they are having to carry so much of the load as well as absorbing tension and pressure when under a workload (whether just from body weight or added resistance).

Getting on top of inflammatory issues, and what are causing them, finding the cure, and then incorporating it into our lifestyle for prevention is one of our best means of fighting early death from chronic disease!

Always remember, prior to inflammation is aggravation, get rid of the aggravation you also get rid of the reason the inflammation has for being there!

Fake News? It's A Business Model

Charlie Harper
Guest Columnist

"Fake News!" This has become a fairly ubiquitous claim. It is usually heard as a reply when someone reads or hears a news story they don't like. It's easier to dismiss something we find contrary to what we believe than it is to analyze it, rebut it, and even possibly accept that something we don't like may be true.

Problems arise we have an industry that has, more or less, decided they are the arbiters of truth. Too many within it are also activists and/or have agendas and will selectively gather facts which support their narratives to report – and disregard those which don't. Others, both at the reporting level seeking fame and attention and the management level trying to maximize revenue, write for clicks.

The "truth" it seems, is somewhat flexible when weighing other priorities. Too often, these other priorities are winning. We are all becoming a less informed public because of it.

Today I'll highlight two news stories from the last couple of weeks from a relatively non-political subject matter. The automotive business is one that literally moves America. It's more than about transportation.

There was a time when the saying was "What is good for General Motors is good for

America". Cars are the anchor of our manufacturing base and a key economic component. What cars we make, as well as those we import, have a huge effect on our overall economy.

CNBC.com, part of Comcast's cable networks soon to be spun off to investors in a package with MSNBC, ran a story with a byline from Greg Iacurci headlined "Getting Trump's full tax break on car loans may mean buying a \$130,000 vehicle." The main photo under the lede showed a glistening Rolls Royce with the caption noting it sat in a London showroom.

While reporters often don't write their own headlines nor select images to pair with their copy, it should be noted this is where the first problem with this presentation begins. A car bought in London won't qualify for an American tax break. The car pictured has a starting price of \$395,000 – well above the stated maximum for the tax break.

The article focuses on car brands that one would have to buy to get "Trump's" maximum incentive. It lists "Rolls-Royce, Ferrari, Bentley, Aston Martin, Lamborghini, McLaren, Porsche, Land Rover, Cadillac, Maserati, Lotus and Mercedes-Benz" as vehicles with prices to get max deductions. Yet only Cadillac & Mercedes Benz from that list manufacture vehicles here in America that

would qualify.

While the requirement that vehicles must be assembled domestically is buried toward the bottom of the story, at no point does it note that most of the exotic cars mentioned are excluded from a tax deduction. This fact runs too much against the picture painted: Rich people buying cars most of us will never afford are the ones getting a tax break.

There aren't even details about when the tax break will start, how one qualifies, or most of the other basics. The entire premise is that to get the "full" break, one has to be able to spend and borrow six figures for a depreciating asset.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the political news spectrum, The Murdoch media empire decided to proclaim Jaguar has gone "woke and broke" after airing controversial ads focusing on an upcoming reboot of the brand. The New York Post ran a story by-lined by James Franey touting that Jaguar sales in Europe plunged "a shocking 97.5% following a botched rebrand that included a commercial featuring men in skirts to announce its upcoming pivot toward an all-electric fleet — but the cars have yet to arrive at dealerships." A similar package using the same stats has been running on their Fox News network.

Once again, one has to know more about the subject matter

than what is being reported to understand the entire premise of this story – whether intentional or out of sheer ignorance – is faulty. Even in that quote above the reporter notes there is a planned pivot to an all-electric fleet. The key missing fact is that Jaguar ended all vehicle production from an already slow selling lineup in November of 2024.

The new EV lineup will not begin hitting showrooms for another year. The controversial commercial was to preview a car that doesn't yet officially exist, and therefore can't be sold. In the interim, Jaguar dealers have nothing to sell.

It shouldn't be "shocking" to anyone that a company that quits making cars has their sales drop 97%. More importantly, it has nothing to do with a commercial, or "going woke".

None of this likely matters to those in editorial and senior management positions above the two reporters mentioned. Comcast's NBC family gets the narrative fed that the now passed reconciliation bill is just one big beautiful tax cut for the rich. The Fox/Post news consumers are again reassured that anyone advertising from the left is going bankrupt.

Both organizations are keeping their consumers happy. It's merely a side effect that they're keeping them dumber and more ill-informed.

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Peach County Trojans 2025 Pre-Season Preview

By Victor Kulkosky
Editor Emeritus

I looked at the calendar recently to find out what it was – some retired people lose track of time – and discovered that Peach County Football is coming up fast. This article will publish on July 9th; our first regular season game is scheduled for August 15th. If you know a Peach County football fan, don't bother inviting them to any Friday night events until at least November.

Last year, the Trojans, in their second season under Head Coach Marquis Westbrook, returned to their winning ways with an 11-2 record and a quarterfinal appearance. We cruised over Macon-Bibb's Northeast to open the season, then lost a 49-39 thriller to Perry. That makes three wins in a row for the Panthers; we've got business to take care of. The Trojans went on to win 10 games in a row and claim their 21st region title. The season ended in a 38-28 loss to Calhoun, our 19th quarterfinal appearance and 35th straight playoff appearance. The schedule is almost identical in 2025, with the location of most of the games reversed from last year. Several key players graduated, including half the dynamic family duo of D.J. and Zion Hudson. D.J. continues his football career close by at Fort Valley State. We have a winning coach and a winning tradition, and so the same call will echo through the stadium again and again: FIRE IT UP, PC!!!

Peach County Trojans
Head Coach: Marquis Westbrook, 15-9, 3rd season
Overall Record: 441-193-6, 56 seasons, since 1970
Last Year: 11-2, quarterfinal
2025 Classification: 1-3A

Northeast Raiders, 8-15-2025
Home: Macon Head Coach: Jeremy Wiggins, 54-29, 8th season
Overall Record: 241-33-2 (.420), 55 Seasons, Since 1970
Last Year: 12-3/8-1, State Runner Up
2025 Classification: 2-A D1

PC vs. Team: 12-5 Last Game: PC 40 NE 21,8-16-2024

Perry Panthers, 8-22-2025, Away
Home: Perry Head Coach: Kevin Smith, 68-30, 9th season
Overall Record: 370-371-8 (.499), 71 seasons, since 1954
Last Year: 8-4/4-1, 2nd Round
2025 Classification: 2-4A
PC vs. Team: 33-12 Last Game: P 49, PC 39, 9-13-2024

Berkmar Patriots 8-29-2025, Home
Home: Lilburn Head Coach: Bre-Nard Williams, 1st season
Overall Record: 181-399-10, .315, 60 Seasons, since 1966
Last Year: 2-8/1-6
2025 Classification: 7-6A
PC vs. Team: 1-0 Last Game: PC 42, B 7, 8-30-2024

Crisp County Cougars, 9-5-2025, Away
Home: Cordele Head Coach: Justin Newman, 1st season
Overall Record: 370-361-14 (.506), 69 seasons, since 1957
Last Year: 5-6/3-1, 1st round
2025 Classification: 3-2A
PC vs. Team: 12-9 Last Game: PC 35, CC 7, 9-6-2024

Northside Eagles, 9-19-2025, Away
Home: Warner Robins Head Coach: Daniel Williams, 1st season
Overall Record: 504-213-6 (.701), 63 seasons, since 1963
Last Year: 2-8/0-5
2024 Classification: 2-5A
PC vs. Team: 6-15 Last Game: PC 50, NS 7, 8-20-2024

Westover Patriots, 9-25-2025, Away
Home: Albany Head Coach: Corey Joyner, 9-2, 2nd Season
Overall Record: 205-362-7 (.363), 58 seasons, since 1968
Last Year: 9-2/4-1, 1st round
2025 Classification: 1-3A
PC vs. Team: 4-0 Last Game: PC 55, W 36, 9-28-2024

Ask the Pastor'

The Bible says, we are created in the image of God... several verses refer to God as having hands. Is there a possibility He has a form that resembles the humans He created?



WAYNE LENDERMAN
Lead Pastor of Church in the Orchard
COLUMNIST

What Does the Bible Say God Looks Like?

The Bible talks about God's characteristics and traits in a variety of places. There are two points the Bible makes about what God looks like that are important to understand:

First, God is spirit. Verses like Deuteronomy 4:15-19 note that God can appear like a mountain of fire and differs from idols that are designed to look like human beings. John 4:24 boldly states "God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." 1 Timothy 1:17 refers to him as the "the King eternal, immortal, invisible." This

indicates that although God can appear in various forms including human form, he has no basic physical form.

"So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Genesis 1:27) **Does God have hands, eyes, feet, etc.?**

God does not have hands or eyes or feet; God is a spiritual being without form or body, and He is far greater than any physical being. Sometimes the Bible speaks about God's hands or eyes, but when it does, it is using symbolic language to convey some truth about His activity: "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him" (2 Chronicles 16:9). "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

When the Bible says God created humans in His image, it means that God put His character or imprint on our souls or spirits. We aren't God—but we

are like Him, although very limited. Because of this, we can love and know right from wrong. Because we bear God's image, we are different from the animals, and all human life is sacred.

The tragedy is that God's image within us has been defaced and twisted by sin. But Christ came to make us whole, and someday "we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). In the meantime, make it your goal to grow closer to Christ and serve Him with all you do.

On a personal note, I can tell you there have been times when I have been in deep prayer or going through a crisis and I have felt a physical touch from God. Was it hands, probably not but I know someone touched me and I was the only one in the room. God knows exactly what we need when we need it. I believe we can feel His touch because He wants us to know that during a trial or a storm, He is right there with us. "...Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)



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State Revenue Chief Tapped For New Georgia Tax Court

By Dave Williams
Bureau Chief
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Gov. Brian Kemp Tuesday nominated state Commissioner of Revenue Frank O'Connell chief judge of the newly created Georgia Tax Court. Georgia voters approved a

constitutional amendment last November creating the tax court, aimed at improving efficiency in the handling of tax cases at the state level.

O'Connell has headed the revenue department for more than two years after serving previously as the state agency's deputy commissioner and general

counsel. "Georgia taxpayers deserve leadership at the Department of Revenue that recognizes who they are most accountable to," Kemp said. "As commissioner, Frank O'Connell has never forgotten that - serving the people of our state with honor and great work ethic. That's why I'm again asking Frank to serve in a leadership position that will benefit the entire state."

Before joining state government in 2023, O'Connell served as a consultant in state and local taxation for a decade at two large accounting firms.

A member of the Tax Section of the State Bar of Georgia, he received his law degree from the University of Notre Dame and a postgraduate law degree in taxation from New York University. O'Connell's nomination is subject to confirmation by the Georgia House and Senate Judiciary committees.

The chief judge on the new court will be joined by up to three assistant judges.



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PRE-SEASON PREVIEW CONTINUED FROM 4A

Dougherty Trojans, 10-3-2025, Home Home: Albany Head Coach: Uyl Joyner, 6-14, 4th season Overall Record: 276-361-4 (.434) 63 seasons, since 1963 Last Year: 2-8/0-5 2025 Classification: 1-3A PC vs. Team: 5-3 Last Game: PC 49, D 13, 10-4-2024

Bainbridge Bearcats, 10-17-2025, Home Home: Bainbridge Head Coach: Jay Walls, 1-9, 2nd season Overall Record: 550-508-42 (.519), 110 seasons, since 1913 Last Year: 1-9/1-4 2025 Classification: 1-3 PC vs. Team: 1-1 Last Game: PC 45, B 14, 10-18-2024

Cairo Syrupmakers, 10-25-2024, Home Home: Cairo Head Coach: David Coleman, 22-12, 4th season Overall Record: 687-361-37 (.650), 104 seasons, since 1922 Last Year: 6-5, 3-2, 1st round 2025 Classification: 1-3A PC vs. Team: 3-3 Last Game: PC 48, C 17, 10-25-2024

Monroe Tornadoes, 10-31-2025, Home Home: Albany Head Coach: Lacey Herring, 17-24, 5th season Overall Record: 266-421-13 (.389), 79 seasons, since 1947 Last Year: 3-8/2-3, 1st round 2025 Classification: 1-3A PC vs. Team: 3-0 Last Game: PC 44, M 7, 11-1-2024

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You are notified that a Petition for Dependency with Custody Placed with Maternal Grandmother was filed against you in said court on 6/25/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 6/24/25.

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WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, this 25th day of June, 2025. Whitney Nelson, DEPUTY, PEACH COUNTY COURT
7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 2025
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF ESTELLA ELAINE GREEN, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7101 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: ROBERT GREEN JR. AND ANY INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: RAPHAEL GEBERIT GREEN

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By: Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court
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3457 (112194)

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY TUKES A/K/A BETTY JEAN TUKES

All creditors of the Estate of Betty Tukes a/k/a Betty Jean Tukes, deceased, late of Peach County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

Flora Brown is the Executor of the Estate of Betty Tukes a/k/a Betty Jean Tukes. D. Lee Peacock, Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088, (478)922-3010.
7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 2025
3469

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of MARY MARTHA ELIZABETH WILDER, late of Peach County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 19th day of June, 2025. JOSEPH L. WILDER
Executor
c/o
Daniel L. Wilder
Emmett L. Goodman Jr., LLC
544 Mulberry Street, Suite 800
Macon, GA 31201
(478)745-5415
6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 2025
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Shameka L Dugger to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Loan Depot.com, LLC., its successors and assigns.

dated December 1, 2020, recorded in Deed Book 635, Page 821, Peach County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 746, Page 369, Peach County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND FIFTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$154,050.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August, 2025, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

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

Nationstar Mortgage LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Nationstar Mortgage LLC, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, (888) 480-2432.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Shameka L Dugger or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 114 Knoxville Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

Nationstar Mortgage LLC as Attorney in Fact for Shameka L Dugger
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Rd
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF FORT VALLEY, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY OR RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 249, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES.

MR / MA August 5, 2025
Our file no. 24-16482GA-FT2
24-16482GA
07/09/2025, 07/16/2025, 07/23/2025, 07/30/2025
3473 (24-16482GA)

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA STATE OF GEORGIA, Plaintiff,

vs.
SIXTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$60,231) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY, Defendant Property in Rem, and RIGOBERTO PACHECO, Purported Owners/Interested Holders.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 5750-M VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE

COMES NOW the State of Georgia, by and through Anita Howard, the District Attorney of the Bibb Judicial

Circuit, or a duly appointed assistant, and files this Verified Complaint for Forfeiture pursuant to the O.C.G.A. § 9-16-1 et seq., and in particular, O.C.G.A. § 9-16-12, respectfully showing the Court the following:

1. Defendant Property in Rem sought to be forfeited is SIXTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$60,231) IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY.

2. Defendant Property in Rem was seized in Peach County, Georgia, and is presently located in said county and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction and venue of this Court.

3. The Peach County Sheriff's Office has custody of Defendant Property in Rem, which was seized pursuant to lawful authority.

4. The names and addresses of all known possible owners and/or interest holders of Defendant Property in Rem or any portion thereof sought to be forfeited are:

Rigoberto Pacheco
7992 NW 14th Street
Ocala, FL 34482
7/2, 7/9, 2025
3465

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY

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

This 17th day of June, 2025. SAVANNAH JANE MCCAY ADMINISTRATOR OF SUSAN LANDRESS ESTATE
204 Persons Street
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030
6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 2025
3451

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF PEACH

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain security deed executed by Michael H. Jones, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to Academy Mortgage Corporation recorded in Deed Book 507, beginning at page 625, of the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the aforesaid state and county, and by virtue of a default under the terms of said security deed, and the related note, the undersigned attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor (which attorney-in-fact is the present holder of said security deed and note secured thereby) will sell at the usual place of conducting Sheriff's sales in said county within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in August 2025, all property described in said security deed including but not limited to the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Land Lot 23 of the Fifth (5th) Land District, Peach County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 6, Section 3, Peavy Subdivision, according to a plat of survey recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 108, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes.

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

Address under current system of numbering: 111 Collins Street, Byron, Georgia 31008

Deed Reference: Deed Book 505, Page 227, said Clerk's Office.

Said legal description being controlling, however, the Property is more commonly known as: 111 Collins St., Byron, GA 31008

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable); any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, and all other matters of record superior to the said Security Deed. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. State Home Mortgage, as loan servicer is the entity with full authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the Note and Security Deed. State Home Mortgage's address is 60 Executive Park South, N. E., Atlanta, GA 30329. State Home Mortgage may be contacted by telephone at 404-679-0574. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be Michael H. Jones, or tenant(s).

Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, as Transferee, Assignee, and Secured Creditor

As attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor
CB Legal, LLC
Attorneys at Law
Three Northwinds Center
2500 Northwinds Parkway, Suite 160
Alpharetta, GA 30009
(770)392-0041
25-7756

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 2025
3449 (25-7756)

LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing, with public comment heard, will be held by the Peach County Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals on a Special Exception request for tax parcel number 064B 019 located at 4001 Highway 41 North, Byron, GA. The request is for a reduction in the minimum width of a manufactured home in the Grove Estates Mobile Home Park for Lots 7, 29, 59, 62 and 71.

The hearing will be in the Public Meeting Room of the Board of Commissioner's Office located at 213 Persons Street in Fort Valley on July 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The Special Exception application for this parcel is on file and available for review. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.
7/9, 7/16/2025
0723-VNO

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

By virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from SHARON ROSS (Debtor) to JUDY G. WATSON (original Lender), dated March 10, 2009, filed for record April 7, 2009 and recorded in Deed 421 Page 520-523, PEACH County, Georgia Records, assigned to Jessica Lynn Watson at Deed Book 721 Page 517-520 Peach County Superior Court Records, April 26, 2004, said Deed to Secure Debt having been given to secure a Note dated March 10, 2009 in the original principal sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$42,000.00), with interest from date at the rate stated in said Note on the unpaid balance until paid, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at Peach County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August 2025, the property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees.

Said property will be sold as the property of Sharon Ross, her heirs and/or assigns (Debtor); Subject to the outstanding and ad valorem taxes and/or Assessments, if any, and all easements and restrictions of record, if any, having priority over this Deed to Secure Debt.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Sharon Ross her heirs and/or assigns or tenants; and said property is more commonly known as 266 Sherwood Blvd., Byron, GA.

Jessica Lynn Watson
Attorney-in-Fact for Sharon Ross (Debtor)
/s/ Michelle Smith
FORECLOSURE ATTORNEY
Michelle Smith
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 8633
Warner Robins, GA 31095
(478) 953-3661
Exhibit A

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 75 of the Fifth Land District of Peach County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 1, Block "C", Phase 3 of Sherwood Forest Subdivision, according to a Plat of Survey recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 141-142, Clerk's Office, Peach County Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated herein for all purposes.

Together with a 1982 Riverbrook Guerdon Mobile Home, Manufacturer's ID No. GDWGA148208402

Property is known as: 266 Sherwood Boulevard, Byron, GA. Map/Parcel Number: 064G 167
7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 2025
3472 (10953)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY OF STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF DIANA MARY KELSAY, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7166 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: Any and all interested parties and to whom it may concern:

ANGELA C. EARLS has petitioned for ANGELA C. EARLS to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of

DIANA MARY KELSAY, deceased, of said County. The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before July 17, 2025.

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

Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court
By: Katrina Corbin, Chief Clerk of the Probate Court
P.O. Box 327
Fort Valley, GA 31030
478-825-2213
7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 2025
3463

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, PEACH COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Donald Scoville to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Wachovia Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns dated 9/17/2007 and recorded in Deed Book 391 Page 8 Peach County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$53,910.00, 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 August 5, 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:

The one-half undivided interest of Donald Scoville in the following described tract or parcel of land:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 237 OF THE 9TH LAND DISTRICT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 16, BLOCK C, SMISSION GARDENS, SECTION 2, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 259, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR THE PURPOSE OF A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE METES, BOUNDS, AND DIMENSIONS OF THE PROPERTY.

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 219 Christopher Circle, 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): Estate/Heirs of Donald Scoville and Uzella Scoville or tenant or tenants.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd. Coppell, TX 75019 1-888-480-2432. 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 proper-

ty, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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

US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST as agent and Attorney in Fact for Donald Scoville
Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400.
1006-3861A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
1006-3861A.

07/09/2025, 07/16/2025, 07/23/2025, 07/30/2025
3464 (1006-3861A)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

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

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

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

Address under current system of numbering: 170 Hawks Ridge Trace, Byron, Georgia.
Tax ID #: 052A 318

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

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

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

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

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

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holder of the security deed.
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for LB-Ranch Series V Trust as Attorney in Fact for Tatjana Mendez
McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
404-474-7149
MTG File No.: GA2024-01084-1
7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 2025
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PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
GEORGIA
PEACH COUNTY

TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: TAMMY HORTON has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of ROBERT LEE MILLER, 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 OCGA §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 for any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before July 18, 2025.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objection 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 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 Probate Court, by Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court,
205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31078
(478)825-2313
7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 2025
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

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

SHANA PASAS, Executor
244 Chatfield Way
Franklin, Tennessee 37067
Sara C. Diamond Wechsler
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
PO Box 1770
Perry, GA 31069
478-987-1415
6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 2025
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION

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

All that tract or parcel of land situate and lying in the State of Georgia, County of Peach and in N.B. Miller Subdivision therein, being known and described as Lot 16, Block "B", of said N.B. Miller Subdivision, as shown on a plat of the same recorded in Plat Book No. 2, Page 237, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court, Georgia, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more complete and accurate description of said herein described property. Said lot fronts an Easterly direction 60 feet on a public street and extends back, with an even width for a distance of 100 feet. Said lot is bounded on the North by Lot No. 15, Block "B", of said subdivision, on the West by Lot No. 3, Block "B", of said subdivision, on the South by Lot No. 17, Block "B", of said subdivision, and on the East by a 30 foot public street.
Subject to existing and recorded easements, rights-of-ways and protective covenants.
As described in Deed Book 115, Page 40. Further described as Map & Parcel F01D037.
WILL EXPIRE AND BE FOREVER FORECLOSED AND BARRED ON AND AFTER THE 17th DAY OF JULY, 2025.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated April 4, 2024, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, in Deed Book 701, Page 568.
The property may be redeemed at any time before the 17th day of July, 2025, by payment of the redemption price via legal tender as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
466 S. Houston Lake Rd.
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088
Please be governed accordingly.
Anna Usry Person
Attorney for Gerardo Rodriguez, Jr. and Gerardo Rodriguez
466 S Houston Lake Rd.
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088
(478)333-6502
6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 2025
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SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA
CASE NUMBER 25-V-0256

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Andrew Jacob Amerson, Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD

Andrew Jacob Amerson filed a petition in the Superior Court of Peach County on June 20, 2025, to change the name from: Ayeden James Yawn to Ayeden James Amerson. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.
7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 2025
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: ESTATE OF AMOS E. LAWRENCE, JR.
ESTATE NO. 2024-TADM-6952

All creditors of the estate of Amos E. Lawrence, Jr., late of Peach County, Georgia, 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 10th day of June 2025.
NAME: Amos Earl Lawrence, Sr., Administrator
ADDRESS: 640 Pebble Road, Reynolds, GA 31076
6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 2025
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY
All creditors of the estate of BONNIE FAYE HOLMES, deceased, late of Peach County, are hereby

notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 17th day of June, 2025.
CLIFFORD LEE HUDSON
464 Tanglewood Road
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030
CYNTHIA MICHELLE BASSETT
4012 Buckeye Road
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030
CO-EXECUTORS OF BONNIE FAYE HOLMES ESTATE
6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 2025
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: Estate of Betty Jean Lee, Deceased

All creditors of the Estate Betty Jean Lee, deceased, late of Peach County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the Executor named below according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to said Executor. Demands and payments may be sent to counsel for the Executor, Michael L. Chidester, Attorney, P.O. Box 1704, Byron, Georgia 31008
This 26th day of June, 2025.
Brian McLarty
Executor
7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 2025
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
PEACH COUNTY
IN RE: ZACHARY WILLIAM BUEHLER

All creditors of the estate of Zachary William Buehler, late of PEACH COUNTY, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 30th day of June 2025
Steven Douglas Buehler
Administrator for Zachary William Buehler
823 McGuire Circle
Berryville, VA 22611-1544
7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 2025
3471

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF PEACH
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOE TILDON

All creditors of the estate of JOE TILDON RICKETSON, deceased, late of PEACH County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
THIS 18th day of June, 2025
NAME: JOSEPH TYLER RICKETSON
ADMINISTRATOR / EXECUTOR
JOE TILDON RICKETSON, deceased
111 SUMMERFIELD DRIVE
MACON, GEORGIA 31210
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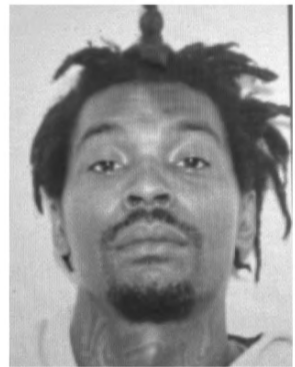
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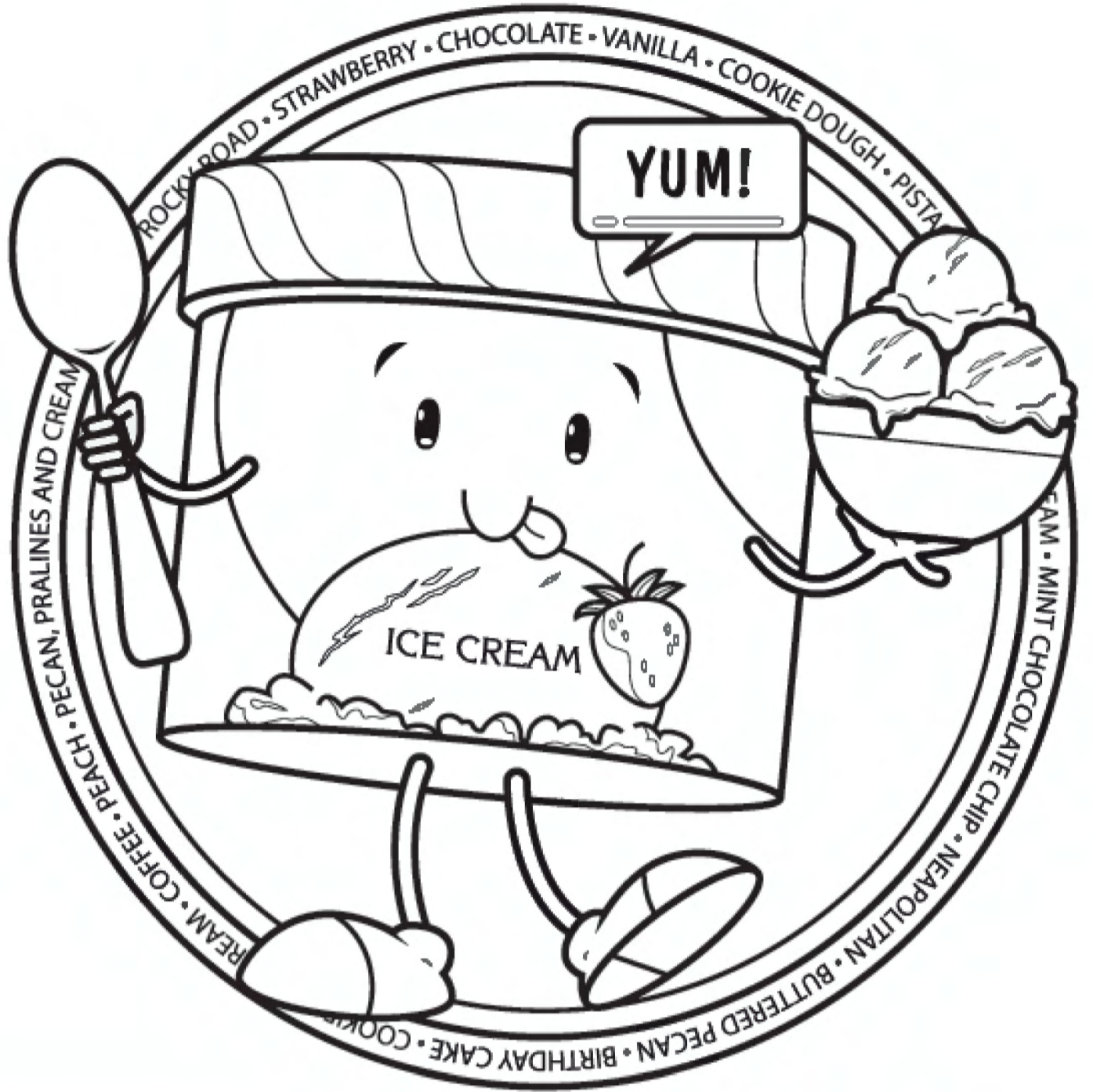
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Solve the code to discover words related to the beach. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 10 = S)

A. 10 9 7 23
Clue: Granular material

B. 10 8 4 16 15 25 20 7 15
Clue: Where ocean meets sand

C. 5 9 2 15 10
Clue: Swells of water

D. 10 8 15 25 25 10
Clue: Protective coatings of sea creatures

Answers: A. sand B. shoreline C. waves D. shells

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the beach.

L A Y S T

Answer: Salty

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in California on July 8, 1977. I wrestled in high school and also acted in drama productions. During my career I have played a son of a famous boxer, a rebel love interest, and a beloved dad who died tragically.

Answer: Milo Ventimiglia

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

OPSCO 1 2 3

NECO 4

ERFZEE 5 6

SATE 7

I 1 2 6 4 7 M 5 3 6 I 2 4

2 6 4 7 M

Answer: I scream for ice cream

BEACH TIME WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

T T T I U S M I W S A M R F A S H V F D
 N O R B G R F K S P R A S N B H U B T B
 S B W U V D E F E N G A T A L A R V E K
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 BEACHCOMBER
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 BOARDWALK
 BREAKWATER
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 COAST
 COOLER
 DOLPHIN
 LIFEGUARD
 RIPTIDE
 SAND
 SANDBAR
 SEASIDE
 SHARK
 SHORE
 SUNSCREEN
 SURFBOARD
 SWIMSUIT
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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

JUL 10

1850: Millard Fillmore is sworn in as U.S. President.

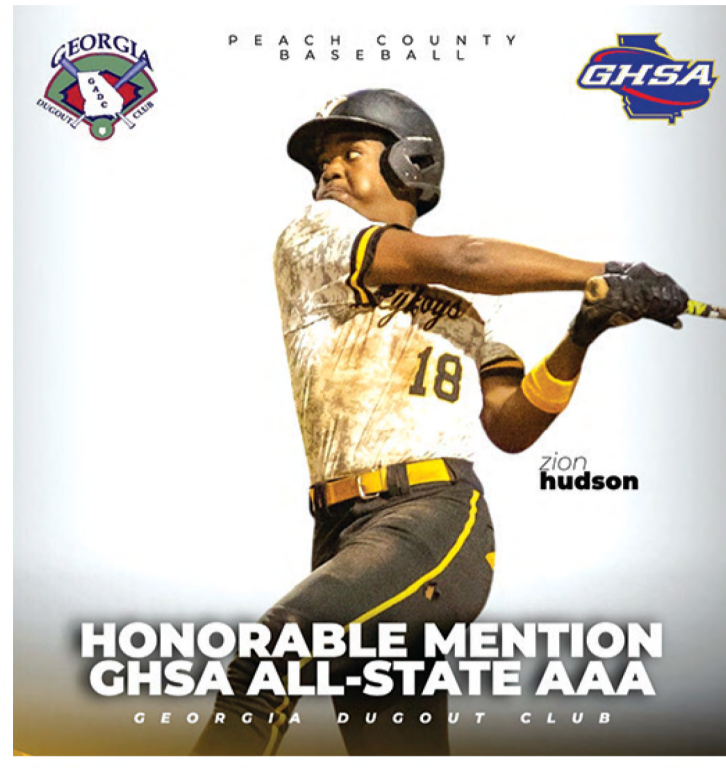
1920: Arthur Meighen becomes Prime Minister of Canada.

1962: Telstar, the world's first communications satellite, is launched into orbit.

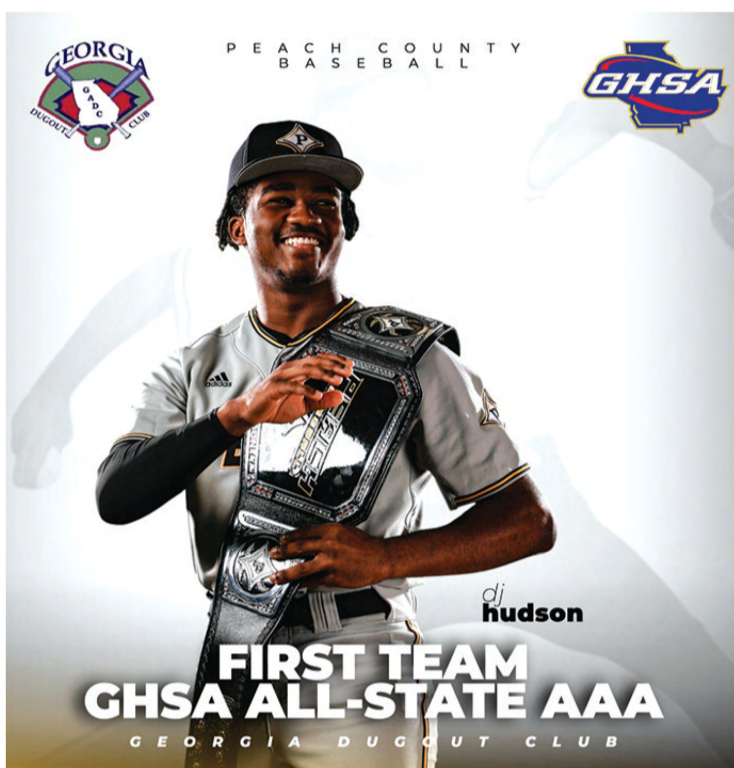
NEW WORD

CUSTARD
 a dessert made with cream and egg

Congratulations to Peach County Baseball's Scout Willingham, Zion Hudson, and Rigsby Booth for earning
Georgia Dugout Club GHSA All-State Honorable Mention



Congratulations to Peach County Baseball's DJ Hudson and Jackson Peavy for earning Georgia
GA Dugout Club GHSA First Team AAA All-State Honors



Collecting Supplies for Stuff the Bus

By Peach County Government
Join us in helping Peach County students start the school year off right! We're collecting school supply donations and giving back to the community with a special giveaway event.
Location for all activities:
Peach County Health Department
503 Bluebird Blvd
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Donation Drop-off will take place July 7-11 from 9:00 a.m.

to 3:00 p.m.
The School Supply Giveaway will be held Friday, July 11 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Services and giveaways will include immunizations, free haircuts, free 3231 forms, free food, and 200 backpacks filled with school supplies.
Let's come together to stuff the bus and support our local families. Thank you to all of our amazing community partners for making this event possible.



STUFF the BUS

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3RD ANNUAL Trojan FEST

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025
9AM - 11AM

FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES
FREE HAIRCUTS
FUN GAMES
SCHOOL INFORMATION
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FUN FOR THE FAMILY **MEET PCHS ATHLETES**

PEACH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
3665 PEACH PARKWAY
FORT VALLEY, GA 31030

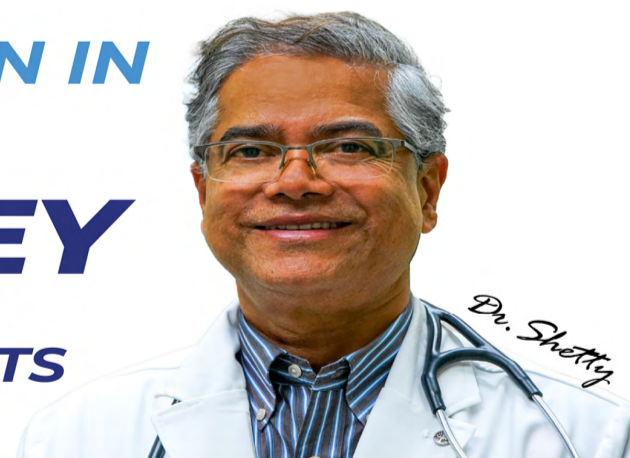


SCAN TO HOST A TABLE



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Affiliated with Southeast Medical Group

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701 Bluebird Blvd
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In-House Labs • Ultrasounds
EKGs • Women's Health

ENJOY Telehealth
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MOST INSURANCE ACCEPTED!

See us for:
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Annual Checkups • Medicare Wellness Visits
And More!

Walk in anytime or book an appointment!
CALL 478-328-7674

CALL TO BOOK TODAY!

Join the Trojan Nation Touchdown Club Today!

We are excited to announce that Business, Membership Sponsorship, and Premier Parking Passes for the Trojan Nation Touchdown Club are now available for purchasing!

Premier Parking Passes are available for \$75, which includes all home games and playoff home games. These passes are also included in our Business/Membership Packages. *Please note, once Premier Parking Passes are sold out, they will no longer be available.*

We have a big goal this year, and it's going to take the Peach County Community to help us accomplish it. Please consider supporting the Trojan Nation Touchdown Club of Peach for the 2025 Football Season. Don't miss out on the opportunity to be part of the Trojan Nation! Join the Touchdown Club or reserve your spot today!
Important Information: Touchdown Club will not be handling the Handicap parking spaces this year. They will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis and are excluded from the Premier Parking Passes.

For more information or to secure your membership, visit <https://www.trojannationtouchdownclub.org>, or contact us today at peachtrojannation@gmail.com. Go Trojans!

