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**Two 38-Year-Olds Illegally in the U.S. Arrested for Trafficking 14-Year-Old Girl**

By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

BYRON, Ga. – Two men have been arrested and charged with trafficking a teenager, along with rape and child molestation charges, according to a press release from Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr.

On Monday, Oct. 20, the Attorney General's office sent out the press release stating that Virgilio Gabriel Vasquez, 38 years old, and Napoleon Hernandez Gomez, 38 years old, were both arrested for trafficking a 14-year-old girl.

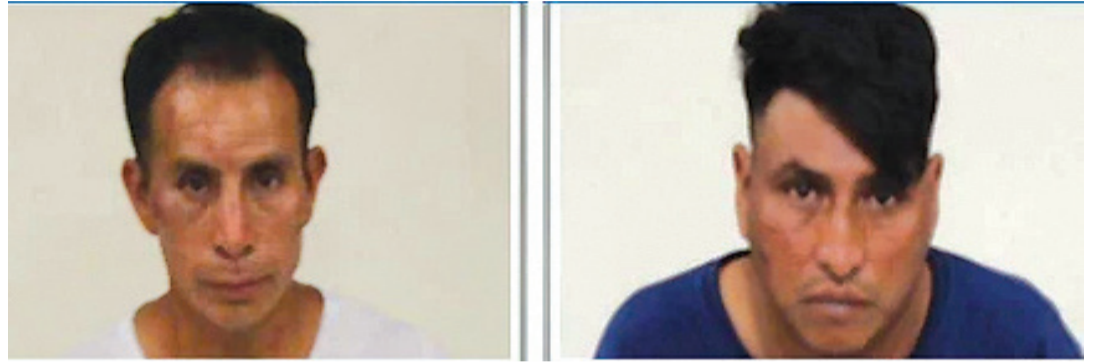
According to the release, both Vasquez and Gomez are from Guatemala and were illegally residing in the United States. The

14-year-old girl was also from Guatemala.

"The consequences of illegal immigration are felt in every one of our communities, whether it's human trafficking, gang activity or fentanyl," Carr said. "Our message is clear: if you abuse or exploit a child in this state, we will find you and prosecute you to the fullest extent of the law."

The release states that Vasquez allegedly forced the child to perform commercial sex acts with Gomez for money.

According to the release, Vasquez was charged with trafficking of persons for sexual servitude, for unlawfully benefiting financially from the sexual servitude of the girl, and unlawfully providing a minor for sexual



VIRGILIO VAZQUEZ and NAPOLEON GOMEZ

Photo by Peach County Sheriff's Office

servitude. The release states that Gomez was also charged with trafficking of persons for sexual servitude for unlawfully soliciting a minor for sexual servitude alongside charges for rape and child molestation.

According to the release, Carr's

human trafficking prosecution unit made the arrest. Since 2019, has secured more than 60 convictions for human trafficking and helped over 200 children.

The release states that Vasquez and Gomez were taken into custody at their residence in Fort Valley by the Attorney General's

Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit, with the assistance of the Fort Valley Police Department, Peach County Sheriff's Office, Byron Police Department, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

**They Did the MONSTER MASH at the CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY BASH!**

By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – It was creepy! It was kooky! It was mysterious and spooky at the Peach Regional Chamber of Commerce's 11th Annual Celebration of Community event. The banquet took place on Thursday, Oct. 23, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Southern Bridle Farms.

With this year's banquet taking place in October instead of May, the theme was none other than a Halloween Monster Mash. The barn was transformed into a haunted haven full of dark and gothic decor with splashes of bright orange and deep purple.

Wallace Keese, a board member of the Peach Regional Chamber of Commerce, welcomed those in attendance and thanked the community, his fellow board members, and the sponsors for making the banquet possible.

John Wyskiel, President and CEO of the Blue Bird Corporation, stepped up to the podium to discuss his positive thoughts on the Peach County communi-



Jill as a Viking!

Photo by Judy Robinson



Table of partying monsters, wizards and witches.

Photo by Judy Robinson

ty as well as some of Blue Bird's recent achievements. Wyskiel was appointed the President and Chief Executive Officer of Blue Bird back in February 2025.

Following Wyskiel's speech, Jillian Bowen, Peach Regional Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, took to the stage.

**MONSTER MASH CONTINUED PG 8A**

**FVSU Mourns Loss of Freshman Student, University States**



By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. – The Fort Valley State University is mourning the loss of a student, according to a Facebook post from the University.

Jame'la Moore, a freshman at Fort Valley State University, died on Friday, Oct. 17.

"The FVSU community mourns the loss of our scholar, Jame'la Moore," FVSU President Paul Jones said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and all who knew and loved her."

Any students in need of counseling are encouraged to visit the Wellness Center or call UWILL (833-646-1526)

**Think Pink in Peach County**



By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

On Friday, Oct. 24, members from the Peach County government and community met in front of the Peach County Courthouse to observe a moment of silence and raise awareness of breast cancer.

Peach County commissioner Martin Moseley recognize that most people either have known or have been someone who has had breast cancer. He recounted talking to different citizens about their experiences.



# Jailhouse Alley Art Show & Sale Set for November 1

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It's fall, y'all—time for Friday night lights, college game days, the Georgia National Fair, and the Jailhouse Alley Art Center Show and Sale!

Now in its 58th year, this annual event, anticipated by art lovers throughout Middle Georgia, carries on its tradition of variety and creativity by showcasing a wide range of artwork.

Join us on Saturday, November 1 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**JAILHOUSE ALLEY ART SHOW**  
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## It's Pumpkin Decorating Contest Time!

Contributed By Lane Southern Orchards

Our amazing employees have let their creativity run wild, and now we need YOUR help to pick a winner!

Stop by the market on October 30th or 31st to check out all the fun, festive, and downright pumpkin-tastic creations. Cast your vote for your favorite. The winner will take home the 'People's Choice Award'!


Come support our team, enjoy the fall vibes and help us crown the best pumpkin decorator on the farm.

Come vote for your favorite pumpkin  
OCT 30<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>ST</sup>

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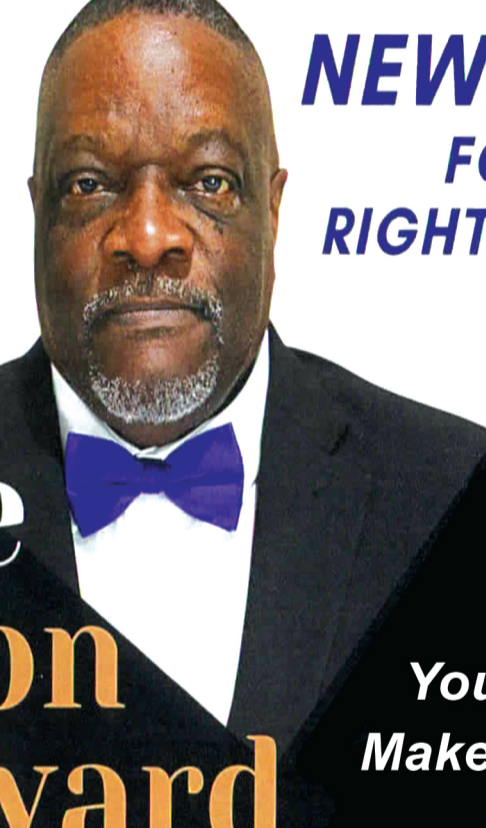
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# The Jailhouse Alley Art Center 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Sale Sat., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>

**Contributed**

The Jailhouse Alley Art Center will hold its 58th annual Show and Sale on Saturday, November 1, 2025 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Fort Valley Methodist Church Social Hall located at 301 West Church Street in Fort Valley.

In addition to a large selection of original art-

work in a variety of mediums, there will be prints, notecards, and the ever-popular Bargain Table – just in time for Christmas! Don't forget your 2026 calendar featuring pen-and-ink drawings by Jailhouse Alley artists. For more information check us out on Facebook. Admission is Free!



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on Main Street

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OCTOBER 30TH

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## 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

Box, Colton Allen Wayne, 30, Macon, GA: Battery/Simple Battery - Family Violence, Operating Vehicle With Susp/Canc/Rev Registration, Operating W/Learner's Permit, No Insurance

Brown, Kinte Leshan, 48, Byron, GA: Terroristic Threats And Acts

Hill, Roderic Louis, 27, Fort Valley, GA: Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

Lowe, Derrick Ricardo, 26, Macon, GA: Driving With Suspended License, Failure To Stop At Stop/Yield Sign, Knowingly Driving With Suspended/Canceled Registration

Lower, Laura Estes, 46, Byron, GA: DUI, Open Container, Failure To Maintain A Single Lane

Mcclendon, Keyshawn Jamar, 20, Macon, GA: Theft By Receiving Stolen Property-Felony

Traylor, Aaron Rodney, 35, Smyrna, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Westbrooks, Richard Brian, 48, Fort Valley, GA: Driving With Suspended License, Failure To Yield To Emergency Vehicle, Apprehension Of A Wanted Person

### Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

N/A

### Peach County Sheriff's Office

#### Arrests/Citations

Anderson, Crystal Diane, 41, Griffin, GA: Burglary

Gatliff, Dustin, 53, Warner Robins, GA: Failure To Appear - Felony

Murphy, John Michael, 28, Venice, FL: Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

Quick, Jae D, 20, Warner Robins, GA: Driving W/O Valid License, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits)

Stanley, Lionel M, 38, Conley, GA: Receipt, Possession Or Transfer Of Firearm By Convicted Felon Or Felony First Offender

### Crawford County Sheriff's Office

#### Arrests

Coker, Randall Kenneth, 36, Byron, GA: Here For Court

### GA State Patrol Perry Arrests

Bartlett, Caloin Bernard, 48, Fort Valley, GA: Headlight Requirements, DUI - Driving Under The Influence Of Drugs, Driving While License Suspended

Gibson, Alexis Kenyorda, 31, Fort Valley, GA: DUI - Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol, Failure To Maintain Lane

## Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.com



### OCT 30 Free Food Drive Thru Food Distribution Event

October 30, from 11am-2pm at Matthews-Scippio Impact Center, 1000 Tulip Drive, Fort Valley. In conjunction with Middle GA Food Bank.

### The Battle of Byron Festival Board of Directors Meeting

The Battle of Byron Festival Board of Directors meet every Third Thursday of the Month at the Old Byron Train Depot at 6:30 P.M.

### 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>

### Fort 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. (FVSS)

### Peach Public Libraries Board Of Trustees REGULAR MEETING

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.

### 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.

### 2025-2026 FORT VALLEY HEAD START

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

Ages 3 -5. Required Documentation: Proof of birth, Social Security Card, Immunization 3231, Medicaid/Insurance card, Proof of income/SNAP, SSI, TANE, Well child check, Dental exam, Ga public health 3300, Verification of income & housing. [www.mgcaa.org](http://www.mgcaa.org)

### 25-26 First Step Learning Center Early Head Start

Now Enrolling Infants 6 Weeks Old to Under 36 Months.

Call Now to Set up an Appointment. Enrollment Based on Eligibility. Call (478)825-0509, 406 Carver Dr., Fort Valley. First Step Learning Center Early Head Start in Partnership With Fort Valley State University.

### 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 GA Chapter

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

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

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

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

### Addiction Counseling

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

### Byron Lions Club

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

### Byron Rotary Club

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

### Byron Main Street DDA/CVB

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

### Byron Tax Office

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

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# Halloween on a Friday: AAA Warns of Dangerous Mix of Foot Traffic and Impaired Driving

By AAA

ATLANTA (October 27, 2025)— While Halloween is traditionally one of the most dangerous nights of the year for both pedestrians and drivers, the risks are even higher this year. With the holiday falling on a Friday, AAA is warning of a hazardous mix: increased foot traffic from trick-or-treaters, more weekend parties, and a greater likelihood of driving impaired.

In 2023, half of all crash fatalities on Halloween night were alcohol related (NHTSA). AAA's Crashes Hit Different campaign reminds drivers that impaired driving is among the four leading causes of fatal traffic crashes in the U.S. and urges drivers to plan for a safe ride before they party.

"Unlike weeknight Halloweens, when people tend to go home early or avoid drinking due to work the next day, a Friday celebration encourages more social gatherings and relaxed attitudes toward drugs and alcohol," said Montrae Waiters, spokeswoman for AAA— The Auto Club Group. "This creates a dangerous environment on the roads, especially with neighborhoods full of families walking after dark."

According to Safe Kids Worldwide, children are more than twice as likely to be struck and killed by a vehicle on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Contributing factors include dark costumes that reduce visibility, distracted walking, and unpredictable street crossing behavior which makes it harder for drivers to anticipate.

"It's not enough to just dress your child in a costume and head out the door," Waiters continued. "We urge parents to talk to their kids about traffic safety before going trick-or-treating. Remind them to stay alert and watch for cars before crossing. A few minutes of preparation can prevent a life-

time of regret."

**AAA Trick-or-Treat Safety Tips:**

**Be visible:** Choose light-colored costumes or add reflective tape. Flashlights and glow sticks help too.

**Cross safety:** Use crosswalks and traffic signals. Never cross mid-block or between parked cars.

**Avoid distractions:** Keep phones and earbuds away while walking or supervising children.

**Stick to sidewalks:** If none are available, walk facing traffic and stay far to the left.

**Dress smart for car seats:** Remove bulky costumes or coats before buckling children in.

**Safety Tips for Drivers:**

**Stay buckled:** Everyone should remain seated and buckled, even when parked roadside.

**Focus fully on driving:** Pull over if you need to check your phone, GPS, or take photos.

**Slow down:** Even a few extra miles per hour can be deadly in residential areas.

**Watch for trick-or-treaters:** Look for movement between parked cars and costumes that may be hard to see.

**Advice to Prevent Impaired Driving:**

**Plan ahead:** Arrange a sober ride before the party starts.

**Designate a driver:** Choose someone who will stay sober and get everyone home safely.

**Speak up:** Don't let friends drive impaired—help them find a safe alternative.

**Know the risks:** Impaired driving affects judgment, reaction time, and coordination.

"AAA's statewide efforts aim to raise awareness and prevent tragedies during this extended Halloween weekend," added Waiters. "Whether you're behind the wheel or walking the neighborhood, a few smart choices can help avoid a horrific situation."

For more safety tips, visit [AAA.com/Halloween](http://AAA.com/Halloween).

# Breast Cancer Cell Apoptosis...Nature's Chemotherapy



By Wade Yoder  
LT Columnist

In a study of over 10,000 patients, those who underwent chemotherapy were 14 times more likely to develop leukemia and 6 times more likely to develop cancers of the bones, joints, and soft tissue than those who did not undergo chemotherapy. (NCI Journal 87:10) John Diamond, MD.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month history: drug giant AstraZeneca (formerly Zeneca Group PLC) launched Breast Cancer Awareness Month in 1985. It wasn't started just to raise awareness but also to get more people talking about breast cancer as part of a national dialogue. This dialogue has served as a catalyst for generating a lot of fear in women about the possibility of developing breast cancer, which is probably a big reason that so many were convinced to get regular mammograms. So how does a drug company like AstraZeneca benefit from start-

ing a movement such as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and partnering with many of the nation's leading cancer groups, such as American Cancer Society, and Susan G. Komen for the Cure to push for more cancer screenings? The answer may be found in knowing what 2 of their patented breast cancer blockbuster drugs are, Arimidex and Tamoxifen. These drugs are what tens of thousands of women are given after being diagnosed with breast cancer. So were they the wolf the FDA has been letting guard our henhouse?

Ionizing radiation of the breasts (mammograms) has been pushed for many years for both the young, middle age and elderly, now suddenly it appears that an attempt at a soft back down is happening by the same organizations that pushed massive usage of this cancer-causing form of diagnostics. They are now recommending using it at an older age but are still not mentioning thermography, (a diagnostic technology that can detect unusual breast cell activity long before mammography does without doing any harm to breast tissue).

There are many approaches to cancer, whether prevention, early detection and using external methods of reducing or extracting the cancer. But what if we could strengthen the body and its discovery mechanisms, which in turn can cause cancer

cell apoptosis (cell suicide) selectively to the cancer cells?

Apoptosis: there are lots of natural chemicals in our foods that cause corrupted (cancerous) cells to die. These natural foods also help regular cells become stronger and healthier. When we strengthen from within the stem cells, the cells they produce become stronger and better regulated. As the surrounding cells get healthier and stronger, so does the body's capability to dispose of the cancerous cells and new healthy tissue can grow there instead!

In researching the best foods, seeds, teas, etc. for boosting the body's natural capability of apoptosis of cancer cells and this is what I found.

Fruits: wild blackberry, strawberry, choke cherry, elderberry, avocado, black raspberry, jamaun berry (Indian blackberry).

Seeds: apricot seed, peach seed, apple seed, cherry seed, nectarine seed, plum seed, prune seed. These seem to be some of the biggest cancer fighters.

Nuts: bitter almond, macadamia.

Leaves: alfalfa, eucalyptus.

Herbs: marijuana (especially the tetrahydrocannabinol or THC).

Teas: Essiac tea, green tea, pine.

Note: please research Essiac Tea for many of the various cancers. This website is the one I have found that is supposed-

ly a close match to the original formula, and is the one I personally use: [GenuineEssiac.com](http://GenuineEssiac.com)

Roots: garlic and ginger. Ginger has been shown to selectively kill breast cancer cells. PMID: 22969274

Miscellaneous: baking soda, turmeric, vitamin D, dark chocolate, and kale.

We tend to avoid bitter tasting foods, seeds, grasses, teas etc. but I believe this is a good indicator of its effectiveness and medicinal capabilities. I also believe we should go primarily for foods, herbs, teas, spices etc. that are grown in our home area.

One of the best ways to put on a protective breast guard that will help protect against breast cancer is healthy, consistent lifestyle habits. Doing this, not only can protect us from cancer, but it can also shrink and eliminate the cancer. When we adapt healthy habits, our immune system and health can start immediately improving instead of getting slammed as most conventional (for profit) cancer treatment protocols do!

Thanks for reading articles this month from someone that that does not have female breasts, the research was a real learning curve, but also one with many health parallels that applies to both women and men in helping our bodies in their fight against cancer!

# The real cause of rising Obamacare premiums isn't the end of subsidies

By J. Thomas Perdue, GA  
Public Policy Foundation

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government attempted to cushion the blow of rising health insurance costs with the provision of "enhanced" subsidies for Affordable Care Act (ACA) enrollees on the federal health insurance marketplace and state-based exchanges, like Georgia Access.

The subsidies, which passed in 2021 as part of the American Rescue Plan Act, were promoted as a way for low- and middle-income Americans to keep their health insurance in a time of economic uncertainty. However, this also included removing the 400% federal poverty level threshold for ACA subsidies, making the most affluent households eligible for taxpayer subsidized healthcare as well. Despite the federal public health emergency ending over two years ago, the subsidies have remained in place.

With those credits set to expire on January 1, 2026, many Americans are bracing for sharp increases in their premiums. However, focusing solely on the loss of subsidies ignores how much of the rising cost of premiums is attributable to them, why premiums were climbing in the first place, and why short-term fixes have failed to stop them.

Two recent articles from The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

outline some alarming prospects for Georgians participating in the ACA, also known as Obamacare. One article details the price hike shoppers have faced during the "window shopping" period for 2026 health insurance on Georgia Access, the ACA's marketplace exchange in Georgia. These include premium quotes that, for some older, middle-income households, jump from monthly premiums in the hundreds to the thousands and silver plans with deductibles as high as \$10,000. This article underscores that these listed prices reflect the scheduled expiration of enhanced subsidies.

Another story amplifies the economic stakes beyond individual households by highlighting a study from George Washington University (with funding from the left-leaning Commonwealth Fund). This study estimated that, if subsidies expire, Georgia could lose roughly 33,600 jobs next year as the health sector and its supply chain face a reduced customer base and rising uncompensated care. Georgia would reportedly rank as one of the hardest-hit states, with the premise that its already limited healthcare infrastructure could be further strained.

These expiring subsidies have become a critical part of a national healthcare debate that has even led to an ongoing

shutdown of the federal government. Republicans in Congress have resisted demands from Democrats to extend the temporary subsidies, which according to an estimate from the Congressional Budget Office, would cost taxpayers about \$350 billion over 10 years.

Despite their prominence in the political fight, however, expiring subsidies are not the driving force behind rising premiums. A recent article from Paragon Health Institute puts these expirations in perspective, pointing out that they account for only a 4% increase in average premiums in 2026, part of a total expected increase of 20%.

Put another way, for the average ACA enrollee (a 50-year-old earning 200% of the federal poverty level), the benchmark premium is projected to rise from \$8,326 to \$9,991. Of that \$1,665 increase, only \$333 stem from the expiration of temporary COVID-era subsidies.

"In other words," writes Paragon program manager Gabrielle Kalisz, "the sharp jump in premiums cannot be blamed on the phase-out of the enhanced subsidies. The real drivers are the same structural flaws that have plagued Obamacare since 2014 and rising health care costs."

Kalisz argues that the subsidies had a distorting effect on the ACA marketplace. By making plans effectively free in many cases, the credits encour-

aged an "enrollment-at-any-cost" environment that drew individuals who filed few or no claims, or were altogether ineligible. This made the overall risk pool appear artificially healthy, which in turn helped suppress average premiums and generate strong profits for insurers.

In their public filings, insurers themselves attribute most of the coming increases not to the loss of federal subsidies, but to structural pressures: higher medical utilization, general inflation, healthcare consolidation (a trend the ACA accelerated) and the growing expense of specialty drugs like GLP-1. Insurers also cite workforce shortages, price-transparency requirements and tariffs as secondary cost drivers. While it's no debate whether premiums are rising, it's clear that taxpayers, not consumer payments, are overwhelmingly sustaining the ACA marketplace.

It should also be noted that extending what were designed as temporary COVID-relief subsidies into perpetual entitlements is a fiscally unsound and structurally irresponsible mistake. It would gloss over more fundamental drivers of cost increases while committing taxpayers to a growing share of premiums year after year, exacerbating the already-present vulnerabilities in the ACA.

# College Coaching Carousel Now Part Of The Game

Charlie Harper  
Columnist

It was a rough weekend for quite a few coaches in college football. It was rougher still if you were a high dollar donor-booster to a struggling football program.

Using numbers compiled by Front Office Sports, LSU, Florida and Arkansas have combined to generate \$84 million in liabilities for head coaches who are no longer wanted on their sidelines next season, or even the remainder of this season. That's just in the Southeastern Conference, and doesn't account for a few additional million to buyout lower level coordinators.

Thus far, across all conferences in the top grouping of college football programs, \$169 million in buyout liabilities are outstanding. We should also be

reminded that the season is far from over, with quite a few other coaches remaining on the "hot seat". There will almost certainly be tens of millions added to that number by the end of the year.

On the flip side, it was a great weekend if you're a coach ready to move up to a new school. It was the best of weekends if you're super-agent Jimmy Sexton, who will get a cut of many of the buyouts, many of the new hires, and from those he'll get re-negotiated raises and extensions for as their names are floated as possible replacements for newly fired coaches.

Let's note here that these are almost exclusively private funds, raised by the top echelon of wealthy donors to athletic departments. This bill isn't one handed to taxpayers. The insanity can continue so long as those

funding it look at the expense as an investment in the future of their programs.

Those willing to write the checks do so for many reasons. To the wealthiest of donors it may just be a rounding error in their checkbooks. Their likely tax deduction is canceled out by the taxes eventually paid by the fired coaches, so again it's not really a taxpayers' problem.

Some may do it for nostalgia. Some want the bragging rights. But at the end of the day, it's a business decision.

Professional sports – of which we've long since acquiesced that major college athletics are now professional entities – live or die based on fan support. Colleges are even more susceptible to fair whether fans, as they have more competitors than official "pro" leagues. They have fewer

rules controlling their revenue sharing, athletes compensation without contracts, drafting versus recruiting, and a myriad of other ways they can lose competitive advantages. Winning helps fix most of those problems. Losing quickly becomes a death spiral.

Fans are quick to point at these numbers to pay someone not to coach and declare it obscene. Fans are equally quick to demand any and every coach be fired whenever they experience any form of unpleasantness mid-game. Just ask Mike Bobo.

The conundrum is that the fans must be kept happy for a program to be viable. At the same time, the fans demand what is often impossible or

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## The Day the Sun Stood Still



By Billy Powell  
Parables to Ponder  
LT Columnist

NASA scientists were checking out the projected positions of the sun, moon, and planets for periods of hundreds and even thousands of years to pinpoint the positions of planets at certain points in time and to plot the future orbits of satellites. They ran the computer routines back and forth across the centuries. Suddenly, the computer stopped and flashed a red signal, indicating there was a glitch in the data. To their amazement, the scientists found that an entire day was missing in history. The scientists scratched their heads, not knowing how to resolve the problem.

Finally, one of the scientists

who happened to be a Christian remembered a Sunday School lesson about the sun standing still. He retrieved a Bible and turned to the book of Joshua. There in chapter 10 was an account of Joshua's army battling the Amorites. Joshua asked God to made the sun to stand still (Joshua 10: 12) long enough to give the nation of Israel sufficient daylight hours to conquer its enemies. Joshua 10: 13 states, "The sun stood still and did not go down for a whole day."

The scientists again ran their computers going back to Joshua's time and found that the elapsed time was exactly 23 hours and 20 minutes--lacking forty minutes being a full day. This forty-minute interval had to be found because this small difference in the reckoning of time could magnify itself over time to the point of rendering future calculations worthless. As the Christian scientist pondered the problem, he remembered a passage in the Bible stating that the sun went backwards.

The scientists told him he was out of his mind, but they got out the Bible and sure enough paragraphs 9-11 of 2 Kings 20

provided the following story: Hezekiah was on his death bed. The prophet Isaiah paid him a visit to assure him that he was not going to die. Hezekiah asked Isaiah for a sign as proof. Isaiah gave Hezekiah the choice of a sign: did he prefer the sun go forward 10 degrees or backwards 10 degrees. Hezekiah replied, "It's easy for the sun to go forward, so have it back-up 10 degrees." Isaiah prayed to the Lord, and the sun backed up in its orbit a full ten degrees. Ten degrees of the sun's 360-degree daily orbit around the earth amount to exactly 40 minutes in a 24-hour day. Adding this 40-minutes (from 2 Kings 20: 7-11) to the 23 hours and 20 minutes ((from Joshua 10: 12-13) makes a full day.

The objective of this story is to emphasize the power of God. Many scoffers question the above passages in Joshua and Kings as well many others in the Old and New Testaments including the virgin birth and resurrection of Jesus. If one believes the first verse in the Genesis that "God created the heavens and the earth," he or she should never doubt the miracles described in the Bible.

## 'Ask the Pastor' Did Judas die before Jesus



By Wayne Lenderman  
Lead Pastor of Church in the Orchard  
LT Columnist

We see the answer to this question in Matthew 27, "Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!" Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed and went and hanged himself.

Judas tragic death shows the terrible weight of guilt and lost hope when repentance turns to despair instead of faith. Now lets look at Peter who denied Jesus three times the night He was betrayed.

Both Judas and Peter failed Jesus. Judas betrayed Him for thirty pieces of silver. Peter denied Him three times. Both men felt deep sorrow afterward. But their stories ended very differently. Judas's sorrow turned inward. He tried to fix his guilt himself, and when he couldn't, he gave up in despair. Peter's sorrow turned upward. He wept bitterly, but he stayed near enough for Jesus to find him again.

What is the difference between regret and repentance? Regret looks back and says, "I can't believe I did that." Repentance looks up and says, "Jesus, I can't believe You still love me." Judas saw his sin but never saw

the Savior's mercy. Peter saw both — his own weakness and Christ's forgiveness — and that's what transformed him. When the risen Jesus met Peter by the sea, He didn't ask, "Why did you fail?"

He asked, "Do you love Me?" Because love, not perfection, is what restores us. Grace doesn't erase the past — it redeems it. There is no sin so dark that the light of Jesus cannot reach it. Despair ends the story too soon; grace invites a new beginning. If you've fallen, don't hide like Judas — run to Jesus like Peter. He's still asking, "Do you love Me?" And He's still saying, "Then follow Me." There is no sin that Jesus will not forgive, but we must come to Him and repent, not say I am sorry but truly repent. Saying you're sorry is admitting you got caught; that is an apology not repentance.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

email: news@theleadertribune.com

NOV. 16  
USHER'S TEMPLE CME  
CHURCH

170<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY  
The Usher's Temple CME Church will celebrate our 170<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary and Fort Valley State University Day on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Our guest Preacher is the Rev. Anthony Thomas, II and the Historic Central Union Missionary Baptist Church. Our special guests are the Fort Valley State University President, Royal Court and Choir. Usher's Temple CME is located at 411 Railroad St, Fort Valley, GA 31030.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION  
AT ST. PETER A.M.E. CHURCH  
ANNEX

Food Pantry Distribution at St. Peter A.M.E. Church Annex, 502 State University Drive, Fort Valley, GA. Fourth Thursday of each month (January-October) and Third Thursday of November and December. Call (478) 825-8452 for details.

BAHA'I COMMUNITY OF  
PEACH COUNTY

The Baha'i Community of Peach County warmly invites you to an interfaith devotional and discussion via Zoom on the second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:00pm. The purpose of the gathering is to build friendship and unity. No contributions are solicited or accepted. If you're interested, email us at peachcobahais@gmail.com, and we'll send you an invitation!

COME PRAISE THE LORD  
OVER ZOOM

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

CHRISTIAN FAITH BAPTIST  
CHURCH

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

FORT VALLEY METHODIST  
CHURCH

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

FT VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH (behind Courthouse)

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

weekly Sunday School Bible Study starting at 4:00pm in the room off the sanctuary. Come and join us for an exciting summer. Brenda Rackley 478-283-1356.

FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
2560 Willow Lake Road,  
Fort Valley, GA 31030.

GRACE HOUSE COMMUNITY  
FOODBANK

Open Tuesdays and Thursdays.  
9:00am - 12:00pm. Located behind Fort Valley Court House, 203 Central Ave., Fort Valley. Phone: 478-825-2562 (TFN)

GREATER FAITH BABIES  
MINISTRIES

1000 Tulip Drive, Fort Valley.  
Sunday School at 8:30am  
Morning Worship at 10:00am  
Wednesday: Free Fellowship  
Meal at 6pm. 60 Minutes Bible  
Study from 7:00pm -8:00pm  
Come and fellowship with us!

HOSTING ANGLICAN  
INQUIRERS' CLASS

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

THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH  
OF FORT VALLEY

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

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

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

ST. JULIANA'S CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

804 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.  
Phone:(478) 825-7127  
Sat., 7:00pm Spanish Mass  
Sun., 9:00am English Mass;  
11:00 am Spanish Mass  
Weekday Mass: Tues., - Thurs.  
6:30pm  
Confessions: Thurs., 6:00pm;  
Sat. 6:30pm; Sun. 10:30am  
Adoration: Thurs., 7:00pm;  
Sat. 8-9am; Sun. 6:00pm

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

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

## BAHA'I FAITH

"The well-being of mankind  
its peace and security are  
unattainable unless and until  
its unity is firmly established."

Baha'u'llah

For more information  
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second Sundays at 11am. Please  
donate to our Little Free Pantry  
on Charlesvoix St. behind the  
church (or take food if you are  
in need). For more info, go to our  
Facebook page or contact Anna  
Holloway 478-397-4678 and  
leave a text message.

SAINT PETER A.M.E. CHURCH  
502 State University Drive,  
Fort Valley GA 31030

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

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF FORT VALLEY

1101 East Church St, Fort  
Valley, GA 31030  
Please join us as we continue to  
seek to save them that are lost!  
Our weekly schedule is:  
Sunday School at 10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Worship at 11:15 A.M.  
Bible Study at 7:00 P.M. -  
Tuesdays  
To contact us, please leave  
a message at (478) 825-7581  
or send email to secretary@  
shilohbaptistfortvalley.org or  
write us at the above post office  
box.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

505 State University Drive, Fort  
Valley, Georgia 31030  
Trinity Baptist Church welcomes  
you to join us in holy worship service  
each Sunday morning at 11:00 am.  
Sunday School is scheduled at 9:30  
am. and Bible Study at 7:00 pm. on  
Wednesday, currently on Zoom.  
(Contact us at the above number for  
Zoom access information.)  
Also, we invite the participation  
of children in our Godly Girls and  
Champs Ministries. Godly Girls,  
ages 8-15, meets Wednesday at 5  
pm; Champs on Thursday at 6 pm.  
in Church Annex. Transportation is  
available. We look forward to having  
you join us soon! For additional  
information, call 478-825-7349.

USHERS TEMPLE CME  
CHURCH

411 Railroad Street, Fort Valley,  
GA 31030. 478-825-5106.  
Join us each Sunday morning  
with Rev. Tawanna B. Harris  
at 9:30am for Sunday School  
followed at 11:00am with holy  
worship service. You may also  
join us remotely via Facebook  
Live. Bible Study held each  
Wednesday at 6:00pm.

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unadvisable. Firing a coach  
because someone is temporarily  
upset might not be the best long  
term solution nor establish your  
school as a reasonable place to  
coach. Just ask Auburn.

Coaches, universities, and  
boosters know the market, and  
their value. A winning coach  
pays for himself. Firing a losing  
coach isn't cheap, but keeping a  
losing coach destroys long term  
brand value.

One of the biggest problems  
here is fan expectations vs reality.  
There are currently 136  
football teams in the top division  
of the sport. About half of the  
teams think they should be  
viable national championship  
contenders. A dozen or so have

fan bases that don't believe a  
single loss is acceptable.

When reality sets in, it can't  
be the fans fault. So "someone  
must be held accountable". It's  
easier to demand someone be  
fired than accept that expecta-  
tions were not reasonable.

After all, it's not the everyday  
fan that is paying for it. The fan  
is neither writing the buyout  
check, nor having to deal with  
the public nor private conse-  
quences that follow. Often,  
they're not even buying a ticket.  
Their entire investment is emo-  
tional plus the time spend in  
front of a television.

In a world of bread and cir-  
cuses, especially in the South,  
college football is our circus. It's

our distraction from the rest of  
our bread making week. The  
Romans used circuses to keep  
the masses happy, especially  
when bread was hard to come  
by.

Firing a football coach gives  
some the feeling of power and  
control over a world where it  
seems the individual has less  
and less to say over our every-  
day lives. It's not the one lever  
most would choose, but it is  
one that is mostly harmless in  
the grand scheme. And thus  
far, it preserves the steady and  
increasing supply of bread into  
the sport that seems to be chok-  
ing on it.

## Obituaries

### Georgia Walton Bradford

Georgia Walton was born on September 24, 1935, in Ft. Valley, GA to Clarence Wilton Walton and Mary Shirah Walton. She grew up on the Walton farm, Breezy Hill, with her older sisters Linda and Mary Frances, and three years later their little brother, Wilton, joined in on the frolic. Growing up on Breezy Hill barefooted, milking cows, and getting into "innocent" trouble with her brother didn't prohibit Georgia's growth into an elegant young woman. Two years into her studies at Wesleyan College in Macon, GA, Georgia met Lt. George Thomas Sturch and they wed on June 6, 1956.

Georgia and Chaplain George Sturch embarked on a 31-year journey together that would take them all over the world, and bring them three children: George Thomas, Jr. (Tom), Teresa Lynn (Terry), and Jennifer. During this time as a young wife of a minister, Georgia honed her interests into a life of service. From volunteering at the American Red Cross, to teaching Sunday school and elementary school, Georgia's positive life force shone through. Life as the wife of a career officer and Chaplain in the Air Force took Georgia and their family to lands near and far, including North Carolina, California, Georgia, Arkansas, Taiwan, New Mexico, Holland, Texas and Kansas. No matter the location, the Sturches were united in their mission to strengthen the spiritual lives of those in their community. All the while, Georgia busied herself with continuing her education and working in the field of education. She served as the Education Services Officer on bases in Taiwan and in Holland, was the Director of the American Diabetes Association in Albuquerque, NM, and earned her master's degree while living in San Antonio. After 31 years of marriage Georgia and George parted ways.

Georgia lived in Derby, KS, serving as the Director of Community Education there, while also working on her Doctorate in Education Administration at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK, driving the two hours there and back for each class session. Then, on May 12, 1989, Georgia met Robert (Bob) Bradford, and as many sure things go, they married on August 11, 1989. Now, Dr. Georgia Walton Bradford continued on the road, not to reinvention, but to accepting the unfolding paths that laid out before her. She ran for and won a seat in the Kansas State Legislature in 1991 where she championed public education. Georgia and Bob moved to the Dallas, TX area in 2001 where she worked successfully as a real estate agent until her retirement.

Georgia's family, immediate and extended, were



her heartbeat. She was a great friend and advocate. And she was an empowered woman who empowered women. Georgia celebrated her 90th birthday surrounded by family and friends, and three weeks later, on October 14, 2025, died peacefully at home under the careful watch of Hospice nurses, her devoted husband, Bob, and their most loyal and loving dog, Zulu.

Georgia was predeceased by her mother and father, Clarence and Mary, her beloved siblings, Mary Frances Willis, Linda Burgess, and Wilton Walton. She leaves behind Bob Bradford, her beloved husband of Plano, TX. Children Tom Sturch and his wife, Beverly of Tampa, FL; Terry Sturch Berrier and her husband, John (JJ) of Allen, TX; and Jennifer Sturch and her wife, Wendy Mohon of Plano, TX, and stepchildren Teresa Bradford and her partner, Jim of Monroe, WA; and Nathan Bradford of Olympia, WA. Georgia's grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren were such a source of pleasure and light for her. Her wish for them was that they know how loved they were by Georgia, and that they will continue to carry her light forward as they navigate their lives.

A memorial service will be held for Georgia Walton Bradford in Vickrey Hall at Royal Lane Baptist Church, 6707 Royal Lane, Dallas, TX 75230, on Monday, November 10, 2025, from 4 pm to 6 pm. To allow for more convenience for the extended family, an additional memorial service is planned at Georgia's hometown of Ft. Valley, GA sometime in the Spring of 2026 (time and date TBD). Please email ft.valleymemorial@gmail.com with any questions or to be updated regarding this service.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to Bent Whisker Ranch would be most appreciated.

# Deltas, Collaborators and Girls - INNOVATE HER LAB



Photo Contributed

Students: LR are Ameerah Busby, Ariana Lester, Jeniah Wakefield and McKensie Saunders.

### Contributed

In Observance of the International Day of the Girl Child, The Fort Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, along with student collaboration from the Fort Valley State Early Childhood Department, Chemistry Professor Dr. Jessica Cornelious of Suddly Soaps, and Ms. Jade Hill, Regional Director for Scouts Incorporated, girls grades K-5 anxiously awaited the start of the program at Kay Road Elementary in Byron, Georgia on October 18, 2025. INNOVATE HER LAB was a day to celebrate girls encouraging them to appreciate Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Technology (STEM).

Some of the STEM activities included robot coding, building a mini math city, using shapes, measurements, and using math to design a city block while recognizing math in real-world design. Using real lemons, and other items from the kitchen, the girls beamed with excitement when they made a volcano and were equally excited when they made an Alka-Selt-



Photo Contributed

Dr. Jessica Cornelious, Chemistry Professor.

zer Lava Lamp.

The star of the show was slime making. This activity allowed each girl to squish, squeeze,

stretch and giggle while learning about states of matter and polymers.

# Fort Valley native named Outstanding Young Alumni

### Contributed

Robert L. Allen Jr., a 2019 graduate of LaGrange College, received the 2025 Outstanding Young Alumni Award at the institution's Homecoming luncheon on Oct. 17.

Started in 2014, the award recognizes individuals who graduated from LaGrange College within the past ten years and who have distinguished themselves in their career and/or community and brought honor to their alma mater.

Allen is a foreign service officer assigned to the U.S. Consulate General in Shenyang, China, which borders North Korea and Russia. Among Allen's primary responsibilities are providing consular services and cultivating relationships with officials and citizens of the host country.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from LaGrange College and a Master of Global Policy Studies with concentrations in Security, Law and Diplomacy from the



University of Texas at Austin.

Previously, he interned with the Department of State's International Organization Bureau in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Embassy Riyadh's Public Affairs section in Saudi Arabia. Allen earned these opportunities after receiving the Thomas R. Pickering Fellowship, which

prepares graduate students for careers in foreign service. He was among the less than four percent of applicants chosen as one of only 45 fellows.

His public service work includes serving as a U.S. Peace Corps English education volunteer in the Republic of Moldova from 2019-2020.

# JAILHOUSE ALLEY ART SHOW CONTINUED FROM 2A

at the Fort Valley Methodist Church Social Hall. There you can meet our talented artists and choose from works in mixed media, acrylic, watercolor, and collage. Colorful notecards and calendars will also be available for purchase. Admission is free.

People are often curious about the group's unique name. It all began in the sleepy little town of Fort Valley when Christine Evans Murray desired to teach free art lessons to children on Saturday mornings. Classes were held in a small tenant house, which was described as "four spider-webbed little rooms with no plumbing". The house, donated by the Evans family and refurbished by Mrs. Murray, was in the alley across from the county jail behind the present Truist Bank. When a group of ladies

officially organized on September 28, 1967 they chose the unusual name, Jailhouse Alley Art Center (JAAC).

In almost six decades of producing art in the Middle Georgia area, Jailhouse Alley is known for fostering a weekly fellowship of talented people, amateur and professional alike. Our group includes award-winning artists whose work has been featured at the Georgia National Fair, and also commissioned artists whose work graces many homes in the area. Members have given programs to civic clubs, hosted workshops with visiting artists, held exhibitions and gallery showings, and donated paintings for raffles and auctions.

The 2026 calendar, a JAAC tradition, features "Rustic Buildings of Middle Georgia", with a

full-color cover and pen-and-ink drawings. Calendars can be purchased at the show or from any JAAC member for \$15.00.

Many of the proceeds from the show go toward the Christine Evans Murray Memorial Scholarship, given to a local high school graduate who has excelled in art. The 2025 scholarship recipient is Scout Taylor of Crawford County who now attends Georgia College and State University majoring in art.

It's been said that "Art is life—live it in color." We hope you'll come enjoy the colorful works at the Jailhouse Alley Art Center Show and Sale on November 1!

For more information and to view works that will be available for sale, follow us on Facebook at Jailhouse Alley Art Center.

## City of Fort Valley, Georgia

### Job Description

**Title:** Planning and Zoning / Business License Officer  
**Department:** Planning & Community Development  
**Reports To:** City Administrator

### Position Summary

The Planning and Zoning / Business License Officer performs professional, administrative, and technical work related to land use, zoning, permitting, and business licensing for the City of Fort Valley. This position ensures compliance with the City's zoning ordinances, land development regulations, and business license policies. The role includes processing, reviewing, and issuing zoning and business licenses, coordinating with other departments for permit approvals, and providing information and guidance to developers, business owners, and the public.

### Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Administers and enforces the City's zoning ordinances, land development regulations, and related codes.
- Reviews site plans, business license applications, and development proposals for compliance with local, state, and federal regulations.
- Processes and issues business and alcohol licenses, zoning verification letters, and occupancy permits.
- Maintains accurate records of zoning approvals, licenses issued, renewals, and payments in accordance with City recordkeeping and finance procedures.
- Coordinates interdepartmental license review and approval with Building Inspections, Fire, Police, and Finance departments before final issuance.
- Provides customer service and technical assistance to business owners, developers, and the public regarding zoning districts, use classifications, and permitting requirements.
- Prepares and presents staff reports, maps, and supporting materials to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council as needed.
- Conducts field inspections and site visits to verify zoning compliance and investigate zoning-related complaints.
- Assists in updating and maintaining the City's comprehensive plan, zoning map, and development data.
- Maintains up-to-date knowledge of municipal planning, zoning, and licensing regulations and best practices.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

### Minimum Qualifications

- **Education:** Public Administration, Business Administration, or a related field; Bachelor's degree preferred.
- **Experience:** Minimum of two (2) years of experience in planning, zoning, licensing, code enforcement, or related municipal work.
- **Licenses/Certifications:** Valid Georgia driver's license required. Certification as a Zoning Administrator or Code Enforcement Officer preferred.

### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Knowledge of zoning principles, land-use planning, and Georgia municipal regulations.
- Knowledge of the City of Fort Valley's business license and alcohol license procedures.
- Ability to interpret and apply zoning ordinances, maps, and plats.
- Skill in maintaining accurate records, preparing reports, and using GIS and permitting software.
- Strong communication, analytical, and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision and exercise sound judgment.
- Skill in establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with City officials, staff, and the public.

### Physical Requirements

- Work is typically performed in an office environment, with some fieldwork and site inspections required.
- Must be able to lift up to 25 pounds occasionally and operate standard office equipment.
- Ability to drive to inspection sites and attend evening meetings as required.

### Work Environment

- The work environment involves interaction with the public, contractors, and other agencies.
- Some evening or weekend hours may be required for meetings or inspections.



### City of Fort Valley

### Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk

**Position Title:** Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk **Department:** Finance/Administration

**Reports To:** Finance Director. **FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt. **Employment Status:** Full-Time

### Position Summary

The Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk performs skilled accounting and administrative work in processing accounts payable, payroll, and related financial transactions for the City. The position ensures timely and accurate payments to vendors and employees while maintaining compliance with city policies, municipal code, state, and federal laws.

### Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Process vendor invoices, verify accuracy, match to purchase orders/contracts, and ensure proper approvals before payment.
- Prepare and issue vendor checks, electronic payments, and ACH transfers in accordance with payment schedules.
- Maintain accounts payable files, vendor records, and 1099 documentation.
- Process employee payroll on a weekly basis, ensuring accuracy in hours worked, overtime, deductions, and benefits.
- Maintain payroll records, tax withholdings, garnishments, retirement contributions, and other deductions.
- Prepare and submit required federal and state payroll tax reports (W-2, 941, 1099, etc.) accurately and on time.
- Reconcile payroll and accounts payable accounts monthly and assist with annual audit preparation.
- Respond to vendor and employee inquiries regarding payments, payroll, and deductions.
- Assist the Finance Director with budget tracking, financial reporting, and year-end closeout.
- Maintain confidentiality of financial and personnel information.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Knowledge of accounting principles, practices, and procedures.
- Knowledge of payroll processing, tax withholding, and reporting requirements.
- Proficiency with accounting software, Microsoft Excel, and word processing applications.
- Ability to interpret and apply federal, state, and local payroll and finance regulations.
- Strong organizational skills with attention to accuracy and deadlines.
- Ability to work independently, exercise sound judgment, and maintain confidentiality.
- Strong communication and customer service skills.

### Education and Experience Requirements

- High school diploma or GED required; Associate's degree in Accounting, Finance, or related field preferred.
- Minimum of two (2) years of experience in payroll and/or accounts payable processing, preferably in a government or municipal setting.
- Experience with accounting/payroll software systems required; municipal finance systems preferred.

### Physical Requirements

Work is performed in a standard office environment. Must be able to sit or stand for extended periods and operate office equipment. May occasionally lift files, boxes, or office materials up to 25 pounds.

### Employment Disclaimer

This job description is intended to outline the general nature and level of work performed by employees assigned to this classification. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities, and qualifications required.

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### DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA PEACH COUNTY

All persons having claims against **Duren E. Bell** and his estate are required to present the same to the undersigned, properly itemized and proven, within the time required by law. And all persons indebted to said deceased, or his estate, are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 2nd day of October, 2025.

David Bell, executor  
Attorney: Patrick C. Smith, Jr.  
349 Margie Drive, Ste. 120  
Warner Robins, GA 31088  
Estate of: Duren E. Bell  
10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 2025  
3570

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

#### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH IN RE: ESTATE OF LOUIS H. IBIM

All creditors of the estate of LOUISE H. IBIM, 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 16th day of October, 2025.

Tyrone L. Prather, Administrator/  
Executor of  
Louis H. Ibim, deceased  
200 Crestwood Dr.  
Fort Valley, GA 31030  
Attorney: Tyrone L. Prather, JD/MBA  
200 Crestwood Dr.  
Fort Valley, GA 31030  
10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 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 **Alicia N Edwards** to United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture dated 6/18/2008 and recorded in Deed Book 407 Page 3 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 \$82,400.00, 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 November 4, 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 LAND LOT 77 OF THE FIFTH (5TH) LAND DISTRICT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 3, BLOCK "D", E.M. CLAPP PROPERTY SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE 252, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR ANY AND ALL PURPOSES. SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND COVENANTS OF RECORD. PROPERTY NOW KNOWN AS 79 N CAMP DRIVE ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM FOR NUMBERING IMPROVEMENTS.

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 **79 North Camp Drive, Byron, GA 31008** 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): Alicia N Edwards 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 Jeff Hines US Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 790170 St. Louis, MO 63179-0170 (800) 414-1226 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 Alicia N Edwards Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1000-21275A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1000-21275A 10/08/2025, 10/15/2025, 10/22/2025, 10/29/2025 3563 (1000-21275A)

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE

Notice is given that articles of incorporation which will incorporate BMAC GOLF, Inc., has been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code O.C.G.A. 14-2-202.1. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 3646 VINEVILLE AVE., Macon, Georgia 31204, and its initial registered agent at such address is Martin A. Wilson. Martin A. Wilson, Attorney at Law 10/29, 11/5, 2025 3580

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

This 15th day of October, 2025  
Name: Theresa Williams  
Title: Administrator  
Address: 103 Madrid Street, Apt 15; Warner Robins, GA 31093  
10/15/2025, 10/22/2025, 10/29/2025, 11/05/2025  
3568 (116228)

### NOTICE OF DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

#### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH IN RE: ESTATE OF CLINTON H. DIXON

All creditors of the estate of Clinton H. Dixon, 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 29th day of October, 2025.  
Virginia J. Dixon, Executor of Clinton H. Dixon, deceased  
2415 Carver Drive  
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030  
Attorney: C&J, 102 Peachtree St., Fort Valley, GA 31030  
10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 2025  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

#### STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: Estate of KRISTINA OMAN DOLES, Deceased

ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7115  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS  
RE: ESTATE OF KRISTINA OMAN DOLES

All creditors of the Estate of Kristina Oman Doles, 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 to me. This 2nd day of October, 2025.  
Tara Tourville, Esq.  
Attorney for Estate of Kristina Oman Doles  
446 S. Houston Lake Road  
Warner Robins, GA 31088  
(478)333-6502  
10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 2025  
50269

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

#### STATE OF GEORGIA Civil Action No. 25-V-0260

Rebecca Joan Hamilton, Petitioner Vs. **Peach Colony Company, Inc., and all persons known or unknown who claim or might claim an**

### Interest to Petitioner's title in Lots 1 and 2, Block F, Phase 7, Sherwood Forrest Subdivision, Byron, Peach County, Georgia, Respondents PUBLICATION

TO: Peach Colony Company, Inc., the estate and all known and unknown heirs of Bessie L. Stewart, Lisa S. Barnes, and any and all unknown parties who claim or might claim an interest in Lots 1 and 2, Block F, Phase 7, Sherwood Forrest Subdivision, Byron, Peach County, Georgia. You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to establish title to the abovesubdivided property against all the world was filed by Rebecca J. Hamilton, Petitioner, on the 25th day of June, 2025, in the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, and by reason of Order for Service by Publication entered by said Court on the 15th day of October, 2025, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order for Service by Publication to answer said Petition and file pleadings before this Court. The real property which is the subject of this civil action is more particularly described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 75, Fifth Land District, Peach County, Georgia, known and designated as Lots 1 and 2, Block F, Phase 7, Sherwood Forrest Subdivision according to a plat of survey dated March 21, 1988, made by Thomas W. Futral III, G.R.L.S. No. 1202, a copy of said plat having been recorded in Plat Book 16, Page 24, Clerk's Office of the Superior Court, Peach County, Georgia. Reference is hereby being made to the recorded copy of said plat for descriptive and all other purposes. Sherwood Forrest Subdivision is a private real estate development and all lots are subject to the easements, zoning regulations and restrictive covenants applying to each section of the subdivision as it is developed. As described in Deed Book 168, Page 745. Further described as Map & Parcel 064G112.

Witness, the Honorable Judge of said Court, this 20th day of October, 2025.  
Clerk, Superior Court  
County  
10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 2025  
3577 (CA No. 25-V-0260 Publication)

### GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **James Everett Scales, Jr.**, 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 7th day of October, 2025.  
Charles Edward Scales, Executor c/o Rebecca C. Moody, Esq., MOODY AND ASSOCIATES LAW FIRM, LLC  
P.O. Box 422  
Perry, GA 31069  
478-988-0238  
10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/1, 2025  
3571

### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Deitric A. Crockett to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Synovus Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns dated July 18, 2016, recorded in Deed Book 549, Page 48, Peach County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 724, Page 770, Peach County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 597, Page 625, Peach County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$220,000.00), 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 November, 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.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, 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: M&T Bank, One Fountain Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203, 800-724-1633.

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 Deitric A. Crockett or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **251 Peregrine Dr, Byron, GA 31008**. 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.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Deitric A. Crockett

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 Land Lot 148 of the Sixth Land District of Peach County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 13, Section 1 of Falcon Crest Subdivision as more particularly shown on a plat of survey dated May 10, 2006, filed of record in Plat Book 25, Page 165, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court.

MR / JD November 4, 2025  
Our file no. 23-13377GA-FT5  
23-13377GA  
09/24, 10/01, 10/08, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29/2025  
3547 (23-13377GA)

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

#### STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF CATHERINE L. TARVER, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7159  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:

WILLIAM TARVER III has petitioned for WILLIAM TARVER III to be appointed administrator of the estate of CATHERINE L. TARVER, 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 OCTOBER 22, 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  
10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 2024  
3573

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

#### STATE OF GEORGIA Civil Action No. 25-V-0259

REBECCA J. HAMILTON, Petitioner VS.

**Bobby Holcomb, Jr., H & H Land Development Corporation, Cavalry SPVI LLC as an assignee of Capital One, GISIB Inc dba Servpro of Houston County, Georgia Department of Revenue, and all persons known and unknown who claim or might claim an interest in Tract B, Plat Book 24, Page 121, on Lakeview Road, Peach County, Byron, GA, Respondents.**

PUBLICATION  
TO: H & H Land Development Corporation, Sheila Renee Mathis, and all persons unknown who claim or might claim an interest in Tract B according to a plat recorded in Plat Book 24, Page 121, Peach County deed records, located on Lakeview Road, Byron, Peach County, GA.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to establish title to the abovesubdivided property against all the world was filed by Rebecca J. Hamilton, Petitioner, on the 25th day of June, 2025, in

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.

the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, and by reason of Order for Service by Publication entered by said Court on the 20th day of October, 2025, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order for Service by Publication to answer said Petition and file pleadings before this Court.

The real property which is the subject of this civil action is more particularly described as follows:

That certain tract of land located in Land Lot 241 of the 6th Land District of Peach County being known and shown as "Tract B" containing 11.37 acres, more or less, according to a plat thereof made by Robert L. Story, RLS dated June 4, 2004, said plat being of record in Plat Book 24, Page 121, Clerk's Office Peach County Georgia Superior Court, the same being incorporated herein for all purposes.

Witness, the Honorable Judge of said Court, this 22 day of October, 2025.

Clerk, Superior Court of Peach County

10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 2025  
3579 (CA No. 25-V-0259 Publication)

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

This 29th day of September, 2025  
Name: William D. Carter, Jr.  
Title: Attorney for Estate  
Address: 45 Technology Parkway S, Ste. 240, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092  
10/08/2025, 10/15/2025, 10/22/2025, 10/29/2025  
3565 (116056)

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

#### STATE OF GEORGIA CASE NUMBER 25-V-0390

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF: MAe ANGELYN SIMS, PETITIONER

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

Mae Angelyn Sims filed a petition in the Peach County Superior Court on October 9, 2025, to change the name from: Mae Angelyn Sims to Angelyn Brantley Sims. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the petition was filed.

This 9th day of October, 2025.  
10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 2025  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY

#### STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF MICHAEL DEAN BOYKIN, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7164  
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern:

GINGER LEE-WOOD BOYKIN has petitioned for GINGER LEE-WOOD BOYKIN to be appointed administrator of the estate of MICHAEL DEAN BOYKIN, 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 OCTOBER 22, 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  
10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 2025  
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### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

#### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Randolph B. Brown** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Colonial Bank, N.A. dated March 31, 2008, and recorded in Deed Book 402, Page 83, as last modified in Deed Book 664, Page 667, and pursuant to Affidavit recorded in Deed Book 491, Page 373, Deed Book 538, Page



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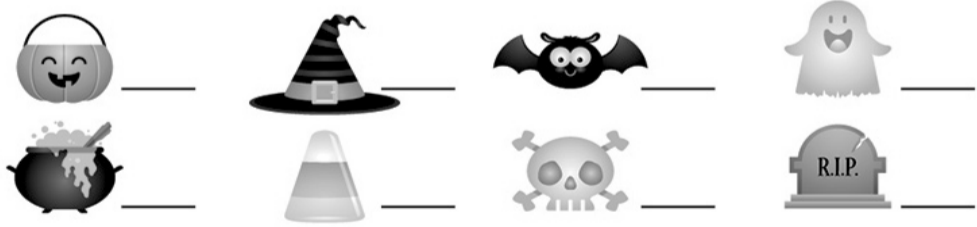
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**What to do with leftover Halloween candy**

Contributed

What can be better than spending a day with friends, decked out in costume as you accumulate a mountain of sweet treats? That's what trick-or-treaters do every Halloween, and sometimes the cache of candy is more than a person can consume in a lifetime. When October rolls into November and Thanksgiving is on the horizon, few people want to be staring at a witch's cauldron full of chocolate bars. Rather than be wasteful and throw it away, they can utilize that candy in many different ways.

- S'mores cookie: Turn miniature chocolate bars into a campfire treat with a cookie twist. Press premade cookie dough into a round cast iron skillet and bake until cooked through. Add chopped up pieces of chocolate and marshmallows on top, and place under the broiler a few minutes until melted and gooey. Slice up to serve or dig in with spoons.
- Confectionary pizza: Purchase premade pizza dough or make your own. Bake the dough on a pan with no toppings. After-

wards, spread a layer of peanut butter or hazelnut spread on top. Then set up a fixings bar with various candies that others can add to their pizza slices. Options include chocolate candies, miniature pretzels, marshmallows, or gummy candies.

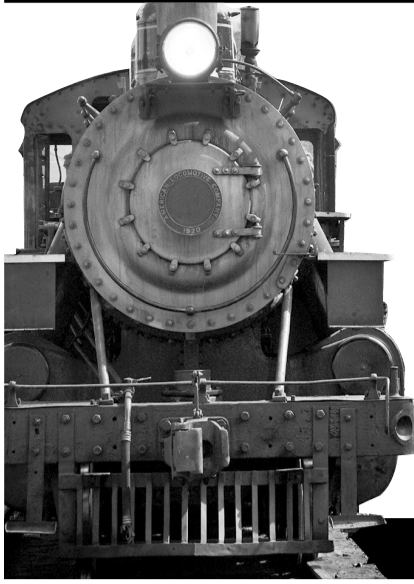
- Stained glass cookies: Turn hard candies (like Jolly Ranchers®) into works of art. Fill sugar cookie cutouts with hard candies in the middle. When the cookies bake, the candies will melt and then turn soft after cooling.
- Candy-topped brownies: Brownies are delicious on their own, but they're even better with some embellishments. Mix chopped caramels into the batter, or add other candies for flavor and fun.
- Candy bark: Melt down any chocolate you may have and spread it on a baking sheet. Sprinkle chopped up leftover candy on top and allow to cool. Break into pieces for a homemade chocolate bark.
- Gingerbread house: Save the candy in a zip-top bag for freshness and reserve for decorating gingerbread houses around the



holidays.

- Birthday piñata: If there is a birthday on the horizon, use the Halloween candy to stuff the piñata.
  - Parade route: Veteran's Day parades are held each November. Start a new tradition in town where donated candy will be tossed out to the crowd by those marching in the parade.
  - Donate: Various organizations will gather and ship leftover candy to troops stationed overseas or donate the goods to first responders, veterans and others.
- It's fun to gather treats on Halloween. But when the collected candy is simply too much to eat, there are various ways to put it to good use.





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# Public Service Commissioner Fitz Johnson Kicks Off Middle Georgia Swing Tour in Peach County



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BYRON, GA – Georgia Public Service Commissioner Fitz Johnson, who was appointed to the commission in 2021 by Governor Brian Kemp, began his seven-county Middle Georgia Swing Tour on Wednesday, October 22, making his first stop at the Byron Welcome Center in Peach County.

Local leaders and community members gathered to hear from Johnson about the responsibilities of the Public Service Commission (PSC) and his continued efforts to keep energy rates affordable and reliable for Georgia families. Among those in attendance were Mayor Michael Chidester, County Commissioner Wade Yoder, and several other local officials and residents.

Johnson spoke about the PSC's vital role in overseeing Georgia's power infrastructure

and maintaining the balance between affordability and reliability. He emphasized that the state's long-standing success as a top destination for business is closely tied to its strong and dependable energy system.

"We're the number one state to do business for 12 years in a row," Johnson said. "That doesn't happen by accident. When companies come to Georgia, they know they'll have power that's reliable, dependable, and affordable — and the PSC is proud to do our part to make that possible."

Johnson also drew a clear contrast between his record and the energy policies supported by his opponent.

"My opponent wants to take away your coal, take away your natural gas, and bring in California-style Green New Deal policies," he said. "I've told them, don't California my Georgia."



In July, the Public Service Commission approved a plan to keep Georgia Power base rates stable and predictable through at least the end of 2028 — a decision Johnson said reflects the PSC's long-term commitment to affordability for ratepayers.

The tour, which continued through Crawford, Taylor, Marion, Schley, Sumter, and Houston counties, was coordinated by Mandy Robinson Hand, Secretary of the 2nd Congressional District Republican Party.

Johnson is running for reelection to the Georgia Public Service Commission in the November 4 Special Election, which will determine who continues representing Georgia consumers in decisions that affect energy rates and resources statewide. Also on the ballot is District 2 incumbent Tim Echols, Republican.



Early voting is now underway and continues through October 31. Election Day is Tuesday, November 4.

Voters are encouraged to make their voices heard in this critical election that directly impacts Georgia's energy costs and economic future.

## Fort Valley State Edges Lane College 23-19 Behind Late Touchdown

By Chris McKenzie  
Sports Reporter

The Fort Valley State University Wildcats fought their way to a thrilling 23-19 victory over Lane College on Saturday afternoon, rallying late in the fourth quarter to secure their third win of the season. With the victory, FVSU improved to 3-5 overall and 3-3 in SIAC play, keeping their conference hopes alive heading into Senior Night next weekend.

The Wildcats came out sharp early, marching 81 yards in seven plays on their opening drive. Quarterback Don Hudson connected with Solomon Burney on a 12-yard touchdown strike to give FVSU a 7-0 lead with 11:07 left in the first quarter. Lane responded quickly, as quarterback Nick Billoups found John Christian for a 42-yard score to even the game at 7-7.

In the second quarter, the Wildcats reclaimed the lead with a 32-yard field goal by Kyle Keese, capping a methodical 10-play, 45-yard drive. Lane answered with a 3-yard touchdown run by Peyton Nero, taking a 13-10 advantage. But just as time expired in the half, Keese drilled a 53-yard field goal—his longest of the season—to tie the game

13-13 heading into the locker room.

The Wildcats continued to lean on their special teams in the third quarter, as Keese added a 31-yard field goal to make it 16-13. However, Lane regained the lead just before the end of the period when Billoups broke free for a 30-yard touchdown run, putting the Dragons up 19-16.

FVSU's resilience shone brightest in the fourth quarter. With just 2:36 remaining, backup quarterback Saadiq Teel entered the game and delivered in clutch fashion. On a quick 3-play, 32-yard drive, Teel connected with Braelen Morgan on a 24-yard touchdown pass that electrified Wildcat Stadium. Keese's extra point sealed the 23-19 lead, and the Wildcat defense held strong in the closing moments to secure the win.

Hudson finished the day completing 21 of 31 passes for 185 yards and a touchdown, while Teel went 2-for-3 for 32 yards and the game-winning score. The Wildcats' ground attack was balanced, led by Michael Cabellero with 42 yards on 7 carries and Alexander Wilson with 25 yards. Morgan was a key playmaker, tallying 42 receiving yards and a touchdown on three catches.

Special teams and composure under pressure

proved decisive as FVSU outlasted a tough Lane squad in a contest marked by timely execution and defensive grit.

Next up, Fort Valley State returns home to face Miles College on Saturday, November 1, at 6:00

p.m. at Wildcat Stadium. The matchup will serve as Senior Night, and Wildcat fans are encouraged to wear gold in support of their team.

## Peach County Family Connection Receives Program Support Funding For 2025 From Fort Valley Mayor And Council



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Peach County Family Connection (PCFC) Executive Director, Andrew Felton, II, and Executive Board Chair, Sarah Williams, are pleased to announce the receipt of a ten-thousand-dollar check (\$10K) from the City of Fort Valley at its second meeting of FY '26.


The check was presented by Mayor Lundy and several members of the City Council at the conclusion of the PCFC bi-monthly meeting. The check

follows a presentation for leverage funding presented to Fort Valley Mayor and Council earlier this year to support PCFC's food and clothing closets, mental health training, and youth programming.

As part of the agenda, PCFC welcomed four officially qualifying candidates for city office, including Mayor Jeffery Lundy; Shakeena Reeves, Mayoral candidate; Marcus Agostino, City Council West Ward candidate; and Alton Howard, City Council

At Large candidate. All made introductions and brief statements regarding their candidacies.


The final Collaborative Partners meeting for the 2025 calendar year will be held on Monday, November 3rd at 1 PM at the Peach Regional Workforce Development Center/ Peach Career Center – 425 James E. Khoury Dr. Ft. Valley, GA 31030. All are cordially invited to attend. Lunch will be served.




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# Cairo Hands Peach County First Loss of the Season in Region Showdown

By Chris McKenzie  
Sports Reporter

The Peach County Trojans' undefeated run came to a halt Friday night as they fell to the Cairo Syrupmakers in a hard-fought 38-31 battle on the road. Despite a strong offensive effort in the second half, the Trojans couldn't overcome Cairo's balanced attack and clutch fourth-quarter performance.

The loss marks Peach County's first of the season, dropping them to 8-1 overall and 3-1 in region play, while Cairo strengthened their playoff position with the key region win.

After a scoreless first quarter from the Trojans, Cairo struck first with a touchdown in the opening frame and added another before halftime to lead 14-7 at the break. Peach County quarterback Caiden Ivory, a junior, connected on two touchdown passes in the game and showed poise under pressure as the Trojans tried to mount a comeback.

Ivory completed 10 of 21 passes for 178 yards, two touchdowns, and one interception, averaging 17.8 yards per completion. On the ground, Peach leaned heavily on junior running back Ashton Barton, who powered his way to 120 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 30 carries. Barton's consistent production kept the Trojans within striking

distance throughout the night.

In the air, Peach County spread the ball effectively. Barton also contributed 57 receiving yards and a touchdown, while senior Brisco Freeman caught three passes for 77 yards, including a highlight 41-yard grab. Junior Josh Reis added four receptions for 38 yards and a score, and senior Djuan Tripp chipped in with a short touchdown reception.

Despite Peach County's offensive surge—scoring 24 points in the second half—Cairo's timely defensive stops and a late touchdown drive proved to be the difference. The Syrupmakers capitalized on field position and turnovers to hold off the Tro-

jans in a back-and-forth fourth quarter.

Head coach Marquis Westbrook's squad will look to regroup as they return home for their regular season finale (Senior Night). The Peach County Trojans host Monroe High School on Friday, October 31, at 7:30 p.m. at Trojan Stadium in Fort Valley.

With the playoffs approaching, the Trojans will aim to bounce back strong and prove that one loss won't derail what has been a stellar season.

**Final Score:**  
Cairo Syrupmakers 38, Peach County Trojans 31

## Region 1-AAA Week 11 Round-up

By Victor Kulkosky  
Retired Sports Guy

### Last Week's Games

Cairo 38, Peach County 31  
Monroe 33, Bainbridge 10  
Westover 40, Dougherty 20

### Next Week's Games

Bainbridge @ Dougherty,  
Cairo vs. Westover, Monroe @  
Peach County

Cairo's 38-31 win over Peach County last Friday complicates the region title picture. Now (before the final regular season games), Cairo is in first place, since they have no region losses. If Westover beats Cairo for the second straight season, two would have three teams in Region 1-3A with one region loss.

How does that shake out regarding region title winner and playoff seeding? The Georgia High School Assoc. uses the Post Season Rankings Formula for determining who plays whom in the Playoffs. I looked at it and determined the math is above my pay grade, or at least my attention span. I am fairly certain that the 1-3A region title is up in the air until all games are played this week.

Aside from PC/Cairo, Monroe beat Bainbridge, 33-10, which suggests the Bearcats won't begin their return to pre-2024 winning form until next year. Westover took care of Dougherty, 40-20, which leaves them to finish the regular season against Cairo. Their win last year broke a 10-game losing streak against the Syrupmakers dating back to 2014 and is only their fifth win against 29 losses in the series. The Patriots of 2024 and 2025 are not the Patriots of the past. We'll be on the edge of our seats this week.

The Trojans are scheduled to finish the regular season against Monroe. The Trojans have outscored the Tornadoes 118-20 in their three previous meetings. All signs point to another PC win, but the Trojans still have to play a real game. After that, it's up to the math whizzes to figure it out. Regardless of how it adds up:

**FIRE IT UP, PC!!!**

*Historical information from Georgia High School Football Historians Assoc., www.ghsfla.org.*

## Preview:

### Peach County vs. Monroe

By Victor Kulkosky  
Retired Sports Guy

**Monroe Tornadoes, 10-31-2025, Home**  
**Home:** Albany Head Coach: Lacey Herring, 20-30, 5th season

**Overall Record:** 269-427-13 (.389), 79 seasons, since 1947  
**Last Year:** 3-8/2-3, 1st round  
**This Year:** 3-6/1-3

**Region Titles:** 1 State Titles: 0

**2025 Classification:** 1-3A  
**PC vs. Team:** 3-0 **Last Game:** PC 44, M 7, 11-1-2024

The Monroe Tornadoes are the only Tornadoes in Georgia, but for most of their history they've been an F0 or F1. Incomplete records begin in 1947. The available records have Monroe winning a bit more than a third of their games. Their one region title was in 2006 under Head Coach Charles Truitt. The Tornadoes went 10-2 in that year, losing in the second

playoff round. Truitt is their winningest coach, with an 85-90 record in 17 seasons from 2004-2020. He now coaches at 1A Div. II Randolph-Clay.

Last year, Monroe snatched fourth place and a playoff berth with wins over Dougherty and Bainbridge, then lost, 45-6, to #3 Jefferson in the first round. This year, Dougherty turned the table on the Tornadoes with a 23-19 win. Their win over Bainbridge last week gives them a chance at fourth place in the region and a playoff spot for the second straight year.

Peach County and Monroe have met only three times, in 2008, 2009 and 2024. The combined score is 118-20 in PC's favor. All signs point to a similar result this year, but the Trojans still must play the game.

**FIRE IT UP, PC!!!**

*Historical information from Georgia High School Football Historians Assoc., www.ghsfla.org.*

## Lady Trojans Sweep Doubleheader with Dominant Defense

By Chris McKenzie  
Sports Reporter

The Peach County Lady Trojans flag football team turned in a stellar performance this week, posting back-to-back shut-out victories in a doubleheader matchup. The Lady Trojans edged Fayette County 6-0 in a hard-fought defensive battle before rolling past Hampton High

School 27-0 in commanding fashion.

In the opening game against Fayette County, Peach County's defense stood tall, shutting down the Tigers' offensive drives and forcing several key turnovers. The lone touchdown of the game came from a well-executed drive led by the Lady Trojans' offense, proving to be the difference in the tight

contest.

The second matchup of the night saw Peach County's offense come alive. The Lady Trojans found their rhythm early, scoring multiple times in the first half and never looking back. Quarterback precision, strong route running, and relentless defense allowed Peach County to control the tempo from start to finish in the 27-0

rout over Hampton.

With two dominant wins, the Lady Trojans continue to show they are a force to be reckoned with this season — combining stingy defense with explosive offensive playmaking.

Peach County will look to keep the momentum going as they prepare for their next slate of games.

## Peach County Trojan Marching Band Shines at "March the Plank" Competition

By Chris McKenzie  
Sports Reporter

The Peach County High School Trojan Marching Band continued to build on its tradition of excellence this past weekend at the March the Plank marching competition, hosted by Pike County High School. Competing against eight other

talented bands from across the region, the Trojans delivered a stellar performance that earned them superior ratings in every category.

The band's hard work, precision, and musical excellence were recognized with several impressive awards. Peach County's drum major earned **4th place**, the **drumline took 2nd**

**place**, the **overall band placed 4th**, and the **ensemble claimed 3rd place overall**.

The March the Plank competition featured nine bands showcasing a range of musical styles, formations, and visual effects. The Peach County Trojan Marching Band's show captivated audiences with its energy, precision drill work, and strong

musicianship.

The Trojans now look ahead to wrapping up their fall marching season with even more confidence. With their consistent record of success, the Peach County Marching Band continues to represent Fort Valley with pride.

## Youth Basketball Registration Now Open with Peach County Recreation Department

By Chris McKenzie  
Sports Reporter

The Peach County Recreation Department has officially opened registration for its upcoming Youth Basketball season. Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 are invited to sign up and take part in one of the county's most popular youth sports programs.

Registration is open from October 13 through November 30, giving families plenty of time to get their young athletes ready for an exciting season of basketball action, teamwork, and skill development.

The league provides a great opportunity for children to learn the fundamentals of basketball while promoting sportsmanship, discipline, and community spirit. Teams are divided by age group, and all participants will have the chance to

compete in a fun and supportive environment.

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