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Fort Valley Meeting Ends Abruptly, Five Council Members Walk Out



Fort Valley City Mayor & Council deliberating at the Thursday night meeting.

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. — Fort Valley's regular monthly board meeting ended abruptly after five council members walked out of an executive session, before the session ended or the meeting was adjourned.

The council members who walked out include Councilwomen Juanita Bryant and Laronda Eason, as well as Councilmen Henry Howard, Alton Howard, and Donald Williams. The listed reasons for the executive session included personnel matters and real estate.

The point of contention during the public portion of the meeting was regarding the current Interim Finance Director, Danny Lemonte, and his paycheck. Lamonte was hired back in August 2025, with a 4-2 vote, with Councilwomen Sandra Marshall and Juanita Bryant opposing.

The arguments between the council members were whether the council should renew Lamonte's contract, as well as whether or not former City Administrator Gary Lee and former Mayor Jefferey Lundy were legally able to approve Lamonte's time and pay without it coming before the council. Within his six months with the city, Lamonte's projected payment for his services has amounted to almost \$188,000.

Before entering their executive session, the city council voted on four resolutions.

The first resolution was authorizing the purchase of a street sweeper machine and awarding the contract to EPG for \$305,800, which the council approved 5-1, with Marshall opposing. Second, there was a resolution authorizing the submission of an IRS offer in com-

promise for \$350,000, which was approved unanimously.

The third resolution was authorizing approval of the accounting and finance support services agreement with Municipal Central, Lamonte's consulting firm, which was approved by the council 4-3 with council members Bryant, Eason, A. Howard, and H. Howard voted in favor, and council members Williams, Marshall, and Mayor Reeves voted in opposition.

The final resolution was an agreement of the Mayor and City Council to lease parking space at Festival Park to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to park heavy equipment trucks and trailers, which the council approved unanimously.

The *Leader Tribune* reached out to the Mayor and City Council for statements regarding Thursday night's meetings. Councilwoman Eason had a statement on the lack of transparency and leadership shown that evening.

"Last night's council meeting made clear what many in our community are already feeling. There are real tensions right now in how decisions are being made and communicated. While disagreement is not unusual in public service, the way we handle those moments matter," Councilwoman Eason said. "Our residents deserve leadership that is grounded in respect, transparency, and accountability. When processes feel unclear or voices feel unheard, it erodes public trust. That is something we must take seriously and correct with intention and integrity."

Eason explained in her statement that the council did not return to the regular session from our executive session. She stated

that it is the council's responsibility to end the process as per Robert's Rules of Order.

"I believe strongly that leadership is tested in difficult moments. It requires us to slow down, listen more carefully, and recommit ourselves to the people we serve, not personalities, not pressure, and not politics," Eason said. "My focus remains on doing the work the right way: asking hard questions, advocating for fairness, and ensuring that decisions are made openly and responsibly. I remain committed to working toward solutions that restore confidence and move our city forward in a way that reflects our shared values."

Eason cited that the citizens deserve transparency and accountability from their elected officials, as well as honest communication on what is happening within the city and with taxpayers' money.

"Fort Valley deserves leadership that is steady, transparent, and people centered. Leadership is reflective of honest communication and operates with integrity at all times. When those standards are questioned, it is a distraction, it is a call for transparency and course correction. I will continue to work together to strengthen the future of the City of Fort Valley."

The *Leader Tribune* has reached out to each council member and the mayor. In addition to Councilwoman Eason, Councilman Henry Howard and Councilwoman Sandra Marshall responded, stating that they did not have a statement at the time.

The *Leader Tribune* is currently in contact with Mayor Shalenna Reeves and will provide her statement in a follow-up article once it is received.

Republican Steven McNeel Wins Georgia Senate District 18 Runoff Election



By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

PEACH COUNTY, Ga. — Republican Steven McNeel has been elected to the District 18 State Senate seat following a special runoff race which concluded on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

McNeel defeated Democrat LeMario Brown for the seat after the two received the most votes during the special election held on Jan. 20.

According to unofficial results from the Georgia Secretary of State's Office, McNeel secured 59.41% of the vote, with 14,998

ballots cast in his favor. Brown received 40.59%, totaling 10,247 votes.

McNeel will represent Senate District 18, which includes Peach, Crawford, Monroe, and Upson counties, along with parts of Bibb and Houston counties.

The seat became vacant after former Sen. John Kennedy resigned last year to prepare for his run for Georgia lieutenant governor. Six candidates, five Republicans and one Democrat, competed in the Jan. 20 special election, but none received more than 50% of the vote, triggering Tuesday's runoff.

Fort Valley Teenager Sentenced to 45 Years for 2024 Shooting Death

By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga. — A Fort Valley teenager was sentenced on Wednesday, Feb. 18, to 45 years in connection to a fatal shooting that happened in 2024, according to a release from the Macon District Attorney's Office.

The release states that Jaqwan Johnson, 19, was sentenced to 45 years, with the first 20 to be served in the Georgia Department of Corrections after Johnson pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, aggravated assault, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony in connection with the October 2024 death of Anahury Melendez.

"Anahury Melendez lost his life over a senseless confrontation that never had to happen," District Attorney Anita Howard said. "Our office is committed to holding accountable those who choose to bring violence to our communities, and I am proud of the diligent work of Deputy Chief ADA Taylor Wilson and the outstanding investigative efforts of the Fort Valley Police Department. Together, we will continue to pursue justice for every victim in

the Macon Judicial Circuit."

According to the DA's Office, in October 2024, Melendez knocked on the door of a nearby house where Johnson lived, "seeking to purchase marijuana." After Melendez was told no marijuana was available, he "became agitated" and threw beer cans at the house.

Johnson, who was 18 at the time of the incident, exited the premises and confronted Melendez in the yard across the street, where Johnson struck Melendez in the head with a firearm. Melendez, in response, produced a knife from his shorts. Johnson then shot Melendez once in the chest before fleeing the scene.

According to the DA's Office, law enforcement discovered Melendez lying in the front yard suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest and a deep cut to the left side of his head. Melendez died at the scene despite the efforts of first responders.

Johnson pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, aggravated assault and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, the DA's Office said. Johnson entered a guilty plea instead of proceeding to a trial, they added.

Scam Alert from FVUC

By Fort Valley Utility Commission

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Lawmakers seek restraints on corporate home ownership

By Ty Tagami
Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia lawmakers are again targeting corporate landlords in a bid to address housing costs during an election year when voters are concerned about affordability.

"I have a grave fear that we are becoming a nation of renters and not homeowners," said Sen. Greg Dolezal, R-Cumming, who is running for lieutenant governor.

Regular home buyers do not have the deep pockets to compete with institutional investors when trying to buy a home, he said. His solution is Senate Bill 463, which would cap corporate ownership at 500 single-family rental homes.

A Senate committee passed his measure Tuesday despite industry opposition.

SB 463 would allow tenants and other aggrieved parties to sue if they found that a corporation was in violation of the ownership limit. Dolezal said that

would skirt constitutional challenges against state overreach with direct enforcement.

But Austin Hackney, executive vice president of the Home Builders Association of Georgia, still questioned whether that would pass legal muster.

The use of lawsuits rather than state enforcement is "walking a constitutional tightrope" rarely seen in legislation, Hackney said, adding it "is a strong indicator that the right to private property is on the chopping block here."

A critic representing Realtors said they oppose the bill because it would affect "mom and pop" Georgia landlords who had amassed "generational wealth" through real estate.

Current owners of more than 500 homes would be held harmless by the legislation.

The bill also targets foreign owners because, Dolezal said, "we are trying to prevent foreign entities from buying American homes that we believe should be for American families to own."

The measure now moves to the

full Senate. The House already has similar legislation.

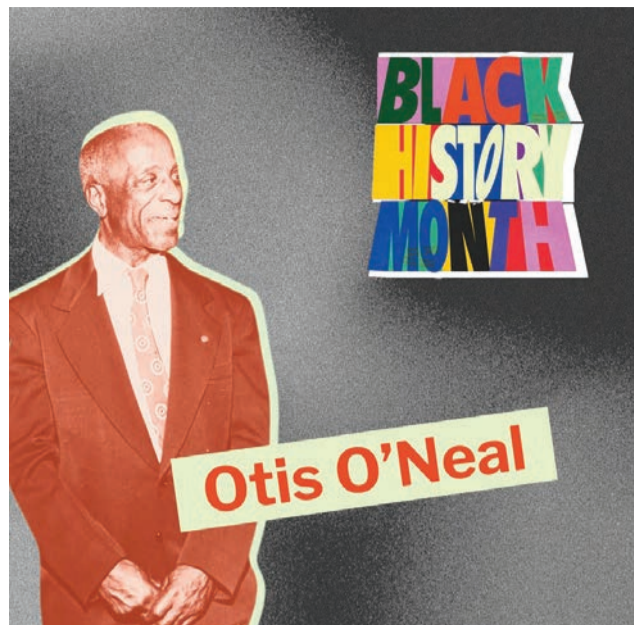
House Bill 555 sought to limit companies from having an ownership interest in more than 2,000 single-family residences or 10 multifamily residences in Georgia. A House committee approved it last March despite constitutional concerns. It has not had another hearing.

The issue has become bipartisan.

Lawmakers passed a more limited measure into law last year that was led by a Democrat. House Bill 399, by Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver, D-Decatur, required out-of-state investors, such as hedge funds, to have a local broker and property manager for their Georgia rental properties.

U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff, a Democrat who is fending off a Republican challenge for his seat, launched a public inquiry last spring into the way corporate landlords treat tenants.

Otis Samuel O'Neal Remember and Honored by Peach County Government



By Peach County Government

As we celebrate Black History Month, Peach County honors Otis Samuel O'Neal, a 1908 graduate of Fort Valley High and Industrial School

whose vision shaped agriculture, education, and culture in our community and beyond.

In 1916, O'Neal founded the Ham and Egg Show, bringing national and international recognition to Fort Valley State University and Georgia. What began as a showcase of agricultural excellence grew into a major cultural and educational event, providing many people their first opportunity to publicly celebrate achievements in farming. The later addition of the Folk Music Festival, featuring artists like W.C. Handy, earned national attention and inspired similar events across the South.

Beyond the Ham and Egg Show, O'Neal championed sustainable farming, helped families acquire land, and served as a professor at Fort Valley State College. His legacy was recognized with the Superior Service Award for Distinguished Service in Agriculture and induction into the National 4-H Hall of Fame.

Sheriff Robert "Buck" Shannon Honored by Peach County Government



By Peach County Government

Peach County is proud to recognize Sheriff Robert "Buck" Shannon, who made history as the first Black sheriff of Peach County. He currently serves as the county's chief law enforcement officer, suc-

ceeding former Sheriff Terry Deese.

With 27 years of service at the Peach County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Shannon worked his way through the ranks as a jailer, patrol deputy, and criminal investigator. His leadership reflects a strong commitment to the family-oriented culture built by those before him, while also focusing on the future of public safety.

As sheriff, he is prioritizing modernization through expanded technology, strengthening efforts to address violent crime, enhancing partnerships with local police departments, and increasing community engagement. His vision includes improved staffing and pay, mental health support for employees, neighborhood watch initiatives, and continued outreach through town halls and community partnerships.

Sheriff Shannon's leadership marks an important milestone in Peach County history and reflects a continued commitment to service, trust, and public safety for all.

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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

Brinkley, Dequale Antron, 40, Augusta, GA: Failure To Appear

Cooper, Nelson Nick Keith, 45, Macon, GA: Tag Light Required

Enriquez Castro, Hector Jesus, 19, Byron, GA: Driving Without A Valid License

Hollis, Brandon Travis, 27, Warner Robins, GA: Possession Of Marijuana, Less Than 1 Oz, Driving With Suspended License, Possession Of Drug Related Object

Howell, Moneisha Breanna, 28, Perry, GA: Probation Violation

Hudson, Kenneth Jerome, 58, Oglethorpe, GA: Possession Of Marijuana, Less Than 1 Oz, Driving With Suspended License

Kellam, Jaime Donnell, 52, Perry, GA: DUI - Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol, Brake Light/Turn Signal Violation, Window Tint Violation

Lewis, Traquon Marquis, 26, Perry, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Mabary, Anthony Lee, 42, Middleburg, GA: DUI - Alcohol Less Safe, Open Container In Motor Vehicle (Misd), Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits, Driving With Suspended License

Mathis, Temarius Alrese, 22, Fort Valley, GA: Failure To Dim Lights, Driving While License Suspended, Possession Of A Schedule I Or II Controlled Substance With Intent To Distribute

Mitchell, Javeion Rakeith, 24, Macon, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Owens, Alston Gregory, 28, Byron, GA: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Driving While License Suspended, DUI - Drugs And Alcohol Combined

Ramirez, Karen, 21, Warner Robins, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Ramirez, Mario Inorreta, 33, Yulee, FL: Driving While License Suspended, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits)

Sanders, Marquis Quamain, 42, Byron, GA: Fleeing/Attempting To Elude Police, DUI - Alcohol Less Safe, Possession Of Drug Related Object, Possession Of Marijuana, Less Than 1 Oz, Reckless Driving, Passing In No-Passing Zone, Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits

Wedig, Megan Lea, 39, Venice, FL: Criminal Trespass

Williams, Marvin Gleason, 49, Byron, GA: DUI - Alcohol Less Safe, Failure To Maintain A Single Lane

Wright, Vaquan Deman, 27, Fort Valley, GA: Driving With Suspended License, Obscured

Or Missing License Plates, No Proof Of Insurance

Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Griggs, Benjamin Marselus, 32, Macon, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Hambrick, Makeyla Sierra, 23, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Reynolds, Taylor Ashlee, 19, Covington, GA: Battery, Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree

Shorter, Dequerrion Ke'otavius, 20, Omaha, GA: Criminal Trespass

Peach County Sheriff's Office

Arrests/Citations

Albury, Arkebia Renarda, 37, Macon, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Cruz, Daniel Rojas, 28, Fort Valley, GA: Wanted Out Of Houston County So

Dickson, Chandrika Denise, 38, Fort Valley, GA: Serving 48 Hours

Flowers, Orancia Keanna, 27, Fort Valley, GA: Terroristic Threats And Acts (FV)

Hill, Tamia Charlise, 25, Warner Robins, GA: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Driving While License Suspended

Hohnwald, Keagan Ivan, 25, Macon, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Ibarra, Dereck, 26, Prattville, AL: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Driving W/O Valid License

Martin Lopez, Miguel, 38, Montezuma, GA: Driving W/O Valid License, Failure To Yield Right Of Way To Emergency Veh, Driving Under The Influence/Alcohol, Failure To Maintain Lane

Mcguire, Thomas Wesley, 37, Byron, GA: Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol

Sanders, Devante Romero, 26, Macon, GA: DUI - Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol, Too Fast For Conditions/Prima Facie Speed

Spanik, Justin, 33, Byron, GA: Theft By Receiving Stolen Property - Felony

Washington, Kelvin Dwayne, 35, Fort Valley, GA: Obstructing Or Hindering Law Enforcement Officers, Receipt, Possession Or Transfer Of Firearm By Convicted Felon Or Felony First Offender, Criminal Interference W/Government Property

Crawford County Sheriff's

Office Arrests

Fincher, Kennedy Grace, 23, Macon, GA: Theft By Shoplifting

Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.com



High School Seniors Planning On Attending FVSU Here's Your Change for For Assistance

By Fort Valley Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The FVAC Academic Award Program is now open and accepting applications for Fall 2026 at Fort Valley State University. The scholarship is open to seniors attending high school in Crawford, Macon, Peach, and Taylor Counties, as well as cur-

rent FVSU undergraduate and graduate students, Access the application at this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/26027061808148>
Applications Opens: February 1, 2026
Application Closes: March 1, 2026
www.fortvalleyalumnaedst.org

March 9 FVUC Monthly Meeting Notice
FVUC will be combining the Public Work Session and Monthly Regular meeting for the Fort Valley Utility Commission on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 6pm at 500 Anthoine St.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF FORT VALLEY MAYOR AND COUNCIL CITY HALL-204 W CHURCH STREET
(In Person or Join Zoom Meeting)
• **MAYOR'S BRIEFING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 @ 11:00 A.M.**
MEETING ID: 882 6845 4306
PASSCODE: 490532
• **WORK SESSION MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 @ 06:00 P.M.**
MEETING ID: 843 7374 0933
PASSCODE: 050099
• **CITY COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026 @ 06:30 P.M.**
MEETING ID: 823 5793 7712
PASSCODE: 832403

Peach County Schools Pre-K Registration 2026-2027
Pre-K Registration will be Open, Monday, February 9, 2026 to Friday, March 27, 2026.

Peach County Board of Education February 2026 Board Meeting Schedule
Fort Valley, GA - Peach County Schools
The board study session and the regular board meeting scheduled for February 2nd and 3rd have been cancelled.
The March Board Study Session and Regular Board Meeting will be held as scheduled on March 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. and March 3, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at the Peach County Board of Education.

NOTICE PUBLIC MEETINGS City of Fort Valley Mayor & Council Meetings
Location: City Hall 204 W. Church St., Ft. Valley, GA 31030
Mayor and Council Chambers (Courtroom).
• **MAYOR'S BRIEFING - Every Monday at 11:00AM**
Open meeting is for staff and is available to the public.
• **WORK SESSION MEETING - Every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM.** A Public Comment Section will be added to the agenda each month to allow for public comment and concerns at the meeting.
• **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - Every 3rd Thursday each month at 6:30PM.**
*The Mayor and Council invite all to attend meetings in-person, via zoom meetings or Facebook Live.

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. (FVS)

Peach Public Libraries Board Of Trustees REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026 AT 5:15PM
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.

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.

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

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

Byron DDA/CVB
Our next meeting is at the Train Depot on Tuesday, Feb 17th at 4:00.

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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New Council Members, Same Lack of Professionalism



By Zoe Hammond
News Editor

Well, while I am not surprised, I am disappointed. I had high hopes that the new administration coming in would show a level of respect and professionalism and not resort to petty or callous behavior. Clearly, that isn't the case.

The new members of the administration, just like the previous three who joined in 2024, have cited the importance of accountability and transparency of all elected officials. So, with all due respect, where is it?

I say this as someone who has been observing the constantly shifting alliances within the city. I say this as someone who has sat in meetings and watched argument after argument on all issues, regardless of their significance. I say this as someone who has seen elected officials behave unprofessionally, ranging from sulking, rude comments, interrupting, harsh words, and more.

I say this as someone who has heard the ever-growing whippers from the many disgruntled citizens during the lengthy executive sessions. I say this as the one who sees the citizens gathered around after the meeting, discussing how the latest policy or expenditure is going to cause problems. I say this as someone who has listened to the many mutterings of "that's not legal" or "they are wrong" in the audience during a meeting.

I am not a lawyer nor have I received any type of training from the Georgia Municipal Association. This is simply my opinion based on what I have heard and what I have seen.

Similar to what happened back in 2024, when the other councilmembers came in, there has been a massive upheaval in administration. While it is normal for administrative changes to be made when new council mem-

bers come in, it typically follows a procedure including an assessment period with transparency to the citizens and personnel.

At the start of 2024, the new administration removed former City Administrator James Woods and former Chief of Police Anson Evans. Back then, it was argued that the council did not follow proper procedures, resulting in underhanded methods of removing them from office.

In a similar vein, that seems to be the case now, as the council has removed former Chief of Police DJ Flores and former Assistant Chief Michael Bostic, as well as former City Administrator Gary Lee. And, in another similar vein, it can be argued that the council did not follow proper procedures.

According to State Representative Patty Marie Stinson, the city charter does not allow the mayor and city council to fire the chief of police. The argument that there wasn't a city administrator at the time will most likely be made in opposition to that statement, but as far as I know, Flores and Bostic were fired before Lee was.

Based on what I have heard, the new upheaval in personnel has been done in an extremely unprofessional manner. For a council that cites transparency above all else, it's been sorely lacking for a while.

Representative Stinson and multiple council members have cited the city's charter, but from where I am standing, it seems like each council member who cites the charter has a different interpretation of what the wording means. Arguments about what the charter says are frequent enough that I have to question if anyone actually knows what it explicitly says without twisting the wording to fit what they want.

It's been almost three years since I started working at The Leader Tribune, and within that time, I have been to a lot of government meetings. This last city council meeting felt like a train-wreck, and I'm sure most of the audience watching the show with me agrees. The citizens are getting fed up with the nonsense and ridiculous behavior.

**PROFESSIONALISM
CONTINUED PG 5A**

A Paleolithic Diet



By Wade Yoder
LT Columnist

Straying too far from a paleolithic diet (and the activity that went along with it) and the explosion of chronic disease and obesity over the past 30 years, seems to be directly connected to our modern-day diet and the inactivity that seems to go with our modern-day tools of efficiency.

Paleolithic to me is referring to the era before modern tools, agriculture etc. that had a direct impact on what types of foods were easiest to gather for consumption.

It would help us to take a trip throughout the human anatomy to really understand why the gastrointestinal track, and the entire human anatomy

responds so well to the same foods today that were foods thousands of years ago, such as vegetables, fruits, nuts, seeds berries, eggs, meats from good sources, raw milk, and other fermented dairy product. When I took my course in nutrition, I remember thinking of how unsettling this study of the human anatomy and physiology would be to an someone that believes that we evolved from anything less than the hands of a Master Architect that designed the human body to be synchronized with its surroundings and the foods produced there.

It wasn't until sometime in the past 100 years that having foods from another part of the country or even another part of the world was made possible by super-fast logistics by corporations benefitting from cheap foods produced in one area and then sold at a profit to another area, preserved, packaged, processed and convenient to the end user! Back in the Stone Age people were forced to use a more convenient source of groceries, and that meant keeping it local.

These were the hunter, gatherer days, and there was a lot of

activity involved in just being able to eat. Fast food back then had the same thing in common with modern fast food in that it was fast and convenient but was a lot more nutritional than the fast food of our era. Death from trauma and infection would have been a much larger cause of death and chronic disease was probably not even considered a risk factor. When you have healthy foods and water (from local sources) combined with steady to high levels of activity it simply helps eliminate chronic disease as a risk factor for death.

We don't have to fully adopt this way of living, it can be as simple as eating a few items listed below everyday combined with some extra activity.

Example foods: vegetables, fruits, lean meats, eggs, nuts, and healthy oils. I like quality dairy product as a part of this and (btw dairy products are a good source of CLA which helps the body convert stored fat into energy). There are many foods that you can pick from in the nut, vegetable, fruit, and lean meat categories so that you will always have something around that you like. You can

go online and look up "Paleo Foods List" and pull foods from the different categories.

Next on the paleo list: make water the fluid of choice!

Keeping water available and foods that fit in the categories above can help to weed out processed foods, by doing things like eating (nuts instead of a cookie, banana, and nut butter instead of a processed diet bar, and water instead of a soda).

Activity: it is important to physically exhaust our pushing, pulling, and pressing muscles at least 3 times a week to not only condition our skeletal structure, but also to counter stress hormones. Longer ago when there was stress, there was usually exertion that went with the stress (so it helped keep cortisol levels down), now we oft times are stressed to the max with little physical exertion!

Note: cortisol is a big contributing factor to belly fat...

We don't have to be radical, but if we gradually fit in new healthy habits, it unconsciously crowds out bad habits and in doing so we will see our health and fitness levels improve and resistance to chronic disease!

'The beautiful game' is about to take center stage



By Christopher Blake, Ph.D.
Special to the Georgia Trust
for Local News

Something extraordinary is about to happen, and if you blink, you might miss why it matters.

This summer, the FIFA World Cup arrives on North American soil, with matches spread across the United States, Mexico and Canada. It is, quite simply, the biggest sporting event in human history.

And yes, I mean that literally. When Argentina defeated France in the 2022 World Cup final, more than 5.5 billion people watched live. That is not a typo. Sixty-two percent of all living humanity tuned in to witness one match. The Super Bowl draws about 120 million viewers domestically. The World Cup final attracts fifty times that number globally.

So why do so many Americans feel vaguely unfamiliar with this tournament, as if it were something happening elsewhere, to other people? The answer lies partly in our sporting calendar, dominated by football (the other kind), baseball and basketball. But it also lies in a broad misunderstanding about what the World Cup is.

The grand finale

Senate Budget Asserts Priorities, Highlights Change

Charlie Harper
Columnist

The Georgia Senate passed their amended budget last week, marking a customary milestone in the forty day session of the Georgia General Assembly. As the yet to be passed annual budget sets spending for the fiscal year that begins July 1st, it is customary for legislators to amend the budget passed last year for this current year to reflect unforeseen spending needs and/or create tax rebates in years of surpluses, or make spending cuts and adjustments if tax revenues are falling below projections.

State budgets begin with a spending plan submitted to the legislature by the Governor, which can be considered a "very strong suggestion". Officially in the legislature's eyes, the budget begins with the House under the supervision of Appropria-

tions Chairman Matt Hatchett of Dublin. Once passed by that chamber, the Senate takes their turn with a plan demonstrating their priorities with stewardship from their Chairman Blake Tillery of Vidalia.

The details are then negotiated by a conference committee of both chambers with input by the Governor's office. While officially a product of the legislature, conferees never forget that the Governor – even in his lame duck year – holds a line item veto pen.

A big ticket addition from the Senate is getting a lot of attention, as it is large enough to change both the budget discussion as well as the state's current and future spending priorities.

A capital outlay for a new state mental hospital was added in the Senate's spending plan, at a cost of \$409 million. The need for this hospital and the politics

surrounding it will be the subject of a future column. If you can't wait for that, ask a local law enforcement officer or medical first responder what they deal with almost every day and you'll likely get a full throated preview.

Today, however, we're using this major addition to highlight the politics and process of the budget and the legislature itself. Change is begetting change.

While his veto pen keeps the folks who understand power shifts from considering Governor Brian Kemp a lame duck, forces remain in play for a transition of power before a new Governor submits the next budget plan. Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones who presides over the Senate hopes to be the one drawing up that plan.

Appropriations Chairman Tillery is one of four Senators elected for this legislative term who wish to move into the Lieu-

tenant Governor's office and wield his gavel, including Senators Steve Gooch of Dahlonega and Greg Dolezal of Cumming, as well as former Senator John Kennedy who resigned earlier this year to focus full time on his campaign. Kennedy and Gooch served as President Pro Tem and Majority Leader respectively but ceded those titles under GOP caucus rules to run for higher office.

Budgets must be balanced, and new spending means other priorities for new spending must be cut or eliminated. While keeping the Governor's proposed income tax rebates up to \$500 per household and the House's added property tax rebates to homeowners, the Senate trimmed a proposed one-time bonus of \$2,000 for state employees to \$1,250.

This summer, the beautiful game comes home. The world will be watching – quite literally, billions of our fellow humans. The question is whether we will watch along with them.

Christopher Blake, a native of Wimbledon, England, now lives in Macon, where he serves as the president of Middle Georgia State University. He is a passionate supporter of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club and the national football teams of the U.S. and England. He will write occasional pieces about the 2026 World Cup for the Georgia Trust for Local News. To share your own reflections about the contest, email joshua@gtn.org.

Why it matters

The 2026 World Cup offers Americans something unprecedented: the chance to experience this global phenomenon in our own stadiums, our own cities and our own time zones.

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Funeral Hearse Pulling a U-Haul Truck



By Billy Powell
Parables to Ponder
LT Columnist

A funeral procession was passing through a small town. The wealthiest man in the community had died. Two bystanders were watching on the street corner. Speculating on the size of the rich man's estate, one man asked the other, "How much do you think he left behind?" "He left it all," came the answer. "He didn't carry a single dime with him...Have you ever seen a funeral hearse pulling a U-Haul truck?" This story accentuates the folly of those who spend a lifetime amassing huge fortunes at the expense of neglecting their spiritual growth. The richest man in the world will take none of his possessions with him, not even the clothes on

his back. Since "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God," he won't even take his body. His only possession that will depart this world is his soul.

Jesus cautions against undue emphasis on worldly possessions: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The Master's words reveal the existence of two storehouses: an earthly one and a heavenly one. Riches in earth's storehouse consist of property, land, money, power, prestige, and influence. The heavenly storehouse is an invisible kingdom that is built through faith, obedience to God, and the love of God and fellowman. A rich man had a mansion on earth but only a tiny hut when he reached heaven. In contrast, the poor but righteous man who lived in a shack on earth found to his surprise that he had a mansion in heaven; he had forwarded all the necessary

materials in advance: faith, obedience, and love.

The Jews tell the famous story of King Monobaz who distributed all his treasures to the poor in the year of famine. His brothers complained to him that their forefathers gathered treasures and held them within the family, but that Monobaz had given his away. Monobaz replied, "Thy fathers gathered treasures from below. I have gathered treasures from above. They stored treasures in a place over which the hand of man can rule, but I have stored treasures in a place over which the hand of man cannot rule. My fathers collected treasures which bear no interest. I have gathered treasures which bear interest. My fathers gathered treasures of money. I have gathered treasures in souls. My fathers gathered treasures for others. I gathered treasures for myself. My fathers gathered treasures in this world. I gathered treasures for the world to come."

In summary, there are two worlds in which we must live: the present with death being the door to the one beyond. It is foolish to prepare for this life only with no provision for the next.

HARPER CONTINUED FROM 4A

While it's easy to draw some lines between the aspirations of those looking to higher office and the assertion of Senate priorities, it's important to look at the Senate as a whole, including those who will qualify next week for the offices which they currently hold – and plan to keep for at least two more years.

The Senate, after all, is viewed as a "collaborative" body, as its constitutional structure and rules grant less autonomy to one leader as the House does to the Speaker, and instead disperses power among the members and the Lieutenant Governor.

Senator Larry Walker III of Perry is the President Pro Tem, and is elected by Senators of both parties. As such, he represents the entirety of the Senate when he presides and is officially a bipartisan leader.

Enacting a Republican agenda is the official responsibility of Senator Jason Anavartate of Dallas. One should add that this responsibility includes the re-election of caucus members who help enact GOP policies.

The other Senator with outsized responsibilities in a committee authorized structure is Senator Matt Brass of Newnan. Brass chairs the powerful Rules Committee, which determines which bills will see the floor for a vote, or die in committee. Senators often will rely on the Rules Chairman to flex institutional power when they want the House to take up a certain bill, or wish to hold a controversial bill until there is consensus on how best to proceed with a floor vote.

Many will rightly be following those campaigning for high-

er office for both motivations and to measure success. Key to understanding how this will work, however, is following the two elected this year to lead the chamber and the majority caucus, as well as the one Chairman who has been granted the authority by his peers to make, brake, or break a bill as the main gate keeper.

The collaboration so far has held. The Senate passed their version of the amended budget 49-1, with the House then making the customary vote to disagree and move to conference. The variables at play are the level of spending for each line item, or if some of the big ticket items get moved to the next annual budget when new checks can be cut on July 1.

Byron Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Contributed

One of the biggest events of the year in Byron is the very popular Byron Lions Club Annual Jethro Johnson Pancake Breakfast coming up on March 22 at the Mickey Fuller Masonic Lodge #720 at 106 Galan Drive (behind Rooks Funeral Home). For only \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids (ages 3-12) you will get a full pancake breakfast accompanied by scrambled eggs and sausage, with coffee, orange juice, and milk for the kids.

There may be some new additions to the menu! Come and see!!! Plus, you'll be supporting your community, as all proceeds help the Lions help others.

The breakfast is held each year on a Sunday in early spring in honor of Jethro Johnson, who was a long-serving member of the Byron Lions Club, and a community leader. Breakfast will be hot and ready to eat before church, starting at 7:30 AM, or come hungry up until 1pm. Tickets are available from

any Lions Club member or at the door.

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 8:00 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

Spring Is Just Around The Corner!

Contributed

It won't be long till the peach blossoms, cherry blossoms and Bradford pears are in bloom. In fact, some of them already are blooming! It is a beautiful time of year.

The Byron Lions Club has a way to make your home/porch/deck even more beautiful. We are again selling absolutely gorgeous hanging baskets—both flowering and foliage. There are seven varieties of 10 inch foliage baskets available for \$20.00 each—Spider Plants, Purple

Wandering Jews, Variegated Swedish Ivy, White Wandering Jews, Bridal Veils, Bolivian Jews, and Green Swedish Ivy.

There are seven varieties of blooming 10 inch baskets available—Petunia, Geranium, Fuchsia, New Guinea, Verbena, Scaveola, and Lantana. They are very hardy as well as beautiful. They are \$20.00 each. You can also order a 14 inch wire Cocoa basket filled with a variety of flowers for \$40.00. DEADLINE TO ORDER IS MARCH 14. We won't know for sure when de-

livery will be until we place the orders. (We have asked for delivery on April 10th.)

Baskets will be delivered to you as soon as possible after we receive them. To order call either Frany Washko at (478) 396-0131 or Marlene Humphry at (478) 918-3666, or see any Byron Lions Club member. Don't miss this opportunity to help the Byron Lions provide needed services in the community and add natural beauty to your home at the same time.

PROFESSIONALISM CONTINUED FROM 4A

It felt like almost every point and resolution being argued should have been covered in the work session, not the board meeting. That is the entire point of a work session: to discuss and gather information on upcoming agenda items.

When a council member goes into a board meeting with little knowledge of what is being discussed, it is a bad look. When other council members and people in the audience are correcting said council members because they are uninformed,

it begs the question, "Why are they an elected official?"

For the mayor and council to make statements during the "announcements" portion of the meeting that feel like direct jabs at other council members; come on, we see what you're doing, and it's beyond childish.

For a council member to go to a meeting and start making accusations against other council members is the epitome of unprofessional. "Because I'm doing my job." Really, acting in an unprofessional manner and

making those rude statements in a public, recorded meeting in front of your constituents is your job?

As far as I'm aware, the city's official motto is "Where Caring is a Way of Life." I haven't seen that care at many of these meetings, especially the last board meeting.

For individuals who cite the importance of care, respect, accountability, and transparency, I'll ask again. With all due respect, where is it?

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

email: news@theleadertribune.com

LENTEN SCHEDULE ST. ANDREW'S & ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Please join us - All are welcome! 6:00pm Thursdays during the Lenten Season. Covered Dish, Presentations, Evening Prayers Beginning at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 309 Central Avenue, Fort Valley.

Thursday, February 26 - Shauna Groves, Director, Grace House

Thursday, March 5 - Richard Barrett, Truckstop Ministries, Inc.

Thursday, March 12 - Ann McGehee, Women's Bible Study Leader & Host

Then at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1000 State University Drive, Fort Valley

Thursday, March 19 - Anna Holloway, Author of "Be Sure to Wave," Her Latest Book

Thursday, March 26 - Julie Groce, Canon for Special Projects

Friday 6:00pm February 27-March 27 Stations of the Cross in St. Andrew's Church

St. Andrew's & St. Luke's wish you a Holy Lenten Season

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

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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.

USHER'S TEMPLE CME CHURCH

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

Join us each Sunday morning with Pastor Tawanna B. Harris and members at 9:30am for Sunday School followed at 11:00am with holy worship service. You may join us virtually via Facebook Live and Youtube. Bible study is each Wednesday in person at 12:00 and virtually at 7:00pm via Zoom.

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!

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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 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.

FINALISTS NAMED FOR PEACH COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

(FORT VALLEY, Ga., February 20, 2026) – The Peach County Board of Commissioners held interviews for the position of County Administrator during an executive session of the Board of Commissioners on Thursday, February 19, 2026. Following deliberation by the Board of Commissioners, the county is pleased to announce a sole finalist for the position of Peach County Administrator: Ms. Jillian Bowen. The Board of Commissioners intends to vote on the confirmation of a candidate at the regular monthly meeting of the Peach County Board of Commissioners on March 10, 2026. Documentation pertaining to the qualifications of the sole finalist is available at the Peach County Board of Commissioners office, located at 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia, 31030, in the office of Mr. Matthew Ingram, Human Resources Director.

Ms. Jillian Bowen currently serves as Project Manager of the Development Authority of Peach County, a position which she has held since 2008. Ms. Bowen has also served as president and CEO of the Peach County Chamber of Commerce since 2019. A Georgia Certified Economic Developer (GCED), Ms. Bowen previously worked as a marketing director in the private sector before joining the Development Authority.

The search and interview process for the County Administrator position was led by the Peach County Board of Commissioners. The Board thoroughly reviewed resumes, discussed qualifications, and interviewed multiple candidates. The Board of Commissioners believes that the sole finalist brings strong educational and professional credentials to the position and a history of impactful work within Peach County. The Middle Georgia Regional Commission provided technical support to the selection committee throughout this process.

FVSU and Bridgestone Forge New Partnership to Advance Rubber Plant Research and Strengthen Rural Prosperity in Peach County

By FVSU

(Fort Valley, GA) Fort Valley State University has expanded its leadership in agricultural innovation with the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the university and Bridgestone, a global leader in tire and rubber production. This strategic partnership formalizes a collaborative effort to advance rubber plant research at FVSU: an emerging field with the potential to transform agricultural practices, diversify crop production, and stimulate economic growth across Middle Georgia.

As Georgia's only 1890 land-grant institution, FVSU continues to build partnerships that align academic excellence with community impact. The agreement with Bridgestone reflects a shared commitment to sustainability, innovation, and workforce development, positioning the university as a key contributor to the future of renewable materials and environmentally responsible agriculture.

"FVSU's College of Agriculture, Family Sciences and Technology (CAFST) is pleased to partner with Bridgestone Research LLC, a global leader in the manufacturing of rubber-based products," said FVSU Vice President of Land Grant Affairs Keith Howard, Ph.D. "This collaborative agreement strongly aligns with our land-

grant mission, where education and agricultural research intersect with industry to develop and enhance products that deliver meaningful value to communities. We are especially excited about the opportunities this partnership will create for our students through experiential learning, research engagement and workforce development."

Under the MOU, FVSU researchers and Bridgestone scientists will work together to study alternative rubber-producing plants, evaluate their adaptability to Georgia's climate, and explore cultivation methods that support long-term environmental and economic sustainability. This collaboration strengthens FVSU's research capacity while creating new opportunities for students to engage in hands-on, industry-aligned scientific inquiry.

"Bridgestone is pleased to announce our collaboration with the College of Agriculture, Family Sciences and Technology at Fort Valley State University. FVSU has outstanding research and lab capabilities, motivated students, and strong connections to the area's agricultural community that offer significant opportunities for collaboration," said Bridgestone Senior Manager Del Craig. "Our Bridgestone Ag Operations Team is excited to work with FVSU students and faculty to run a multi-year varietal trial on a sandy loam



portion of the FVSU Research Farm to test the feasibility to grow guayule in this area of the US. Our joint laboratory work will also help deepen our understanding of guayule's biology and reproductive processes to enhance breeding efforts."

For students, the partnership opens the door to meaningful experiential learning. Participants will gain direct exposure to cutting-edge plant science research, from field trials and laboratory analysis to data collection and sustainability assessments. The collaboration also expands access to mentorship, internships, and career pathways within agricultural biotechnology, environmental science and global industry

sectors. By working alongside professionals from Bridgestone, students will develop the technical skills, research competencies, and professional networks needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving agricultural landscape.

The impact of this partnership extends well beyond the university's campus. For Peach County and the surrounding rural region, rubber plant research represents a promising avenue for agricultural diversification. Local growers could benefit from the introduction of new specialty crops that complement existing production and provide alternative revenue streams. As research progresses, the need for field technicians, research assistants and agricul-

tural specialists may create new job opportunities for residents, supporting workforce development in a region where agriculture remains central to economic stability.

Additionally, the partnership strengthens FVSU's ability to deliver community-centered outreach through its Cooperative Extension programs. As findings emerge, FVSU will be positioned to share best practices with local farmers, helping them evaluate the feasibility of rubber-producing crops and adopt innovative strategies that enhance farm resilience. This knowledge transfer reinforces the university's land-grant mission—using research and education to uplift rural commu-

nities and support long-term economic vitality.

The MOU between FVSU and Bridgestone represents a forward-looking investment in sustainability, student success and rural prosperity. By combining academic expertise with industry innovation, the partnership positions Peach County as a hub for agricultural advancement and strengthens FVSU's role as a catalyst for regional growth. As the collaboration unfolds, students, farmers, and community members will benefit from the opportunities and insights generated through this work, ensuring that Middle Georgia remains at the forefront of agricultural discovery and economic development.

Wildcats Come Up Short on the Road Against LeMoyne-Owen College, 62-57

By Chris McKenzie

Sports Reporter

The Fort Valley State University men's basketball team battled until the final horn but could not overcome an early deficit, falling 62-57 on the road to LeMoyne-Owen in Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) play.

With the loss, the Wildcats move to 12-12 overall and 11-12 in the SIAC, while LeMoyne-Owen improves to 11-13 overall and 11-12 in conference

action.

Fort Valley State found itself playing from behind most of the night. The Magicians jumped out to a 32-22 halftime lead behind efficient first-half shooting, connecting on 50 percent of their shots. The Wildcats struggled offensively in the opening period, shooting just 27.3 percent from the floor.

Despite the slow start, FVSU responded in the second half, outscoring LeMoyne-Owen 35-30 and cutting the deficit to single digits down the stretch. However, the Wildcats were unable to

string together enough stops to complete the comeback.

Senior guard Derek Delgado Jr. led Fort Valley State with a game-high 22 points, knocking down five three-pointers and going 5-of-6 from the free throw line in 39 minutes of action. Jahlen Jack added 10 points and three assists, while C.J. Williams contributed seven rebounds and five points in the effort.

Tim James provided a spark off the bench with seven points, and Sincere Whitehead added five as the Wildcats'

reserves combined for 16 points.

As a team, Fort Valley State shot 30.8 percent (16-of-52) from the field and 28.6 percent (8-of-28) from beyond the arc. The Wildcats did find success at the free throw line, converting 17-of-27 attempts (63 percent), and forced 22 turnovers, which they converted into 17 points.

LeMoyne-Owen was led by LaDricus Pittman's 17 points and nine assists. The Magicians shot an efficient 47.7 percent from the floor and 84.6 percent from the free throw line, including a perfect

7-of-7 in the second half, which proved critical in preserving the win.

The Wildcats finished with 27 total rebounds and 14 points in the paint but were unable to overcome the early margin created in the first half. Notably, the game featured no ties or lead changes, as Fort Valley State trailed from start to finish.

Fort Valley State will look to regroup as conference play continues, aiming to close out the regular season on a strong note and improve its positioning heading into postseason competition.

Wildcats Battle Brigham Young University on the Road in Utah

By Chris McKenzie

Sports Reporter

The Fort Valley State University men's volleyball team faced a tall task last week as the Wildcats traveled west to take on nationally ranked Brigham Young University on February 20 and February 21.

Competing against one of the premier programs in collegiate men's volleyball, Fort Valley State battled hard but ultimately fell in both matches of the two-game series.

In the opening match on February 20, the Wildcats fought to find their rhythm against a disciplined BYU squad. Fort Valley

State dropped the first set 25-18 before falling 25-16 in the second. Despite showing flashes of strong net play and hustle on defense, the Wildcats were unable to slow the Cougars' offensive attack, as BYU closed out the match with a 25-14 third-set victory.

The second matchup on February 21 saw Fort Valley State continue to compete with determination. BYU once again claimed the opening two sets, 25-14 and 25-18. However, the Wildcats showed resilience in the third set, keeping the contest close and pushing the tempo offensively. Fort Valley State battled point-for-point before

ultimately falling 25-21 to close out the match.

Though the results did not fall in their favor, the trip provided valuable experience for the Wildcats against elite competition. Facing a nationally recognized powerhouse on its home court tested Fort Valley State's composure, communication, and execution.

The Wildcats now look to regroup and build on the lessons learned from their western road swing. With conference play approaching, Fort Valley State will aim to translate the experience gained in Utah into momentum as the season progresses.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 19, 2026, an election will be held at the regular polling places in all the election districts of Peach County, Georgia (the "County"), at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of the County for their determination of the question of whether a one percent transportation special purpose local option sales and use tax (the "TSPLOST") shall be imposed for the purposes of funding transportation improvements and transportation-related capital projects (the "Projects") specified in the form of the ballot set forth below.

(1) Shall a special 1 percent sales and use tax be imposed in the special district consisting of Peach County for a period of time not to exceed six years and for the raising of an estimated amount of \$35,016,840 for transportation purposes?"

() YES _____


() NO _____

(2) If imposition of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of Peach County in the principal amount of \$18,200,000 for the above purpose.

() YES _____

() NO _____

All qualified voters desiring to vote in favor of imposing the tax shall vote "Yes" and all qualified voters opposed to imposing the tax shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast are in favor of imposing the tax then the tax shall be imposed beginning October 1, 2026, or the earliest date authorized by law.


Election Supervisor for Peach County

Board of Elections, Election Superintendent

Public Hearing Notice City of Byron Community Work Program Amendment

A public hearing will be held on March 16, 2026, at 3:00 pm at the Byron Municipal Building, 401 Main Street, Byron, GA 31008. The purpose of this hearing is to brief the community on amendments(s) to the City of Byron Community Work Program (CWP) under the 2022 Joint Comprehensive Plan for Peach County and the Cities of Fort Valley and Byron and to receive comments on amendments from residents.

All community members are invited to attend the public hearing. For additional information, please contact Cammi Sanchez, Community Development Specialist, Middle Georgia Regional Commission, at (478) 722-6950.

The City of Byron is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability or age. Persons with special needs relating to handicapped accessibility or foreign language should contact Telina Allred, City Clerk at (478) 956-3600 prior to March 16, 2026, at the Byron Municipal Complex, 401 Main Street, Byron, GA 31008 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons with hearing disabilities may contact the Georgia Relay Service at (TDD) 1-800-255-0056 or (Voice) 1-800-255-0135.



Public Hearing Notice City of Byron Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

The City of Byron is considering applying to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for a Community Development Block Grant of up to \$1,000,000. These funds must be used to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, public facilities, and economic development. More specific details regarding eligible activities, disclosure of any possible conflicts of interest pertaining to elected officials living in the project's target area, fair housing laws and the City of Byron's commitment to further fair housing, the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities to benefit low- and moderate-income persons, and the rating system will be provided at a public hearing, which will be held at the Byron Municipal Complex, 401 Main Street, Byron, GA 31008, March 16, 2026, at 3:30 PM.

The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application. The City of Byron is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education, and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age. Persons with special needs relating to handicapped accessibility or foreign language should contact Telina Allred, City Clerk at (478) 956-3600 prior to March 16, 2026, at the Byron Municipal Complex, 401 Main Street, Byron, GA 31008 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons with hearing disabilities can contact us at our TDD number 1-800-255-0056 or (Voice) 1-800-255-0135.



Legals

Legal Advertising Information

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

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
MICHAEL L. CHIDESTER
Petitioner,
v.
SAB INVESTMENTS, INC., SARAH BOATRIGHT SPOONER, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service), ALL THE WORLD, CASE NO. 22-V-0402 and TRACTS OF LAND IN PEACH COUNTY KNOWN AS TAX PARCELS 055A101, 055A102, 055A103, 055A104, 055A105, 055A106, 055A107, 055A108, 055A109, 055A110, 055A037, 055A026, 055A070, and B01B161.
Defendants.

SECOND NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 9-11-4(f) (1)(B) and O.C.G.A. § 23-3-65(b)

TO: Sarah Boatright Spooner, as Executor of the Estate of George Spooner, Rocio Sylvia, Ismael Alcantar, their heirs, successors and assigns, and any and all other persons claiming any interest in and to the real property described below:

By Order of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia for service by publication dated January 26, 2026, you are hereby notified that on December 23, 2022, the plaintiff filed a petition to quiet title against tracts known and designated as Lots 1 through 11, Georgetown Addition Subdivision, in Land Lots 3 and 4 of the Fifth Land District of Peach County, Georgia, also known as Tax Parcels 055A 101-110 and 055A 037; also, a tract known and designated as part of Tract 1, Joe T. McCary Subdivision, in Land Lot 4 of the Fifth Land District of Peach County, Georgia containing 14.49 acres, also known as Tax Parcel 055A 026; also, a tract known and designated as Lot 3, Block B, Georgetown Subdivision, Section 1, in Land Lot 4 of the Fifth Land District of Peach County, Georgia, also known as Tax Parcel 055A 070; and also a tract known and designated as Lot 14, Block C, Georgetown Subdivision, Section 3, Phase 2, in Land Lot 4 of the Fifth Land District of Peach County, Georgia, also known as Tax Parcel B01B 161.

You are owners of parcels adjacent to one or more of the above described properties, and if you claim any interest in one or more of them, you are required to file with the clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon petitioner's attorney, Michael L. Chidester, 111 Georgia Highway 49 N, P. O. Box 1704, Byron, Georgia 31008, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of January 26, 2026. Be further advised that you will lose all rights, interests, and claims which you should or could be entitled to make or assert within this action to the subject property, as a matter of law, and you will receive no further notice nor be entitled to such notice.

Witness, the Honorable Kenneth R. Smith, Judge, Peach County Superior Court, this 29th day of January, 2026.
/s/ Sherry Gonzales, Clerk
2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 2026
3671

DEBOTS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

All persons having claims against Jimmie Arlene Amerson and her estate are required to present the same to the undersigned, properly itemized and prove, within the time required by law. And all persons indebted to said deceased, or her estate, are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 10th day of February, 2026.
Angela Spinks, Executor
Attorney: Patrick C. Smith, Jr.
349 Margie Drive, Ste. 120
Warner Robins, GA 31088
Estate of: Jimmie Arlene Amerson
2/18, 2/25, 3/04, 3/11, 2026
3689

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA ESTATE NO. 2026-YS-7236 IN RE: DEVIN LEMOINE HILL, DECEASED NOTICE OF PETITION TO FIEL FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The petition of KIMBERLY HILL, for a year's support from the estate of DEVIN LEMOINE HILL, deceased, for decedent's (surviving spouse) (and) (minor children)), having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before MARCH 17, 2026, 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 on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All objections should be sworn to before. A notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact pro-

bate court personnel or the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court
By: Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court
205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030
478-825-2313
2/25, 3/04, 3/11, 3/18, 2026
3691

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, PEACH COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Thomas J. Rodgers and Rachel R. Rodgers** to Unites States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture dated 7/21/2014 and recorded in Deed Book 515 Page 644 Peach County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Unites 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 \$72,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on March 3, 2026 (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 210 OF THE 9TH LAND DISTRICT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DISTINGUISHED AS LOT NO. 11, BLOCK C OF HARRIS SUBDIVISION - SECOND SECTION, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ACCORDING TO PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 169, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT, WHICH SAID PLAT IS BY THIS REFERENCE THERETO INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF A MORE PARTICULAR AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF SAID LOT NO. 11 HEREBY CONVEYED. THERE ARE IMPROVEMENTS TAXED THEREON KNOWN UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING AS 64 BERKSHIRE DRIVE, FORT VALLEY, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA. THE PROPERTY HEREIN ABOVE DESCRIBED AND CONVEYED IS THE SAME AND IDENTICAL PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JANICE S. POLMATIER AND RICHARD J. POLMATIER BY W.H. ALLEN BY WARRANTY DEED DATED AUGUST 31, 1973 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 19, PAGE 219, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT. REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PLAT AND DEED FOR THE PURPOSE OF A MORE PARTICULAR AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED.

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 **64 Berkshire Drive, Fort Valley, GA 31030** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Thomas J. Rodgers and Rachel R. Rodgers 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 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.

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E-Mail Attachments: Word Text Format

AD DEADLINES: Friday's at 12:00 Noon

Information concerning legals call: 478-825-2432

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. Unites States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture as agent and Attorney in Fact for Thomas J. Rodgers and Rachel R. Rodgers Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400, 1000-709A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1000-709A
02/04/2026, 02/11/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/25/2026
3673 (1000-709A)

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Shameka L. Dugger** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, its successors and assigns dated December 1, 2020, and recorded in Deed Book 635, Page 821, Peach County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$154,050.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, March 3, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia, being more particularly described on that certain plat of survey of record in Plat Book 19, Page 249, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Said property is known as **114 Knoxville Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now 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 matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

The sale will be conducted subject to (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 secured creditor.

The property is or may be in the possession of **Shameka L. Dugger, successor in interest or tenant(s).**

Nationstar Mortgage LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Shameka L. Dugger
File no. 25-083625
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP*
Attorneys and Counselors at Law
1050 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 500
Atlanta, GA 30338
(770)220-2535
<https://www.logs.com/>
*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
01/28/2026, 02/04/2026, 02/11/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/25/2026
3661 (BCNS 270079)

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **Frank Leroy Tracy**, deceased late of Peach County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. Micheal Leroy Tracy, Administrator c/o Becky Wilcox Attorney At Law P.O. Box 303 Byron, GA 31008 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/04, 2026 3683

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Publisher's Affidavit fee is \$10.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER 26-V-0068

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF NICHOLAS HARPER, PETITIONER. NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

Nicholas Harper filed a petition in the Peach County Superior Court on February 6, 2026, to change the name from: Nicholas Alexander Harper to Damu Akbar Manetane. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the petition was filed. 2/18, 2/25, 3/04, 3/11, 2026 3684

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA IN THE INTEREST OF: JUVENILE FILE #7471-J

C. J., SEX MALE, AGE <1, DOB 10/24/2025, CASE #111-2026J-001 CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, CATHERINE JOHNSON; JERMEL TANEHILL; ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER(S), AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD.

You are notified that a Dependency Petition with Custody Placed with Maternal Grandparents was filed against you in said court on February 10, 2026, and an Order for Service by Publication was entered on February 9, 2026.

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Peach County Juvenile Court, held at Peach County Courthouse, Ft. Valley, Georgia on 2/24/26 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., and on 4/14/26 for a hearing following publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Peach County Juvenile Court Clerk.

WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, this 10th day of February, 2026.
Whitney Nelson, CLERK, PEACH COUNTY PEACH COURT
2/18, 2/25, 3/04, 3/11, 2026 3687

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA ESTATE NO. 2026-PRO-7229

IN RE: ESTATE OF A.J. RILEY, DECEASED NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Re: Estate of A.J. Riley
All creditors of the Estate of A.J. Riley, 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 10th day of February, 2026.
Tara Tourville, Esq.
Attorney for Estate of A.J. Riley
446 S. Houston Lake Road
Warner Robins, GA 31088
(478)333-6502
2/18, 2/25, 3/04, 3/11, 2026 3685

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA ESTATE NO. 2019-ADM-6173

IN RE: ESTATE OF TERVONIO RAHEEM COLEMAN, DECEASED

IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative

TO: ANTONIO COLEMAN and (all and singular the heirs of said decedent,)(the beneficiaries under the will,) and to whom it may concern:

This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before March 11, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Kim Wilson, Judge of the Probate Court
By Katrina Corbin, Clerk for the Probate Court
205 West Church Street, Fort Valley, GA 31030
478-825-2313
2/25, 3/04, 3/11, 3/18, 2026 3690

NOTICE TO DEBOTS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF BIBB

The Last Will and Testament of **ROBERT JOEL HARRINGTON** having been Probated in Solemn Form and Letters Testamentary, having been issued to **ROBERT TERRY MCDONALD, JR.**, this is to cite all creditors of said estate to make their demands known to us and all debts os said estate to make immediate payment to us. This 16th day of January, 2026.

ROBERT TERRY MCDONALD, JR., as Executor
C/O ROBERT J. AROMATORO
Collins & Aromatorio, P.C.
GA Bar No. 023708
P.O. Box 250
Byron, Georgia 31008
478-956-3071
2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 2026
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **Arlis Turner**, deceased late of Peach County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. Allison R. Heard, Executor c/o Becky Wilcox Attorney At Law P.O. Box 303 Byron, GA 31008 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/04, 2026 3681

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA ESTATE NO. 2026-ADM-7231

IN RE: ESTATE OF ARTHUR FELCH WILLIAMS JR., DECEASED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TO: ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES and to whom it may concern: SHANNON DANIELLE WILLIAMS has petitioned for SHANNON DANIELLE WILLIAMS to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of ARTHUR FELCH WILLIAMS JR., deceased, of said County. (The Petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before MARCH 11, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.
KIM WILSON, Judge of the Probate Court
By Katrina Corbin, Clerk of the Probate Court
205 West Church Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030
478-825-2313
2/25, 3/04, 3/11, 3/18, 2026
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 26-V-0038

IN RE: ANGELICA TEJEDA SANCHEZ And MANE TEJEDA SANCHES, MINOR CHILD(REN) NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Yaribeth Tejed Sanchez, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia on the 22 day of January, 2026, praying for a change in the name of minor child(ren) from Angelica Tejeda Sanchez to Angelica Carrazco Sanchez, and from Mane Tejeda Sanchez to Mane Carrazco Sanchez Jr.
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affect party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with Court within thirty days of the filing of said Petition.
This 22 day of January, 2026.
2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 2026
3666

NOTICE TO DETORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF BIBB

The Last Will and Testament of **ROBERT JOEL HARRINGTON** having been Probated in Solemn Form and Letters Testamentary, having been issued to **JAY ROBERT HARRINGTON** this is to cite all creditors of said estate to make their demands known to us and all debts os said estate to make immediate payment to us.

This 22 day of January, 2026.
2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 2026
3666

NOTICE TO DEBOTS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF BIBB

The Last Will and Testament of **ROBERT JOEL HARRINGTON** having been Probated in Solemn Form and Letters Testamentary, having been issued to **JAY ROBERT HARRINGTON** this is to cite all creditors of said estate to make their demands known to us and all debts os said estate to make immediate payment to us.
This 27th day of January, 2026.
JAY ROBERT HARRINGTON, as Executor
C/O ROBERT J. AROMATORO
Collins & Aromatorio, P.C.
GA Bar No. 023708
P.O. Box 250
Byron, Georgia 31008
478-956-3071
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **Susan Betty Turner**, deceased late of Peach County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. Allison R. Heard, Executor c/o Becky Wilcox Attorney At Law P.O. Box 303 Byron, GA 31008 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/04, 2026 3682

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA TWIN PROPERTIES B.E., LLC, Petitioner, v.

CASE NO. 25-V-0417
GEORGE DEWEY SMITH (a/k/a Dewey George Smith), and a PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS PEACH COUNTY TAX PARCEL 064A 075, and ALL THE WORLD, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 9-11-4(f) (1)(B) and O.C.G.A. § 23-3-65(b) and (c)

TO: The Ellie Beasley Estate, by and through its Administrator, Joan Beasley Neal (Florida); William B. Smith; Jackie Ballard; Timothy Smith; Theodore Buck and Dawn Buck (Alabama); Sunnyland MHP, LLC (North Carolina); the estates, administrators, executors, heirs and assigns of George Dewey Smith and/or any of the above parties; the estates, administrators, executors, heirs and assigns of any and all deceased siblings of George Dewey Smith; any resident of the property described below; and any persons in all the world claiming any interest in the following described real property:

All that tract or parcel of land being known and described as Lot 17 according to a survey and plat of land lying and being partly in Land Lots 55, 56, 75 and 76 of the Fifth (5th) Land District of Peach County, Georgia, made by E.D. St. John, Registered Surveyor No. 722, on January 2, 1968, which plat has been recorded in Plat Book 8, Folio 176, Clerk's Office, Peach County Superior Court. The described real estate is part of the same property described in a certain Warranty Deed dated the 10th day of December, 1968, from Mrs. Alma G. Collins to Bibbco Land Company, Inc. which deed is recorded in Deed Book E-2, Folio 548, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court.

The above described lot has such metes, bounds, courses, sizes, shapes and dimensions as shown by the above referred to plat which by reference is made a part hereof. Said parcel is known for tax purposes as Peach County Tax Parcel 064A 075.

By Order of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia for service by publication dated January 26, 2026, you are hereby notified that on October 29, 2025, the plaintiff filed a petition to quiet title against a tract known as described above. Said petition also names as defendants George Dewey Smith a/k/a Dewey George Smith, and All the World. You are required to file with the clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon petitioner's attorney, Michael L. Chidester, 111 Georgia Highway 49 N, P. O. Box 1704, Byron, Georgia 31008, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of January 26, 2026. Be further advised that you will lose all rights, interests, and claims which you should or could be entitled to make or assert within this action to the subject property, as a matter of law, and you will receive no further notice nor be entitled to such notice.

Witness, the Honorable Kenneth R. Smith, Judge, Peach County Superior Court, this 29th day of January, 2026.
2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 2026
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NOTICE TO DETORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of **Mahin Pouryaghma, late of Peach County, Georgia, deceased**, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 23rd day of January, 2026.
Anne T. Jalali, Executor
Estate of Mahin Pouryaghma, Deceased
132 Amy Circle
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Albert P. Reichert, Jr.
Anderson, Walker & Reichert, LLP
P.O. Box 6497
Macon, GA 31028-6497
478-743-8651 Telephone
478-743-9636 Fax
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, PEACH COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Alice M. Skinner and Ange-**

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la C. Skinner to United States of America acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture dated 11/9/1994 and recorded in Deed Book 153 Page 823 Peach County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by United States of America acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, conveying the afterdescribed property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$56,780.00, 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 March 3, 2026 (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 AND LYING IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF PEACH, CITY OF FORT VALLEY AND IN BERIA STEPPES SUBDIVISION THEREIN, BEING KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS LOT NUMBER 5 OF SAID BERIA STEPPES SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN BY A PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 80, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF SAID HEREIN LOT NUMBER 5. ACCORDING TO SAID PLAT, SAID PROPERTY IS DESCRIBED BY COURSES AND DISTANCES AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF MORRIS STREET AND THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SPRUCE STREET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST, AS MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SPRUCE STREET, 1451.98 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 19 DEGREES 2 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST, 445.82 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING. STARTING AT THE BEFORE LOCATED POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 19 DEGREES 2 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, 72.93 FEET; THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 8 SECONDS EAST, 105.72 FEET; THENCE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION, ALONG A CURVE FORMING THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A CUL-DE-SAC AT THE SOUTHEAST END OF LEVRENTI DRIVE, WHICH CURVE HAS A RADIUS OF 50 FEET AND WHICH CURVE HAS A CHORD 67.22 FEET IN LENGTH WITH A BEARING OF SOUTH 66 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 3 SECONDS EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 73.72 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 19 DEGREES 2 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST, 75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 84 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST, 159.37 FEET. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ARE MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED ON A PLAT ENTITLED, "SURVEY FOR ALICE SKINNER, LOT 5, BERIA STEPPES, LAND LOT 182, 9TH DISTRICT, PEACH COUNTY, FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA", AS MADE BY STORY & COMPANY, INC., ON OCTOBER 31, 1994, BEING CERTIFIED BY ROBERT L. STORY, REGISTERED SURVEYOR NO. 1853, ON SAID OCTOBER 31, 1994, WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 144, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH SUPERIOR COURT, GEORGIA, AND SAID PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF SAID HEREIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY. SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT RUNNING ALONG THE EASTERLY SIDE OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; SUBJECT TO A BUILDING LINE RESTRICTION OF 30 FEET FROM LEVRENTI DRIVE; AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EXISTING AND RECORDED EASEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAYS, BUILDING LINE RESTRICTIONS AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS.

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 **108 Levrenti Drive, Fort Valley, GA 31030** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Alice M. Skinner and Angela C. Skinner 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
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 Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture as agent and Attorney in Fact for Alice M. Skinner and Angela C. Skinner Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1000-683A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1000-683A
02/04/2026, 02/11/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/25/2026
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APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER TRADE NAME, PARTNERSHIP OR OTHERS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH

The undersigned does hereby certify that CYNTHIA RENEE PETIT conducting a business as GRIND-HEAD COFFEE BYRON, in the City of Byron, County of Peach, in the State of Georgia, under the name of **HAMMER AND STAIN PEACH STATE, LLC**, and that the nature of the business is MOBILE BEVERAGE AND COFFEE CONCESSION TRAILER and that the names and addresses of the persons, firms or partnership owning and carrying on said trade or business are CYNTHIA RENEE PETIT, 511 SCHOFILL RD, FORT VALLEY, GA 31030. This 6th day of February, 2026.
2/18, 2/25, 2026
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DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX SALE

Under and by virtue of certain tax Fi. Fa.'s issued by the Tax Commissioner of Peach County, Georgia, in favor of the State of Georgia and County of Peach County, against the following named persons and the property as described next to their respective name(s). They will be sold for cash or certified funds at public outcry, before the Courthouse door in Fort Valley, Peach County, Georgia, between the legal hours of sale, on the **first Tuesday in March 2026, the same being March 3rd, 2026, and continuing on March 4th, 2026, if necessary, between the legal hours of sale, 10:00AM and 4:00PM.** The below listed and described properties, or as much thereof as will satisfy the State and County tax execution on the respective individual and property. The property (ies) hereinafter described have been levied on as the property of the persons whose names immediately precede the property description. Each of the respective parcels of property located in Peach County, State of Georgia. The years for which said Fi. Fa.'s are issued and levied are stated opposite the name of the owner in each case. Each defendant and tenant in possession, if applicable, has been notified of levy time and place of sale. Purchaser shall for title, all transfer costs, all taxes, advertising costs and recording fees.

Map & Parcel: 008C010
Defendant in Fi Fa: Sharp, Nicole Delores
Current Record Holder: Sharp, Nicole Delores
CRH Address: 106 Izerness Avenue
Warner Robins, GA 31093
Amount Due: \$ 1,049.85
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 256/47
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, being 5.73 acres, more or less. Being Lot 7, of Willville Farm Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 20, Page 170. Or as further described in Deed Book 256, Page 47. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 008C010, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 008C049
Defendant in Fi Fa: Harris, Dantavious Marele
Current Record Holder: Harris, Dantavious Marele
CRH Address: 37 Chestnut Hill Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$ 4,341.79

Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2021
Deed Book: 643/323
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 69,
8th District. Or as further described as Tract 1 & 2 in Deed Book 643, Page 323.
Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 008C049, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 008D016
Defendant in Fi Fa: Scott, Jimmie L. & Diane D. Scott
Current Record Holder: Scott, Jimmie L.
CRH Address: 700 Blowing Rock Way
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Amount Due: \$ 1,379.12
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 437/2
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 28,
8th District, being 1.05 acres, more or less. Being Lot 20, Block A, of Country Hills Estate Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 15, Page 158. Or as further described in Deed Book 437, Page 2. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 008D016, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 008D040
Defendant in Fi Fa: Oates, Ulysses
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Oates, Ulysses, Deceased
CRH Address: 382 Sunset Circle
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$ 474.42
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 366/770
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 28,
8th District, being 2.10 acres, more or less. Being Tract 2. As shown in Plat Book 9,
Page 60. Or as further described in Deed Book 366, Page 770. Being known as Tax

Map & Parcel 008D040, Peach County, Georgia.
Map & Parcel: 008D080
Defendant in Fi Fa: Leonard, Maxine
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Leonard, Maxine, Deceased
CRH Address: 66 Sunset Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$ 931.08
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 64/359
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lots 28 & 29, 8th District, being 0.45 acres, more or less. Being Lot 4, Block B, of Sunset Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 12, Page 206. Or as further described in Deed Book 64, Page 359. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 008D080, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 011A020
Defendant in Fi Fa: Arnold, Casey
Current Record Holder: Arnold, Casey
CRH Address: 108 Hartley Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$ 755.58
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 361/509
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 249,
9th District, being 1.02 acres, more or less. Being Lot 3, of Jackson Heights Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 16, Page 35. Or as further described in Deed Book 361, Page 509. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 011A020, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 012D114
Defendant in Fi Fa: Ponder, Clifford N & Margie J Ponder
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Ponder, Clifford N. & Ponder, Margie J. Deceased
CRH Address: 355 Hinton Chase Parkway
Covington, GA 30016
Amount Due: \$ 526.42
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: B2/22
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Being East half of Lot 3, Block D, of Allen Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 6, Page 188.
Or as further described in Deed Book B2, Page 22. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 012D114, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 012D162
Defendant in Fi Fa: Oliver, John & Jewel Oliver
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Oliver, Jewel, Deceased & Oliver, John
CRH Address: 500 North Walnut Street
Apartment 6W
East Orange, NJ 07017
4011
Amount Due: \$ 490.49
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020
Deed Book: 99/313
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 201,
9th District, being 0.11 acres, more or less. Being Lot 11, Block B, of Alice Jordan Engram Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 6, Page 130. Or as further described as a portion of Deed Book 99, Page 313. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 012D162, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 012D163
Defendant in Fi Fa: Key, Richard Jr.
Current Record Holder: Key, Richard Jr.
CRH Address: 108 Mount Pilot Court
Warner Robins, GA 31088
Amount Due: \$ 490.49
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020
Deed Book: W1/246
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach. Being Lot 10,
Block B, of Alice Jordan Engram Subdivision. Or as further described in Deed Book W1, Page 246. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 012D163, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 015006
Defendant in Fi Fa: Stacey Lucy Mae & Michael John Stacey
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Stacey, Lucy Mae & Stacey, Michael John, Deceased
CRH Address: 1166 Chestnut Hill Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$ 2,936.26
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 422/472
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 222,
6th District. Being Lot 4, of Rowland Farms Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 21, Page 235. Or as further described in Deed Book 422, Page 472. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 015006, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 022051
Defendant in Fi Fa: Willis, Jamie Lee
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Willis, Jamie Lee, Deceased
CRH Address: 465 Chestnut Hill Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$ 2,202.73
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 201/192
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 228,
6th District, being 2.30 acres, more or less. Being Lot B, of the Subdivision of Lots 21 A & 22 1, of Arthur Snipe Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 17, Page 182. Or as further described in Deed Book 201, Page 192. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 022051, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 022052
Defendant in Fi Fa: Willis, Jamie Lee; Ike Willis & Oscar Willis
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Willis, Jamie Lee & Willis, Ike, Deceased & Willis, Oscar
CRH Address: 465 Chestnut Hill Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$ 918.60
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 320/786
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lots 228 & 229, 6th District, being 2.295 acres, more or less. Being Lot A, of Lots 21A & 22A, of Arthur Snipe Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 17, Page 182. Or as further described in Deed Book 320, Page 786. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 022052, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 022067
Defendant in Fi Fa: Finnell, LaToya
Current Record Holder: Finnell, LaToya
CRH Address: PO Box 854
Macon, GA 31202
Amount Due: \$ 692.46
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 551/394; 77/316
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 220,
6th District. Or as further described in Deed Book 551, Page 394 & Deed Book 77,
Page 316. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 022067, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 032007
Defendant in Fi Fa: Velazquez, Arcedalia & Alberta M. Juarez Roman
Current Record Holder: Velazquez, Arcedalia & Roman, Alberta M. Juarez
CRH Address: 321 Orr Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$ 1,371.11
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 610/197
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 232,
6th District, being 2.00 acres, more or less. Being Parcel 1. As shown in Plat Book 20, Page 260. Or as further described in Deed Book 610, Page 197. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 032007, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 041021A
Defendant in Fi Fa: Allen, Chapel Ame
Current Record Holder: Allen, Chapel AME
CRH Address: 9830 Miami Valley Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$ 1,164.20
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 314/426
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 76,
9th District. Being a portion of that 5.41 acre tract described in Deed Book 314,
Page 426. Less & Except: that 2.41 acre Tract E 2 as shown in Plat Book 24, Page 53. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 041021A, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 041051
Defendant in Fi Fa: Allen, Chapel Ame
Current Record Holder: Allen, Chapel AME
CRH Address: 9830 Miami Valley Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$ 1,093.33
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 314/426
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 76,
9th District, being 2.41 acres, more or less. As shown as Parcel E 1 in Plat Book 24, Page 53. Or as further described as a portion of Deed Book 314, Page 426. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 041051, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 044D002
Defendant in Fi Fa: Arthur, Carrie T
Current Record Holder: Arthur, Carrie T
CRH Address: 112 Iverness Avenue
Warner Robins, GA 31093
Amount Due: \$ 681.73
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 206/10
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 206,
6th District, being 1.00 acre, more or less. Being Tract A. As shown in Plat Book 2, Page 207. Or as further described in Deed Book 206, Page 10. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 044D002, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 044D021
Defendant in Fi Fa: Mathis, Donald
Current Record Holder: Mathis, Donald
CRH Address: 4343 Warm Springs Road Apt 816
Columbus, GA 31909
Amount Due: \$ 446.54
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 457/562
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 206,
6th District. As shown in Plat Book 2, Page 209. Or as further described in Deed Book 457, Page 562. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 044D021, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 045B101AA
Defendant in Fi Fa: Cotney, Russell D.
Current Record Holder: Bush, Jack Franklin & Yarnell, Seth Hunter
CRH Address: 163 Mills Circle
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$ 503.26
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 729/121
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 144,
6th District, being 0.016 acres, more or less. Being Parcel 2B. As shown in Plat Book 26, Page 189. Or as further described in Deed Book 729, Page 121. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 045B101AA, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 045D029
Defendant in Fi Fa: Dobbins, Richard
Current Record Holder: Dobbins, Richard
CRH Address: 280 Hillside Lane
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$ 648.34
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021

Deed Book: 528/469
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 176,
6th District. Being Lot 41. As shown in Plat Book 3, Page 210. Or as further described in Deed Book 528, Page 469. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 045D029, Peach County, Georgia.
Map & Parcel: 051A020A
Defendant in Fi Fa: Bonds, Fredda K.
Current Record Holder: Bonds, Fredda K.
CRH Address: 40 Hanna Drive, Apt A
Talking Rock, GA 30175
Amount Due: \$ 436.06
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 410/209
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, 10th District, being 0.132 acres, more or less. As shown as Parcel B in Plat Book 26, Page 106.
Or as further described in Deed Book 410, Page 209. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 051A020A, Peach County, Georgia.
Map & Parcel: 052A026
Defendant in Fi Fa: Steven Russell Price Executor Of The 362 Estate Of Larry Eugene Price
Current Record Holder: Price, Steven Russell Executor Of The Estate Of Price, Larry Eugene
CRH Address: PO Box 1606
Macon, GA 31202
Amount Due: \$ 818.85
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 623/264
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Byron,
Land Lot 16, 5th District, being 0.63 acres, more or less. Being Lot 16, Block A, of Summit Chase Subdivision, Section 2. As shown in Plat Book 4, Page 309. Or as further described in Deed Book 623, Page 264. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 052A026, Peach County, Georgia.
Map & Parcel: 052A187
Defendant in Fi Fa: Faith Built, LLC
Current Record Holder: Faith Built, LLC
CRH Address: 96 Southshore Court
Bonaire, GA 31005
Amount Due: \$ 464.55
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 671/19
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 209,
6th District, being 0.49 acres, more or less. As shown as a portion of that tract in Plat Book 25, Page 174. Or as further described in Deed Book 671, Page 19. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 052A187, Peach County, Georgia.
Map & Parcel: 053B088
Defendant in Fi Fa: Steadman, Sharon Kay
Current Record Holder: Steadman, Sharon Kay
CRH Address: 5312 Housers Mill Road
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$ 617.33
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 669/624
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 35,
5th District, being 0.77 acres, more or less. Being Parcel B 1. As shown in Plat Book 15, Page 211. Or as further described as Tract 1 in Deed Book 669, Page 624.
Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 053B088, Peach County, Georgia.
Map & Parcel: 053B090
Defendant in Fi Fa: Wade, Lisa & Gregory O Wade
Current Record Holder: Wade, Lisa & Wade, Gregory O.
CRH Address: 8360 Grace Road
Macon, GA 31216
Amount Due: \$ 2,772.47
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 636/789
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 35,
5th District, being 2.00 acres, more or less. Being Parcel 3 A. As shown in Plat Book 17, Page 193. Or as further described in Deed Book 636, Page 789. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 053B090, Peach County, Georgia.
Map & Parcel: 064G012
Defendant in Fi Fa: Pitts, Pattie Ann
Current Record Holder: Pitts, Pattie Ann
CRH Address: 265 Sudan Road
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$ 1,307.06
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 415/136

Map & Parcel: 052A026
Defendant in Fi Fa: Steven Russell Price Executor Of The 362 Estate Of Larry Eugene Price
Current Record Holder: Price, Steven Russell Executor Of The Estate Of Price, Larry Eugene
CRH Address: PO Box 1606
Macon, GA 31202
Amount Due: \$ 818.85
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 623/264
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Byron,
Land Lot 16, 5th District, being 0.63 acres, more or less. Being Lot 16, Block A, of Summit Chase Subdivision, Section 2. As shown in Plat Book 4, Page 309. Or as further described in Deed Book 623, Page 264. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 052A026, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 052A187
Defendant in Fi Fa: Faith Built, LLC
Current Record Holder: Faith Built, LLC
CRH Address: 96 Southshore Court
Bonaire, GA 31005
Amount Due: \$ 464.55
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 671/19
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 209,
6th District, being 0.49 acres, more or less. As shown as a portion of that tract in Plat Book 25, Page 174. Or as further described in Deed Book 671, Page 19. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 052A187, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 053B088
Defendant in Fi Fa: Steadman, Sharon Kay
Current Record Holder: Steadman, Sharon Kay
CRH Address: 5312 Housers Mill Road
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$ 617.33
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 669/624
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 35,
5th District, being 0.77 acres, more or less. Being Parcel B 1. As shown in Plat Book 15, Page 211. Or as further described as Tract 1 in Deed Book 669, Page 624.
Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 053B088, Peach County, Georgia.
Map & Parcel: 053B090
Defendant in Fi Fa: Wade, Lisa & Gregory O Wade
Current Record Holder: Wade, Lisa & Wade, Gregory O.
CRH Address: 8360 Grace Road
Macon, GA 31216
Amount Due: \$ 2,772.47
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 636/789
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 35,
5th District, being 2.00 acres, more or less. Being Parcel 3 A. As shown in Plat Book 17, Page 193. Or as further described in Deed Book 636, Page 789. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 053B090, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 064G012
Defendant in Fi Fa: Pitts, Pattie Ann
Current Record Holder: Pitts, Pattie Ann
CRH Address: 265 Sudan Road
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$ 1,307.06
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 415/136

Map & Parcel: 064G012
Defendant in Fi Fa: Pitts, Pattie Ann
Current Record Holder: Pitts, Pattie Ann
CRH Address: 265 Sudan Road
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$ 1,307.06
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 415/136

Map & Parcel: 064G012
Defendant in Fi Fa: Pitts, Pattie Ann
Current Record Holder: Pitts, Pattie Ann
CRH Address: 265 Sudan Road
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$ 1,307.06
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 415/136

Map & Parcel: 064G012
Defendant in Fi Fa: Pitts, Pattie Ann
Current Record Holder: Pitts, Pattie Ann
CRH Address: 265 Sudan Road
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$ 1,307.06
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 415/136

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Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 75, 5th District. Being Lots 13 & 14, Block A, Section 1, of Sherwood Forest Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 10, Page 86. Or as further described in Deed Book 415, Page 136. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 064G012, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 064G058
Defendant in Fi Fa: Thompson, James Michael Jr
Current Record Holder: Thompson, James Micheal Jr. a/k/a Thompson, James Michael Jr.
CRH Address: 165 Sledge Road
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$
1,402.15
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 556/812

Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 75, 5th District, Being Lot 31, Block B, Phase 4, of Sherwood Forest Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 11, Page 205. Or as further described in Deed Book 556, Page 812. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 064G058, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 064G102
Defendant in Fi Fa: Thomas, Robert L
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Thomas, Robert L. Deceased
CRH Address: PO Box 762
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$
1,214.75
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 203/350

Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 75, 5th District. Being Lot 74 & 75, Block B, Phase 8, of Sherwood Forrest Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 16, Page 62. Or as further described in Deed Book 203, Page 350. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 064G102, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 064G113
Defendant in Fi Fa: Peach Colony Company, Inc.
Current Record Holder: Peach Colony Company, Inc.
CRH Address: 4339 Hartley Bridge Road
Suite 335
Macon, GA 31216
Amount Due: \$
1,133.80
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 168/803

Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 75, 5th District. Being Lot 23, Block F, of Sherwood Forrest Subdivision, Phase 8. As shown in Plat Book 16, Page 62. Or as further described in Deed Book 168, Page 803. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 064G113, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 064G114
Defendant in Fi Fa: Peach Colony Company, Inc.
Current Record Holder: Peach Colony Company, Inc.
CRH Address: 4339 Hartley Bridge Road
Suite 335
Macon, GA 31216
Amount Due: \$
1,337.07
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 168/799

Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 75, 5th District. Being Lot 22, Block F, of Sherwood Forrest Subdivision, Phase 8. As shown in Plat Book 16, Page 62. Or as further described in Deed Book 168, Page 799. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 064G114, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 064G161
Defendant in Fi Fa: Brown, Tommie E. & Anita M. Alderman
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Alderman, Anita M., Deceased
CRH Address: 150 Sherwood Boulevard
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$
734.63
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 281/685

Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 75, 5th District. Being Lot 6, Block D, of Sherwood Forest Subdivision, Phase 3. As shown in Plat Book 11, Pages 141 & 142. Or as further described in Deed Book 281, Page 685. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 064G161, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 064G197
Defendant in Fi Fa: Peach Colony Company, Inc.
Current Record Holder: Peach Colony Company, Inc.
CRH Address: 4339 Hartley Bridge Road
Suite 335
Macon, GA 31216
Amount Due: \$
770.21
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 515/545

Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 75, 5th District. Being Lot 8, Phase 7, of Sherwood Forrest Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 16, Page 24. Or as further described in Deed Book 515, Page 545. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 064G197, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1215MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Ryals, Fred & Pamela Ryals
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Ryals, Fred & Ryals, Pamela, Deceased
CRH Address: 233 Sudan Road
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$
646.64
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1990, 24x44, Peach State Homes, Peach State, Serial # PSHGA6643AB, located at Tax Map & Parcel 064G014, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1457MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Hubbard, Janie M.
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Hubbard, Janie M., Deceased
CRH Address: 303 Lamar Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
426.95
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1976, 12x56, Guerdon, Guerdon LC, Serial # 1099, located at Tax Map & Parcel B01B094, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1821MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Ezell, Thomas
Current Record Holder: Ezell, Thomas
CRH Address: 2 Lisa Drive
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$
1,106.78
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1989, 23x54, Peach State Homes, Peachstate, located at Tax Map & Parcel 064G113, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 1974MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Harris, Dantavious Marelle
Current Record Holder: Harris, Dantavious Marelle & Beagles, Lak- enya Shantee
CRH Address: 37 Chestnut Hill Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
1,141.96
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1998, 16x76, Horton, Mirage, Serial # H207124G, located at Tax Map & Parcel 044D022, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 2075MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: McKenzie, Ronald
Current Record Holder: McKenzie, Ronald
CRH Address: 677 Barrow Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
1,449.02
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1998, 24x60, Bellcrest Homes, Bellcrest, Serial # GBHML31649A, located at Tax Map & Parcel 027001, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 253MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Snipes, Jareka Teon
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Snipes, Jareka Teon, Deceased
CRH Address: 18 Owens Road
Butler, GA 31006
Amount Due: \$
978.72
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1971, 12x64, Guerdon, Cranbrook, Serial # 4KC06012E7N7259, located at Tax Map & Parcel F01C008, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 2960MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Norbert, Benjamin
Current Record Holder: Norbert, Benjamin
CRH Address: 175 Southwind Drive
Dallas, GA 30157
Amount Due: \$
3,543.57
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1999, 16x76, Pioneer, located at Tax Map & Parcel 064G112, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 3033MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Duffie, Ruby H.
Current Record Holder: Duffie,

Ruby H.
CRH Address: P O Box 1862
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
1,052.16
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024
Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1995, 14x68, Pioneer, Serial # PH306GA5338, located at Tax Map & Parcel F01C008, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 3055MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Dobbins, Daniel Y.
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Dobbins, Daniel Y., Deceased
CRH Address: 252 Hillside Lane
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$
811.05
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1977, 24x48, All American, Serial # 3009AB, located at Tax Map & Parcel 045D030, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 3090MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Plant, Dave
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Grantham, V.J. & Mrs. Grantham, Deceased & Plant, Dave
CRH Address: 8 Trowbridge Road
Worcester, MA 01609
Amount Due: \$
993.17
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1970, 12x65, Nashua, Serial # M60C2DD18370R, located at Tax Map & Parcel 012D175, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 4648MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Jones, Willie
Current Record Holder: Jones, Willie F. & Jones, Mandy L.
CRH Address: 561 Rolling Hill Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
2,558.86
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1992, 24x52, Fleetwood, Oak Knoll, Serial # GAFLM34AB150510K, located at Tax Map & Parcel 008D108, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 5171MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Alderman, Eddie
Current Record Holder: Alderman, Eddie
CRH Address: 132 Sherwood Boulevard
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$
1,121.51
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1974, 24x56, American, Serial # 23927, located at Tax Map & Parcel 064G133, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 5417MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Alderman, Eddie Lynn
Current Record Holder: Alderman, Eddie Lynn
CRH Address: 132 Sherwood Boulevard
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$
1,098.95
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1985, 14x76, Crimson, Serial # ALWH2618637, located at Tax Map & Parcel 064G070, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 59MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Avant, James
Current Record Holder: Avant, James
CRH Address: 363 Cleveland Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
3,861.80
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1971, 12x56, Casavega, Serial # MHMA1890310, located at Tax Map & Parcel 012C008, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 6014MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Garren, Cody
Current Record Holder: Garren, Cody
CRH Address: 4640 Housers Mill Road
Lot 200
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$
1,017.43
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1975, 12x56, Argo, Serial # 12260FK8296, located at Tax Map & Parcel 053D061, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 6020MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Batson, Brian Keith
Current Record Holder: Batson, Brian Keith
CRH Address: 6541 Chriswood Drive
Macon, GA 31216
Amount Due: \$
1,001.07
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1985, 12x60, Horton,

Summit, located at Tax Map & Parcel 022087, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 6227MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Taylor, Cynthia
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Taylor, Cynthia B., Deceased & Taylor, William Otis
CRH Address: 611 Peach Road
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$
2,528.38
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1996, 16x76, Buccaneer, Challenger LTD, Serial # ALBUSW0191912, located at Tax Map & Parcel 064C017, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 6648MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Beagles, LaKenya S.
Current Record Holder: Beagles, LaKenya S.
CRH Address: PO Box 6618
Warner Robins, GA 31095
Amount Due: \$
1,329.48
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 2001, 27x40, Redman, New Moon, Serial # 11438016AB, located at Tax Map & Parcel 044D022, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 6724MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Wright, Jr. Lucius Calvin
Current Record Holder: Wright, Lucius Calvin Jr.
CRH Address: 4001 US Highway 41 N.
Lot 89
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$
495.15
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1974, 12x66, Aquarius, Serial # 16314, located at Tax Map & Parcel 064B019, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 6745MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Carter, Shawn Patrick & Betty Christine
Current Record Holder: Carter, Shawn Patrick & Carter, Betty Christine
CRH Address: 548 Adrian Place
Macon, GA 31204
Amount Due: \$
544.39
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1986, 14x67, Redman, Serial # 14705133, located at Tax Map & Parcel 064B019, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: 862MH
Defendant in Fi Fa: Little, AC & Ora
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Little, AC & Little, Ora, Deceased
CRH Address: 66 Sunset Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
1,042.29
Tax Years Due: 2025, 2024

Legal Description: M O - BILE HOME: 1988, 14x67, Fleetwood, Weston, located at Tax Map & Parcel 008D080, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F01A007
Defendant in Fi Fa: Fuller Center Housing Of Macon GA, Inc.
Current Record Holder: The Fuller Center for Housing of Macon Georgia, Inc.
CRH Address: PO Box 14921
Macon, GA 31203
Amount Due: \$
514.06
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021

Deed Book: 630/682
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, 9th District. Being Lot 6, Block A, Section A, of River Road Village & Additions. Or as further described as Flint Road, Lot 6 Tract in Deed Book 630, Page 682. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F01A007, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F01B019
Defendant in Fi Fa: Harrison Battle Enterprises, LLC
Current Record Holder: Grimes, Troi
CRH Address: PO Box 1211
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
491.07
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021

Deed Book: 665/328
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort Valley, being 0.16 acres, more or less. Being Lot 3, Block 7, of O'Nealton Subdivision. Or as further described in Deed Book 665, Page 328. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F01B019, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F01C005
Defendant in Fi Fa: Ruby Holloman Duffie, LLC
Current Record Holder: Ruby Holloman Duffie, LLC
CRH Address: PO Box 1836
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
604.46
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020

Deed Book: 484/65
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, 9th

District, GMD. Being Lot 4B, Section B, of River Road Village & Additions Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 10, Page 4. Or as further described in Deed Book 484, Page 65. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F01C005, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F01D027
Defendant in Fi Fa: Giving Center
Current Record Holder: Giving Center
CRH Address: 1175 Shaw Avenue
104 135
Clovis, CA 93612
Amount Due: \$
1,068.08
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 672/620

Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 214, 9th District, being 1.59 acres, more or less. Being Parcels 1 & 2, Block 10, of O'Nealton Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 26, Page 62. Or as further described in Deed Book 672, Page 620. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F01D027, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F01D044
Defendant in Fi Fa: Everetts Estates And Realty, LLC
Current Record Holder: Everetts Estates and Realty, LLC
CRH Address: 340 Beeland Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
968.06
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 701/580

Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort Valley, Land Lot 215, 9th District, being 0.14 acres, more or less. Being Lot 20, Block B, of N.B. Miller Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 2, Page 237. Or as further described in Deed Book 701, Page 580. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F01D044, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F01D045
Defendant in Fi Fa: Culler, Tom
Current Record Holder: Culler, Tom & Culler, Alice
CRH Address: PO Box 1443
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
1,105.71
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019

Deed Book: J1/106
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 215, 9th District. Being Lot 21, Block B, of N.B. Miller Subdivision. Or as further described in Deed Book J1, Page 106. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F01D045, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F01D115
Defendant in Fi Fa: Wright, Vondranita & Benita Ann Lockhart
Current Record Holder: Wright, Vondranita & Lockhart, Benita Ann
CRH Address: 1198 Cypress Drive
Macon, GA 31204
Amount Due: \$
889.54
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 334/157

Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort Valley, 9th District, being 0.18 acres, more or less. Being Lot 7, Block 3, of O'Nealton Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 4, Page 77. Or as further described in Deed Book 334, Page 157. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F01D115, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F01D144
Defendant in Fi Fa: Douglas, Edna Marie
Current Record Holder: Douglas, Edna Marie
CRH Address: 159 White Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
492.10
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022

Deed Book: 192/317
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort Valley, being Lot 16, Block A, of Friendship Park Subdivision. Or as further described in Deed Book 192, Page 317. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F01D144, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F01F020A
Defendant in Fi Fa: Barnard Ingram, LLC
Current Record Holder: Barnard Ingram, LLC
CRH Address: 8816 Clearview Court
Plano, TX 75025
Amount Due: \$
437.19
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 564/101

Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 234, 9th District. Being Lot 5, Block H, of Beverly Hills Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 2, Page 245. Or as further described in Deed Book 564, Page 101. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F01F020A, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F01F023
Defendant in Fi Fa: Lockett, Linda Brenda & Gerald Lockett
Current Record Holder: Lockett, Linda Brenda & Lockett, Gerald & Dugger, Brenden
CRH Address: 1552 Sweetwater Drive
Warner Robins, GA 31088
Amount Due: \$
543.65
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 235/669

Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 234, 9th District, being 0.52 acres, more or less. Being Lots 10 & 11, Block H. As shown in Plat Book 2, Page 245. Or as further described in Deed Book 235, Page 669. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F01F023, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F04A058
Defendant in Fi Fa: Fuller Center Housing Of Macon GA, Inc.
Current Record Holder: The Fuller Center for Housing of Macon Georgia, Inc.
CRH Address: PO Box 14921
Macon, GA 31203
Amount Due: \$
451.16
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 630/682
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort Valley, being 0.12 acres, more or less. Or as further described as the Walker Street Tract in Deed Book 630, Page 682. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F04A058, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F04A079
Defendant in Fi Fa: Fuller Center Housing Of Macon GA, Inc.
Current Record Holder: The Fuller Center for Housing of Macon Georgia, Inc.
CRH Address: PO Box 14921
Macon, GA 31203
Amount Due: \$
740.49
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 630/682
Legal Description: Allthat tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot 241, 9th District, being 0.11 acres, more or less. Being Lot 3, of Southside Subdivision. Or as further described as the 106 Spalding Street Tract in Deed Book 630, Page 682. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F04A079, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F04A148
Defendant in Fi Fa: Feed Center Outreach Ministries, Inc.
Current Record Holder: Stanley, Keisha
CRH Address: 313 Carver Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
438.49
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 626/258
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort Valley, being Lot 11, Block 4, of E.M. Faga Addition Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 1, Page 80. Or as further described in Deed Book 626, Page 258. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F04A148, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F04A196
Defendant in Fi Fa: Starks, Robyn
Current Record Holder: Starks, Robyn
CRH Address: 35 Middleton Court
Smyrna, GA 30080
Amount Due: \$
546.77
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 371/465; 653/446
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort Valley, being 0.28 acres, more or less. Being Tract 2. Or as further described in Deed Book 371, Page 465 & Deed Book 653, Page 446. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F04A196, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F04A223
Defendant in Fi Fa: Wright, Tanika
Current Record Holder: Wright, Tanika
CRH Address: 404 Fagan Circle
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
503.62
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 626/252
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot

Map & Parcel: F04A223
Defendant in Fi Fa: Wright, Tanika
Current Record Holder: Wright, Tanika
CRH Address: 404 Fagan Circle
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
503.62
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 626/252
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot

Map & Parcel: F04A223
Defendant in Fi Fa: Wright, Tanika
Current Record Holder: Wright, Tanika
CRH Address: 404 Fagan Circle
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
503.62
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 626/252
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, Land Lot

Map & Parcel: F04A223
Defendant in Fi Fa: Wright, Tanika
Current Record Holder: Wright, Tanika
CRH Address: 404 Fagan Circle
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
503.62
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 626/252
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CRH Address: 404 Fagan Circle
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Amount Due: \$
503.62
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 626/252
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of

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of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.22 acres, more or less. Being Lot 24, of Fagan Subdivision. Or as further described in Deed Book 626, Page 252. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F04A223, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F04A252
Defendant in Fi Fa: Holsey, Eddie Jr.
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Holsey, Charles M., Deceased; Holsey, James & Holsey, Ophelia
CRH Address: 304 Spillers Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
560.26
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: G2/113 & 114
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, Being Lots 10 & 11, Block 2, of E.M. Fagan Addition Subdivision. Or as further described in Deed Book G2, Pages 113 & 114. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F04A252, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F04A329
Defendant in Fi Fa: Ridley, Roy
Current Record Holder: Ridley, Roy
CRH Address: 2957 Major Ridge Trail
Duluth, GA 30097
Amount Due: \$
446.27
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 274/53
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, Land Lot 203, being 0.26 acres, more or less. Being Lot 19, of G. Algie & Mary C. Fagan Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 2, Page 218. Or as further described in Deed Book 274, Page 53. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F04A329, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F04A330
Defendant in Fi Fa: Ridley, Victoria King
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Ridley, Victoria King, Deceased
CRH Address: 117 Forest Park Drive
Warner Robins, GA 31093
Amount Due: \$
520.27
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 167/575
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.16 acres, more or less. Or as further described in Deed Book 167, Page 575. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F04A330, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F04B083
Defendant in Fi Fa: Cobb, Redonda
Current Record Holder: Wright, Nancy O.
CRH Address: 147 Morris Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
540.20
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 194/485; 650/460
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, Land Lots 182 & 203, 9th District. Being a portion of Lot 3, Block D, of Oaklawn Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 1, Page 272. Or as further described in Deed Book 194, Page 485 & a portion of Deed Book 650, Page 460. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F04B083, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F04C032
Defendant in Fi Fa: Carter, Chris & Bernadette Carter
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Carter, Chris & Carter, Bernadette Deceased
CRH Address: 3633 Topof The Pines
Raleigh, NC 27604
Amount Due: \$
838.78
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 570/428
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.20 acres, more or less. Or as further described in Deed Book 570, Page 428. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F04C032, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F04C128
Defendant in Fi Fa: Montfort, Terry Don Jr.
Current Record Holder: Montfort, Terry Don Jr.
CRH Address: 495 Durham Ridge Drive NW
Lilburn, GA 30047
Amount Due: \$
559.27
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022

Deed Book: 663/639
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, Being Lot 2, Block D, of Alva Tabor Subdivision. Or as further described in Deed Book 663, Page 639. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F04C128, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05A025
Defendant in Fi Fa: Hardee, Kathy
Current Record Holder: Estrada, Rafael J. & Trejo, Guadalupe
CRH Address: 1987 Camp John Hope Road
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
562.23
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 717/348
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.17 acres, more or less. Being Lot 5, of West End Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 1, Page 265. Or as further described as a portion of Deed Book 717, Page 348. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05A025, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05A108
Defendant in Fi Fa: McCrory, Cynthia W
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of McCrory, Cynthia W. Deceased
CRH Address: PO Box 305
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
618.86
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 473/803
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.17 acres, more or less. Or as further described as Tract 2 in Deed Book 473, Page 803. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05A108, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05A109
Defendant in Fi Fa: McCrory, Cynthia W
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of McCrory, Cynthia W. Deceased
CRH Address: PO Box 305
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
759.00
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 473/803
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.24 acres, more or less. Or as further described in Deed Book 473, Page 803. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05A109, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05A131
Defendant in Fi Fa: Corker, Issac Etal
Current Record Holder: Corker, Gordon, Corker, Lonnie, Corker, Melvin, & Heath, Jerrod
CRH Address: 1540 Montauk Point
Conyers, GA 30013
Amount Due: \$
450.35
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 287/105
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, Or as further described in Deed Book 287, Page 105. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05A131, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05A166
Defendant in Fi Fa: Armstrong, Ambrosha Lashawn
Current Record Holder: Armstrong, Ambrosha Lashawn
CRH Address: 1426 Penny Lane SE
Marietta, GA 30067
Amount Due: \$
643.88
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020
Deed Book: 583/489
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.11 acres, more or less. Being Lot 105, of Walden Tract Subdivision. Or as further described in Deed Book 583, Page 489. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05A166, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05A204
Defendant in Fi Fa: Holloway, Willie G. Jr.
Current Record Holder: Holloway, Willie G. Jr.
CRH Address: 514 Cliett Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
780.56
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 606/57
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, Being in the Vineville Section. Or as further described in Deed Book 606, Page 57. Being known as Tax Map

& Parcel F05A204, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05A211
Defendant in Fi Fa: Ours
Childrens Future, LLC
Current Record Holder: Ours
Childrens Future, LLC
CRH Address: 904 Russell Parkway Unit 9081
Warner Robins, GA 31095
Amount Due: \$
1,008.09
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020
Deed Book: 647/439
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.11 acres, more or less. Being Lot 15, of Woolfolk Tract Subdivision, Vineville Section. Or as further described in Deed Book 647, Page 439. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05A211, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05A225
Defendant in Fi Fa: McCrory, Charlie B & Ardina Moore
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of McCrory, Mrs. Charlie Bell a/k/a McCrory, Charlie B & Moore, Ardena a/k/a Ardina Moore Deceased
CRH Address: 1910 Highway 341
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
525.23
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: F2/142
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.15 acres, more or less. Or as further described in Deed Book F2, Page 142. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05A225, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05A235
Defendant in Fi Fa: Jones, Clifford & Alice Jones
Current Record Holder: Jones, Clifford C. & Jones, Alice A.
CRH Address: 2794 Valley View Drive
East Point, GA 30344
Amount Due: \$
685.90
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 173/150
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.25 acres, more or less. Being Lots 4 & part of 5, Block 1, of JW Woolfolk Property Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 1, Page 185. Or as further described in Deed Book 173, Page 150. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05A235, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05A297
Defendant in Fi Fa: Green, Larry
Current Record Holder: Green, Larry
CRH Address: 411 ChamLee Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
1,098.33
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 440/132
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.24 acres, more or less. Being a Lot located in Block 2, of Westview Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 1, Page 231. Or as further described in Deed Book 440, Page 132. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05A297, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05B017
Defendant in Fi Fa: Jefferson, Jafus
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Jefferson, Jafus, Deceased
CRH Address: 106 Vienna Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
552.60
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 70/488; 4/593
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, Being Lot 91, of Walden Tract Land. As shown in Deed Book 4, Page 593. Or as further described in Deed Book 70, Page 488. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05B017, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05B024
Defendant in Fi Fa: Tripp, Evelyn
Current Record Holder: Tripp, Evelyn
CRH Address: 82 Windy Hill Court
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
945.20
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 60/646; 4/593
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.12 acres, more or less. Being Lot 92, of Walden Tract Subdivision. As shown in Deed Book 4, Page

593. Or as further described in Deed Book 60, Page 646. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05B024, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05B120
Defendant in Fi Fa: Jones, Mary Janice
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Jones, Mary Janice Deceased
CRH Address: 213 Person Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
4,536.20
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019
Deed Book: 85/327; 2/294
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, 9th District, being 0.46 acres, more or less. Or as further described in Deed Book 2, Page 294 & Deed Book 85, Page 327. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05B120, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05C015
Defendant in Fi Fa: Brown, Lamario & Joshua Elliot
Current Record Holder: Brown, Lamario & Elliot, Joshua
CRH Address: PO Box 41
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
381.81
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 631/627
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, Being Lot 9, Block H, of West End Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 2, Page 294. Or as further described as Tract 1 in Deed Book 631, Page 627. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05C015, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05C021
Defendant in Fi Fa: Glover, Paris & Vanessa T Glover
Current Record Holder: Glover, Paris & Vanessa T.
CRH Address: 802 Carmen Avenue
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
999.43
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 337/249; 8/225 228
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.17 acres, more or less. Being Lot 4, Block I, of West End Addition Subdivision. As shown in Deed Book 8, Pages 225 228. Or as further described in Deed Book 337, Page 249. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05C021, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05C024
Defendant in Fi Fa: Hardee, Shane
Current Record Holder: Hardee, Shane
CRH Address: 509 Valley View Drive
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
541.08
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 290/312
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.34 acres, more or less. Being Lots 7 & 8, Block 1, of West End Addition Subdivision. Or as further described in Deed Book 290, Page 312. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05C024, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05C049
Defendant in Fi Fa: Harris, Devonye
Current Record Holder: Harris, Devonye & Mitchell, Clinton Rudy
CRH Address: 405 Cobbtown, Thomaston, GA 30286
Amount Due: \$ 1,170.65
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 557/643
Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort Valley. Being Lot 4, Block G, of West End Addition Subdivision. Or as further described in Deed Book 557, Page 643. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05C049, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05C170
Defendant in Fi Fa: Sawyer, Emma M
Current Record Holder: Sawyer, Emma M.
CRH Address: 114 Neil Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
1,354.61
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 653/135
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.19 acres, more or less. Or as further described in Deed Book 653, Page 135. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05C170, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05D028
Defendant in Fi Fa: Glover, Jarrett
Current Record Holder: Glover, Jarrett
CRH Address: 697 Grovania Road
Hawkinsville, GA 31036
Amount Due: \$

541.22
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 342/76
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.04 acres, more or less. Or as further described in Deed Book 342, Page 76. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05D028, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05D150
Defendant in Fi Fa: Budbill, Sheldon Louis
Current Record Holder: Budbill, Sheldon Louis
CRH Address: 13185 Bryson City Road
Bryson City, NC 28713
Amount Due: \$
652.06
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020
Deed Book: 479/462; 355/214
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, Being Lots 20 & 21, Block 3, of Oakland Heights Subdivision. Or as further described in Deed Book 355, Page 214 & Deed Book 479, Page 462. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05D150, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05D195
Defendant in Fi Fa: Jones, Thelma B.
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Jones, Thelma B. Deceased
CRH Address: 6229 Thomaston Road Apt 204
Macon, GA 31220
Amount Due: \$
451.50
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 36/579
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, Or as further described in Deed Book 36, Page 579. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05D195, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05F036
Defendant in Fi Fa: B 2
Property Solutions, LLC
Current Record Holder: B 2
Property Solutions, LLC
CRH Address: PO Box 2470
Duluth, GA 30096
Amount Due: \$
1,166.82
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 661/276
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, As shown in Plat Book 4, Page 131. Or as further described in Deed Book 661, Page 276. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05F036, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05F058
Defendant in Fi Fa: Peach County Property Inc
Current Record Holder: Peach County Property, Inc
CRH Address: 124 E Main Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
2,314.08
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019
Deed Book: 497/376
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 1.071 acres, more or less. Being Parcel B. As shown in Plat Book 18, Page 142. Or as further described in Deed Book 497, Page 376. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05F058, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05F089
Defendant in Fi Fa: Leonard, Astrid Mitra
Current Record Holder: Leonard, Astrid Mitra
CRH Address: 3014 Washington Circle
Moody, AL 35004
Amount Due: \$
633.66
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2019
Deed Book: 306/879; 212/519
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, Or as further described in Deed Book 212, Page 519 & Deed Book 306, Page 879. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05F089, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F05F290
Defendant in Fi Fa: Serranzana, Myrna M
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Serranzana, Myrna M. Deceased
CRH Address: 101 Valley Lake Drive
Perry, GA 31069
Amount Due: \$
16,225.00
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 617/675
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort

Valley, being 0.516 acres, more or less. Or as further described in Deed Book 617, Page 675. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F05F290, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F07C024
Defendant in Fi Fa: Davis, Clara Thomas
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Davis, Clara Thomas Deceased
CRH Address: 625 Spillers Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
2,423.50
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 190/526; 65/547
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, 9th District, being 0.21 acres, more or less. Being Lot 23, of Spillers Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 5, Page 3. Or as further described in Deed Book 65, Page 547 & Deed Book 190, Page 526. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F07C024, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F07C053
Defendant in Fi Fa: Griggs, Martha
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Griggs, Martha, Deceased
CRH Address: 601 Richmond Hill Parkway
Byron, GA 31008
Amount Due: \$
636.49
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022
Deed Book: 77/131
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach. Being Lot 4. As shown in Plat Book 9, Page 11. Or as further described in Deed Book 77, Page 131. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F07C053, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F08A050
Defendant in Fi Fa: Green, Denny Lee Etal
Current Record Holder: Heirs Known & Unknown of Green, Denny Lee & Green, Elizabeth Deceased
CRH Address: 504 Burnette Street
Fort Valley, GA 31030
Amount Due: \$
597.59
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 45/321
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, Or as further described in Deed Book 45, Page 321. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F08A050, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F08A056
Defendant in Fi Fa: Grayson, Maurice
Current Record Holder: Grayson, Maurice
CRH Address: 121 Regency Court
Warner Robins, GA 31088
Amount Due: \$
667.74
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023
Deed Book: 647/356; 567/70
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, Or as further described in Deed Book 567, Page 70 & Deed Book 647, Page 356. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F08A056, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F08A065
Defendant in Fi Fa: Sanders, Ty'ziera
Current Record Holder: Sanders, Ty'ziera
CRH Address: 4384 Pinehurst Byronville Road
Pinehurst, GA 31070
Amount Due: \$
617.00
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020
Deed Book: 701/40
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, being 0.26 acres, more or less. Or as further described in Deed Book 701, Page 40. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F08A065, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F08A077
Defendant in Fi Fa: Johnson, Brandon Marcell
Current Record Holder: Johnson, Brandon Marcell
CRH Address: 206 Sharon Drive
Fayetteville, GA 30214
Amount Due: \$
546.00
Tax Years Due: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021
Deed Book: 583/505
Legal Description: A I I that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Peach, City of Fort
Valley, Or as further described in Deed Book 583, Page 505. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel F08A077, Peach County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: F08C021
Defendant in Fi Fa: Fior-



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Lewis Leaves Her Mark: Ella Lewis Paves the Way for Girls Wrestling at Peach County High School



Coach Harrison Gore and Ella Lewis

By Chris McKenzie
Sports Reporter

At 190 pounds, junior stand-out Ella Lewis isn't just competing — she's making history.

Inside the wrestling room at Peach County High School, Lewis has grown into one of the most recognized female wrestlers in the state of Georgia. Calm, disciplined, and relentless, she has quickly built a résumé that speaks for itself — and a legacy that will be remembered long after she graduates.

Lewis is the first-ever Region Champion in girls wrestling in school history. She also became the first female state qualifier at

Peach County, placing third at sectionals and finishing eighth at the State Tournament. Adding to her historic season, she holds the record for the most wins in a single season — boy or girl — in PCHS wrestling history.

Her journey back to the mat started with persistence.

When Lewis arrived at Peach County in the 10th grade, Head Coach Harrison Gore kept asking her a simple question: Why not wrestle? Though she had wrestled in the sixth grade, she had stepped away to focus on other sports. It was Coach Gore's encouragement that ultimately brought her back.

"I asked Ella what inspired

her to start wrestling again, and she credited Coach Gore," Lewis said. "He kept asking me about it."

That decision changed everything.

Lewis admits that wrestling is more physically demanding than it is mental. The daily grind of practice pushes her limits, but she embraces it.

"The practices are hard," she said, "but it's worth it."

Coach Gore describes Lewis as one of the calmest competitors he has ever coached.

"She is one of the calmest people I've ever seen before they step on the mat," Gore said. "Nothing rattles her."

Before matches, Lewis prepares mentally by listening to music — and according to her parents, Delise Knight and Paul Knight, music is always part of her life. From all genres and styles, she keeps her headphones nearby. That pre-match routine helps her focus and block out distractions.

Beyond the mat, Lewis is grounded by a strong support system. Her family, teammates, and coaches all play a major role in her success.

"When she steps off the mat, she feels loved," her parents shared.

Her growth hasn't only been personal — it's been program-wide.

Last year, Peach County had just four girls on the wrestling roster. This season, that number jumped to eleven. Lewis has helped spark that growth, serving as a role model for younger wrestlers watching her success unfold. Her mother, Mrs. Knight, pointed out that



Photo by Chris McKenzie

Coach Harrison Gore, Ella Lewis, Delise Knight, and Paul Knight

women's wrestling is currently the fastest-growing sport in the United States, and the tight-knit culture at Peach County reflects that rise.

Lewis' message to young girls considering wrestling is simple and powerful:

"Just do it."

Discipline has become one of the biggest lessons wrestling has taught her. She credits the sport with helping her develop self-control unlike anything she's experienced before. Coach Gore makes sure the team practices every day, building not only skill but consistency.

Off the mat, Lewis shines just as brightly. She balances academics, social life, and athletics by staying disciplined with her

time.

"I try to get all of my schoolwork done at school so I don't have to worry about it once I get home," she explained. "That takes stress off wrestling and makes it easier to have a social life."

Coach Gore praised her classroom performance, calling her phenomenal academically. Athletic Director Greg Ellison echoed that pride, emphasizing that her growth goes beyond wins and losses.

"We want her to win at life," Ellison said.

Lewis is known for being responsive to feedback during matches and practice — always looking for ways to improve. That coachability has been a key factor in her historic season.

Despite her accolades — Region Champion, State placer, record-holder — those closest to her say her humility stands out most. Win, lose, or draw, she carries herself with grace.

As she looks ahead to her senior year, Lewis has unfinished business.

Her offseason plans are simple: perfect her craft, get in even better shape, and win it all at state.

For now, though, her impact is already undeniable. Ella Lewis hasn't just built a successful season — she's built a foundation for girls wrestling at Peach County High School. And she's only getting started.

Trojans Battle Through Tough Weekend at LakePoint, Eye Quick Turnaround

By Chris McKenzie
Sports Reporter

The Peach County Trojans hit the road this past weekend, traveling to Emerson, Georgia to compete at the prestigious LakePoint Sports Complex against strong competition from across the state.

Day 1: Sequoyah Pulls Away

On the opening day of play, the Trojans squared off against Sequoyah High School. Peach County battled throughout the contest but ultimately fell by a score of 5-1. Despite solid defensive mo-

ments and competitive at-bats, the Trojans were unable to generate enough offense to overcome Sequoyah's timely hitting.

Day 2: Split Results in Doubleheader Action

Saturday featured a pair of games for Peach County, beginning with a matchup against North Forsyth High School. The Trojans ran into a hot-hitting North Forsyth squad and dropped the contest 15-5. North Forsyth capitalized on early scoring opportunities and never relinquished control.

However, the Trojans responded in strong fashion in their second game of the day against Chapel Hill High School. Peach County's bats came alive as they secured a convincing 12-2 victory. The Trojans showed resilience, stringing together key hits and playing disciplined baseball to close out the weekend on a positive note.

Looking Ahead

Although Peach County finished the weekend 1-2, the experience of competing against quality opponents at LakePoint provides valuable lessons

as the season progresses. The Trojans demonstrated flashes of their offensive firepower and competitive spirit, especially in their dominant win over Chapel Hill.

With the early-season tests behind them, Peach County now turns its focus toward getting back to its consistent brand of baseball. Coaches remain confident that the team will regroup, clean up mistakes, and return to their winning ways in the games ahead.

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