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## Making history, FVSU Choir nominated in Stellar Awards newly added HBCU category

By Zoe Hammond News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga — The Fort Valley State University Choir has officially been named a nominee for the inaugural Stellar Awards HBCU Choir of the Year, the university announced in a social media post Wednesday, June 3.

The Stellar Awards recognizes achievements in the gospel music industry and introduced the HBCU Choir of the Year as a new category for 2026. The award will honor gospel choirs from Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

“This moment belongs to our students, alumni, supporters, faculty, staff, family members, and every person who voted, shared, reposted, en-

couraged, and prayed for us throughout this journey. To be recognized on a national stage among some of the finest HBCU choirs in the country is an incredible honor and a testament to the talent, dedication, and excellence of our choir members. Thank you for believing in us and helping us reach this historic milestone,” the FVSU choir said in the social media post.

The other nominees include the Howard Gospel Choir of Howard University, the Morgan State University Choir, the NCA&T Fellowship Gospel Choir and the Southern University Gospel Choir.

The winner will be announced on Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026, at the Spectrum Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.



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## Georgia Peach Festival celebrates 40 years of ‘Being Peachy!’



Photo by Zoe Hammond

The Peach Cart is being pushed into position to start selling peaches at the Georgia Peach Festival!

By Zoe Hammond News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga — The Georgia Peach Festival has returned to Downtown Fort Valley, this time for its 40th anniversary celebration!

The Georgia Peach Festival featured numerous events throughout both Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6, as a way to honor local peach growers for their contributions to the state economy and showcase the City of Fort Valley.

Both days saw festival goers strolling down Church Street, browsing the many vendors lining both sides of the road. There

were a variety of vendors, with some selling homemade crafts like wooden birdhouses and handmade soaps. The Friday Evening Kickoff Party started with AJ the DJ and LadiT.

The Peach Festival continued bright and early on Saturday morning, starting with the “Fill the Boots for Burns” Pancake Breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m., which took place at the Fire Department Fire House at 204 West Church Street.

The Peachy Parade started at 10 a.m. and featured the Fort Valley City Council, the Fort Valley Police Department, the Fort Valley Fire Department, the Fort Valley

Utility Commission, the Georgia Peach Queens, Lane Orchards, Dickey Farms, Pearson Farms, the NoD Percussion, and more.

This year’s Parade Marshals were Duke Lane of Lane Orchards, Al Pearson of Pearson Farms, and Robert Dickey of Dickey Farms. All three marshals were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the peach industry.

“These distinguished peach growers represent generations of dedication, hard work, and commitment to an industry that has helped make Georgia peaches

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## Georgia Supreme Court upholds conviction of man’s involvement in toddler’s killing at Lakeview Apartments

By Zoe Hammond News Editor

FORT VALLEY, Ga — A Peach County man previously convicted for the death of a toddler at Lakeview Apartments requested an appeal, saying there wasn’t enough evidence to convict him of the crime; however, the Georgia Supreme Court disagrees.

The Georgia Supreme Court upheld the conviction of Christopher Miller, who was involved in the July 2022 killing of 2-year-old Marcus Ball, Jr. at the Lakeview Apartment in Fort Valley alongside Wontazious Bivins and Jabari Thomas. Ball’s sister was also seriously injured during the shooting.

On appeal, Miller argues that the evidence was not enough to convict him on the murder charges; however, after reviewing the evidence, the Georgia Supreme Court disagreed.

According to court documents, the incident that led to Ball’s death on the night of July 20, 2022, stemmed from a feud that was completely unrelated to the toddler.

Miller and another man were dating the same woman, which is what led to the shooting at Lakeview Apartments, where the other man lived.

The day before the shooting, Miller went to the Lakeview Apartments to meet a person who was acquainted with the other man. During the meeting, someone tried to shoot at Miller. He says he thought he was being targeted.

The next day, things continued to escalate, as an “abnormally large” group gathered at Lakeview Apartments, court documents state. A witness stated she saw Miller and Bivins with AK-47s and left the area before the shooting occurred.

Later that night, gunfire erupted during a shootout, which began at 10:42 p.m. After the shootout, two bullets had hit the wall of Building D, where Marcus Ball Jr. was. He had been fatally shot.

When appealing his case, Miller argued that the evidence was not enough to convict him on



Photo Contributed Christopher Miller

the murder charges.

The Georgia Supreme Court disagreed, stating that Miller and his companions were equipped with numerous firearms and that they fired towards the victims. Based on that evidence, the Georgia Supreme Court says there was sufficient evidence to convict him. The Georgia Supreme Court further stated that it was either Miller or someone in his party who likely fired the shots that killed Ball and injured his sister.

“Under that standard, the evidence summarized above was sufficient to show, contrary to Miller’s contention, that either Miller or one of companions fired the shot that killed Marcus and injured his sister,” the Supreme Court wrote in their ruling. “In sum, even if Miller himself did not fire the fatal shot, the evidence presented at trial was sufficient to sustain his convictions at least as a party to the crimes.”

Miller also argued about the malicious murder conviction. He argues that he did not intend to kill Ball and that, legally, his malice murder conviction could not stand.

The Georgia Supreme Court says that was not the case, citing the doctrine of transferred intent, which states that if a person tries to shoot and kill someone and hits someone else, they can be punished for their original intent.

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Photo by Zoe Hammond

Miss Georgia Peach Queens float was spotted handing out candies at the GA Peach Festival parade.



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Fellow Farmers,

We write today as state legislators. More importantly, we write to you as Georgia farmers who have had the unique experience of witnessing the intersection of governmental policy and the effects those policies can have on our family farms.

We each fight in Atlanta every day during the legislative session on behalf of the Agriculture community. In the environment under the Gold Dome, we learn pretty quickly who has the backs of our state's farm families and rural Georgia. **We can tell you unequivocally that Lt. Governor Burt Jones has been a steadfast friend to agriculture and rural Georgia. Even during times when it would've been easier, and perhaps even more politically prudent to go in a different direction, he has stood by and fought for the interests of the agriculture industry and farming families in both his former role as a State Senator and now as Lt. Governor.**

Combined, those who signed this letter represent families who have farmed for generations. Burt and his family have farmed on the same land in Butts County for six generations. We may be Senators and Representatives while the legislature is in session, but we are always full-time farmers.

**We each know, without a doubt in our hearts, that Burt Jones is the person we trust most to fight for our family farms and yours too. That is why we are supporting him in his campaign to be our next Governor and humbly ask you to join us in voting for Burt Jones on June 16th.**

May God bless your families, your farms, and our shared future. Your friends,

**Senator Russ Goodman**  
Chairman, Senate Agriculture Committee

**Senator Lee Anderson**  
Chairman, Senate Natural Resources Committee

**Representative Angie O'Steen**  
House Agriculture Committee

**Representative Robert Dickey**  
Chairman, House Agriculture Committee

**Senator Drew Echols**  
Chairman, Senate Economic Development Committee

**Representative Jutt Howard**  
House Agriculture Committee

**Senator Sam Watson**  
Senate Agriculture Committee

**Representative John Corbett**  
House Agriculture Committee

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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

Barlow, Olivia Vanessa, 51, Chester, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Felony

Colbert, Jelissa Nicole, 38, Warner Robins, GA: No Tag Or Expired Registration, Knowingly Driving With Suspended/Canceled Registration, Driving With Suspended License

Harrelson, Brian Charles, 50, Forsyth, GA: Forgery 3rd Degree \$1500 Or More, Fleeing/Attempting To Elude Police, Identification Document - Falsify

Harrison, Wesley Aaron, 49, Warner Robins, GA: Probation Violation

Henderson, Dasha Evon, 22, Montgomery, AL: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits, Driving Without A Valid License

Hill, Maurice Jacquez, 32, Macon, GA: Driving With Suspended License, Loitering Or Prowling, Possession Of Marijuana, Less Than 1 Oz, Open Container In Motor Vehicle (Misd)

Paul, Charles Shane, 50, Phoenix City, AL: Driving With Suspended License, No Insurance, Knowingly Driving With Suspended/Canceled Registration, Window Tint Violation

Pierce, Antoine D, 42, Warner Robins, GA: Driving With Suspended License, Knowingly Driving With Suspended/Canceled Registration, No Insurance

Martinez, Desmond Ami Moon Cruz, 20, Fort Valley, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Suell, Marie Nalani, 27, Foresthill, CA: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Fleeing Or Attempting To Elude Police Officer, DUI - Drugs And Alcohol Combined, Reckless Driving, Failure To Maintain Lane, Aggressive Driving, Failure To Exercise Due Care, Following Too Closely, Disorderly Conduct, Failure To Maintain Insurance, Animal Cruelty, Improper Lane Usage, Knowingly Driving Motor Vehicle On Suspended, Canceled, Or Revoked Registration, Failure To Obey Stop Sign

## Fort Valley Arrests/Citations

Bryant, Rondravius, 23, Fort Valley, GA: Criminal Trespass

Campbell, Travis Jeremiah, 17, Fort Valley, GA: Possess Controlled Substance Without Prescription, Contempt Of State Court

Everett, Lee Drew, 36, Fort Valley, GA:

Lucas, Henry, 44, Fort Valley, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms Are Altered) - Misdemeanor

Warren, Kendall Alonza, 55, Fort Valley, GA: Simple Assault, Criminal Damage To Property - 2nd Degree, Protection Of Elder Persons

Woolfolk, Sharon, 53, Fort Valley, GA: Cruelty To Children-Deprivation Of Necessary Sustenance 1st Degree

## Peach County Sheriff's Office

### Arrests/Citations

Dyer, Matthew Donald, 37, Ivey, GA: Probation Violation (When Probation Terms

Are Altered) - Felony

Fletcher, Steven Gregory, 49, Lake Wales, FL: Possession Of Open Alcohol Container, Possession Of Marijuana, Failure To Yield Right Of Way To Vehicle, Manufacture/Deliver/Distribute Or Possess W/Intent To Distribute Controlled Subs In Schedule I Or II, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

Hill, Deric Tyreek Kolby, 26, Fort Valley, GA: Driving Under Influence Drugs/Alcohol, Marijuana-Possess Less Than 1 Oz., Tail Lights / Tag Lights Lenses Required, Driving While License Suspended, Failure To Have License On Person

Johnson, Amanda Diana, 34, Columbus, GA: Battery, Cruelty To Children In The 3rd Degree 3rd Or Subsequent Offense

Kinchen, Michael Lynn, 68, Winter Heaven, FL: Possession Of Marijuana, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

King, Jaquavious Deonta, 32, Cochran, GA: Failure To Appear - Misdemeanor

Luax Velasquez, Eder Alexander, 20, Warner Robins, GA: Speeding In Excess Of Maximum Limits (State Speed And Zone Limits), Driving W/O Valid License

Mccall, Christian, 33, Hampton, GA: Battery, Cruelty To Children In The 3rd Degree 3rd Or Subsequent Offense

Mckaney, Paul, 64, Macon, GA: Possession Of Marijuana, Illegal Possession Of Controlled Substance

Stafford, Rosetta Matrece, 50, Macon, GA: Possession Of A Schedule II Controlled Substance, Giving False Name, Address, Or Birthdate To Law Enforcement Officer, Giving False Name, Address, Or Birthdate To Law Enforcement Officer, Improper Signal, Marijuana-Possess Less Than 1 Oz., Driving While License Suspended

Troupe, Quentin Jermaine, 52, Warner Robins, GA: Driving While License Suspended

Williams, James Dustin, 38, Byron, GA: Battery, Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault (Family Violence), Aggravated Assault (Family Violence), Aggravated Assault, Cruelty To Children-Deprivation Of Necessary Sustenance 1st Degree, Cruelty To Children-Deprivation Of Necessary Sustenance 2nd Degree

## GA State Patrol Perry Arrests

Ragin, Taniyah, 21, Fort Valley, GA: Expired Or No Drivers License, Improper Backing, Dui - Driving Under The Influence Of Alcohol

## GBI Arrests

Mangham, Willie Lee, 27, Fort Valley, GA: Murder, Aggravated Assault

## Public Safety Comm. Arrests

Sanders, Diquta, 30, Vienna, GA: Driving While License Suspended, Hands Free

# Peach County Community CALENDAR

email: news@theleadertribune.com



**GA Peach Festival**  
June 13, 2026 in Byron.  
Join us as we celebrate four decades of sweetness!

### NOTICE PUBLIC MEETINGS

#### City of Fort Valley Mayor and Council

Location: City Hall Council Chambers 204 W. Church St., Fort Valley, Ga 31030  
**COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, June 11, 2026**

**Time: 10:00 A.M.**  
Join Zoom Meeting  
MEETING ID: 878 9856 1356  
Passcode: 997957

#### WORK SESSION MEETING

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026**  
**Time: 06:00 P.M.**

Join Zoom Meeting  
MEETING ID: 897 4042 3080  
Passcode: 908687

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday, June 18, 2026**  
**Time: 06:30 P.M.**

Join Zoom Meeting  
MEETING ID: 886 6159 9051  
Passcode: 679597

### 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.

### 2026-2027 FORT VALLEY HEAD START RECRUITMENT

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

Ages 3 -5. Required Documentation: Proof of birth, Social Security Card, Immunization 3231, Medicarid/Insurance card, Proof of income, Well child check, Dental exam, GA public health 3300 (if applicable), www.mgcaa.org

### 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. (FNS)

### THURS., JUNE 11, 2026 AT 5:15PM

### Peach Public Libraries Board Of Trustees REGULAR MEETING

THOMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY, FORT VALLEY, GA

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

### Peach County Historical Society Meeting

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

### Fort Valley Historic Preservation

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

### Peach County Retired Educators Association

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

### Byron AL-ANON Family Group

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

### Compassionate Friends Middle GA Chapter

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

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

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

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

### Byron Lions Club

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

### Byron Rotary Club

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

### Byron DDA/CVB

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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# Summer Meals

By PCSS  
Summer Meals are available at no cost to children 18 and under. The Summer Meals will be available at no cost June 1st-July 2nd at the following locations:

**Kay Road Elementary School, 880 Kay Road, Byron**  
June 1 - July 2, 2026  
Monday-Thursday  
Breakfast: 7:30-8:00  
Lunch: 11:30-12:00

**Peach County High School, 3665 Peach Pkwy.**  
June 1 - July 2, 2026  
Monday-Thursday  
Breakfast: 7:45-8:45  
Lunch: 11:25-12:45

\*Meals must be eaten at the location.  
Questions? Contact Phoebe Layson at Peach County Schools 478-825-5933 or [phoebe.layson@peachschools.org](mailto:phoebe.layson@peachschools.org)



**PEACH PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2026**

**JUNE - PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 14 YEARS OLD**

**JULY - PROGRAMMING FOR TEENS AGES 15 TO 18 YEARS OLD**

# It's Definitely Summer, Take Care During the Heat



By Zoe Hammond  
News Editor

While summer is known for its outdoor fun and recreational activities, it's best to keep an eye on the ever-increasing heat index. In the cases of enduring extreme heat, it's easy to suffer from hyperthermia, heat-related illness i.e. sunburn, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and the like. It's important to remember that too much heat can harm the brain and other organs, according to the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

During these sweltering days, it's important to make sure to stay cool and hydrated. Here are some methods to help keep our body cool in the dizzying heat.

First and foremost, stay hydrated. The temperature of the water isn't super important, as your body will inevitably heat it. Humans sweat to cool themselves, but your body cannot do that function without proper hydration.

Next, make sure to try and regulate your body temperature. The best methods to cool your body are either to take a cold shower or bath or apply cold washrags to your neck and/or wrists. Taking a cold shower or bath helps lower your body temperature. Applying cold washrags to your pulse points will help you to cool down, your pulse points are areas where blood vessels are close to the skin, which helps with regulating your body temperature.

One of the most common ways to cool down is to enjoy a frozen treat be it popsicles, ice cream, frozen yogurt, or shaved ice. However, be careful with the sugar intake as sugar runs up your metabolism and can start making you feel warm internally.

The following methods are helpful for homes that either lack a functioning air conditioning unit or have poor airflow. Closing the curtains or blinds, especially those facing the sun's direction, helps prevent the sun's rays from coming directly into the house and heating it. Blackout curtains can also help insulate a room and reduce the temperature increase that would happen during the day.

When it comes to sleeping during these hot days, sleeping in a basement or the ground floor (if possible) will help. Heat rises, so lower levels are generally cooler. Also, sleep with breathable linens. Cotton is one of the most breathable materials, so it will help with staying cool. One piece of advice I often see is to refrigerate or freeze blankets or clothing. However, more often than not this is an unhelpful method because your body will heat the materials within minutes.

Another good idea is to cook in the morning or cook outside. The heat from an oven or similar appliances can easily spread through the house. Cooking earlier can help that heat disperse, or using other appliances besides an oven can be helpful as well. Cooking outside on a grill will keep the heat outside.

The last and most important piece of advice is to look into the local resources that are available to you, either in your city, county, or state. During these hot days, many cities and states will open cooling centers to provide some form of relief.



By Wade Yoder  
LT Columnist

We monitor and record many things throughout our life for such things as maintaining or bettering work performance. It would probably help if we used the same approach in our exercise routine and other higher output activities in our life. As with most anything whether mental or physical, it takes maintenance to keep you at a certain level and increased conditioning to take you further.

Our body keeps a certain level of strength by a consistent routine and strengthens itself further based on increased demands our routine or activity level asks of it.

Example: walking up and

# Exercise Monitor

down hills instead of a flat stretch, carrying a set of dumbbells up and down a flight of stairs instead of just your body-weight.

A friend of mine recently was telling me about a house that he and his wife bought that they consider the last house they plan to purchase, (in other words they plan to grow old in it). He said a friend told him that a house with an upstairs may not be good once the children leave because of having to go up and down stairs, he looked a little surprised when I told him, "this is exactly what you need to have as you get older." I told him he should make so that something is upstairs that he and his wife need to go to almost daily, such as an office or something. This will consistently condition the muscles they need to get up and down the stairs. When a person quits doing an activity or certain activities, the muscles associated with these movements lose their size, tone, and strength.

One of the primary things that contribute to muscles atrophy (shrinking in size and strength) is lack of activity and

lack of restricted activity such as in resistance training exercises. This is largely the reason a person gets so tired when they do something they haven't done in a long time or something they haven't been conditioning for through exercise.

Example: if my friend would quit going up and down the stairs and after a few months would decide to carry some boxes etc. up the stairs for storage, (besides potentially putting his back at risk for spinal compression and inflammation) it would be much more exhausting due to the muscles used having lost their tone.

The reason it's so important to have physical things we do regularly (whether exercising in a gym or our own home routine) is to measure our current capabilities against our future needs. This includes upper body, core, and lower body conditioning.

Example: it's really easy for us to keep tabs on our strength and fitness level by doing a few basic exercises. We primarily have (pushing and pulling muscles in our upper body and the muscles throughout our core and lower

body that we use to do a squatting exercise) throughout our skeletal system and if we have a few exercises that hit these particular groups we can monitor our strength levels. We can also monitor our endurance level by going from one muscle group to the next.

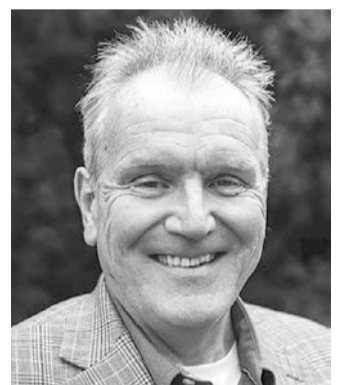
Example home strength and endurance routine: do a set of pushups, next do a set of squats, next do a set of bent rows, next see how long you can do a floor plank, rest and then repeat.

Example gym strength and endurance routine: do a set of bench presses, next do a set of weighted bar squats, next do a set of cable rows or lat pull-downs, next see how long you can do a floor plank, rest, and repeat.

Record your performance: (resistance, speed, time etc.) then measure how many heartbeats per minute.

Whether it's muscle strength, muscle tone, muscle size, or muscle and cardio endurance -our body prepares for tomorrow by what we subject it to today!

## Bold choices, high stakes and a World Cup on the horizon



By Christopher Blake, Ph.D.

June has arrived, and we are days away from the start of the greatest sports tournament on the planet, as well as America's 250th birthday.

Whatever the frustrations about ticket prices, FIFA communications (or lack thereof) and the complexity of staging games across three nations, that frustration and uncertainty evaporate as the thrill of the World Cup 2026 kicks off.

Last month, there was a little taste of that thrill when each team announced the chosen squad of players for its national team, as selected by the head coach. FIFA allows a minimum of 23 and a maximum of 26 players in a World Cup squad.

There is a particular cruelty to squad announcement day. For every footballer who answers the phone and hears that he is going to the World Cup, another hears the opposite — that the dream he has chased since boyhood ends with him watching on television, like the rest of us. Over the past fortnight, the two managers I follow most anxiously made those calls.

If you have read my earlier articles, you will know that I am watching the fortunes of the U.S. and England with historic personal affection, so here I am focusing on the squad selection for those two favorites of mine. If you are rooting for another national team, I encourage you to check the story of that squad. For now, let us look at the story of the Stars and Stripes and the Three Lions.

What each head coach chose tells us a great deal about how the U.S. and England intend to

approach the summer of their lives, and all this in the timeframe of America's 250th.

### Tuchel wields the axe

Thomas Tuchel revealed his England squad on May 22 at Wembley, the names unveiled in a short film scored to The Beatles' "Come Together." The togetherness did not extend to everyone. Tuchel left out Phil Foden and Cole Palmer, two of the most gifted attackers England has produced in a generation, in a decision noted in the English press as the most shocking England selection since 1998.

Harry Maguire, a veteran of two World Cups, announced himself "shocked and gutted" when left out. Trent Alexander-Arnold, not so long ago undroppable, did not make the plane at all. But a head coach must select, and all these talented players have had underwhelming domestic seasons.

What does such ruthlessness reveal? It says Tuchel has decided cohesion and graft will beat reputation. He has built around a settled spine, with Pickford in goal, the imperious John Stones and Declan Rice in front of him and Jude Bellingham as the creative engine. Tuchel filled the remaining seats with players he trusts to run themselves into the ground.

I confess a flicker of parochial joy: Djed Spence, one of my own Tottenham men, made the cut, rewarded for a fine season in a very struggling side that was nearly relegated from the English Premier League (American football would do well to use relegation of poor teams). And at the head of it all stands Harry Kane, captaining England in his third World Cup, a distinction matched only by the great Billy Wright from three generations back. Kane scored 58 goals for Bayern Munich this season and won the European Golden Shoe. Without his goals, England do not win knockout matches. With them, well, one allows oneself to dream.

### Pochettino takes his risks

Five days later, in New York and live on Fox, Mauricio Pochettino, coaching for the U.S., named his own 26. The headline was a homecoming and a heartbreak in a single breath: Gio Reyna, that prodigiously gifted and often injured midfielder, is in; Diego Luna of Real Salt Lake FC, lately spoken of as the coach's go-to person, is out. It is precisely the kind of call by which a coach's nerve is measured.

The shape of the selection tells the story. Pochettino has loaded up on defensive bodies and leaned young. This is the fifth-youngest squad the U.S. has ever sent to a World Cup. Thirteen of the 26 tasted the round of 16 in Qatar; the other 13 will know a World Cup for the first time.

Christian Pulisic, with 84 caps, is the elder statesperson of an absurdly youthful group. One senses Pochettino has concluded that legs, pace and pressing energy are America's true currency — in short, that the U.S. cannot out-pedigree Brazil or France, but it might just out-run them. It's a bet on athleticism and belief, and I rather admire its audacity. And it just showed its impact in a "friendly" exhibition match at the end of May.

### Charlotte — and the drought breaks

The proof, as ever, arrives on grass. On Sunday in Charlotte, before a roaring, flag-waving in crowd at the Bank of America Stadium, the Americans defeated the African powerhouse Senegal three goals to two, and they did it in fine form.

Christian Pulisic, who had not scored for his country in months, finally ended his drought. Sergio Dest added a second. Pochettino made 10 changes at halftime (in friendlies — aka exhibition matches — a ridiculously large number of substitutions are allowed). After his revolving door of players at halftime, the magnificent Sadio Mané hauled Senegal level with two goals of real quality.

But it was the American, Florian Balogun, who struck the winner — a heartening evening for sure. I will say, though, the defensive wobbles in that second half gave the coaching staff something to chew over as we count down to that Mexico versus South Africa game on June 11.

### Germany awaits

And then — the intriguing one. This Saturday, the U.S. closes its preparation with a friendly match against Germany at Soldier Field in Chicago, a mere five days before the World Cup launches. Make no mistake, a friendly against Germany is like sparring with a heavyweight.

The Germans are four-time world champions, ranked currently ninth on the planet, stocked with the likes of Florian Wirtz and Jamal Musiala. The Americans have beaten them only four times in 12 meetings. It is a daunting final examination of the readiness of the U.S. squad and exactly the test a side with knockout ambitions ought to crave.

One learns nothing comfortable against giants — instead, one learns everything.

### Until the whistle

So, the squads have been selected and published. For everyone of the thrilled 26 squad players, there are scores more who coulda, shoulda, woulda. I shall hold my analysis of the football itself until there is football to analyze. When next I write to you, the opening whistle will have sounded, the group games will be well underway, and we shall at last be talking not about who was chosen, but about what they have done with the chance.

Until then, best to keep your evenings free.

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# Georgia's Voting Machine Controversy Isn't One At All

Charlie Harper  
Columnist

Next Wednesday, members of Georgia's General Assembly will gather again in Atlanta for a called special session. Special sessions are limited in scope to what the Governor includes in the official call plus potentially a few items allowed under the state's constitution, such as considering veto overrides.

Governor Kemp has set an agenda of three items. New maps for 2028 may be considered, the extension of the recent gas tax suspension needs to be ratified, and there remains a pesky issue

about voting with machines that count via QR code.

A law passed in 2024 mandated the transition from the current voting machines by July 1st, 2026. That's...in a few weeks. This is a problem, as the legislature didn't fund the purchase of new machines nor specify an actual remedy to this self-inflicted problem in this regular session of the General Assembly.

This new sense of urgency is somewhat of a surprise to many, including a lot of us who spend our time in and around Georgia's political spheres. It's on one hand surprising and yet totally

not surprising that we've ended up where we are. Let's break that down.

A noisy and energetic wing of the Republican party is still fixated on litigating the 2020 election while too often ignoring the next one. Conspiracy theories need a boogey man, and many of the folks who have hated electronic voting machines since they were implemented in 2002 — the year Republicans actually won the Governor's mansion — have met the moment.

They will point to problems within certain counties who seem to pride themselves on

their incompetence in running elections and/or counting ballots as evidence. "Have you SEEN the video tape of them wheeling in suitcases of ballots in Fulton County?!"

They'll show you what is currently going on in California where the rules barely exist and audit trails are forbidden. Then they will look at you with the most serious solemnity and declare that the solution is Georgia reverting to paper ballots.

It's completely lost in these conversations that moving to an

# Was Jesus' Resurrection Physical or Spiritual?



By Billy Powell  
Parables to Ponder  
LT Columnist

In 1858, a French girl named Bernadette Soubirous reported 18 separate visions of the Virgin Mary in a grotto on the outskirts of Lourdes, France. Subsequently, a papal investigation was conducted. The investigation concluded that Bernadette did indeed see the Virgin Mary. Decades later, in 1933, Bernadette Soubirous was granted sainthood by Pope Pius XI.

According to Acts 1: 3, Jesus appeared after his crucifixion "for a period of 40 days" after which he ascended into heaven. 1 Corinthians 15: 3-8 reveals that Jesus appeared to: (1) Peter, (2) the twelve disciples, (3) five hundred brethren at once, (4) James, (5) all the apostles, and lastly to (6) Paul. Omitted from this accounting of appearances is Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other women who visited the tomb.

What Bernadette Soubirous

experienced can be categorized more as visions rather than physical manifestations of the Virgin Mary--that others could see. In the case of Jesus' resurrection, He would suddenly appear and just as quickly disappear; He could pass through locked doors (John 20: 19). Passing through solid walls is not indicative of a fleshy, molecular, protoplasmic, corpuscular body. Yet, the disciple Thomas actually touched Jesus' nail-scarred hands and sword-pierced side. This suggests that Jesus returned from the dead in the same body that underwent crucifixion. Paul experienced a different revelation of Jesus: He saw a brilliant light, but not a bodily form. Then a voice identified itself as Jesus. Cleopas and another apostle did not recognize Jesus during the seven-mile journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus, even though they conversed with Him the entire way (Luke 24:16). The instant the two men recognized Jesus, He suddenly vanished. People have visions today. Studies disclose that half of the surviving spouses have at least one vivid experience of their deceased husband or wife. Scoffers contend that the disciples were either hallucinating or seeing visions. Denominations such as the Jehovah Witnesses and the Shepherd's Chapel sect believe that Jesus did not rise

bodily, but arose from the dead spiritually. The Gnostics in the first and second centuries believed likewise.

What then happens to us when we depart this life? Philippians 3: 21 answers the question: "The Lord Jesus Christ will change our lowly body to be like His glorious body." Paul expounds on the transformation, saying: "So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body" (1 Corinthians 15: 42-43). Then Paul says, "I show you a secret...we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye."

How does this work? The metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a butterfly provides a similarity. The ugly, repulsive caterpillar becomes confined to a tomb called a cocoon, which it spins for itself. Inside the cocoon is an apparently dead and formless substance. But after the warm sun of spring has beaten its golden rays upon that cocoon, there comes forth a beautiful butterfly. It is the same living creature, yet different. So is the resurrection of the body—it will be a glorified, transcendental body like Jesus' resurrection body.

# Garden Disease Management



By Jeff Cook  
Extension Agent

I went from writing articles about how dry it was to now having to talk about plant diseases because of all the recent rain. Warm wet weather is perfect for the development of plant diseases. Most vegetables are susceptible to at least a few diseases, but some diseases are more of a problem than others. Root rot, leaf spots, and fruit rots are the more common vegetable disease problems.

Four types of organisms primarily cause plant diseases: fungi, bacteria, nematodes and viruses. These organisms are often referred to as plant parasites or pathogens. Plant diseases caused by fungi and bacteria are most common when rain showers and/or heavy dews are frequent and temperatures are warm. During these times, scout

the garden regularly for disease. Viral diseases of vegetables occur mainly during the summer when the insects that carry these diseases are most active. Nematodes thrive when temperatures are warm, but they can feed on plant roots all year. Although nematode damage to the root system is hidden, high numbers will reduce plant growth and yields. Home gardeners can greatly reduce the occurrence of many diseases by following sound cultural practices as described in this publication.

Site selection is important. Sites that are well drained, open and in full suns are preferred. Wet soils promote root rot and poor growth. Also, air flow and sunlight help to dry the plants and vegetables which can reduce disease pressure. When available rotate vegetables. Often vegetables in the same family will have the same disease issues. Rotation is especially beneficial to reduce soil-borne diseases.

It sounds like common sense but start with clean plants. Inspect transplants at the store before you get them home. If you save seed to grow your own, make sure the seed is from healthy vegetables or fruit. There are several diseases that can be seed-borne. A big one

for me is to use disease resistant varieties. If you know what diseases we have in Georgia (which is all of them) then you can make better choices on varieties to plant.

To some extent planting date can affect disease management. By shifting the crop out of a certain window, pest pressure or disease inoculum may be reduced. Also, planting at the appropriate time should produce a much more vigorous plant that should be able to handle pest pressure better. Proper spacing improves airflow around the plants which promotes drying of the foliage, reducing diseases. You should also water and fertilize according to plant needs.

These are all the things that you can do in Georgia to reduce disease pressure in your home garden but most likely you will need to apply disease management tools to get the most out of your vegetables. Contact me or your County Agent to learn about what you can and cannot spray in the garden to reduce diseases. 478-862-5496, 478-825-6466 or mackiv@uga.edu. To learn more search 'Disease Management in the Home Vegetable Garden UGA'.

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system of voting where ALL ballots would be in cases and have to be transported to central locations in each county to be counted. It's also lost on them that we currently have paper ballots for in person voting.

Our paper ballots are machine generated. This take the recount issue such as Florida's in the 2000 Presidential election off the table. It wasn't just about one county's "hanging chads". We literally had some of the highest paid lawyers in the country arguing over whether a circle had to be fully filled in, partially filled in, or marked over with an "X" or a line for a vote to count. Instead, we now have standardized ballots demonstrating clear voter intent for each race.

You may want to take a second look at your paper ballot print-out with this in mind when you vote over the next week. When you're done at the voting machine and get your printout, take a good look at it. Yes, it has a QR code for the machine counters to read it quickly. More importantly, it also has a printout of every vote you are casting.

These pieces of paper are then fed into a machine that counts

the votes. What many don't appear to understand, however, is that these pieces of paper – paper ballots – are kept for an audit trail.

A portion of each race is verified after every election to ensure what is printed on a ballot matches the count from the machines. If necessary, however, a theoretical hand count of all ballots cast is possible, because of the computer generated paper ballots.

A reversion to hand marked paper ballots won't make this system more secure. Quite the contrary. It takes the digital record captured at each polling place out of the equation, and makes the integrity of the election solely reliant on the physical security of paper ballots.

Debates over accurate voting rolls, only citizens voting, or whatever California is doing are not part of this narrow debate. What legislators must consider is whether to spend money to discard a secure standardized computer generated paper ballot system in favor of less secure, hand marked voter cards with no potential to audit or back up. No election is perfect. It's easy

to find problems within any system.

Solutions need to address actual problems with remedies that make the situation better, not worse. Ditching an secure, effective, and efficient voting system in favor of a weaker one doesn't solve any real nor perceived problems with Georgia's voting system.

Legislators have higher and better uses of their time. Georgians have more pressing needs for their tax dollars.

Laws are passed based on what citizens demand. It is up to community leaders and everyday voters to understand this process, as well as the drawbacks of certain kneejerk "solutions". Legislators need to hear from us, too.

Our voting process is high pressure and high stakes because government already has too much power over our lives. Let's take some of that pressure off the people doing their best to run fair and non-partisan elections, and quit scapegoating technology too many haven't taken the time to understand.

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## Republicans Block Sen. Ossoff's Amendment to Prevent Insurance Companies from Denying or Delaying Needed Health Care

Sen. Ossoff continues working to ban insurance companies from denying needed health care

Sen. Ossoff: "Instead of slush funds for criminals and corrupt ballrooms, let's do something useful. Let's ban insurance companies from denying or delaying medically necessary health care to Americans."

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

Washington, D.C. — Senate Republicans blocked U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff's amendment to prevent insurance companies from denying or delaying needed care.

During the Senate's vote series yesterday, Sen. Ossoff offered an amendment to prevent insurance companies from denying or delaying needed health care, but Senate Republicans blocked Sen. Ossoff's amendment.

On the floor, Sen. Ossoff told the story of a Georgian who had to delay cancer treatments waiting for her insurance company to approve them first.

"Mr. President, instead of slush funds for criminals and corrupt ballrooms, let's do something useful. Let's ban insurance companies from denying or delaying medically necessary health care to Americans," Sen. Ossoff said on the Senate floor.

"My constituent, Ellen, lives in Atlanta, and a few years ago she was diagnosed with mul-

tipale myeloma, a rare form of blood cancer. But not only did Ellen have to battle cancer, she had to battle her insurance company too. And as Ellen told me, 'For a corporation to have a finger on the button of your life is ridiculous. They have their minds on profit margins. I just want to be healthy and alive,'" Sen. Ossoff continued.

"Thankfully, Ellen's cancer is now in remission, but across America, insurance companies continue to deny and delay medically necessary health care. A vote against this motion is a vote to allow insurance companies to continue denying needed health care to the American people. I urge my colleagues to vote yes," Sen. Ossoff said.

Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) spoke on the Senate Floor and urged Senators to vote against Sen. Ossoff's amendment.

Sen. Ossoff's amendment failed, 47-50.

During the Senate's last budget debate, Sen. Ossoff offered another amendment to prevent

insurance companies from denying or delaying needed care, but Senate Republicans blocked Sen. Ossoff's amendment.

A Johns Hopkins study found that the practice of prior authorization, where patients must seek approval from their insurance company before receiving care, was "associated with disease exacerbation, preventable hospitalization, prolonged hospital stay, and lower rates of disease-free survival."

According to KFF, virtually all seniors enrolled in Medicare Advantage must obtain prior authorization for some services, and in 2024 over four million of these requests were denied.

KFF also found that of the approximately 85 million Affordable Care Act (ACA) in-network denied claims in 2024, less than 1% were appealed, forcing patients either to pay for services out-of-pocket, despite having "coverage," or forgoing care — solely because of decisions made by insurance companies.

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## Kemp adds local sales-tax option for property tax cuts to special session call

By Ty Tagami  
Bureau Chief

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Some homeowners could eventually see a rollback in their property tax bills after Gov. Brian Kemp revised his call for a special session.

Last month, Kemp ordered lawmakers back to the Capitol to redraw district lines and to address legal concerns with the state's voting system.

On Wednesday he expanded his proclamation to allow lawmakers from each county to vote on a sales tax-funded subsidy for homeowners.

A 1% Local Homestead Option Sales Tax (LHOST) would go before voters in each county

in November if their local legislative delegation approves a referendum at the special legislative session, which starts June 17.

The sales taxes, which would go into effect in 2028, would subsidize property taxes owed by homeowners.

The new sales tax was authorized by Kemp's signature on Senate Bill 33, which will cap increases in county valuations of owner-occupied homes at the rate of inflation.

The law is aimed at restraining rapid rises in value that have been driving up property tax bills.

Any LHOST approved under SB 33 would apply to a variety of products and services, including food, alcohol and mo-

tor fuels up to \$3 in retail sales price per gallon.

Kemp's revised proclamation also calls on lawmakers to ratify after the fact his extended suspension of the 33-cent a gallon motor fuel tax.

After lawmakers temporarily waived that tax in March, Kemp extended it last month using his authority after declaring a state of emergency.

The gas tax suspension ended at midnight Tuesday.

It is unclear how many counties will call for an LHOST.

Clint Mueller, deputy director of ACCG, the association for county commissioners, said Thursday that he had heard of a few interested delegations.

### NOTICE

#### CITY OF FORT VALLEY

The City of Fort Valley is accepting Letters of Interest from qualified individuals interested in serving on the City of Fort Valley Development Authority Board.

The City seeks individuals who not only have a love for Fort Valley, but who also possess the professional experience, leadership ability, community relationships, and commitment necessary to actively contribute to economic development efforts that benefit the City and its residents. Appointment to the Development Authority Board is not honorary in nature. Board members will be expected to actively participate in planning, governance, training, strategic discussions, partnership development, and project implementation activities designed to advance the economic vitality of Fort Valley.

Interested individuals should submit a Letter of Interest that includes a statement describing why you desire to serve and how your experience will benefit the City of Fort Valley Development Authority.

Letters of Interest must be received by June 19, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.

Submit Letter of Interest via email or in person to:

City Hall  
Fort Valley Development Authority  
Attn: Diane Brown, City Clerk  
204 West Church Street  
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

Email: [dbrown@fortvalleyga.org](mailto:dbrown@fortvalleyga.org)  
LeMario Brown, Interim City Administrator  
Email: [lemario.brown@fortvalleyga.org](mailto:lemario.brown@fortvalleyga.org)  
Subject Line: "Development Authority Letter of Interest"

## CONVICTION

CONTINUED FROM 1A

The court explained, in a previous case, that "when an unintended victim is struck down as a result of an unlawful act actually directed against someone else, the law prevents the

actor from taking advantage of his own wrong and transfers the original intent from the one against whom it was directed to the one who actually suffered from it."

This means that, even though someone else was Miller's target, his conviction in Ball's death can stand.

# 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

### Legal Advertisements

E-Mail: [legals@gtnl.org](mailto:legals@gtnl.org)

E-Mail Attachments: **Word Text Format**

Legal Fax: 478-825-4130

**AD DEADLINES: Friday's at 12:00 Noon**

Information concerning legals call: 478-825-2432

12:00 Noon on Friday will be billed for insertion in that edition. Legal ads may be sent via Federal Express for Saturday delivery. Legal ads may be sent via email to [legals@gtnl.org](mailto:legals@gtnl.org), please use word document or pdf file. Many legal notices are billed at the rate of \$15.00 per 100 words or a portion thereof for each insertion for the first four insertions. Some specific types of ads, such as divorce, articles of incorporation, articles of merger, petition to adopt, name changes and DUI notices have fees set

based on the number of times the notice is inserted. All rates are set by the Georgia General Assembly.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Publisher's Affidavit fee is \$10.

**LT26-093**  
Legal Notice  
The Peach County, Georgia, hereby gives notice of Peach County, Georgia's intent to revise the flood hazard information, generally bounded by Watson Boulevard to the north, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Parkway to the west, and Crestview Church Road to the south.

Specifically, the flood hazard information shall be revised along Sandy Run Creek from approximately 4,550 feet downstream of Watson Boulevard to just downstream of Watson Boulevard, Sandy Run Creek Tributary 3, from the confluence with Sandy Run Creek to approximately 4,690 feet upstream of the confluence with Sandy Run Creek, and Sandy Run Creek Tributary 5, from the confluence with Sandy Run Creek to approximately 2,090 feet upstream of the confluence with Sandy Run Creek.

As a result of the revision, the 1% annual chance water-surface elevations shall increase, decrease, and be established along Sandy Run Creek and Sandy Run Creek Tributary 3, and be established Sandy Run Creek Tributary 5, the 1% annual chance floodplain shall widen, narrow, and be established along Sandy Run Creek and Sandy Run Creek Tributary 3 and be established along Sandy Run Creek Tributary 5.

Maps and detailed analysis of the revision can be reviewed at the Warner Robins City Hall at 610B Watlson Blvd., Warner Robins, GA 31099. Interested persons may call Victor Savage, Assistant Engineering Director, at (478) 302-5500 for additional information from 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2026

**LT26-101**  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF PEACH Pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain security deed executed by TERESA HARRIS, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to The United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, its successors and assigns, dated October 21, 1999, and recorded on October 21, 1999 in Deed Book 207, beginning at page 840, of the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia, and by virtue of a default under the terms of said security deed, and the related note, the undersigned attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor (which attorney-in-fact is the present holder of said security deed and note secured thereby) will sell at public outcry before the door of the courthouse in Peach County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale, for cash, to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in July, 2026, all property described in said security deed including but not limited to the following described property: All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Peach and in Ponderosa Subdivision in Land Lot 233 of the 9th Land District therein, being known and designated as Lot 5 of Block "E" of said Ponderosa Subdivision and having such metes and bounds, courses and distances as are shown on a certain subdivision plat of Ponderosa Subdivision, 3rd Section, dated December, 1971, by Thomas W. Futral, III, Ga. R.L.S. No. 1202, and recorded in Plat Record 9, Page 89, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court, Georgia. Reference to said recorded plat is hereby made for a more complete description of said property and for other purposes. Said property may more commonly be known as **115 San Gerald Dr., Fort Valley, GA 31030** Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable); any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, and all other matters of record superior to the said Security Deed. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. & United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, its successors and assigns, United States Department of Agriculture is the entity with full authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the Note and Security Deed, and it may be contacted at: Address: P.O. Box 66889, St. Louis, MO 63166 Phone: 1-800-414-1226 To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be TERESA HARRIS, or tenant(s). United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, its successors and assigns, United States Department of Agriculture, as Transfer-ee, Assignee, and Secured Creditor As attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor Please note that if any borrower or obligor has received a discharge in a bankruptcy case filed under Title 11 of the United States Code, no personal liability will arise from this foreclosure action against that individual. This foreclosure action is being pursued solely against the real property to enforce the lien created by the Security Instrument. Respectfully, Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 16415 Addison Road, Suite 725 Addison, TX 75001 (401) 234-9200 (401) 398-2594 THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE A-4875608 June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2026

You are notified that a Dependency Petition with Custody Placed with Maternal Grandmother was filed against you in said court on 6/2/26, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 5/28/26. **YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR** before Peach County Juvenile Court, held at Peach County Courthouse, Ft. Valley, Georgia on 6/23/26 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., and on 8/11/26 for a final 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 2nd day of June, 2026.

Whitney Nelson  
CLERK, PEACH COUNTY COURT CLERK  
June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2026

**LT26-106**  
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA PEACH COUNTY

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

This 3rd day of June, 2026.

Albert Dugan, Executor  
Attorney: Patrick C. Smith, Jr.  
349 Margie Drive, Ste. 120  
Warner Robins, GA 31088  
Estate of: Geneva Mae Miller  
June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2026

**LT26-090**  
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA PEACH COUNTY

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

This 6th day of May, 2026.

KYLE RYAN SCOTT  
Executor  
Attorney: Patrick C. Smith, Jr.  
3549 Wheeler Rd.  
Augusta, GA 30909  
Estate of: Paul Douglas Scott  
May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2026

**LT26-100**  
During two upcoming Peach County Board of Education meetings, there will be opportunities for public input on the Peach County Board of Education FY27 Budget. The opportunities for public input will be at the Peach County Board of Education Called Session on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. and at its Called Session on Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. Both meetings will be held in the Peach County Board of Education Office located at 900 Campus Drive, Fort Valley, GA.

June 3, 10, 2026

**LT26-099**  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA LARRY JACKSON, Petitioner, v. GOLDEN STAR MANAGEMENT, LTD, Defendant.

CASE NO. 26-V-0230  
**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE** PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 9-11-4(f)(1)(B) TO: Golden Star Management, Ltd., a Florida Limited Partnership, its general and limited partners, and its successors and assigns, claiming any interest in the following described real property: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 251 and 252 of the Sixth (6th) Land District of Peach County, Georgia, being more particularly known and designated as Lot 10 containing 28.44 acres as shown upon a plat of Fall Line Farms Subdivision made by Brent Cunningham on May 2, 1990, which appears of record in Plat Book 16, Pages 235, 236 and 237, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court. Said plat is referred to for the purpose of a more complete and accurate description and is incorporated herein by reference thereto. Said lot is further described as Peach County Tax Parcel 021B 001.

By Order of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia for service by publication dated May 27, 2026, you are hereby notified that on May 26, 2026, the plaintiff filed a petition to quiet title against a tract known as described above. Said petition also names as defendant Golden Star Management, Ltd.

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 May 27, 2026. Be further advised that if you fail to respond, 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 27th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Sherry Gonzales, Clerk  
June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

**LT26-082**  
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF PEACH IN RE: ESTATE OF Barbara C. Holliman Palmer

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

THIS 5th day of May, 2026.

Tonia P. Harmon, Executor of  
Barbara C. Holliman Palmer  
116 Interlochen Dr  
Peachtree City, GA 30629  
Attorney: Charles E. Jones  
102 Peachtree Street  
Fort Valley, GA 31030  
OCGA 53-7-41 states:  
, for 4 consecutive weeks.

"...Every personal representative shall, within 60 days from the date of qualification, publish a notice directed generally to all of the creditors of the estate to render an account of their demands. The notice shall be published once a week for four weeks in the official newspaper of the county in which the personal representative qualified..."

May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2026

**LT26-088**  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF ETHAN CARTER, MINOR ESTATE NO. 2026-MGDN-7280 NOTICE TO: KINGSTON OMAR CARTER OR ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

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

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

KIM WILSON  
Judge of the Probate Court  
By: KATRINA CORBIN  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 WEST CHURCH STREET  
FORT VALLEY GEORGIA 31030  
478-825-2313  
May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2026

**LT26-096**  
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA PEACH COUNTY

WHEREAS, Augustus Gilmore, IV, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED TO Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as Nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc., Lender which was dated 3/25/2010, and recorded on 4/8/2010, in Book 439, Page 160, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$177,959.00 in Peach County, Georgia Register of Deeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 8/4/2026 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash During the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Peach County, Georgia, the following described property situated in Peach County, Georgia, to wit: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND TYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 45 OF THE 5TH DISTRICT, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 67 OF CUMBERLAND SHORES SUBDIVISION, SECTION NO. 3, PHASE NO. 1, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 26, PAGE 150, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. Tax Parcel ID: 053B181

Being real property commonly known as **222 CUMBERLAND DRIVE BYRON, GA 31008**

The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/ or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgageors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is". The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suites 1030, 1300 & 1400 Orange, GA 92868, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.

Please be advised that the trustee may require entity or trust bidders at this trustee's sale to provide information, documentation and/or certification of the vesting instructions and the data required to be reported pursuant to FinCEN regulations effective for transfers of residential real property to covered transferees on or after March 1, 2026. The required information must be provided to the trustee before a deed under power will be issued for covered transfers. The Buyer may be required to pay charges associated with the gathering and reporting of information to FinCEN. Additional information regarding these regulations and the required transferee information and certifications can be found at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> and [https://www.fincen.gov/re-faqs#D\\_5](https://www.fincen.gov/re-faqs#D_5)

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Augustus Gilmore, IV Attorney Contact: Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 TS # 25-34106

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2026

**LT26-086**  
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF CREAMY RUMPH, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7111 NOTICE

The petition of personal representative for leave to sell property in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed, TO: JEROME MARTINEZ RUMPH This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before JUNE 10, 2026.

**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections must 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 ST  
FORT VALLEY GA 31030  
478-825-2313  
May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2026

**LT26-086**  
IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF PEACH STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF LOUIS RIDLEY PETITION TO PROBATE WILL IN SOL-EMN FORM TO: RICKY GLASCO, FLOYD RIDLEY, CARLOS RIDLEY AND ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form, in this Court on or before **JUNE 10, 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.

This May 13 2026  
Kim Wilson, PROBATE JUDGE  
By: /s/ Katrina Corbin  
Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 West Church Street  
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030  
(478) 825-2313  
ATTORNEY: Tim J. Thompson  
(478) 471-9900  
May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2026

**LT26-108**  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Akiva R. Lewis and Latasha Lewis to Ocean Bank, F.S.B. dated October 12, 2006 and recorded on November 13, 2006 in Deed Book 367, Page 869, Peach County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee on behalf of BRAVO Residential Funding Trust 2022-RPL1 by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on April 1, 2026 in Deed Book 00764, Page 0555, Peach County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Seventy-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fifty And 00/100 Dollars (\$77,350.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Peach County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on July 7, 2026 the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the State of Georgia, County of Peach, and in the City of Fort Valley therein, being known and designated as Lot 6 in Block "D" of Wilson Subdivision in said City of Fort Valley, and being more particularly described as follows:

From the point of intersection between Southerly boundary of Pecan Street (formerly Pecan Avenue) and on the Easterly boundary of Knoxville Street in said City of Fort Valley run North 89° 53' 56" East 320.30 feet to an iron pin which is the point of beginning; run thence South 01° 15' 08" West 219.66 feet to an iron pin; run thence North 89° 39' 11" East 96.88 feet to an iron pin; run thence North 01° 02' 26" East 219.23 feet to an iron pin; run thence South 89° 53' 56" West 96.06 feet along Southerly boundary of Pecan Street to the point or place of beginning.

This is the same property conveyed to Ritesh Kumar B. Patel, by deed dated May 10, 2012, and of record in Deed Book 8738, Page 13, said Clerk's Office. Map/Parcel Number F05E 044

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

The Property will be sold as the property of **Thomas Owens Williams and Arthur Felch Williams Jr.**, subject to all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the Property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to ad valorem taxes which constitute liens upon said Property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said Property; and all matters of record superior to said Security Deed, including, but not limited to, any Federal tax liens.

This sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1 which permits the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia in limited circumstances, and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loans with the holder of the Security Deed.

Notice has been given of intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the Note secured by said Security Deed. Notice has also been given, in writing and by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Grantor, of the name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Security Deed and the Note thereby secured in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2(a).

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the Property are Thomas Owens Williams and Arthur Felch Williams Jr., or tenant or tenants, and the proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and the expenses of said sale.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

T. Baron Gibson II  
Martin Snow, LLP  
4025 Vineville Ave.  
Macon, Georgia 31210  
(478) 749-1715  
June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2026

**LT26-083**  
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May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2026

**LT26-110**  
LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing, with public comment heard, will be held by the Peach County Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals on a Variance request for tax parcel number 064G 191 located at 235 Sherwood Boulevard, Fort Valley, GA. The request is to install a 2000 year model Manufactured Home. The property is currently zoned MH Mobile Home Residential District.

A public hearing, with public comment heard, will be held by the Peach County Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals on a Variance request for tax parcel number 049B 046 located at 287 Highway 96, Fort Valley, GA. The request is for an increase in the building height from 35 feet to 55 feet for the north building. The property is currently zoned R-AG District but is in the process of being rezoned to M-1 Wholesale and Light Industrial District.

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A public hearing, with public comment heard, will be held by the Peach County Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals on a Special Exception request for tax parcel number 054C 042 located at 1040 Jones Road, Byron, GA. The request is for a decrease in the distance to a residence for a machine shop on a residential property. The property is currently zoned R-AG Agricultural Residential District.

The hearing will be in the Public Meeting Room of the Board of Commissioner's Office located at 213 Persons Street in Fort Valley on June 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The applications for these parcels are on file and available for review. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

June 10, 17, 2026

The property above described is more particularly shown and described on a certain plat of survey for Akiva R. Lewis and Latasha Lewis by Thomas W. Futral III, Ga RLS No. 1202 dated March 14, 2002, and recorded in Plat Record 23, p. 88, Clerk's Office, Superior Court, Peach County, Georgia. Reference to said plat and the record thereof is hereby made for a more complete description.

Tax ID #: F06C 101

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

Your mortgage servicer, Rocket Mortgage LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC, as servicer for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee on behalf of BRAVO Residential Funding Trust 2022-RPL1, can be contacted at 877-888-4606 or by writing to 8950 Cypress Waters Boulevard, Coppell, TX 75019, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the property are Akiva R. Lewis and Latasha Lewis or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **409 Pecan Avenue, Fort Valley, GA 31030**.

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

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee on behalf of BRAVO Residential Funding Trust 2022-RPL1 as Attorney in Fact for Akiva R. Lewis

McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC  
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260  
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092  
404-474-7149  
MTG File No.: GA2026-00162  
June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2026

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**LEGALS CONTINUED 8A**

## LEGALS CONTINUED FROM 7A

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by Keywon D Harvey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Grantee, As Nominee For Homestar Financial Corp., dated 12/22/2020, and Recorded on 01/06/2021 as Book No. 638 and Page No. 436, As Affected By Modification Book 743 Page 852-861, Peach County, Georgia records, as last assigned to NEWREZ LLC (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$186,459.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Peach County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2026, the following described property: All That Tract Or Parcel Of Land Situate, Lying And Being In Land Lot 11 Of The Fifth (5th) Land District Of Peach County, Georgia, Being Known And Designated As Lot 47, Phase No. 1 Of A Subdivision Known As Brandon Hills North, According To A Plat Of Survey, Prepared By Asa Engineering & Surveying, Inc., Certified By Adam J. Guess, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2940, Dated July 25, 2005, A Copy Of Which Is Of Record In Plat Book 25, Page 14, Clerk's Office, Peach Superior Court, Said Plat And The Record Thereof Are Incorporated Herein By Reference For All Purposes. Said Property Is Known As, Under The Present System Of Numbering For Peach County Georgia As **409 Brandon Way, Byron, GA 31088**. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given), NEWREZ LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. NEWREZ LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with NEWREZ LLC (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, NEWREZ LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing may be contacted at: NEWREZ LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 55 Beattie Place, Suite 100, Greenville, SC 29601-2743, 866-825-2174. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **409 Brandon Way, Byron, Georgia 31088** is/are: Keywon D Harvey or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. NEWREZ LLC as Attorney in Fact for Keywon D Harvey, This Law Firm is Acting As A Debt Collector Attempting To Collect A Debt. Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. 0000010732501 Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341-5398.  
June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2026

**LT26-105**  
**Georgia Department of Transportation To Hold**  
**A Location and Design Public Information Open House**  
**For P.I. No. 0008387**  
**Peach County**  
On Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at Calvary Chapel Heartland (11029 Miami Valley Road, Fort Valley GA, 31030) the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will hold a Public Information Open House concerning the proposed project. This project proposes to widen and reconstruct State Route (SR) 96/Miami Valley Road from two lanes to four lanes from County Road (CR) 107/Fire Tower Road to CR 83/Housers Mill Road. Additional proposed improvements include integrating left- and right-turn bays at major intersections, six Reduced Conflict U-turn (RCUT) intersections, full median openings, two roundabout 83 entrances to the Middle Georgia Mega Site, and a roundabout intersection at CR 83/Housers Mill Road. No detour is anticipated. The purpose of this Location and Public Information Open House is to provide the public with an opportunity to view the project, ask questions, and comment on the project. The Open House will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It will be informal, and the public is invited to attend anytime during these hours. There will be no formal presentation. A court reporter will be available to allow the public an opportunity to make verbal comments about the project. GDOT has also placed information about the proposed project at <https://www.dot.ga.gov/GDOT/Pages/PublicOutreach.aspx>. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information: The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Accommodations for people with disabilities can be arranged with advance notice by contacting the district planning and programming liaison, Harland Smith at 706-646-7566 or [hasmith@dot.ga.gov](mailto:hasmith@dot.ga.gov). Comments will be accepted concerning this project until Thursday, July 09, 2026. Written statements may be submitted to: Amber Phillips  
State Environmental Administrator  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW – 16th Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30308  
June 10, 17, 2026

**LT26-097**  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
**GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY**  
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from LAKENDRICK BRYANT to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC DBA VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, dated September 16, 2024, recorded September 17, 2024, in Book 00730, Page 0046-0062, Peach County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$350,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Planet Home Lending, LLC, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Peach County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:  
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 24 OF THE 5TH LAND DISTRICT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN THE CITY OF BYRON, BEING KNOWN AND DISTINGUISHED AS LOT NO. 16 OF PHASE III OF STATION SQUARE AT TIMBER RIDGE PRESERVE SUBDIVISION, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ACCORDING TO PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 29, 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. 16 HEREBY CONVEYED. THERE ARE IMPROVEMENTS TAXED THEREON KNOWN UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING AS 135 TIMBER RIDGE BLVD, BYRON, PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA.  
Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **135 TIMBER RIDGE BLVD, BYRON, GA 31008**.  
The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.  
Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: 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; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants; and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.  
To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is LAKENDRICK BRYANT, or tenants(s).  
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) purchaser's tendering to Rubin Lublin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale.  
The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Planet Home Lending, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 321 Research Parkway Suite 303, Meriden, CT 06450, Telephone Number: 855-884-2250. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.  
**PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC**  
as Attorney in Fact for  
**LAKENDRICK BRYANT**  
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC  
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071  
Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. PHL-25-05223-2  
[rslaw.com/property-listing](https://rslaw.com/property-listing)  
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Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: 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; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants; and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.  
To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is LAKENDRICK BRYANT, or tenants(s).  
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) purchaser's tendering to Rubin Lublin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale.  
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as Attorney in Fact for  
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June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2026

**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections must 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 ST  
FORT VALLEY GA 31030  
478-825-2313  
May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2026

**LT26-085**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: MICHELLE PADRAIGN BRENNAN, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 2025-PRO-7149**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT**  
The petition of ANNETTE ELEANOR BRENNAN for a year's support from the estate of MICHELLE PADRAIGN BRENNAN deceased, for decedent's (surviving spouse)(and)(minor child(ren)), having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before  
June 10, 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 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  
May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2026

**LT26-091**  
**GEORGIA, PEACH COUNTY**  
**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
IN RE: Estate of James Earl Dorsey  
All creditors of the Estate of James Earl Dorsey, deceased, late of Peach County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
This 18th day of May, 2026.  
Gail E. Dorsey  
137 Majestic Oak Circle  
Byron, GA 31008  
VANICE H. SIKES, JR.  
BLOODWORTH, CROWLEY & LEVERETT  
561 D.T. Walton, Sr. Way  
Macon, GA 31201  
(478) 745-7461  
May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 2026

**LT26-103**  
**CITY OF Fort Valley AND PEACH COUNTY**  
**NOTICE OF FILE REQUEST FOR BEER AND WINE LICENSE**  
Pursuant to the code or ordinances of the City of Fort Valley  
PART II, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE II, SECTION 4-49, (11)  
Notice is hereby given that on or after the 14 June, 2026, the undersigned will apply to the City of Fort Valley for the issuance of a license for the retail sale of beer and wine at an establishment known as:  
Fort Mart LLC Located at: 601 Knoxville St  
Fort Valley GA 31030  
Applicant: Suleman Jiwani  
Address: 2600 Milscott Dr Decatur, GA 30033  
June 10, 17, 2026

**LT26-089**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF PEACH**  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated September 1, 1994, from Eltrym S. Day to United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration United States Department of Agriculture, recorded on September 2, 1994 in Deed Book 151 at Page 885 Peach County, Georgia records, , and said Security Deed have been given to secure a Note dated in the amount of \$175,000.00, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Peach County, Georgia, on July 7, 2026 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"):  
**ALL THAT CERTAIN TRACT, LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 16 OF THE 5TH LAND DISTRICT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND IN THE CITY OF BYRON THEREIN, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: TO OBTAIN THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING, START AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SUMMIT DRIVE AND THE EXTENDED EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SARAH DRIVE, AND RUN THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 48' 47" WEST A DISTANCE OF 503.05 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING; AND FROM SAID POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING, RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53' 21" EAST A DISTANCE OF 195.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 48' 47" WEST A DISTANCE OF 130.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 53' 21" WEST A DISTANCE OF 195.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SARAH DRIVE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 48' 47" EAST ALONG THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SARAH DRIVE A DISTANCE OF 130.00 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALL AS IS MORE FULLY SHOWN AND DESCRIBED AS LOT 4, BLOCK C, SUMMIT CHASE SUBDIVISION, ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY THOMAS W. FUTRAL, III, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1202, DATED JUNE 3, 1992, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE 269, CLERK'S OFFICE, PEACH COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT; REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.**

**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.  
Judge of the Probate Court  
By: Clerk of the Probate Court  
205 WEST CHURCH STREET  
FORT VALLEY GEORGIA 31030  
478-825-2313  
June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

**LT26-084**  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF JEROME RUMPH, DECEASED**  
**ESTATE NO. 2025-ADM-7112**  
**NOTICE**  
The petition of personal representative for leave to sell property in the above-referenced estate having been duly filed,  
TO: JEROME MARTINEZ RUMPH  
This is to notify you to file an objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced petition, in this Court on or before JUNE 10, 2026.

The debt secured by the Security Deed and evidenced by the Note has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining is in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed, accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees. Notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees has been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in possession of the property is/are Eltrym S. Day.  
The property, being commonly known as **121 Sarah Dr., Byron, GA, 31008** in **Peach County**, will be sold as the property of Eltrym S. Day, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed.  
Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above described mortgage is as follows: Dawson's Realty & Mortgages, Inc., 1293 Whisperwood Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30043, 678-558-7822. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.  
**ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:** On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, will go into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicious Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.  
<https://www.fincen.gov/irre> and <https://www.fincen.gov/re-faqs>  
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.  
Albertelli Law  
Attorney for Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development as Attorney in Fact for Eltrym S. Day  
100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1000  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
Phone: (770) 373-4242  
THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
- 26-004800  
May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2026

**LESS AND EXCEPT** any portion of the property set forth above contained with that certain Quitclaim Deed from Lakeview Associates, a Georgia limited partnership to Mayor & Council of the City of Fort Valley, Georgia, and the successors in office, dated October 31, 1979, filed December 21, 1979 and recorded Deed Book 52, Page 359 records of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia.  
**TOGETHER WITH** easement rights and benefits created by and pursuant to that certain General Utility Easement for Natural Gas and Water Lines by and between College Square Associates, a Georgia limited partnership and Lakeview Associates, a Georgia limited partnership, dated December 23, 1971 and recorded in Deed Book 9, Page 401, records of the Superior Court of Peach County, Georgia. The above-described property also being further described as follows:  
ALL that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the 9th District of Peach County, Georgia, being more particularly described as follows:  
Beginning at an iron pin located on the eastern side of the right of way of Edward Street (40 foot right of way) south 01° 21' east, 1,221.43 feet along the eastern side of the right of way of Fagan Circle from the point of intersection of the eastern side of the right of way of Edward Street and the southern side of the right of way of Spruce Street; thence north 88° 36' 00" east, 200.00 feet to a point; thence north 01° 21' 00" west, 10.00 feet to a point; thence north 88° 36' 00" east, 700.00 feet to a point; thence south 01° 21' east a distance of 920.00 feet to a concrete monument; thence south 88° 36' west, 410.00 feet to a concrete monument; thence north 01° 21' west along the eastern boundary now of formerly owned by College Square Associates, a distance of 711.19 feet to a concrete monument; thence south 88° 36' west along the northern boundary of property now of formerly owned by College Square Associates, 490.00 feet to a concrete monument on the eastern side of the right of way of Edward Street; thence north 01° 21' west 198.81 feet along the eastern side of the right of way of Edward Street to the POINT OF BEGINNING; said tract containing 10.962 acres 477,517 square feet. (b) The buildings, structures, improvements then constructed or heretofore constructed or placed upon the Land, including any future alterations, replacements and additions (collectively, the "Improvements"); (c) All property owned by Grantor which is attached to the Land or the Improvements so as to constitute a fixture under applicable law, including: machinery, equipment, engines, boilers, incinerators and installed building materials; systems and equipment for the purpose of supplying or distributing heating, cooling, electricity, gas, water, air or light; antennas, cable, wiring and conduits used in connection with radio, television, security, fire prevention or fire detection or otherwise used to carry electronic signals; telephone systems and equipment; elevators and related machinery and equipment; fire detection, prevention and extinguishing systems and apparatus; security and access control systems and apparatus; plumbing systems; water heaters, ranges, stoves, microwave ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers, garbage disposers, washers, dryers and other appliances; light fixtures, awnings, storm windows and storm doors; pictures, screens, blinds, shades, curtains and curtain rods; mirrors; cabinets, paneling, rugs and floor and wall coverings; fences, trees and plants; swimming pools; and exercise equipment (collectively, the "Fixtures"); (d) All of the following (collectively, the "Personality"):  
i. Accounts (including deposit accounts) of Grantor related to the Property.  
ii. Equipment and inventory owned by Grantor, which are used then or heretofore in connection with the ownership, management or operation of the Land or Improvements or are located on the Land or Improvements, including furniture, furnishings, machinery, building materials, goods, supplies, tools, books, records (whether in written or electronic form) and computer equipment (hardware and software).  
iii. Other tangible personal property owned by Grantor which is used then or heretofore in connection with the ownership, management or operation of the Land or Improvements or is located on the Land or in the Improvements, including ranges, stoves, microwave ovens, refrigerators, dishwashers, garbage disposers, washers, dryers and other appliances (other than Fixtures).  
iv. Any operating agreements relating to the Land or the Improvements.  
v. Any surveys, plans and specifications and contracts for architectural, engineering and construction services relating to the Land or the Improvements.  
vi. All other intangible property, general intangibles and rights relating to the operation of, or used in connection with, the Land or the Improvements, including all governmental permits relating to any activities on the Land and including subsidy or similar payments received from any sources, including a Governmental Authority (as defined in the Security Instrument).  
vii. Any rights of Grantor in or under letters of credit;  
(e) All current and future rights, including air rights, development rights, zoning rights and other similar rights or interests, easements, tenements, rights of way, strips and gores of land, streets, alleys, roads, sewer rights, waters, watercourses and appurtenances related to or benefiting the Land or the Improvements, or both, and all rights-of-way, streets, alleys and roads which may have been or may in the future be vacated;  
(f) All proceeds paid or to be paid by any insurer of the Land, the Improvements, the Fixtures, the Personality or any other part of the Property, whether or not Grantor obtained the insurance pursuant to Lender's requirement;  
(g) All awards, payments and other compensation made or to be made by any municipal, state or federal authority with respect to the Land, the Improvements, the Fixtures, the Personality or any other part of the Property, including any awards or settlements resulting from condemnation proceedings or the total or partial taking of the Land, the Improvements, the Fixtures, the Personality or any other part of the Property under the power of eminent domain or otherwise and including any conveyance in lieu thereof;  
(h) All contracts, options and other agreements for the sale of the Land, or the Leasehold Estate, as applicable, the Improvements, the Fixtures, the Personality or any other part of the Property entered into by Grantor then or heretofore, including cash or securities deposited to secure performance by parties of their obligations;  
(i) All proceeds from the conversion, voluntary or involuntary, of any of the items described in subsections (a) through (h) inclusive into cash or liquidated claims, and the right to collect such proceeds;

(j) All rents (whether from residential or non-residential space), revenues and other income of the Land or the Improvements, parking fees, laundry and vending machine income and fees and charges for food, health care and other services provided at the Property, whether then due, past due or heretofore have become due, and deposits forfeited by tenants, and, if Grantor is a cooperative housing corporation or association, maintenance fees, charges or assessments payable by shareholders or residents under proprietary leases or occupancy agreements, whether then due, past due, or heretofore has become due (the "Rents") and present and future leases, subleases, licenses, concessions or grants or other possessory interests then or heretofore in force, whether oral or written, covering or affecting the Property, or any portion of the Property (including proprietary leases or occupancy agreements if Grantor is a cooperative housing corporation), and all modifications, extensions or renewals (the "Leases");  
(k) All earnings, royalties, accounts receivable, issues and profits from the Land, the Improvements or any other part of the Property, and all undistributed proceeds of the loan secured by the Security Instrument;  
(l) All Imposition Reserve Deposits (as defined in the Multifamily Loan and Security Agreement between Grantor and Original Lender dated as of September 24, 2021 (the "Loan Agreement"));  
(m) All refunds or rebates of Impositions (as defined in the Loan Agreement) by Governmental Authority or insurance company (other than refunds applicable to periods before the real property tax year in which the Security Instrument is dated);  
(n) All tenant security deposits which have not been forfeited by any tenant under any Lease and any bond or other security in lieu of such deposits;  
(o) All names under or by which any of the above Property may be operated or known, and all trademarks, trade names, and goodwill relating to any of the Property;  
(p) If required by the terms of Section 4.05 of the Loan Agreement, all rights under the Letter of Credit (as defined in the Loan Agreement) and the cash obtained by a draw on a Letter of Credit (the "Proceeds"), as such Proceeds may increase or decrease from time to time;  
(q) If the Note (as hereinafter defined) provides for interest to accrue at a floating or variable rate and there is a Cap Agreement (as defined in the Loan Agreement), the Cap Collateral (as defined in the Loan Agreement); and  
(r) Any and all other rights of Grantor in and to the items set forth in subsections (a) through (q) above.  
**WHEREAS**, the Security Instrument secures, in part, that certain loan (as heretofore assigned, the "Loan") to Grantor made by Original Lender, as evidenced by that certain Multifamily Note (as heretofore assigned, the "Note"), dated September 24, 2021, payable by Grantor to Original Lender, in the original principal amount of up to Two Million Five Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$2,564,000.00), as subsequently endorsed and assigned to Lender; and  
**WHEREAS**, defaults and Events of Default have occurred under the Note, the Loan Agreement, the Security Instrument and the other Loan Documents (as defined in the Security Instrument) and are continuing, specifically including, without limitation, (i) the failure of Grantor to pay to Lender the Monthly Payment (as defined in amount the Loan Agreement) was due on March 1, 2026, (ii) the failure of Grantor to pay to Lender the Monthly Payment amount that was due on April 1, 2026, (iii) the failure of Grantor to pay to Lender the Monthly Payment amount that was due on May 1, 2026, (iv) the failure of Grantor to pay to Lender the Monthly Payment amount that was due on June 1, 2026, (v) failure to repay advances and all accrued interest in connection with such defaults, (vi) failure to repair the fire-damaged buildings in violation of Section 6.09(a) of the Loan Agreement, and (vii) failure to comply with the HAP Contract (as defined in the Loan Agreement); and  
**WHEREAS**, by reason of such defaults and Events of Default, all outstanding Indebtedness owing by Grantor to Lender has been, and is hereby, accelerated and declared immediately due and payable, and the Security Instrument has become, is, and is hereby subject to foreclosure as provided by law, the Note, the Loan Agreement, and the Security Instrument; and  
**WHEREAS**, prior to the consummation of the exercise of the power of sale contained in the Security Instrument and the consummation of the foreclosure sale of all or any portion of the Property, the Reserve Funds (as defined in the Loan Agreement), and any and all other funds, cash, letters of credit and other sums held by Lender in any escrow, in reserve or in other accounts established under the Note, the Loan Agreement, the Security Instrument or any other Loan Document, if any, for payment of taxes, insurance, capital improvements, replacements, tenant improvements, leasing commissions or otherwise (collectively, the "Funds") have been or shall have been applied by Lender toward payment of the Indebtedness in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Note, the Loan Agreement, the Security Instrument or any other Loan Document.  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Instrument and according to the terms of the Security Instrument and the laws in such cases made and provided, Lender will expose all of the Property (less and except the Funds), for sale, at public sale to the highest bidder, for cash on that certain first Tuesday in July, 2026, being **July 7, 2026**, during the legal hours for sale, before the courthouse door in Peach County, Georgia. The Property will be sold subject to the following:  
(1) All outstanding taxes and assessments, and any additional taxes which result from a reassessment of the Real Property.  
(2) Terms and conditions of that General Utility Easement for Natural Gas and Water Lines by and between College Square Associates, a Georgia limited partnership and Lakeview Associates, a Georgia limited partnership, dated December 23, 1971 and recorded in Deed Book 9, Page 401, of the Peach County Records.  
(3) Terms and conditions as set forth in that certain Laundry Space Lease dated September 18, 1991, as evidenced by Lease Memorandum by and between HSI Management, Inc. and Solon Automated Services, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, dated September 18, 1991, filed January 27, 1992 and recorded in Deed Book 127, Page 515, aforesaid records.

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By: Clerk of the Probate Court  
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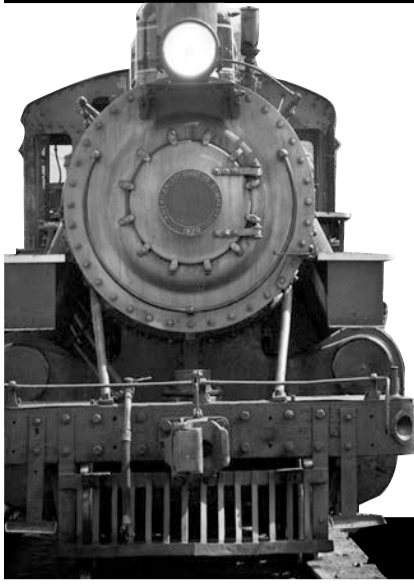
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**LOCAL MATTERS**



## LEGALS CONTINUED FROM 8A

(4) Grant of Easement from Lakeview Associates, Ltd. to the City of Fort Valley, a municipality duly chartered under the laws of the State of Georgia, dated March 10, 1999, filed March 19, 1999 and recorded in Deed Book 199, Page 634, aforesaid records, and as shown on that ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey prepared by Ronnie Joiner, GRLS No. 2488 of Atlas Technical Consultants, dated April 16, 2021, last revised September 22, 2021, being Job Number 21224 (the "Survey").

(5) Use Agreement for Multifamily Projects Participating in the Mark-To-Market Program under the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 by and between Lakeview Associates, a Georgia limited partnership and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C., dated July 1, 2001, filed July 27, 2001 and recorded in Deed Book 235, Page 423, aforesaid records.

(6) All matters affecting subject property as shown on the following plats, all aforesaid records:

(a) Plat Book 9, Page 3, a 15-foot sanitary sewer easement therein, and as shown on the Survey; and

(b) Plat Book 21, Page 166, a 20-foot drainage easement therein, and as shown on the Survey.

(7) All other, if any, easements, limitations, reservations, covenants, restrictions, deeds to secure debt, liens and other encumbrances and matters of public records to which the Security Instrument is junior and subordinate in terms of priority under the laws of the State of Georgia.

The indebtedness remaining in default and the aforesaid defaults and Events of Default continuing, the sale of the Property (less and except the Funds) under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Instrument will be made for the purpose of applying the proceeds thereof, as provided for in the Security Instrument and pursuant to applicable law.

The Property (less and except the Funds) will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis without recourse against Lender and without representation or warranty of any kind or nature whatsoever with respect thereto, with no assurance afforded as to the exact acreage of the Real Property.

To the best of Lender's knowledge and belief, the Property (less and except the Funds) is presently owned by Grantor, subject to the aforesaid interests of Lender and the matters set forth herein, and Grantor is the owner of the Property, subject to the aforesaid interests.

The notice to Grantor, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, has been provided by Lender to Grantor in accordance with said O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2.

The undersigned may sell the Property (less and except the Funds) or any part of the Property (less and except the Funds) in such manner and order as Lender may elect and may sell that portion of the Property (less and except the Funds), which, under the laws of the State of Georgia, constitutes an estate or interest in real estate separately from that portion of the Property (less and except the Funds), which, under the laws of the State of Georgia, constitutes personality and not an interest in the real estate, in which case separate bids will be taken therefor, or collectively in a single sale or lot, in which case a single bid will be taken therefor. Notice of the undersigned's intent shall be given by announcement made at the commencement of the public sale.

The recitals set forth hereinabove are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Notice of Sale Under Power.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States, as agent and attorney-in-fact for VE Lakeview LP, a Georgia limited partnership  
By: its attorneys-at-law:  
/Ash Penn/  
Ash Penn  
Alston & Bird LLP  
One Atlantic Center  
1201 West Peachtree Street, N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309  
(404) 881-7000  
June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2026

**LT26-111 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL LEGISLATION**

Notice is given that there will be introduced at the 2026 special session of the General Assembly of Georgia a bill to provide a homestead exemption from Peach County ad valorem taxes for county purposes; and for other purposes.  
June 10, 2026

**LT26-087 NOTICE OF LOCATION APPROVAL OF PEACH COUNTY PROJECT TO PAVE LILLY CREEK ROAD**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sections 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Peach County Board of Commissioners has approved the location of this project. The date of location approval is May 12th, 2026. The proposed project is the paving of Lilly Creek Road. The proposed project is located in Land Lot 49 of the 9th Land District of Peach County, Georgia. The project will consist of obtaining rights of way for transportation purposes and is intended to be used for enjoyment by the public and for public transportation purposes including the passage of vehicles. The necessary rights of way are more specifically shown on the plats entitled certain Topographic Survey for Ingram & Associates, dated February 28, 2024, prepared by Ingram & Associates in Land Lots 236 and 245 of the 6th Land District of Peach County, Georgia and Land Lots 78, 79, 80, 81, & 82 of the 9th Land District of Peach County, Georgia. The project plans and plats of the project are kept on file at the office of the Peach County Board of Commissioners. The plats show the original roadway and required additional right of way. A copy of the plat or map may be obtained for a nominal fee from the office of the Peach County Commissioners, 213 Persons Street, Fort Valley, Georgia 31010 and paying a nominal cost thereof to cover the expense of copying and mailing.  
May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 2026

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# GEORGIA PEACH FESTIVAL CONTINUED FROM 1A

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At 11 a.m., the Peach Festival had a multitude of fun events. At the gazebo, the Georgia Peach Queens were formally introduced: Little Miss Georgia Peach, Ellisyne Alyse Boggs of Albany; Tiny Miss Georgia Peach, Ivy James Blalock of Kathleen; Junior Miss Georgia Peach, Lillian Kaiser of Tifton; Teen Miss Georgia Peach, Evelyn Susannah McCoy of Baxley; and Miss Georgia Peach, Haley Raymond of Kathleen.

The Historical Society Chicken Salad Lunch started at 11:00 a.m. as well and took place at the McArthur-Saxon House on 201 South Miller Street. Other events included the 'Eat A Peach' Contest, the Big Peach Chair, and a Car and Bike Show.

At noon, the Peachy Keen Pup Perfect Pageant started at the Festival Stage. The categories included Peachy King & Queen Pup (best overall), Peachiest Pooch (best dressed), Fuzziest Peach Pup (best coat), Prim Peach (smallest & sassiest), and Freestone Peach (largest & firmest).

The World's Largest Peach Cobbler was ready for the festival goers at around 2 p.m. The cobbler measures around 11 by 5 feet and about eight inches deep. The recipe calls for 75 gallons of sliced fresh Georgia peaches, 150 pounds of self-rising flour, 150 pounds of sugar, 32 gallons of milk, and 90 pounds of butter. The ingredients are mixed in six clean trash cans with clean boat paddles, and the dessert takes a minimum of four hours to bake.

Throughout Saturday, there was live music by artists including Tu Voz Latina, Midnight Cruzar, and Klymaxx. The evening ended with a fireworks show around 9:30 p.m.

The Peach Festival will resume in Byron at North Peach Park



Photo by Zoe Hammond  
*Fort Valley Chief of Police David Wilson waving to the crowd.*



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*Fort Valley Mayor Shakenna Reeves, alongside Fort Valley Councilwoman Sandra Marshall.*



Photo by Zoe Hammond  
*Vintage John Deere ag tractor.*



next Saturday, June 13, from noon to 8 p.m. For more information on the Georgia Peach Festival, they can be found at <https://www.ga-peachfestival.com/> or on Face-

book under the same name. The Peach Festival committee can be contacted at (478) 825-4002, at [georgiapeachfestival@gmail.com](mailto:georgiapeachfestival@gmail.com) or through their website's contact form.

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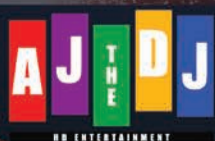
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# Wildcat Legend Tyrone Poole Inducted into Black College Football Hall of Fame



Tyrone Poole

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**Chris McKenzie**  
Sports Reporter

One of the greatest athletes to ever wear the blue and gold of Fort Valley State University has received one of the highest honors in football. Former Wildcat standout Tyrone Poole has been inducted into the Black College Football Hall of Fame Class of 2026, cementing his place among the all-time greats to come from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

For Fort Valley State fans, the honor comes as no surprise.

Poole, a graduate of LaGrange High School, built a remarkable football career that began at Fort Valley State University, where he became one of the most dominant defensive backs in school history. A four-year starter for the Wildcats, Poole recorded 17 interceptions in 41 career starts and earned All-American honors while helping put the FVSU football program on the national map. His outstanding collegiate ca-

reer led to a historic milestone when he became the first player in Fort Valley State history to be selected in the first round of the NFL Draft.

The Carolina Panthers selected Poole with the 22nd overall pick in the first round of the 1995 NFL Draft, making him one of the highest-drafted players ever to come from an HBCU program. He spent his rookie season with the Panthers before continuing his professional career with the Indianapolis Colts, where he played three seasons. Later stops included the Denver Broncos, but Poole's greatest success came with the New England Patriots.

Signing with New England in 2003, Poole became a key contributor in one of the NFL's emerging dynasties. He helped the Patriots capture back-to-back championships in Super Bowl XXXVIII and Super Bowl XXXIX, earning two Super Bowl rings during his distinguished professional career.

Over 13 NFL seasons, Poole

established himself as a dependable and productive defensive back. He finished his professional career with 486 total tackles, 18 interceptions, and numerous postseason appearances while playing for several NFL organizations. His longevity, consistency, and championship success demonstrated the talent and determination that first made him a star at Fort Valley State.

The Black College Football Hall of Fame recognized Poole not only for his NFL accomplishments but also for his groundbreaking impact at Fort Valley State. His induction honors a player who excelled at every level of the game, broke barriers for future Wildcats, and became a shining example of the excellence found within HBCU athletics. The Hall of Fame specifically highlighted his status as a Fort Valley State All-American, trailblazer, two-time Super Bowl champion, and one of the most accomplished players ever produced by the

university.

Poole's journey from LaGrange High School to Fort Valley State and ultimately to NFL champion serves as an inspiration for current and future Wildcats. His induction into the Black College Football Hall of Fame is not only

a personal achievement but also a proud moment for Fort Valley State University, the city of Fort Valley, and the entire Wildcat family.

As the first Fort Valley State player ever selected in the first round of the NFL Draft and now

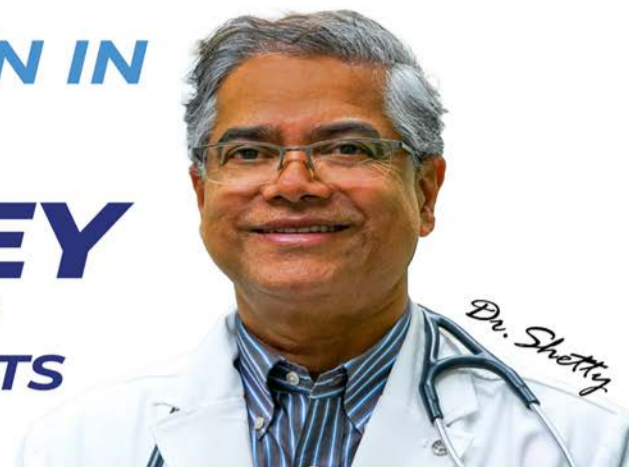
a member of the Black College Football Hall of Fame, Tyrone Poole's legacy continues to grow. His career stands as a testament to hard work, perseverance, and the rich football tradition of Fort Valley State University.



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