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'We're all in!'

Community comes together to celebrate MLK, continue advocacy

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PERRY — Monday was Martin Luther King Jr. Day, prompting various events in middle Georgia to celebrate. Locally, several churches and community organizations marched from Oldfield Baptist Church to New Hope Baptist Church, taking a stand for unity and continued advocacy for equality.

At New Hope Baptist was an MLK Day celebration, titled "All In" and presented by the Houston County NAACP. Operating like a church service, the celebration featured singing, prayer, and performances.

Faith Gordon sang the Black National Anthem; The Highly Favored Ministries praise dancers performed a dance. The Royal Diamond Dance Team also danced, and Damion Brown played a musical selection on the saxophone.

The event also featured several speakers, who delivered remarks calling for action, unity and advocacy. Throughout the ceremony speaking was Rev. Joe Sumpter Jr., who opened the

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Highly Favored Ministries Pastor Shurwanda Jolly (left-center) speaks at the Houston County NAACP MLK Day Celebration on Monday, Jan. 20. Also pictured: Rev. Joe Sumpter Jr. (left), Trish Wilson (right-center), NAACP President Jonathan Johnson (right).

Brianna Smith/HHJ

City of Warner Robins unveils future home of Vietnam Veterans Memorial



Sandra Hernandez/HHJ

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Land Tribute gave attendees the opportunity to see the future home of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

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WARNER ROBINS — The City of Warner Robins hosted a Vietnam Veterans Memorial Land Tribute on Friday, Jan. 17, marking

the beginning of a new journey for the city and local veterans.

It had been a long wait for veterans to see a memorial honoring those who did not make it back home. Soon, they will finally have a place

where everyone remembers their sacrifice.

The memorial will be on Vietnam Veterans Memorial Parkway, named in April of 2009. The event started with Mayor LaRhonda

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Fraternity and community honors MLK, reaches youth, with breakfast

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WARNER ROBINS — Martin Luther King Jr. Day observances started over the weekend in Warner Robins with a celebration of the civil rights leader's impact on the community.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, folks gathered at the First Baptist Church of Garmon Street for a unity breakfast, an event sponsored by the church and the Epsilon Beta Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

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Brianna Smith/HHJ

Dr. Daryl Vining speaks at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "Unity in the Community" breakfast Saturday, Jan. 18.

Police investigating a possible murder-suicide

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WARNER ROBINS — Investigators are looking into a possible murder-suicide that claimed three lives on Monday afternoon, the Warner Robins Police Department said.

According to a press release, on Jan. 20, around 3:40 p.m., officers responded to a house on the 300 block of Taylor Elaine Drive, just south of Feagin Mill Road.

There, officers made contact with a 43-year-old male complainant and found three victims: a 38-year-old woman, a 13-year-old girl and a 9-year-old boy.

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DOJ files lawsuit against county, Board of Commissioners

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HOUSTON COUNTY — The United States Department of Justice has filed a lawsuit against Houston County and the Board of Commissioners for violating Section 2 and Section 12(d) of the Voting Rights Act.

According to the lawsuit, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act prohibits enforcement of voting qualification, prerequisite to voting, standard, practice or procedure that results in the denial or abridgment of the right to vote on account of race, color or language minority status.

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THE INSIDE

"An inside look at the community"

Perry city council addresses growth at first 2025 town hall meeting

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Editor's note: this is part one of a two-part series.

PERRY — Perry City Council hosted the long-awaited town hall meeting. This gave citizens the chance to voice their concerns and stay updated on the city's plans.

The meeting started with Mayor Randall Walker welcoming the audience. The meeting discussed future growth and how the city will manage it. Walker believes they need to be looking out into the future and see how growth will look like.

He then introduced council members:

- Phyllis Bynum Grace and Reverend Willie King, representing district one.

- Dan Peterson and Robert Jones, representing district two.

- Mayor Pro Tempore James Moody and Darryl Albritton, representing district three, the city's largest district.

City Manager Lee Gilmour, Assistant City Manager Robert Smith, City Attorney Brooke Newby and department heads were also present at the town hall meeting.

Overall, the meeting was a showcase of Perry's growth and upcoming city council plans, with input from council and citizens.

Purpose of Town Hall

Peterson, who explained the meeting's purpose, was elected in May of 2024. He described his first six months as a "crash course" in understanding how a city operates. He said his two questions were the real foundation and purpose of local government and what citizens want from their local government.

Peterson then explained what the city oversees, including:

- Collection and allocation of revenue
- Hiring the most qualified staff
- Development of civil order

He said this means the ordinances, laws, rules and engagements to have a civil community that works together. All the elements seek to accomplish one thing: fulfill or to achieve the citizen's desire for their community.

"We listen to you. We want to know what you think, what you need for our community. It's not just what you desire but its then to come up with a plan to implement to that end," Peterson said.

As a citizen, he asked what it is they want from their local government. Peterson divided it up into five categories:

- Public safety: knowing citizens live in a safe and protected community.

- Services: operational trash pick-up, water and sewer infrastructure. Reliable, affordable services



Sandra Hernandez/HHJ

The Town Hall meeting gave citizens the opportunity to voice their concerns and learn more about the city's plan to manage growth.

and quality roads. Public works, Peterson said, is the city's largest division.

- Growth: a dedicated future growth plan. The main priority of the town hall meeting.

- Aesthetics: an attractive looking city, free of unkept landscapes and trash on the road.

- Improved quality of life: quality parks, recreation and facilities.

"We want to be proud of Perry. I love that phrase, Perry Proud, that's what we are," Peterson said.

Their fifth priority is they all want to improve the quality of life, which involves parks, recreation and facilities.

Peterson also shared statistics on Thursday night.. The city's current population is just over 26,000 with an area of 28 square miles. The city's budget going into fiscal year 2025 is \$51,831,100. There are approximately 216 city employees, not including Walker and councilmembers.

"All of these departments, all of these people who work on these various responsibilities, is all designed so that we do what the citizens of this community want and the citizens desire for the kind of community we all want," Peterson said.

Discussion of future land use map

Community Development Director Bryan Wood also

spoke during the meeting and shared more information on community development and land use development in the city. Wood has been working with the city for eight years after being a part of the community development team in Greenville, S.C.

Wood shared over the last 20 years the city has seen a lot of growth. According to Wood, 15% percent of the growth has been inside Perry Parkway and 85% has been outside the parkway. The areas in Kathleen within city limits and on Highway 127 is much of the development outside Perry Parkway.

In the last eight years, the percentages have shifted, says Wood. He said now only seven percent of the development has residential development inside Perry Parkway and 93% is developing outside the parkway.

Wood showed the future land use map as a visual reference, splitting the city east and west by Highway 41 and Ball Street. According to Wood, 75 percent of the development in the last eight years has been on the east side. The city anticipates most of their growth to be on the east side.

Wood said city council has made a lot of policies and implemented modifications to the land management ordinance. He also shared they have modified

ordinances to address conflicts or potential conflicts between existing and new developments.

The council asked the Community Development Department to look at the city's service area. The area is defined through their comprehensive plan and a service delivery strategy required by the state. Wood said they developed several categories for future land uses which included low density residential, medium density residential and high density residential. For each category, they looked at the current zoning districts' propriety.

"This is intended to give council a guide for making decisions in the future as properties to annex into the city of what is appropriate for the land use for that particular area," Wood said.

Wood also shared they looked at low, medium and high density residential and neighborhood commercial nodes with mixed use. They also looked at neighborhood commercial nodes with mixed use and commercial nodes with mixed use. Wood said commercial nodes are going to be higher intensity commercial neighborhood. Commercial nodes would still be commercial but more convenience oriented or locally oriented.

Wood also shared the map's industrial and conservation categories. Flood plains established by FEMA

in 2008 were listed as conservation, alongside cemeteries.

Wood said they also recognize they need to preserve industrial areas and looked at which areas are appropriate. He also shared their decisions were made looking at their comprehensive plan, which was adopted in 2022. The plan will be revised before 2027, and Wood said citizens will be involved in the comprehensive planning process. The comprehensive plan is the guiding element for making land use decisions over the next five years, says Wood.

The west side of Perry Parkway, a four-lane highway, is considered an industrial area in the comprehensive plan. This is due to the already existing industrial park and the highway. The other industrial area is on the east side, bounded by a railroad driveway. The final industrial area is north of the runway for the Perry Houston County Airport.

Wood then looked at commercial nodes at major intersections and said the city wants to limit their development on those intersections. Also on the map is the future Commodore Drive, which will be an extension of Langston Road connecting Highway 127 down to Sandefur Road and Highway 341.

Wood told attendees where the major commercial nodes are located and

said it is where the city felt would be necessary to address services. He then said neighborhood commercial nodes are for convenience and at less major intersections, like on Kings Chapel Road. Wood said the city felt high density residential, like apartments, should be limited and clustered around commercial nodes.

The west side of the map close to Peach County was identified as low density residential; what was left was identified as medium density residential.

"That's kind of the reasoning thought behind developing this map or how this map ended up. I want to say this is, in my mind, an extension of the comprehensive plan," he said. "It gives council a guide on how development should occur, what density it should occur should we be asked for annexation. It should be updated on a regular basis as things change [and] as priorities change. It should be looked at on a regular basis for any modifications."

To view the future land use map, visit: <https://www.perry-ga.gov/uploads/files/ab/6d/ab6d2e0fa3fec94a539851a381bb8aac.pdf>.

The town hall featured plenty of input from Council and Citizens on various topics. See their insights in part two, in Saturday's edition of The Houston Home Journal.

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Clothes Closet
Yard Sale

The Well at Centerville will hold a Clothes Closet Community Yard Sale Jan 31st and Feb 1st - 9am to 1pm both days.

Inside Fellowship Hall (Parking and entrance behind the church.)

600 N. Houston Lake Blvd.

Not just clothing! All kinds of items will be available for sale! Come seek and find!

Money raised will be used for purchasing extra needed items for the Clothes Closet such as diapers and toiletries.

Want to donate items for the sale? Please leave in the trailer behind the church by the Tom Shell building. Thank you for your support!

Roland E. Fall to
Perform at Jen's
Happy Valentine's
Market

Jen's Happy Valentine's Day Market will host musician Roland E. Fall for a morning and afternoon presentation of his Valentine's and Blues music. Jen's Happy Valentine's Day Market will take place on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at the Howard Community Clubhouse, 5645 Forsyth Road, Macon GA, 31210, 11am to 4pm. The public is cordially welcomed to attend this fun day of live music, shopping local artisans, eating tasty foods and having a GOOD TIME! Happy Valentine's Day!

All Saints Wine
and Cheese

All Saints Episcopal Church, located at 1708 Watson Blvd, Warner Robins, is hosting our Annual Wine and Cheese on 14 Feb 2025, Valentines Day, starting at 7:00PM. Various wines and cheeses are available for tasting and enjoying. In addition, there is a Silent Auction and door prizes. This event is one of our major Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) funding sources for the many Outreach Programs sponsored by All Saints. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and can be purchased at the church office. Please contact the church office at 478-923-1791 for more information and tickets.

Crossroads
Quilt Show

Crossroads Quilt Guild of Perry is presenting it's 30th Bi-annual quilt show on March 21-23, 2025 at "The Well at Centerville Church; 600 N Houston Lake Blvd Centerville.

There will be over 100 quilts on display made by their members.

Each quilt entered in a specified category and judged accordingly. Along with quilts there will be Vendors, demos, Raffle Baskets, and scissor sharpening vendor, so bring your scissors!

\$8 entry fee/\$1 discount coupon available at the local quilt/fabric stores"

Times: Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; noon-5 p.m.

Community
Calendar

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MLK

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service speaking for voting rights and linking Monday's march to the civil rights movement. He encouraged the community to vote, saying that King died for that right.

"We ought to get excited for those who marched over to the church. You're recalling the marches that [King] had and everything that he did for the advancement of colored people. Y'all ought to be excited. There was a time we couldn't even vote, and now it comes down to a vote," Sumpter said.

Trish Wilson led the opening prayer, asking for God's blessings on the service and highlighting God's intent and role towards progress.

"We have come this far by faith only because our God is intentional. We serve an intentional God: He's intentional about his people," Wilson said.

Highly Favored Ministries Pastor Shurwanda Jolly gave remarks calling for the community to be intentional as well, calling for the community to resist self-service and support each other. A key issue she spoke on was voting, emphasizing that every vote matters, especially locally. She also mentioned issues that affect youth, such as violence, drug use and suicide, calling on parents to guide their children and youth to resist partaking.

Closing her message, Jolly

asked the crowd if they were all in, with an energetic response.

"I'm all in!" the crowd said. Jonathan Johnson, Houston County NAACP president, spoke on the organization and the role they play in the community, ultimately vouching for the community to join their cause of ensuring equality.

Johnson mentioned that the NAACP will work on the community's behalf to ensure equal treatment from police departments and the school district, citing several instances within the school system, such as Houston County High School baseball team members dressed up like the Ku Klux Klan, a Warner Robins Middle School teacher accused of threatening a student over offense by an Israeli flag in his classroom, and an incident at Mossy Creek Middle School where a teacher allegedly kicked a student's desk. Dr. Rutha Jackson added the local NAACP has a Youth Council.

Two spoken words by Essence underscored the theme of Monday's service: "Present Day Kings" and "All In."

She opened "Present Day Kings" by mentioning civil rights leaders with agency and ambition to fight against injustice. She also said Dr. King embodied virtues from philosophers like Henry David Thoreau and Mahatma Gandhi, which he used in alignment with a divine call-

ing.

She called on the community to take action, and continue fighting for equality, saying they now embody Dr. King's legacy.

"It is our responsibility to organize with synergy, utilize our resources and move with agency. It is not enough, my dear friends, to merely be angry. Instead, we must be busy with purpose and intentionality. We must unite in our methodologies, align our strategies. We must be vigilant in our agency. We must continue to fight for the dream because we are the present day King," Essence said.

"All In" started with a question: "What does it mean [to be] all in?" Essence said she carefully thought over her response, and her first concepts in mind were dedication and determination. For Essence, being "all in" requires these concepts, with an active role in calling out injustice as it happens, especially in terms of representation, microaggressions, and legislation.

"It is fighting against racism and no longer passing self hatred under colloquial euphemisms. I am all in. It is less about our differences and more about how we organize and remain consistent, persistent in what we believe in," she said. "All in" should be defined as our indefinite state of being."

Georgia lawmakers to debate
pros and cons of data centersBy DAVE WILLIAMS
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ATLANTA — Business leaders are gearing up to defend the growing proliferation of power-hungry data centers in Georgia from an expected pushback in the General Assembly by critics worried about the industry's impact on electric rates.

Gov. Brian Kemp vetoed a bill the legislature passed last year that would have temporarily suspended a state sales tax exemption aimed at attracting data centers to Georgia.

Republican legislative leaders had supported House Bill 1192, arguing the rapid growth of data centers is putting a strain on the state's energy grid.

"They put an enormous demand on electric and water resources," said energy lawyer Bobby Baker, a former member of the Georgia Public Service Commission. "If these data centers come in, you're taking an enormous amount of electricity that could power a manufacturing plant that creates a lot more jobs and eliminating that option. It's going to hurt Georgia."

But Chris Clark, president and CEO of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, which urged Kemp to veto the bill, said data centers are springing up in Georgia and elsewhere because people want them.

The latest example is an application submitted Thursday for a proposed 2.5-million-square-foot data center complex in Newton County occupying nine buildings.

"These data centers are a response to consumer demand," Clark said.

Georgia House Speaker Jon Burns announced earlier this month the creation of a special committee to develop a resource management plan for the state that will take into account the anticipated effects of the growing demand for energy and water on supplies. While Burns said the panel will not specifically target data centers, they are likely to occupy a good deal of its time.

"We haven't had a state energy plan since 2006," Clark said. "It's a smart move."

State Rep. Brad Thomas, R-Holly Springs, who will chair the committee, said its work will continue after the General Assembly adjourns the 2025 session in early April.

"We'll do the bulk of our work in the off-season," he said. "We can't just go in and take a bite at such an important piece of our economy in nine weeks."

Baker said the tax incentives last year's legislation was seeking to suspend are neither necessary nor justified. He and other critics of data centers say they

don't provide the economic impact to justify offering tax breaks.

"They create a handful of jobs," he said. "There's no benefit to Georgia."

Baker also argued that the volume discounts such large users of electricity get drive up electric rates for residential and small business customers, which have soared by 37% in the last two years.

"These large customers all qualify for these marginal rates that are a quarter of what we pay," he said. "We don't need any more increases for residential and small commercial folks. They have been pounded hard."

But Clark said the storage capabilities of domestic data centers in Georgia and other states are vital to the nation's national security at a time data centers are cropping up all over the world and storing Americans' personal information.

"We want that data stored as close to home as possible," he said.

Clark said he expects the special committee to examine Georgia's long-term energy needs through 2040 or 2050.

"I hope we don't scapegoat or pick winners and losers," he said.

Thomas said he expects the committee to hold its first meeting during the week of Jan. 27.

VETERANS

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Patrick welcoming attendees, saying the location will soon have a wall honoring the 1,584 Georgians who did not return home from the Vietnam War.

The memorial will be in two phases, the first an outdoor portion with statues and a memorial wall. The second phase will be the construction of a building.

Construction will start this year and, as of right now, the timeline is unsure. Patrick said a proposal request has been submitted, and the city will know a timeline in approximately 45 days.

Patrick said the event was for those who never walked on Georgia soil again, their families, their loved ones and those who did return but did not receive the welcome they deserved.

Patrick also recognized Bill Carey and Tom McClendon for being pioneers in the initiative, which started in 2011.

Carey is a member of the Veterans Issues Board and of the Romeos, a Vietnam veterans group. He thanked participating organizations for attending the event and believes it is time to give their brothers a rest at home.

Patrick also gave thanks to Michael Driggers, who donated five acres of land to the city. Driggers is a

Vietnam Veteran and always wanted a place people could come and remember.

"It's because of my heart for Vietnam Veterans that I feel like they should be recognized for the service that they gave. I'm proud to be in a community that's going to get the ball rolling and get this thing going. I'll be here often," he said.

Congressman Sanford Bishop was also at the event and has worked with Patrick over the past months to bring this memorial to the community. Bishop said he was proud to support the memorial and said he will always ensure America provides the highest quality of care and benefits for veterans and their families. He also said he will always make sure their sacrifices are recognized and honored.

Bishop said a memorial is a place reminding people to stop and reflect, as well as to pay respect.

"The Vietnam Veterans Memorial will help preserve the legacy of our service members, the stories of their valor, the weight of their sacrifice and the lessons we must draw for a better future," he said.

Bishop said projects like the memorial are personal to him because he remembers his childhood friend, Thaddeus Williams, who passed away while serving in the Army.

He then recognized McClendon with a certifi-

cate of special congressional recognition. McClendon spent a decade fighting for the memorial by challenging mayors and members of congress.

Representative Shaw Blackmon also spoke at the event and presented House Resolution 17. The resolution honors those who were victims of Agent Orange. The memorial will pay homage of those victims since they are not currently recognized as victims of the Vietnam War.

Patrick said on the wall there will be many names' veterans will know, it will be the names of those they served alongside and tried to protect during the war. The wall will also have the name of Patrick's great uncle, and she plans to teach her son about the war. She said the memorial will represent something many have fought without ceasing to see in the city.

"We've been working so hard as a team, staying focused on each phase as each year comes in. This is the year of execution for the city of Warner Robins," she said. "You can finally see the things we said we're going to do and see something physical to show you that we meant what we said and we're doing it. So, being able to show everyone that the things we could happen, did happen, it's what really warms me up the most."

City of Centerville

Notice of General Election and Qualifying

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §21-2-131 (a)(1)(A), the following qualifying fees were set by the Governing Authority at the January 7, 2025, council meeting.

Qualifying for the November 4, 2025, General Election shall be held at the City of Centerville, City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 300 E. Church Street, beginning at 8:30am on August 18, 2025, and ending at 4:30pm on August 20, 2025; one hour allowed for lunch 1pm-2pm.

The qualifying fees are as follows: three hundred sixty (\$360.00) for Mayor seat and one hundred eighty (\$180.00) for Council seats Post 1 and Post 2.

All persons who are not registered to vote and who desire to vote in the election may register to vote through the close of business October 6, 2025.

Early voting will be held October 14, 2025, through October 31, 2025 (8am-5pm). In addition, there will be voting conducted the following Saturdays during the hours of 9am-5pm; (October 18, 2025) and (October 25, 2025). Early voting locations- Houston Health Pavilion Conference Center, 233 N. Houston Rd, Warner Robins, Ga. 31093 and Houston County Board of Elections, 2030 Kings Chapel Rd, Perry, Ga. 31069.

Polls will be open from 7:00am until 7:00pm on Election Day, City of Centerville, 300 E Church Street, Centerville Ga. 31028.

If necessary, the run-off election will be held on December 2, 2025.

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CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540, a special election shall be held in Centerville, Ga.-Houston County to fill the unexpired term in the office of Mayor seat, caused by resignation of the Honorable John Harley. The special election will be held on June 17, 2025.

Qualifying for the special election shall be held at the City of Centerville, City Hall, City Clerk's Office, 300 E Church Street, beginning at 9:00am on April 1, 2025, and ending at 12:00pm on April 3, 2025 (allowing one hour each day for lunch from 1-2). The qualifying fee, set by the Council on January 7, 2025, shall be three hundred sixty dollars. (\$360.00) for the Mayor seat.

All persons who are not registered to vote and who desire to vote in the special election may register to vote through the close of business on May 19, 2025.

Early voting will be held May 27, 2025, through June 13, 2025 (8am-5pm). In addition, there will be voting conducted on the following Saturdays during the hours of 9am-5pm; (May 31, 2025) and (June 7, 2025).

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Polls will be open from 7:00am until 7:00pm on Election Day, City of Centerville, 300 E Church Street, Centerville Ga. 31028.

Should a run-off election be required, such runoff election will be held on July 15, 2025.

This is the 7th day of January 2025.

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Take The Forecast Seriously, But Not Necessarily Literally

Storms are in the forecast for much of Georgia this week. Some of the predictions that began well before an accurate forecast window were downright crazy. The most sensational predictions of what would happen using the most unreliable models are the ones that grab our attention and get shared most often.

If you've looked at any of social media in the past week, you've likely seen outlandish predictions of snowfall for much of the state. The first models began predicting this when a lot of north Georgia was covered in snow.

They were immediately believable to many, as human nature is always to see the future as a trend line of the present. Human nature is also too often overly negative, and thus it's easy for some to compute that "the next one will be even worse".

This column is being written and filed as the prediction window is closing and we have a general idea of accuracy — as much as any snow or ice event can be foretold with accuracy in Georgia. It appears some of what was forecast will come true, even if not in the insane amounts in some of the original models.

Some of the state will be left out, though it will be bitterly cold. Other parts of Georgia that rarely see frozen precipitation will have a few days they'll be talking about for a while.

So were the models right? The predicted something, somewhere. Something is actually going to happen, but a lot of the details changed. Nuance matters in whether we're declaring the predictions right or wrong.

The same day this column is being filed there are a lot

Five Georgias



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of other things going on.

We're remembering Martin Luther King, Jr. While few articulate it, we've been having a somewhat passive aggressive national conversation about what "equality" means, having the word "equity" substituted by many without achieving the buy-in needed for true social change.

We're observing the peaceful transition of power in Washington. We must acknowledge that this remains a modern miracle, even if it seems a tenuous one.

We have a reported case of bird flu in Georgia's poultry industry, which while currently contained is a threat to one of the state's largest agriculture industries and our food supply. Jobs and the price of chicken hang in the balance.

We have questions about whether TikTok is an issue of free speech (something that a unanimous Supreme Court declared it is not), or an issue of national security. We have questions if a President has the unilateral authority to create an extension of implementing a law out of whole cloth, or if one can unilaterally declare the Constitution amended.

And, breaking late, we again have the questions of pre-emptive pardons. We'll be questioning the legality of a pardon that declares no crime has been committed, while also arguing over whether or not a precedent has been set for blanket

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Columnist Viewpoints

Prosecuting the Prosecutor

Dear Readers, Prosecutors have enormous power. They can decide whom to investigate and charge while providing guidance and training for law enforcement. We depend on our prosecutors being above favoritism or bias.

This is why it was refreshing that President Biden did not interfere with the prosecution of his son, Hunter Biden. And, it was equally depressing when President Biden decided to pardon his son, after guilty verdicts by a jury.

Senator Bob Menendez was a United States Senator from New Jersey and a member of the Democrat. He has long operated under a legal cloud. He has been under legal scrutiny by Republican and Democratic Justice Departments for the past two (2) decades.

In 2006, Bob Menendez was serving in the House

The "Law" Man



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of Representatives. Chris Christie, as a Republican-appointed U.S. Attorney in New Jersey, investigated him for dubious rent practices. This ultimately resulted in the bipartisan House Ethics Committee opening its review. Nothing else came of this.

In 2015, Barack Obama's DOJ indicted Sen. Menendez for public corruption. The successor Republican DOJ unsuccessfully prosecuted him, when a jury "hung" 10-2 for conviction. Sen. Menendez continued to serve as a Senator and was even re-elected to his seat amid his criminal woes.

Nothing else came of this.

Finally, probably the shadiest public servant in recent memory is going to suffer punishment. In July, a Manhattan, New York jury convicted him of public corruption and he resigned as Senator. President Biden's appointed U.S. Attorney is recommending 15 years in prison and Probation's Sentencing Report recommends 12 years — sentencing is set for February after the change in administration.

Sen. Menendez has asked President Biden for a pardon. No go. He plans to ask President Trump for one, after the change in DOJ personnel. Watch for this. Effectively, a Democratic DOJ has defrocked a Democratic Senator.

You may remember the tragic story of Ahmaud Arbery from 2020. He was an unarmed young African-American man whose life

was cut short when he was murdered for jogging (as he often did) through a neighborhood by three (3) white males Greg McMichael, Travis McMichael (Greg's son), and their neighbor William "Roddie" Bryan.

The twist is the elder McMichael was a former investigator for the local District Attorney, Jackie Johnson. It took several months for the perpetrators to be arrested. In that interim, between the killing and the arrests, Greg McMichael was in communication with Ms. Jackson. There were at least 16 phone calls between the two of them — What was she doing having private contacts (and this extraordinary number) with a suspect in a murder investigation?

The three men were eventually found guilty of murder and sentenced in state

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Jimmy Carter's forgotten legacy as a champion of rural causes

In the flood of tributes following Jimmy Carter's passing, one major aspect of his legacy was largely overlooked: his unwavering commitment to rural America. As the only president in modern history to hail from a small farming community, Carter brought a unique perspective to the White House that shaped his policies and priorities in ways that continue to resonate today.

Carter's rural roots ran deep. Born and raised in Plains, Ga., he understood the challenges facing America's heartland on a very personal level. This background informed his approach to governance, both as governor of Georgia and as president of the United States.

Yet, in the days following his death, this important — indeed, pivotal — aspect of his legacy received scant attention, overshadowed by discussions of his foreign policy achievements and post-presidential humanitarian work.

This vision, which he carried into the White House, would shape his approach to rural policy for years to come.

As governor, Carter laid the groundwork for his rural focus, championing

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initiatives like the Georgia Heritage Trust Program in 1972, which aimed to preserve the state's natural landscapes and historic sites.

He recognized early on that economic growth and environmental protection could coexist when grounded in faithful stewardship of the land. Upon reaching the White House, Carter elevated rural issues to national prominence. In 1979, he unveiled a comprehensive Small Community and Rural Development Policy, a first of its kind.

This policy addressed pressing rural needs, from housing and healthcare to economic development and environmental stewardship. Carter's approach was holistic, recognizing that rural America's challenges were interconnected and required a coordinated response.

As a young reporter, I interviewed Carter during the 1970 gubernatorial

campaign and have a clear memory of him emphasizing the need to improve access to healthcare in rural areas as a prerequisite for economic growth.

He clearly carried that perspective into the White House. One of his most significant rural initiatives was the Rural Health Clinic Services Act of 1977. This landmark legislation increased Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates for rural health centers and allowed payment for nurse practitioners and physician assistants in these facilities.

The Act laid the foundation for improved healthcare access in underserved rural areas, a legacy that continues to benefit millions of Americans today (albeit not to a significant degree in his native Georgia, where rural healthcare has been deteriorating for years).

Carter's commitment to rural America extended beyond healthcare. He established the Department of Energy and championed renewable energy and conservation as moral imperatives — a focus that had particular relevance for rural energy consumption.

His administration also won passage of the Food

and Agriculture Act of 1977 (aka the Farm Bill), which increased price and income supports for farmer and established a farmer-owned reserve for grain. This gave farmers more control over their crops and helped stabilize prices.

In contrast to his predecessors and successors, Carter's approach to rural policy was deeply personal and informed by firsthand experience. While other presidents have certainly addressed rural issues, few if any have done so with Carter's level of understanding and commitment. Subsequent administrations have continued to address rural concerns, but often in a piecemeal fashion, lacking the comprehensive vision that characterized Carter's approach.

Perhaps the most profound irony of Carter's rural legacy lies in the political shift that occurred during his presidency. The 1980 presidential election, which Carter lost to Ronald Reagan, marked the beginning of a tidal wave shift in rural voters away from the Democratic Party and toward the Republicans.

This trend has only intensified in the decades since,

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LIFESTYLE & FAITH

I Once was Blind...

In last week's article, I referenced a miracle that took place just outside the temple courtyard in Jerusalem. I want us to consider that event in more detail over the next couple weeks. In John chapter nine, following a long and heated debate with the Jews, Jesus and His disciples are leaving the temple one Sabbath day when they cross paths with a blind beggar. We learn from John's record that this man had been born blind. In an act of mercy and prophetic Messianic significance, Jesus miraculously heals the man. You might think this would be a cause for celebration for all, but sadly that is not the case.

Nonetheless, I want to follow this formerly blind man and see how his life was radically changed by Jesus of Nazareth.

Returning home, his family, friends and neighbors were beyond shocked that this blind man they had known all their lives could now see. They were understandably filled with questions: "How did this happen? How can you see? Who healed you?" The formerly blind man answers: "a man named Jesus made clay, anointed my eyes, told me to go wash in the pool of Siloam. I did, and now I see." This simple reply may not have explained every detail to their satisfaction, but it was obvious to everyone, a miracle had taken place.

Fast-forwarding a little bit in the narrative, and without going into a great deal of detail, the man is soon brought before the Jewish religious leaders to be examined. What began as a casual conversation quickly escalated into a fiery interrogation! The Pharisees challenge his story and flatly refuse to believe he is telling them the truth. The man relates the same events he told his neighbors, but regardless of how many times he recounts the details, they refuse to believe him. There is no way, the Jews insist, this Sabbath-breaking man called Jesus actually healed anyone blind from birth.

To rightly understand the Jewish leader's absolute refusal to acknowledge Jesus as their Messiah,

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you must first understand one of the primary reasons they denied His Messianic claims. You see, in their opinion Jesus did not "keep the Sabbath" because He healed this man (and several others) on the Sabbath. Hence, He could not possibly be sent by God. In their judgment, Jesus was an egregious sinner because He had failed to rightly honor God by not honoring the Sabbath.

Now to be clear, Jesus never broke a single Old Testament law, including honoring the Sabbath, but always obeyed God in every thought and action. Jesus did however, transgress the extra-Scriptural traditions the Pharisees had imposed on themselves and others. Like all religious people are prone to do, the Pharisees had elevated their own man-made rules to a place of authority, equal to that of Scripture.

Without dragging you too far down the proverbial rabbit hole, the Jewish Rabbis and religious leaders had made a long legal list of hundreds and hundreds of rules governing behavior on the Sabbath day. Such loony laws like; you were not allowed to get dental work done on the Sabbath. If you had a toothache, that was just too bad, you had to suffer till the next day. Or, none were allowed to kill an insect on the Sabbath, as that was considered hunting. If your house was burning down, you were forbidden from carrying out any clothes or furniture, as that would be considered bearing a burden. You could not use a looking glass on the Sabbath because you might be tempted to pull a grey hair, and that was considered work. The absurdity goes on and on, but this much is certain, Jesus could not have cared less about their man-made rules. Their traditions did not equate to Scripture and miraculously healing someone, regardless

of what day it is, was an act of mercy, and should be celebrated and not condemned.

Yet, the Pharisees were insistent, this man Jesus was not from God, not the Messiah, and not some miracle worker. He was, in their estimation, a Sabbath-breaking deceiver who needed to be stopped. So, in John 9:24 they command this formerly blind man to "drop the charade, speak the truth, tell us what you have really done and stop trying to deceive us! We know this man Jesus is a sinner!"

Not having fully come to saving faith in Christ, but with great boldness the man speaks some of the most powerful and poetic words in all the Bible; John 9:25 "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." No, this man had not fully seen Jesus for all He is, but he knew without a doubt what Jesus had done for him!

This beautiful and bold statement symbolizes how every single born-again believer feels having come to saving faith in Christ. "I once was blind, but now I see!" If you claim to be a Christian, these wonderful words should describe your conversion.

Yes ... Maybe, you don't know all there is to know about theology, but can you say, I once was blind, but now I see!? Maybe you don't know if you are pre-mill, post-mill, or A-mill, or even what those terms mean ... but do you know Jesus has opened your blinded eyes? Maybe you don't know Ezra from Ezekiel, but can you say with eternal certainty, I once was blind, but now I see?! Perhaps you don't know Calvinism from Arminianism, but can you say, Jesus has given me spiritual sight, and my life has been radically changed by the Gospel!?

Reader, if you have not received spiritual sight, I point you to Jesus, the Light of the World, and compel you to trust in His finished work. Only God can open the eyes of the blind. The miracle-working Messiah can give you spiritual sight, just like He did this blind man, and you too can say (and sing), "I once was blind but now I see!"

Fruit Trees — Part Two

Let's Garden



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falling off three weeks after the freeze.

•Pollination was unsuccessful. Some varieties need a second variety to pollinate them. Some varieties are not compatible with each other. Be sure to plant correct varieties for proper cross-pollination to occur.

•Insect damage to young fruit in early spring may cause fruit to drop prematurely. Follow proper spray program.

•Over-fertilization may cause excessive leaf growth at the expense of fruit production. Fertilize properly.

•Stress on the tree caused by too much water, drought, excessive shade, mechanical injury (as caused by lawnmowers or weed-eaters) are a few things to avoid.

Another consideration is fruit tree fertilization. First, a soil analysis is always recommended. This will reveal the soil pH, the existing nutrient levels, and how to correct nutrient deficiencies or toxicities. Fertilization should not begin for at least three months after planting new trees to allow the soil to settle around the plant's roots and to allow the plant to establish more roots in the surrounding soil. Fertilizer, when applied, should be spread uniformly under the tree from the drip line back to the trunk. Fertilization is essential for high quality fruit production. Over-fertilization, however, can result in excessive vegetative growth and premature fruit drop.

The following fertilizer recommendations are general, in lieu of an actual soil analysis, and call for a

complete analysis fertilizer such as 8-8-8 or 10-10-10. Note: It is always best to use fertilizer containing minor elements. A quick glance at the fertilizer bag will tell if minor elements are included.

For pears and persimmons, apply fertilizer in early March. Put one-half pound per plant per year of growth.

For apples, figs, plums, and peaches, apply at bud swell (February through early March). For first year, put one-half pound per plant. After first year, put one pound per plant per year of growth.

For blackberries, apply at bud swell (March). For first year, put four ounces per plant. After the first year, put eight ounces per plant.

For grapes, apply complete fertilizer when vines begin to leaf (March and April). For first year, put four ounces per plant; second year eight ounces per plant, and third year one pound per plant. After third year, two pounds per plant is recommended.

For blueberries, apply azalea or camellia fertilizer for best results. Apply one-half in March and the other half in June. Put two ounces per plant per year up to a maximum of eight ounces per plant per year.

I wish you the best in all your home orchard endeavors!

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Male mortification at the department store

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I have seen acres of material that's as interesting as a used body bag. You are not alone out there, unless of course you are actually standing in the underwear department of a major store reading this column. Then, yeah, you're alone.

Men still know what I mean. We can be standing there with 15 other guys, all holding purses and an armload of industrial-strength supportive garments and we are alone. We're also wishing we were defending a small African village from a rampaging elephant.

I firmly believe a number of men have actually died of shock upon being abandoned in the underwear section after hearing the words "Hold this, honey. I'll just be a minute."

Women sucker us into this. They ask if we want to go shopping, an activity most men regard as something that has to be done because in order to get stuff, we must buy it. The women say there's a big hardware

and sporting goods section we can go to. Immediately we also start thinking about the electronics department with 150 inch TVs which is next to the furniture with the giant leather recliners. Shopping doesn't sound so bad right then.

We go and find the recliners, kick back and flip the TV to one of the sports channels. When a sales associate comes by, we say, "Just trying it out. Need a new one at the house," and the poor clerk is so afraid of offending a potential customer, he heads off to the toy department.

Eventually the lady comes back. She'll either have a buggy so full of stuff you immediately want to call your stock broker and tell him to buy shares in the store or she has nothing. Smart men realize the lady with nothing in her hands is the kind of warning sign which would make the president burrow into the Rocky Mountains with just his hands.

"Just one more thing," she says. "It'll only take a minute. Then we'll go. Come on."

The living death sentence now levied, we men put on our shoes and leave

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Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!

I should say "Ladies and Gentlemen Start Your Engines" because there is an amazing amount of interest in motor sports these days among women... including my granddaughter, Reagan. Let me tell you about it.

This afternoon I'll be headed to one of Middle Georgia's best kept secrets: The Cordele Motor Speedway for Speedfest 2025, their season opener; it's kind of like the Daytona 500 is to NASCAR.

This event normally draws racers and fans from all up and down the east coast from Canada to Florida. It was originally scheduled for Friday to be the practice and qualifying day and Saturday to be the race day but because of the almost 100% chance of rain on Saturday the event was squeezed down to be a one day event. No doubt the speed and noise won't be squeezed though!

We first started to attend these events when we were living at the farm which was just 9 miles east of the track. Most of the time, because the prevailing winds were from west to east, we could hear the cars at the farm! I miss those days!

Those were great events but this year and into the future will be even better. That's because last year the ownership of the track changed hands and the new owners have really gone to work to upgrade the facilities. Just a few of the upgrades include new paint everywhere, new LED lighting, upgraded concessions,

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skyboxes and a souvenir shop.

Here's a brief description of the facility from the CMS website, <https://cordelemotorspeedway.com/info/>

"Just half a mile from I-75 at exit 104 in Cordele, Georgia, Cordele Motor Speedway is located on 100 acres and features a 3/8-mile, medium-banked, high-speed, D-shaped asphalt oval track known as Watermelon Capital Speedway.

A favorite in the Southeast thanks to its fun, family-friendly atmosphere that welcomes drivers and fans of all ages as well as for its excellent facilities, CMS also boasts some of the fastest speeds in the area.

The track hosts weekly Division Trials including INEX Sanctioned Bandolero and Legends races, Go Karts, Mini Stock, Enduro, Pure Stock, Super Street/ Sportsman, and Outlaw Late Model races."

I'd like to expand on the "Family-Friendly Atmosphere" claims from the excerpt above. Last year my granddaughter, Reagan, took a pretty good hit into the concrete wall that surrounds the track. I can't remember if she spun out or was pushed by another car but

what I do remember is the phone call I got from Ricky Brooks, the track manager, on Sunday afternoon. I was really taken back when I saw the caller ID info on my phone as to what the call might be about.

It turns out that the call was just an outgrowth of the "Family Friendly" claims; Ricky, after not being able to connect with Reagan's dad, reached out to her grandfather (me), to inquire about her well-being after her encounter into the wall on Saturday night. After telling Ricky that she was fine, I told him how much I appreciated his call and that he went well beyond the call of duty in doing so!

As a race-loving family, we have really come to appreciate the Cordele Motor Speedway. If you or any of your family like Motor Sports too, I'd encourage you to give them a visit. This year's event schedule is posted on their website: <https://cordelemotorspeedway.com/info/>.

Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!

Thanks for reading All About Seniors... see you next week!

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ENTERTAINMENT

Was there really a Kilroy, as in 'Kilroy Was Here'?

As I sit here at my desk, on a Thursday morning (the day I write this silly stuff), looking out my office window, I realize ...

It's not spring yet. We just got started with winter what, a month ago? And here I am, waxing poetic for spring already.

Be gone, cold air! Be gone, winter weather! Be gone, gray skies! Did it work? Did I banish them from where you are? I ask because, well, it didn't work here.

No matter. The warmer days will come. As will the trivia ... right now, for that matter. Enjoy!

Did you know ... the correct answer to an old, old question? You've no doubt heard the old saw, "If a tree falls in a forest and there's no one there to hear it, does it make a sound?" Well, the answer is actually "no." Sound is a sensation excited in the ear when air or other medium is in motion, and if there is no ear there to be excited, there's no sound. (Thanks to Mason for the tip!)

... you may know a pozzee-wallah? In fact, you

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might even be one. What's a pozzee-wallah, you ask? That's a person who is very fond of jam. The slang term was used in the early 20th Century. (Using it today might get you a punch in the nose. I'm just saying.)

... the first network television series to be filmed in color was made in 1955? That year, a show called Norby premiered on NBC. The comedy series, about a small-town bank vice president and his family, starred David Wayne (1914-1995) in the title role. It lasted thirteen episodes and was cancelled due to the then-high cost of using color film and a lack of affiliates which had the show's time slot open. Additional trivia note: Norby was shot on Eastman Kodak film, and Kodak was the show's sponsor as well. The first series of any kind to be filmed in color was The

Cisco Kid, a syndicated western which ran from 1950 to 1956. (Peacocks must have been in black and white back then.)

... newborn human babies cannot taste salt at birth? The ability to detect salt develops at about four months of age. (That's a rather salty thing to think about.)

... Japan has the world's dullest theme park? Well, probably not, but what would you call a theme park where children can experience all the thrills of adulthood - working, banking, and such - other than dull? It's called KidZania, and it's not just located in Japan. Sixteen such parks can be found around the world, each of them a two-third-scale indoor town staffed by children ages four to fifteen. The idea is to learn how to handle adult life. One of the "attractions" that has the highest participation is the car rental office. (No comment.)

... Kilroy, of "Kilroy was here" fame, really existed? During World War II, the most commonly seen piece of graffiti was the phrase, "Kilroy was here," along

with a sketch of someone seeming to peer over a wall. But who in the world was Kilroy? It turns out that the saying originated with one James Kilroy (1902-1962), a worker at the Fore River Shipyard in Massachusetts. Kilroy's job was to check rivets in ships, and he would mark them with chalk. But when he went off duty, other riveters would erase the mark, and they'd end up getting paid double for their work. So to ensure the rivets were properly counted only once, he added "Kilroy was here" and later created the doodle of the long-nosed person looking over the wall. The marks weren't always covered with paint due to the speed at which ships were being built for the war, so the graffiti made it overseas and became a trademark for American forces. Additional trivia note: A story that went around after the war had an outhouse built at Potsdam for the exclusive use of the heads of state meeting there. The first person to use it was Joseph Stalin (1878-1953), who allegedly emerged and

asked an aide in Russian, "Кто такой Килрой?" ("Who is Kilroy?").

... the first president to ride in a self-propelled vehicle was William McKinley? It happened in Buffalo, New York, on September 6, 1901, when McKinley (1843-1901) was being taken to a hospital after being shot by an assassin. An electric ambulance transported the President, who died eight days later. (I doubt that McKinley appreciated the novelty of the vehicle at the time.)

... the city of London pays rent to the monarch? No, not for the entire city, but for a couple of small pieces of property, one in Shropshire and the other near the Royal Courts of Justice. The rent is pretty reasonable, and hasn't changed over the last 800 years - an ax, a knife, six horseshoes, and sixty-one nails. No one outside of the Royal family knows the exact location of the land, either. (I'm not sure what His Majesty does with that loot, but it's a pretty cheap rent nonetheless.)

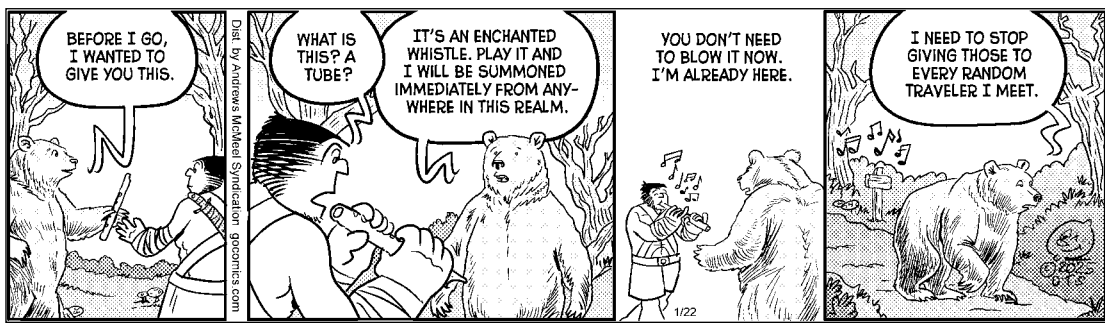
... the first military engagement of the

Revolutionary War had a very low death count? When British and Colonial forces squared off at Lexington, Massachusetts, on April 19, 1775, a total of eight men were killed, all in the Colonial forces. Another ten were wounded. The British had only one casualty, a man shot in the leg. Often considered the first battle of the war, it was more of a minor skirmish. Additional trivia note: This first engagement also had something modern battles do not have - a voluntary audience. Between 40 and 100 spectators watched the encounter from the side of the road.

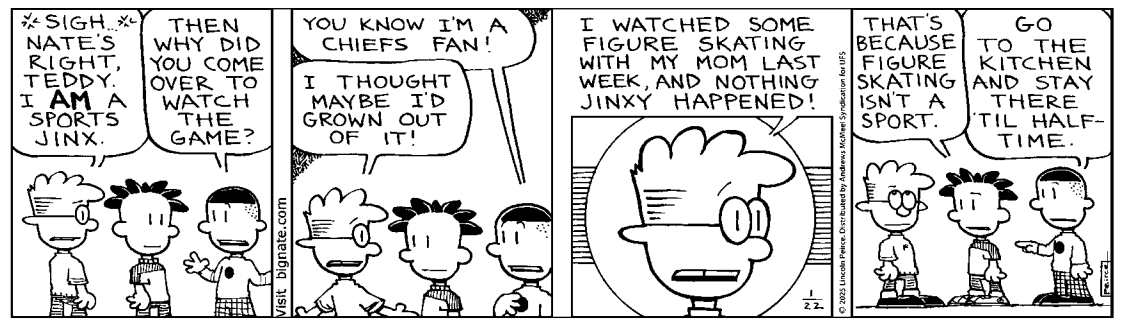
... real skeletons were used as movie props in a popular film? Producers of the movie Poltergeist, released in 1982, used actual human skeletons for the climactic scene in the haunted family's backyard. Asked why they used actual human skeletons, the producers said simply, "They were cheaper than plastic ones." (Try telling that to the families of the original owners of the bones.)

Now ... you know!

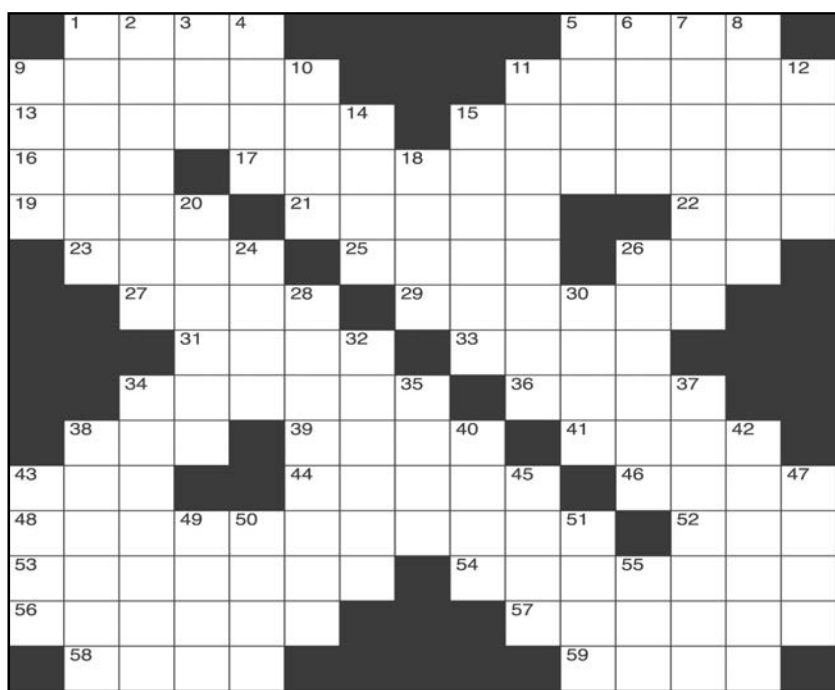
Alley Oop, by Jonathan Lemon and Joey Allison



Big Nate, by Lincoln Peirce



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "Loser" rocker
- 5. Partner to relaxation
- 9. Mixing
- 11. Winged nut
- 13. Expression of blame
- 15. Vast ocean
- 16. Comedienne
- Gasteyer
- 17. Multiply
- 19. Meat from a pig (French)
- 21. Related
- 22. Rocker Stewart
- 23. Surprise completely
- 25. Loon
- 26. Canister

- 27. Large, deep-bodied fish
- 29. Takes forcefully
- 31. Oil cartel
- 33. Palmer and Hepburn are two
- 34. More than one
- 36. Places down purposefully
- 38. Pitching statistic
- 39. Type of sword
- 41. Witnesses
- 43. Body part
- 44. Mixes slowly
- 46. Satisfy
- 48. Strong belief

- 52. One's physique (slang)
- 53. More frightening
- 54. Soup cracker
- 56. Teaches
- 57. One who carries something
- 58. Actor Sean
- 59. Changes

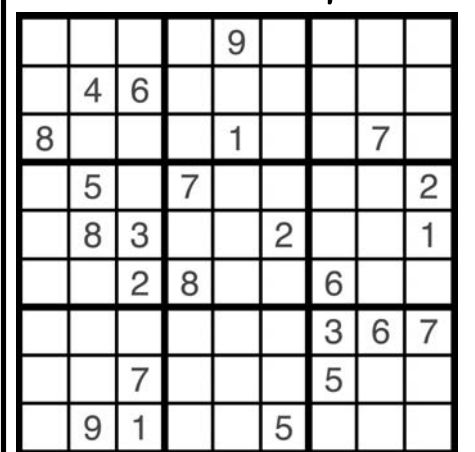
CLUES DOWN

- 1. __ Aires, city
- 2. Coarse grass
- 3. Type of gene
- 4. Door handle
- 5. Competition
- 6. Muslim ruler title
- 7. Hunting expeditions
- 8. Large mollusk
- 9. Bind securely
- 10. Former U.S. presidential candidate
- 11. 2-point plays in football
- 12. Breezed through
- 14. Type setting
- 15. Felt for
- 18. Codified rules
- 20. Small dome
- 24. Chevrotain
- 26. Male reproductive gland

- 28. Controversial beliefs
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. One who confines another
- 34. Bishop
- 35. Garlands
- 37. Bird that flies by the coast
- 38. Optical device
- 40. Greek goddess of discord
- 42. Some are "Rolling"
- 43. Formerly (archaic)
- 45. Thrust a knife into
- 47. German river
- 49. Atomic #26
- 50. Make a grotesque face
- 51. Primordial matter of the universe
- 55. Chinese philosophical principle



SUDOKU



Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



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BREAKFAST

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Four youths, one representing a local high school, served as emcees. Key speakers were Rev. Dr. Daryl Vining, Rev. Rutha Jackson, Bishop Milton Wynn and attorney Joshua Palmer.

Vining spoke against segregation, saying labels are a distraction from major issues. He also warned against losing faith, saying strong faith can win battles against principalities and power from high places.

He said Dr. King believed three great evils persist: poverty, bigotry and war, adding that complacency can bring fearmongering that cannot prevail over good. He called on the community to make a difference, calling them current-day champions who can make an impact on others, be a voice against injustice and support each other.

"In spite of people cutting services and cutting financing for certain programs in our community, will someone still say, 'I'll feed them, I'll clothe them, I'll shelter them?' See, people want someone else to be the champion, and God has called you to be the champion," Vining said. "You might just be the champion for one somebody. You might be the champion for 100 somebodies. You might be the champion for 10,000 somebodies. But whatever the calling is you need that. Is there a champion for the future?"

Using Ezekiel's vision of the Valley of Dry Bones as an example, Jackson said Dr. King's voice calls the community to dismantle injustice and reimagine the world in love and equity, encouraging the community to take an active role.

"As we face mounting challenges in our society, his call is more urgent than ever before. So, we cannot stop at remembrance. We cannot pause right here. We must act. It is a time for us to truly embody the unity Dr.

King envisioned: a unity that transcends our differences and focuses on the collective good," Jackson said.

Wynn expanded further on this with a local example, the election of school board member Clyde Jackson, saying the church community, from multiple denominations, came together to advocate for him. He said this sense of unity has been passed through generations from the introduction of Christianity during slavery.

Wynn said everything used to flow from the church, but modern-day successes have created divides. He encouraged equality for all and a renewed focus on the church, supporting the community and resisting self-serving behavior.

"Dr. King would tell you, just because you moved up, you cannot celebrate till you go back, cross the track and bring the rest of our brothers," Wynn said.

Finally, Palmer spoke primarily to young people, sharing three principles he learned from Dr. King that led to his success. First, he said to dream big — if the dreams aren't a little scary, they're not big enough — adding Dr. King's dream of equality seemed impossible at the time.

Second, he advised to protect those dreams and prove naysayers wrong. Finally, he said to work hard towards making dreams come true.

"The only place success comes before work is in a dictionary. So, if you want to be a doctor, lawyer, get in those books, study every day. If you want to be an athlete, you want to be a champion, get on the field, get in the weight room, run every day. I know you guys want to be YouTubers, [Instagrammers.] You gotta get on that every single day. You gotta put in that work, because it's not going to come easy," Palmer said.

Ira Foster, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and an organizer of the event, said

the speaker selections were chosen from a diverse set of locations. Vining and Jackson are both from Warner Robins, Wynn is from Perry, and Palmer's practice is based in Bonaire.

"The theme for the ministers will be unity in our community. ... We wanted to get a cross section of ministers, and we wanted to look at various locations," Foster said.

Additionally, including teenagers in the program is an educational opportunity and a chance to take a leading role, Foster mentioned. Two students from Perry High School received scholarships at the event.

"We want children to know and understand what Dr. King's dream and his vision was all about. So, a long time ago, we thought that the best way to help children understand the program and what it's all about, was to get them involved in the program," Foster said.

The event has been a staple in the community for 28 years. Foster said year after year, celebrating Dr. King and his dream of equality shows young people that anything is possible.

"The sky's the limit for them in this country, and they're not going to be held back by the color of their skin. They can do great things if they apply themselves and give 110%. That's part of what Dr. King's dream was all about and that's what we want children to realize," Foster said.

Additionally, caring for each other and supporting children can lead to progress and improvement, tying into the breakfast's theme of unity in the community, Foster explained.

"We hope people will see that if we come together, we work together, if we stay unified, if we encourage our children, we support our children, that we will have better communities," Foster said. "We can do great things. We can work together, make our communities better and make this country better."



Brianna Smith/HHJ

Alisa Appling performs a flag dance while Shatterria Zaniya sings "Black Butterfly" at the "Unity in Our Community" Breakfast Saturday, Jan. 18.

ROCKEFELLER

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and federal courts to between 35 years and life in prison (plus). They are never going to see the light of day.

Meanwhile, what remains is what to do about Ms. Jackson. She lost her reelection bid in 2020, which she attributed to her handling of Mr. Arbery's murder. Hence, the local voting public repudiated her unprofessional behavior.

Still, she interfered with, and attempted to thwart, the criminal investigation even after she recused her office. For this, Ms. Jackson was indicted all the way back in 2021 for violating her oath of office (a felony) and misdemeanor obstruction for her interference. She is just now heading to

trial, as her defense attorney (Brian Steel) was tied up in the Young Thug circus in Atlanta.

It is really irrelevant what a jury does in Ms. Jackson's trial. She is being publicly shamed and will face accountability; just like the bipartisan decades-long pursuit of disgraced Sen. Bob Menendez.

Our criminal justice system is the last barrier to chaos. We depend on prosecutors being ethical and above reproach.

This can be a local issue, where you have a vote grading performance. All of our District Attorneys are elected officials, as is Georgia's Attorney General. You get to decide if prosecutors have earned your trust. The same can be said for a county's main law enforcement official, the Sheriff.

You do not have the same

opportunity as our federal justice officials. While we have career prosecutors and law enforcement, dedicated to the rule of law, the same is not true for their department heads. These are political appointments made by a President. Our voice in keeping them dedicated to their offices is indirect. We can only register our disapproval in subsequent elections; this is how we can have a role in prosecuting the prosecutors.

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HARPER

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pardons for many who have actually been convicted.

That's a lot going on for a column about the weather. But this isn't about the weather. It's about our ability to use thin data points to draw conclusions about the future. Most of us, frankly, are quite bad at this.

I posted on X, formerly Twitter, about the bird flu case last Friday afternoon — including screen shots of the entire release. One line, which I repeated, stood out: "All poultry activities in Georgia are suspended."

The tweet went somewhat viral, receiving over a quarter million views. Most who replied didn't have the

knowledge to understand what that line meant in the context of the poultry industry, nor did they attempt to read the release.

Retweets with commentary quickly began from the fringes of the left and right. Not surprisingly, many were quick to blame the political boogeyman of their choice. It was unfortunate how few wanted to understand the problem or seek solutions.

The reaction, whether it's for a foot of snow or that an industry we rely on could be frozen in time, is to fight about what we think we know — and blame the people we don't like.

The forecast in Washington this week is for a new administration. We already know from his

first term that it will be somewhat unconventional. There will be grandiose statements that send many to their fainting couches. Promised results will be as bombastic as 18" of snow on St Simons Island.

Too many of us have already decided if our predictive models suggest if President Trump is right or wrong. History's judgement will likely be more nuanced. He and Congress will get some things right, some wrong, and some will be debated in perpetuity.

It's now time for governing. It's best to take the President's statements seriously, yet not literally. There will be plenty of time to measure what accumulates. For now, just let it snow.

HAYSLETT

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reshaping the political landscape of rural America. The irony is stark: rural voters began to desert a Democratic president who had arguably done more for rural communities than just about all modern presidents combined.

Carter's deep understanding of rural issues and his comprehensive, strategic approach to policy development stands in contrast to the growing perception of the Democratic Party as increasingly urban-focused and discon-

nected from rural concerns.

This shift underscores a disconnect between policy outcomes and political allegiances. Despite Carter's tangible efforts to improve rural life — from healthcare initiatives to energy policies tailored for rural needs — rural voters increasingly aligned themselves with a Republican Party that often advocated for reduced government intervention and spending.

Carter suffered one of the worst defeats ever inflicted on an incumbent president and left office a much-maligned figure. He later described his own presidency as "mediocre." But time

and history have a way of correcting and perfecting records, as they have done for Carter's international work and post-presidential work. The same should certainly be true for his efforts to improve the lives of rural Americans.

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Updates from the State Capitol



Healthy surplus, long list of needs driving state budget

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ATLANTA — With tax relief, disaster assistance, infrastructure investments and prison upgrades on his agenda, Gov. Brian Kemp Thursday proposed major budget increases, particularly in the spending plan covering the rest of this fiscal year.

Kemp's \$40.5 billion fiscal 2025 mid-year budget, \$4.4 billion above the spending plan the General Assembly adopted last spring, dips into the state's healthy surplus to bankroll a \$1 billion one-time tax rebate, \$615 million storm recovery package for victims of Hurricane Helene, and \$1.7 billion for transportation and water projects.

A \$603 million alloca-

tion for improvements to Georgia's prison system is spread out over both the mid-year budget and the governor's more modest \$37.7 billion fiscal 2026 spending plan. The 2026 budget, which takes effect July 1, also includes most of the funding for a \$1 billion rollback of the state's income tax rate from 5.39% to 5.19%.

"At the end of the day, that's your money - not the government's," Kemp said Thursday during his annual State of the State address to a joint session of the Georgia House and Senate. "We believe you should keep more of it."

Kemp first responded to Hurricane Helene by repurposing \$100 million to the Georgia Development Authority last November to provide direct financial support for farmers and timber

producers who suffered losses from the massive storm.

The \$615 million relief package the governor requested Thursday includes \$200 million to cover cleanup costs already incurred by the Georgia Department of Transportation, \$150 million to help both the state and local governments match federal disaster assistance, \$100 million to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission to offset the agency's disaster relief costs, \$50 million to the state Department of Administrative Services to cover storm-related damage to state properties, and \$15.7 million for the Georgia Forestry Commission.

The \$1.7 billion infrastructure package

includes \$530 million for the DOT for highway projects critical to statewide economic development and \$250 million in grants to local governments for road projects.

Another \$502 million would be used to build surface water-supply projects in Coastal Georgia as an alternative to dipping into environmentally fragile groundwater to supply the huge Hyundai electric-vehicle manufacturing plant now under construction west of Savannah. A new water intake on the Savannah River is expected to deliver 20 million gallons a day by 2030.

Another \$250 million would go to support water and sewer projects across the state through low-interest loans to local communities.

The prison package fol-

lows release of a Justice Department audit last fall that accused the Georgia prison system of violating inmates' constitutional rights by failing to protect them from widespread violence. It includes 4% pay raises for correctional officers, 8% increases for mental health professionals working in state prisons, and funds to hire an additional 330 guards.

Another \$371.7 million in the mid-year budget and \$68.2 million in the fiscal 2026 spending plan would go toward infrastructure upgrades, while \$97 million would be used to improve inmate health care.

The two budgets also fully fund Georgia's Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula for students in grades K-12, something the state has

only been able to do in recent years after building up a \$16 billion surplus.

The new private-school vouchers program will be funded in fiscal 2026 for the first time at \$141 million, equivalent to 1% of the QBE, a limit set by legislation the Republican-controlled General Assembly passed last year establishing the program.

For the second year in a row, the state can afford to fund building projects with cash rather than borrowing. The \$1.5 billion capital projects budget would be split between this year and next.

The House and Senate Appropriations committees will conduct three days of joint hearings on the spending proposals next week.

LAWSUIT

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The lawsuit said the voting process in Houston County has weakened the voting strength of Black citizens, thus violating Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

The lawsuit also referenced Houston County's demographics and geography.

"According to a 2020 Census, Houston County has a population of 163,633, including 86,211 White persons (52.7%) and 54,148 Black persons (33.1%). Houston County also has a voting-age population of 122,118, including 68,018 White persons (55.7%) and 38,329 Black persons (31.4%)," the lawsuit said. "Houston County contains geographically and socially distinct Black and White communities, with the Black community concentrated in north and east Warner Robins. Churches and other community organizations also reflect racial separation."

The lawsuit also said there are 105,000 registered voters who are active in the elections including approximately 55,000 White voters making up about 55% and 32,000 Black voters making up about 30%.

"The Black population of Houston County is suf-

ficiently numerous and geographically compact to constitute a majority of the voting-age population and the citizen voting-age population in a single-member district for the Houston County Board of Commissioners under a five-district plan," the lawsuit said. "Analysis of votes cast within such majority-Black district in a five-district plan indicates that Black-preferred Black candidates would have won a majority of votes in the most recent contest between a Black candidate and a White candidate for the Houston County Board of Commissioners, as well as in other interracial countywide contests. Thus, Black voters would have the opportunity to elect their preferred candidates in elections conducted solely within the boundaries of such a district."

The lawsuit referenced the history of the elections of the Houston County Board of Commissioners.

"Since Reconstruction, only one Black candidate, Houston Porter, has been elected to the Houston County Board of Commissioners," the lawsuit said. "Porter defeated an incumbent in a primary runoff election by only 49 votes and was untested in the general election. Porter was reelected in 1984 and 1988 and

declined to seek reelection in 1992."

The lawsuit stated that Black candidates have run as a Democrat, Republican and Independent and have run in 1992, 1994, 2002, 2016, 2020 and 2022, all being defeated in partisan primaries or general elections.

"Black voters consistently vote for Black candidates for the Houston County Board of Commissioners. Since 2002, at least 85% of Black voters have supported Black candidates in general elections for the Houston County Board of Commissioners," the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit also added more relevant topics including Houston County having racially-charged incidents still happening today.

"In the last year alone, students at a local high school were filmed mimicking the Ku Klux Klan, and

the Houston County School District agreed to implement anti-discrimination training after acknowledging racial harassment and retaliation concerns arising from an athletic coach's conduct," the lawsuit said.

Other topics included in the lawsuit stem from Black residents of Houston County still being discriminated against in education, health and employment.

"Elections for the Houston County Board of Commissioners are characterized by

practices and procedures that impair Black voters' opportunity to elect commissioners of choice. These include, but are not limited to, the use of numbered posts, staggered terms, and runoff elections," the lawsuit said. "Under the totality of circumstances, the current method of electing the Houston County Board of Commissioners

results in Black citizens having less opportunity than other members of the electorate to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice, in violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act."

Houston County issued a statement regarding the allegations. The statement said the DOJ notified the county on Dec. 19, 2024, that they have been conducting a multi-year Voting Rights Act investigation.

"We immediately began our own investigation and requested additional information from DOJ regarding what its investigation found. Houston County officials met with DOJ on January 8, 2025, to obtain additional information from them and further discuss the allegations. DOJ then proceeded with filing its lawsuit on January 16, 2025," the statement said. "Houston County will

always follow the law. At this time, Houston County is continuing to investigate the allegations made by DOJ and determine whether the evidence supports those allegations. We will also continue to speak with members of the community about DOJ's claims. Importantly, the DOJ lawsuit does not contain any allegations of intentional racial discrimination in Houston County."

The statement also said the county did not feel the need to respond in fewer than 30 days to a multi-year investigation, especially before they were able to obtain all of the relevant evidence.

"Again, Houston County will always follow the law. If we determine if we agree with DOJ regarding a possible violation of the Voting Rights Act after reviewing all of the documents and evidence, we will take appropriate action at that time," the statement said.

BAKER

From page 5A

the recliner bound for a lifetime in retail sales purgatory. Women may actually believe it's only a few minutes and their watch may agree. Recent astrophysics studies prove time in the underwear department of a major store is not like time anywhere else in the universe. A minute there is enough time outside that section of the store for entire solar systems to form and develop advanced civilizations which are driven extinct

by their version of elephants wearing super heavy duty women's underwear.

I must admit, I have just thought of one thing worse. Being called upon to actually enter said section of the major store and buy something because your woman couldn't get to the store and you happened to be handy.

Ladies, never do this to your man. Take him out in the back yard and shoot him instead.

Don't believe me. Ask which he'd rather you do. Chances are good he'll lie and say he doesn't mind picking the stuff up for you, but if you had him hooked to a lie detector at that moment, it would explode.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO INTRODUCE LOCAL LEGISLATION

Notice is given that there will be introduced at the 2025 regular session of the General Assembly of Georgia a bill to authorize the Municipal Court of the City of Centerville to charge a technology fee; and for other purposes.

Notice of Public Hearing

Perry Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing in the City Hall Council Chambers at 808 Carroll Street on February 11, 2025, at 6:00 pm, for public comment on the proposed ordinance providing for designation of the Swift Street Historic District, consisting of these properties: 1100 through 1407 Swift St.; 1006 First St.; 1006 through 1008 Second St.; 1000 through 1007 Third St., except 1004 Third St.; and 1303 through 1311 Houston Lake Dr. Documents related to this proposal are available for review at the Community Development office located at 741 Main Street during regular business hours or <https://perry-ga.gov/historic-preservation-commission>.

Houston Home Journal Arts & Entertainment

Museum of Aviation hosts 29th annual Run for Aviation

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WARNER ROBINS — The Museum of Aviation hosted their 29th annual Run for Aviation marathon, half-marathon, 5k and para athletes races on Saturday, Jan. 18.

Director of Marketing Lacey Meador said these races bring the community together in unity by promoting health while also celebrating aviation history.

She also mentioned Run for Aviation being a huge fundraiser for the museum.

“Not only do we raise money to sustain our mission and our restoration efforts in keeping history alive, but we’re also doing incredible things through our National STEM Academy educational programs along with lots of outreach opportunities in the public by teaching children, teachers and even adults in all the areas of science, technology and mathematics,” she said. “[Run for Aviation] allows us to sustain our mission and keep that educational program going.”

According to Meador, the 29th annual Run for Aviation had 749 racers registered and also had some running virtually.

“[Those running virtually], go out and run their race, keep track of their time and submit it, so technically they are still running for aviation, but they’re doing it from the comfort of wherever they live,” she said.

Run for Aviation also gets many racers from out of state that come to the race in-person. Meador mentioned this race is a Boston Marathon qualifier and has had multiple racers qualify.

“We had about 50 more participants than we did last year, and we’re just looking forward to seeing this race grow, especially with next year being our 30th annual,” she said. “We’re just thankful for our community support coming out and running, rain or shine.”

Run for Aviation partnered with the movie *Flight Risk*, starring Mark Wahlberg. Meador said the movie’s marketing team reached out to them and thought their



Rain or shine, many racers came out and participated in the 29th annual Run for Aviation.

Museum of Aviation

movie ties in really well with Run for Aviation.

Meador also wanted to thank their presenting sponsor Atrium Health and the many sponsors who helped make this race happen.

“Without [Atrium Health] and without our many, many other sponsors, this race would not be put on, so we’re just grateful for their support,” she said.

The medals the winners received showcased a

C-47 A. Meador said this aircraft is very special to the Museum of Aviation.

“We got this aircraft in from a small museum in Alaska, and came to find out, this particular aircraft participated in D-Day as it dropped 17 paratroopers that particular night, and it also participated in the [Siege of] Bastogne” she said.

Meador also wanted to thank the many volun-

teers who helped out with the races.

“Thank you to all of the sponsors who came out to do everything from packing race bags to providing medical attention if needed, to picking up food for the runner,” she said. “There’s all sorts of jobs that a race of this magnitude entails and we’ve had so many people who have reached out and wanted to help.”



Museum of Aviation

Runners finish their respective races at the 29th annual Run for Aviation.

LIVE MUSIC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

WARNER ROBINS

• *Darin Curtis & Chin Lee:* Barberitos - 7-10pm

MACON

• *The Macon Music Revue Band:* Grant's Lounge - 8-10pm (\$10)
• *The Music Side of Town Blues Band:* Poplar Street Farmer's Market - 3pm-6pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

PERRY

• *The Chris Anderson Band:* Main St. Bar - 7pm

WARNER ROBINS

• *Lance Rodriguez:* Pub 96 - 8-30pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

DUBLIN

• *Fairly Weathered Friends:* Crooked Finger Brewing - 7-10pm

PERRY

• *Michael Robinson:* Bodega Brew - 7-10pm

MILLEDGEVILLE

• *Every Day Dogs:* Buffington's - 7-10pm

WARNER ROBINS

• *The Bozwellz:* Hilton Garden Inn - 5-8pm

• *Lance Rodriguez:* Pub 96 - 5:30-8:30pm

• *Steve Holcomb:* Smokes 2 - 6-9pm

• *American Lesion:* Pub 96 - 9:30pm

MACON

• *Catfish Willy:* VFW Post 658 - 8-11pm

• *Hugh Hession:* Cashman's Pub - 8-11pm

ALTO MOON:

The Society Garden - 8-10pm

• *Tres Hombres:* 20's Pub - 9pm

• *Southern Avenue:* Grant's Lounge - 9pm (\$15)

• *Rare Birds:* Hummingbird - 9:30pm

• *Wyatt Pyles & Dan Kelly:* Vice Bar - 10pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

HAWKINSVILLE

• *Plum Tucker'd / Tres Hombres - Rock for Paws - A benefit Concert for Pulaski Pawsitive Impact:* Opera House - 6:30pm (\$15)

• *Marie Puckett:* Buffington's - 6-9pm

• *Ethan Stallings Group:* Buffington's - 10pm-2am

WARNER ROBINS

• *The Chris Anderson Band:* El Cotija - 7-10pm

• *From Within:* Yesterdaze - 9pm

• *Cam Vance:* Pub 96 - 9:30pm

MACON

• *Rocky Creek Band:* American Legion - 7-10pm

(\$10 / \$5 for Veterans / Free for member Veterans)

• *The Henry's, Chris Hicks and Lezella Reign:* Capitol Theatre - 8pm (\$15)

• *Jackson Tanner:* The Society Garden - 8-10pm

• *All That Jazz Concert & Gala:* Macon City Auditorium - 8:30pm (\$75)

• *Southbound Mojo:* Mr. E's Sports Bar & Grill - 9pm

• *The Mike Veal Band:* Grant's Lounge - 9pm (\$10)

• *Crews & Company:* Hummingbird - 9:30pm

• *KP & The Sidewinders:* Billy's Clubhouse - 9:30pm

• *Powersville Opry - 390 Perry Hwy:* → House Band - 4:15-6:45pm

→ Guest Band - 7-9pm

• *Live Music Jam:* Jelly Elephant - 8pm

• *The Music Side of Town Blues Band:* Perry Farmer's Market - 9am-1pm

• *Open Mic/Jam Session:* Grant's Lounge - 9pm

• *Free Lance Ruckus:* Buffington's - 6-9pm

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Cozy, Comforting Recipes to Take On the Cold

FAMILY FEATURES

If blustery conditions are giving you the blues, come inside from the cold for a winter warmup in the comfort of your own kitchen. Cold-weather favorites that are baked, roasted or slow cooked are usually equal parts easy, delicious and filling, making them perfect solutions for chilly, snowy days.

Add a bit of comfort to your weeknight menu with this Loaded Chicken Bake that's ready in about half an hour. A short list of ingredients and allowing your oven to do most of the work for you mean it's ideal for saving time (and money at the grocery store) while still satisfying winter appetites.

Serving as the hearty base is READ German Potato Salad, made with thinly sliced potatoes and bacon in a traditional sweet-piquant dressing. While it's delicious when served chilled, heated or at room temperature on its own, it can also be the star of the show in family meals.

For another true cent saver, try Oven-Roasted Sweet Potatoes and Beets. This savory side dish highlights the flavors of the season in a recipe that's as easy to assemble as it is to enjoy with loved ones.

Picked and packed at peak ripeness, antioxidant-rich Aunt Nellie's beets are pickled with a delicate balance of sweetness and vinegar for a homemade flavor that's perfect in this roasted side that can accompany winter meals of all sorts. Versatile jarred whole pickled beets are always in season, meaning you can enjoy them chilled, warmed or worked into recipes.

Find more favorite wintertime recipes by visiting READSalads.com and AuntNellies.com.

Loaded Chicken Bake

Recipe courtesy of Hungry In LA
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 8

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 cans (15 ounces each) READ German Potato Salad
- 4 cups shredded rotisserie chicken or other cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon finely ground black pepper
- 3/4 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cups crumbled, cooked bacon
- French fried onions (optional), plus additional for serving (optional), divided

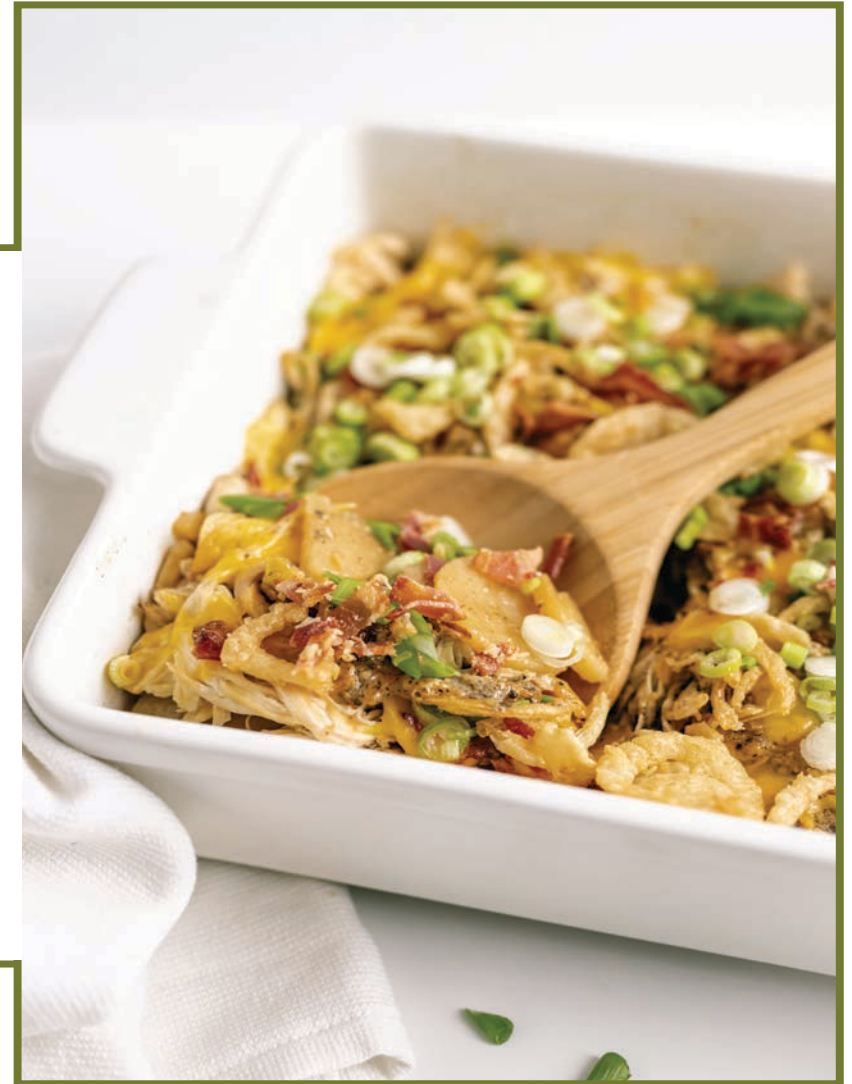
Preheat oven to 375 F.

Lightly coat 9-by-13-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

Spread German potato salad evenly in dish. Top evenly with chicken.

In small bowl, stir heavy cream, salt and pepper. Pour mixture over chicken.

Sprinkle with cheese, bacon and onions, if desired. Bake 15 minutes, or until casserole is bubbly. Let stand 10 minutes. Top with additional onions, if desired.



Oven-Roasted Sweet Potatoes and Beets

Servings: 4

- 1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Whole Pickled Beets
- 2 large sweet potatoes (about 1 pound) peeled and cubed (1/2-3/4-inch cubes)
- 2-3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 red onion, sliced about 1/4-inch thick
- 2 fresh rosemary sprigs, plus additional for garnish

Preheat oven to 400 F. Drain beets. Discard liquid or save for another use.

In large bowl, toss sweet potatoes, olive oil, salt, pepper and onion until coated.

Place silicone mat on baking sheet or line with aluminum foil.

Pour contents of bowl onto baking sheet in single layer. Remove rosemary from stems; sprinkle over vegetables. Bake 30 minutes until potatoes are almost tender.

Add beets to baking sheet. Return to oven 10-15 minutes, or until potatoes are fork-tender and beginning to brown. Garnish with additional rosemary, if desired.



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J. Lester - 9p
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K. Burke - 5p
S. Rankin - 5p

HoCo Boys vs Coffee

J. Jackson - 19p, 3a
M. Gillespie - 11p, 3r, 3a
B. Mills - 11p, 3r, 1b

Veterans Boys vs Thomas County Central

T. Byrd - 18p
A. Sweenor - 17p
T. Abner - 13p

Veterans Girls vs Thomas County Central

J. Ortiz - 19p
N. Nelson - 17p
M. Sheppard - 10p

Warner Robins Boys @ New Hampstead

D. Strickland - 15p, 5r, 2a
J. Hill - 15p, 4r, 2a
G. Jacobs - 14p, 5r

Warner Robins Girls @ New Hampstead

K. Slaughter - 20p, 3r, 2a, 4s
J. Turner - 10p, 10r, 3a, 4s
J. Casanova - 10p, 2a

Warner Robins Girls @ Ware County

T. Thomas - 20p, 9r, 3a, 2s
K. Slaughter - 16p, 4a, 4s
J. Turner - 6p, 6r 5 charges

Veterans Basketball

Warhawks third place in Region 2-5A with win over Thomas County Central; Lady 'Hawks eye rematch with Lee County after second straight region win

By **CLAY BROWN**
HHJ Sports Editor
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KATHLEEN — The Veterans Warhawks (11-7, 3-2 Region 2-5A) have yet to get a win against Houston County or Lee County, but they've taken care of all the other teams in the region, including the Thomas County Central Yellow Jackets (11-6, 11-3 Region) in a 75-61 final.

Here are three observations from Friday's region contest:

Solidifying their spot in the standings

Veterans came into the season predicting to be "the best of the rest," and looking to get in the conversation with Lee County and Houston County.

So far that's held true, with the Warhawks taking double digit losses on the road to both of those teams. However, they have also solidified their third place spot with wins over Northside, Thomas County Central and Coffee.

That baseline should prevent them from falling too far in the standings assuming things continue as they are, but Veterans coach Chip Flemmer knows his team has to be more consistent to compete with the top dawgs.

"What I tell them is there's 10 region games, every one of them is a big game. It's 10% of your region schedule, so don't take anybody lightly," Flemmer said. "Don't worry about the teams that [are] really good, because if we play our best, we can compete with anybody."

"Lee [County's] really good, HoCo's really good... we know that we can compete with both of them. We just got to play our best bas-



The Lady 'Hawks celebrated Nariah Nelson (white) crossing the 1000-point mark against Houston County last week with a short ceremony before senior night.

those leads, we were playing really good defense, getting stops, and then at some points...[we were] trying to pick our times when we could run and maybe get an easy bucket," Flemmer said on building their leads. "When [Thomas County Central] coming back, we were just getting back to bad habits. That's what's

a conscious effort to keep him in front of us because he tends to get on that foul line, and he did get on the foul line quite a bit... [Thomas County Central has] some good pieces, and TCC's well coached. So we were coming into this one knowing we were going to have a battle tonight."

Lady Warhawks 76,

capitalize as much as they could have with a slow second quarter, but many of their 3-point attempts were wide open even if some were a step or two too far back.

However, too much of a good thing is a bad thing, and Veterans had to switch up the game plan to be as productive as possible.

The Lady 'Hawks came out of halftime with renewed energy and a different game plan from coach Tracy Fendley; They weren't going to keep chucking up 3-pointers that weren't falling at a high clip, and instead worked on spacing the floor and getting the ball inside.

They got Addyson McClendon more touches on the block and Taleah Hayes opportunities in the middle and saw success despite facing three to five defenders at any one time.

That allowed Veterans to close the door on Thomas County Central with a 19-4 third quarter.

"The third quarter we were trying to get the ball more inside to our post players. Anytime you start getting the ball inside and hit some shots you open it up from the outside," Fendley said. "We attacked the rim a little bit better as well and didn't settle for just a 3-point shot. It's the first time some people have played us in a 2-3 zone."

"We talked about executing zone offenses and trying to get inside to our bigs and see what happened. Our bigs scored some points for us tonight."

Bouncing back big time

Veterans is one point away from being undefeated in the region, and since their 51-50 loss to Lee County, they've won two region games by a combined 148-63 score.

They completely dismantled Houston County on the road 72-18, and after another double-digit win at Bleckley County, they took care of business against the Lady Yellow Jackets 76-45.

Nothing will erase that loss, but with three Region 2-5A teams having one (Coffee and Lee County

being the other two) loss, all Veterans has to do is keep winning to continue making their case for a region championship.

Fendley said her team is hungry for their rematch against Lee County on Tuesday.

"It's important to prepare and get ready. The girls are very aware that we got one loss to Lee [County] and that we play them again on Tuesday," Fendley said. "We talked about it in the locker room, actually. They're ready. Of course we gotta go to Jones [County] tomorrow, but they're ready for Lee [County] on Tuesday."

"They didn't let it spiral, they used it as motivation. Kind of fed off it a little bit to work a little bit harder in practice and focus more on the things we gotta do to win and beat Lee [County]."

Celebrating Nariah Nelson

Nariah Nelson scored her 1000th point last week against Houston County, but in her first home game since then the Lady 'Hawks decided to celebrate her before senior night.

Crossing that threshold in your junior year is impressive, much less before it's even over. Nelson has been invaluable both on and off the court.

"First of all she's a really talented basketball player... but she's also got a really good personality," Fendley said. "She doesn't take herself too seriously and she's a lot of fun to be around... She's probably leading us in assists, maybe in steals, and she's also a big rebounder for us as well."

"Tonight I was really proud of her because she stepped it up defensively. She probably had five or six steals on top of her assists and points tonight. 1000 points is a big accomplishment, especially in her junior year...she's still got a lot of basketball so hopefully she'll score 1000 more."

UP NEXT

Veterans will hit the road again on Saturday to take on Jones County in a non-region game at 6 p.m.



Aiden Sweenor (white) looks for an outlet while being surrounded by multiple defenders.

ketball game for 32 minutes and see what happens."

Holding off the comeback

The Warhawks had control of this game early on, and though the Yellow Jackets attempted to overtake them, it never did happen.

Veterans came out blazing hot and took a commanding 23-6 lead after the first quarter, using the offensive glass and a couple of 3-pointers to create distance.

Things cooled down a little in the second quarter as Thomas County Central went on a 9-0 run of their own to prevent an early blowout.

This happened a couple times in the game, but the Warhawks never allowed the comeback to be completed. They always found a way.

"When we were making

biting us sometimes. If we can stay consistent, that's been something we were trying to preach..."

Limiting leading Region 2-5A scorer Eric Love III

Coming into Friday's game, junior Eric Love III was Region 2-5A's leading scorer at 20.6 points per game.

He's had two 30-point performances, and six games of 20 or more points. He's also a generally efficient scorer, so to see him only score 8 points through three quarters, and only 16 overall (fourth-lowest scoring output through 14 games) was welcome for the Warhawks.

"We were definitely aware of him and how much he scores, and we know he's a really good ball handler and kind of initiates that offense and gets things going," Flemmer said. "We definitely wanted to make

Lady Yellow Jackets 45

The Veterans Lady Warhawks (12-6, 4-1 Region 2-5A) never trailed in their 76-45 win over the Thomas County Central Lady Yellow Jackets (9-8, 1-3 Region), and overcame a slow second quarter to win their second region game in a row by at least 30 points.

Switching up the strategy

Thomas County Central was focused on taking away Veterans' driving lanes and presence inside by putting multiple defenders in the paint.

It worked in some ways — somewhat keeping the Lady 'Hawks off of the offensive glass and not giving them any easy post up opportunities.

But, what it also did was leave Veterans more open from 3-point range.

The Lady 'Hawks didn't

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Debtors & Creditors Notice

25-018
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: ATTILA SALADIN HARRISON, DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of Attila Saladin Harrison, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
Sharlene E. Edwards is the Administrator of the estate of Attila Saladin Harrison. Edwin S. Varner, Jr., Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088, (478) 922-3010.
38439 1/15-2/5

25-060
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: KRISTIE LANGSTON HILL
All creditors of the Estate of Kristie Langston Hill, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
January 9, 2025
William Thomas Hill, II
Administrators of the Estate
Kristie Langston Hill
216 Idle Pines Dr.
Perry, GA 31069
Daniel R. Lawson
Robert, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
38718 1/22-2/12

25-022
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: SANDRA GILES SESSOMS
All creditors of the Estate of Sandra Giles Sessoms, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
January 3, 2025
Paul David King, Jr.
Kelye King Johnson
Executor of the Estate
Sandra Giles Sessoms
311 Caverns Drive
Calhoun, GA 30701
Robert T. Tuggle, III
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
38466 1/15-2/5

25-058
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of DONALD LEE SMITH, deceased, late of Houston 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 the 9th day of January 2025.
KIMBERLY D. SMITH, Administrator of the Estate of DONALD LEE SMITH, Deceased
c/o Lisa R. Coody
Attorney for Administrator
1719 Russell Parkway, Bldg. 200
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088
(478) 922-3010
38716 1/22-2/12

25-017
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN R. MARTIN
All creditors of the estate of John R. Martin, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
Patricia M. Spinks a/k/a Patricia J. Spinks is the Executrix of the estate of John R. Martin. D. Lee Peacock, Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088 (478) 922-3010.
38438 1/15-2/5

25-084
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the JOYCE T. REDMOND, deceased, of Houston 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 January 16, 2025
Renee Strawn and Robet E. Redmond, Co-Executors
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24-1938
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of FAYE H. ROBERTS, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make payment.
This 20th day of December, 2024.
Mr. Timothy A. Roberts
267 Remington Court
Byron, GA 31008
BRADLEY G. PYLES
Attorneys for Executor
Post Office Box 1797
Macon, GA 31202-1797
(478) 745-1651
38320 1/8-1/29

24-1918
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
All creditors of the estate of LARRY G. WALTON, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
ANGELA LAWRENCE, Executor
221 Carter Road
Griffin, Georgia 30224
Sara C. Diamond Wechsler
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
PO Box 1770
Perry, GA 31069
478-987-1415
38191 1/1-1/22

25-021
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Re: Estate of Carol L. Wright
All creditors of the Estate of Carol L. Wright, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This 2nd day of January, 2025.
Tara Tourville, Esq.
Attorney for Estate of Carol L. Wright
446 S. Houston Lake Road
Warner Robins, GA 31088
(478) 333-6502
38464 1/15-2/5

24-1901
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: ESTATE OF BOBBY WOOTEN, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Bobby Wooten, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 19th day of December, 2024.
Bobby L. Wooten
Executor
1812 GA. Hwy 247 S
Kathleen GA 31047
38077 1/1-1/22

25-082
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of CALVIN HERBERT SMITH, deceased, of Houston 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 January 15, 2025
David George Smith, Executor
c/o Rebecca C. Moody
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC
P.O. Box 422
Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238
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24-1936
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: JAMES MILTON STEVENSON
All creditors of the Estate of James Milton Stevenson, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 30, 2024
Sharon Deblasis
Executor of the Estate
James Milton Stevenson
10200 Casey Dr.
New Port Richey, FL 34654
Robert T. Tuggle, III
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
38292 1/8-1/29

24-1937
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of JOSEPHINE LESTER, deceased, of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 30th day of December 2024.
Alzie Lawson and Elgin Bryant, Executrix
c/o Rebecca C. Moody
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC
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Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238
38304 1/8-1/29

25-061
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: David Debresion Battle
All creditors of the Estate of David Debresion Battle, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
January 9, 2025
Taylor Janal Battle, Executor
122 Gardner Drive
Shalimar, FL 32579
38719 1/22-2/12

24-1902
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of BONNIE S. GRAY, deceased, late of Houston 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 the 11th day of December, 2024.
MICHAEL PAUL SODERMAN and JANET N. SODERMAN, Co-Executors of the Estate of BONNIE S. GRAY, Deceased
Matthew C. Moore
Attorney for Executor
Post Office Drawer 8269
Warner Robins, Georgia 31095-8269
(478) 328-3200
38092 1/1-1/22

24-1927
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
State of Georgia
County of Houston
RE: Estate of John L. Bridges
All creditors of the estate of John L. Bridges, deceased late of Houston County are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make the immediate payment to me.
This 1st day of January, 2025.
Robert Allen Bridges
Executor
Estate of John L. Bridges
880 Airport Rd
Perry, GA 31069
38219 1/1-1/22

25-062
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: Estate of Robert S. Hodges, Deceased
All creditors of the Estate Robert S. Hodges, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the Administrator named below according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to said Administrator. Demands and payments may be sent to counsel for the Administrator, Michael L. Chidester, Attorney, P.O. Box 1704, Byron, Georgia 31008.
This 7th day of January, 2025.
Christopher C. Hodges
Administrator
38720 1/22-2/12

24-1914
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: ESTATE OF DON FERGUSON
All creditors of the estate of Don Ferguson, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
Brande Faircloth Barkley is the Executor of the estate of Don Ferguson.
D. Lee Peacock, Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088 (478) 922-3010.
38146 1/1-1/22

25-067
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: PAUL MICHAEL WYATT
All creditors of the estate of PAUL MICHAEL WYATT, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render demands to the undersigned according to law. All persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned. All claims to the above estate, must be sent to the undersigned before the 22 day of April 2025.
Dated: 10 January 2025
Emily Wyatt Manry, Executor
2123 Hiwassee Drive
Bonaire, GA 31005
38743 1/22-2/12

25-038
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: DWAYNE G. LANGSTON
All creditors of the Estate of Dwayne G. Langston, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
January 6, 2025
Laura L. Forehand
Administrator of the Estate
Dwayne G. Langston
123 Clements Road
Americus, Georgia 31709
Robert R. Lawson
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
38661 1/15-2/5

25-036
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
All creditors of the estate of ELAINE B. KEMP, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
RAYMOND A. BROWN, Executor of the Estate of ELAINE B. KEMP
188 Dana Lane
Cochran, Georgia 31014
Jordan L. Reab
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
PO Box 1770
Perry, GA 31069
478-987-1415
38658 1/15-2/5

24-1912
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: NELLIE K. WADE
All creditors of the Estate of Nellie K. Wade, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 23, 2024
Richard Wade
Executor of the Estate
Nellie K. Wade
252 Grove Lane
Kathleen, GA 31047
Robert R. Lawson
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
38143 1/1-1/22

24-1934
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF MONROE.
IN RE: JAMES ARTHUR HOGAN
All creditors of the Estate of JAMES ARTHUR HOGAN, deceased, late of HOUSTON COUNTY, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to the Estate are hereby required to make immediate payment to me.
This 26th day of December, 2024.
/s/ JAMES ARTHUR HOGAN
JUANITA D. HOGAN, ADMINISTRATOR
102 Antebellum Circle
Warner Robins, GA 31093-9000
Robert L. Harris
HAYGOOD, LYNCH, HARRIS, MELTON, & WATSON, LLP
87 North Lee Street
P. O. Box 657
Forsyth, GA 31029
(478) 994-5171
38263 1/8-1/29

25-059
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: WILLIAM FRANK ELLIS
All creditors of the Estate of William Frank Ellis, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
January 9, 2025
Paige Ellis and Jamie Pederson
Administrators of the Estate
William Frank Ellis
100 Ashley Dr, Apt D
Perry, GA 31069
Robert T. Tuggle, III
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
38717 1/22-2/12

25-035
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: CASSANDRA R. CASSIE
All creditors of the Estate of Cassandra R. Cassie, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
January 6, 2025
Henry Cassie
Administrator of the Estate
Cassandra R. Cassie
1379 Cambridge Dr
Perry, GA 31069
Robert T. Tuggle, III
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
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Foreclosures

24-1907
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF EQUITY OF REDEMPTION
Take notice that:
THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO WIT:
All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Land Lot 48 of the Tenth Land District of Houston County, Georgia, and in the City of Perry, and being approximately 7.68 acres as is more fully shown on a plat of survey by Milton V. Beckham, Surveyor, dated February 4, 1969, and a copy of said plat being recorded in Map Book 12, Page 162, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court, and EXCEPTING therefrom Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Block "A" of a subdivision for Milton V. Beckham, as is more fully shown on a plat of survey by Richard L. Jones, Surveyor, dated November 5, 1984, and a copy of said plat being recorded in Map Book 27, Page 177, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto. The tract herein conveyed contains approximately 5.632 acres.
WILL EXPIRE AND BE FOREVER FORECLOSED AND BARRED ON AND AFTER THE 3rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.
The tax deed to which this notice relates is

dated June 1, 2021, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Deed Book 9249, Page 231.
The property may be redeemed at any time before the 3rd day of February, 2025, by payment of the redemption price via legal tender as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:
466 S Houston Lake Rd.
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088
Please be governed accordingly.
Anna Usry Person
Attorney for Andrew Dennis
466 S Houston Lake Rd.
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088
(478) 333-6502
466 S. Houston Lake Rd.
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088
38111 1/1-1/22

25-073
STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Carmen R. Liddell to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for America-HomeKey, Inc. dated April 29, 2010, and recorded in Deed Book 5213, Page 81, as last modified in Deed Book 9501, Page 301, Houston County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$140,113.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, March 4, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:
All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 199 of the Tenth Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being more particularly described as Tract No. 4 comprising 0.604 acres of the Martin Subdivision on a plat of survey prepared by Waddell, Clements and Associates on October 17, 1983, a copy of said plat being of record in Map Book 26, Page 96, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto. Said Lot 4 is more particularly described as follows: From the intersection of the southerly right of way line of Mt. Zion Road with the easterly right of way line of Tidwell Road, extend southerly along the easterly right of way line of Tidwell Road for a distance of 354.50 feet to a point of beginning, and from said point of beginning extend North 45 degrees 48' 35" East 223.04 feet, thence South 0 degrees 46'; 54" East for a distance of 324.63 feet to a point on Tidwell Road, thence North 44 degrees 11'; 25" West along the easterly right of way line of Tidwell Road for a distance of 235.83 feet to a point of beginning.
Said property is known as **248 Tidwell Road, Bonaire, GA 31005**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.
The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor.
The property is or may be in the possession of Carmen R. Liddell, successor in interest or tenant(s).
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Attorney-in-Fact for
Carmen R. Liddell
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25-001
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
State of Georgia, County of Houston
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Stefan Young to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Planters First Bank (the Secured Creditor), dated December 22, 2017, and Recorded on December 27, 2017 as Book No. 7720 and Page No. 240, Houston County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$154,660.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, as last assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment that is or to be recorded in the Houston County, Georgia Records, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Houston County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in FEBRUARY, 2025, the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Land Lot 52 of the Tenth (10th) Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 96, Longbridge Subdivision, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 72, Pages 148-52, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court.
Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes. Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions and rights -of -way of record, if any.
Tax ID: 0P071 0 096 000

25-001
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
State of Georgia, County of Houston
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Stefan Young to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Planters First Bank (the Secured Creditor), dated December 22, 2017, and Recorded on December 27, 2017 as Book No. 7720 and Page No. 240, Houston County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$154,660.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, as last assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment that is or to be recorded in the Houston County, Georgia Records, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Houston County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in FEBRUARY, 2025, the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Land Lot 52 of the Tenth (10th) Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 96, Longbridge Subdivision, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 72, Pages 148-52, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court.
Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes. Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions and rights -of -way of record, if any.
Tax ID: 0P071 0 096 000

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
State of Georgia, County of Houston
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Stefan Young to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Planters First Bank (the Secured Creditor), dated December 22, 2017, and Recorded on December 27, 2017 as Book No. 7720 and Page No. 240, Houston County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$154,660.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, as last assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment that is or to be recorded in the Houston County, Georgia Records, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Houston County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in FEBRUARY, 2025, the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Land Lot 52 of the Tenth (10th) Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 96, Longbridge Subdivision, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 72, Pages 148-52, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court.
Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes. Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions and rights -of -way of record, if any.
Tax ID: 0P071 0 096 000

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. 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 Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper 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, Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper may be contacted at: (833) 685-2565 or by writing to 350 Highland Drive, Lewisville, TX 75067. 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 **200 LONGBRIDGE WAY, PERRY, GA 31069** is/ are: Stefan Young 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 Security Deed 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. §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.
Funds used at sale shall be in certified funds and payable to "Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC".
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Stefan Young.
Any information obtained on this matter may be used by the debt collector to collect the debt.
Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)-509-5078. File: 24-45802
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF HOUSTON
Pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain security deed executed by KISHOR DODIA, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to AMERICAN PRIDE BANK, recorded in Deed Book 6589, beginning at page 263, and later transferred to KANU DODIA, of record in Deed Book 10572, Page 701-702, of the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the aforesaid state and county, and by virtue of a default under the terms of said security deed, and the related notes 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 before the door of the courthouse in said county within the legal hours of sale, for cash, to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in February, 2025, all property described in said security deed including but not limited to the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 197 of the 5th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being that certain 0.43 acre tract as shown on a survey for David L. Davidson, III and recorded in Plat Book 42, Page 98, Clerk's Office, Houston County Superior Court. Said plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for a more complete and accurate description.
Also conveyed herewith but without warranty of title is the following:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 197 of the 5th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Parcel "A" containing 0.0396 acre tract as shown on a survey for David L. Davidson, III and recorded in Plat Book 42, Page 98, Clerk's Office, Houston County Superior Court. Said plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof for a more complete and accurate description.
Aforesaid property being known as 1621 Moody Road, Warner Robins, GA 31088 under the present system of numbering in Houston County, Georgia.
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.
[name of servicer or responsible party] is the entity with full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify the terms of the Note and Security Deed. Kanu Dodia may be contacted at: c/o Kelly Burke, Taisceal Law Group, LLC, 3421 Hwy 41N, Box 12, Byron, Georgia 31008, phone 478-396-7878. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be tenant(s). Kanu Dodia, as Transferee, Assignee, and Secured Creditor.
As attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor -
Kelly Burke, Taisceal Law Group LLC
3421 Hwy 41N, Box 12
Byron, Georgia 31008
(478) 396-7878
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
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
State of Georgia, County of Houston
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Stefan Young to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Planters First Bank (the Secured Creditor), dated December 22, 2017, and Recorded on December 27, 2017 as Book No. 7720 and Page No. 240, Houston County, Georgia records, conveying

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**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Carol J. Gelling to Rocket Mortgage, LLC FKA Quicken Loans, LLC dated September 24, 2021, and recorded in Deed Book 9367, Page 197, Houston County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Rocket Mortgage LLC fka Quicken Loans, LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$92,787.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, March 4, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

Parcel One: That certain lot, tract, or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Thirteenth District, also in the Lower Town District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot No. 4 of Rainbow Heights Subdivision, and having such shapes, metes, bounds, courses and distances as are shown on plat of survey of said Rainbow Heights Subdivision made by Rhodes Sewell, State Surveyor No. 160, on May 28, 1946, a copy of said plat being recorded in map Book 2, Page 141, in the Clerk&39;s Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat is hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes. Said lot fronting East 80 feet on the Perry and Elko Public Road and running back with even width a distance of 200 feet. Said lot bounded on the North by Lot No. 3 of said Subdivision; on the East by the Perry and Elko Public Road; on the South by Lot No. 5 of said Subdivision; and, on the West by land now or formerly of Fred S. Griggs.

Parcel Two: All that real estate in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, known and designated as Lots 2 and 3 in Rainbow Heights Subdivision; according to a plat of survey made by Rhodes Sewell, Surveyor, on May 28, 1946, a copy of said plat being of record in Map Book 2, Page 141, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto. Each of said lots front East 80 feet on the Perry to Elko Road and extend back in a Westerly direction with uniform width for a distance of 200 feet.

Said property is known as **503 Martin Luther King Jr Drive, Perry, GA 31069**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

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

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

The property is or may be in the possession of Carol J Gelling, successor in interest or tenant(s).

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Carol J. Gelling File no. 24-082406

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF HOUSTON

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain security deed executed by Nakia Robinson, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as mortgagee, as nominee for Homestar Financial Corp its successors and assigns, dated December 18, 2020, and recorded on December 23, 2020 in Deed Book 8929, beginning at page 330, of the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Houston 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 Houston 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 February, 2025, all property described in said security deed including but not limited to the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the Tenth (10th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 15, Phase No. 1 of a subdivision known as Summer Branch, according to a plat of survey, prepared by McLeod Surveying, certified by Marty A. McLeod, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2991, dated October 18, 2016, a copy of which is of record in Plat Book 81, Page 38, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. Said property may more commonly be known as **116 Amberley Court, Kathleen, GA 31047** 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.

Essex Mortgage 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: 1417 N. Magnolia Ave., Ocala, FL 34475

Phone: 714-919-8924

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be Nakia Robinson, or tenant(s).

Data Mortgage Inc., DBA Essex Mortgage, as Transferee, Assignee, and Secured Creditor As attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor Respectfully, Marinossi 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-4830641 01/08/2025, 01/15/2025, 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF HOUSTON

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Karl E. Daniel and Veronica M. Daniel to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Shelter Lending Services, LLC, dated October 31, 2017 and recorded on November 1, 2017 in Deed Book 7672, Page 301, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five and 00/100 dollars (\$182,875.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to NewRez LLC, dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded in Deed Book 9655, Page 157, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2025, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 84 OF THE 5TH LAND DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF CENTERVILLE, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 28, BLOCK B, SECTION 1 ADDITION, PHASE 1, OLD STONE CROSSING SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 73, PAGE 148, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID LOT HAS SUCH SIZE, SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO A 20-FOOT BUILDING SETBACK LINE ALONG OLD STONE CROSSING AND ARBOR CREEK, 5-FOOT BUILDING SETBACK LINE ALONG LOT SIDE, 20-FOOT BUILDING SETBACK LINE ALONG LOT REAR, 10-FOOT BUFFER ALONG LOT REAR, AND 5-FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT ALONG LOT FRONT. ALL AS SHOWN ON RECORDED SUBDIVISION PLAT. THERE ARE IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED ON SAID PROPERTY KNOWN AS 175 ARBOR CREEK ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING IN THE CITY OF CENTERVILLE, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA. APN: 00C0320 102000

Said property may more commonly be known as **175 Arbor Crk, Warner Robins, GA 31093**.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Greenville, SC 29601, 1-800-365-7107. 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: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Karl E. Daniel and Veronica M. Daniel and/or tenant(s). 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.

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing as Attorney-in-Fact for Karl E. Daniel and Veronica M. Daniel Contact:

Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by James Crawford to Lendmark Financial Services, Inc. dated March 13, 2009, recorded in Deed Book 4885, Page 1333, Houston County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 10102, Page 185, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST by assignment recorded in Deed Book 10293, Page 115, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$44,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2025, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

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

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST is the holder of the Security Deed in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is:

Selene Finance, 3501 Olympus Boulevard, 5th Floor, Suite 500, Dallas, TX 75019, 877-768-3759.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is James Crawford or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **601 Paul Street, Warner Robins, GA 31088**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as Attorney in Fact for

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Rd Roswell, GA 30076

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23-10811GA EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 132 of the Tenth (10th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 16, Block "H" Section No. 2 of a subdivision known as The Estates at Lake Joy, according to a plat of survey, prepared by Scarborough Land Surveys, Inc., certified by Terry M. Scarborough, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2223, dated August 3, 2009, a copy of which is of record in Plat Book 72, Page 36, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

This conveyance and the warranties hereinafter contained are made subject to any and all restrictions, easements, covenants and rights-of-ways affecting said described property as shown on the above referenced plat of survey and as recorded in public records in addition to Restrictive Covenants at Deed Book 4826, Pages 1, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court.

Said property is known as, under the present system of numbering for Houston County Georgia as 317 Deven Court, Warner Robins, GA 31088.

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Our file no. 23-10811GA-FT2

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monly known as **601 Paul Street, Warner Robins, GA 31088**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST

as Attorney in Fact for

James Crawford

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Rd Roswell, GA 30076

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24-16389GA EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 198 of the Fifth Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 1, Highland Hills Subdivision, as shown on plat of survey prepared by Cherokee Engineering, Co., recorded in Map Book 3,

Page 106 Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes.

The above-described property is conveyed subject to Restrictive Covenants appearing of record in Deed Book 80, Page 356, amended by instrument of record in Deed Book 84, Page 150,

Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Property Address: 601 Paul Street, Warner Robins GA 31088

MR / February 4, 2025

Our file no. 24-16389GA-FT8

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Andreas L Johnson, Mickey Johnson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Homestar Financial Corp., its successors and assigns dated August 23, 2019, recorded in Deed Book 8338, Page 276, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 10019, Page 115, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$220,924.00), 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 Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2025, the following described property:

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

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

as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).

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

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is:

Nationstar Mortgage LLC, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, (888) 480-2432.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Andreas L Johnson and Mickey Johnson or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **317 Deven Court, Warner Robins, GA 31088**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as Attorney in Fact for

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Rd Roswell, GA 30076

www.foreclosurehotline.net

23-10811GA EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 132 of the Tenth (10th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 16, Block "H" Section No. 2 of a subdivision known as The Estates at Lake Joy, according to a plat of survey, prepared by Scarborough Land Surveys, Inc., certified by Terry M. Scarborough, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2223, dated August 3, 2009, a copy of which is of record in Plat Book 72, Page 36, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

This conveyance and the warranties hereinafter contained are made subject to any and all restrictions, easements, covenants and rights-of-ways affecting said described property as shown on the above referenced plat of survey and as recorded in public records in addition to Restrictive Covenants at Deed Book 4826, Pages 1, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court.

Said property is known as, under the present system of numbering for Houston County Georgia as 317 Deven Court, Warner Robins, GA 31088.

MR / February 4, 2025

Our file no. 23-10811GA-FT2

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25-029

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

By virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from MICHELLE JOYNER (Debtor) to TERRY E. TEASLEY (original Lender), dated July 27, 2021, filed for record August 16, 2021 and recorded in Deed 9302 Page 168-170, HOUSTON County, Georgia Records, said Deed to Secure Debt having been given to secure a Note dated July 27, 2021 in the original principal sum of thirty nine thousand dollars (\$39,000.00), with interest from date at the rate stated in said Note on the unpaid balance until paid, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at Houston County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February 2025, the property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees.

Said property will be sold as the property of Michelle Joyner (Debtor);

Subject to the outstanding and ad valorem taxes and/or Assessments, if any, and all easements and restrictions of record, if any, having priority over this Deed to Secure Debt.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Michelle Joyner or tenants; and said property is more commonly known as **100 Evergreen Street, Warner Robins, Georgia 31093**

Terry E. Teasley Attorney-in-Fact for

Michelle Joyner (Debtor) /s/ Michelle Smith FORECLOSURE ATTORNEY

B. Michelle Smith, Esq. Michelle Smith Attorney at Law

P.O. Box 8633 Warner Robins, GA 31095

(478) 953-3661 Exhibit A

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 201 of the Fifth Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 78, Oak Acres Annex Subdivision, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 2, Page 341, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Property is known as: 100 Evergreen Street, Warner Robins, Georgia 31093

Map/Parcel Number: 0W023-G-005-000

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24-1921

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by JENNIFER LYNN SPIRES to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR ATLANTIC BAY MORTGAGE GROUP, LLC in the original principal amount of \$125,000.00 dated June 12, 2019, and recorded in Deed Book 8216, Page 306-323, Houston County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to ATLANTIC BAY MORTGAGE GROUP, LLC in Deed Book 10160, Page 220, Houston County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on February 04, 2025, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 140 OF THE FIFTH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS THE NORTHERN 1/2 OF LOT 5, EDGEWOOD ESTATES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 192, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT, TOGETHER WITH THE NORTHERNMOST 28.74 FEET OF TRACT "C", ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF

SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 119, SAID CLERK'S OFFICE. SAID PLATS AND THE RECORDED COPIES THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES.

SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, ORDINANCES, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD, IF ANY.

Said property being known as: **208 WELLSTON DR, WARNER ROBINS, GA 31088**

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are JENNIFER LYNN SPIRES or tenant(s).

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

Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

Said sale will be conducted subject to the following: (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.

The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:

LoanCare, LLC 4425 PONCE DE LEON BLVD., MS5-251 CORAL GABLES, FL 33146 1-800-274-6600

Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

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

ATLANTIC BAY MORTGAGE GROUP, LLC, as Attorney-in-Fact for

JENNIFER LYNN SPIRES Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC

25-033
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE (TOWING OR STORAGE COMPANY)
 Vehicle Make: Mercury
 Year: 2010
 Model: Marquise
 Vehicle ID #: 2MEBM7FV8AX612358
 You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that the above-referenced vehicle is subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.
 The vehicle is currently located at 10116 Hawkinsville Rd. Warner Robins, GA 31093.
 Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the following business immediately:
 Business Name: Bowtie Towing
 Address: 10116 Hawkinsville Rd. Warner Robins, GA 31093
 Telephone #: 478-256-8117
38655 1/15-1/22

25-079
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE (TOWING OR STORAGE COMPANY)
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH GEORGIA LAW 40-11-2:
 THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICLES HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AT:
 ROAD RUNNER TOWING OF PERRY, 300 HAMPTON CT, PERRY, GA 31069
 AND ARE PRESENTLY STORED AT SAID LOCATION.
 IF NOT CLAIMED, THE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON 02/05/2025 10:00 AM
 2013 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL3AP-6DC250166
 2000 CHEVROLET TAHOE 1GNEC-1373J154840
39005 1/22-1/29

25-027
NOTICE OF INTENT TO VOLUNTARILY DISSOLVE A CORPORATION
 Notice is given that a notice of intent to dissolve Connections On The Parkway, Inc, a Georgia Corporation with its registered office at 957 Carl Vinson Parkway, Centerville, GA 31028, has been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code.
 Paulette Lemons
 CEO/Executive Director (Officer)
38557 1/15-1/22

25-031
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE (TOWING OR STORAGE COMPANY)
 Vehicle Make: Dodge
 Year: 2021
 Model: Charger
 Vehicle ID #: 2C3CDXGJ4MH658385
 You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that the above-referenced vehicle is subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.
 The vehicle is currently located at 10116 Hawkinsville Rd. Warner Robins, GA 31093.
 Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the following business immediately:
 Business Name: Bowtie Towing
 Address: 10116 Hawkinsville Rd. Warner Robins, GA 31093
 Telephone #: 478-256-8117
38647 1/15-1/22
 25-074

AUCTION
 Extra Space Storage, on behalf of itself or its affiliates, Life Storage or Storage Express, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:

827 N Houston Rd. Warner Robins, GA 31093, February 6th, 2025, 12 pm

- Charkevion Lucas
122
 Household Items
- Nicholas Roberts
205
 Household Items
- Deirdre Wilson
213
 Household Items
- Angela McDowell
59
 Household Items
- Stephanie Stephens
97
 Household Items

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
38853 1/22-1/29

Name Changes

25-068
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 In Re: Emily Nicole Peterson
 Civil Action File No. 2024V131420S
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
 Notice is hereby given that Emily Nicole Peterson, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, on the 31st day of December, 2024, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Emily Nicole Peterson to Emily Nicole Hanks. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 31st day of December, 2024.
 Emily Peterson
 Petitioner
38764 1/22-2/12

24-1940
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 In Re: Johnnie Lee Stuffle
 Civil Action File No. 2024V131363S
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
 Notice is hereby given that Johnnie Lee Stuffle, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 16th day of December, 2024, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from John Lee Stuffle to Johnnie Lee Stubbs. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 16th day of December, 2024.
 Johnnie Stuffle
 Petitioner.
38326 1/8-1/29

25-069
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 In Re: Devaughn Ashlee Spence
 Civil Action File No. 2024V0131393
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
 Notice is hereby given that Devaughn Ashlee Spence, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 18th day of December, 2024, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Devaughn Ashlee Spence to Devaughn Ashlee Hudson. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 20th day of December, 2024.
 Devaughn Ashlee Spence
 Petitioner, Pro se
 313 South Charity Lane
 Warner Robins, Georgia 31088
 (478) 396-1607
38770 1/22-2/12

24-1911
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 In re the name change of: Brenton Hodson, Petitioner
 Civil Action Case Number 2024V131305L
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT
 Brenton Douglas Hodson filed a petition in the Houston County Superior Court on December 11, 2024, to change the name from: Brenton Douglas Hodson to Brenton Douglas Barker. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.
 Dated: December 11 2024
 Name: Brenton Hodson
 Name: Brenton Barker
 Petitioner, Pro se
 Address: 111 Hampton Pointe
 Warner Robins, GA 31088
38141 1/1-1/29

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 In Re: Malik Bryant
 Civil Action File No. 2024V131362L
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
 Notice is hereby given that Malik Isaiah Bryant, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 16 day of December, 2024, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Malik Isaiah Bryant to Malik Isaiah Whitest. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 16 day of December, 2024.
 Malik Bryant
 Petitioner
38322 1/8-1/29

25-070
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 In Re: Sonovia Reygina Ling
 Civil Action File No. 2024V0131407
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
 GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
 Notice is hereby given that Sonovia Reygina Ling, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 26 day of December, 2024, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Sonivas Ann Gavin to Sonovia Reygina Ling. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 26th day of December, 2024
 Sonovia Ling
 Petitioner
38776 1/22-2/12

Public Hearings

25-077
OFFICIAL NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia, will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at the hour of 5:30 P.M., at Warner Robins' City Hall for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to a petition for the rezoning of property, including all right-of-ways, totaling 18.09 acres, located at the south east corner of the intersection of Houston Lake Road and Corder Road, also known as tax parcel [0W0940 618000]. The current zoning of the property is R-1 (Single Family Residential District), and the proposed zoning is PDR (Planned Development Residential). Said properties being more accurately described as follows: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 118 of the 5th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, according to a plat of survey titled "Westbury Properties INC.", totaling 18.09 acres, drawn 05/10/2003 by Scarborough Land Surveys, INC. Said Plat is hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes.
 After the public hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation will be provided to and heard by the Mayor and Council Members for a final decision. All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing's said time and place relative to petition filed by Sujano, LLC. If you require assistance relating to handicapped accessibility or foreign language in order to participate at the Public Hearing, please contact Michael Moriarty, with the Department of Building and Transportation by calling (478)302-5517 or by emailing planningandzoning@wrga.gov as far in advance of the meetings as possible. Persons with hearing disabilities can contact the City through the Georgia Relay Service, at (TDD) 1-800-255-0056 or (Voice) 1-800-255-0135.
**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION DARIN CURTIS
 PLANNING AND ZONING MANAGER
 MICHAEL MORIARTY
 PLANNING AND ZONING ASSTIANT
 38985 1/22**

Probate Notices

25-055
NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
 TO: whom it may concern:
 Ian Richard Fenton, has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of John Hartley Fenton, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 10, 2025. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any 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 pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.
 NOTE: If a natural guardian files an objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date.
 KRISTEN W. HARRIS
 PROBATE JUDGE
 By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
 ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
 PERRY, GA 31069
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
38705 1/15-2/5

25-092
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 IN RE: ESTATE OF Bryson Lee Goodwin, MINOR
 ESTATE NO. 2022-GM-21
 PETITION FOR TEMPORARY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR MAKAYLA HOOPER, TEMPORARY GUARDIAN(S)
 DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION: JANUARY 29TH, 2025
 TO: Luke Thrift
 You are hereby notified that a petition for the appointment of a temporary guardian has been filed regarding the above-named minor. All objections to the Petition described above either 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 must be filed with this Court no later than 14 days after this notice is mailed, or 10 days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.
 NOTE: If a natural guardian files an objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date.
 KRISTEN W. HARRIS
 PROBATE JUDGE
 By: Shannon Lewis, CLERK
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801,
 PERRY, GA 31069
 TELEPHONE 478-218-4710
39049 1/22-1/29

25-086
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 IN RE: ESTATE OF TAH SIN CHOZEN JAMAR JOHNSON, MINOR
 ESTATE NO. 2024-GM-81
 PETITION FOR TEMPORARY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR TONYA K. JOHNSON & DEMARCUS M. JOHNSON, TEMPORARY GUARDIAN(S)
 DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION: JANUARY 29, 2025
 TO: DESHAWN MOSBLEY & TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
 You are hereby notified that a petition for the appointment of a temporary guardian has been filed regarding the above-named minor. All objections to the Petition described above either 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 must be filed with this Court no later than 14 days after this notice is mailed, or 10 days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.
 NOTE: If a natural guardian files an objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date.
 KRISTEN W. HARRIS
 PROBATE JUDGE
 By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801,
 PERRY, GA 31069
 TELEPHONE 478-218-4710
39043 1/22-2/12

25-087
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 IN RE: ESTATE OF KAVIAN TASHAWN DAVIS, MINOR
 ESTATE NO. 2024-GM-88
 PETITION FOR TEMPORARY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR TAKENYA WALKER, TEMPORARY GUARDIAN(S)
 DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION: JANUARY 29, 2025
 TO: KEIRIA DEESHONE SCOTT & IVAN DEVINE DAVIS & TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
 You are hereby notified that a petition for the appointment of a temporary guardian has been filed regarding the above-named minor. All objections to the Petition described above either 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 must be filed with this Court no later than 14 days after this notice is mailed, or 10 days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.
 NOTE: If a natural guardian files an objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date.
 KRISTEN W. HARRIS
 PROBATE JUDGE
 By: BRITTANY EATON, CLERK
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801,
 PERRY, GA 31069
 TELEPHONE 478-218-4710
39039 1/22-1/29

25-093
NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
 TO: whom it may concern:
 Andrew Lowery has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Lorraine Galpin Mygrant, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any 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 pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.
 NOTE: If a natural guardian files an objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date.
 KRISTEN W. HARRIS
 PROBATE JUDGE
 By: BRITTANY EATON, CLERK
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801, PERRY, GA 31069
 TELEPHONE 478-218-4710
39039 1/22-1/29

25-054
NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
 TO: whom it may concern:
 Karen Nelson Warner, has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Joyce Cleghorn Nelson, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any 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 pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.
 NOTE: If a natural guardian files an objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date.
 KRISTEN W. HARRIS
 PROBATE JUDGE
 By: BRITTANY EATON, CLERK
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801,
 PERRY, GA 31069
 TELEPHONE 478-218-4710
39040 1/22-1/29

25-056
NOTICE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
 Re: PETITION OF Davina Knight Pettyjohn TO PROBATE IN SOLEMN FORM THE WILL OF Randall Hill Pettyjohn, DECEASED, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THIS COURT ON January 9, 2025
 TO: Kalena Powell a/k/a Kalena Pettyjohn and to whom it may concern:
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 KRISTEN W. HARRIS
 PROBATE JUDGE
 By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
 ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
 PERRY, GA 31069
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
38704 1/15-2/5

25-034
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 IN RE: ESTATE OF Ja'Royal Eli Jackson, MINOR ESTATE NO. 2024-GM-79
 PETITION FOR TEMPORARY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR Brittany Roquemore, TEMPORARY GUARDIAN(S)
 DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION: January 22nd, 2025
 TO: Eddie Jackson
 You are hereby notified that a petition for the appointment of a temporary guardian has been filed regarding the above-named minor. All objections to the Petition described above either 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 must be filed with this Court no later than 14 days after this notice is mailed, or 10 days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.
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 PROBATE JUDGE
 By: Shannon Lewis CLERK
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38656 1/15-1/22

25-091
NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
 TO: whom it may concern:
 Elizabeth B. Bracewell has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of George Houston Brady, Jr., deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 17, 2025. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any 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 pleadings/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.
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 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
39043 1/22-2/12

25-086
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 IN RE: ESTATE OF TAH SIN CHOZEN JAMAR JOHNSON, MINOR
 ESTATE NO. 2024-GM-81
 PETITION FOR TEMPORARY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR TONYA K. JOHNSON & DEMARCUS M. JOHNSON, TEMPORARY GUARDIAN(S)
 DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION: JANUARY 29, 2025
 TO: DESHAWN MOSBLEY & TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
 You are hereby notified that a petition for the appointment of a temporary guardian has been filed regarding the above-named minor. All objections to the Petition described above either 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 must be filed with this Court no later than 14 days after this notice is mailed, or 10 days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.
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 PERRY, GA 31069
 TELEPHONE 478-218-4710
39041 1/22-1/29

25-089
NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
 TO: whom it may concern:
 Julie Diedrich, has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Paul B. Diedrich, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 17, 2025. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any 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 pleadings/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.
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 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
39042 1/22-2/12

25-093
NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
 TO: whom it may concern:
 Andrew Lowery has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Lorraine Galpin Mygrant, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any 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 pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.
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39039 1/22-1/29

25-056
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38704 1/15-2/5

25-053
NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
 TO: whom it may concern:
 Jerome Broadwater has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Barbara Jean Broadwater, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any 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 pleadings/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.
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 PROBATE JUDGE
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 ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
 PERRY, GA 31069
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
38703 1/15-2/5

25-088
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
 IN RE: ESTATE OF CHRISTIAN ANTONIO GROOMS, MINOR
 ESTATE NO. 2024-GM-89
 PETITION FOR TEMPORARY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR CALLIE JONES-NELSON, TEMPORARY GUARDIAN(S)
 DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION: JANUARY 29, 2025
 TO: JORDAN REESE & TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
 You are hereby notified that a petition for the appointment of a temporary guardian has been filed regarding the above-named minor. All objections to the Petition described above either 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 must be filed with this Court no later than 14 days after this notice is mailed, or 10 days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.
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 TELEPHONE 478-218-4710
39041 1/22-1/29

25-089
NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
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25-072
CITATION PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
 RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT DEAN ENCKLER, (FORMER) MINOR/WARD
 Date of Publication, if any: JANUARY 22, 2025
 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
 The conservator(s) of the above estate, has/have applied for Discharge from said trust. This is to notify the above interested party(ies) to show cause, if any they can, why said conservator(s) should not be discharged from office and liability. All objections must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and filed with the above Probate Court, (address) 201 North Perry Parkway Perry, GA 31069 on or before FEBRUARY 24, 2025, said date being more than 30 days from the date of publication, or if personally served, then 10 days from the date of such service. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.
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 Kristen W. Harris
 Judge of the Probate Court
 By: Judith W. Borum
 Clerk of the Probate Court
 Houston County Probate Court
 201 North Perry Parkway
 Perry, GA 31069
 1-478-218-4710
38792 1/22

25-063
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON
 The undersigned does hereby certify that Melanie Drake in the city of Warner Robins, county of Houston in the state of Georgia, doing business in the following trade name, to-wit: Msz. VIP Unfiltered and located at 106 Vickie Drive, Warner Robins 31093. The nature of the business is podcast and



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Nariah Nelson (white) splits two defenders on her way to the basket.

Houston County takes control of Region 2-5A, region rematches coming up

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Region standings have taken an early shape, with some clear leaders and losers separating themselves from the pack early.

Here's a roundup of the last week's basketball:

Houston County

Boys: Houston County (17-4, 6-0 Region 2-5A) has taken sole control over the region with their highly-anticipated 50-48 win over Lee County on Tuesday.

Braylin Mills pinned Brayden Moore's potential game-winning shot on the backboard with under 10 seconds to go to preserve the Bears' win. After controlling the first half, HoCo lost the third quarter, badly, before stabilizing and coming out on top.

Josh Jackson once again led scoring with 10 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists and 1 steal, while Derek Henderson scored 9 points, pulled down 3 boards and dished out 1 asst. Mills also scored 8 points, 4 rebounds and 3 blocks.

The Bears took care of business against Coffee on Friday, 75-42 with Jackson scoring 19 points and 3 assists, Malik Gillespie adding 11 points, 3 rebounds and 3 assists. Mills again finished in double digits with 11 points, 3 rebounds and 1 block.

Northside gave HoCo a scare, but they ultimately came out with a 58-50 win after scoring a couple straight baskets to end the game. Gillespie scored 18 points, grabbed 3 rebounds and tallied an assist. Jackson scored 15 points and Kam Plummer added 11 points, 4 rebounds and 3 assists.

As region play winds down, HoCo will have a week before their next matchup on the road at Veterans on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Girls: The Lady Bears (5-15, 0-6 Region 2-5A) have been without a win for the entire month of January, including lopsided losses against Lee County and Coffee, while also losing to Northside.

HoCo played better defense in the last three quarters of their 57-26 loss

to Lee County, but it wasn't enough as Syniah Rankin finished with 6 points, Jordan Brewster adding 6 points and Madison Fillingame finishing with 4 points.

The Lady Bears suffered their third straight loss of 30 or more points when they hosted Coffee on Friday in a 70-26 final, and lost to Northside 50-27 on Saturday.

Their next game will be on Saturday, Jan. 25 at Veterans at 3 p.m.

Northside

Boys: Northside (9-9, 2-4 Region 2-5A) has had an up and down last two weeks, finishing with a 2-3 record in their last five games.

They bounced back from their Crosstown Showdown loss with a 52-47 win at Peach County, but fell at HoCo to finish their three-game road trip.

Against HoCo, Vontrez Quainton led the scoring with 19 points and Braylon Price added 16 as they were without Jordan Gaines.

The Eagles will be back in action on Friday, Jan. 24 at home against Peach County at 7:30 p.m.

Girls: The Lady Eagles (8-10, 3-3 Region 2-5A) snapped their four-game skid with a 50-27 win over county rival HoCo on Saturday, behind Justice Lester's team-high 9 points, with Taylor Johnson and Jazmine Burgess scoring 8 points each.

They suffered a close 33-29 loss at Peach County on Tuesday, but will get a rematch at home on Friday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m.

Perry

Boys: Perry's (3-17, 0-6 Region 1-4A) losing streak reached double digits on Saturday with their 62-49 loss to New Hampstead, their 10th in a row.

Keelan Battle led the scoring effort on Tuesday in their 85-43 loss at Warner Robins with 9 points, Juju Carswell poured in 6 points and Kyle Jones matched that.

They had a fighter's chance on Friday in their 49-46 loss at Wayne County, but ultimately fell.

They will host Caleb Jones and Benedictine on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.

Girls: The Lady Panthers



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Bailee Ross (32) puts pressure on Northside's Yuniza Mancilla in the paint.

(12-6, 2-3 Region 1-4A) 9-1 start has turned into a 2-5 start to the new year, but they are hanging on to fourth place.

Perry fell in two region contests to start the week; 74-26 at Warner Robins and 41-23 at Wayne County.

Against the Demonettes, Cam McKenzie led with 8 points, Kennedy Miller added 7 points and Markayle Ragin finished with 6 points.

They did pick up their second region win in a 67-21 final over New Hampstead, though.

The Lady Panthers' next game will be the start of a two-game road trip, starting at Ware County on Friday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m.

Veterans

Boys: After losing to HoCo and Lee County, Veterans (12-7, 3-2 Region 2-5A) has won three straight including two region games.

On Tuesday they finished their five-game road trip at Bleckley County with a 56-50 win. Aiden Sweenor scored a team-high 23 points, Jaivyn Dawson added 10 points and Tristen Abner scored 9 points.

The Warhawks kept up their winning ways with a big win over Thomas County Central, a 75-61 final where they limited leading Region 2-5A scorer Eric Love III led by Trey Byrd's 18 points. Sweenor and Abner added 17 and 13 points respec-

tively.

Veterans finished their week with a 41-36 win at Jones County. Dawson scored 13 points, Abner and Jordan Watson had 10 points a piece.

The Warhawks' next game is on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. when they'll host Lee County in the first region rematch of the year.

Girls: The Lady Warhawks (12-7, 4-1 Region 2-5A) lost to Jones County on Saturday, which snapped their three-game winning streak including two region wins by 30-plus points.

The most recent of which was a 76-45 final over Thomas County Central on Friday where Jessie Ortiz scored 19 points, Nariah Nelson followed with 17 points and Madison Sheppard added 10 points.

The Lady Yellow Jackets stuck around for a while as Veterans went through a cold spell, but the Lady 'Hawks worked the ball inside in the second half and put them away with a great third quarter.

They also beat Bleckley County 69-56 on Tuesday.

The Lady 'Hawks have a rematch with Lee County on Tuesday at 6 p.m., and will look to avenge their only region loss so far.

Warner Robins

Boys: Warner Robins (10-6, 3-2 Region 1-4A) has just not been able to figure it out this year.

It seemed like they were going in the right direction when they took care of Ware County at home to start a five-game winning streak, but in the first two games of their six-game road trip they fell to New Hampstead and Ware County.

The 68-63 loss at the Phoenix, who've now jumped Warner Robins in the standings, started a bad weekend that also saw them drop the rematch with Ware County 60-49.

Region 1-4A is much weaker than Region 2-5A the Demons were in last year, and while it'll be an uphill climb to host the region tournament now, it's still possible with the remaining schedule.

Girls: Not to jinx it, but it's entirely possible the Demonettes (19-0, 5-0 Region 1-4A) finish the regular season undefeated.

Ware County, who they took care of 52-40 on the road on Saturday, was their biggest threat remaining on the schedule. Trinitee Thomas scored 20 points, pulled down 9 boards and added 3 assists and 2 steals in the effort. Korveanna Slaughter scored 16 points, tallied 4 assists and got 4 steals while Janelle Turner drew 5 charges on her 6-point 6-rebound night.

For the other two games of the week against Perry and New Hampstead, Warner Robins won by a combined

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score of 148-34, including a 74-8 final at the Lady Phoenix.

The remaining schedule is Wayne County (Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.), Northside, Perry and New Hampstead. The Demonettes won the previous matchups by a combined 276-97, and none of the games were closer than 30 points.

Warner Robins could finish the season 23-0.

Westfield

Boys: Westfield (6-9, 1-3 District 5-3A) saw their losing streak stretch out to five this week before they snapped it for their first district win on Friday.

The Hornets hosted undefeated St. Anne-Pacelli on Tuesday, losing 66-47 against a long and athletic team.

On Friday, however, Westfield bounced back with a 44-38 road win over Strong Rock Christian, who plummeted to the bottom of the district standings and now stand as the lone winless team.

Westfield has their work cut out for them if they want to get in the district championship conversation, but they'll start by hosting Brookstone on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

They will travel to Deerfield-Windsor for a non-district game on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 3:30 p.m.

Girls: The Lady Hornets (8-7, 3-1 District 5-3A) had an opportunity to make a statement this week, and they did by taking down (then) 17-1 Strong Rock Christian 40-17 on Friday.

Although they lost 46-28 to St. Anne-Pacelli on Tuesday, they still sit at second in the standings with an opportunity for a rematch coming up.

After last week's wins over Brookstone and Calvary Christian, this week was an opportunity to prove the Lady Hornets belonged at the top of the district standings — they made a good case this week.

Westfield's next game will be on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at home against Brookstone at 6 p.m.

Northside Basketball VS Houston County Basketball

Eagles give Bears a scare; Lady Eagles get it done defensively to sweep series against Lady Bears

By **CLAY BROWN**
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WARNER ROBINS — They say there are no moral victories, but Saturday was about as close as it gets for the Northside Eagles (9-9, 2-4 Region 2-5A), who fell 58-50 to the Houston County Bears (17-4, 6-0 Region).

Here are three observations from a gritty region contest:

Good effort with a man down

Jordan Gaines, who frequents the top of the box score for Northside, was out with an illness against HoCo.

Despite that, and despite digging an early hole, the Eagles put up what has to be considered one of their best efforts of the season.

Though it was a loss, Northside came to a good team's house and played sound basketball for much of the night.

"I don't like moral victories, but I'm going to take this one tonight," said Eagles coach Buck Harris. "To do what we did [without Jordan Gaines]...we had a chance right there. Cut it to four, maybe three, and we were right there. We gotta take care of the ball."

"The first half, we had probably 18 turnovers, and you cannot compete against a good team when you got that many turnovers. And [HoCo is] a good team. They got great guards, they got good size [in the] post, and they got a good bench."

Avoiding the snowball effect

The thing that doomed Northside against Warner Robins was they moved too fast.

When the Demons tied the game and eventually

took the lead, it seemed like the Eagles moved quicker and quicker. They threw longer outlet passes when inbound the ball or facing pressure, and made passes in the half court before reading the defense.

That happened again at the start of the game on Saturday after taking a 2-0 lead. The Bears took off on a 14-0 run, and as the lead grew Northside made more and more dangerous passes trying to move quick enough to get behind the defense.

HoCo played up near the 3-point line, aggressively camping in the passing lanes. Routine passes along the perimeter were not safe, and neither were entry passes, many of which went the other way for a score.

Instead of snowballing, though, the Eagles took a timeout and regrouped. From there they slowed down significantly and moved the ball as much as they needed to get a good shot.

It wasn't perfect, in fact they went down 37-20 late in the second quarter, but they buckled down to close out the first half and continued in the second to come within three points with two minutes to play.

"We gotta listen to the coach. When we listen to the coach, I'm gonna try to put you in positions where you win the game," Harris said of the message during the timeout. "We got to play possession basketball. We can't play too fast, we got to play the right temperature and the right speed for us right now. And if we do that, we'll be in some games."

Work hard, play hard

Braylon Price is what most coaches picture when they say they want a player

who works hard and plays harder.

He plays every possession like it might be his last, and despite being smaller at 5-foot-8, is not afraid to drive to the paint and fight amongst the giants.

He finished the night with 16 points and did not hesitate to put his head down and drive to the paint, despite Braylin Mills camping in the paint.

"He's fearless, man. He's the smallest guys out there. He goes and gets offensive rebounds in the land of the giants down there," Harris said. "He competes, and that's what I love. I love guys that play hard, I love guys that compete, and he's learning."

"To be a point guard for me, I'm constantly on your behind, and I'm constantly on his, but he's learning. He's figuring it out, and he's been good for us the last month or so. He's been really good for us."

Lady Eagles 50, Lady Bears 27

The Northside Lady Eagles (8-10, 3-3 Region 2-5A) snapped their four-game losing streak when they went into the Bear Den and beat the Houston County Lady Bears (5-15, 0-6 Region) in one of their better defensive performances of the season, on paper.

The 27 points they allowed on Saturday was the fourth-lowest total they've allowed all season, and they were on pace for a season-low when they held a 37-11 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Their current season low (and second lowest) in points allowed is against Rutland at 23 points, and 24 points. They also allowed 26 points to West Laurens.



Josh Jackson (0) looks to make a pass into the paint.

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Lady Eagles coach ChoRhonda Gwaltney-Harris talked before the season about Northside adopting the hard-working, scrappy mentality all of her teams take on.

Though she repeated multiple times that they are far from where they want to be, and that there is a lot of work to do, Gwaltney-Harris acknowledged they've made progress nearly 70% of the way through the season.

Their effort in general was much better against HoCo than it was earlier in the week when they played Peach County.

Gwaltney-Harris didn't

disclose the number but said that the team had the most turnovers she's ever had in all of her years of coaching.

Against the Lady Bears, though, Northside was dominant at times.

The Lady Eagles had HoCo, for lack of a better term, discombobulated in the second half to the point where they struggled to even advance the ball.

There was one moment when the Lady Bears weren't sure which way to take the ball, and committed a backcourt violation to cap a disastrous period.

Gwaltney-Harris shout-

ed from the sideline that Northside has scored on their own goal four times this season, and said after the game that the two programs are in identical spots.

Though there's still a lot of work to do, there is progress being made in the basketball programs on Green Street.

UP NEXT

Northside will get back on the hardwood on Friday, Jan. 24 when they host Peach County at 6 p.m.

Houston County has a week before they get back in the swing of things. They travel to Veterans on Saturday, Jan. 25 at 3 p.m.



Taylor Johnson (blue) had 8 points in Northside's win over HoCo.

Clay Brown/HHJ



Chastan Brown (0) leaves his feet to throw a pass to a teammate.

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