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Handling the Storm

Perry Public Works Superintendent reflects on winter storm response

Courtesy: City of Perry

Snow fell in Perry last week, and the Public Works Department was still hard at work.

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PERRY — In wake of the winter storm that passed through, the City of Perry Public Works Department was hard at work in

the tough conditions. Superintendent Ansley Fitzner said Public Works coordinated with Police and Fire Departments before the storm.

"Typically with a storm here, it is usually debris heavy, as our main con-

cern is keeping the roads clear," she said. "We weren't quite as prepared or aware of what this storm would bring."

Fitzner and the Public Works Department knew the storm would bring ice and snow and said the

storm impacted bridges due to not having the right thermal insulation of the soil. Their response was by putting sand on the bridges affected by the storm.

For storm responses, in general, Fitzner said they have a team of equipment

operators within the city limits or nearby that are on-call.

"We handled the storm that way with that group of people just being on standby and being called in when

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2025 cookie program allows Girl Scouts to 'unbox a brighter future'



Courtesy: Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia

Scouts from Houston County Troop 60577 sell cookies at a booth during the 2024 Girl Scout Cookie Program.

By OWEN JONES
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HOUSTON COUNTY — The Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia's 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Program is back and cookie booths are just around the corner. Residents of Houston County and beyond can participate in buying delicious cookies while helping Girl Scouts achieve their goals.

Community Engagement Manager for the Region 6 area of Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, Kimberly Novak, said the Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the country, spanning almost 100 years. She said there are five

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Perry Police searching for teenager missing since Saturday

By BRIEANNA SMITH
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PERRY — Authorities are searching for a teenager that went missing over the weekend as of Monday, the Perry Police Department announced recently.

According to the department's social media, Bella-Jackson Arruda, 16, from Perry was last seen in town leaving Wendy's at North Perry Parkway, driving a gray 2013 Kia Optima with tag number SIC 7202. Police said she was reported missing Saturday night.

Arruda is described as 5-feet-8-inches tall, around 150 pounds, with long brown hair and blue eyes.

Capt. James Jones, the department's Criminal Investigations Commander, said Arruda was identified leaving the business with another juvenile, believed to be her boyfriend, traveling north.

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Bella-Jackson Arruda



Courtesy: Cindy Simons

New washers and dryers were installed in the facility. This is after the finishing touches were made on Monday.

Perry Leadership class of 2024 helps Family Promise continue efforts for homeless families

By SANDRA HERNANDEZ
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PERRY — The Perry Chamber's 2024 Leadership Class recently completed their project helping Family Promise, a local organization helping homeless families.

Every year, the class chooses a community service project, for example making teacher boxes and building playgrounds. Project Primary Organizer Cindy Simons said during the process of choosing this year's project, she attended her first Kiwanis Club meeting. There, she met Family Promise Director Nicole Rosser, who presented

ed a check during the meeting.

Rosser told everyone about the organization; Simons was intrigued since she had never heard of Family Promise. Rosser explained the organization is a ministry for homeless people. Simons said it is a family-oriented program that helps people to have a place to live.

The organization helps people save money while they are working, help people get a job and from there, help them put their money into their savings account so they can move forward in their life. Simons also shared the organization

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Updates from the State Capitol



Congressman Bishop retains senior position & subcommittees on powerful house committee that funds federal programs vital to Georgia

Special to The Journal
 WASHINGTON — Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr., (GA-02) was reappointed to three subcommittees on the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Appropriations for the 119th Congress. At the start of every Congress, the House and Senate establish committee and subcommittee membership. Congressman Bishop will serve on House Appropriations Committee on the following, influential subcommittees:

- Agriculture, Rural Development, Food & Drug Administration (FDA), and Related Agencies
- Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
- Financial Services and General Government

He will serve as the top Democrat on the Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies subcommittee.

Agriculture contributes \$1 trillion to the U.S. economy with over \$80 billion of that in Georgia

alone according to the University of Georgia Center for Agribusiness & Economic Development. There are 13 military installations in Georgia, including Fort Moore, Marine Corps Logistic Base Albany, and Robins Air Force Base in the Second Congressional District. According to the VA, Georgia is also home to over 690,000 veterans. And, according to the Georgia Department of Economic Development, billions of financial transactions are processed each year by financial services companies doing business in Georgia.

"It is my honor to continue to serve the people of the Second District and the state of Georgia through these House Appropriations Subcommittees, each of which directly address the top three drivers of Georgia's economy — agriculture, national defense, and financial services," said Congressman Bishop. "Through my work on these subcommittees, I will fight to make sure our farmers can continue to produce the highest quality, safest, most

abundant, and most economical food, fiber, and medicines in the world; that the U.S. military remains the strongest and most powerful in the world, and that Georgia continues its dominance in processing the bulk of all financial transactions in America."

The Appropriations Committee oversees discretionary spending for federal departments, agencies, and programs. He earned seniority and subcommittee leadership roles through more than 20 years of service on the committee.

Congressman Bishop will be instrumental in working across the aisle to oversee funding for the full range of federal departments, agencies, and programs. The subcommittees on which he sits oversee federal departments crucial to Georgia such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of the Treasury, some of the Department of Defense, as well as dozens of agencies including the FDA and the Small Business Administration.

Sen. Walker appointed Vice Chair of NCOIL's Property and Casualty Insurance Committee

Special to The Journal
 ATLANTA — On January 13, 2025, Sen. Larry Walker III (R-Perry) was appointed Vice-Chair of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators' (NCOIL) Property and Casualty Insurance Committee by NCOIL President Pamela J. Hunter.

"I'm honored to serve in this leadership capacity within NCOIL," said Sen. Walker. "Insurance plays a crucial role in the lives of Georgia families and businesses, providing financial security and stability in times of need. I am eager to begin working alongside my

colleagues to address the pressing issues facing this industry. This leadership role presents an invaluable opportunity to advocate for insurance solutions that benefit not only Georgia but the entire nation."

President Hunter spoke on the appointments, stating, "I'm proud to announce this group of truly exceptional bipartisan legislative leaders from across the country to help lead NCOIL as we continue to grow the organization's national influence and deal with the critically important insurance public policy issues before us," said Hunter. "Each of these

chairs and vice-chairs have shown significant commitment to NCOIL and I thank them all for stepping up to serve in their respective roles."

NCOIL, a bipartisan organization of state legislators, works to develop model laws and provide educational opportunities that help lawmakers better understand the complexities of insurance regulation. The organization's efforts ensure that state legislatures remain at the forefront of addressing insurance-related challenges that impact consumers and businesses across the country.

Burt Jones unveils Red Tape Rollback of 2025

By DAVE WILLIAMS
 Bureau Chief
 Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Lt. Gov. Burt Jones announced a new round of legislation Friday aimed at helping small businesses by reducing government regulation.

The Red Tape Rollback Act of 2025 is a follow-up to legislation the General Assembly passed last year. The 2024 bills included three measures easing license requirements for

veterinarians, hair stylists and qualified veterans seeking certification as a nurse aide, paramedic, cardiac technician, emergency medical technician, or licensed practical nurse.

Another 2024 bill in Jones' package eliminated state boards and commissions that are inactive.

Most of the 2024 measures received overwhelming support from minority Democrats as well as the General Assembly's Republican majorities.

Bills that will be introduced into the state Senate this year, where Jones serves as the presiding officer, would require all state agencies to complete a thorough review of all agency rules and regulations every four years, require agencies to consider the economic impact of all proposed rules, and allow legislators to request an economic impact analysis of any legislation affecting small businesses.

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Middle Georgia's
Southern Bride 2025 **Entries are in!**

Voting is open for the 2025 Southern Bride Magazine Contest.

Visit our website, hhjonline.com, and click the side bar to vote!

Voting closes at 9 p.m. on February 3rd.

Pet News

If your pet goes missing please contact your local animal shelter, also provide a picture.

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 Tabby

What do pets see in color?

The popular notion that pets see in black and white, notably dogs, is false. People once thought that their furry companions couldn't see the color spectrum. However, the American Kennel Club reports that new research and conclusions about canine anatomy point to dogs having color vision, after all — it's just a bit more muted than their human friends. According to Dr. Jerry Klein, AKC's chief veterinary officer, dogs have more rods than cones in their eyes, which improves low-light vision. Cones are responsible for controlling color perception. Due to these anatomical differences, it is believed dogs' vision mimics that of a person with red/green color blindness. Color is perceptible for dogs, but not in the spectrum enjoyed by humans with healthy vision. Cats also can see in color, but similarly not with the same level of detail as people. Furthermore, their vision is much more attuned to up-close sight than to focusing on objects that are far away. According to Birdfact, an online resource about birds, birds have arguably the best eyesight and ability to detect color of any member of the animal kingdom. Birds can see more color than humans because they have a fourth type of light-receiving cone in their retinas (humans have three). Therefore, a pet bird will be in tune with vibrantly colored items in and around his environment.

Arizona State University's Ask a Biologist offers an interesting chart that illustrates colors certain animals can see at <https://askabiologist.asu.edu/colors-animals-see>. People who want to know if their pet rabbit can see color, or what those fish in their home aquariums can see, can consult the chart.

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CALENDAR

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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!

Queen Elizabeth's Royal Ball

Welcome to Queen Elizabeth's Royal Ball! Join us for a night of elegance and grandeur at the Anderson Conference Center. This is a Bridgerton theme event. Get ready to dance the night away in a setting fit for royalty. This in-person event promises to be a night to remember, filled with live music, live performances, food, and unforgettable memories. Don't miss your chance to experience a taste of the royal life at this majestic ball. Get your finest Victorian (Bridgerton) attire ready and come celebrate in style at Queen Elizabeth's Royal Ball!

The Ball will take place April 26th, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the 5171 Eisenhower Parkway, Macon.

CGGS Zoom Meeting

The Central Georgia Genealogical Society will host Professional Genealogist, Pam Vestal, on Monday, February 10 at 7 PM. Ms. Vestal's topic "Pinning Down Your Ancestor's Location".

She will answer key questions of where our ancestors came from and where did they disappear? Attempting to answer those questions sometimes leads researchers to brick walls. She will explore practical strategies for tracking down ancestors' whereabouts by overcoming spelling and handwriting problems and using collateral research, gazetteers, image searches, maps and many unexpected and underused resources. Participation is by Zoom. Register at www.cggs.org. Guests welcome.

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 its 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!

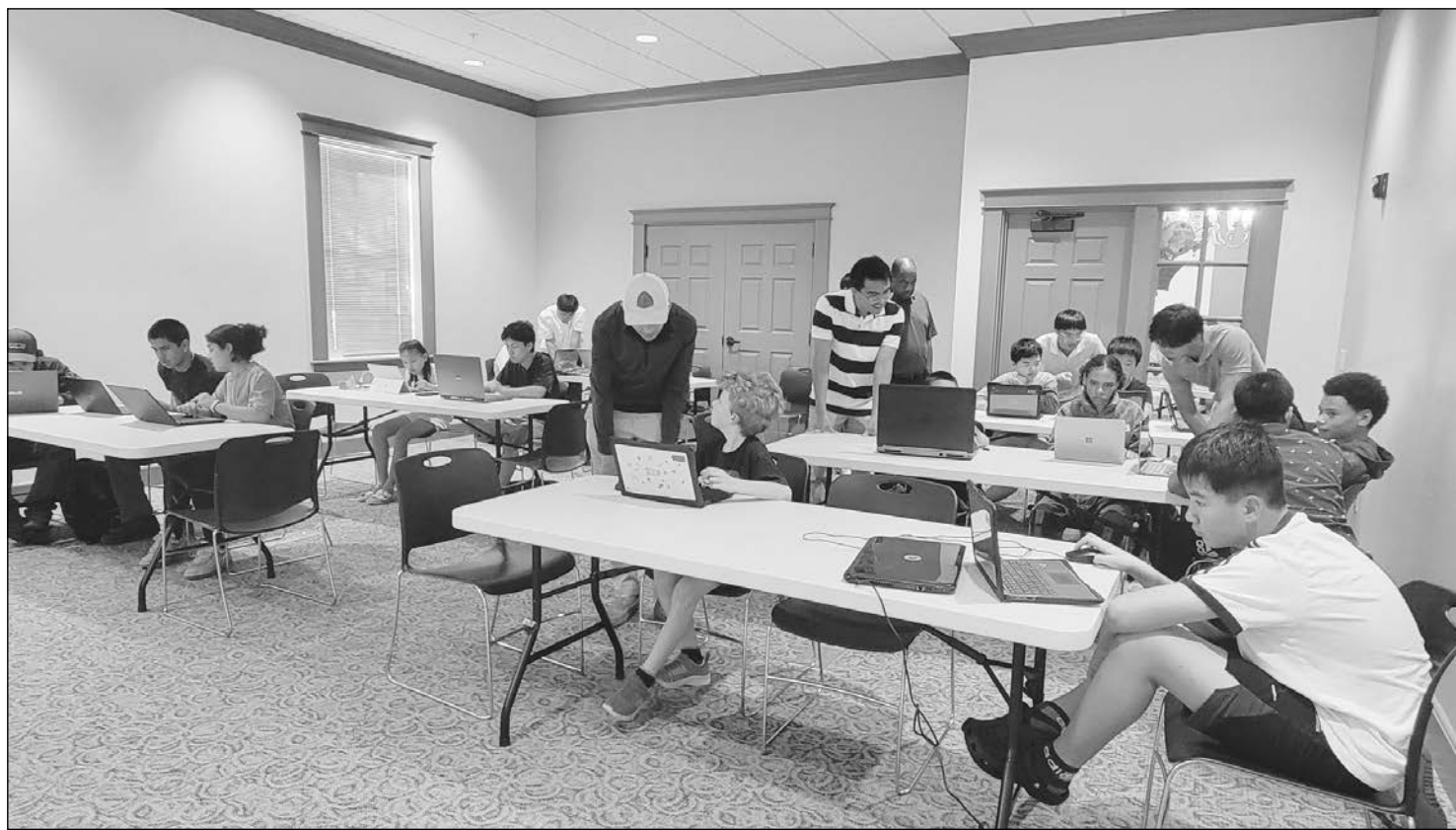
\$8 entry fee/\$1 discount coupon available at the local quilt/fabric stores"

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

Community Calendar

Email your information to: brianna@hhjonline.com
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NextGen Coders brings world of coding, technology to students



Courtesy: Michael Do

A NextGen Coders weekly class for youth in middle Georgia.

By SANDRA HERNANDEZ
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WARNER ROBINS – A group of high schoolers started a nonprofit organization called NextGen Coders, helping youth with coding and technology.

CEO and Founder of NextGen Coders Michael Do is a junior at Houston County High School. He, along with a group of juniors and seniors, had a goal to empower youth in middle Georgia.

Do said they wanted to provide youth with the opportunity to learn coding for free. The group started offering classes in September 2024, the beginning of the school year.

At the beginning of every semester, students can register for classes on their website. The first semester starts in September and the second semester starts in late January or early

February.

Do said they can register for one of two classes they offer, the first a beginner JavaScript based block code class. He said this class focuses on the main ideas in coding rather than the small details. Students aged 10 to 17 can sign up for this class.

Students can also sign up for their second intermediate course, an introduction to programming with Python. The class teaches students about Python, a coding language. Do said this coding language is used heavily in the computer science industry for artificial intelligence, machine learning and data science. Students aged 14 to 18 can sign up for this class.

The courses span 12-to-13-weeks. Students will meet up every Saturday at the Middle Georgia State University Warner Robins campus. Do said the begin-

ner course is an hour and 30 minutes long and their intermediate course is two hours.

Do shared during the course NexGen Coders will teach various concepts that will allow students to develop algorithms, apps and the confidence needed to pursue a career in the technology field.

He also shared they have grown a lot since they started the organization. During their first semester, they started with 27 registered students, and they only offered their introductory JavaScript class.

Starting this semester, they offered their intermediate course in Python. Their first meeting on Feb. 1 will have 70 students for both classes combined.

Do also shared they have gained a lot of support from the community. At the beginning, they hosted their meetings at the Nola

Brantley Memorial Library because they offer a free meeting room. Now, they have a partnership with MGA Warner Robins campus and hold their meetings at the computer lab.

Do said they have also partnered with the 21st Century Partnership, which has helped in guiding their organization by how to run it, how to improve engagement and how to reach out to a broader audience. They have also helped with funding since NextGen Coders is a nonprofit organization.

"Since we offer free coding classes, funding has been an issue but with these new partnerships they've been able to sponsor us and help us achieve greater goals," he said.

Do grew up in middle Georgia and since middle school, was interested in STEM, always wanting

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First case of Chronic Wasting Disease confirmed in Georgia

By JOHN TRUSSELL

Deer hunters received some unfortunate news when the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) confirmed through the United States Department of Agriculture's National Veterinary Services Laboratories that a hunter-harvested deer sampled for routine surveillance in Lanier County has tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

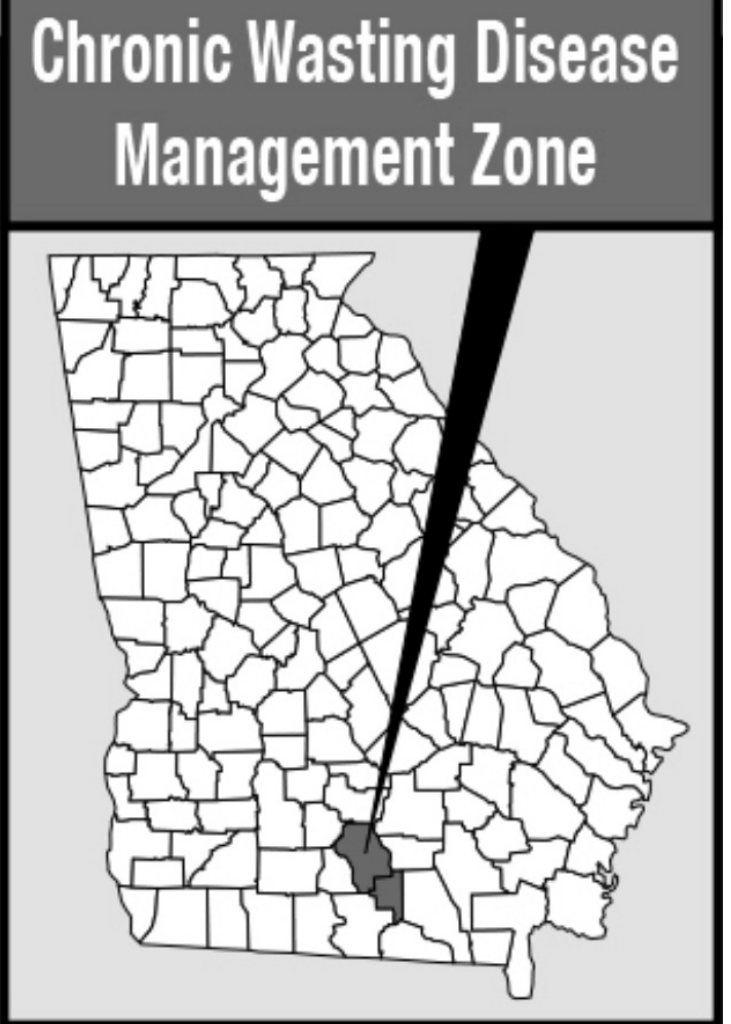
This is the first case of CWD detected in Georgia. Lanier County is about 75 miles south of Houston County; This case probably will not impact central

Georgia hunters in the near future, but the long term negative impact could be significant if the disease spreads.

The sample was taken from a two-and-a-half-year-old male white-tailed deer harvested on private property. Immediately following the positive confirmation, WRD staff implemented a CWD Response Plan and are taking additional samples from the area.

"I want to assure our hunters that deer hunting will continue to thrive in Georgia, despite this current discovery," said Walter Rabon, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of

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Courtesy: John Trussell

The management zone is currently planned for Lanier and Berrien Counties, according to the Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources.

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>.

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QUALIFYING FEE NOTICE

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section §21-2-131 (1) (A), the following qualifying fees were set by the City of Perry Mayor and Council in the January 28, 2025 meeting:

Mayor	\$360.00
City Council	\$190.00
• District 1, Post 1	
• District 2, Post 1	
• District 3, Post 1	

Qualifying for the offices listed above will begin at 8:30 a.m., Monday, August 18, 2025 and will end at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. The General Election will be held November 4, 2025.

Qualifying will be held at the City of Perry City Hall, City Clerk Office, 808 Carroll Street, Perry, Georgia.

This 28th day of January 2025.

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Hidden Figures No More

John Glenn, Buzz Aldrin, Neil Armstrong, Sally Ride, Guion Buford, and Ronald McNair are the names of astronauts who have stoked the imaginations of many to consider what lies beyond the clouds. They did not get to space by themselves.

Quarterbacks, kickers, running backs and receivers get the credit for the points that are scored in football games. They did not score without help.

Heads of States, CEO's, Generals, Admirals and other leaders on many levels get the credit for whatever success or failure occurs while they are in that position. They did not gain that acknowledgement alone.

When you turn the handle on your faucet, do you think you cut the water on? When you flip the switch for your lights to come on, do you think you did it? When you cross the stage at graduation, are you the only one succeeding? There are many who never get their name called, or who operate behind the scenes, so that what is visible accomplishes what it does.

For every John Glenn there are several Katherine Johnsons whose work makes reaching the stars possible. For every Joe Montana or Patrick Mahomes, there's a Bill Walsh and Andy Reid who help them maximize their abilities. For every Barry Sanders or Saquan Barkley, there is a Lomas Brown and a Lane Johnson clearing the way for them to run. Every leader depends upon a team in order to accomplish a task.

Just as a leader needs a team, a team needs a lead-

The Servant Leader's Corner



Dr. Daryl Vining
Columnist

er. All leaders, or all teams, do not always accomplish what they set out to do but they all accomplish what they did. The leader may get the praise or the blame, but it is all of the team that contributed to the results you have.

In our current environment we participate in, the results that we see happening around us are either passive or active. Hate to tell you this, but there is no single person to blame for what we see happening around us. Passivity does not exclude you from responsibility and activity does not give you exclusive rights to the results either. If the way you are operating now is giving you disappointment, then it must be time to change your approach.

It is time for you to start attending your local meetings of the city council, county commission, school board, planning and zoning, development authorities and all other local agencies that have the decision-making responsibility to impact your daily life.

It is time to embrace the responsibility we have as the hidden figures who clear the way for the known figures so that our contributions are not tolerated and undervalued but appreciated, celebrated, and acknowledged as the necessary parts of society who keep us functional.

Columnist Viewpoints

Reorganizing Houston County

Dear Readers, Houston County may have its county government dragged out of the cobwebs of the distant past. A lawsuit filed by the Biden Justice Department, days before the Inauguration of President Trump, stands poised to shake up how we elect our County Commissioners.

The 3/5th clause in the Constitution addressed a twin fear. Because of the large number of slaves, if they ever voted, they posed a threat to White hegemony. Yet, their numbers for census purposes were needed to stave off the wealth, power, and population advantages of the Northern states, which would overwhelm the less populated and poorer agrarian Southern states. Hence, slaves were counted as 3/5th of a person for increasing political power, but not with voting rights.

The Reconstruction

The "Law" Man



Jim Rockefeller
Columnist

Attorney Rockefeller Law Center

Era was the interregnum between the Civil War and the 1876 Presidential election. Sprigs of political change grew. The newly freed slaves voted in droves resulting in many gaining legislative positions in the South, just as the old White power structure had feared. These nascent signs of equality were squashed with the political deal brokered to hand Rutherford Hayes the White House.

What followed was Jim Crow. Many pockets of our country crafted legal barriers for black people to vote. For nearly a century, voter intimidation, poll taxes, literacy tests, grand-

father clauses, and even party participation rules, were crafted to suppress the political voting power of former slaves and their descendants.

During the Civil Rights Era (in the mid-1960s), Congress passed two (2) momentous statutes, effectively bringing the curtain down on Jim Crow. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 made clear that discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, and national origin, was forbidden. Next came the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which empowered the Department of Justice and the Federal Judiciary to police the racially discriminatory voting and government voting districts of state and local governmental bodies.

The latter is the statute under which Houston County's structure is being challenged. Our county commissioners are elected

"at-large." This means that every one of them is elected county-wide.

Most governmental bodies have legislators elected to serve a district or precinct. Congressional representatives are elected by district. The same is true of our state house or state senators. These elected officials advocate for their local constituents. If a bus stop is added to a community, it is the result of officials advocating for its voters. Something may not be of universal city or county interest, yet it may be locally important.

Roughly 31% of the voting populace in Houston County is African-American. Because commissioners are elected county-wide, there has been ONE African-American County Commissioner, Houston Porter, in the entirety of Houston County's existence.

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"Bird Flu...When Eggs Become Golden"



Trouble in God's Country is taking a break

For most of the past year, it's been my great privilege to write a weekly column for this and other newspapers in Georgia. Now, though, I've decided to step away from the column and other recent endeavors - although only a bit and only for a while.

Why? I've been working on Trouble in God's Country for more than a decade now. When I began fiddling with it, I thought there might be a book in it. You didn't have to spend much time wallowing around in various public data sources to see not only that the divide between Metro Atlanta and the rest of the state was huge, but that it was getting bigger year after year after year.

I set up the blog (at www.troubleingodscountry.com) as a parking place for draft material and to test interest in the subject matter. It turns out there was some.

Trouble in God's Country



Charlie Hayslett

troubleingodscountry.com

Before long, though, the blog became my primary focus and the book work sort of got pushed aside. Now, in the past year, the column has consumed most of my research and writing energy and the book has joined the book project in that back seat.

Now, I've decided to get the book project back into the front seat. I plan to take the next few months to try to finish pulling it together.

I'll probably regret saying this, but it shouldn't be that difficult. I downloaded all my old blog posts recently and combined them into a single Word document and found I had written right at a hundred thousand words.

That's way more than enough for a book. Now the task is to figure out which fifty or sixty thousand words to keep and which ones to throw away.

I want to thank DuBose Porter for the opportunity he's afforded me to write these columns over the past several months. DuBose is, of course, the longtime executive editor of the Dublin Courier-Herald. He is also executive director of the Georgia Trust for Local News, and it's in that capacity that he has pulled together the philanthropic funding needed to buy and sustain nearly 20 daily and weekly newspapers across South Georgia.

His efforts have helped keep various rural Georgia communities from becoming news deserts, and I hope my columns have contributed at least a little to readers' knowledge and understanding of the extent and gravity of the problems with the state's urban-rural divide.

My view is that this divide constitutes a truly strategic problem for our state, and I hope my efforts contribute the development of solutions to that problem.

One of the great things about writing this column - and one of the things I'll miss most - is that I've gotten to know (at least via email and telephone) a fair number of new friends who have gotten in touch with questions, suggestions and occasional criticisms. I've appreciated them all and invite you to stay in touch via the blog.

At the top of this note, I said I was stepping aside only for a bit and only for a while. As I go about the work of updating and freshening up my data research, I'm sure I'll kick over fodder for new stories and new columns. I've told DuBose that as I do, I'll go ahead and knock out a fresh column. I don't think it'll be long before I write the first of those.

So stay tuned. I'll be back.

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LIFESTYLE & FAITH

Grief is not the enemy of joy

By CARRIE CRAVATT

Occasionally weep deeply over the life you hoped would be. Grieve the losses. Then wash your face. Trust God. And embrace the life you have." — John Piper

Sometimes I forget to grieve the losses. To taste the bitterness and let the disappointments wash over me. To shed tears for unfulfilled dreams or sudden losses. Not that my grief is special in any way. Or bigger than yours. Or that I don't hold so many beautiful blessings in my unworthy hands. But life is full of small griefs, isn't it?

A thousand little paper cuts happening to us at random, or regular, intervals. And sometimes the little nuisance paper cuts give way to deep gashes. To a pain that wracks our very souls and leaves us gasping for air. That robs us of our sleep and steals our peace. Sometimes God stands back and allows the struggle. He doesn't rush in with the save when that relationship collapses or a dream dies right in front of our eyes. We lose the battle.

And here's where the rubber hits the road. He didn't save us from the pain. But, is He still good? Is He still in control?

Is He still worthy of our worship? Yes. Yes, He is forever worthy. He, alone, is worthy.

We have to be able to surrender the broken pieces of our hearts to Him and trust that He will use it to tell a greater story than you or I could ever write. That's the ultimate goal for a Christian - to glorify Him with our wins and losses, our joy and our pain, our lives and our deaths.

But first, let's be reminded that it's ok to grieve the losses. To mourn our dreams of a life that will never exist.

If you're like me, you might have skipped that part. Maybe you tried to rush straight into thanksgiving and praise. Into acceptance. And you find yourself floundering because the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

You might have ignored the cut that hasn't healed, only festered for days or

weeks, needing attention but having to settle for neglect. You don't want to look too closely at it because then you'll have to confront that big, scary question that's lurking inside - is He good? Even though He's allowed this pain?

We must acknowledge that life is not always pleasant. Sometimes it leaves us scarred and limping like some avatar on a video game who was shot out of nowhere and is now flashing with red blood stains creeping onto the edges of screen - life at about 5%. You did NOT see that one coming and were caught woefully unprepared for the battle.

We long for something better. We want comfort and beauty and unity in our lives. Built into our DNA is a yearning for heaven, for perfect Christ-exalting relationships with one another that are not trampled underfoot by our well-meaning words and intentions but are instead a perfect representation of His mercy and kindness.

We want happy homes and families that are intact, bodies that aren't riddled with disease and minds that haven't been compromised by dementia. I'd like to see churches that haven't split 3 times over the VBS curriculum and elders who are faithful to the end & do not destroy their testimony or bring shame upon the name of Christ with their arrogance and adultery.

We want gas that's under \$2 a gallon and eggs that don't cost \$5 a dozen. We'd like a president with some basic common sense who knows the difference between boys and girls. We want the lives of babies and children to be protected and treasured. For someone to fix the broken foster care system and healthcare crisis. For our food to actually nourish us and not poison us.

And while we are full of all this wishful thinking, we'd like for Florida to get a few inches of snow so those little beach babies can sled and build a snowman with a carrot nose and drink hot cocoa while their poor mamas work desperately to find enough warm clothes to

cover their children's sun-tanned limbs. (This one came true, guys. Let's celebrate the wins, no matter how small!)

We want this beautiful life wrapped up in a bow and presented to us without our having to lift a finger. Without the struggle of paper cuts and gashes.

But that's not how God sanctifies his children. He lets us hurt and grieve our losses. But He doesn't abandon us to despair. In fact, He's promised to never leave us. Not when we are hurting. Not when we are angry. Not when our hearts are bitter and broken. He remains Faithful through every storm and valley. He loves us enough to let us encounter heartache, to learn how tenderly He cares for us in our darkest moments. To grasp that when all else has failed and the worst has happened, He is enough.

And after a time, He wipes the tears from our faces, sets us on our feet again, and points us off in the right direction.

And away we go! Full of hope that one day He will set it all right and the last tear will be poured into the last bottle - and we will worship in His presence.

Until then, eat the Word. Pray often. When necessary, grieve, but not as those who have no hope. Weep long and hard over the loss, the injustice, the pain, the brokenness and then turn your eyes to Jesus and live with purpose the beautiful, mysterious, occasionally miserable life - He's so graciously given.

Don't neglect to enjoy your good life while holding out hope for a perfect life. It doesn't exist on this side of heaven. Grief and joy; they can peaceably coexist. It's possible, and sometimes necessary, to lean into both.

Note from Lewis Kiger: Carrie Cravat's husband Nathan barely survived a life-threatening disease he contracted while on a missionary trip to Nepal. Because of his illness, their life has been significantly "re-routed." So, this wasn't written from some ivory tower somewhere by someone who doesn't know pain and loss.

America's Greatness: Creation vs. Evolution

According to the Scriptures, everything that exists was created by God. In fact, the very first verse of the Bible begins with a resounding affirmation of creationism: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

This view of creation is an often repeated topic in the Bible. In many verses, it affirms that man and the world he inhabits came into existence by the direct action of God Himself, not through any other means such as evolution or the so-called "big bang."

Many today believe the theory of evolution was introduced by Charles Darwin in his 1859 work *The Origin of Species*, but historical records are clear that the major tenets of today's evolution/creation debate were already in place well before the birth of Christ.

For example, Anaximander (610-546 B.C.) introduced the theory of spontaneous generation; Diogenes (412-323 B.C.) introduced the concept of the primordial slime; Empedocles (495-455 B.C.) introduced the theory of the survival of the fittest and natural selection; the writings of Lucretius (99-55 B.C.) asserted that all life sprang from "mother earth" and not from any specific deity.

After Christ but pre-dating Darwin, Bruno (1548-1600) published works arguing for evolution and against creation; Buffon (1707-1788) taught that man was a quadruped (four-footed) descended from apes; Swedenborg (1688-1772) advocated the early "big bang" theory in 1734, etc.

Our Founding Fathers

America's Greatness



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were well acquainted with these writings and the theories of evolution long before Darwin consolidated them in his famous book. The Founders spoke openly about the creation issue and consistently came down on the side of the Scriptures.

As an example, Daniel Webster affirmed the following: "The belief in an uncreated, self-existent, intelligent First Cause takes possession of our minds whether we will or not, because if man could not create himself, nothing else could; and matter, if it were not external, could produce nothing but matter; it could never produce thought nor free will nor consciousness. There must have been, therefore, a time when this globe and its inhabitants did not exist. The question then arises, what gave it existence? We answer: God, the great First Cause of all things."

Thomas Jefferson opined this: "The movements of the heavenly bodies, so exactly held in their course by the balance of centrifugal and centripetal forces; the structure of our earth itself with its distribution of lands, waters, and atmosphere; animal and vegetable bodies examined in all their minutest particles; insects—mere atoms of life—yet as perfectly organized as man or mammoth; the mineral substances, their generation and uses; it is impossible, I say, for the human mind not to believe

that there is in all this design, cause, and effect up to an Ultimate Cause—a Fabricator of all things..."

Benjamin Franklin waxed eloquently on this subject as well, supporting the notion of a Creator. In his autobiography, he wrote "I never doubted, for instance, the existence of the Deity: that He made the world, and governed it by His Providence."

Perhaps like most of the Founders who lined up behind the wisdom of the Bible, John Quincy Adams summarized things as well as any of them: "It is so obvious to every reasonable being that he did not make himself, and the world which he inhabits could as little make itself, that the moment we begin to exercise the power of reflection, it seems impossible to escape the conviction that there is a Creator."

As for as we know, all the signers of the Declaration of Independence and the delegates to the Constitutional Convention were men who believed in God and the special creation of the world and mankind. Nearly all were members of Christian churches and believed the Bible to be the inspired Word of God.

Moreover, it can be argued that God truly has shed His grace on America more fully than on any nation in history, but these blessings have been and are the result of the commitment of our Founding Fathers to God as Creator, to God's incarnate Son as redeeming Savior, and to the Bible as His inspired Word as the basis of our constitutional legal system.

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Warning: This column is going to make you hungry

I'm sitting here wondering what to write for the week's column and trying to ignore my stomach which is industriously trying to digest my spine. My innards are winning the battle for my attention. What they want is a cheeseburger.

I'm not talking about just any run of the mill fast food burger. Nossir. My various internal organs are screaming for a real cheeseburger.

Start with a half pound of top ground with some smoked bacon ground into the meat as well. Slow cook this very thick patty of meat on a grill fired up with pecan logs and let that smoke penetrate the meat. Cook it until the pink just vanishes in the middle. Cook it so it's still juicy, the kind of burger when you bite down, you need a table cloth around your neck. Put some more bacon on the top of the meat.

Some folks don't like mushrooms, but I do. I want a coating of broiled 'shrooms, fresh 'shrooms pan fried on the stove in real butter. Just enough to cover one slice of cheese to a depth of one 'shroom slice. Make 'em still hot so the cheese melts into the burger and 'shrooms.

Since this is a cheeseburger, gotta have some cheese. Real cheese. Don't want none of that pasteurized, processed, homogenized, filtered and flavored junk that tastes about the same as the plastic wrapper it comes

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up, not catsup, on one bun. Gently now. Too much spoils things. Because this is my burger, I'm gonna dash some hot sauce on the ketchup, but I'll leave it off yours. On the other bun some spicy brown Wisconsin bratwurst style mustard, the kind of mustard with zip. No mayonnaise. Mayo on a work of art like this is just, well, it borders on offensive, unless it is homemade mayo in which case, a gentle swoosh of a butterknife's worth is entirely appropriate.

Must have onion. Not just any onion. A giant ultra sweet Vidalia onion cut nearly as thick as the hamburger patty.

A big slice of real South Georgia, not Florida hot-house, beefsteak tomato. The kind rich with that acid so that it almost bites you

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Dungarees, Denim or Jeans?

Are you old enough to remember when jeans were called "Dungarees"? So am I. So we must be seniors, right? That's why I decided to use excerpts from a recent Saturday Evening Post article that I thought might be interesting to you; it was to me!

When I mentioned to my wife what I was thinking about for this week's column she asked me what's the origin of the term "Dungaree"? Well here it is, at least according to Wikipedia:

Dungaree fabric (used in English since 1605–15, from the Marathi *dongrī*) is a historical term for an Indian coarse thick calico cloth. Cotton twill with indigo-dyed warp thread is now more commonly referred to as denim..

Following is an edited (due to space limitations for this column) copy of the Saturday Evening Post article entitled "Common Threads, From Work Wear to Runway — The American Story of Blue Jeans":

There isn't a more ubiquitous article of clothing than blue jeans. From cowboys to presidents, from the field to the runway, jeans' popularity has crossed class, age, and regional differences —

All About Seniors



Bill Milby

everybody wears them. And this denim doesn't just take the form of indigo pants: Jeans today come at every shape, price point, and even color.

Yet jeans are more than just a staple in American's wardrobes. They are a symbol of "America" itself, holding an iconic cultural status unlike any other garment.

Like many American traditions, jean cloth did not originate on the continent. This steady, dark-blue cotton fabric first came to America from the French city Nîmes and thus was called "denim" cloth from the French *serge de Nîmes*. European fascination with the color blue and the increasing profitability of the indigo trade, made it, together with cotton, the perfect crop in the slave economy. Its utilitarian use continued to appeal to workers even after the abolishment of slavery. This was especially true in mining

communities in the West

The discovery of gold in California and the subsequent Gold Rush that brought millions to the region in search of prosperity also attracted many retailers who saw it as a commercial opportunity to expand their business. This was true for a recent Jewish immigrant from Bavaria named Levi Strauss, who was sent to establish his family's wholesale company branch in San Francisco.

As Strauss expanded his business all across the West, following the mining and railroad boom of the 1860s, his store offered workers utilitarian clothes and boots. In 1872, he teamed up with a tailor named Jacob Davis, another Jewish immigrant from Riga, who made a name for himself specializing in mining work wear. Seeking to make pants more durable, Davis added rivets to his design, believing they would be "good fastening for a pocket." On May 20, 1873, after several failed attempts, Patent Number 139,121 was issued in the names of Jacob W. Davis and Levi Strauss & Co. of San Francisco, California, and the official Levi's jeans

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Public Notice

The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on **February 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Houston County Courthouse in Perry, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to an application filed by Monica Kinnebrew for the purpose of selling Beer, Wine off premises consumption at 2802 US Hwy 41S Elko, Georgia 31025. All interested parties are invited to attend.**

ENTERTAINMENT

Were the D-Day landings in World War II almost given away by a newspaper crossword puzzle?

Now that the first month of 2025 is rapidly falling behind us, an assessment of how things are going is in order.

I can only tell you how it's going for me, but from my perspective, it's going as well as can be expected. Since I remain on "this side of the dirt," as they say, I have very little to complain about.

And I certainly hope the same is true for you.

That being said, let's get into this week's collection of trivial nuggets hauled out of the vault. You just might enjoy these!

Did you know ...

... you might be allergic to the Moon? Of course, there's no real way for you to know, short of actually going to visit our natural satellite. But at least one astronaut found out the hard way that he was allergic to the Moon. Dr. Harrison "Jack" Schmitt (born 1935), a geologist, was one of the astronauts aboard Apollo 17 in 1972, and Schmitt reported that the dust on the Moon caused the inside of his nose to swell and gave him throat issues as well.

Did You Know?



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Schmitt, it turns out, has an allergy to Moon dust. (Achoo!)

... the popularity of the 1960s Batman television series caused the other major networks to try a superhero farce? While Batman was a ratings hit for ABC, the other series — Captain Nice on NBC and Mr. Terrific on CBS — were flops. Captain Nice, starring William Daniels (born 1927) in the title role, lasted fifteen episodes, while Mr. Terrific with Stephen Strimpell (1937-2006) in the title role managed to eke out eighteen episodes. Both shows debuted on January 9, 1967, and both aired their final episodes on August 28, 1967. (And nobody remembers those other shows, do they?)

... rabbits are incredibly prolific? Yeah, you already knew that. But let me give you a little insight into just how prolific they

can be. In 1859, Thomas Austin (1815-1871), an Englishman who settled in Australia, imported 24 rabbits to his property Down Under. Austin felt that the little bunnies would add some familiarity to the area, and heck — what harm can a few rabbits do, anyway? Well, by 1920, the population of rabbits in Australia — who have no natural predators there — had soared to an estimated 10 billion, all of them confirmed to be descendants of the original 24 brought in by Austin. (You do the math. Thanks to Mason for the tip!)

... a huge coincidence almost gave away the World War II D-Day landings? In May of 1944, the Daily Telegraph newspaper of Great Britain published a series of crossword puzzles which contained vital code names in the upcoming D-Day landing operations on the coast of France. The words "Utah" and "Omaha" were in the puzzles, and were also two of the names given to the beaches in Normandy where the Allies would land. Another word in

one puzzle, "Mulberry," was the name of the floating harbor to be towed across the English Channel, and yet another word, "Neptune," was the code name for the naval support of the operation. The most glaring possible security leak, however, was the use of the word "Overlord" in a puzzle. "Overlord" was the code name for the entire D-Day operation. An investigation by Britain's MI-5 intelligence agency led to the home of Leonard Dawe (1889-1963), a teacher, who compiled those particular puzzles. Dawe's use of those five words in the puzzles turned out to be an astonishing coincidence, as he had no knowledge of any plans being made by the Allies.

... the human brain has enough memory capacity to store an awful lot of television programming? The storage capacity of a human brain has been estimated at 2.5 petabytes, or 2.5 million gigabytes. If your brain worked like a digital video recorder, it would be able to store about three million hours of TV program. (Why you

would want to do that, of course, is beyond me.)

... some of the biggest names in the automotive industry are owned by another big name? The Volkswagen Group owns the following automobile lines: Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, Audi, Ducati and Porsche, among others. (Ah, what's in a name, anyway?)

... five nations in the world do not have airports? As you might expect, they are five of the smallest nations as well. Vatican City, San Marino, Monaco, Liechtenstein and Andorra do not have airports. Travelers have to go to the nearest bigger country to catch their plane. (Come fly with me, indeed.)

... penguin sanctuaries in the Falkland Islands are a result of the 1982 war between Argentina and Great Britain? During the conflict, land mines were placed along the coasts of some of the islands. The penguins which live there are not heavy enough to trigger the mines, so they are able to live and breed safely there — no humans are going to bother them,

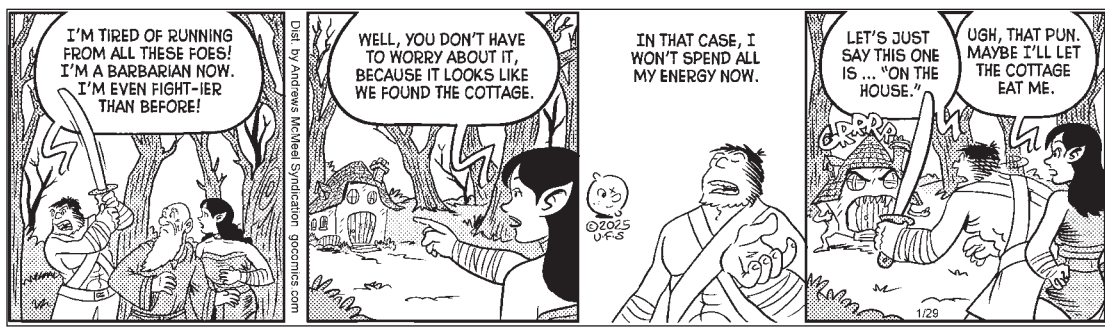
not with the chance of being blown to smithereens. Efforts are now being made to prevent any attempts to remove the mines, due to the success of the sanctuaries. (Boy, those penguin sanctuaries are the bomb, aren't they?)

... many children in the Roman Empire suffered from malnutrition? The diet of ordinary Romans was mostly made up of starchy foods, not including fresh meat, fats, or many green vegetables. (See, kids? There's a reason to eat healthy foods. Don't be a Roman.)

... most sports bars that show games on television do so with the sound off? And the reason may surprise you — it's not because the noise of the bar patrons would drown out the game sound anyway, but because restaurants and bars have to pay a fee to each professional sporting organization to be able to carry the games in their establishments. Sound costs more. (Sounds like a sound policy to me.)

Now ... you know!

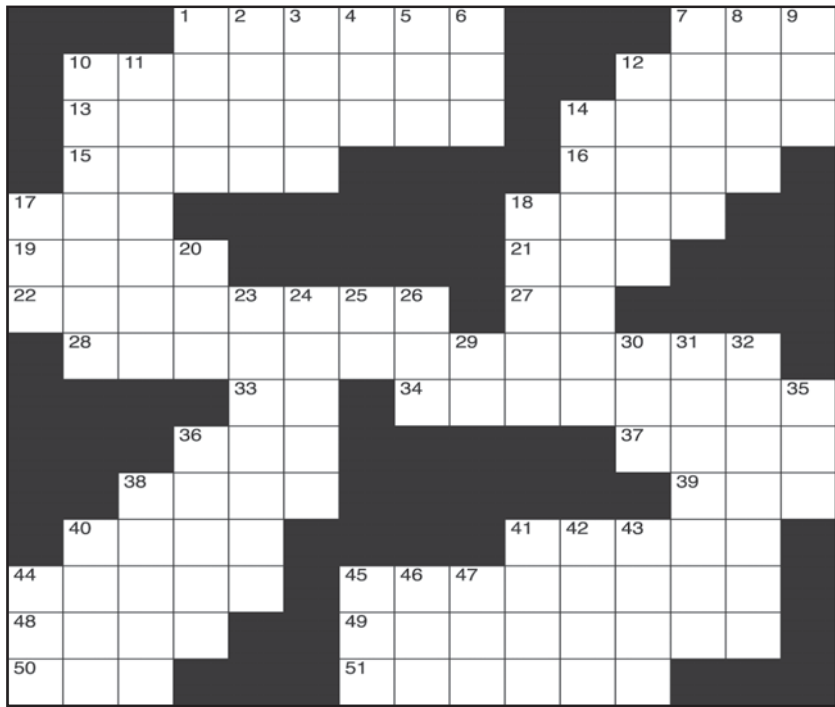
Alley Oop, by Jonathan Lemon and Joey Allison



Big Nate, by Lincoln Peirce



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Where entertainers perform
7. Miller beer variety
10. Ageless
12. River in SE Europe
13. Able to be repaired
14. Type of wrap
15. Atomic #54
16. Type of tent
17. U.S. Treasury position
18. Opposed to
19. Protective covering
21. Bridge building degree
22. Clouding of the lens
27. Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus

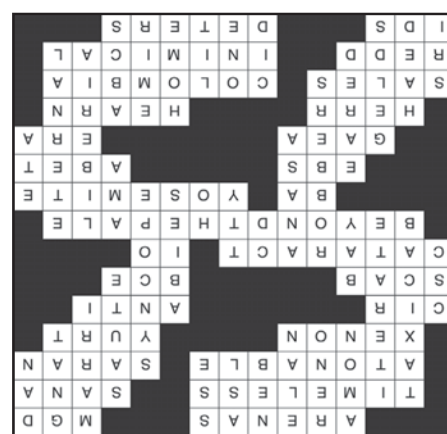
28. Unacceptable
33. Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
34. American national park
36. One point south of due east
37. Assist in a crime
38. Greek mythological personification of Earth
39. A major division of geological time
40. German courtesy title
41. English family dating back to Norman times
44. Discounts
45. South American nation

48. Former Milwaukee Buck Michael
49. Hostile
50. Passports and drivers licenses are two
51. Discourages from doing

CLUES DOWN

1. Supreme god of ancient Egyptians
2. Nevada city
3. Energy, style and enthusiasm
4. Bird's beak
5. Language
6. Midway between south and southeast
7. Punjab village
8. Small biting flies
9. Sportscaster Patrick
10. A way to get around
11. Repeat
12. A way to cook with fat
14. Temporary loss of consciousness
17. Reciprocal of a sine
18. Fir tree genus
20. "Transformers" director Michael
23. Criminals who steal

24. Genus of leaf-footed bug
25. Music product
26. "Talk to you"
29. Santa says it three times
30. Doctors' group
31. African nation
32. Ageless
35. When you hope to get somewhere
36. Worn
38. Deprives of vigor
40. Used to have (Scottish)
41. Where you live
42. Muslim ruler title
43. Basics
44. Type of drug (abbr.)
45. Spanish soldier
46. It precedes two
47. Illuminated



SUDOKU

1			6					9
		2		8				
	6		4					
6	7						9	
							2	6
	3	5						8
	5			9			4	
4	8			3	2	7		
3								

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!

5	8	6	7	9	4	1	2	3
1	9	7	2	3	5	8	4	6
2	4	3	1	6	8	9	5	7
8	7	4	9	1	6	5	3	2
9	2	5	3	8	7	4	1	6
3	1	9	4	5	2	8	7	6
7	1	2	4	5	2	9	3	6
4	3	4	1	7	8	6	3	5
5	9	8	6	3	2	7	4	1

Sudoku answer featured above. Crossword answer featured to the left.

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Kemp hammering home tort reform message

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ATLANTA — The signs are clear as Georgia lawmakers prepare to resume the 2025 General Assembly session on Monday after a weeklong recess: Gov. Brian Kemp is making tort reform a high priority.

Even before the session began two weeks ago, Kemp issued a call for tort reform in a speech to newly elected and returning legislators in a December speech at the University of Georgia.

He returned to the theme Jan. 14 in his annual address to political and business leaders at the Eggs and Issues breakfast sponsored by the Georgia Chamber of Commerce.

Two days later, Kemp devoted a major portion of his State of the State message to a joint session of the Georgia House and Senate to the need for tort reform.

"One of the biggest threats to Georgia's future is our state's legal environment," he said. "The cost of insurance is threatening (small businesses') ability to operate. ... At the end of the day, the increased cost of doing business is simply passed on to the consumer, hardworking Georgians who are already struggling to make ends meet."

Tort reform has been a goal of Georgia Republicans

and their allies in the business community for decades. But most of their efforts have fizzed amid opposition from legislative Democrats and the trial lawyers lobby worried that imposing restrictions on lawsuits would rob victims in liability cases of their day in court.

The most significant reform legislation to make it through the General Assembly came way back in 2005, a bill that imposed a \$350,000 cap on non-economic damage awards in liability lawsuits.

The cap immediately came under fire in a constitutional challenge. The Georgia Supreme Court sided with the plaintiffs and threw out the cap in 2010.

The General Assembly passed a Kemp-backed bill last year that laid the groundwork for a big push for tort reform in 2025. The legislation directed the state insurance department to gather data on legal trends affecting insurance premiums and deliver a report.

While Kemp has not yet released details on what his tort reform legislation will look like, the report - released in November - includes recommendations that could find their way into this year's bill.

The report found that the number of tort claims in Georgia increased steady-

ly between 2014 and 2023, while the average claim payout also has risen. Cases where the plaintiff retained a lawyer paid out 66.2% higher on average than claims where no lawyer was involved, according to the study.

The study pointed to a number of steps the General Assembly could take to rein in "runaway" jury awards in tort cases, including limiting liability property owners face from plaintiffs injured on their premises due to actions of third parties, restricting the use of third-party litigation financing, and limiting so-called "venue shopping" by plaintiffs looking for a favorable jurisdiction for filing a lawsuit.

The report even suggested revisiting caps on non-economic damage awards such as pain and suffering as a way to curb "nuclear verdicts" - those exceeding \$10 million.

Accolades for Kemp's stand on tort reform poured in following his State of the State speech, with representatives of Georgia retailers, restaurants, and convenience stores endorsing his position. The Georgia Senior Living Association also chimed in, arguing that runaway damage awards have driven up insurance premiums to the point that providers are having a hard time staying in business.

"Georgia's imbalanced civil justice system threatens Georgia's economic competitiveness and our long-term prosperity," said Chris Clark, the Georgia Chamber's president and CEO.

"Georgia's litigation environment is among the most costly and unpredictable in the nation, contributing to rising insurance premiums for businesses and families alike," added Will Barnette, chairman of the advocacy group Georgians for Lawsuit Reform and associate general counsel at The Home Depot. "These legal burdens stifle economic growth, discourage investment, and create barriers to job creation."

But legislative Democrats

say the state's civil justice system is the wrong target for the vitriol aimed by Republicans and business leaders.

"The problem isn't lawsuits. It's the insurance companies themselves," said state Rep. Tanya Miller, D-Atlanta, who chairs the House Minority Caucus. "Rather than holding insurance companies accountable, Republicans are standing in defense of corporate Goliaths while everyday Georgians are left to fight for their homes, their businesses, and their dignity."

State Sen. Josh McLaurin, D-Sandy Springs, warned Republicans that pushing tort reform could cost them politically because it's not

an appealing message to GOP base voters.

"I can assure you, they have more of a problem with insurance companies than they do with trial lawyers," McLaurin said Jan. 17 on the floor of the Senate.

The prospects for meaningful tort reform legislation in 2025 are good. Kemp went so far during his State of the State address to suggest he would call a special session of the General Assembly later this year if lawmakers fail to act during the 40-day session that ends in early April.

With Republicans holding 100 of the House's 180 seats and 33 of the Senate's 56 seats, the GOP has more than enough votes to make it happen.



Courtesy: Perry Police Department

Police say Arruda was last seen driving a gray 2013 Kia Optima.

COOKIES

From page 1A

skills Girl Scouts learn in this Cookie Program.

- Goal Setting
- Decision Making
- Money Management
- People Skills
- Business Ethics

"[Girl Scouts] can start as a Daisy, which is kindergarten, and go all the way up to a senior in high school," she said.

Novak said the cookie lineup this year will feature the classics such as Thin Mints, Do-si-dos, Tagalongs and Samoas. Adventrefuls, Trefoils, Lemon-Ups and Toffee-tastic are all relatively new to the lineup. Personally, her favorite Girl Scout cookies are Thin Mints.

"The cool thing about Lemon-Ups is that they have really nice sayings on the top of each cookie. Toffee-tastics are gluten free, and even though it might not be everyone's favorite, it allows individuals for whom gluten is a challenge to still enjoy, and Adventurefuls are like brownie bites" she said.

Novak also said this will be the last year of the S'mores cookie being sold. She said the official response on why

they are being discontinued is to "make room for new flavors."

The Girl Scout Cookie Program allows Girl Scouts to unbox a brighter future for themselves. Novak said Girl Scouts practice entrepreneurial skills and face other challenges.

"For some girls that might just be getting out and asking someone to buy cookies, as their challenge will be learning to speak up. Or for the older girls, they learn the subtle differences for how you ask someone to purchase cookies and what to say if they don't want to purchase cookies," she said. "We help the girls at whatever stage they're at to push their skill level a little bit."

Customers can also purchase cookies with a credit card rather than cash or check. Novak said the Girl Scouts are learning more about how to sell using social media and reach more customers.

"Girls are also learning about QR codes and those over the age of 13 are already using social media," she said. "We're very careful with social media and we keep the parents and troop leaders in the loop at all times to make sure the girls are safe."

Novak mentioned the Girl

Scouts can also get rewards by achieving their set goals.

"Some of the rewards [Girl Scouts] can get include Chromebooks that are high in tech or they can use them for travel opportunities," she said. "Especially for the younger girls, they can receive charms, but even if you're only a first-time seller, your goal was 50, and you [sold] 50, there is still positive, encouraging feedback for the girls, so they are like 'I set a goal, met my goal and what am I going to do next time'. It's the kind of skills that are going to help anybody who has to do any kind of project, but entrepreneurship is the main goal."

According to Novak, the cookie booths will go live on Feb. 14.

"Right now, it is just [Girl Scouts] selling individually with their troupes or individually with their families," she said.

Novak said the girls as a troop work with local businesses to set up their cookie booths.

"The girls will be in front of stores like Kroger, Walmart and Ace Hardware," she said.

To learn more about Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, go to www.gshg.org.

MISSING

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Police suspect her last known location to be around Chattanooga, Tennessee, as of 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 27. At this time, police do not know of any connections they may have to the area.

Authorities believe Arruda is a runaway. Jones said typical runaway cases

last for a few days until the runaway is low on resources, then they typically return home. However, Arruda's case is unique in the distance already traveled.

"Normally it's just somewhere around here locally, in the Warner Robins area, to where they could go to a friend's house or another family member's house and kind of hide out for a couple days," Jones said.

Jones is hopeful the pair

will be found safe, thanks to technology that can track their vehicle.

"Hopefully sooner than than later, we'll know that they've been picked up, and they're nice and safe. We can get them back home to their parents," Jones said.

Anyone with more information is encouraged to call Det. Talley at (478) 988-2800 or Macon Regional Crimestoppers: 1-877-68CRIME.

STORM

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there was something needed," she said. "We put out some message boards for the police department and spread some sand, for mostly bridges but also on 341 in response to the Police Department."

In preparation for this winter storm, Fitzner said Public Works keeps an inventory of sand, but mentioned they didn't have as many resources as the Department of Transportation (DOT).

"Municipalities try to run on efficiency, and so we don't have the trucks that DOT has because they can use them wherever they're needed across the state,"

she said. "Being that a [winter storm] happens every 10 years, we don't have the big trucks or dispersal equipment that some other bigger entities would have. We were able to address needs in a smaller capacity, but we didn't have the capacity to scrape and clear roads."

Fitzner also praised the workers in Public Works for doing a great job.

"We always thank them for a good job, and when they do have to stay over, we do little things to reward them internally, as it's kind of just what we do," she said. "Everybody knows what they sign up for when they work here, and we are lucky to have a great group that chips in and does what needs to be done."

Fitzner believes the

Public Works Department will be more prepared if another winter storm hit Perry, however, she said it will be hard to know the forecast ahead of time.

"I think there are some things that we can, just based on our experience of what was needed, do a little bit better of a job. However, I think, in general, we did as best as we could for what we are."

Fitzner added that communicating with partners, and most importantly internally, have been really helpful.

"I think ever since the last hurricane, there's been strong communication between the different departments, and I think that is super helpful," she said.

INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The Houston County Board of Education intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for the Houston County School District.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at Langston Road Elementary School, 315 Langston Road, Perry, Georgia on January 13, 2025, at 6:00pm.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this matter are at the Houston County Board of Education, 1100 Main Street, Perry, Georgia on January 14, 2025, at 1:00pm and on February 11, 2025, at 1:00pm.

PERRY

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partners with apartments and rental properties. Once they leave the program, people and their family are equipped with the chance to succeed.

Simons heard Rosser say Family Promise needed improvements on the facility, including landscaping, heating and air conditioning and improvements in the laundry room. Class members toured the facility, met Rosser and quickly decided they can help them hands-on and spread the word about Family Promise.

"The goal was that our class to lead the legacy for another class and that's what the difference was in choosing Family Promise as opposed to something else. Because we want another class to come up and we want them to be intrigued by the work that we did and show the difference that it made in the community for these folks," she said.

Simons shared their main goal was to fix their laundry facility; out of eight to 10 washer and dryer sets, only two of them worked.

Later, Leadership Perry did a family day, where members of the class brought their families to the property. Then, the class helped mow the grass, paint the laundry room and raised funds to buy a commercial grade washer and dryer. They also built a table in the laundry room for families to fold their clothes on.

Simons hopes this will inspire the next class to buy another washer and dryer if the facility needs it.

"The goal was to just

give somebody — even the next class — another stepping stone. To say, 'Hey this isn't just our year. Maybe 2025 [or] 2026 is interested in expanding on our project,'" she said.

Simons, her husband Slate, and Ian Harvey, who works for Perry Fire Department, hooked up the washer and dryer and put the final touches in the laundry room. She said they added benches, pillows, hung pictures, put up a lamp and added a spot where children could read.

Simons said the whole class has a heart for the community, especially Perry. She said that is why they took the leadership class through the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce. She said she did not know about Family Promise before starting this project and hopes it will bring awareness to what the community offers.

"I think the biggest reason we chose this is because we know that there's a need for this in our community. There are homeless moms and homeless dads and there are people who have unfortunate situations," she said. "It's not always substance abuse. It's not always physical and mental abuse. Sometimes people just have really hard things happen and they just need somebody and somewhere to go."

Simons said she took the class very seriously and feels it would be a disservice to the community if they did not tell the world about Family Promise. She believes there is a way to bring awareness without social media, especially in situations involving abuse, which she said it is something personal and quiet.

"I think it's been a really

eye-opening experience for me personally but also for our class to bring awareness to something that is such a need but isn't talked about often," she said.

She said she only knew about ministries that helped homeless women but also believes homelessness can happen to fathers.

"[Homelessness] happens to families and to know there's somewhere right here that we can tell the world, 'Hey, if your life has some real bad luck, there's still hope and here's what it looks like at Family Promise.' I really think it's something we need to tell the world," she said.

During the project, Simons did not know one of her friends had been living at the facility. Since then, her friend and her children have moved to a rental home and the organization helped her put her savings account together.

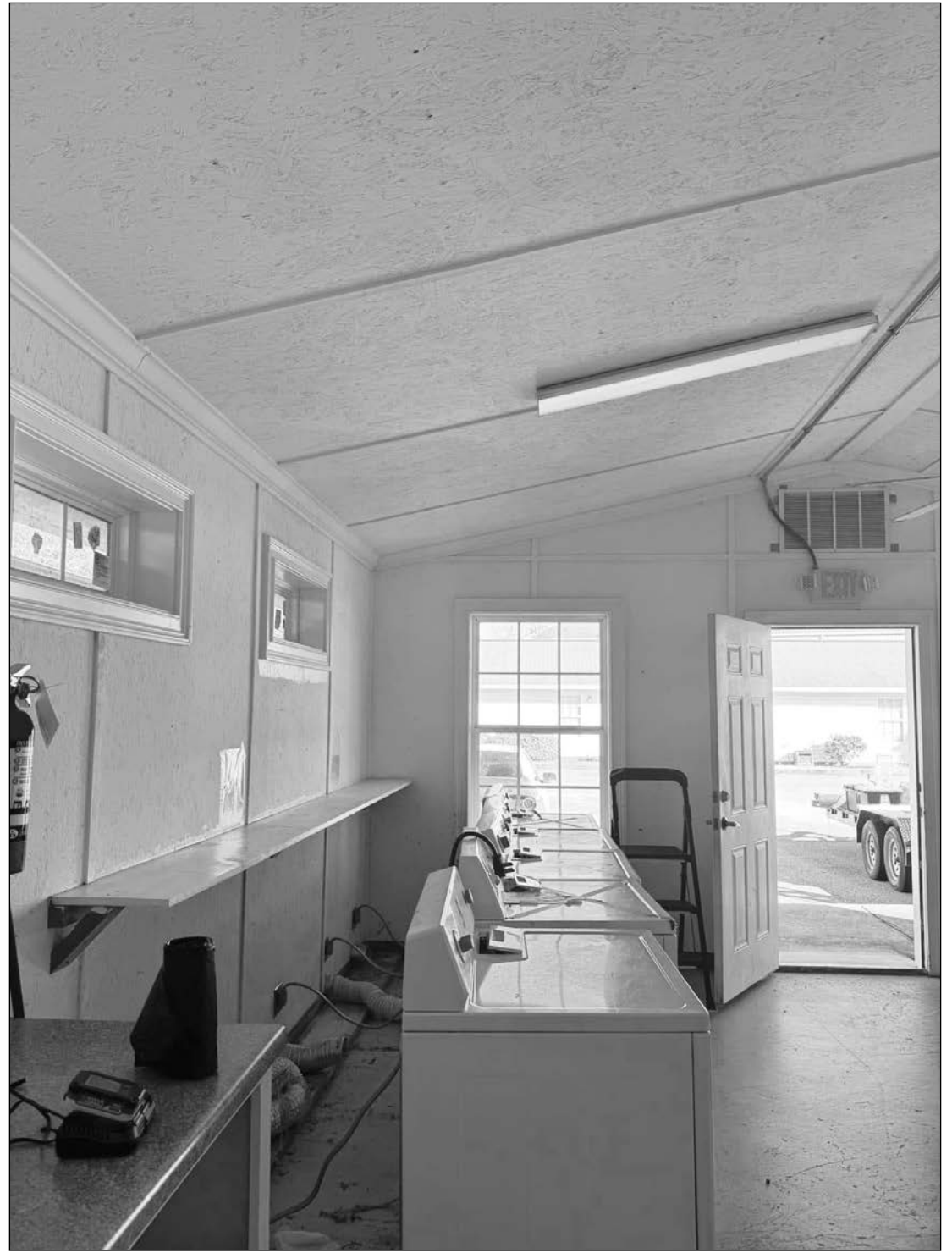
When she found out her friend was living there, Simons felt it was a full circle moment. It made her feel sure God wanted them to do the project.

Simons shared while she was at a church function another friend told her he recently became a Board of Director member at Family Promise. The organization has unknowingly been a part of Simons's life through her friends.

She believes God has been in the background throughout the journey.

"It was more than just a class project for me, personally. It was really like, 'Hey God, you really can do some cool stuff in the details, and we didn't even know what you were doing back here,'" she said.

Simons was grateful for every person in the Perry Leadership Class, who



Courtesy: Cindy Simons

The Perry Leadership class worked together to upgrade the laundry room. This is before they added the finishing touches.

took the time to make the project happen. She said it took months of planning, work and a lot of moving pieces.

"There were so many folks that just dropped everything they were doing to go mow grass, to trim bushes, to paint, to

be on our hands and knees and scrub some floors and just show them some love," she said. "It was just a whole class of people being selfless and doing what we were set to do, and we finished, and we did a really great job and I'm proud of my class for that."

To find out more about Family Promise visit: <https://hhjonline.com/family-promise-provides-needs-for-houston-countys-children-experiencing-homelessness/>.

Also visit their website: <https://www.family-promisehoustonco.org/>.

JONES

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"Last year, we made positive changes to combat burdensome and costly regulations on behalf of workers and business owners all over Georgia," Jones said Friday. "As a business owner, continuing our efforts to promote deregula-

tion and free our businesses from harmful government red tape will continue to be a priority."

Hunter Loggins, state director for the National Federation of Independent Business, said his organization will push for passage of Jones' 2025 package.

"Main Street businesses are under tremendous economic pressure right now,"

Loggins said. "Inflation continues to drive up the cost of doing business, and employers are still struggling to fill vacant positions. The Red Tape Rollback Act of 2025 would bring even more common-sense reforms to state government and make it easier for our members to own, operate, and grow their businesses."

CODE

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Do and his friends would see games and inventions created through technology and they knew coding and programming was the backbone of creating the things they were interested in.

Do has loved coding since he was little and admitted to having trouble at first due to the topic's complexity. He also mentioned limited opportunities to learn.

From eighth to ninth grade, he started to teach himself and realized how hard coding was; He thought it would have been easier if he had a mentor or a program that would allow him to learn more. Providing the class was a chance for Do to become the mentor he wished he had.

"Me and my friends realized that offering this at a free price point would allow students of all backgrounds to have this opportunity to pursue a career in STEM," he said.

Do wants people to know that although coding seems scary, anyone can do it. He

said with determination and hard work, anyone can become successful in the field.

He shared he has heard people say they don't want to do coding; they don't want to be involved in STEM and prefer to do another field. When they start learning more about it and use critical thinking and problem-solving skills, Do begins to see the shine in their eyes and knows they are enjoying coding. Do said he has seen people change career and life plans, switching to STEM based career goals and projects.

"Being able to see them realize, 'Oh, I can do this; I finally understand it,' that really means a lot to me as a teacher," he said.

He said they want to also spread awareness for coding and how important it is for people who are interested, especially with its growing job market.

"We want to show that it's not just all about sitting at a computer. It's about communicating, it's about how to solve problems and how it can actually just be a fun way to use your critical thinking skills," he said.

Aside from classes, NextGen Coders plans to hold coding competitions and summer camps. Do also hopes to host full-day boot camps, where students can dive into coding and computer science.

"This will give them the opportunity to really just discover the field," he said.

The organization's goal is to provide students interested in coding a STEM supporting community. Seeing other STEM driven students gives them the support they need to thrive, Do believes.

"It's really an opportunity for them to really grow as students and really learn together rather than separate, which is so important in not only coding, but everyday life, in any career that they wish to pursue," he said.

According to their website, the Introduction to Programming with Python class is available. To find out more about NextGen Coders and to register, visit their website: <https://www.nextgencoderswr.com/>.

To stay updated on the organization visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566640344707>

CASE

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Natural Resources. "Working together with our hunters and all Georgians, we will manage CWD and maintain healthy deer herds."

What is Being Done?

The DNR CWD Response Plan is in effect and a CWD Management Area is established. The CWD Management Area includes the county where the positive sample was found and any county that touches a 5-mile radius around the location of the positive sample. The current CWD Management Area includes Lanier and Berrien counties.

The critical next step is to determine the geographic extent and prevalence rate in that Management Area (i.e., how far it has spread and what percent of deer have CWD). The Department will do that with landowner cooperation through "cluster sampling" in the immediate area.

What is CWD?

CWD was first discovered in 1967 in Fort Collins, Colorado. CWD is a fatal neurological disease of deer, elk, and moose caused by infectious, misfolded proteins called prions. There are no current treatments or preventative vaccines.

CWD in deer, elk, and/or moose has been reported in 36 states and 3 Canadian

provinces.

There is no known transmission of CWD to humans. However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that hunters harvesting a deer, elk, or moose from an area where CWD is known to be present have their animal tested for CWD prior to consuming the meat and do not consume the meat if the animal tests positive.

How You Can Help Prevent Spread

•Don't move live deer. Moving live deer is the greatest risk for introducing CWD to new areas.

•Dispose of carcasses properly and don't bring whole carcasses into Georgia from out of

state or move whole carcasses outside the CWD Management Area. Any carcass parts you don't intend to consume should be left on the property the deer was killed, sent to a landfill, or buried.

•Report sick or abnormal deer to your nearest WRD Game Management Office.

The Georgia DNR with its partners — Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study — will continue to update the public as more information becomes available.

For more information on Chronic Wasting Disease, visit <https://georgiawildlife.com/CWD>.

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STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF WARNER ROBINS

QUALIFYING FEE NOTICE

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section § 21-2-131(a)(1), the following qualifying fees were set by the City of Warner Robins Mayor and Council in the January 21st, 2025 meeting:

Mayor	\$3,000.00
Council Post 1 (at large)	\$402.00
Council Post 3	\$402.00
Council Post 5	\$402.00

Qualifying for the offices listed above will begin at 8:30 a.m., Monday, August 18th, 2025 and will end at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 2nd, 2025. The General Election will be held November 4th, 2025.

Mandy Stella
City Clerk

MILBY

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were born. What started as a utilitarian solution for working class men quickly turned into a fashion item. In 1886, Levi's added the famous leather patch with the company's trademark of two horses pulling riveted jeans in opposite directions, without tearing them, making the company the "Two-Horse brand." By 1890, the popular pants design received their 501® lot number, and by the early twentieth century, after so many customers asked for the "Levi's pants," the company trademarked the name as well, this time calling them jeans.

Hollywood also played an important role in turning blue jeans into a fashion icon. Starting in the 1930s, Westerns had romanticized the rough, tough, and even outlaw image of the denim-clad cowboy, and by the 1950s, stars like James Dean and Marlon Brando turned blue jeans into a statement of youthful rebellion.

As blue jeans made their way from mining towns and cattle ranches into the streets, they also appealed to new markets. In 1934, when women wearing pants was still considered an anomaly, Levi's came out with their first Women's line: Lady Levi's®.

By the 1960s, as young people all across the world challenged class, racial, and gender norms, wearing blue jeans offered a power-

ful statement, marking it as the ultimate attire of protest. Jeans were adopted by young civil rights activists in the South as a practical attire to resist attacks from the police, while also showing solidarity with Black sharecroppers. Even Martin Luther King has discarded his famous suits in favor of denim work wear during the 1963 Birmingham protest, showing his solidarity with Black working-class demands for economic justice. Soon after, activists traded their "Sunday best" that was popular attire during the first sit-ins in favor of what was known as "SNCC Skin" blue jeans and afros.

The anti-war and Hippie movement also embraced jeans as their favorite protest attire, due to its democratic image as well as its accessibility. The rough cloth worked well with the counterculture ideology that sought to challenge bourgeois norms and etiquette. The unisex nature of the pants, which by the 1960s and 1970s were worn by men and women alike, also made it a favorite protest garment among feminists. The association of blue jeans with youth and rebellion continued into the 1980s as hip-hop artists incorporated them into their image as a symbol of self-expression and creativity as well as defiance against conformity.

While a large part of jeans' popularity was due to their accessibility, by the mid-1970s the pants were

not just confined to work wear or street wear, but had transformed into high fashion, as couture designers like Valentino, Yves St. Laurent, and most notably Calvin Klein rebranded the fabric. Klein's 1980 provocative ad, featuring the then 15-year-old star Brooke Shields, turned the pants from a symbol of protest to a sexy clothing item devoid of its working-class origins.

If jeans today can be seen in every part of the world, boasting an \$86 billion industry, their long history and entrenchment in American culture remind us that like the United States, the meaning of blue jeans has continued to adapt and change through the years. Whether seen as a symbol of protest and rebellion, of youth and glamour, or of resilience and hard work, blue jeans are as American as apple pie.

So when did you start calling your "Dungarees", "Blue Jeans". It was in the 1970's for me. Hope enjoyed this little excursion into the "fabric" of our American culture!

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

Bill Milby is a Director of Visiting Angels® of Central Georgia, a non-medical, living assistance service for seniors. If you have questions or comments about this column you can reach him at william.mercylink@gmail.com or search for us at https://www.facebook.com/VisitingAngelsOfCentralGA

ROCKEFELLER

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Mr. Porter was first elected in 1980 and reelected twice thereafter. We have African Americans who have failed in primaries and general elections, regardless of party affiliation, Democrat, Republican, or Independent.

As we all know, there is a distinct population of African Americans coalescing around the Northern and Eastern sections of Warner Robins. In other words, and voting patterns demonstrate this, it is clearly possible to carve a County Commission seat from this contiguous community and give them a "seat at the table."

Houston County's formal position on the lawsuit is it needs more time to investigate. It may be, as is often the case with these types

of lawsuits, a consent order will ultimately be agreed and the structure of our County government will voluntarily change. County Commissioners chosen by distinct districts would then ensure at least one district will comprise "majority-minority" voting members.

This lawsuit is legally sound. Clearly, voting power has been diluted. African-Americans spread out county-wide mean our County Commissioners are not necessarily sensitive to a distinct segment of our local populace. Whether we have an African-American Commissioner is less important than amplifying the voices of constituents.

The unknown is what Pam Bondi, the presumptive U.S. Attorney General nominee, will do. This complaint was brought by career government attorneys. They serve all of us, not a party or even a President. Historically,

they have served loyally in succeeding administrations without "fear or favor."

Yet, they can be overruled by the policies important to President Trump. He is pursuing policies hostile towards minority rights, which is likely to extend voting laws. We do not know if that is true.

Lawsuits are brought because they have legal efficacy, as this one does. They can effect changes, regardless of politics, because it is the right result. This is one of those cases.

Warner Robins attorney Jim Rockefeller is the former Chief Assistant District Attorney for Houston County and a former Assistant State Attorney in Miami. Owner of Rockefeller Law Center, Jim has been in private practice since 2000. E-mail your comments or confidential legal questions to ajr@rockefellerlawcenter.com.

BAKER

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back. The juicy tomato that is good enough to be on a sandwich by itself. Put this on the side opposite the 'shrooms.

Since this is my cheeseburger, I want fresh, cold lettuce. I mean right from the field fresh, so crisp it crunches. The kind of lettuce that if you put it in a salad, salad dressing refuses to leave the bottle for fear of ruining something that looks perfect. Two leaves worth, please. Then put it on the tomato so the lettuce

is between the burger and the tomato.

Lots of people like dill pickles. I don't and this is my cheeseburger, so I'm leaving them off. If you want some, then go to Grandma's house and reach way back in the cabinet to get her homemade dill pickles made from cucumbers grown on the family farm about a mile from her house. Slice it long ways so you get three slices off one pickle. Lay them wherever you want.

Gently lift one of the buns and lay it atop the other, creating a masterpiece of culinary delight. The occa-

sional wisp of steam rises from a sight that would make Jimmy Buffett agree to leave the Florida Keys if he could have one.

Fries on the side of course. Myself, I like new potato fries. Cooked in hot peanut oil and lightly salted and piled high on the plate.

To the side a huge glass of sweet tea, made with sugar not some other kind of sweetener. Good dark and rich tea and sweetened so that a diabetic could drink it, but would be extremely nervous about it.

Arg. I'm going to find something to eat.

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Quick, Comforting Ways to Warm Up Winter in Mere Minutes

FAMILY FEATURES

After a day battling the cold and fighting the wind, a comforting meal made at home is often just what you crave. Turn those blustery winter conditions into warm, cozy evenings with favorite recipes that offer not only convenience but provide a little kick of spice.

For a quick and delightful meal that's equal parts comforting and unique, try this Hot Honey Chicken and Waffle that's sure to please with a crispy rice waffle loaded with sweet and spicy flavor, topped with chicken and drizzled with honey. It's a treat that truly satisfies from the inside out in just 7 minutes.

The crispness of the gluten-free rice waffle is made possible by Minute Rice's Hot Honey Chicken Seasoned Rice Cup that entices taste buds with a sweet and mildly spicy contrast and playful presentation. Ready in as little as 60 seconds, the rice cup ensures convenience and distinct seasoning, making each waffle perfectly flavored and offering a satisfying crunch with every bite.

Whether you're shaking up your breakfast routine or enjoying a fun and easy dinner, it can be taken to new heights with the combination of honey and a sprinkle of powdered sugar for delicious decadence.

For a savory solution the entire family can enjoy together, this cheesy Buffalo Cauliflower Casserole combines jasmine rice, cheddar cheese, roasted cauliflower, Buffalo hot sauce and crumbled blue cheese for a crave-worthy oven bake.

Prepare the Minute Instant Jasmine Rice in just 5 minutes for a quick mealtime solution without compromising quality or taste. Next, heat the oven and mix the ingredients then sit back and wait for a golden brown casserole with a cheesy interior and tantalizing blend of spicy, salty and tangy flavors.

Topped with green onions, this vegetarian meal is sure to please your hungry loved ones. If meat lovers need a bite of protein, simply serve alongside seared chicken or beef.

Visit MinuteRice.com to find more family-friendly ways to warm up mealtimes all winter long.



Buffalo Cauliflower Casserole

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 6

- 2 cups Minute Jasmine Rice
- 1 package (8 ounces) plain cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup Buffalo hot sauce
- 4 cups frozen cauliflower florets, blanched and cooled
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/3 cup finely crumbled blue cheese
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 400 F. Prepare rice according to package directions. Transfer to greased 8-by-8-inch baking dish. In medium bowl, stir cream cheese and hot sauce.

Add cauliflower, cheddar cheese, salt and pepper; toss to combine. Spoon over rice. Sprinkle with blue cheese.

Bake 25-30 minutes until golden brown and bubbly. Sprinkle with green onions.

Tips: Substitute goat cheese or feta for blue cheese, if desired. Meat lovers can serve as a side dish to seared chicken or beef.



Hot Honey Chicken and Waffle

Prep time: 2 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes
Servings: 1

- 1 Minute Hot Honey Chicken Seasoned Rice Cup
- 1 egg
- nonstick cooking spray
- 2 chicken tenders, cooked
- 2 tablespoons honey, for garnish
- 1 tablespoon powdered sugar, for garnish

Preheat mini waffle maker. Heat rice according to package directions.

In medium mixing bowl, combine rice and egg. Mix well. Spoon rice mixture into waffle maker. Cook until light goes off.

Place waffle on plate with cooked chicken tenders on top.

Drizzle with honey, sprinkle powdered sugar on top and serve.

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Northside vs Warner Robins Boys

G. Jacobs - 21p, 5 3PM
T. Bradley - 14p
B. Price - 14p
C. Brown - 12p
J. Gaines - 12p
J. Hill - 9p, 3 3PM

Northside vs Warner Robins Girls

K. Slaughter - 9p
B. Burch - 9p, 3 3PM
C. Phillips - 7p
V. Fuller - 7p
T. Johnson - 6p
J. Burgess - 4p

Veterans vs HoCo Boys

K. Plummer - 22p, 4r, 1a

M. Gillespie - 19p, 3r, 5a
B. Mills - 11p, 6r, 1a
T. Abner - 10p
J. Basley - 8p
T. Byrd - 6p

Veterans vs HoCo Girls

A. Coley - 16p
F. Jones - 13p
J. Ortiz - 11p
K. Rogers - 10p
M. Yuhas - 8p
F. Curtis - 7p

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Crosstown Showdown

Warner Robins basketball sweeps Northside in Part 2 of Crosstown Showdown

By **CLAY BROWN**
HHJ Sports Editor
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WARNER ROBINS — The Warner Robins Demons (11-6) have won eight straight in the Crosstown Showdown after their 77-57 over the Northside Eagles (9-10) on Saturday.

Here are three observations from the final game of the 2024-25 Crosstown Showdown:

Made us better

Warner Robins won by 46 points last time around because of an early hole Northside dug themselves. The Demons still won by 20 points in the rematch, but the Eagles forced them to beat them fair and square.

Northside didn't cough up easy transition points and it forced Warner Robins to play better in the half court.

It did take a little while for them to get going, and one of the only reasons they did was a barrage of 3-pointers, but they were forced to beat an Eagles team that wasn't beating themselves nonetheless.

"It made us a lot better because we had to execute in the half court," said Demons coach Jamaal Garman. "We weren't able

moments as the Eagles tried to come back.

They hit five in the second quarter as they took a 37-23 lead at halftime, including two from Justin Hill who replaced Amauri Stalnaker in the starting lineup.

Some of that was for his shooting, but it was mostly for his size in defensive matchups.

Northside has two undersized guards in Braylon Price and Vontrez Quainton, but they have above average size in positions 3-5.

"Just wanted to go [with] a little bigger lineup to be able to do some different things on defense and it helped us out a lot," Garman said of the switch. "It also added another shooter with Justin in that starting lineup...I got four guards that can really, really shoot it."

Switching up the shoes

Gabe Jacobs really, really wanted to dunk the basketball against Northside.

According to Garman, he's been trying to get a flush to go for the last week and a half but hasn't been able to connect.

All of his attempts on Saturday were one-handed — some in the fast break, some rising up from underneath the rim and some on



Clay Brown/HHJ

Janelle Turner (22) floats the ball up in the middle of the Lady Eagles' defense.

slower game than usual in their return to Warner Robins after a 10-day absence, but they invaded the Eagles' Nest and took down the Northside Lady Eagles (8-11) in Part 2 of the Crosstown Showdown.

Here are three observations:

"Wake up!"

It's not uncommon to hear Demonettes coach Rebecca White yelling, "Wake up!"

close out on an undefeated regular season they'll have to start stronger as they face better competition.

"Going back to that 1-0 mentality. Not coming out expecting to win [and] going to get a win," White said on the adjustments her team needs to make as they close out the regular season schedule. "It's not an excuse [but] I think the three days off kind of threw us [off] with the snow. It was great to be off, but in the basketball world it kind of got us out of the flow of days. But I expect us on Tuesday to be back on it."

Improved handle on the rock

One of the skills Laila Howard-Haney needed to improve the most last year was her ball handling.

The Demonettes lost some players with sound ball security, but it was also important for the future of the program.

Howard-Haney has played with star sophomore Trinitee Thomas since way before they hit the high school hardwood together, and with Korveanna Slaughter graduating this year her improved skills will become even more important.

White has leaned into Howard-Haney this year, and it's easy to see the improvement although there is still progress to be made.

"She's a leader, she's one of my team captains every time...Laila does so much. Boxing out, rebounding, getting steals and doing the little things on the court," White said.

Against Northside she was tasked with a fair amount of the ball handling, and she showed an

improved ability of doing that against pressure.

The Lady Eagles ran a full court press at times, and when Howard-Haney received the inbounds she was met with a double team more than a couple of times.

Last year she would have likely coughed the ball up, but this year she was able to keep the ball safe and either find an outlet or dribble past her defenders.

Stay focused heading into the postseason

As the final games of the regular season come and go there are still things White wants to see her team improve on.

"Get back to shooting our three ball. It's been off a little bit because we were on the road for a little bit. But just getting back to that and clicking and getting a quicker start," White said. "Our quick starts is what jump started our season."

Early in the season Slaughter and Thomas each took more 3-pointers with newfound confidence in their jumpers, but that volume has waned at times.

Most of the Demonettes' quick starts came when opponents made mistakes that allowed Warner Robins to leak out in transition for easy buckets. That paired with a full court press can lead to a deficit piling up quick — just ask the 12 opponents who have lost by 20 or more points.

UP NEXT

Warner Robins isn't done with their road trip just yet. Their final stop will be Perry on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m.

Northside will continue their six-game home stand to end the season against Peach County on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m.



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Madi Burch (12) lays the ball in with her left hand.

to just let them make mistakes and then capitalize on their mistakes because they didn't make many today. Us executing in the half court, that was big because that's what we're going to need later on. In the next couple of weeks we're going to need to be executing in the half court."

It's raining, it's pouring

The Demons drained 14 3-pointers on Saturday, many of which came in key

routine drives.

But, none of them made it through.

"Today he changed shoes. He normally wears [Giannis Antetokounmpo's] shoes, but today he changed to Ja Morant's," Garman said.

Ja Morant is a Memphis Grizzlies guard who's known for his high-flying dunk attempts.

Demonettes 55, Lady Eagles 19

The Warner Robins Demonettes (20-0) had a

from the sideline when Warner Robins makes avoidable mistakes early in a game — especially in one they're favored.

They were certainly favorites going into Saturday's game at Northside, but really struggled to get going.

Warner Robins missed layups, turned the ball over and just had a sloppy game in general.

Obviously, they still got it done with another big blow-out, but as the Demonettes



Clay Brown/HHJ

Justin Hill finished Saturday's Crosstown Showdown matchup with 9 points.



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Vontrez Quainton (white) lets a 3-pointer fly as Gabe Jacobs (green) closes out with a hand up.

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Debtors & Creditors Notice

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
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William Frank Ellis
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Perry, GA 31069
Robert T. Tuggle, III
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
38717 1/22-2/12

25-061
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: David Debrasion Battle
All creditors of the Estate of David Debrasion 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 Janai Battle, Executor
122 Gardner Drive
Shalimar, FL 32579
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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
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Forsyth, GA 31029
(478) 994-5171
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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
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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
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Perry, Georgia 31069
38292 1/8-1/29

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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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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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
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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.
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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

25-038
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
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Perry, GA 31069
478-987-1415
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25-109
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: ESTATE OF BILLY DARRELL COLLINS, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Billy Darrell Collins, 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 20th day of January, 2025.
Charles L. Williams, III, Executor
George L. Williams, Jr.
Attorney for Executor
127 Carl Vinson Parkway
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088
39175 1/29-2/19

25-098
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: Judson Emory Tyner
All creditors of the Estate of Judson Emory Tyner, 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 or the property of said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Those who make claim to the property of said estate must show proof of ownership to the executor.
Estate address:
2001 Elko Rd.
Perry, GA 31069
This 17th day of January, 2025.
Janita Krayniak,
Executor
424 S. Bent Street
Powell, WY 82435
478-335-0540
39111 1/29-2/19

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
Robert R. Lawson
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
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Perry, Georgia 31069
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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
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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.
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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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Perry, Georgia 31069
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25-107
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF BIBB
All creditors of the Estate of Susana Hernandez, late of Houston County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
Dated this 19th day of January 2025.
Sanra Altmeyer as Executor of the Estate of Susana Hernandez
Address: 1016 Summer Glen
Georgetown, TX 78628
Martin A. Wilson, Attorney at Law
3646 Vineville Avenue
Macon, GA 31204
39167 129-2/5

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


24-1938
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

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

Divorce

25-111
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
Samanthar Michell James Howard Plaintiff,
v.
Ralph Edwin Howard Jr.
Defendant
Civil Action File No. 2024V131255
NOTICE OF SUMMONS. SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: Ralph Edwin Howard Jr., Defendant
Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce was filed against you in said court on December 31, 2024, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on December 31, 2024, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff, whose address is 320 Tiffany Lane, Warner Robins, GA 31093, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
Witness the Honorable Bo Adams, Judge of said Court.
This the 31st day of December, 2024.
Carolyn V. Sullivan
CLERK, Superior Court
Houston Judicial Court
39184 1/29-2/19

DUI

25-104

Defendant's Name: Vernita Pounds
Milligan
Address:
Date of Arrest: 08-12-2023
Time of Arrest: 9:52 PM
Place of Arrest: Moody Road / Helen Terrace
Arresting Agency: Warner Robins Police Dept
Disposition: 12 month's probation, 240 community service, risk reduction program, ignition interlock, clinical evaluation, 60 days electronic monitoring and \$2,020.00 fine.
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Foreclosures

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
13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450
Alpharetta, GA 30004
Phone: 470-321-7112
Firm File No. 24-260171 - KaK
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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 Andrae 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, 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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24-1923
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Andrae 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, 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
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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 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

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 Andrae L Johnson, Mickey Johnson 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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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'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 recorded 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).
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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 Andrae 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

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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 recorded 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, Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 16415 Addison Road, Suite 725 Addison, TX 75001 (401) 234-9200 (401) 398-2594 THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE A-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 SASH SIZE, SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO A20-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 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: OP071 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 "Beli 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.

Beli Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)-509-5078. File: 24-45802

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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 Landmark Financial Services, Inc. dated March 13, 2009, recorded in Deed Book 4885, Page 133, 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 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: 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.

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 www.foreclosurshotline.net 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 **38231 1/8-1/29**

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 **38565 1/15-2/5**

Miscellaneous

25-113

HOUSTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY TO HOLD PRECINCT CAUCUS

On February 22, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., the Houston County Republican Party will convene Precinct Caucuses to elect Delegates and Alternates to the Houston County Republican Party Convention. All Houston County residents who are legally registered to vote and believe in the principles of the Republican Party are urged to participate in this process. Registration will open at 9:00 A.M. on February 22, 2025 at the following location: Centerville City Hall 300 Church St, Centerville GA 31028 for Precinct Caucuses. The Houston County Republican Party Convention will convene at 10:00 A.M. on March 22, 2025 at Centerville City Hall 300 Church St, Centerville, GA 31028 to elect Delegates and Alternates to the 8th and 2nd Congressional Districts Convention and State Convention. Additionally, the

Convention will conduct all other business as necessary. Delegates and Alternates will be required to pay a fee of \$20.00, which is to cover the cost of the County Convention. The 8th Congressional District Convention will convene at 10:00AM on April 19, 2025, in Pulaski County at the Hawkinsville Opera House 42 Lumpkin St. Hawkinsville GA , and the 2 nd Congressional District Convention will convene at 10:00AM on April 26, 2025 at the Pope Center at South Georgia Technical College 900 South Georgia Tech Parkway, Americus GA 31709. The District Convention will be electing officers for the District and State Committee members for the next biennial. Delegates and Alternates will be required to pay a fee to cover the cost of the Convention. The Georgia Republican Party State Convention will convene at 2:00PM on Friday, June 6, 2025, in Dalton, Georgia and will elect State Party Officers for the next biennial, in addition to conducting all other business as necessary. **Delegates and Alternates will be required to pay a fee, which is to cover the cost of the Convention.** For further information contact Angie Allen, Chairman of the Houston County Republican Party at amdallen.96@gmail.com **39195 1/29**

25-115

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice All American Self Storage 1408 Leverette Rd Warner Robins GA 31088 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The public sale to the highest bidder will occur at an online auction via

www.storage-treasures.com

on 2/18/2025 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials.

Debora Evans unit #018;

Randall Griffin unit #021;

Debora Evans unit #027;

Paulette Smith unit #056;

Debora Evans unit #086;

Debora Evans unit #176;

Kimberly Sparrow unit #643.

All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

39306 1/29-2/5

25-117

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Centerville Self Storage 601 N Houston Lake Blvd/953 Carl Vinson Pkwy Centerville GA 31028 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The public sale to the highest bidder will occur at an online auction via

www.storage-treasures.com

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

25-039

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA IN THE INTEREST OF:

B.G.F. a/k/a S.F., SEX F , AGE <1 , DOB 12/2024 , CASE #2401995 CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, MISTY FINCHER (mother); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD

You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 01/02/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 01/03/25 YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 03/26/25 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication.

Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029.

You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Houston County Juvenile Court Clerk.

WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, this 7th day of January, 2025.

CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK, HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

38665 1/15-2/5

25-085

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE (TOWING OR STORAGE COMPANY)

You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that each of the below-referenced vehicles are 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 vehicles are currently located at 1233 Watson Blvd. Warner Robins, GA 31093. The vehicles subject to liens as stated above are identified as:

Vehicle Make: Chevrolet Year: 2014 Model: Malibu Vehicle ID #: 1G11B5SL9E229681 Vehicle License #: TDT3098 State: GA

Vehicle Make: Mercedes Benz Year: 2006 Model: CLK 350 Vehicle ID #: WDBTK56J36F179076 Vehicle License #: YMU877 State: GA

List additional vehicles as necessary.

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately: Business Name: Kitchens Towing Address: 1233 Watson Blvd. Warner Robins, GA 31093 Telephone #: 478-923-5483 **39037 1/22-1/29**

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 1GNCC-13T3YJ154840

39005 1/22-1/29

25-037

IN THE STATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

Renee Travis, Plaintiff,

v. Abram Parham, Defendant

Civil Action No. 2024CV57216

NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Abram Parham, Defendant Named Above:

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking \$15,500.00 was filed against you in said court on 2024, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on Dec 12th, 2024, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Renee Travis plaintiff, whose address is 7334A Grover Dr., Macon GA 31216 an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Witness the Honorable Jason E Ashford, Judge of said Court. This 20 day of December, 2024.

Teresa Hathaway Clerk of State Court Houston County **38659 1/15-2/5**

25-116

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE

Please take notice Bob White Self Storage 103 Woodlawn Dr Perry GA 31069 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The public sale to the highest bidder will occur at an online auction via

www.storage-treasures.com

on 2/18/2025 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials.

All Owens unit #903.

All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

39307 1/29-2/5

Name Changes

25-112

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: Claire Katherine Stange Civil Action File No. 2025V131461A

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY Notice is hereby given that Claire Katherine Stange, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 7th day of January, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Claire Katherine Stange to Newt Stange. 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 7th day of January, 2025. Claire Stange Petitioner

39186 1/29-2/19

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25-096
NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME
 Notice is given that articles of incorporation which will change the name of TAYLOR-RUTHERFORD BOWLING SUPPLIES & TROPHIES, INC. to RUTH-ERFORD TROPHIES, INC. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 122 Erin Way, Warner Robins, GA 31088.
39056 1/29-2/5

Probate Notices

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.

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
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.
 Kristen W. Harris
 PROBATE JUDGE
 By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801
 PERRY, GA 31069
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
39042 1/22-2/12

25-081
NOTICE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY

Re: PETITION OF WILLIAM THOMAS ETHERIDGE, SR. TO PROBATE IN SOLEMN FORM THE WILL OF DORA M. ETHERIDGE, DECEASED, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THIS COURT ON JANUARY 15th, 2025
 TO: Reese Etheridge and to whom it may concern:
 This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before February 17th, 2025 BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. 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.
 WITNESS, the Honorable Kristen W. Harris, Judge
 By: Shannon Lewis, CLERK
39012 1/22-2/12

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 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.
 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

25-093
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 filed with the court on or before February 18, 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.
 KRISTEN W. HARRIS
 PROBATE JUDGE
 By: Judith W. Borum, CLERK
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801
 PERRY, GA 31069
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
39052 1/22-2/12

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 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 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.
 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

25-090
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.
 Kristen W. Harris
 PROBATE JUDGE
 By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801
 PERRY, GA 31069
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
39043 1/22-2/12

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:
 This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before February 10, 2025. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. 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.
 WITNESS, the Honorable Kristen W. Harris, Judge
 By: Judith W. Borum, CLERK
38706 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

25-053
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 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 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.
 KRISTEN W. HARRIS
 PROBATE JUDGE
 By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801
 PERRY, GA 31069
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
38703 1/15-2/5

25-086
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF TAHISN CHOZEN JAMAR JOHNSON, MINOR
 ESTATE NO. 2024-GM-51
 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 EATON, CLERK
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801, PERRY, GA 31069
 TELEPHONE 478-218-4710
39040 1/22-1/29

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.
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 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

Trade Name
 25-057
APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER A TRADE NAME
 The undersigned hereby certifies that it is conducting a business in the City of Warner Robins, County of Houston, State of Georgia under the name of: Holistically Teresa and that the nature of the business is Nutritional Therapy Practitioner and that said business is composed of the following individual:
 Teresa Roberts,
 100 Mia Rae Court,
 Warner Robins, Georgia 31088.
38715 1/22-1/29

25-078
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF HOUSTON
 The undersigned does hereby certify that Brandon Gibby in the city of Bonaire, county of Houston in the state of Georgia, doing business in the following trade name, to-wit: Southern Grind Fab and Woodworks and located at 365 Old Perry Rd. The nature of the business is Fabrication. The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:
 Jessica Gibby
 Brandon Gibby
 365 Old Perry Rd.
 Bonaire, GA 31005
38988 1/22-1/29

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 and located at 106 Vickie Drive, Warner Robins 31093. The nature of the business is podcast and merchandise. The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:
 Melanie Drake
 106 Vickie Drive
 Warner Robins 31093
38724 1/22-1/29

25-064
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 merchandise. The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:
 Melanie Drake
 106 Vickie Drive
 Warner Robins 31093
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Basketball Roundup



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Gabe Jacobs (25) hit 5 3-pointers in Part 2 of the Crosstown Showdown on Saturday.

Northside hosts final part of Crosstown Showdown; Houston County and Veterans play last rivalry game

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Although a winter storm halted the basketball schedule for a few days, Houston County teams got back at it on Saturday for a lone matchup of the week.

Here's a recap of last week's basketball:

Houston County

Boys: Houston County's (18-4, 7-0 Region 2-5A) winning streak finally pushed into the double digits with their 61-46 win over county rival Veterans on Saturday.

Kam Plummer led all scoring with 22 points, 4 rebounds and an assist, while Malik Gillespie followed up with 19 points, 3 rebounds and 5 assists. Braylin Mills continued to contribute with 11 points, 6 rebounds and 1 assist.

Their last loss was to a very good Southwest-Macon team, and the reason they did lose was because of a first-half hole. Something has clicked for the Bears in the new year, and they go into the final matchup with Lee County on Tuesday looking to guarantee their first region championship since 2019. It would be their third since 2006.

Girls: The Lady Bears (5-16, 0-7 Region 2-5A) haven't picked up a win since their two-game winning streak against Southwest-Macon and West Laurens, extending their losing-streak to eight.

They lost to Veterans 66-36 on Saturday, though Alaina Coley led the scoring effort with 16 points, Morgan Yucas and Felicity Curtis scored 8 and 7 points respectively.

HoCo's next game will be at Lee County on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m.

Northside

Boys: Northside (9-10, 2-4 Region 2-5A) looks like a changed team since their 46-point drubbing in Part 1 of the Crosstown Showdown, though the win column doesn't look much better for it.

They are now on a two-game losing streak and lost to Warner Robins 77-57 in Part 2 of the Crosstown Showdown on Saturday, but looked much better than the initial matchup.



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Malik Gillespie (4) leaps for a one-handed slam in a region contest against Veterans.

Instead of beating themselves by playing too fast and making bad decisions with the ball, they played at their own pace for the most part and forced the Demons to beat them (which they did with 14 3-pointers).

Braylon Price led Northside with 14 points while Chaston Brown and Jordan Gaines added 12 points each.

The Eagles have one more non-region contest against Peach County on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. before they head into the rest of region play. That includes important matchups against Coffee on Friday and Veterans on Saturday.

Girls: The Lady Eagles (8-11, 2-3 Region 2-5A) couldn't get the best of the Demonettes in Part 2 of the Crosstown Showdown despite their slow start.

That being said, it was a 35-7 game at halftime for a 55-19 final. Brynli Burch drained three 3-pointers for a team-high 9 points, while

Taylor Johnson and Jazmine Burgess scored 6 and 4 points respectively.

After their non-region contest against Peach County on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. the Lady Eagles will host Coffee on Friday and Veterans on Saturday.

Perry

Boys: Perry (3-18, 0-6 Region 1-4A) lost a close road contest on Saturday to Macon County, 56-51.

That extends their losing streak to 11, and they'll look forward to the rest of region play as they host Warner Robins on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. They also host Wayne County on Friday and travel to Ware County on Saturday.

Girls: The Lady Panthers (12-7, 2-3 Region 1-4A), similarly to the boys, lost a close non-region game at Macon County on Saturday, 54-51.

Perry is 2-3 in their last five games, and will look to improve their region standing against Warner Robins



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Felicity Curtis (black, center) puts a shot up at the basket with a Veterans defender contesting from behind.

on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m., Wayne County on Tuesday and at Ware County on Friday.

Veterans

Boys: Veterans (12-8, 3-3 Region 2-5A) couldn't get a leg up on Houston County in their rematch as they fell 61-46.

The Warhawks couldn't overcome a 28-5 hole they dug in the first quarter, and that likely locks them into the third spot in the region unless they can beat Lee County and the Trojans lose at least two other games (one region and/or one non-region).

Tristen Abner was the only Veterans player in double digits with 10 points, Jaleel Basley scored 8 points and Trey Byrd added 6 points.

The Warhawks will start their last road trip of the regular season at Coffee on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. This three-game stretch will also take them to Thomas County Central on

Friday and to Northside on Saturday.

Girls: The Lady Warhawks (13-7, 5-1 Region 2-5A) picked up their 5th region win with a 30-point victory over Houston County, 66-36.

Francesca Jones had a team-high 13 points, Jessie Ortiz scored 11 points and Kiersten Rogers followed with 10 points.

The Lady 'Hawks have arguably their most important region game on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. at Coffee. They also travel to Thomas County Central on Friday and Northside on Saturday.

Warner Robins

Boys: Warner Robins (11-6, 3-2 Region 1-4A) got back in the win column after a two-game skid on the road as they beat Northside 77-57 in Part 2 of the Crosstown Showdown.

Though it wasn't as easy as before, the 14 triples the Demons rained down on the Eagles helped led by Gabe Jacobs' 21 points and

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five 3-pointers made. Trey Bradley added 14 points to that while Justin Hill, who replaced Amauri Stalnaker in the starting lineup on Saturday, contributed 9 points on three 3-pointers made.

Warner Robins has one more game on this four-game road trip at Perry on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. They will then host New Hampstead on Friday, and Benedictine on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 1 p.m.

Girls: The Demonettes (20-0, 5-0 Region 1-4A) beat their rival Lady Eagles for the 10th straight time in Part 2 of the Crosstown Showdown on Saturday, 55-19.

Korveanna Slaughter led the balanced scoring effort with 9 points, Verkesia Fuller and Chyann Phillips both scored 7 points.

Warner Robins will turn their attention back to region play as they travel to Perry on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. They also host New Hampstead on Friday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m.

Westfield

Boys: Westfield (6-10, 1-3 District 5-3A) fell in their second game of a five-game road trip when they visited Deerfield-Windsor on Saturday.

Their 63-49 loss followed their region win over Strong Rock Christian, and they'll look forward to another non-district contest when they travel to Gatewood on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. They will get back to district play when they rematch with Calvary Christian on the road on Friday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Girls: The Lady Hornets (9-7, 3-1 District 5-3A) started their third winning streak of the season when they took down Deerfield-Windsor on the road, 40-26 on Saturday. That makes two straight wins, and Westfield is 4-1 since they started district play.

They'll look to make it three in a row when they visit Gatewood on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. before hosting Calvary Christian in another district contest on Friday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m.

More scenes from the *Crosstown Showdown*

Photos by Clay Brown



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Taylor Johnson (23) gets past the Demonettes' defense for a shot attempt at the rim.



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Fans brought signs to the stands for a bitter rivalry between Northside and Warner Robins on Saturday.



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Fans showed their pride during the Crosstown Showdown by bringing signs into the stands.



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Laila Howard-Haney (30) dribbles past Jazmyn Brown (14) into the teeth of the defense.



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Students and fans alike brought signs to the Crosstown Showdown between Warner Robins and Northside on Saturday.



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Jordan Gaines (5) is fouled as he attempts a layup.



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Braylon Price (white) rises up for a layup underneath the basket.



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Gabe Jacobs tried to throw down a one-handed slam several times on Saturday, but couldn't get one to go.