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Downtown Perry shined bright Saturday night as the city hosted their annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, kicking off the Christmas season. See more scenes on page 9A and hhjonline.com

'Perry' and Bright

'Here for our community'

Operation Arresting Hunger continues helping families on Thanksgiving



Sandra Hernandez/HHJ

Volunteers gather at the Houston County Sheriff's Office to pack 250 bags of food for families in need on Tuesday, Nov. 25.

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WARNER ROBINS — Operation Arresting Hunger spent the days leading up to Thanksgiving packing and delivering food to those in need.

On Nov. 25, volunteers with the Houston County Sheriff's Office assembled bags filled with corn, green beans, yams, cake mix, frosting, two whole chickens, peas, Coca-Cola and Lay's potato chips. Various organizations donated items, including Frito-Lay, Coca-Cola and Perry Middle School's FBLA.

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Former Warner Robins employee files lawsuit against city and former mayor

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MACON — Former Executive Director of Economic Development for the City of Warner Robins, Gary D. Lee, filed a lawsuit on Nov. 21, against the city and its former Mayor Randy Toms after a false entry was made in his file in the spring of 2018.

The false entry claimed Lee was in rehab for substance abuse. The lawsuit says that Lee had never participated in any rehabilitation program and reported the false entry to Toms.

"Whether or not former Mayor Toms was involved in the creation of the false

entry, former Mayor Toms used the false entry and Mr. Lee's request that the false entry be investigated as a pretext to suspend Mr. Lee, have Mr. Lee indicted, and to have Mr. Lee prosecuted," the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit claimed Toms had consulted with a couple of law enforcement agencies to arrest Lee and also enlisted former Houston County District Attorney George Hartwig to have Lee prosecuted.

"Acting in concert with and at the direction of former Mayor Toms, Mr. Hartwig assigned a third-year law student, Hannah Rozier, to 'find something'

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Courtesy: Shane Shifflett

Southern Santa of Houston County gives away approximately 75 turkeys the day before Thanksgiving for families in need.

Southern Santa of Houston County prepares for another successful year

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HOUSTON COUNTY — Southern Santa of Houston County is back in town and ready to serve the commu-

nity again by helping families in need.

Fire trucks have been driving through various areas of Houston County for approximately two weeks.

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New route for Perry Annual Christmas Parade, Grand Marshal announced for Warner Robins

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PERRY — As Houston County gears up for the holidays, a long-time tradition for each city is taking place this Saturday, with new routes and changes for Perry.

Perry's Annual Christmas Parade will take place on Dec. 6, starting at 10 a.m. But this year has a new parade route.

This year, the parade will start at New Hope Baptist Church, travel along Washington Street, turn left onto Main Street and conclude at the Perry VA Clinic.

"Due to an ongoing construction project with



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The Perry Christmas Parade, typically held downtown, is moving this year due to construction.

the Georgia Department of Transportation along General Courtney Hodges and that bridge, we are having to change the parade route for the next couple of

years while that project is pending and under construction," Downtown Manager Alicia Hartley explained.

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Word of the Day

Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me? — Jeremiah 32:27(NKJV)

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Warner Robins police provide updates on code enforcement

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WARNER ROBINS — Since May of this year, the city of Warner Robins' code enforcement has been integrated into the police department, and city leaders report increased success with the program.

Speaking at a recent city council meeting, City Administrator James Drinkard commended the code enforcement department and their impact on the community.

"I'm very proud of the work that our code enforcement division has been doing. You asked them to be aggressive and to get out there and make a difference in the community, and that difference has been significant," Drinkard said.

Police Chief Wayne Fisher provided updates.

"They've made significant differences within the community that many do not see on a day in and day out basis, and those impacts not only affect the quality of life within homeowners, but also do have a secondary, tertiary effect back on our abilities in crime fighting as well within the city," Fisher said.

After the department's integration, the police department conducted an assessment of code enforcement's functionality. Fisher said the department found code enforcement needed more resources and guidance.

For example, code enforcement needed vehicle upgrades and a standardized uniform, according to Fisher, who said code enforcement work is similar to police work.

"They are found to be in pretty much equal situations to us as law enforcement, as we're dealing with residents and other persons of nature, if you will, within their duties," Fisher said.

Code enforcement radios were also not integrated into the county's 911 system, so the department acquired portable radios that were integrated.

The department also upgraded code enforcement's iPad systems, with similar functionality to police laptops.

Following a similar process to the police department, code enforcement shifted to beats, Fisher said. Code enforcement technology was also merged into the department's Real Time Crime Center, with trail cameras placed to mitigate illegal dumping.

Another process that was expedited was court appearances and citations.

Previously, a violation could take multiple warnings and several months to receive a court date. Then, at court, the property owner would have another three months to correct the violation, according to Fisher.

Now, once a warning has been issued, the property owner has 15 days to correct the violation. If no action was taken, a citation would be written, and the city would clean the property. Fisher said so far, the city had cleaned 129 residential properties and 34 commercial properties.

At the court date, the property owner would pay restitution for the cleanup costs, often through liens.

Since the department's integration, code enforcement has identified 32 commercial blighted properties and 36 residential blighted properties. Eight are scheduled for demolition court in December.

51 properties are under liens, totaling around \$23,000 in unrecouped monies.

Fisher ended his updates by expressing gratitude to the code enforcement team.

"These men and women have sat behind shadows without sunlight or the wind to their sail to push them forward, to give them recognition. At this point in time, I wish to thank the team for all that you've done for the city of Warner Robins, and give me the availability to have these numbers to present to reflect your hard work," Fisher said.

Mayor LaRhonda Patrick, Councilman Clifford Holmes, and Councilman Charlie Bibb also commended the department for their work. Holmes also brought attention to more blight on North Davis Drive.

"Thank you, Chief Fisher, thank you to our code enforcement team. Thank you for all the hard work. I see you guys have been really busy," Patrick said.

"I, too, would like to commend the patrol group. I have seen a remarkable improvement," Holmes said.

"I'll speak for all the council, that this was very important to us when we had our meeting, and that progress report was outstanding. Very encouraged sitting on this side of the desk," Bibb said.

Moving forward, Bibb said he would like to begin addressing businesses with blighted signs and working to adequately fund the department.

"I don't want that department to ever get in a bind to where they're scratching for finances. I don't think that department ought to ever be in a situation where they're scratching for funds to continue to make our city look beautiful," Bibb said.

Drinkard replied, saying the city is working with the finance department to use restitution and blight tax to further fund the department.

69-year-old man dies after moped accident

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WARNER ROBINS — A moped accident in Warner Robins claimed the life of the moped driver, according to local law enforcement and the Houston County Coroner.

According to the Warner Robins Police Department, on Tuesday, Nov. 25 around 6 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of North Davis Drive and Tabor Drive.

A moped, operated by 69-year-old Lawrence Wyatt, was traveling westbound on Tabor Drive, and pulled into a parking lot, continuing west.

A vehicle operated by another driver was traveling north on N. Davis Drive toward Tabor Drive. Wyatt suddenly pulled out of the parking lot into North Davis Drive, placing him in front of the other vehicle, leading to a collision.

Wyatt was seriously injured from the accident.

According to Coroner James Williams, he was transported by ambulance to Atrium Health Navicent in Macon, where he succumbed to his injuries early Wednesday morning.

The Warner Robins Police Department Traffic Division is investigating the accident. Anyone with more information is urged to contact Sgt. Christopher Davis at (478) 302-5378 or Macon Regional Crimestoppers: 1-877-68CRIME.

Sen. Walker shares Georgia's success at NCOIL Fall Meeting

Special to The Journal

ATLANTA — On Nov 18, Sen. Larry Walker, III (R-Perry) announced the successful conclusion of the National Council of Insurance Legislators' (NCOIL) Fall Meeting, held in Atlanta. Sen. Walker, who chaired a meeting of NCOIL's Property & Casualty (P&C) Committee, led key discussions and guided major consumer protection measures through the committee during the Saturday session.

"This was a banner week for Georgia," said Sen. Walker. "Not only did we have the privilege of hosting NCOIL's most highly attended meeting ever, but we also advanced policy solutions that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of insurance consumers across the country. These reforms build on the work we've already done in Georgia to strengthen transparency, protect homeowners and make sure bad actors cannot take advantage of families after storms or during claims. I'm proud that the work we've done here in Georgia is becoming a national model for success."

During the meeting, Sen. Walker presided over the passage of a national resolution urging states to extend non-renewal notice requirements from 30 days to 60 days, a policy change Georgia adopted



Courtesy: Larry Walker Press Office

Sen. Larry Walker attends the National Council of Insurance Legislators' (NCOIL) Fall Meeting.

last legislative session through a bill authored by Sen. Walker. The resolution encourages other states to follow Georgia's leadership in giving homeowners and policyholders additional time to respond to non-renewal notices, seek alternative coverage and avoid unnecessary coverage gaps.

The P&C Committee also re-adopted an amended model bill designed to protect consumers from contractor fraud. Previously focused on roofing contractors alone, the model was expanded, through amendments offered by Sen. Walker, to cover all contractors, mirroring the "storm chaser"

legislation he sponsored and passed in Georgia last year. The change ensures the model bill offers comprehensive safeguards for property owners vulnerable to post-disaster fraud and predatory contractors.

Sen. Larry Walker serves as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor. He represents the 20th Senate District, which includes Bleckley, Dodge, Dooly, Laurens, Treutlen, Pulaski and Wilcox counties, as well as a portion of Houston County. He may be reached by phone at (404) 656-0095 or by email at Larry.Walker@senate.ga.gov.

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OBITUARIES

Ruth Eleanor "Ruthie" Blackmon

Ruth Eleanor "Ruthie" Blackmon, 75, the beloved matriarch of her family, a perfect wife, and an extraordinary mother and grandmother, entered into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Born on March 1, 1950, in Atlanta, Georgia, Ruthie was the daughter of the late Frederick and Marie Beckett Forman. She grew up in Smyrna and graduated from Campbell High School in 1968.

From the moment her husband, Zell, first saw her, it was love at first sight. They married shortly after graduation and began building a life and family together. While Zell completed college, Ruthie worked various jobs and played a pivotal role in helping her husband facilitate the beginnings of National Bank Products. A company they would own and operate for many decades.

Ruthie lived a life rich with hobbies, friendships, and joy. She loved to play tennis and bridge, raise and show dogs with her sister, and go to the beach, especially St. Simons Island.

Deeply invested in her community, Ruthie volunteered with the American Cancer Society, the Regents Sorority at Warner Robins High School and was a faithful member of Central Baptist Church.



There, she volunteered her time to Vacation Bible School and participated in many Bible studies over the years.

She devoted her life to caring for her family as well as others. Ruthie could often anticipate needs before they were spoken and was a gifted listener and encourager. Her home, her heart, and her time were always centered around her family. She was especially proud of all her children and grandchildren and always attended their games and activities. Ruthie was truly the heartbeat of her family and will be deeply missed.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Sandra Hubbard, Ruthie's dear friend, as well as to Traditions Health Hospice for the compassionate and loving care they provided.

In addition to her parents, Ruthie was preceded in death by her siblings, Suzanne Forman and Ted Forman.

Her memory will forever be treasured by her husband, Zell Shaw Blackmon, Jr.; children, Shaw Blackmon (Whitney), Reverend Brad Blackmon (Beth), Kayce Slade (Brandon); grandchildren, Ges Sumrall, Cort Blackmon, Beckett Blackmon, Noah Blackmon, Ruthie Blackmon, Josiah Blackmon, Abigail Blackmon, Anna Slade, and Jackson Slade; as well as sister, Becky Norton; numerous nieces and nephews and several other beloved family members and friends.

Visitation will be Monday, December 1, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Central Baptist Church. A funeral service will immediately follow at 1:00 p.m. Afterward, Ruth Eleanor "Ruthie" Blackmon will be laid to rest in Magnolia Park Cemetery.

The family will accept flowers or donations may be given in memory of Ruth Eleanor "Ruthie" Blackmon to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

For friends unable to attend at this time, the service will be streamed live at <https://www.youtube.com/@McCulloughFuneralHome> via the McCullough Funeral Home's YouTube page.

Go to www.mcculloughfh.com to sign the Online Registry for the family. McCullough Funeral Home and Crematory has the privilege of being entrusted with these arrangements.

CALENDAR

Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church

Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church invites the community to its Christmas events.

Lessons and Carols will take place Dec 17th, 7PM. Midnight Mass will take place Dec 24th, 11PM.

Christmas Morning Mass will take place Dec 25th, 11AM.

Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church is located at 2815 US-41, Fort Valley, GA.

Lions Interest Meeting

The Houston County Lions are sponsoring an Interest Meeting for community-service minded people who would like to join hands with others to solve problems and help people in our community. The Interest Meeting is at 7:00 pm, Monday, December 15th at the IHOP restaurant at 2710 Watson Blvd. in Warner Robins.

Perry DAR Chapter Quarterly Meeting

The December luncheon meeting of the General Daniel Stewart Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be held at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at the Perry Methodist Family Life Center - 1009 Main Street.

The program, "Holiday Traditions," will be presented by Elizabeth Walker. If you plan to attend, please email generaldanielstewart@gmail.com or text/call 318-294-7023.

Carols & Cookies On the Lawn

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church invites the community to join us from 6:30 - 8:00 on the lawn between the church and annex at 336 Carl Vinson Parkway in Warner Robins. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a time of fellowship and listening to some of our musicians. Join us in singing Christmas carols and savor some Christmas cookies, hot chocolate and hot apple cider.

Community Calendar

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Vitality of grand jury proceedings

Dear Readers, The Government is not allowed to draw up charges in secret and arrest people. The Fifth Amendment makes this explicit – “No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury ...”

Not every crime is “capital” or “infamous.” For example, a grand jury presentment is not required for misdemeanor charges. This is why the Subway sandwich man was tried on misdemeanor charges, whilst the grand jury returned a “no bill”, a draft indictment (rejected it).

A “capital” crime typically means one subject to the possibility of life in prison (or death). There might be a range of charges from murder to rape to some robberies that carry this theoretically harsh sentence. Hence, these types of charges surely require an indictment presentment.

The grand jury process is special, as the proceedings are bathed in secrecy. It takes a court order to remove this protection. This is why there are requests by the Government to “unseal” the results of the Epstein grand jury; you need judicial approval to do this.

The prosecutor acts as the legal guide for the grand jury, typically comprised of 16 to 23 citizens. He or she “presents” the case to the jurors and answers their legal questions. Except in the rare case of a certain class of those accused (like law enforcement officers acting in their official capacity), the grand jurors only hear from the witness and the evidence a prosecutor wants them to hear, allowing that jurors can ask questions of witnesses and ask to hear from witnesses.

To secure an indictment, you only need to have a majority of jurors agree on a “true bill” (approval) for an indictment. The vote is behind

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closed doors as a whole body of jurors present, signed by the foreperson, transmitted to a judge for review, and, only then, formally filed into the court record.

In attempting to follow the political whims of President Trump, acting U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, Lindsay Halligan, has brought a theatre comedy to federal grand jury proceedings. She has no criminal law, let alone prosecutorial experience, and clearly no idea what she was doing.

Erik Siebert was initially appointed to this post by President Trump. This is a “confirmable” position requiring Senate consent. Presidents have a 120-day period to appoint a U.S. Attorney before the nominee has to clear the Senate confirmation process. At the expiration of 120 days, district court judges from the circuit fill the slot through a judicial interim appointment. Assuming that the nominee is acceptable to them, the President's initial selection seamlessly serves while the

Senate gears grind.

This is exactly what happened with Mr. Siebert. His presidential appointment expired while his nomination was working its way through the Senate, and the district court judges reappointed him. However, Mr. Siebert would not indict James Comey, President Trump pitched a fit, and he resigned.

On the eve of the statute of limitations running to indict James Comey, President Trump appointed Ms. Halligan to the post, who rushed to secure an indictment. She was the sole attorney in the grand jury room and the sole attorney who signed off on the indictment.... except, oops, President Trump no longer had the authority to make this appointment because he had already used up his 120-day interim authority.

Clueless, she apparently advised the grand jury (wrongly) that Mr. Comey would have to explain his congressional testimony at trial – this is barred by the 5th Amendment's self-in-

crimination protection. The grand jury refused to indict on all three charges in the draft indictment. To fix this, she drafted a second indictment to be “true billed,” but may have only presented it to the foreperson and one other grand juror. And then gave both indictments to the judge.

Mr. Comey contested Ms. Halligan's authority as acting U.S. Attorney. Judge Cameron McGowan Currie, a district court judge from outside the circuit (South Carolina), was assigned the task of adjudicating this motion. Judge Currie tossed the indictment, finding the appointment violated federal statute and the Constitution's “Appointment Clause.” This rendered the indictment a nullity and may be forever dead.

Prosecutors so control a grand jury, it is often labeled a rubber stamp. Even so, it is an important artifact of our country's founding and a reflection of grievances from colonial rule. Recent events demonstrate how vital 16 to 23 common citizens can be in imparting fairness.

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The first step toward autocracy is already here

Here in Georgia, we have had a front-row seat to the erosion of democracy.

But it doesn't look like the movies or come with a cinematic moment of revelation. Instead, we are watching it unfold day by day in small non-events and headlines that fail to capture our attention for more than a few hours. Over time, we get so used to the chaos, the disruption and the brokenness that we adapt — like a distant alarm that becomes part of the background noise or that rut on the road that has never been fixed, so we learn to drive over it.

We know something is wrong; we know there's an issue that is causing harm — but we learn to accept it because that's just the way it is.

But it shouldn't be.

In recent months, I've been talking a lot about the “10 Steps to Autocracy and Authoritarianism.” This framework serves as a translator. The regime that's attacking our way of life wants us to feel overwhelmed by what's happening around us and to us. But the 10 Steps show how all of the pieces fit together. Over the next few weeks, I intend to use “Fine Print” to help us see how what's happening around us is actually happening to us.

The bottom line is that authoritarians follow a playbook. By naming their steps, we expose their strategy. And by exposing their strategy, we empower ourselves to see their intentions — and defeat them. The “10 Steps to Autocracy and Authoritarianism” give us the intellectual scaffolding to recognize the danger signals, to see how each action by those in power fits into a broader design, and ultimately to arm ourselves with the information and tools we need to reclaim democracy for the people.

Today we're talking about Step 1 — winning (usually the last) free and fair election. As always, I'd like to thank Kim Lane Scheppele, who researched this frame-



work and allowed me to slightly editorialize it.

Across recent history and the world, most of the politicians who eventually dismantled democracy were at first chosen in free and fair elections. Citizens cast their ballots believing they were participating in the normal democratic process, and election monitors certified those contests as legitimate. But in many of these cases, the warning signs were visible long before Election Day. Aspirational autocrats often make it clear — through word or action — that they are not fully committed to democratic values and ideals and that the institutions by which people exercise their rights should be destroyed.

In Turkey, Erdogan won power in 2003 even after his party was banned and he was jailed for stoking religious hatred. In Venezuela, Chavez was elected in 1999 after trying to overthrow the elected government. In Hungary, Orban spent years attacking the legitimacy of elections he lost — and then rewrote the rules once he got back in power in 2010. And in Brazil, Bolsonaro openly praised Brazil's 20th-century military coup and dictatorship long before his 2018 win — and has now been convicted and sentenced to 27 years in prison for plotting and participating in his own coup plot.

Of course, not every freely elected leader becomes an autocrat and not all authoritarians advertise their intentions in advance. But would-be strongmen often send unmistakable signals before winning the election that ultimately allows them

to move against democratic institutions.

While Donald Trump's election in 2016 may not have conformed to the classic trajectory of an autocrat, his behavior over the following years did. He refused to concede the 2020 election, incited supporters who violently attacked the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and was ultimately indicted in both state and federal courts for plotting to overturn the election result. He tried to undermine the legitimacy of the judicial process by calling it a “witch hunt.”

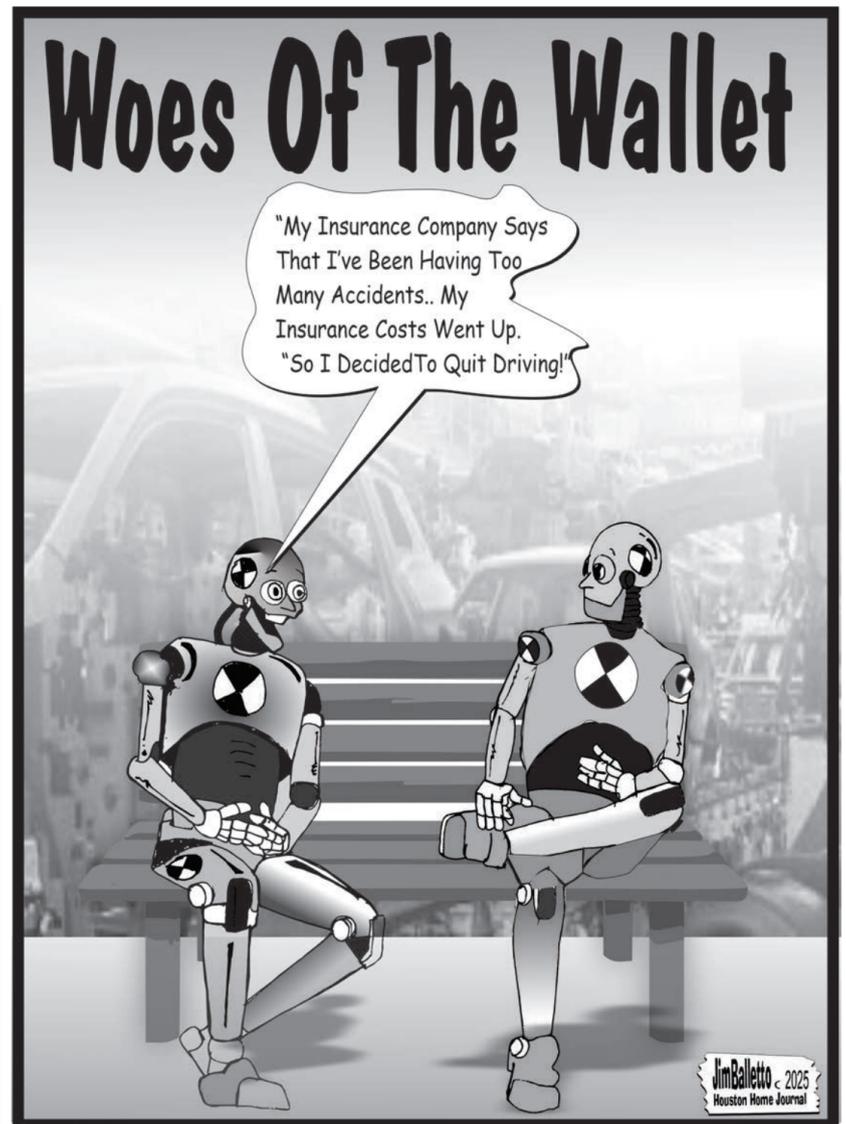
Now, within the first months of the second Trump administration, the pattern seen in places like Turkey, Venezuela, Hungary and Brazil has fully revealed itself in the United States.

So, you might be asking: what do we need to know?

Step 1 on the road to autocracy is that the erosion of democracy often begins with a legitimate election — even when warning signs are already flashing — which means we cannot wait until democratic systems are formally dismantled to push back. We must recognize these signals early, call them out clearly and organize before the next election. Failure to do so makes resistance exponentially harder.

We can't assume that because the election was legitimate, the resulting administration will be. As we've watched since January, an election cannot be used to justify the wanton cruelty and corruption that has marked every single day of this regime — like gutting health care or firing

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Abrupt team changes are a great chance to learn

College is where you go to learn a lot of things, and sometimes while there you also go to class. It's the life lessons that tend to stick with you most.

With that in mind, we're going to turn to the “sport” of college football as a backdrop for yet another illustration of how the world actually works. Coach Lane Kiffin has once again transitioned between programs in the most Kiffin way possible, quitting Ole Miss on the cusp of a serious playoff run and joining perhaps their most hated rival.

While officially that is their in-state rival in Starkville, it is LSU that keeps tweaking Ole Miss's basket of insecurities. Now they've stolen the “hot” head coach, branded Oxford a place you go as a stepping stone, and made the Ole Miss faithful question if they're really going to be able to maintain their

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program in an arms race that seems clear to elevate a select few to an uber-elite tier.

Here we have a clash between those who view college football based on nostalgia, tradition, part of an educational experience, funded by donations and those who continue to demonstrate that college football is a multi-billion dollar business. Those on the side of big business are running up the score like they were John Heisman coaching against Cumberland.

Protecting the façade of amateur athletics, however, is part of the business model. Thus, those taking the bag and running still have to pretend that tradition, loyalty, and commitment are important. This demonstration is often served as a heavy handed dose of false piety.

Note Kiffin's comments shortly after winning the Egg Bowl last Friday. Despite the decision not only to leave having already been made — something that

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LIFESTYLE & FAITH

Abolition Sunday December gardening

Maybe this makes me sound childish, and perhaps in some ways I still am... but one of my all-time favorite movies is, "Horton Hears a Who." The 2008 animated film is based on a book written by the ever-clever Dr. Seuss. I love the crafty rhymes, linguistic rhythms, and the imaginative characters in his writing.

How could anyone not appreciate such colorful classics as, "The Cat-in-the-Hat" or "Green Eggs and Ham" or not adore "The Grinch?" These short stories bring back many fond childhood memories.

In case you're not as "cultured" as one ought be, and unfamiliar with "Horton Hears a Who," let me give you a brief summary of the plot.

Horton the elephant, with his giant-sized ears, can hear the voice of these minute little creatures who live on a speck on a flower pedal. These minuscule little beings are called the Who's. And curiously enough, live in a tiny town called, Whoville.

While Horton insists the Who's are real, the other jungle dwellers (especially a mean ol' kangaroo) can't see them or hear their voices, and think the goofy elephant has simply gone mad. Yet Horton insists, these teeny tiny people do exist and have the right to live unharmed. So, throughout the adventure Horton the elephant struggles to keep the Who's safe from all those seeking their end.

At the climax of the movie, every Who in Whoville raise their voices so loudly, the other animals begin to hear them and join the fight to protect them. Eventually, even the hard heart of the angry kangaroo is softened towards the tiny people.

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Here is the final line delivered in the story: "And so, all ended well for both Horton and Who's, and for all in the jungle, even kangaroos. So let that be a lesson to one and to all; a person is a person, no matter how small."

It would serve us all well to remember this sage counsel from Dr. Seuss – "a person is a person, no matter how small!"

I have no idea what Dr. Seuss' politics were, or if he was even politically-minded? I don't know if he claimed to be a moral person, or a conservative, or a Christian? But I know this, he is absolutely right – a person is a person no matter how small. Sadly however, there are many in our world who don't believe that truth.

In the nine years I have been writing for this paper, I have only once written an entire article to the subject of abortion. Perhaps I should write more, or more often? But one of the main reasons we all avoid talking about abortion is this; there are very few subjects that elicit such an intense emotional response as this one. People have strong, passionate views on both sides of the issue and are normally very quick to angrily scream why you're wrong.

Nonetheless, I make no apologies for being adamantly opposed to abortion. An embryo, a fetus, or an unborn child, is not simply a clump of cells or a blob

of tissue. It may make it easier to justify the barbaric act of abortion by dehumanizing the unborn by calling them something other than a baby, but every child is a unique person, fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God. And a person is a person, no matter how small.

Therefore, ending the life of these children, before or after birth, is an act of murder. Yes, murder. And make no mistake, God hates hands that shed innocent blood. I am fully aware of the visceral and violent response some will give to this truth. Yet, it is a truth nonetheless. Thankfully, through the Gospel, there is forgiving grace for those guilty of this egregious wrong.

I will not drag you through the ugliness of abortion procedures, though they are bloody and brutal. Nor will I subject you to heart-rending statistics of the number of abortions, though this is inarguably the holocaust of our day. But I do want to challenge the reader to consider; this is a life-and-death issue, which God-fearing individuals must not shy away from.

If you have a heart for the unborn and would like to learn more about what you can do, I invite you to join us December 7 at Memorial Heights Baptist Church in Perry, for "Abolition

See KIGER page 8A

December is a relatively quiet month in the garden, but there are more things to take care of than you might think. With limited daylight hours as we approach the shortest day of the year, this month's crisp wintery weather can be strikingly beautiful and bitterly cold in equal measure. While we wait for Santa's arrival, see the following checklist of jobs to keep us gardeners busy.

- Look after the birds - Stock up on wild bird food and make sure they have access to fresh water. Wash and disinfect bird feeders. Clean out bird baths as needed.

- Leave the faded flower heads on your hydrangeas until spring, as they provide frost protection to the swelling buds further down the stems.

- If any of your rose bushes suffered from blackspot or rust during the summer, gather up and remove any fallen leaves still on the ground to reduce the chance of spreading the infection next year.

- Take hardwood cuttings from suitable trees and shrubs.

- Remove yellowing leaves from your winter flowering cabbages and kale— they're no use to the plant and may harbor pests and diseases.

- Now is a good time to prune fruit trees to maintain an open, balanced structure and encourage quality fruit production. Use clean, sharp cutting tools to avoid damaging your trees.

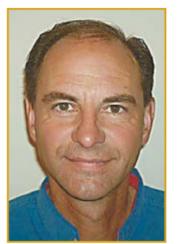
- Prune grape vines after a killing frost.

- If your strawberry plants are over three years old, order some new varieties to replace them. Old strawberries can harbor diseases and tend to lose vigor and productivity.

- Avoid walking on your

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lawn when it's blanketed by heavy frost, as this may damage the grass.

- Keep clearing leaves off the lawn to let the light in and prevent dead patches appearing.

- Service your lawnmower by changing the oil, sharpening the blades or installing new ones.

- Wash down all of your garden tools and give them a wipe of linseed oil on the wooden and metal areas to help prevent rusting.

- Choose a dry day to clear out the garden shed in preparation for the spring.

- Repair fences and apply a wood preservative to prevent them from rotting.

- Check tree ties and stakes on newly planted trees to ensure that the trees are still secure following strong autumn winds. Tighten or loosen ties as necessary.

- Build or buy a compost bin. Continue to collect fallen leaves and add to the bin. Turn your compost heaps to mix the ingredients and help the contents to decompose.

- Carefully plan your vegetable garden's crop rotation for next year to avoid a buildup of insect pests and diseases.

- Take an inventory of tools and equipment that you need for next year. Add them to your Christmas list!

- Winterize watering systems. Bring hoses and outdoor faucets inside to prevent freezing.

- Clean pots and trays. Scrub empty pots and seed trays to get rid of overwintering pests and diseases.

- Plant trees and shrubs. December is a good time to plant bare-root roses, trees, and hardy shrubs.

- Apply mulch to protect perennial plants and the soil from winter weather.

- Harvest winter crops. Harvest any remaining winter vegetables, such as Brussels sprouts, cabbage, and kale, especially before a hard freeze.

- Plan for spring. Review last year's garden notes to make plans for the next growing season.

- Order seeds and supplies. Take this quiet time to check your seed inventory and order seeds for the upcoming year. Order summer-flowering bulbs, compost, or manure to add in the spring.

- Take leaf cuttings of your favorite house plants including African violets and begonias.

- Divide Boston ferns and re-pot.

Perform some of these tasks during this month. You'll be glad you did!

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Journalist on patrol: How an immersive experience reshaped my understanding of police work

I am considering other career paths. Just kidding.

But this year, I did join the City of Warner Robins Citizens Police Academy. I figured it was time to stop writing from the sidelines and try it myself. I call it "immersive journalism."

After writing about the classes for the sixth time, I thought, "Hey, I'm a Warner Robins citizen. I've seen 'Cops,' 'Law & Order,' and 'Zootopia.' I've basically done the homework. What is it really like?" (Never mind the fact that I talk to law enforcement all the time for my job.)

Our first class was an intro to the course and the various departments. Chief Fisher greeted us and immediately asked if I'd be writing a story.

"Possibly?" I said. I'm almost certain that me fainting in the ballistics room was not the type of story he had in mind.

I'm not going to lie, if a story had fallen into my lap, I absolutely would've covered it. (And technically, the H.E.A.T. Unit's report of zero fatalities did make its way into the paper.)

But mostly, I wanted the full experience, something bigger and more holistic than a tidy little news brief.

Every Monday, I went to classes on the Real Time Crime Center, patrol division, traffic division, hiring, investigations, the SWAT team, the crime lab, the

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911 Center, and the crowd favorite, the K9 Unit.

And the K9 unit was my favorite, too. They brought in Jerry. (That was the dog's name, not the officer, an important distinction to make.)

Anytime a dog is involved, I'm automatically invested.

It turns out, a lot of things I thought I knew, I had no idea about. I guess my religious watching of "Cops" wasn't an accredited training program.

Next up after my classes was the ride along. My husband dropped me off at the police station, giving me a look like he was never going to see me again.

"You be safe, now," he said.

"I'll be okay. It's a Saturday afternoon," I replied, as if crime takes weekends off.

I was nervous, though; I wasn't sure what to expect. Police work is unpredictable, and anything could've happened.

Thankfully, it wasn't too crazy.

The officer I rode with was pretty cool. The patrol

car was a tight squeeze: so many screens, radios, and gadgets that I felt like I'd been buckled into NASA, but he kept the A/C blasting, so all was forgiven.

We responded to a couple of standard calls: a car accident, a stray dog (since animal control was closed.) a traffic stop, and the crucial quest for caffeine.

But then came the wild card: a shooting threat.

As we pulled up, he said, "If things go south, get out and run behind something hard."

And that's when I started praying. "This is it for me," I thought. "At least I wore tennis shoes."

A few more officers showed up, my ride-along buddy got back in the car, and we drove off like nothing happened. No shootings, no fanfare. (Praise be.)

Hearing about police work is one thing, but actually being there puts everything into perspective: the calm, the chaos, and the caffeine break. It all flew by in a blink. Blame the adrenaline.

Finally, was the capstone



Courtesy: Warner Robins Police Department

The Fall 2025 class of the Warner Robins Citizens Police Academy.

of the class: busting caps. Firearms training.

After a brief presentation on use of force, we lined up at the range one by one to try out some of the standard-issue weapons: a Glock 43 and Glock 17 handgun and a SIG Sauer SIGM400 rifle.

"Each of you will have a target," the instructor said. I wasn't planning on shooting.

"Darn, I didn't bring eyewear or earplugs," I thought, relieved.

"If you wear glasses, that counts as eye protection, and we have earplugs for y'all," he added.

My bad vision betrayed me.

"No excuses," I thought. "You're shooting." Never mind that the last time I fired a gun was 15 years ago.

I sheepishly made my way up to my target.

"It's live," the instructor

said. "Here's how you hold it."

I grabbed the pistol, my hands visibly shaking. Now was the time to lock in (my arms, not my knees.)

I thought I aimed for the target and pulled the trigger. I missed and screamed internally.

"Let it surprise you. Line up your sight, look through your sight, not at the target," he said.

I had five more bullets left and fired them as quickly as I could, even though it felt like slow motion.

I looked at the target and saw I had hit it four times at critical mass. I danced my way back to my seat and made a bunch more hits on my next two rounds.

I surprised myself with the accuracy. I honestly wasn't expecting to hit anything, so the twenty-something bullet holes in my target felt like a miracle. For a moment, I felt like a

superhero.

But it turns out I'm extremely jumpy. I don't think I'm cut out for the force.

That said, I absolutely recommend trying the Citizens Police Academy out if you're curious about law enforcement. I will never forget this experience.

Now, I'm fully aware that I am not a cop. Unfortunately, I can't arrest litterbugs and jaywalkers, annoying as they may be.

But I did come away with a much better understanding of how things work, and I think it will genuinely shape how I bring police information to the public.

And who knows, maybe one day I'll be on the other side as a public information officer. (Hopefully without having to go through POST training. Let's not push our luck.)

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Whose is the most reproduced portrait in U.S. history?

Now that we are in the last month of the year, and getting ready for Christmas, Hanukkah, and all the other great holidays, I thought it appropriate that I remind you of something.

Winter is coming. (Did you ever see three little words that can sound like a good thing and a bad thing all at the same time?)

Yes, time to prepare for the cold, the snow (depending on where you are), and all that other stuff. Get your snow suits, toboggans and sleigh bells ready!

While you do, enjoy another round of silly trivia, which I dredge up just for you.

Did you know ...

... Father's Day did not become a nationwide observance in the United States until 1972? It took 58 years for Father's Day to gain the same prominence as Mother's Day, which was recognized in 1914. (Why doesn't that surprise me?)

... a prisoner of war camp during the Civil War let civilians look at inmates? The Elmira Prison Camp in New York had two obser-

vation towers constructed specifically for onlookers. Citizens could pay 15 cents to climb the towers and look at the Confederate prisoners being held. The prison even had concession stands near the towers that sold cakes, peanuts, and lemonade — while the prisoners inside were on near-starvation rations. The site is currently occupied by the Elmira Correctional Facility, a maximum-security state prison. (And no, you can't buy tickets or concessions and look at the inmates today. The war's over. Move along.)

... asking for your own credit report does not hurt your credit score? It's only when inquiries come from those from whom you've applied for credit that your score takes a hit. (It never hurts to ask, you know.)

... a species of salamander exists that has a unique way of controlling its population? If the tiger salamander senses that the population in their little society is getting too big, they develop offspring which have specially adapted heads. This allows

them to eat their own species until population levels fall back to normal. (I have a line here, but it would close the show.)

... the most-reproduced portrait in U.S. history probably isn't of whom you might think? You might think, as I did, that the portrait of George Washington (1732-1799) on the one-dollar bill is the most reproduced portrait in American history. The portrait, by artist Gilbert Stuart (1755-1828), has adorned the buck since 1869 and continues to do so today. But if you thought that, you'd be mistaken. The most reproduced portrait in U.S. history is that of DeWitt Clinton (1769-1828), the New York governor who was responsible for the building of the Erie Canal. True, Clinton's portrait hasn't appeared on much currency, but it could be found on the tax stamps used on packages of cigarettes. His mug appeared on every cigarette tax stamp issued by the government from 1883 to 1959, numbering in the billions — if

not trillions — of stamps. (Thanks to David for the tip!)

... a famous American writer was very, very fond of cats? Mark Twain (born Samuel Clemens, 1835-1910) loved cats so much that if he traveled, he would rent cats to keep him company. His love of felines went back to his childhood, when he lived in a house that had nineteen of them. According to Mental Floss, Twain once said, "If man could be crossed with the cat, it would improve man, but it would deteriorate the cat." (Twain also gave sage political advice: "Politicians are a lot like diapers. They should be changed frequently, and for the same reason." I can't improve on that.)

... Braille was invented by a pre-teenager? When he was twelve years old, Louis Braille (1809-1852), who had been blinded at the age of three, used a military system of silent communication to develop the touch-reading system used since. (Thanks to Mason for the tip!)

... two actors who turned

down Academy Award™-winning roles ended up winning awards anyway, for roles the other refused? In 1967, actor George C. Scott (1927-1999) was under consideration for the lead role in the movie *In the Heat of the Night*, a crime drama set in Mississippi. He wasn't interested, and the role went to Rod Steiger (1925-2002). Steiger went on to win an Oscar as Best Actor. Then, in 1970, the producers of Patton considered offering the lead role to Steiger, who refused. The part went to Scott, who earned a Best Actor Oscar. Scott declined the award, however, as he felt that actors' performances should not be compared to each other. (Funny how things work out.)

... the first "Bond Girl" appeared in the first James Bond movie? Actress Eunice Gayson (1928-2018) played Sylvia Trench, girl friend of super spy 007, in 1962's *Dr. No*. (She was the first in a long, long line of lovelies.)

... a world leader is a martial arts expert? Vladimir Putin (born 1952), long-time

president of Russia, holds a black belt in judo. (You challenge him. I'm not gonna do it.)

... the first athletic team mascot appeared in 1889? Yale University offered a bulldog named Handsome Dan in that year. (Knowing what bulldogs look like, I guess the name was something of a joke.)

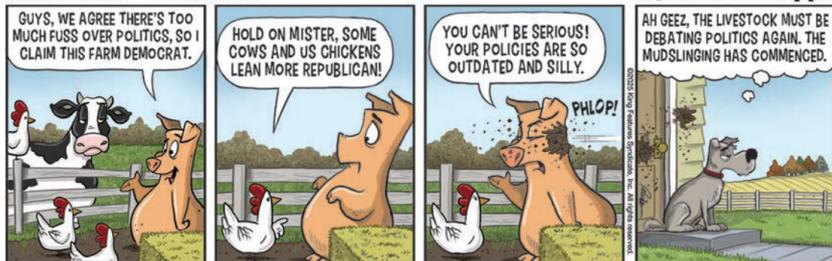
... a fire engine and a fire truck are not the same thing? Seriously. Fire engines transport huge quantities of water to fight fires, while a fire truck carries ladders and other support equipment. (Details are important.)

... a popular author had a peculiar way of doing her writing? Virginia Woolf (1882-1941) wrote her numerous novels standing up. (Hey, whatever works for you.)

... one in four British veterinarians say they have treated drunk dogs? (Make of that what you will.)

Now ... you know!

Amber Waves



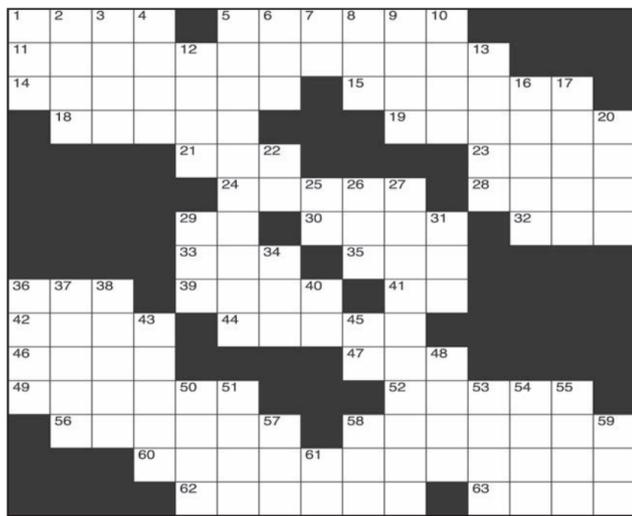
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Dough made from corn flour
- 5. Rise
- 11. Gratitude
- 14. A low wall
- 15. Kidnap
- 18. A cup golfers want to win
- 19. Outgoing
- 21. "Partner" to flow
- 23. Former Michigan coach Brady
- 24. Proverb
- 28. Gasteyer and de Armas are two

CLUES DOWN

- 29. Helps a body recover
- 30. Baseball Cy Young winner
- 32. Very fast airplane
- 33. Offensive baseball stat
- 35. Body of water
- 36. Record of one's heartbeat
- 39. Signs a contract
- 41. Atomic #24
- 42. Bind securely
- 44. French Jesuit theologian
- 46. Fragrant brown balsam
- 47. Post office box
- 49. Sells tickets at inflated prices

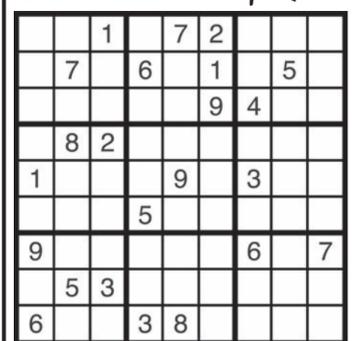
- 52. Places to hang coats
- 56. Jewish salutation
- 58. Yellow fruits
- 60. Poorly educated
- 62. Microorganism
- 63. Talk show host Barrymore

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A way to plan
- 2. Three-banded armadillo
- 3. Mobile
- 4. Romanian city
- 5. Making sour
- 6. Take a seat
- 7. "The Golden State"
- 8. When you hope to arrive
- 9. Pointed ends of pens
- 10. Extinct flightless bird
- 12. Sharp-pointed dueling sword
- 13. Nape of neck
- 16. Problems (Spanish slang)
- 17. Narrow carpet
- 20. To avoid the risk of
- 22. Spiritual academic degree (abbr.)
- 25. Equally
- 26. Traditional cars still need it

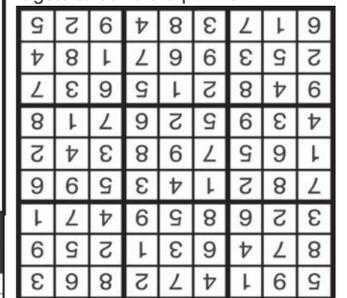
- 27. Eligible voters
- 29. Greek alphabet letter
- 31. Body part
- 34. Referee-declared outcome
- 36. Means to moving money
- 37. Popular footwear brand
- 38. Cockatoo
- 40. NFL's big game
- 43. Botswana currencies
- 45. News-reporting organization
- 48. Batman villain
- 50. Urgent request
- 51. Not all
- 53. Hallmark's specialty
- 54. Knot in a tree
- 55. Satisfy
- 57. Notable space station
- 58. Baby's dining accessory
- 59. Stitch clothing
- 61. ___ and behold

SUDOKU



Here's How It Works:

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



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The Warner Robins Annual Christmas Parade and Centerville Annual Lighted Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 6.

PARADE

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Hartley said the parade is one of the ways the city kicks off the holiday season, complete with Santa Claus making an appearance.

"That's always super exciting for families and children. It's really become a tradition for many people here in Perry to come spectate and watch the parade on the first Saturday of December," Hartley said.

Alongside Saint Nick, 80 floats are scheduled to participate, including local businesses and organizations, as well as the Perry High School and Veterans High School marching bands, and local Dogwood queens.

"That range is from anything, from locally owned

businesses like Acres & Oak Kitchen, some realtor offices, churches, Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, Little League teams. We've got some soccer championship teams on there. We've got a little bit of everything," Hartley said.

This year's theme is "Christmas at the Movies," where participants were challenged to take their favorite Christmas films and incorporate them into their floats.

"The theme always makes it a little bit more interesting, and can really get people bought into it. The idea is that we're rolling out the red carpet. It's the most magical season of the year," Hartley said.

The parade is about a mile long, and road closures will begin around 9:30 to 9:45. As floats

pass, the roads will slowly open behind them, Hartley said.

She also said while the list is full for this year, interested businesses should look to apply for next year around October.

Overall, Hartley is excited to see the community come together to celebrate the holidays.

"It's a great opportunity for the city to be involved with our local nonprofit organizations, the business community, giving these businesses, church groups, school groups and clubs an opportunity to showcase their organization to the greater Perry community. By them participating in the parade, you get to see a little bit of everyone, and everyone comes together."

And the public has a wonderful chance to start

a new Christmas tradition, she mentioned.

"The kids get to see Santa, hear some wonderful music from the high school bands. It's a warm, fuzzy feeling in Perry on that first Saturday. I know a lot of people have incorporated into their traditions, but it's a great way to kick off the holiday season.

In case of rain, the city will provide updates. Stay up to date on the city's social media: facebook.com/cityofperryga

In Warner Robins, the city is also gearing up for their Annual Christmas Parade. This year, the parade will also take place on Saturday, Dec. 6, starting at 10 a.m.

This year's parade route stretches down Davis Drive, Watson Boulevard and N. Houston Road.

Road closures are scheduled on Watson Boulevard from Davis Drive to Corder Road starting at 9:30 a.m., and on Davis Drive from Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to Watson Boulevard starting at 9 a.m.

Kelsey Norris was announced as this year's Grand Marshal, described by the city as "a nationally recognized athlete, dedicated community volunteer, and passionate disability rights advocate."

"Kelsey exemplifies the spirit of service, resilience, and joy that defines our community—especially during the holiday season," the city continued.

Find more updates on the city's parade on its website, wrga.gov, or social media, facebook.com/CityofWarnerRobins1 Finally, in Centerville,

the city will be merry and bright for its annual Lighted Christmas Parade.

The parade begins on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m., and stretches down Houston Lake Boulevard, from the Galleria Mall to Thomson Street.

The Centerville Lions Club will offer hot chocolate, cookies and cotton candy. Trinity Baptist Church will have free parking, as well as hot chocolate and cookies. First Baptist Church of Centerville will also offer hot chocolate, as well as doughnuts and popcorn.

The parade route shuts down to non-parade traffic by 6:45 p.m., the city mentioned on social media.

To stay up to date on Centerville's parade, follow them on Facebook: facebook.com/CentervilleGov

SANTA

From page 1A

Public Information Officer Shane Shifflett said donations have been light so far. He believes this is due to the recent government shutdown and the community's struggle. However, he remains hopeful this will be another successful year.

Shifflett said they are already seeing excitement while doing their routes.

"The nightly Santa routes has been outstanding. [There are] more people coming out to the streets to see Santa. People are talking about how much they love seeing the trucks with Santa Claus," he said. "People are bringing out their dogs, the dogs are waving at Santa by people's assistance of course. Donations are low but we'll pick up as we move throughout the county. We still have a lot of areas to hit like Perry in December [and] other areas of the county, but we're hopeful."

Shifflett described last year as their biggest year yet. Southern Santa gave out toys to approximately 1,033 children. They also distributed 200 boxes of food to help feed families. He anticipates that this year will create a bigger impact.

He said Southern Santa recently opened applications and has received approximately 319 in the span of a week. This is triple the number of applications there were last year, according to Shifflett. So far, there are approximately 500 kids on the list.

"I believe a lot of this has to do with the government shutdown, and families are asking for more help this year. Our information is getting out there a lot better, which I'm very pleased. We're here to help those people," he said.

Shifflett also shared gifts from last year help with their donation shortage so far. He said they added two more donation sites this year, which has also been a positive addition.

Their donation sites are Rogers Gutters, located at 337 Carl Vinson Parkway,

and Mr. Ceiling Fan. Shifflett said they are a huge support system for the organization.

The application is available on Southern Santa's Facebook page. Shifflett said it is an easy process and explained they do extensive background checks, social media checks, and financial checks to make sure they are a person in need.

They then go through everyone's applications, which made volunteers emotional, Shifflett mentioned.

"We don't let anybody fall behind. We go through everybody," he said.

Then, they decide which volunteers will go to Walmart, depending on the amount of donations, or Olympia Skate Center, where they give the gifts away to applicants.

Shifflett anticipates the number of applicants will triple by their deadline on Dec. 5.

Shifflett also shared that this year, a local business donated approximately 75 turkeys, which were given to applicants the day before Thanksgiving. He said they also bought sides to go with their Thanksgiving dinner.

The organization also partnered with the Future Farmers of America, and a member donated one of their animals they processed.

Shifflett said they have received a lot of support so far, and people are always ready to see them. One night, he heard a girl scream, "I love you Santa," and the excitement of other

children.

"We wish we could stop everywhere but we run out of time each night," he said.

The majority of people involved with Southern Santa are firefighters with a purpose to serve their community. Shifflett also said many of their volunteers are from the Houston County 911 center, who serve as the navigators.

Houston County Fire Department volunteer and career firefighters and Macon-Bibb firefighters also volunteer to drive the fire truck.

"We love to give back to the community. It's just something we love to do as first responders," he said.

With Shifflett working in Atlanta, he is thankful to volunteers for helping put out at least one fire truck a night.

Shifflett said that Southern Santa is a nonprofit organization and does not receive any financial support from any fire department or city. He said they rely on donations heavily, and no taxpayer's money is paying for anything.

"We're doing it because we do it," he said.

To keep up with Southern Santa and find the application, visit their Facebook page: facebook.com/SouthernSanta.HoustonCounty.

The application deadline is Dec. 5.

LAWSUIT

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that Mr. Lee could be arrested for," the lawsuit said. "Ms. Rozier was further instructed to keep her investigation secret and conceal it from everyone."

After a few days of digging, Rozier found nothing Lee could be criminally charged with. Rozier reported that proceeding further would violate Lee's constitutional rights.

Despite this, the lawsuit claimed that Hartwig, under Tom's discretion, "obtained a special presentment" that indicted Lee on two counts of false report and one count of making a false statement.

The lawsuit said Lee did

not falsely report a crime nor make any false statements related. Lee was then arrested and put into jail on March 27, 2019.

"In my eight years working at Houston County DA's Office, I had never seen the charge 'causing a false report of a crime' being prosecuted," Rozier's affidavit said. "I believe Gary Lee was targeted and selectively prosecuted in this matter."

Lee was then suspended by Toms due to his being under criminal prosecution. Lee's suspension was eventually lifted, and he was reinstated as Director of Economic Development. The lawsuit said Warner Robins City Council investigated this matter, led by Mayor Pro Tem Keith

Lauritsen.

A part of the city council's statement was in the lawsuit, which read:

"Multiple memos and statements to Council indisputably support an established pattern of wrongdoing including, but not limited to, acts of maleficence, HR file tampering, false documents, keys to HR being passed around and failure of due process. Finally, there was a failure to adhere to the Whistleblower policy. Had the correct procedure been invoked, a wrongful indictment could have been avoided," the lawsuit said.

Charges against Lee were dropped by an outside agency on November 27, 2023.

HUNGER

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The following morning, volunteers and deputies gathered to drive around the community and deliver the food. The bags are distributed mostly throughout Houston County, but also include families located in Peach and Bibb Counties.

Houston County 911 Database Operator, Kelly Leary, said the organization gave out enough food to feed approximately 1,500 people.

Leary said families needing help are nominated anonymously to OAH. They will then call the family asking for their permission and if it would be beneficial. After approval, they will provide their address and

their food will be delivered.

She said the event has grown tremendously over the years. When Leary first started six years ago, they packed approximately 100 boxes. The number has more than doubled this year, with 250 boxes for Thanksgiving.

Leary said last year, during Christmas, the organization helped 51 children. So far this year, they are expecting to help up to 85.

"They're so grateful. That's what it means to us to see the look on their faces. Especially the kids with Christmas. Just to see them it's so humbling and that's the spirit of Christmas. That's what makes it for us," she said.

Leary also shared that a declining economy contrib-

utes to a growing need in the community. However, she said OAH will be there to help.

"That's what we're here for is our community...most of us are first responders so that's what we do. We help our community and we're out there and that's what we're here for. If we can advance that and help it more in any way, that's what we're going to do," she said.

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 Phone: 478-988-2777

Occurrence: Collections System lift station had a mechanical failure that resulted in a sewer overflow. The spill was 30,750 gallons.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources has been notified and the affected area has been treated within the regulations of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the above listed contact persons.

Georgia Congressman wants continued investigation into Epstein's network

By **TYTAGAMI**
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ATLANTA — A Georgia Congressman who voted for legislation last week mandating the release of documents connected with child trafficker Jeffrey Epstein said on Monday that it does not go far enough and that he wants further investigation.

The Epstein Files Transparency Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives last week with votes in favor by all 14 members of Georgia's Congressional delegation, including Rep. Austin Scott, a Republican from Tifton.

House Resolution 4405 became law the next day after the Senate passed it and President Donald Trump

signed it, and on Monday Scott issued a statement saying the language did not achieve everything he felt was needed.

"I maintain concerns that the Epstein language, as drafted, did not provide enough protections for victims and witnesses," Scott said. He said he wants the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to continue investigating to uncover "the extent of these crimes and who was involved."

The law gave the U.S. Department of Justice 30 days to release its records, documents, communications and investigative materials concerning the deceased sex offender Epstein and his associate Ghislaine Maxwell, in prison for conspiring with

him to sexually abuse minors.

The law says the agency cannot withhold information just because it is politically sensitive or causes embarrassment or reputational harm to a government official, public figure or foreign dignitary. But it allows Attorney General Pam Bondi to withhold information for a variety of other reasons.

She can deny the release of records that she thinks would jeopardize an active federal investigation or prosecution. She can keep records that are declared a national defense or foreign policy secret by executive order. And she can hold back records that she deems to be a "clearly unwarranted" invasion of privacy when they contain "personally identifiable information of victims or

victims' personal and medical files and similar files."

The American Conservative published a piece last week that suggested Bondi could misuse her discretion with the privacy provision.

"It is not difficult to imagine such unilateral power being abused to protect administration officials from scrutiny," the story said.

The legislation apparently widened a rift between Trump and Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, the Rome Republican who was once among his biggest support-

ers.

She announced Friday that she would resign effective Jan. 5, blaming Trump for turning against her, in part, due to her pressure to release the Epstein files.

"Standing up for American women who were raped at 14 years old, trafficked and used by rich, powerful men should not result in me being called a traitor and threatened by the president of the United States whom I fought for," Greene said in a video she posted online.

Greene serves on the com-

mittee that Scott wants to continue investigating the Epstein case.

Scott did not offer specifics about his concerns with the Act beyond what he said about the protections for victims and witnesses, but his statement suggested that the controversy over the Epstein files is not over.

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KIGER

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Sunday." At 10 AM, Allison Fernandez, from Covenant Care Adoptions, will be sharing her testimony and the work she's involved in. At 10:30, Jason Cantrell, of ATL's Voice, will speak about his efforts of preaching the Gospel outside abortion clinics. And at 11, Paul Abbott II, from End Abortion Alabama will be preaching. Representatives from Georgia Right to Life will also be available to answer questions.

I am praying God will use this special event to melt the layers of ice from around our

cold and calloused hearts, and force Evangelicals to face this uncomfortable issue ... whatever the cost. Confessing Christian, silence in the face of evil, is evil itself. God will not hold us guiltless for our apathy. If you doubt that, remember this: Proverbs 24:11-12 says, "Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling in the slaughter. If you say, "Behold, we did not know this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work?"

It may seem a strange transition to go from Dr. Seuss to the ugly issue of abortion, and

maybe it is? Or maybe, we could all benefit by considering this make-believe story? And do like Horton and hear the hushed voices that others are ignoring. Then boldly speak up to save those tiny little lives that many are brutally seeking to end. Even this fairy-tale elephant understood all people, regardless of their age, stage, or size, are worthy of life and should be protected.

So let me close this article as Dr. Seuss closed the above-mentioned book: "Let that be a lesson to one and to all, a person is a person, no matter how small." Christians ... wake up, show up, and speak up. Little lives are literally counting on it.

HARPER

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is now clear given that he had already lined up most of his coaching staff to abruptly leave with him – he noted that he was going to have to pray about it, as well as talk to two coaching legends, invoking Pete Carroll's relationship with his dad.

Heartwarming. For about 36 hours.

Kiffin's exit laid bare the realities of the new business model. There was a bit of a standoff as he seemed to expect if not demand that

he be allowed to continue to coach his current team while beginning recruiting efforts for his new team. Many of those recruits are likely currently wearing Ole Miss uniforms or have stated their intention to be in Oxford next fall.

In hindsight, hiring Kiffin was a roll of the dice. He had a defined history of abrupt and aggravating exits. His dithering a few years ago on staying with Ole Miss – then getting a much bigger contract to stay – is seen as a distraction for another good year that came apart at the end. One could say they

knew what they were getting into when he was chosen to be the one to elevate the program. A business decision, if you will.

The fake piety doesn't land just on the head of the coaches and schools who hire them. Sports journalists too are dragging out their fainting couches and doing their best pearl clutches. The very networks who have pumped billions into this "amateur" sport are doing their best to be shocked, SHOCKED!, that a brazen money grab for scarce elite coaching talent could take place.

If you look at the above

scenarios, you can extrapolate these hard earned life lessons from college into daily adult life. The parallels to politics are clear.

We have our teams. There's a lot of nostalgia involved. We tell ourselves our team is the good guys; those hated rivals are backwards idiots who don't know how the world works and should apologize for even existing. Just seeing their jerseys makes us mad.

Yet deep down we know most of it is just business. The more we dig in to our side, the bigger the business grows. And of course, we

won't do. I'm not calling for panic — but we must pay attention right now.

Authoritarianism isn't coming to America. It's here. Our job is to accept where we are and to plot our way forward — starting today.

While some of us may understand the threats we face, the reality hasn't quite broken through for a lot of Georgians. That's by design. When everything feels out of whack, nothing feels completely wrong.

A few months ago, I spent time with a naturalized citizen here in Georgia who had escaped a South American dictatorship decades before. We'd worked together many times, so I knew a bit of her story. When I asked about how she felt given what was happening in America, she shrugged.

"I don't watch the news; it's too depressing," she said.

"What's going on?"

I spent the next few minutes updating her on the immigration ruling that authorizes racial profiling and the pending cuts to the Affordable Care Act. She is an independent contractor who gets her health care on the marketplace, and she has two children who could be targeted by ICE despite their citizenship.

She had no idea — but she wanted to know more.

You can be part of how we build the resistance. Join us at 10stepscampaign.org. We've got work to do.

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of their own party (see Green, Marjorie Taylor) or change parties altogether (see Duncan, Geoff), the fans too have to decide if they stay or if they go.

The hard lessons are the ones that stick with you. Sometimes they make you look inward, and make sure you're supporting the right team, for the right reasons. Other times they make you realize you got caught up in the desire to win, but lost what you were fighting for along the way.

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FOOD

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FAMILY FEATURES

When holiday occasions call for you to don your hosting cap, skip complicated appetizers and hors d'oeuvres to instead serve sustainable charcuterie with sommelier-approved wine pairings. After all, simplicity can still equal premium flavor with the right meats, cheeses and libations.

It doesn't take a hosting expert or pairing professional to create a spread that's as memorable as it is delicious. Charcuterie boards made with just a few ingredients can start the festivities on a high note by wowing loved ones with your pairing prowess.

Amaze your guests (and even yourself) by starting with heritage breed pork in small-batch artisanal production from Niman Ranch, whose independent family farmers and ranchers raise all animals with no antibiotics or added hormones ever. Their commitment to humane practices and sustainability leads to the exceptional flavor and tenderness your crowd craves and can taste in every bite.

Match the selection of meats – like prosciutto, genoa salame or capocollo in these recipes – with complementary cheeses and accents such as crostini, olives or even thyme-infused honey for an extra special touch. Finally, find the perfect bottle of wine for each board to round out a palate-pleasing spread that suits each guest's preferred pairing profile.

With flavor, sustainability and a personal touch, charcuterie can bring holiday occasions to life for you and your loved ones. Visit NimanRanch.com to find more seasonal inspiration and charcuterie solutions.



Capocollo, Aged Cheddar, Thyme Honey and Txakoli

Niman Ranch Capocollo
Aged sharp cheddar cheese
Thyme-infused honey
Txakoli wine

Start your cheese board or platter with savory capocollo

laced with pockets of cured fat that balance out the meat. Its mild smokiness works well with an aged sharp cheddar for a salty, intriguing but complementary match. Serve with a side of thyme-infused honey for herbaceous sweetness. Pair with Txakoli, a dry Spanish wine that's easy to drink with hints of salt and pinesap.



Prosciutto, Sottocenere and Aligote

Niman Ranch Prosciutto
Firm cheese, such as Sottocenere
Toasted crostini
Aligote wine

On a cheese board or platter, arrange buttery, silky prosciutto with Sottocenere, a firm cheese speckled with black truffle, or any firm cheese striped with dill or paprika or washed in ale. To round out these savory flavors, pair with Aligote, a white burgundy from France that's citrusy but refined with hints of green apple and honeydew.

Genoa Salame, Vintage Grand Ewe and Syrah

Niman Ranch Genoa Salame
Aged, firm sheep's cheese, such as Vintage Grand Ewe
Olives
Syrah wine

On a cheese board or platter, arrange genoa salame, featuring the rich flavors pulled from the spices and wine used in its making. Pair with an aged, firm sheep's cheese such as Vintage Grand Ewe, with notes of toasted almond, maple syrup and cultured butter. The sweetness of the cheese gives way to the genoa salame to be the star. Finish the board with skewered olives and serve with an unfussy red wine low in tannins like Syrah.



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Houston County Basketball

Late steal helps Bears survive against Putnam County in nightcap of Hypesouth Hardwood Invitational



Clay Brown/HHJ

Josh Jackson lays the ball gently off of the glass for a score on his way to 17 points in the final game of the Hypesouth Hardwood Invitational.



Clay Brown/HHJ

TWO HANDS FOR SAFETY: Houston County senior Malik Gillespie continued his vendetta against the rim with a two-handed slam against Putnam County to finish off the Hypesouth Hardwood Invitational with a bang. He earned Player of the Game with his 21 points, 10 rebounds and four assists against the War Eagles.

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MACON — The final game of the 2025 Hypesouth Hardwood Invitational on Saturday was worthy of its nightcap status, as the Houston County Bears (3-1) survived a back-and-forth affair with the Putnam County War Eagles (2-2) in a 65-64 final.

Junior Mehal Stephens put the Bears ahead at the free throw line with 3.8 seconds left, and as Putnam County advanced the ball Dashawn Zeigler stole the ball and carried it out of bounds. That cut the War Eagles' time down to 0.3 seconds, which was not enough as the potential tip-

in was knocked away at the buzzer.

Here are three observations:

Doing too much

Buddy Bivins' Bears trailed 20-14 at the end of the first, but something clicked in the second quarter and they never trailed at the end of another quarter.

Putnam County's half court defense in particular was stout and it put a lot of pressure on a HoCo offense that prioritized post touches and moving the ball around.

The War Eagles got in the passing lanes and collapsed on drives and post ups. HoCo struggled to find a rhythm, but a 10-0 run in the second quarter put them ahead and into the game.

"We were just doing too much," Bivins said. "Once we started making the simple play and stopped trying to be too creative, trying to do too much, everything started to open up and then we started catching a rhythm."

From there it was a back-and-forth as the teams traded one or two point leads, never gaining much of an advantage.

The stars of the show did much of their scoring in the fourth quarter: Putnam County's J'Mari Greene scored 13, Malik Gillespie six and Josh Jackson five.

Lean, Greene, scoring machine

Senior guard J'Mari Greene is turning heads in his final year as a War Eagle, and

he put even more people on notice with his season-high 30-point performance against HoCo on Saturday.

Greene is 6-foot-1 and 167 pounds with a sturdy build that aids him attacking the rim. Several Bears defenders had trouble offering resistance because of that, and he drew three and-one opportunities in the game.

But his physicality isn't his only weapon, which is what made him such a tough guard according to HoCo head coach Buddy Bivins.

"He's a tough guard. He's strong, kind of deceptive. He's physical...he creates a lot of contact so he's gonna get the

whistle," Bivins said. "But he also can shoot so you can't just back off him. He's a good finisher at the rim...we just had a hard time staying in front of him."

Opportunity for the youth

HoCo's football season is over and so Braylin Mills among others will be returning soon. But, for these first four games the Bears were mostly without those players, and with some nagging injuries they may be for even longer.

With those absences come opportunity for those who wouldn't be in the rotation otherwise.

"[K.J.] Johnson came in, gave me some good minutes, took good shots. Robert Robinson gave us good minutes on defense," Bivins said. "We're still trickling the football players in. [There are] three more that got knick-knack injuries, so we'll kind of let them take their time, let them heal."

UP NEXT

Houston County will look to keep their three-game winning streak going as they head into the Demon Den to face Warner Robins on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Putnam County will return to Macon on Friday, Dec. 5 to play Northeast at 7:30 p.m.

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Warner Robins Basketball

Demons explode in second half of Hypesouth Hardwood Invitational to beat Westside-Macon

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MACON — It truly was a tale of two halves on Saturday as the Warner Robins Demons (2-2) exploded after halftime to take down the Westside-Macon Seminoles (0-2) 63-43 at Central High School.

An ugly first two quarters of the Hypesouth Hardwood Invitational's second game saw the Demons narrowly ahead 20-18 at the break. Jamaal Garman's team was able to execute some of their notorious defensive pressure but they couldn't convert at the other end.

There were more than a few misses at or close to the rim and Warner Robins was 0-of-4 on free throws in the first half and 7-of-25 overall.

"No that was just today, man, because the last three games we shot free throws very, very well," Garman said on if this was a one-time problem for the Demons. "Today we get here and we miss 18 free throws and a ton more layups right by the goal. So it's just a one-game thing,



Senior Warner Robins guard Gavyn Williams drives baseline on a Westside defender during the Demons win over the Seminoles in the Hypesouth Hardwood Invitational. Williams finished with eight points to help the Demons get back to .500.

that's what I'm going to speak it into existence as, and we're going to continue

to work and do what we're supposed to do."

Despite the offensive woes of the initial two

quarters, Warner Robins came out and looked like a completely different team in the third.

Their full-court defensive pressure ramped up to 10 and the 'Noles did not deal with it well. The Demons

got out in the fast break and attacked the rim, converting on enough opportunities to put on a 16-0 run through the first four minutes.

Even though Westside's Trent Pearson scored to break the run with 3:43 to go until the fourth, Warner Robins continued to outscore the 'Noles 27-7 in the third quarter and 43-25 in the second half.

"We definitely said some great things at halftime to get those guys to understand the mindset we need to attack this game with," Garman said. "So they came out in the second half and did a real good job of rotating and staying in front of their man defensively, so they created a lot of turnovers for us and that helped us out a lot."

UP NEXT

Warner Robins got back up to .500 with the win, and they'll have a rematch with county rival Houston County on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Westside will also face a county rival next as they host Howard on Monday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. as they search for their first win.



Tristan Warren (22) looks to have a bigger role this season with key departures for Warner Robins. Warren earned Hypesouth's Player of the Game award against Westside with a 12-point performance in the Demon win.



Westside junior Jalen Whitely (2) carried the offensive load in the loss to Warner Robins, scoring 19 of the Seminoles' 43 points.

Warner Robins boys opening up the rotations early in the season as they search for regular contributors

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Warner Robins put 13 players on the floor in their victory against Westside-Macon, something they're not used to.

Head coach Jamaal Garman played his starters heavy minutes the last couple of years with Gabe Jacobs and Trey Bradley, and Cam Perkins and Jay Johnson before them.

But, as has been the storyline over the summer, the Demons don't have a solidified top dog this year.

Senior Gavyn Williams and junior Tyler Harris are currently in competition for that spot but they both provide different skillsets. Williams is more of a shooter and ball handler while Harris provides length and size to the defense.

"Gavyn right now is starting to inch ahead a little bit. Tyler's right there too," Garman said. "Today we saw when Tyler came out of the game our defensive game plan is a whole lot different. Just like our last game we lost when Gavyn was in foul trouble, our offensive game was a little bit different. So we need both of those guys at the same time right

now, but right now Gavyn is inching just a tad bit ahead of Tyler in that leadership position."

Aside from those two there's not many proven players. Rykeem Ashley and Chandler Dyson played plenty last year, but there are nine players new to the varsity level.

Warner Robins lost eight seniors last year, and at least six of those started at some point. They only have two seniors this year, so they're searching for players who can regularly contribute when the going gets tough.

"They're a young bunch," Garman said. "I only got one varsity guy that has experience last year with a lot of playing time, that's Tyler...So to have all these guys that are getting varsity experience on the fly basically, it's gonna help us out in the long run."

Junior Prince Ragin is filling in a point guard role, similar to the spot Amauri Stalnakar filled last year. Ragin can handle the ball and shoot as well, though he's more comfortable taking a step in like he did on his two jumpers in the third quarter.

Sophomore Kam Schmitz and junior Tristan Warren

are the two big names as far as the up-and-coming players go.

Warren had a big day against Westside, leading the Demons with 12 points, three rebounds and two steals in their victory. That was enough to earn Player of the Game.

Last year both Schmitz and Warren were off-ball, complimentary pieces that tried to space the floor and play sound defense.

Against Westside, Warren played a more aggressive on-ball role taking straight line drives to the rim for a score or dump off. Schmitz played more passive, maintaining a 3-and-D role as he continues to get his feet wet in varsity play.

There were other new faces, too, as sophomore wide receiver X'Zavier and junior quarterback Ellison Dantes joined Dyson after the end of football season. Freshmen La'King Searcy and Darius Shine Jr. got some run throughout the game, too.

If people didn't know sophomore Edmund Dantes yet, his electric putback stuff in the fourth quarter against the Seminoles put him on the radar as a lengthy wing at 6-foot-4.



Warner Robins freshman Darius Shine Jr. got some run in the Hypesouth Hardwood Invitational, finishing with five points.

It's unlikely Warner Robins will maintain such a large rotation of players, and Garman may eventually have to shave minutes off as players separate themselves and the games begin to matter come region time.

As of now, however,

Garman likes everything he's seen on the floor.

"I'm gonna be honest man, all of them," Garman said on who he anticipates to regularly contribute. "[We] got 13 guys, all 13 bring something different to the game. I just have to know when to use that something that

they bring...so it'll make the puzzle look good when it's finally together. But I love all 13 of my guys."

"I tell them every day in practice that each brings something different to the table and when it all gets together, it's a nice little

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IN RE: ESTATE OF WILBUR CARL CONNER, JR.

All creditors of the estate of Wilbur Carl Conner, Jr., 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.

Carla C. Cyree is the Executrix of the estate of Wilbur Carl Conner, Jr. D. Lee Peacock, Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088 (478) 922-3010.

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

All creditors of the estate of KATE WALKER BUSBEE, 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.

LAURIE KAY WALSTON, Executor of the Estate of KATE WALKER BUSBEE
982 Airport Road
Perry, Georgia 31069
John W. Hulbert
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
909 Ball Street
Perry, GA 31069
478-987-1415

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25-1709

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLIE WAYNE EDWARDS, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2025-ES-462

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Re: Estate of Charlie Wayne Edwards
All creditors of the Estate of Charlie Wayne Edwards, 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 me.

This 3rd day of November, 2025.
Tara Tourville, Esq.
Attorney for Estate of Charlie Wayne Edwards
446 S. Houston Lake Road
Warner Robins, GA 31088
(478) 333-6502

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25-1781

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: JAMES CHESTER MCCrackEN.

All creditors of the estate James Chester McCracken, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment this 19th day of November 2025 to Tiffany Paige Cloud, c/o Attorney:

Tim J. Thompson,
1900B Northside Crossing,
Macon, GA 31210,
478-471-9900.
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25-1733

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLES EDWARD SPURGEON

HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
All creditors of the Estate of Charles Edward Spurgeon are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned in accordance with law, and all persons indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 6th day of November, 2025.
Vickie Spurgeon Cash,
P.O. Box 868, Zebulon, GA 30295
51630 11/12-12/3

25-1753

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE ESTATE OF TWALA LIGON ALFORD, DECEASED.

All creditors of the Estate of Twala Ligon Alford, late of said County, are notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

This 12th day of November, 2025.
S. Travis Miller and Brooke Miller, co-Executors of Twala Ligon Alford, deceased
C/O Jessica Wade, Walker Hulbert Gray & Moore, LLP.
909 Ball Street
Perry, Georgia 31069

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25-1783

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Scott Ray Whitney, 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 19th day of November 2025.
Valerie Adeline Whitney, Executrix
c/o Rebecca C. Moody
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC
P.O. Box 422
Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238

52113 11/26-12/17

25-1740

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: ESTATE OF William Randall Williams, DECEASED

All creditors of the Estate of William Randall Williams, 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.

THIS 30 day of October, 2025.
Clara Ann Lance
Administrator
12 Rice Dr.
Cartersville, GA 30121
Attorney: Jeremy Leif Ethridge
478-251-5916

51720 11/19-12/10

25-1743

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Norman Robert Kendall, 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.

This 3rd day of November, 2025.
Jennifer N. Moore,
Attorney for the Administrator of the Estate of Norman Robert Kendall
P.O. Box 5085
Macon, GA 31208
51728 11/19-12/10

25-1711

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM H. MURPHY, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2025-ES-465

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Re: Estate of William H. Murphy
All creditors of the Estate of William H. Murphy, 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 3rd day of November, 2025.
Tara Tourville, Esq.
Attorney for Estate of William H. Murphy
446 S. Houston Lake Road
Warner Robins, GA 31088
(478) 333-6502

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25-1809

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Billy Joe English, 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 24th day of November 2025.
Bennie Ray English, Executor
c/o Rebecca C. Moody
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC
P.O. Box 422
Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238

52326 12/3-12/24

25-1796

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BRIGITTE CREQUE. HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

All creditors of the Estate of Brigitte Creque are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned in accordance with law, and all persons indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 20th day of November, 2025.
Arthur J. Creque, 207 Silk Tree Trace,
Kathleen, GA 31047
52214 12/3-12/24

25-1776

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD W. HARSHMAN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2025-ES-455

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Re: Estate of Richard W. Harshman
All creditors of the Estate of Richard W. Harshman, 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 17th day of November, 2025.
Tara Tourville, Esq.
Attorney for Estate of Richard W. Harshman
446 S. Houston Lake Road
Warner Robins, GA 31088
(478) 333-6502
51940 11/26-12/17

25-1805

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: ESTATE OF TEDDY CARLTON COLLINS, DECEASED

All creditors of the Estate of TEDDY CARLTON 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 24th day of November, 2025.
Charlene Greene Collins, Executor
George L. Williams, Jr.
Attorney for Executor
127 Carl Vinson Parkway
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088

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25-1769

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: Estate of John J. Trichinotis

All creditors of the Estate of John J. Trichinotis, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

Cynthia A. Trichinotis
114 Ballyhara
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088
Shirley R. Watson Attorney at Law
1520 Watson Blvd
Warner Robins, Georgia 31093
(478) 328-7464
51899 11/26-12/17

25-1750

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Re: Estate of Judith Ann Moll
All creditors of the Estate of Judith Ann Moll, 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 10th day of November, 2025.
Tara Tourville, Esq.
Attorney for Estate of Judith Ann Moll
446 S. Houston Lake Road
Warner Robins, GA 31088
(478) 333-6502
51760 11/19-12/10

25-1807

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

All creditors of the estate of COLIN MCCLAY, 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.

Johanna Bjork, Executor
511 Burrell Avenue,
Lewiston, ID 83501
701-527-2103
Jordan L. Reab
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
PO Box 1770
Perry, GA 31069
478-987-1415
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25-1737

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: JUDITH LORRAINE REWIS, DECEASED

All creditors of the estate of Judith Lorraine Rewis, 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.

Andrew L. Rewis is the Administrator of the estate of Judith Lorraine Rewis.
Edwin S. Varner, Jr., Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200,
Warner Robins, GA 31088,
(400) 922-3010.
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25-1811

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: ESTATE OF RACHEL R. CRUMLEY
All creditors of the estate of Rachel R. Crumley, 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.

David Reed Crumley and Brett Wayne Crumley are the Co-Executors of the estate of Rachel R. Crumley.
D. Lee Peacock, Attorney at Law,
1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200,
Warner Robins, GA 31088
(478) 922-3010.
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25-1782

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

All creditors of the estate of PENROSE WOLF, 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.

PENELOPE W. BYRD, Executor of the Estate of PENROSE WOLF
411 Yorktown Drive
Perry, GA 31069
Michael G. Gray
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
Perry, GA 31069
478-987-1415
52112 11/26-12/17

25-1810

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH CARL WYNDR, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2024-ES-403

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

Re: Estate of Joseph Carl Wynder
All creditors of the Estate of Joseph Carl Wynder, 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 25th day of November, 2025.
Tara Tourville, Esq.
Attorney for Estate of Joseph Carl Wynder
446 S. Houston Lake Road
Warner Robins, GA 31088
(478) 333-6502
52355 12/3-12/24

25-1780

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: VICTOR ARLEN BROWN.
All creditors of the estate of Victor Arlen Brown, late of Houston County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment this 19th day of November 2025 to David Warren Brown, c/o Attorney:

Tim J. Thompson,
1900B Northside Crossing,
Macon, GA 31210,
478-471-9900.
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25-1804

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

Marvella Jackson Williams
Plaintiff,
v.
Jerome C. Williams
Defendant
Civil Action File No. 2025V132809S

NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Jerome C. Williams, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce was filed against you in said court on August 18th, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on November 10th 2025, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff, whose address is 113 Crawford Street, 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 Judge Amy E. Smith, Judge of said Court.
This the 10th day of November, 2025.
Terri L. Childers
CLERK, Superior Court
Houston Judicial Circuit
52300 12/3-12/24

25-1746

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

Pableto Pinnock
Plaintiff,
v.
Kimesha Adams
Defendant
Civil Action File No. 2025V132899

NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Kimesha Adams, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce was filed against you in said court on September 2nd, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on October 22nd, 2025, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff, whose address is 305 Village Walk, Centerville, GA 31028, 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 Amy E. Smith, Judge of said Court.
This the 29th day of October, 2025.
Terri L. Childers
CLERK, Superior Court
Houston Judicial Circuit
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DUI

25-1798



Defendant's Name: Stacy Jabbar Francis
Date of Arrest: 12/28/24
Time of Arrest: 10:30 pm
Place of Arrest: Watson Blvd & Tom Chapman Blvd
Arresting Agency: Warner Robins Police Dept

Disposition: 12 mos Probation, Clinical Evaluation, 240 hrs Community Service, 30 days Electronic Monitoring, Risk Reduction Program, and \$1,720.00 fine.

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25-1799



Defendant's Name: Willie James Laster
Date of Arrest: 12/20/24
Time of Arrest: 10:03 pm
Place of Arrest: Watson Blvd & Olympia Dr
Arresting Agency: Warner Robins Police Dept

Disposition: 12 mos Probation, Clinical Evaluation, Ignition Interlock, 240 hrs Community Service, 3 days Confinement, Risk Reduction Program, and \$1,730.00 fine.

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Foreclosures

25-1734

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION [REF O.C.G.A. § 48-4-5 et seq.: 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO: Taxpayer and Defendant in Fieri Facias Estate of Patricia Ann Peacock; all persons known and unknown having of record in Houston County any right, title interest in, or lien upon all and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00118B 06500, lying and being in Warner Robins, Houston County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 526, Page 160. Being the same property conveyed to Rebecca Hamilton, Grantee, from Tax Commissioner and Ex Officio Sheriff of Houston County, Grantor, by Tax Deed recorded July 9, 2015 in Book 6899, Page 38, Clerk's Office, Houston County Superior Court, designated as Houston County Tax ID 00118B 06500, physical address 662 Donna Drive, Warner Robins, Georgia; all creditors of any of the foregoing; and All the World. Take notice that: The right to redeem the following described property, to-wit: All that tract or parcel of land situated, lying and being in Land Lot 213 of the 5th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as the west two-thirds of Lot 1, Block B-1 of Robins View Subdivision, as more particularly shown on a plat of survey prepared by Leroy Halbrook, dated June 28, 1956, recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 125, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 5th day of January, 2026 or within thirty (30) days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated July 9, 2015 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Deed Book 6899 at Page 38. The property may be redeemed at any time before the 5th day of January, 2026 by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

Rebecca Hamilton, c/o Jordan L. Reab, Attorney at Law, Walker, Hulbert, Gray & Moore, LLP,
P.O. Box 1770, Perry, GA 31069
Please be governed accordingly.
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25-1760

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION [REF O.C.G.A. § 48-4-5 et seq.: 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

days of the date of this Order for Service by Publication to answer said Petition and file pleadings before this Court.

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

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 116 of the Tenth (10th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, and being known and designated as lot number

Eight (8), Block "A", Section "A", of a Subdivision known as BIRDSONG ACRES SUBDIVISION, according to a plat of survey of said subdivision prepared by Story and Broxton Surveying Company, dated April 11, 1964, revised June 20, 1968, which is of record in Plat Book 12, Page 117, 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.

31 October
Witness, the Honorable Judge of said Court, this 31 day of October, 2025.

Hillary R. Yee
Clerk, Superior Court of Houston

51414 11/12-12/3

25-1716
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

J. S., SEX M, AGE 14, DOB 05/2011, CASE #2501483

C. S., SEX M, AGE 13, DOB 08/2012, CASE #2501484

C. S., SEX M, AGE 17, DOB 04/2008, CASE #2501485

CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER(S), AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILDREN BORN TO JESSICA MCCULLOUGH

You are notified that a Petition for a Finding of Dependency with Custody Placed with the Putative Father was filed against you in said court on 10/29/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 10/30/25

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 01/14/26 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 4th day of November, 2025.

CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

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25-1814
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

D. T. N., SEX M, AGE <1, DOB 02/24/2025, CASE #2501546

CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, MAKAYLA ASHLEY NESMITH (mother); WILLIAM TERRY (putative father); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER; AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN SAID CHILD

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the above styled action seeking the termination of the parental rights of the parents of the named child was filed against you in said Court on the 25th day of November, 2025, by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 25th day of November, 2025;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Warner Robins, Georgia, on the 7th day of January, 2026 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. for a status hearing (attorney appointment only); and on the 11th day of February, 2026 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. The second hearing is for the purpose of determining whether your parental rights should be terminated. The effect of an order terminating parental rights under O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-93 is without limit as to duration and terminates all the parent's rights and obligations with respect to the child and all rights and obligations of the child to the parent arising from the parental relationship, including rights of inheritance. The parent whose rights are terminated is not thereafter entitled to notice of proceedings for the adoption of the child by another, nor has the parent any right to object to the adoption or otherwise to participate in the proceedings.

A copy of the petition may be obtained by the parents from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court at Houston County Courthouse, Warner Robins, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 o'clock a.m. until 5:00 o'clock p.m. exclusive of holidays. A free copy shall be available to the parent. Upon request, the copy will be mailed to the requester - parents or alleged parents only. The child is in the present physical custody of the Petitioner, the Houston County Department of Family and Children Services.

The general nature of the allegations is termination of the parental rights. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that while responsive pleadings are not mandatory, they are permissible and you are encouraged to file with the Clerk of this Court and serve upon Petitioner's attorney, James E. Patterson, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029-1006 an answer or other responsive pleading within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE Judge of said Juvenile Court.

This 17th day of November, 2025.

CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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25-1794
AUCTION

On 12-5-25 at 8:00am there will be a public auction held at Bow tie Towing 10116 Hawkinsville Rd. Warner Robins, Ga 31093. The auction will contain the following vehicles:

Hyundai Elantra
KMHD8AEXBU090122

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25-1825
AUCTION (Perry Self Storage):

NOTICE OF SALE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PERRY SELF STORAGE (518 GENERAL COURTNEY HODGES BLVD. PERRY, GA 31069) INTENDS TO SELL THE PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW TO ENFORCE A LIEN ON SAID PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE GEORGIA CODE SECTIONS 10-4-210 TO 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Tuesday, December 16th., 2025 at 10:30 a.m. online at www.StorageTreasures.com, property found in the following units:

Bolston, Jada – **Unit 63**
Various Household Goods

Guthrie, Justin – **Unit 69**
Various Household Goods

Green, Daequon – **Unit 114**
Various Household Goods

Gibson, Jaquan – **Unit 330**
Various Household Goods

Tenants have the right to redeem prior to sale. You can reach us at 478-218-2674.

52406 12/3

25-1712
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

K. M., SEX M, AGE 1, DOB 01/2024, CASE #2501424

CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, AMELIA MCCAULEY (mother); AVERY YORK (father); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER; AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD

You are notified that a Petition for a Finding of Dependency and Child Coming Into Care was filed against you in said court on 10/30/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 10/31/25

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 01/28/26 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 3rd day of November, 2025.

CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

52384 12/3-12/24

25-1775
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:

B. E., SEX M, AGE <1, DOB 10/31/2025, CASE #2501558

CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO SHAMARA EDAY

You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 11/13/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 11/13/25

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 01/21/26 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 13th day of November, 2025.

CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

51939 11/26-12/17

25-1777
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

R. L. G., SEX M, AGE <1, DOB 03/21/2025, CASE #2501381

CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, RACHEAL LAUREN GONTERMAN (mother); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER; AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN SAID MINOR CHILD BORN YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the above styled action seeking the termination of the parental rights of the parents of the named child was filed against you in said Court on the 13th day of November, 2025, by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 17th day of November, 2025;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Warner Robins, Georgia, on the 10th day of December, 2025 at 12:30 o'clock p.m. for a status hearing (attorney appointment only); and on the 21st day of January, 2026 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. The second hearing is for the purpose of determining whether your parental rights should be terminated. The effect of an order terminating parental rights under O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-93 is without limit as to duration and terminates all the parent's rights and obligations with respect to the child and all rights and obligations of the child to the parent arising from the parental relationship, including rights of inheritance. The parent whose rights are terminated is not thereafter entitled to notice of proceedings for the adoption of the child by another, nor has the parent any right to object to the adoption or otherwise to participate in the proceedings.

A copy of the petition may be obtained by the parents from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court at Houston County Courthouse, Warner Robins, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 o'clock a.m. until 5:00 o'clock p.m. exclusive of holidays. A free copy shall be available to the parent. Upon request, the copy will be mailed to the requester - parents or alleged parents only. The child is in the present physical custody of the Petitioner, the Houston County Department of Family and Children Services.

The general nature of the allegations is termination of the parental rights. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that while responsive pleadings are not mandatory, they are permissible and you are encouraged to file with the Clerk of this Court and serve upon Petitioner's attorney, James E. Patterson, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029-1006 an answer or other responsive pleading within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE Judge of said Juvenile Court.

This 17th day of November, 2025.

CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

51947 11/26-12/17

25-1774
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Ali Lauren Bremner
Civil Action File No. 2025V133268K

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Ali Lauren Bremner, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 4th day of November, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Ali Lauren Bremner to Amelia Kate Reyes. 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 4th day of November, 2025.

Ali Lauren Bremner
Petitioner

51924 11/26-12/17

25-1774
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: 1. Bao Ngoc Tran Le
2. Bao Ngoc Quyen Le
Minor Child(ren)

Civil Action File No. 2025V133176K

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Thanh Loc Le, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 20th day of October, 2025, praying for a change in the name of minor child(ren) from Bao Ngoc Tran Le to Havy Le, and from Bao Ngoc Quyen Le to Vyo Le. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.

This 20th day of October, 2025.

Thanh Loc Le
Petitioner pro se

51925 11/26-12/17

25-1710
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: SASHA AMAYAH SPENCE,
Minor Child.

Civil Action File No. 2025V133115K

NOTICE TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA HOUSTON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Devaughn Hudson, by and through her undersigned attorney, filed her Amended Petition in the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 21st day of October, 2025, praying for a change the name of Sasha Amaya Spence to Sasha Amaya Hudson. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.

This 23rd day of October, 2025.

Rodney E. Davis
Attorney for Petitioner

51423 11/12-12/3

25-1748
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: The Name Change of Child: MALIA SIMONE TOLBERT

by: MALAYSHIA JANESIA EDWARDS, Petitioner.

Civil Action File No. 2025V133222A

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Malaysia Janesia Edwards by and through her undersigned counsel, filed a Petition in the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on or about October 27, 2025, praying for a change in the name of a minor child from Malia Simone Tolbert to Malia Simone Edwards. 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 the Petition to Change Name of Minor Child.

This 27th day of October, 2025.

Zachary T. Sadowski
Attorney for Petitioner

Georgia State Bar No.: 710575
SADOWSKI LAW LLC

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zach@sadowskiawga.com

51746 11/19-12/10

25-1749
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Beverly Joyce Pannell
Civil Action File No. 2025V133232S

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Beverly Pannell, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 29th day of October, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Beverly Joyce Pannell to Alyce Bellamarie Pozzini. 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 29th day of October, 2025.

Beverly Pannell
Petitioner

51747 11/19-12/10

October, 2025, you are hereby notified that Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC filed a Complaint for Judicial Foreclosure on April 14, 2025 and you have been named as a party-in-interest.

You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorneys, Bret J. Chaness and Patty Bramlett of Rubin Lubin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30071, an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Publication.

WITNESS, the Honorable Amy Smith, Judge of this Superior Court.

This 3rd day of November, 2025.

Jennifer Otto
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT HOUSTON COUNTY, GA

51443 11/12-12/3

Name Changes

25-1773
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Ali Lauren Bremner
Civil Action File No. 2025V133268K

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Ali Lauren Bremner, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 4th day of November, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Ali Lauren Bremner to Amelia Kate Reyes. 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 4th day of November, 2025.

Ali Lauren Bremner
Petitioner

51924 11/26-12/17

25-1745
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Jessica Pippard
Civil Action File No. 2025V132374L

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Jessica Pippard, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 16th day of June, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Jessica Louise Pippard to Jessica Louise Johnson. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.

This 16th day of June, 2025.

Jessica Pippard
Petitioner

51733 11/19-12/10

25-1745
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Bao Ngoc Tran Le
2. Bao Ngoc Quyen Le
Minor Child(ren)

Civil Action File No. 2025V133176K

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

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This 20th day of October, 2025.

Thanh Loc Le
Petitioner pro se

51925 11/26-12/17

25-1710
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: SASHA AMAYAH SPENCE,
Minor Child.

Civil Action File No. 2025V133115K

NOTICE TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA HOUSTON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Devaughn Hudson, by and through her undersigned attorney, filed her Amended Petition in the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 21st day of October, 2025, praying for a change the name of Sasha Amaya Spence to Sasha Amaya Hudson. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.

This 23rd day of October, 2025.

Rodney E. Davis
Attorney for Petitioner

51423 11/12-12/3

25-1748
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: The Name Change of Child: MALIA SIMONE TOLBERT

by: MALAYSHIA JANESIA EDWARDS, Petitioner.

Civil Action File No. 2025V133222A

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Malaysia Janesia Edwards by and through her undersigned counsel, filed a Petition in the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on or about October 27, 2025, praying for a change in the name of a minor child from Malia Simone Tolbert to Malia Simone Edwards. 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 the Petition to Change Name of Minor Child.

This 27th day of October, 2025.

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25-1790

NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: Mary Bettina Hurlley & whom it may concern:
Katherine Bakrania has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Prabhu P. Bakrania, 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 December 22, 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
52193 11/26-12/17

25-1758

NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:
Alice Dessaray Whitsel has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Nancy Cobb, 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 December 15, 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
51842 11/19-12/10

25-1757

NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:
Camille Danyell Stone has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Gabriel Lee Stone, 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 December 15, 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
51840 11/19-12/10

25-1789

NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:
Barbara Mims Doss has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Stephen Gregory Doss, 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 December 22, 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
52191 11/26-12/17

25-1735

NOTICE
HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:
The petition of Sheryl H. Winn, for year's support from the estate of Steven Thomas Winn, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested person are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before December 8, 2025, why said petition should not be granted.
All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. 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
Judith W. Borum, Clerk
51640 11/12-12/3

25-1791

NOTICE
HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:
The petition of Theresa Strait Davis, for year's support from the estate of Stuart Wayne Davis, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested person are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before December 22, 2025, why said petition should not be granted.
All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. 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
Judith W. Borum, Clerk
52196 11/26-12/17

25-1815

NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:
Jozef Matuszewski has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Jozef Brett Matuszewski, 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 December 29, 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
52385 12/3-12/24

Sex Offenders

25-1813



TYSON PATRICK ALEXANDER
107 LAVENDER LN
PERRY, GA. 31069
ARREST DATE/CONVICTION DATE :
10.31.2024
PLACE OF ARREST: PETERSON SFB.
COLORADO
CHARGE: POSSESSION OF CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY
DISPOSITION: 18 MONTHS PRISON, 11
MONTHS PROBATION
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT
THE GBI WEBSITE
52375 12/3

25-1802



WARFLE, LARRAMIE LEE
305 5TH AVE
BONAIRE, GA. 31005
ARREST DATE/CONVICTION DATE:
12.11.2007
PLACE OF ARREST: CLAY COUNTY
FLORIDA
CHARGE: POSSESSION OF CHILD
PORNOGRAPHY
DISPOSITION: 2 YEARS PRISON 3
YEARS PROBATION
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT
THE GBI WEBSITE
52275 12/3

Trade Name

25-1797

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
The undersigned does hereby certify that Wantha Serksiri Robinson in the city of Warner Robins, county of Houston in the state of Georgia, under the name of Siam Sweep Clean and located at 400 Rosewater Dr., Warner Robins, GA 31088. The nature of the business is Residential and Commercial Cleaning.
The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:
Wantha Serksiri Robinson
400 Rosewater Dr.
Warner Robins, GA 31088
52215 12/3-12/10

25-1772

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
The undersigned does hereby certify that Tamika McKissick in the city of Centerville, county of Houston in the state of Georgia, doing business in the following trade name, to-wit: Precious Moments Homeschool and located at 116 Crestwood Cir., Centerville, GA 31028. The nature of the business is Daycare.
The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:
Tamika McKissick
116 Crestwood Cir.
Centerville, GA 31028
51922 11/26-12/3

25-1770

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
The undersigned does hereby certify that Tajendra Prasad Pharm LLC in the city of Perry, county of Houston in the state of Georgia, doing business in the following trade name, to-wit: Peach Pharmacy and located at 1818 Houston Lake Rd. Suite

B600, Perry, GA 31069. The nature of the business is Pharmacy.
The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:
Malay Patel
12003 Watson Blvd.
Byron, GA 31008
51911 11/26-12/3

25-1822

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
Graves Advertising Agency LLC in the city of Bonaire, county of Houston in the state of Georgia, doing business in the following trade name, to-wit: Graves and located at 520 GA Hwy 247 S PMB 159, Bonaire, GA 31005. The nature of the business is Outdoor Advertising.
The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:
Kolbie S. Graves
103 Wenlock Circle
Bonaire, GA 31005
52395 12/3-12/10

25-1778

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
The undersigned does hereby certify that Leslie Kline in the city of Warner Robins, county of Houston in the state of Georgia, doing business in the following trade name, to-wit: International Love Consulting and located at 105 Jamestown Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088. The nature of the business is Business Consulting.
The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:
Leslie Kline
105 Jamestown Dr.
Warner Robins, GA 31088
51986 11/26-12/3

25-1812

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
The undersigned does hereby certify that Middle Georgia Center for Cosmetic Dentistry in the city of Warner Robins, county of Houston in the state of Georgia, doing business in the following trade name, to-wit: Hayslip Center for Family & Cosmetic Dentistry and located at 1295 Russell Parkway. The nature of the business is Dental Office.
The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:
Curtis O. Hayslip, D.M.D.
3833 St. Annes Ct.
Duluth, GA 30096
52369 12/3-12/10

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PHOTOS: Hypesouth Hardwood Invitational

Central High School in Macon played host to the Hypesouth Hardwood Invitational on Saturday involving a six-game schedule and twelve teams including seven programs from middle Georgia: Baldwin, Central, Houston County, Peach County, Southwest, Warner Robins and Westside.



Clay Brown/HHJ

Southwest senior Chase Dupree finished the Hypesouth Hardwood Invitational with 20 points, six rebounds and three assists to go with an overtime victory over Monroe-Albany.



Clay Brown/HHJ

GET UP: Monroe senior Brayden Burns puts an exclamation point on his 36-point night against Southwest with a two-handed jam. The Golden Tornadoes lost a close 80-74 contest in overtime at the Hypesouth Hardwood Invitational.



Clay Brown/HHJ

Peach County's Javon Mike (2) surveys the floor from the perimeter while Quentin James (3) guards him at the Hypesouth Hardwood Invitational.



Clay Brown/HHJ

Baldwin's Myles James (white) skies up for a shot at the rim while Beach's Jordan Newton (blue) contests at the Hypesouth Hardwood Invitational.

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