

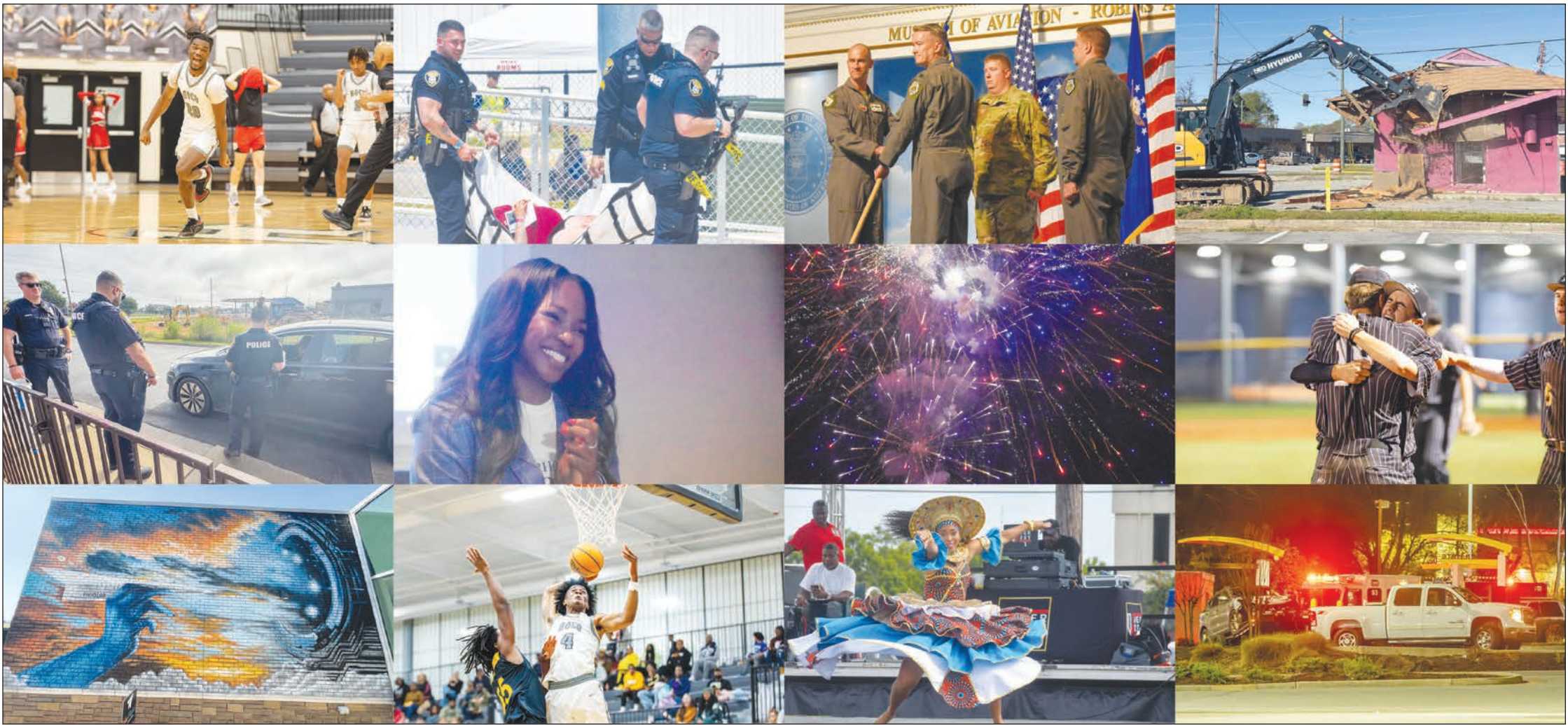
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Buzzard Drop returns to Downtown Perry for New Year’s

By BRIEANNA SMITH
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PERRY – Perry’s annual Buzzard Drop is coming back to downtown on Dec. 31, giving residents a chance to enjoy a big New Year’s celebration right in their own community. Starting at 8 p.m., the city will have free activi-

ties like face painting, balloon animals, live music, gellyball, a photo booth, and a Cotton Bowl watch party. Local restaurants and food trucks will also be open throughout the evening. At 9 p.m., the city will do a Kiddie Countdown, something Tabitha Clark, the city’s communications director, said gives children and early birds the chance to celebrate the new year, too. “It’s a fun and interactive opportunity for families to celebrate New Year’s Eve together without having to miss bedtimes or keeping kids up too late, or even those who just would like to be home before midnight,” she said.

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Fireworks light up the sky at last year’s Buzzard Drop New Year’s celebration on Jan. 1, 2025.

Perry enacts six month liquor store moratorium

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PERRY — Earlier this month, Perry City Council approved a six-month moratorium on liquor stores to evaluate if the city needs to enact stricter precautions. During Perry’s work session on Monday, Dec. 1, City

Manager Robert Smith said administration has had a number of issues relating to the provision of liquor licenses and development of liquor stores. During the pre-council meeting on Dec. 2, Community Development Director Joe Duffy explained precautions

would help protect the city against a rapid increase in liquor stores. Smith also mentioned during the work session that nearby communities have been taking a look into ongoing liquor store developments in their cities. The City of Warner Robins and Houston County

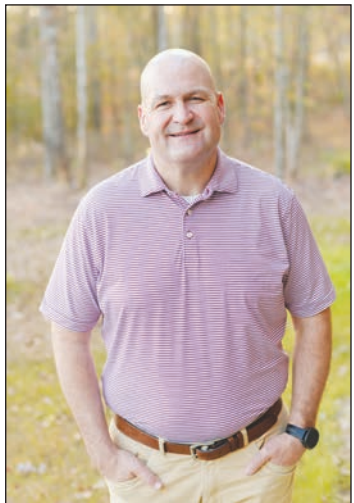
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County Chairman Dan Perdue reflects on 2025, looks forward to next year

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HOUSTON COUNTY — Houston County Chairman Dan Perdue is about to finish his second year in the position. He sat down with the Journal and discussed notable accomplishments and things of note in this past year.

One accomplishment Perdue noted was the progress made on the upcoming Bonaire Water Tower, on track to be fully operational in May 2026. “We are really excited about that and continuing to provide clean, abundant water to the citizens of Houston County, and really continue to support the growth that we’re seeing throughout the county through infrastructure improvements like that,” Perdue said. The county is also in the process of acquiring and drilling a test well. Perdue said they have passed that test and are about to start construction on the water well and their next water treatment plant. On the tax front, the county opted in to House Bill 581 or the Floating Homestead Exemption, which Perdue



Perdue

said is a new benefit for Houston County citizens. “I’ll continue to encourage people. If you are a homeowner and you live in Houston County, you really should ensure that you have a homestead exemption by calling the Tax Assessor’s Office and applying for one if you don’t have it,” he said. “That will only continue to grow in value as that floating homestead exists longer and longer. I appreciate the three cities opting into that, as it was very important we were all unified on that front.”

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Word of the Day

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. — Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

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Updates from the State Capitol

New laws will address professional services, homeowner protections, car owners and politicians

By **TYTAGAMI**
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ATLANTA — Most new laws from this year's legislative session took effect in July, but a handful of significant bills become law on New Year's day.

They address shortages in accounting and dentistry, and they increase homeowner protections. They update campaign finance and vehicle licensing requirements. One adds a new look for car tags.

House Bill 148, The Public Accountancy Act of 2025, was brought by Rep. John Carson, R-Marietta, a certified public accountant trying to address a shortage of accountants. It

updates a licensing framework established nearly three decades ago by offering new paths to becoming a certified public accountant. It also lets accounting firms do some work in Georgia without having an office in the state.

House Bill 551 by Rep. Jason Ridley, R-Chatsworth, updates rules for owning and operating a motor vehicle, adding numerous new requirements around the issuance of temporary operating permits and setting standards for a new electronic system for issuing them. It also lets permitted property owners install an immobilization device on trespassing vehicles rather than just having them towed.

House Bill 567 by Rep. Katie Dempsey, R-Rome, address regional shortages in dentistry, authorizing licensed dentists to practice online, with regulation by the Georgia Board of Dentistry. It also permits coverage of teledentistry by dental benefits plans. "Geography should not be a barrier to dental care," Kristen Morgan, the Georgia Dental Association executive director, said in May when Gov. Brian Kemp signed the bill into law.

Senate Bill 35 by Sen. Larry Walker, III, R-Perry, gives homeowners more time to prepare for loss of insurance. It doubles the minimum notice period for nonrenewal of certain residential policies to 60 days,

from 30.

Senate Bill 112 by Sen. Clint Dixon, R-Buford, requires that manufacturer warranties of residential HVAC systems transfer to home buyers. It also requires that warranties take effect on the date a system is installed by a licensed contractor and prohibits requiring product registration as a condition of warranty.

Senate Bill 199 by Sen. Sam Watson, R-Moultrie, prohibits the State Ethics Commission initiating investigations of candidates within 60 days of their election. It also

requires that local elected officials file mandatory financial disclosures with the Commission rather than locally. And it requires that political action committees maintain bank accounts with detailed reporting when they contribute to candidates in the state. It also establishes uniform reporting dates for campaigns for all levels of office and requires redaction of home addresses from any records the Commission makes available to the public.

Last but not least is America First: Senate Bill 291. The act, by Sen.

Steve Gooch, R-Dahlonega, establishes a special license plate featuring the American flag and the words "America First." Funds raised from the sale of this plate will go to the state general fund. Gooch pushed the bill through as Senate majority leader, a post he left after the legislative session to run for lieutenant governor.

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BUZZARD

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Finally, at midnight, the city will drop its famous buzzard and revive one of its newest addition to the celebration: a fireworks finale to bring in the New Year.

All the festivities combine to create a family-friendly environment, Clark mentioned.

"All of our events with the city of Perry are always family-friendly. We want to make sure if you have children, siblings, or just want to get family together, we want to make sure that is a good environment, that everyone has a great time and everyone can participate," Clark said.

Calling the event a unique tradition for the city, Clark said the buzzard drop stems

from a common problem the city faced. Many years ago, buzzards would roost on the city's water tower during migration, causing a mess and weakening the infrastructure.

After trying several deterrents, the city found the solution: a plastic buzzard with real feathered wings. Now, every year, the city obtains a permit from the Department of Natural Resources and hangs the fake buzzard from the water tower.

The buzzard dropped during the event is a statue, but has become a symbol of the city. A "Bob the Buzzard" mascot makes appearances throughout the year, especially during the winter holidays.

"[The city] came up with the Buzzard Drop because, obviously, buzzards were a big deal and something we

had to deal with. So it took a problem that we had, and we solved, and then created a fun, unique New Year's Eve celebration," Clark said.

Clark said the event is the largest celebration of its kind in the county, nationally recognized by USA Today and the City County Communications and Marketing Association. Everybody celebrating right before midnight is her favorite memory, and she encourages the community to relax and celebrate safely at the event.

"[It's] the opportunity for people to come together and celebrate in a safe, welcoming environment. That is exactly what we want to provide," Clark said.

For more information, visit the city's website: perry-ga.gov/buzzard-drop.

LIQUOR

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passed similar ordinances this month.

Smith said if surrounding communities are putting in restrictions on package stores, he believes business owners can overrun the city, leading to an unbalanced mix of business types.

He explained the city wants to ensure they are not doing a disservice to people who want to establish a package store.

During the work session,

Councilman Dan Peterson said the city wants to avoid becoming the "liquor capital of Houston County." However, he also shared that he wouldn't want the city to interfere with a free market, since it is an important part of the country.

The six-month evaluation window would allow city staff to evaluate the restrictions imposed by neighboring areas, review the application process and present recommendations to city council. Duffy hopes to propose local policies towards liquor stores.

The moratorium could potentially last less than six months if a solution is approved beforehand.

"This would give us time to dig into that a little bit further; identify if it's an issue that we need to establish further protections against," Duffy said.

Smith also said the city wants to assess current licensing procedures and make sure they adhere to current state laws.

Smith said they will come back to the city council with possible recommendations.

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3. Take a recent photo.



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NOISE ANXIETY

Excessive noise can cause a pet to become anxious. Exercise them throughout the day so they are extra tired or speak to your Veterinarian about anxiety medication.



FOOD & ALCOHOL

There are several foods pets should not consume. Watch out for:
Chocolate
Alcohol
Cheese
Don't forget that party favors are not for your pet!
*This is not a complete list. Do your research!



CLEAN UP

Keep your pet confined until you can clean up what they shouldn't have.

CALENDAR

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Greater Victory Christmas Services

Greater Victory Church invites the community to our Christmas Service on December 21 at 10:30 a.m. and Watch Night Service on December 31 at 7 p.m. We are located at 201 S Houston Rd., Warner Robins. All are welcome!

SouthPaw Band NYE Celebration

The SouthPaw Band will be at the Warner Robins Moose Lodge (400 Carl Vinson Parkway,) on December 31st from 8 PM to Midnight. Heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served and champagne at Midnight!

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Community Calendar

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Inmates, including one awaiting trial for murder, back in custody after escaping across state line

By **TYTAGAMI**
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ATLANTA — A federal inmate awaiting trial for murder slipped from the DeKalb County Jail but was swiftly captured in South Florida with two other escapees, federal authorities said Friday.

Stevenson Charles, 24, and Yusuf Minor, 31, made initial appearances in federal court in Fort Lauderdale Tuesday. Naod Yohannes, 25, is scheduled for an initial appearance Monday.

The trio were discovered missing during a security check at the DeKalb jail

Monday. They allegedly made their way to Florida by forcing a rideshare driver to take them there, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

“This was a dangerous, violent felon serving a life sentence who escaped custody, kidnapped an innocent victim, crossed state lines, and brought that threat into our community,” U.S. Attorney Jason A. Reding Quiñones for the Southern District of Florida, said in a statement Friday.

Federal agents coordinated with local law enforcement in Florida, locating Charles driving the kidnapping victim’s vehicle Monday. They

captured Charles after a pursuit that ended on foot. They found a firearm along the path of the pursuit, according to the U.S. Attorney’s office in South Florida.

Charles was serving a life sentence for carjacking, kidnapping and robbery when he was transferred to Georgia custody on Dec. 5 for trial on charges related to a 2022 murder and armed robbery, the U.S. Attorney’s office said.

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For county personnel, the Houston County Sheriff’s Office added six new Sheriff’s Deputies. Perdue said they are really proud to be able to focus on public safety.

“[Public safety] is one of our primary missions that we want to deliver very well on as a local government,” he said. “I appreciate Sheriff Moulton’s leadership and what he has done to advance the Sheriff’s Office, and was pleased to be able to add those positions and lower the millage rate ever so slightly.”

Speaking of millage rates, the county raised its fire millage in 2025, ensuring that every Houston County fire station constantly has at least one person on duty. This only affects the taxpayers of the unincorporated areas of Houston County. Perdue said it was a big milestone moment for the Houston County Fire Department.

“I appreciate the taxpayers being willing to take on that burden so that we can deliver a higher level of fire service to them,” he said. “Really, all citizens in Houston County and especially the unincorporated areas, are benefiting from that increased fire service. For a \$350,000 house, it’s about \$70 a year you will be paying in fire millage, and I really feel like it’s worth it for the increase in coverage

and decrease in response times that you’re getting.”

Perdue believes the biggest accomplishment of the county this past year would be the change in fire service.

Perdue also mentioned that this year has been quite different from last. He said the inflationary pressures of last year have seemed to have calmed down and the county has not had as many vertical construction projects other than the HEMA Warehouse.

He said the county is improving project delivery for its road projects. He mentioned the Elberta Road widening project is complete; however, it was a year behind.

Perdue also shared he’s out of his “honeymoon phase”, so to speak, as Chairman.

“I’m a little bit more down in the weeds in decisions and the day-to-day things than I was last year, which I’ve enjoyed,” he said. “There have been slight changes over the last year, nothing major or dramatic.”

Perdue pointed out that managing the growth of Houston County over the next five years is a big challenge they must face.

“We have to make smart decisions about growth that ensure existing citizens don’t bear the burden for growth that is taking place, but do get the benefits that go along with it,” he said.

Looking forward to

2026, and with the county opting into House Bill 581, there is an opportunity for the voters to vote on a Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST). Perdue described that as a penny sales tax.

“It would take Houston County from 7% to 8% sales tax, and all those dollars would go to reduce the millage rate both in the county and in the cities, and we’re seeing significant savings if the voters approve that, for all property owners, not just homesteaded properties,” he said. “It would be a way that we continue to give relief to property owners in Houston County to reduce the burden on property taxes and to shift that burden elsewhere.”

Perdue said his New Year’s Resolution is to continue focus on his own personal goals by being more structured in his personal life, whether that be scripture reading, prayer, or working out.

“As far as the county goes, I want to continue to develop ways where we measure what we say we’re good at, and that was my drive for 2025, and that will continue to be my drive for 2026,” he said. “[We will] continue to find ways to measure and benchmark our efficiency and effectiveness and ensure that we’re delivering the services that we say we’re delivering at that high level to the citizens of Houston County.”

LIVE MUSIC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
HAPPY NEW YEARS EVE!

TENNILLE

- Alex Stone: Trackside Pub & Deli - 8pm

CORDELE

- Renegade Band: VFW - 8pm

DUBLIN

- Old Soulz Band: Moose Lodge, 518 Academy Ave - 8:30pm (\$35/person; \$60/couple)

NASHVILLE

- Tres Hombres: 69 Buddy Bostick Rd - 7pm

TYBEE ISLAND

- Uncle Earl & Friends: Nickies 1971 Bar & Grill - 9pm

WARNER ROBINS

- Southpaw Band: Moose Lodge - 8pm (\$20/person)
- REHAB: Pub 96 - 9:30pm (\$40)

MACON

- Open Jam: Grant’s Lounge - 7-10:30pm (\$5)
- AZZ: Al Sihah Shrine Park, 222 Shrine Park Dr - 8pm (\$25/person)
- Catfish Willy: VFW, 4864 Harrison Rd - 8:30pm (\$15/person)

Affinity Band: American Legion - 9pm (\$25/person)

Reckless Soul Band: 20’s Pub - 9pm (\$10/person)

Tier Blue: Grant’s Lounge - 11pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1
HAPPY NEW YEARS DAY!

WARNER ROBINS

- Big Mike: Snapper’s Lounge - 6-9pm
- Lance Rodriguez: Pub 96 - 7:30pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

WARNER ROBINS

- Steve Holcomb: RondeVu Bar & Grill - 4-7pm

MACON

- Catfish Willy: VFW Post 658 - 7:30-10:30pm
- Keith Williams: 20’s Pub - 9pm
- Macon Music Revue: Grant’s Lounge - 9pm (\$10)
- LUMIT (Louve You, Mean It!): Hummingbird - 9:30pm
- Alex Stone: Vice Bar - 10pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

PERRY

- Southbound Mojo: My Bar - 9pm
- The Music Side of Town Blues Band: Perry Farmer’s Market - 9am-1pm

WARNER ROBINS

- Tres Hombres: Snapper’s Lounge - 8-11pm

MACON

- Affinity Band: American Legion - 7-10pm (\$10 / \$5 for Veterans / Free for member Veterans)
- Giant DeNiro: Hummingbird - 9:30pm

HAWKINSVILLE

- Powersville Opry - 390 Perry Hwy: --> House Band - 4:15-6:45pm --> Guest Band - 7-9pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

HAWKINSVILLE

- Gospel: Powersville Opry, 390 Perry Hwy - 3-5pm

WARNER ROBINS

- Lance Rodriguez: Pub 96 - 4:30pm

MACON

- Open Mic/Jam Session: Grant’s Lounge - 9pm

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How breaking government breaks democracy



When most people hear “authoritarianism,” they tend to imagine tanks in the streets or elections being canceled overnight. But democracy is usually undone more quietly — through budget cuts, layoffs and the slow dismantling of the institutions we rely on every day. One of the fastest ways to weaken a democracy is to break the government from the inside. You target the people who make it work and make those who rely on them suffer by default. When people no longer trust that the government will serve them, democracy becomes expendable. This is Step 4 in the autocrat’s playbook. And in few places is the destruction more visible than at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. Tens of thousands of Georgians work at the CDC or support its directive to protect the lives of Americans. They’re our neighbors. They are parents picking up kids from school. They’re scientists who keep us informed during illnesses. They track outbreaks and help local health departments do their jobs. When Albany, Georgia, became a COVID-19 hotspot in 2020 — holding the No. 5 spot in coronavirus cases and deaths — it was the role of the CDC to understand how to defend lives in the region.

Whether it was the coronavirus or the bird flu, Georgians knew that the medical knowledge was centered right up 75 and 85. Yet now, the vital charge of the CDC — and the livelihoods of those who serve the public good — is being deliberately hollowed out by the Trump administration. Step 4 in the authoritarian playbook is simple: break the government by breaking the people who make it function. You don’t have to abolish agencies outright. You just take away their funding, politicize them and push out anyone who won’t comply. That’s what we’re watching with the gutting of the CDC and the broader federal workforce. What began with the CDC is spreading. In a few weeks, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs plans to slash 35,000 health care jobs, including here in Georgia, a state where 7.6% of the population — or nearly 700,000 residents — are veterans. Despite being chronically understaffed, the VA, like the CDC, will be asked to do critical, life-saving work with fewer people, fewer resources and fewer backup plans. When Republicans eviscerate funding, freeze hiring, conduct mass firings or shut down the government entirely, they are sending a message: Do not trust us.

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Come on Eileen

Come On Eileen by Dexy’s Midnight Runners is a classic one-hit wonder. I say one-hit, but that’s here in the U.S.; in their home, England, they had two hits. The band created a mind-numbingly infectious beat that creates a great feeling as you sing “Come on Eileen;” because that is the only discernible lyric. But is there a meaning to the song? I’m going to help you out. It was news to me as I researched this song that it has Irish roots. Both in fact and meaning. The singer is of Irish descent. The plight of the singer, and Eileen, is to escape the depression of the times. Remember, in the late 70s and early 80s, it was tough times in the U.S.A. and England. “These people ‘round here were beaten down, eyes sunk in smoke-dried face. They’re so resigned to what their fate is. But not us (not never).”



Escapism is a common refrain by youth, then and now. “We are far too young and clever, (Remember), Too-ra-loo-ra, Too-ra-loo-rye-ay. And you’ll hum this tune forever.” Too-ra-loo-rye is derived from an Irish lullaby, titled “Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ral” that goes thusly: “Over in Killarney, many years ago, Me mother sang a song to me, in tones so sweet and low. Just a simple little ditty in her good old Irish way; And I’d give the world if she could sing that song to me this day.” So the idea was that if a childhood lyric would remain with you for life,

then “Come On Eileen” would too. The song has references to youthful lust, but you have to see the lyrics as the song is sung, because it’s hard to understand the accent. “You in that dress. My thoughts, I confess, verge on dirty. Ah, come on, Eileen.” Then, “Come on, Eileen. Oh, I swear (what he means). Ah, come on, let’s take off everything. That pretty red dress, Eileen (tell him yes). Come on, Eileen.” For me, the song is all about the melody. It just sticks with me despite not being able to understand the singer. And that sort

of tracks with childhood lullabies. We remember the ditty but not exactly true to actual lyrics. I’m afraid childhood lullabies are quickly becoming a lost practice in the age of MySpace, FaceTime, Tik Tok, and so forth. Am I wrong? Kelly Burke was born in Knoxville where he spent his younger years, followed by high school years in Atlanta where he graduated from Georgia Tech, and Mercer Law School. He has been in private practice, a magistrate judge, and an elected district attorney. He writes about the law, politics, music, and Ireland. He and his wife enjoy gardening, playing with their Lagotto Ramanolo named George Harrison, and spending time with their grandchildren. To see this column or Kelly’s archives, visit www.kellyburke.com. You can email Kelly at dakellyburke@gmail.com.



Black-eyed peas: The history of a humble good luck charm



Being a Southerner by birth, lineage and residency, I’ve eaten a lot of black-eyed peas over the past few days. Actually, I’ll partake in this humble food stuff, which is really a type of bean and not a pea, any time of year, but they are a staple for New Year’s celebrations, along with greens and cornbread. They allegedly bring good luck, and though I don’t really believe in that sort of thing, I’m not letting a Jan. 1 pass by without gobbling up as much as I can. Remember that board game Hungry, Hungry Hippos? The one where you make toy hippopotamuses eat marbles? That’s me on New Year’s Day. I always win. You didn’t finish yours? Dump ‘em on my plate. I’ll take all the help I can get for 2026. Black-eyed peas also ward off the evil eye,

while cooking for added luck. Whoever finds the coin will be extra lucky in the new year. Unless they eat it, then they’ll possibly kick off January with a doctor bill. Hopefully they ate a lot of greens, too, you know, for the ensuing bill. It’s kind of like the baby in the king cake. Whoever finds the plastic toy while enjoying a slice of brightly colored dessert gets a boost of luck. That’s a good backup plan if you missed your black-eyed peas this year. Mardi Gras is right around the corner. Other food-related good luck charms: honey, because it brings sweetness to life; grapes and pomegranates, because they are round like coins; and long noodles, because the longer the noodle, the longer you’ll live. I don’t really believe in luck, but I think I’ll try to eat my way to prosperity in the coming days. Happy New Year.

LIFESTYLE & FAITH

A door worth opening

God reconciled us to Himself, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. — 2 Corinthians 5:18

"In fourteen hundred ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue.

He had three ships and left from Spain; He sailed through sunshine, wind and rain."

So go the opening words of a long poem entitled "In 1492." To tell the truth, that may be about the only thing most of us could remember about 1492, now some 534 years removed.

But to our recollection of 1492, let's add one more item.

In 1492, a battle was brewing between two Irish families, the Butlers of Ormonde and the Fitzgeralds of Kildare. It was a power struggle. Both families wanted one of their own to hold the position of Lord Deputy, who served as representative of the King.

As often happens, tensions escalated from words, to physical blows, and then into warfare between the two families. At one point in the fighting, the Butler family took refuge in a wing of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, as the Fitzgeralds surrounded them.

In this particular case, the moment of stalemate in the battle caused the Fitzgerald family to come to their senses. With the fighting momentarily stopped, and even though they had the upper hand, they invited the Butlers to come out of the cathedral and make peace.

The Butler family, on the other hand, smelled a rat. They surmised that if they left the protection of

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John Lehenbauer



the cathedral, they would be slaughtered. They refused to come out.

So one of the leaders of the Fitzgerald family did the unique. He ordered that a hole be cut in the door with an ax. Gerald Fitzgerald then put his arm through the door and offered his hand in peace to the Butler family on the other side.

Gerald Fitzgerald risked losing his arm that day, but the Butlers accepted that hand through the door as a serious desire for a cease-fire. They opened the door and the two families were reconciled.

To this day, you can go to Dublin and see the door with the hole cut into it, known as the "Door of Reconciliation" in a museum at the cathedral. One man's action stopped a war and brought peace. The event was momentous enough, that the door with the hole in it, sits on display in lasting testament.

There's that door from 1492. Then there's that cross.

Why do we see crosses in so many places? They serve as reminders that God thrust His arms through the door of the world that He Himself had created, and which had rebelled against Him. God did it to reconcile

Himself with sinners.

We humans have trouble grasping it, but God can't just overlook or excuse sin like we are often prone to do. Sin, every sin, even sins of evil thoughts, must be punished. God's holiness and justice demands it.

God's plan? Even though God had the upper hand and could have taken out the punishment on us, Jesus' arms and hands were thrust into this world. His hands were nailed to a cross. Yet, in this act, Jesus brought us reconciliation with God by living the perfect life we should have lived, and then dying the death we deserved to die.

How should we then live? The Apostle Paul tells us. "God reconciled us to Himself." Now you have been called to a ministry, to a way of life: "Reconciliation with others." We're called to be the people who initiate acts of reconciliation and forgiveness with others.

As we turn a calendar page to a new year, what could motivate us to want to be reconciled with our adversary? The door of reconciliation in Dublin might be one. An even greater reason - that the God of the universe took action to reconcile you to Himself through Christ Jesus.

A January gardening checklist

Even in the doldrums of winter, there are garden tasks to tackle. Find out what chores you can do now to keep your garden growing and get ready for spring. HGTV and I have teamed up to help in this effort.

First, order seeds for the spring garden. Take this slow time to think about your garden goals and make a plan.

Maintain garden tools. Spring is the busiest time for gardening, so that makes winter the perfect time to get your garden tools in shape. Hand tools should be cleaned and sharpened. Remove rust and treat handles and blades with a protective coating. Power tools like mowers, weed trimmers and blowers should also be cleaned, motors tuned up, blades sharpened, etc. For battery-powered tools, make sure to store the batteries indoors. Extreme cold temperatures can considerably shorten the battery life.

Test seeds for viability. If you have seeds from previous growing seasons, you can test them to see if they're still good. To test seeds, space several out on a few layers of moist paper towels, roll it up so that the seeds don't touch, and enclose the bundle in plastic wrap so it doesn't dry out. Place in a warm bright location (65 to 75 degrees is fine) but away from direct sun. Check the seeds every couple of days. If they haven't germinated — or only a few have sprouted — in a couple of weeks, chances are they're no good.

Start seeds indoors. Starting seeds indoors in winter helps you get a jump on your spring and summer gardening goals. Seed starting may also save you money in the long run, and, no matter your age, it's a great way to learn about how plants grow.

Add a layer of mulch to garden beds. If you didn't get a chance to lay down fresh mulch in the fall, do it now. Top dress your garden beds with compost or pine straw. Having a new layer of mulch in the winter has many ben-

Let's Garden

Tim Lewis



efits, including insulating plant roots, retaining soil moisture, suppressing weed growth and protecting bare soil from erosion.

Fill bird feeders. During the winter, birds need our help the most since they spend nearly all their time and energy seeking food, shelter and water. Plus, keeping the bird feeders full means you can enjoy these feathered beauties out your window on these winter days.

Grow vegetables indoors. Don't let winter hold you back from growing fresh vegetables and herbs. Root vegetables like carrots, beets, and radishes, as well as greens like spinach, Swiss chard and lettuces, can all be grown indoors. Growing fresh herbs such as parsley, cilantro, oregano, mint and thyme can help elevate your cooking and add some charm to your kitchen decor.

Keep your poinsettia happy. Poinsettias are quite the thing in December, but what do you do with them in January? Keep them as houseplants. Poinsettias are a tropical plant so you can't put it outside until the spring when nighttime temperatures are above 55 degrees F. Keep poinsettias in a sunny window away from cold drafts and water when they feel dry. Plan on moving poinsettias outside around the first of May — they'll make a nice addition to your summer porch or patio. You'll need to cut them back to encourage new growth, then next fall move them back inside and read up on how to get them to turn red again.

Clean out and store

pots. If you haven't done so already, put your pots away! Deep freezes don't just affect plants, they can wreak havoc on containers, flowerpots and other features in your garden. Freeze and thaw cycles can crack even the hardest containers, so empty out the soil in them and scrub the pots clean with a solution of one part bleach to nine parts water before you tuck them away for the winter. If the containers are too big to move, cover them instead with heavy plastic or bubble wrap.

Keep weeding. Not all weeds take a break during the winter. Many sprout in the fall then set seed and grow in the colder months. Deadnettle, chickweed and bittercress are a few of the weeds you'll see thriving in chilly temps. If manually digging out weeds, be sure to dig deep and get all their roots and runners and be careful not to shake or disturb the weed too much; it may cause you to inadvertently spread more seed. All-natural and chemical herbicides can be used, but do your research to find out what type will work best for your type of weed.

I trust this checklist will aid you in your gardening exploits this month.

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One word you shouldn't say in 2026

Many of us make New Year's resolutions, yet few keep them. Many plan to lose weight. Others desire to break some stubborn habit. Some long for business opportunities or career advancement. People mean well, they intend to change, but somehow life overwhelms them and, in a short time, it's back to business as usual.


Nobody wants to fail. Sometimes it's easier not to try than to suffer failure. However, there is a biblical perspective to remember. Philippians 4:13 states: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Therefore, the word we should ban from our vocabulary is "can't." We use it all the time. We say, "I can't lose weight." "I can't stop smoking." "I can't achieve that career goal."

Once told a friend that he should never fail to undertake a challenge because he thought he would not succeed, yet I fell prey to the "I can't" syndrome. For 20 years, I wanted to write "Pride of the Panthers," and to do so during the life of Coach Eric Staples, yet I felt incapable of accomplishing such a daunting task.

The Staples' era spanned 32 years of Perry High

Parables to Ponder

Billy Powell



basketball, from 1933 to 1965, plus the Coach Paul Hartman years of 1966-69. Where would I obtain the historical information and the photos? If the information were available, could I organize and synthesize it into one coherent book?

After many years of saying "I can't," one day a small, still voice spoke to my heart, directing me to write the book—that, if I didn't, the legendary story of Perry's basketball dynasty would be lost forever. Needless to say, I responded and God provided the wherewithal for me to write and publish the book.

Many reading this article need to forgive someone who offended them. Others need to start going to church. Some need to find time to read the Bible. But negative thoughts will prevent them.

An inspiring example

is the story of "The Little Engine That Could." The boys and girls in the town on the opposite side of a big mountain were waiting for the train to bring their toys. But its engine broke down. The engineer went to the roundhouse and talked to several engines, but no one was interested including the big diesel locomotive that preferred not to haul toys.

Then from a corner came a voice, "I'll do it."

It was a little switch engine. "I'll carry the train with the toys over the mountain to the boys and girls on the other side."

"But you're much too small."

"I'm willing to give it a try."

So they hooked the little engine up to the boxcars

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A New Year's prescription resolution

Since it's the end of 2025, I thought I'd offer a senior suggestion for a New Year's resolution.

But first, for this topic, I need to remind you that I'm not a doctor or a pharmacist—just a writer who's been digging into issues that affect us seniors. Over the years, I've read about healthy aging and some common pitfalls in healthcare.

Recently, a piece in The Wall Street Journal raised a red flag for me. Titled "America's Seniors Are Overmedicated," it shines a light on how too many pills can do more harm than good. It got me thinking that we all need to pay closer attention to our medicine cabinets, especially after a hospital visit where doctors

All About Seniors

Bill Milby



who may not be familiar with our histories tend to prescribe new Rx's.

I want to talk about what overmedication, or polypharmacy as the experts call it, really means. It's when folks are taking five or more prescription drugs at the same time. According to that WSJ analysis, in 2022, one in six of the 46 million seniors on

Medicare's drug plan were juggling eight or more meds simultaneously. The breakdown is: 7.6 million of us prescribed eight or more for at least 90 days, with 3.9 million on ten or more, and over 419,000 handling 15 or more. And this isn't just a one-off finding.




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ENTERTAINMENT



Who is the only professional baseball player to have pitched two perfect games?

Happy New Year! Time to begin making those wonderful New Year's Resolutions, friends. You know - the ones you make today, then forget about in two or three days.

Things like losing weight, quitting smoking or drinking, getting your act together, etc. The things we all say we should do, then don't do.

Yep, those things. If you'd like to share your resolutions with me, send me an e-mail at didyouknowcolumn@gmail.com and we can both laugh at them.

I am making two resolutions, one of which I shall immediately break. I resolve not to make resolutions; and I resolve to share trivia with you each week. Let's go!

Did you know ...

... a poet tried a novel way to generate book sales? When Walt Whitman (1819-1892) wanted to stir sales for his collection *Leaves of Grass*, he sent in reviews for the book to the New York newspapers without a byline. His reviews (of his own work) called the book "transcendent" and proclaimed "An American bard at last!" Sadly, the reviews didn't help. *Leaves of Grass* sold only a few copies during its first print run. (Gives a new meaning to "reading one's own press releases," if you ask me.)

... one of the oldest candies available has been around since the mid-19th Century? Love them or hate them, everyone who likes candy has an opinion about Necco Wafers™, flat round slabs of candy about the size of a quarter, which come in rolls of about 35. The candy was first produced in 1847 by the New England Confectionary Company, the initials of which incidentally form the candy's name. They are the oldest American candy brand still in production. Additional trivia note: The oldest continually produced candy brand is Good & Plenty™, the candy-covered licorice treat. Production of those began in 1893, but because of a break in production of Necco Wafers from 2018 to 2020, Good & Plenty are the oldest brand in continuous production. (And suddenly I want some candy.)

... only one pitcher in all of professional baseball history has thrown two perfect games? A perfect game is one in which a pitcher retires all 27 opposing batters without allowing a single base runner. While the first perfect game in Major League Baseball was thrown in 1880 by Lee Richmond (1857-1929), and the feat has been done only 23 times since then, no MLB or minor league pitcher has thrown more than one. The only professional ballplayer to throw two perfect games was Jean Faut (1925-2023), who pitched in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League from 1946 to 1953. Faut, who played for the South Bend, Indiana Blue Sox, threw her first on July 21, 1951 against the Rockford Peaches, and did it again on September 3, 1953, against the Kalamazoo Lassies. Additional trivia note: Faut's two perfect games were two of only five pitched during the entire existence of the AAGPBL.

The others were thrown by Annabelle Lee (1922-2008) of the Minneapolis Millerettes, Carolyn Morris (1925-1996) of the Rockford Peaches, and Doris Sams (1927-2012) of the Muskegon Lassies. The AAGPBL was featured in the hit 1992 movie, *A League of Their Own*.

... tropical storm classifications are based on wind speed? For a tropical storm to be considered a hurricane, its sustained winds must be at least 74 miles per hour. From 39 to 74 miles per hour, it's called a tropical storm, and with winds less than 38 miles per hour, it would be a tropical depression. (Thar she blows!)

... the design for a popular video game character was inspired by food? Toru Iwatani (born 1955), the game designer who created the popular "Pac Man" game, got the inspiration for the design of the title character from a pizza. Iwatani said he took a slice from a pizza and noticed how the remaining pie looked like a character, and used that as the design for the yellow dot-gobbler. (Good thing he wasn't having a dish of sushi or something.)

... a prolific director of horror movies got his start working for a children's show host? George A. Romero (1940-2017), the director who brought us classic horror films such as *Night of the Living Dead* and *Creepshow*, got his first paid directing job working for Fred Rogers (1928-2003). Romero filmed a segment for the children's program *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* in which Rogers underwent a tonsillectomy. Romero credited that project as the catalyst which made him want to direct zombie and horror films. (From Mr. Rogers to horror ... what's the transition?)

... a rock musician has a doctoral degree? Brian May (born 1947), guitarist for the group Queen, has an earned Ph.D. in astrophysics from Imperial College in London. (I've heard of spaced out, but this...)

... noted author and political activist Helen Keller was related to a Confederate general? Keller (1880-1968) was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, and became deaf and blind at the age of two following an illness. She was related to Confederate general Robert E. Lee (1807-1870) on her mother's side. Keller's mother, Catherine Everett Adams Keller (1856-1921), was a second cousin of Lee.

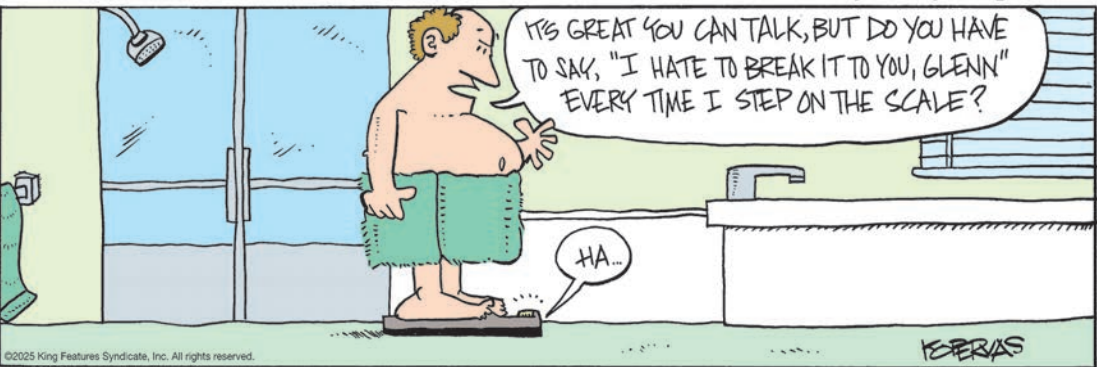
... penguins sleep more deeply in the afternoon? Scientists discovered this trait by creeping up on sleeping king penguins at different times of the day and poking the penguins with a stick until they awakened. It took only an average of five pokes to wake a sleeping penguin in the morning, but afternoon naps were deeper - the average was nine pokes with a stick to rouse the bird. (Try that trick with a bear one day, and let me know how it goes. If you survive.)

Now ... you know!

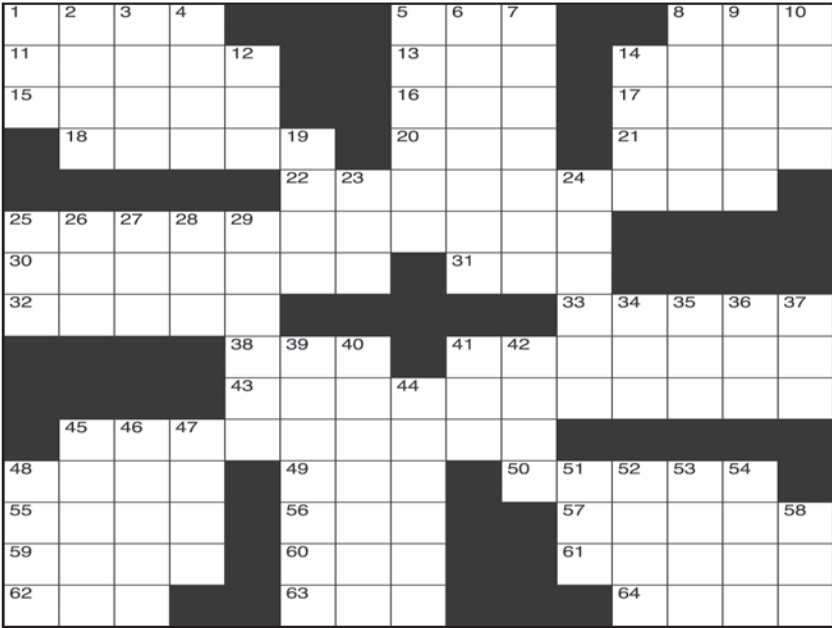
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Paddles
- 5. Sunscreen rating
- 8. Very fast airplane
- 11. Immune responses
- 13. "Partner" to feather
- 14. New England river
- 15. Longest river in New Guinea
- 16. Midway between east and southeast
- 17. Israeli politician
- 18. Back bones
- 20. Consumed
- 21. One you can rely on
- 22. Dressed up gaudily
- 25. Representatives

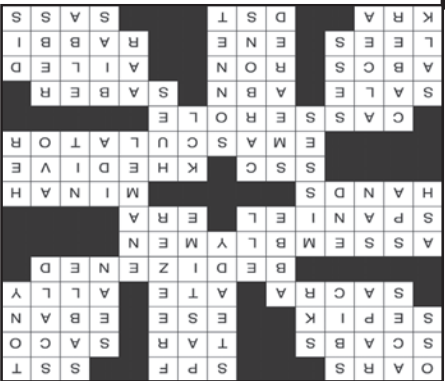
- 30. Dog breed
- 31. Pitching statistic
- 32. Manpower
- 33. S. Korean entertainer
- 38. Outsourcing firm
- 41. Viceroy of Egypt under Turkish rule
- 43. One who removes antlers from a flower
- 45. Potluck dish
- 48. Discount
- 49. Airborne (abbr.)
- 50. Cavalry sword
- 55. Basics
- 56. Hollywood director Howard
- 57. Afflicted in mind or body

- 59. Horsley and Majors are two
- 60. Midway between northeast and east
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Malaysian isthmus
- 63. Fall back
- 64. Cheek

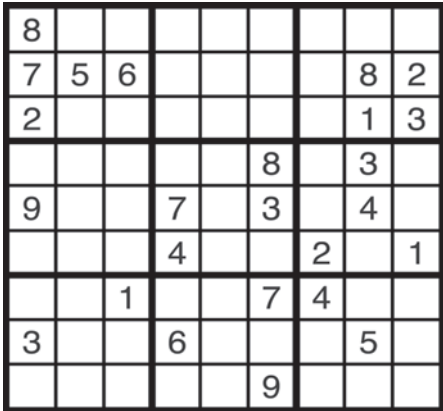
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Former CIA
- 2. Baseball's best pitchers
- 3. __ Nui, Easter Island
- 4. Invests in little enterprises
- 5. Constant
- 6. Hobby
- 7. A place to store food
- 8. Short-tail marten
- 9. Burn with a hot liquid
- 10. Left his heart in San Francisco
- 12. Swedish krona
- 14. Legendary actor Connery
- 19. French cleric
- 23. Former measure of length for textiles
- 24. Opaque glassy substance
- 25. Residue of burned item
- 26. A place to unwind
- 27. Japanese honorific

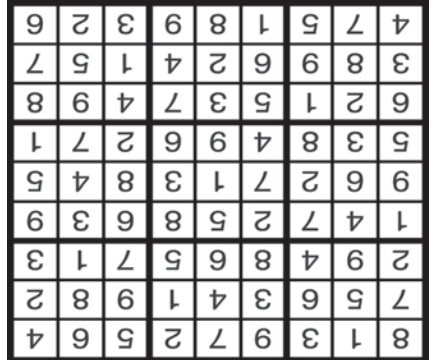
- 28. Terminus
- 29. Fails to make a shot
- 34. Journalist Tarbell
- 35. College hoops tournament
- 36. Monetary unit of Macao
- 37. Of she
- 39. Spoke ill of
- 40. Elements
- 41. Kilocalorie (abbr.)
- 42. Shades
- 44. Poem of fourteen lines
- 45. Pole used in Scottish sport
- 46. Hollyhocks genus
- 47. Street name for marijuana
- 48. Polio vaccine developer
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Confederate soldiers
- 58. Criticize



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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Studies show polypharmacy has been on the rise. Back in 1999-2000, about 23.5% of folks 65 and older were in this boat, but by 2017-2018, it jumped to 44.1%. Globally, it's even higher among frail seniors, hitting 59% in some groups. In the U.S., up to 65% of older adults seen in doctor's offices deal with it.

Why is this happening? Well, as we age, chronic conditions like heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, and pain pile up. The WSJ points out that in areas with high rates of these issues, like rural parts of the South, (where we live,) doctors tend to prescribe more. Often, we see multiple specialists, and they might not have our full medication list or shared records. One drug leads to another to manage side effects, and before you know it, you're on a cocktail that wasn't planned out.

The risks are no joke. Mixing meds, especially those affecting the brain and nerves—like sedatives, muscle relaxants, or pain relievers—can amp up side effects. Falls are a big one; the WSJ notes how these combos can make us dizzy or unsteady, leading to trips and tumbles. In fact, polypharmacy is linked to more adverse drug events, like fractures, kidney problems, confusion, and even high-

er death rates. It's the fifth leading cause of death in the U.S., and behind nearly 30% of hospital admissions. Among those on eight or more drugs, 3.6 million seniors get at least one that's on the "Beers list"—meds that geriatricians say we should avoid, like benzodiazepines (taken by 1.6 million) or gabapentin (568,000).

Take Barbara Schmidt, an 83-year-old from Delaware featured in the WSJ. She was on over a dozen meds from five providers, including gabapentin for pain, Valium for anxiety, and more. She suffered scary falls—a shattered hip, an escalator tumble, even off a ladder—blamed at first on illness but then tied to her pills. After a review, she cut back and hasn't fallen since, and, she's feeling sharper too.

The good news? There's something called de-prescribing—carefully cutting back or stopping meds that aren't helping or could harm. It reduces the number of inappropriate pills, lowering drug burdens, side effects, and costs. Studies show it can cut hospital readmissions and improve quality of life, with few withdrawal issues. It's done through reviews using tools like the Beers Criteria.

The Beers Criteria, often called the AGS (American Geriatrics Society), is a set of guidelines developed by the (AGS) to help identify medications that may

be potentially inappropriate for adults aged 65 and older. It's essentially a list of drugs where the risks—such as side effects like confusion, falls, or bleeding—often outweigh the benefits for older people, due to how our bodies change with age, like slower metabolism or reduced kidney function. The criteria aren't a strict ban on these meds but serve as a tool for doctors, pharmacists, and patients to make safer choices and consider alternatives.

Again, I'm no expert in this field but personal experience and reading on this topic have taught me to always carry a complete list of my prescriptions—including over-the-counter items and supplements—when I see any doctor. And, to not be shy about asking them to review it and eliminate anything unnecessary or only marginally helpful.

If you would make this your New Year's Rx resolution, It could save you from a fall or worse in 2026. I hope you have a very Happy, Healthy and fall free 2026!

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

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ABRAMS
From page 4A

Public service doesn't matter. The needs of the people don't matter. Only power does.

For Georgia, the stakes are enormous. The CDC helps protect us from outbreaks of measles, flu, foodborne illnesses and emerging diseases. It supports state and county health departments — especially in rural communities that already struggle to get basic care.

Given that agriculture is an economic engine, we have long relied on the CDC to spot problems before they can ravage communities. So, when the CDC is weakened, Georgians pay the price first.

Now, with cuts decimating veterans' health care, the harm will spread — and the solutions will be even harder to come by. But that's the point.

Authoritarians want the government to fail in visible ways so people stop believing it can help them at all. When inspections slow, data disappears and responses lag, people understandably ask, “Why doesn't government work?”

When those who defended our nation cannot get a doctor's appointment or a pre-

scription, they will wonder if their sacrifices were in vain. Yet most good people won't blame sabotage — they will simply believe democracy failed to deliver because it's useless.

They won't use the words, but the sentiment will take root. Disappointment becomes disengagement, and shared trust in the social contract transforms into disbelief that it's worth the fight.

What's happening now builds on years of attacks — politicizing public health, demonizing scientists and using budget battles as leverage to further erode services. This Republican authoritarian regime has been explicit about their goal: dismantle government and remake it into a hotbed of privatization and corruption.

However, the most insidious truth is that the damage is not always immediate or dramatic. The CDC will still issue reports, but the science is sketchy. VA offices will stay open, but getting an appointment takes even longer. Public service will feel more broken due to teacher shortages at Head Start and a lack of help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Fewer people will be willing to speak up when something's

wrong. Over time, competence drains away, and trust follows. Eventually, a small “d” democratic government stops being something that serves everyone and becomes something that only serves the powerful.

That's why defending good government matters and why speaking up for civil servants and bureaucrats is an act of bravery. Making sure democracy delivers is not a talking point; it's a matter of self-interest. These workers are scientists, nurses, inspectors, veterans and public servants who chose stability over profit because they believed in serving the public. Attacking them is attacking Georgia families and our future.

If Trump and Republicans succeed, the consequences ripple outward and include weaker public health, fewer protections, more privatization and a public that's been taught not to expect anything from democracy at all.

That's the warning — and Georgia is once again on the front lines.

Stacey Abrams is a bestselling author, entrepreneur and host of the podcast “Assembly Required.” She previously served as minority leader in the Georgia House of Representatives.

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FOOD



Florida Grapefruit Brandy Sour

Recipe courtesy of the Florida Department of Citrus
Prep time: 5 minutes
Servings: 1

- 1 3/4 ounces brandy
- 2 1/2 ounces freshly squeezed Florida Grapefruit Juice
- 1/3 ounce simple syrup, or to taste
- 2 dashes bitters
- 1 egg white
- ice cubes
- 1 ounce sparkling water
- Florida Grapefruit twist, for garnish

In cocktail shaker, add brandy, Florida Grapefruit juice, simple syrup, bitters and egg white. Shake vigorously 15-20 seconds to create frothy texture. Add ice cubes to shaker and shake 15 seconds to chill drink. Strain into chilled coupe or rocks glass filled with fresh ice. Pour light splash of sparkling water over top to enhance effervescence. Garnish with grapefruit twist.



Florida Grapefruit Brandy Sour

FAMILY FEATURES

If you feel yourself slipping into the last-minute rush of the holiday season, still searching for dazzling recipes and abundant gifts, rest assured – you’re not alone. Light, refreshing ingredients for spectacular meals are just a click away, and they can make for the perfect presents, too. Abundantly sweet and simple, Florida Citrus Gifts are a simple way to share holiday cheer with family, friends and loved ones. From cheerful boxes to beautiful baskets and more, they offer options in all shapes and

sizes, loaded with freshly picked tangerines, grapefruits, oranges and mandarins. They’re easy to send and even easier to enjoy, providing a one-of-a-kind (and healthy) way to share holiday cheer in memorable meals like Scallops with Florida Grapefruit Butter, sure to become a household favorite for years to come. Pair it with a light and refreshing Florida Citrus Salad with Burrata featuring fresh grapefruit and oranges mingling with peppery arugula and creamy burrata to bring a bit of balance to holiday dining.

No festivity is complete without libations, and this Florida Grapefruit Brandy Sour can be a staple at your beverage station. Just mix freshly squeezed Florida Grapefruit juice with brandy, simple syrup, bitters and egg white (for froth) then finish with sparkling water. Find deliciously thoughtful ways to share the sweetness of the season with loved ones by visiting [PickFLA.com](#), which features an interactive map to find a range of gift options that fit your holiday needs.

Scallops with Florida Grapefruit Butter

Recipe courtesy of the Florida Department of Citrus
Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 3 minutes
Servings: 4

- 2 Florida Grapefruit
- 1 fennel bulb
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, plus additional for searing, divided
- 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar
- 1/8 teaspoon, plus 1 pinch, salt, divided, to taste
- 1/8 teaspoon, plus 1 pinch, pepper, divided, to taste
- 1 small bunch fresh cilantro
- 12 scallops with empty shells
- 1 tablespoon butter

Peel and cut one Florida Grapefruit into segments. Squeeze remaining grapefruit and reserve juice. Wash and finely chop fennel. In bowl, mix fennel with olive oil, sherry vinegar and 1 pinch salt and pepper. Mix and add fresh cilantro. Keep a few leaves for garnish. In hot frying pan, drizzle with olive oil then sear scallops 1 minute on each side. Remove scallops from pan then deglaze with reserved Florida Grapefruit juice. Let it simmer slightly and add butter to make sauce. Add 1/8 teaspoon salt and pepper. Place 1 tablespoon fennel salad in washed shell, top with three scallops and coat with grapefruit butter. Finish with reserved cilantro leaves and fresh grapefruit segments.



Scallops with Florida Grapefruit Butter



Florida Citrus Salad with Burrata

Florida Citrus Salad with Burrata

Recipe courtesy of the Florida Department of Citrus

- Florida Citrus Vinaigrette:
- 1/3 cup Florida Grapefruit Juice
 - 1/3 cup Florida Orange Juice
 - 2 teaspoons orange zest
 - 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
 - 2 teaspoons honey
 - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 - 1/3 cup olive oil
 - 2 tablespoons shallots
 - sea salt, to taste
 - fresh pepper, to taste

- Pickled Onion:
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
 - 1/2 cup white vinegar or cider vinegar
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1 tablespoon sugar
 - 1 teaspoon salt

- Burrata Salad:
- 4 Florida Grapefruit, peeled and cut into segments
 - 3 oranges, peeled and cut into segments
 - 1 bunch radishes, sliced thin and cut into sticks
 - 1/3 cup pistachios, grilled and coarsely chopped
 - 1 cup arugula
 - 2 tablespoons dill, chopped
 - sea salt, to taste
 - pepper, to taste
 - 8 ounces burrata

To make vinaigrette: In small bowl, mix Florida Grapefruit Juice, Florida Orange Juice, orange zest, cider vinegar, honey, Dijon, olive oil and shallots until dressing is emulsified. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Set aside. Vinaigrette will keep 7 days in refrigerator. To make pickled onion: Place sliced onion in airtight canning jar. In small saucepan, combine vinegar, water, sugar and salt. Bring to boil and pour over sliced onion in jar. Add small amount of water to completely cover onion. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving. Pickled onions will keep 15 days in refrigerator. To make burrata salad: In bowl, combine Florida Grapefruit and Orange segments; add radish sticks, toasted pistachios, arugula and dill. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Place salad on large plate, top with coarsely chopped burrata and drizzle generously with citrus vinaigrette and pickled onion.

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: Kenneth J. Fallon
All creditors of the Estate of Kenneth J. Fallon, 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.
12/01/2025
EXECUTOR Ryan Richard Fallon
1239 Clairmont Pl.
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GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of VIRGINIA ANN GREGORY, 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 8th day of December 2025.
Suzanne Paige Gregory, Executrix
c/o Rebecca C. Moody
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: ERNEST WENDELL POPE.
All creditors of the estate of Ernest Wendell Pope, 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 15th day of December 2025 to Erica Pope-Sharpe, c/o Attorney:
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE OF ALVIN SOLOMON COLEMAN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2025-ES-445
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Re: Estate of Alvin Solomon Coleman
All creditors of the Estate of Alvin Solomon Coleman 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 December, 2025.
Tara Tourville, Esq.
Attorney for Estate of Alvin Solomon Coleman
446 S. Houston Lake Road
Warner Robins, GA 31088
(478) 333-6502
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: Alexander Sean Tolbert
All creditors of the Estate of Alexander Sean Tolbert, 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.
12/5/2025
Nora Menke, Executor
121 Wray St
Warner Robins, GA 31093
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: Shirley Oliver
All creditors of the Estate of Shirley Oliver, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 16, 2025
Harry Oliver, Executor
103 Cedar Ct.
Warner Robins, GA 31088
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
All creditors of the estate of ANGELA ELAINE COLEMAN, 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.
DENNIS E. DARSEY, Executor of the Estate of ANGELA ELAINE COLEMAN
2650 Elko Road
Elko, Georgia 31025
Jordan L. Reab
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GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of CATHERINE D. MORRIS, 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 17th day of December 2025.
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c/o Rebecca C. Moody
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: SARA BARFIELD HERRON
All creditors of the Estate of Sara Barfield Herron, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 22, 2025
Kay Herron
Administrator with Will Annexed
Estate of Sara Barfield Herron
200 White Columns Drive
Kathleen, GA 31047
Robert R. Lawson
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: MARIAN ECHOLS STUBBS
All creditors of the Estate of Marian Echols Stubbs, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 15, 2025
Wayne D. Stubbs
Executor of the Estate of Marian Echols Stubbs
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: ESTATE OF ETTA REBECCA STUCKEY, DECEASED.
All creditors of the Estate of Etta Rebecca Stuckey, deceased, 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 22nd day of December, 2025.
William Donald Stuckey, Sr. Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Etta Rebecca Stuckey, Deceased
P.O. Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
William R. Jerles, Jr.
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Perry, Georgia 31069
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DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
HOUSTON COUNTY
All persons having claims against Deborah S. Shepherd and her estate are required to present the same to the undersigned, properly itemized and proven, within the time required by law. And all persons indebted to said deceased, or her estate, are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 26th day of November, 2025.
Derrick K. Shepherd
Executor
Attorney: Patrick C. Smith, Jr.
349 Margie Drive, Ste. 120
Warner Robins, GA 31088
Estate of: Deborah S. Shepherd
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: MARTHA GERAINE WILLIAMS
All creditors of the Estate of Martha Geraine Williams, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 9, 2025
Craig Williams
Executor of the Will of Martha Geraine Williams
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: BENJAMIN DAVID HILDERBRAND
All creditors of the Estate of Benjamin David Hilderbrand, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 15, 2025
Sarah H. Sullivan
Benjamin David Hilderbrand, II
Executors of the Will Of Benjamin David Hilderbrand
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Perry, GA 31069
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GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of SUSIE S. CHEEK, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 22nd day of December 2025.
DEANNE C. PECK, Executor of the Estate of SUSIE S. CHEEK, Deceased
c/o Lisa R. Coody
Attorney for Executor
1719 Russell Parkway, Bldg. 200
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088
(478) 922-3010
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25-1851
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: ANNIE ELEANOR LINDER DEFORE
All creditors of the Estate of ANNIE ELEANOR LINDER DEFORE, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 3, 2025
Christopher Paul Carter
Executor of the Will of Audrey C. Jennings
102 Ansley Villa Drive
Atlanta, GA 30324
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: AUDREY C. JENNINGS
All creditors of the Estate of Audrey C. Jennings, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 3, 2025
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: BERTHA ALEAN JUMP, DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of Bertha Alean Jump, 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.
Roy Howard Jump and Kathleen Jump
Armstrong are the Co-Executors of the estate of Bertha Alean Jump. Edwin S. Varner, Jr., Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088, (478) 922-3010.
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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: Estate of Elizabeth Clarington, Deceased
All creditors of the Estate of Elizabeth Clarington, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the Executor named below according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to said Executor. Demands and payments may be sent to counsel for the Executor, Michael L. Chidester, Attorney, P.O. Box 1704, Byron, Georgia 31008
This 3rd day of December, 2025.
Quintin Barnard Green
Executor
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25-1888
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
All creditors of the estate of JEFFERY BLOOM, 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.
TIFFANY DAVIS WHITE, Co-Executor of the Estate of JEFFERY BLOOM
304 North Star Road
Perry, Georgia 31069
AND
FREDRICK CHARLES COURTNEY BLOOM,
Co-Executor of the Estate of JEFFERY BLOOM
10375 Welleby Isles Lane
Sunrise, Florida 33351
Jordan L. Reab
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
PO Box 1770
Perry, GA 31069
478-987-1415
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25-1864
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of ROSEMARY RHEA PHILLIPS, 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 4th day of December 2025.
Cynthia Phillips-Davis F/K/A Cynthia Lynn Davis, Executrix
c/o Rebecca C. Moody
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC
P.O. Box 422
Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238
52776 12/10-12/31

25-1909
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: DEREK ANTON VARGA
All creditors of the Estate of Derek Anton Varga, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 15, 2025
Dennis Michael Varga
Executors of the Will Of Derek Anton Varga
155 Morris Lane
Grants Pass, Oregon 97527
Robert T. Tuggle, III
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
53091 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1853
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
All creditors of the estate of KENNETH DARRELL DARSEY, SR., 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.
DENNIS E. DARSEY, Executor of the Estate of KENNETH DARRELL DARSEY, SR.
2650 Elko Road
Elko, Georgia 31025
Jordan L. Reab
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
909 Ball Street
Perry, GA 31069
478-987-1415
52649 12/10-12/31

25-1904
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: Estate of Rose Ann Stubbs
All creditors of the Estate of Rose Ann Stubbs, 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.
Kristin Little
106 Ashley Court
Warner Robins, Georgia 31093
Shirley R. Watson Attorney at Law
1520 Watson Blvd
Warner Robins, Georgia 31093
(478) 328-7464
53032 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1914
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: JULIA NYJEL LEONARD
All creditors of the Estate of Julia Nyjel Leonard, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 15, 2025
Kerri Jo Fietkau Collins
Brian Joseph Fietkau
Executors of the Will of Julia Nyjel Leonard
204 Ivey Glen Drive
Perry, GA 31069
Robert T. Tuggle, III
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
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25-1845
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: Steve Rhea Tester
All creditors of the Estate of Steve Rhea Tester, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 1st, 2025.
Tina L. Tester-Jones, Administrator
53 Tulip Grove Circle, Unit 8
Bristol, TN 47620
52573 12/10-12/31

25-1889
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: ESTATE OF BRUCE EDWARD ROUNTREE
(also referred to as Bruce Edward Rountree)
ESTATE NO. 2023-ES-245
All creditors of the estate of Bruce Edward Rountree late of El Paso County, Colorado, 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 8th day of December 2025.
NAME: Angelia Solomon, Administrator
ADDRESS: 120 Saddlehorn Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088
52914 12/17/25-1/7/26

25-1855
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
All creditors of the estate of SUSAN ELIZABETH CHAFFIN, 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.
KENNETH S. NADEL, Executor of the Estate of SUSAN ELIZABETH CHAFFIN
4047 Coosa Drive
Bonaire, Georgia 31005
Jordan L. Reab
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
909 Ball Street
Perry, GA 31069
478-987-1415
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25-1847
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: ESTATE OF BRENDA ANN CEBADA, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of BRENDA ANN CEBADA, 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 1st day of December, 2025.
Stephanie Cebada Bembry, Administrator
George L. Williams, Jr.
Attorney for Administrator
127 Carl Vinson Parkway
Warner Robins, GA 31088
52577 12/10-12/31

25-1940
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: ESTATE OF CATHERINE ANN HARTMAN, DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of CATHERINE ANN HARTMAN, 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.
Samantha D. Hartman
Administrator/Executor of CATHERINE ANN HARTMAN, deceased
366 ROSEGLLEN DRIVE
MARIETTA, GA 30066
Address
53328 12/31/25-1/21/26

Foreclosures

25-1829
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Pamela Gay to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. dated June 10, 2015, recorded in Deed Book 6889, Page 4, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by assignment recorded in Deed Book 10333, Page 154, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$72,495.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January, 2026, the following described property:
SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC may be contacted at: 1-800-790-9502 or by writing to 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 200-A, Anaheim, CA 92806.
Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan.
To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **158 AMELIA DRIVE, BYRON, GA 31008** is/are: DeAndre Lamanta Reynolds or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.
The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Funds used at sale shall be in certified funds and payable to "Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC".
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for DeAndre Lamanta Reynolds.
Any information obtained on this matter may be used by the debt collector to collect the debt. Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)-509-5078. File: 25-43520
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Land Situated in the County of Houston in the State of GA
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 162 OF THE FIFTH (5TH) LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 9, BLOCK "C", OF A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS NORTHWOODS, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAID SUBDIVISION PREPARED BY WADDLE & CO., CERTIFIED BY THEODORE W. WADDLE, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 924, DATED JANUARY 2, 1975, A COPY OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 235, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE THERETO. FOR ALL PURPOSES. THE PROPERTY ADDRESS AND TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER LISTED ARE PROVIDED SOLELY FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES. WITHOUT WARRANTY AS TO ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS AND ARE NOT HEREBY INSURED.
Commonly known as: 109 Sonny Dr , Warner Robins, GA 31093
MR / MA January 6, 2026
Our file no. 25-19493GA-FT18
25-19493GA
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF HOUSTON
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by DeAndre Lamanta Reynolds to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homestar Financial Corp. (the Secured Creditor), dated April 17, 2020, and Recorded on April 22, 2020 as Book No. 8568 and Page No. 248, Houston County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$227,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, as last assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment that is or to be recorded in the Houston County, Georgia Records, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Houston County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in FEBRUARY, 2026, the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 73 of the 5th District of Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 175 of Amelia Place Subdivision, Phase 6, as shown on that certain Plat of said Subdivision recorded in Plat Book 80, Page 281, Houston County, Georgia records, said Plat being incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.
Tax ID: 00046H175000
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan.
To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **158 AMELIA DRIVE, BYRON, GA 31008** is/are: DeAndre Lamanta Reynolds or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.
The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Funds used at sale shall be in certified funds and payable to "Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC".
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for DeAndre Lamanta Reynolds.
Any information obtained on this matter may be used by the debt collector to collect the debt. Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)-509-5078. File: 25-43520
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by CLW HOME DEVELOPERS LLC to LOAN FUNDER LLC, SERIES 57234 dated MARCH 1, 2024, and recorded in Deed Book 10378, Pages 307-327, HOUSTON County, Georgia Records, aforesaid records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED NINETY FOUR and 00/100 Dollars (\$162,494.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before

the Courthouse door of HOUSTON County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January 2026, the following described property, to-wit: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 51 OF THE TENTH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 5, GRESHAM CREEK PLACE SUBDIVISION, PHASE ONE, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 59, PAGE 180, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT, SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is CLW HOME DEVELOPERS LLC or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **104 Christine Circle, Perry, GA 31069**. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the loan, although not required by law to do so, is: STEVENS & STEVENS, LLC, 4167 Roswell Road, Suite A, Floor 1, Atlanta, GA 30342, Telephone number: 770-393-8900. LOAN FUNDER, A-9676. THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in the Security Deed from Buyside Capital Advisors, LLC, a Georgia Limited Liability Company to ARK Properties, LLC dated February 14, 2025, and recorded in Deed Book 10609, Page 334, Houston County, Georgia Records conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$680,000.00, with interest thereon as set forth therein and as maybe amended and modified from time to time, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January 2026, the following described property, to-wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 134 of the 5th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 4, Block "B", Heritage Hills Subdivision, according to a plat of record in Plat Book 23, Page 286, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat is incorporated herein for all purposes. This is a portion of the property as described in Deed Book 4751, Page 82, said Clerk's Office. Being real property commonly known as **203 Custer Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093** and All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 134 of the 5th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 3, Block "B", Heritage Hills Subdivision, according to a plat of record in Plat Book 23, Page 286, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat is incorporated herein for all purposes. This is a portion of the property as described in Deed Book 4751, Page 82, said Clerk's Office. Being real property commonly known as **209 Custer Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093** and All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 134 of the 5th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 1, Block "B", Heritage Hills Subdivision, according to a plat of record in Plat Book 23, Page 286, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat is incorporated herein for all purposes. This is a portion of the property as described in Deed Book 4751, Page 82, said Clerk's Office. Being real property commonly known as **203 Custer Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093** and All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 134 of the 5th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 3, Block "B", Heritage Hills Subdivision, according to a plat of record in Plat Book 23, Page 286, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat is incorporated herein for all purposes. This is a portion of the property as described in Deed Book 4751, Page 82, said Clerk's Office. Being real property commonly known as **302 Cheyenne Drive, Warner Ribbons, GA 31093**.

The debt secured by the above-referenced security deed has been declared due because of the default in the payment of said debt per the terms of the note and other possible defaults by the borrower or the successor thereto. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees(notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/ or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower. Pursuant to O.C.G.A.§44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage loan(although not required by law to do so)is as follows: The Law Offices of Jackson E. Oliver, LLC, 333 Sandy Springs Circle, Suite 131, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328, Telephone number:404-981-5294. 2025-1503. ARK Properties, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Buyside Capital Advisors, LLC. THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Because of default in payment of indebtedness secured by a deed to secure debt executed by JASU RADJI, INC. to BHARAT & JAGU, LLC, dated February 2, 2005 and recorded in Deed Book 3295, Pages 223, Clerk's Office, Houston County Superior Court, the undersigned BHARAT & JAGU, LLC pursuant to the power of sale contained in said security deed, will, on the first Tuesday in January, 2025 during the legal hours of sale, at the courthouse door in Perry, Houston County, Georgia, sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash the property described in said deed, to-wit: All that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Land Lot 274 of the 13th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, and consisting of 1.583 acres and more fully described as follows: to obtain a Point of Beginning, locate the intersection of East right-of-way of Baird Drive and the North right-of-way of General Courtney Hodges Boulevard a/k/a Carroll Boulevard which is also U.S. Highway 41 from said point of reference run thence along the U.S. Highway 41 North 42 degrees 32 minutes 14 seconds East a distance of 172.77 feet to the Point of Beginning. From said Point of Beginning run thence North 48 degrees 35 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 129.25 feet; run thence North 42 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 528.70 feet; run thence South 52 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 130.04 feet; run thence South 42 degrees, 32 minutes 14 seconds West a distance of 537.27 feet to the Point of Beginning. Property is located at **405 General Courtney Hodges Boulevard, Perry, Georgia 31069**.

Said property will be sold subject to all easements, restrictions and the outstanding ad valorem taxes and/or assessments, if any.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, Jasu Radji, Inc. is in possession of the property. A deed will be made by the undersigned to the purchaser at said sale. The proceeds of said sale will be applied as provided in said deed to secure debt. Bharat & Jagu, LLC as Attorney in fact for Jasu Radji, Inc. DANIEL, LAWSON, TUGGLE & JERLES, LLP POST OFFICE BOX 89 PERRY, GEORGIA 31069 (478) 987-2622

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

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from William Reynolds to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems., Inc., as nominee for Crescent Mortgage Company, dated October 12, 2021 and recorded on November 12, 2021 in Deed Book 9445, Page 282, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven and 00/100 dollars (\$167,887.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded in Deed Book 10372, Page 1, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 184 of the Tenth (10th) Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 65, Phase V, Section "C", Walker Grove Subdivision, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 65, Pages 2-3, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated herein for all purposes. Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions and rights-of-way of record, if any. Address under current system of numbering: 301 Patton Way, Kathleen, Georgia. Said property may more commonly be known as **301 Patton Way, Kathleen, GA 31047**.

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

The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Greenville, SC 29601, 1-800-365-7107.

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is William Reynolds and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing as Attorney-in-Fact for William Reynolds Contact:

Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520 AdRun Dates: 12/31/2025, 01/07/2026, 01/14/2026, 01/21/2026, 01/28/2026, 02/04/2026, 02/11/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/25/2026;

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

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by James Allen Grove, Vicki Lynn Grove to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for ClearPath Lending, its successors and assigns dated November 12, 2020, recorded in Deed Book 8922, Page 267, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 10249,

Page 1, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$149,100.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January, 2026, the following described property:

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

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

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

Freedom Mortgage Corporation is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Freedom Mortgage Corporation, 11988 Exit 5 Pkwy Bldg 4, Fishers, IN 46037, 855-690-5900. Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is James Allen Grove and Vicki Lynn Grove or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **111 Foxfire Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093**.

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

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

James Allen Grove, Vicki Lynn Grove McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 1544 Old Alabama Rd Roswell, GA 30076

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EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 149 OF THE FIFTH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 13, BLOCK "C", EXTENSION 4, TANGLEWOOD SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 104, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 111 FOXFIRE DRIVE, WARNER ROBINS, GA 31093 MR / KR January 6, 2026 Our file no. 25-16979GA-FT17 25-16979GA

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NOTICE OF LEVY/SALE

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias (Fi. Fa.) issued out of the Superior Court of Paulding County, Georgia on the 27th day of March, 2018 in favor of CCIC I LLC, as assignee of Plaintiff Peach REO LLC as evidenced by that certain Assignment of Judgment effective as of February 21, 2019 and recorded with the Clerk of Superior Court for Paulding County, Georgia on July 25, 2019 in Book 250, Page 176, and against Patrick Bartness, Defendant in Civil Action File No. 16-CV-001439-P3, as recorded in the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia real estate records on June 6, 2018 in Book 321, Page 245, with execution thereon said Fi Fa recorded on February 27, 2025 in Book 447, Page 341, there will be sold by the Houston County Sheriff's Office at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at Houston County, Georgia within the legal hours of sale on Tuesday, January 6, 2025, the following described property (hereinafter, the "Property"):

Parcel 1 ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 47 OF THE 11TH DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOTS 9 AND 9A, DEERWOOD SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF STATHAM'S LANDING, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAID SUBDIVISION WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 42, PAGE 119, CLERK'S OFFICE OF HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Parcel 2 ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 47 OF THE 11TH DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 10, DEERWOOD SUBDIVISION OF STATHAM'S LANDING, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAID SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 32, PAGE 55, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR ALL PURPOSES.

LESS AND EXCEPT: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 47 OF THE 11TH DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 10A OF ARE-SUBDIVISION AT STATHAM'S LANDING, ACCORDING TO A PLAT PREPARED BY WADDLE & COMPANY, DATED MARCH 16, 2004, AND BEING OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 62, PAGE 175, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR ALL PURPOSES.

SAID PARCEL 2 ALSO BEING DESCRIBED AS:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 47 OF THE 11TH DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 10A OF ARE-SUBDIVISION AT STATHAM'S LANDING, ACCORDING TO A PLAT PREPARED BY WADDLE & COMPANY, DATED MARCH

16, 2004, AND BEING OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 62, PAGE 175, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Parcel 3 ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 47 OF THE 11TH DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, LYING NORTHERLY ADJACENT TO LOT 10A AS SHOWN ON THAT CERTAIN MAP OR PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 10, DEERWOOD SUBDIVISION, STATHAMS LANDING," DATED MARCH 16, 2004, PREPARED BY WADDLE & COMPANY, CERTIFIED BY THEODORE W. WADDLE, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 924 (THE "RESUBDIVISION SURVEY"). A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 62, PAGE 175, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 10A AS SHOWN ON THE RESUBDIVISION SURVEY, SAME BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT OR PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING EXTEND NORTH 04 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 10 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT LOCATED ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE PROPERTY OF LANDINGS INVESTMENT GROUP,LLC (FORMERLY OWNED BY JAY ALAN WHITE AND MYRA JEAN WHITE); THENCE EXTEND SOUTH 82 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT MARKED BY A 1/2" IRON REBAR AT THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF LOT 9, DEERWOOD SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN ON THE RESUBDIVISION SURVEY; THENCE EXTEND SOUTH 10 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST-ERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 9, TO A POINT MARKED BY A 1/2" IRON REBAR; THENCE EXTEND NORTH 74 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 85.90 FEET TO A IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said Property.

Being improved property known as **122 Shadowood Drive, Warner Robins, Georgia 31088** and further identified by Parcel ID Number: 00123D 009000.

The Judgment Creditor is in possession of the above Fi Fa the total of which is the sum of \$92,209.88, plus post-judgment interest as of December 4, 2025 in the amount of \$51,253.33, costs, and any applicable advertisement fees. Interest continues to accrue and is also secured by the Fi Fa. The debt described herein remaining outstanding, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying said debt and all expenses of this sale, as provided by law. The above-described Property, having been levied upon in accordance with the civil action stated above and the Fi Fa, will be sold subject to outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable), matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any other matters of record superior to the above-referenced Fi Fa. The excess, if any, will be distributed to the person or persons legally entitled thereto. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information, and belief, equitable title to the Property is held by Patrick Bartness and the party in possession of the Property is Patrick Bartness. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the debt by the holder of the Fi Fa.

The Houston County Sheriff makes no warranties whatsoever as to the above-described Property. The Sheriff specifically makes no warranty of title as to defects of title or survey or liens and encumbrances or other title defects in conjunction with the sale. The Sheriff reserves the right to reject any and all bids made, regardless of the amount, for the purchase of the above-described Property. The above-referenced sale will proceed unless a timely order from a court of competent jurisdiction is obtained stopping or enjoining the Sheriff from conducting the sale. You are hereby advised to consult with your personal attorney regarding any and all options you may have with regards to this notice.

Matthew Moulton, Sheriff of Houston County, Georgia 202 Carl Vinson Parkway Warner Robins, Georgia 31088 CCIC I, LLC, as assignee of Peach REO LLC c/o Patrick M. Sneed, Esq., Davis, Pickren, Seydel & Sneed, LLP 285 Peachtree Center Avenue NE 2300 Marquis Two Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Telephone: (404) 588-0505 Facsimile: (404) 582-8823 psneed@dpsslegal.com

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25-1806

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
SALE UNDER POWER
HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Ivy Vascha Rogers and Rodney Rogers, Wife and Husband to LoanDepot.com, LLC, dated 10/14/2022 and recorded 10/21/2022 in DEED BOOK 9888, PAGE 185-206, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to TH MSR Holdings LLC by assignment to be recorded in Houston County, Georgia, Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$441,465.00, with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January 2026, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 233 of the Tenth (10th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 607, Section 2A, Phase 6, of a Subdivision known as "The Woodlands of Houston", according to a plat of survey of said Subdivision, prepared by Mcleod Surveying, certified by Marty A. Mcleod, Georgia Land Surveyor No. 2991, dated April 2, 2021, a copy of which is of record in Plat Book 82, Page 222, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

This conveyance is made subject to all zoning ordinances, easements and restrictions of record affecting said bargained premises. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's

fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fee having been given). The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Roundpoint Mortgage; they can be contacted at (704) 839-5030 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 446 Wrenplace Road, Fort Mill, SC 29715, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure. Said property will be sold on "as-is" basis and subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Ivy Vascha Rogers and Rodney Rogers or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **407 Woodlands Blvd, Kathleen, GA 31047**. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

TH MSR Holdings LLC as Attorney in Fact for Ivy Vascha Rogers and Rodney Rogers, Wife and Husband Sokolof Remtulla, LLP 3295 River Exchange Drive, Suite 280, Norcross GA 30092 949-449-1574

Rogers, Rodney

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25-1868

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

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in the Security Deed from Buyside Capital Advisors, LLC, a Georgia Limited Liability Company to ARK Properties, LLC dated February 14, 2025, and recorded in Deed Book 10609, Page 355, Houston County, Georgia Records conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$340,000.00, with interest thereon as set forth therein and as maybe amended and modified from time to time, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January 2026, the following described property, to-wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 134 of the 5th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 6, Block "B", Heritage Hills Subdivision, according to a plat of record in Plat Book 23, Page 286, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat is incorporated herein for all purposes. This is a portion of the property as described in Deed Book 4751, Page 82, said Clerk's Office. Being real property commonly known as **203 Custer Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093** and

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 134 of the 5th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 5, Block "B", Heritage Hills Subdivision, according to a plat of record in Plat Book 23, Page 286, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat is incorporated herein for all purposes. This is a portion of the property as described in Deed Book 4751, Page 82, said Clerk's Office. Being real property commonly known as **203 Custer Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093**

The debt secured by the above-referenced security deed has been declared due because of the default in the payment of said debt per the terms of the note and other possible defaults by the borrower or the successor thereto. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/ or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage loan (although not required by law to do so) is as follows: The Law Offices of Jackson E. Oliver, LLC, 333 Sandy Springs Circle, Suite 131, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328, Telephone number: 404-981-5294. 2025-1504. ARK Properties, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Buyside Capital Advisors, LLC. THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Kim M Kersey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company, A California Corporation, its successors and assigns dated December 28, 2018, recorded in Deed Book 8057, Page 71, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Guild Mortgage Company LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 10747, Page 119, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIX AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$102,606.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January, 2026, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and

payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

Guild Mortgage Company LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Guild Mortgage Company LLC, 5887 Copley Drive, 3rd floor, San Diego, CA 92111, 8003654441. Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Kim M Kersey and The Estate of Kim Sherree Morris Kersey or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **105 Eagles Rdg, Warner Robins, GA 31093**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Guild Mortgage Company LLC as Attorney in Fact for

Kim M Kersey McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 1544 Old Alabama Rd Roswell, GA 30076

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EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 150 OF THE FIFTH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 3, BLOCK D, PHASE NO. 3, EAGLES LANDING SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 53, PAGE 156, CLERKS OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, ORDINANCES, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND SETBACK LINES OF RECORD, IF ANY. PIN: 0W61B0 237000

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, HOUSTON COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Harvey L. Johnson and Louise C. Johnson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for SouthStar Funding, LLC, its successors and assigns dated 6/26/2006 and recorded in Deed Book 3906 Page 35 Houston County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-RZ4, conveying the afterdescribed property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$121,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on January 6, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Land Lot 140 of the Fifth (5th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 14, Phase No. 1, of a subdivision known as Boone's Bradford Park, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 63, Page 44, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **127 Marjray Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Harvey L. Johnson and Estate and/or Heirs to Louise C. Johnson or tenant or tenants. PHH Mortgage Corporation is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. PHH Mortgage Corporation 1661 Worthington Rd Suite 100 West Palm Beach, FL 33409 (800) 750-2518 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-RZ4 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Harvey L. Johnson and Louise C. Johnson Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1017-377A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1017-377A

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA HOUSTON COUNTY
WHEREAS, Jessica Walker, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC., Lender which was dated 11/21/2022, and recorded on 12/1/2022, in Instrument No.: , Deed Book 9929, Page 151-171, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$207,000.00 in Houston County, Georgia Register of Deeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 2/3/2026 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash Before the Courthouse door of the Houston County Courthouse, 201 N. Perry Parkway, Perry, Georgia 31069 of Houston, the following described property situated in Houston County, Georgia, to wit:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 184 OF THE TENTH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 94, WALKER'S GROVE SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3-A, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 51, PAGE 109, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Tax Parcel ID: 00080D 094000
Being real property commonly known as **102 GROVE LANE KATHLEEN, GA 31047**
The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the

security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

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

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows:

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 200-A Anaheim, CA 92806, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567

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

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Jessica Walker Attorney Contact: Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 TS # 25-37756

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

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Darren Cook to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns dated June 30, 2022, recorded in Deed Book 9790, Page 59, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Mortgage Research Center, LLC d/b/a Veterans United Home Loans, a Missouri Limited Liability Company to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$234,125.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January, 2026, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

Mortgage Research Center, LLC d/b/a Veterans United Home Loans, a Missouri Limited Liability Company is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Nationstar Mortgage LLC, 8950 Cypress Waves Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, (888) 480-2432.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Darren Cook or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **151 Martin Mill Trl, Warner Robins, GA 31093**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Mortgage Research Center, LLC d/b/a Veterans United Home Loans, a Missouri Limited Liability Company as Attorney in Fact for Darren Cook

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 1544 Old Alabama Rd Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net

EXHIBIT "A"
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 84 of the 5th District, City of Centerville, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 48, Old Stone Crossing Subdivision, Phase 6A, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 82, Page 293, Houston County, Georgia records, which plat is referred to for a more complete description.

MR / JD January 6, 2026
Our file no. 25-19499GA-F72 25-19499GA

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, HOUSTON COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Jarmel A Blackmon and Kalana Blackmon to Navy Federal Credit Union dated 4/20/2018 and recorded in Deed Book 7839 Page 92 Houston County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Navy Federal Credit Union, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$103,785.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within

the legal hours of sale on January 6, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 137 OF THE FIFTH (5TH) LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 61, BLOCK "C", SECTION NO. 3, OF A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS VALLE VENADO, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY, PREPARED BY MILTON BECKHAM CO., CERTIFIED BY MILTON V. BECKHAM, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1031, DATED JUNE 26, 1972. A COPY OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 226, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **102 Monteigo Ct, Centerville, GA 31028** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Jarmel A. Blackmon or tenant or tenants. Navy Federal Credit Union is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Navy Federal Credit Union Navy Federal Credit Union 820 Folin Lane Vienna, VA 22180-4907 (888) 503-7102 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. Navy Federal Credit Union as agent and Attorney in Fact for Jarmel A Blackmon and Kalana Blackmon Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 2049-480A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 2049-480A

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NOTICE OF LEVY/SALE

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias (Fi. Fa.) issued out of the Superior Court of Paulding County, Georgia on the 27th day of March, 2018 in favor of CCIC I LLC, as assignee of Plaintiff Peach REO LLC as evidenced by that certain Assignment of Judgment effective as of February 21, 2019 and recorded with the Clerk of Superior Court for Paulding County, Georgia on July 25, 2019 in Book 250, Page 176, and against Raymond T. Selph, Defendant in Civil Action File No. 16-CV-001439-P3, as recorded in the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia real estate records on June 6, 2018 in Book 321, Page 245, with execution thereon said Fi Fa recorded on February 27, 2025 in Book 447, Page 341, there will be sold by the Houston County Sheriff's Office at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at Houston County, Georgia within the legal hours of sale on Tuesday, January 6, 2025, the following described property (hereinafter, the "Property"): ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 195 OF THE FIFTH LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 17, BLOCK "A", PHASE NO. 2, OF A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS LAKE POINTE VILLAS, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAID SUBDIVISION PREPARED BY WADDLE & COMPANY, CERTIFIED BY THEODORE W. WADDLE, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 924, DATED FEBRUARY 26, 1986, A COPY OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 29, PAGE 189, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR ALL PURPOSES.

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS CONVEYED SUBJECT TO DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS & RESTRICTIONS AS CONTAINED IN INSTRUMENT OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 699, PAGES 518-530; AMENDED BY INSTRUMENT OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 702, PAGES 777-778 AND DEED BOOK 710, PAGES 407-408, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT; ALSO, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-WAY FOR PUBLIC ROADS AND UTILITIES AS THEY NOW EXIST, AND BUILDING LINES AND OTHER MATTERS SHOWN ON THE AFORESAID RECORDED PLAT OF SURVEY.

Together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said Property.

Being improved property known as **114 Lake Pointe Drive, Warner Robins, Georgia 31088** and further identified by Parcel ID Number: 0W0890 056000. The Judgment Creditor is in possession of the above Fi Fa the total of which is the sum of \$92,209.88, plus post-judgment interest as of December 4, 2025 in the amount of \$51,253.33, costs, and any applicable advertisement fees. Interest continues to accrue and is also secured by the Fi Fa. The debt described herein remaining outstanding, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying said debt and all expenses of this sale, as provided by law. The above-described Property, having been levied upon in accordance with the civil action stated above and the Fi Fa, will be sold subject to outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable), matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning

ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any other matters of record superior to the above-referenced Fi Fa. The excess, if any, will be distributed to the person or persons legally entitled thereto. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information, and belief, equitable title to the Property is held by Raymond T. Selph and the party in possession of the Property is Madison Grace Boothe a/k/a Maddy Boothe. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the debt by the holder of the Fi Fa. The Houston County Sheriff makes no warranties whatsoever as to the above-described Property. The Sheriff specifically makes no warranty of title as to defects of title or survey or liens and encumbrances or other title defects in conjunction with the sale. The Sheriff reserves the right to reject any and all bids made, regardless of the amount, for the purchase of the above-described Property. The above-referenced sale will proceed unless a timely order from a court of competent jurisdiction is obtained stopping or enjoining the Sheriff from conducting the sale. You are hereby advised to consult with your personal attorney regarding any and all options you may have with regards to this notice.

Matthew Moulton, Sheriff of Houston County, Georgia 202 Carl Vinson Parkway Warner Robins, Georgia 31088 CCIC I, LLC, as assignee of Peach REO LLC c/o Patrick M. Sneed, Esq., Davis, Pickren, Seydel & Sneed, LLP 285 Peachtree Center Avenue NE 2300 Marquis Two Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30303 Telephone: (404) 588-0505 Facsimile: (404) 582-8823 psneed@dpsllegal.com **52778 12/10-12/31**

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Tommy Lee Hewitt Jr to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group LLC., its successors and assigns dated November 10, 2020, recorded in Deed Book 8872, Page 3, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 10728, Page 43, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$145,900.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January, 2026, the following described property:

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

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

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.

Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group, LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: LoanCare, LLC, 3637 Sentara Way, Suite 303, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, 800-909-9525. Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Tommy Lee Hewitt, Jr or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **202 Forest Hill Dr, Warner Robins, GA 31088**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Tommy Lee Hewitt Jr McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 1544 Old Alabama Rd Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net

EXHIBIT "A"
All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 193 of the Fifth (5th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 2, Block G, Section No. 2 of a subdivision known as Hillcrest Heights Annex, according la a plat of said subdivision prepared by James W. Sherrill, Surveyor, dated September 1962, a copy of which is of record in Map Book 8, Page 11, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes.

The above described property is conveyed subject to Restrictive Covenants as contained in Instrument of record in Deed Book 190, Pages 588-593, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. MR / KR January 6, 2026 Our file no. 25-19249GA-F77 25-19249GA

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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Peter D. Miller AND Cathy H. Miller to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. dated June 26, 2017, and recorded in Deed Book 7564, Page 14, Houston County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$97,979.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, February 3, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

Land Situated in the County of Houston in the State of GA
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 226 OF THE TENTH LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 2, BLOCK "A", SECTION NO. 1, PHASE NO. 2, SOUTH OAKS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY BROXTON & ASSOCIATES, DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1979, AND RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 22, PAGE 293, 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.

Commonly known as: 115 Feagin Mill Rd, Warner Robins, GA 31088-6203
Said property is known as **115 Feagin Mill Road, Warner Robins, GA 31088**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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

The property is or may be in the possession of Peter D. Miller and Cathy H. Miller, successor in interest or tenant(s). Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. as Attorney-in-Fact for Peter D. Miller AND Cathy H. Miller File no. 25-083515 LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP* Attorneys and Counselors at Law 211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 130 Atlanta, GA 30346 (770) 220-2535

https://www.logs.com/ "THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE."

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

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Eugene Johnson, Jr. to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR NEW DAY FINANCIAL, LLC, dated April 25, 2019 and recorded on May 2, 2019 in Deed Book 8166, Page 316, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Eighty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Seven and 00/100 dollars (\$86,827.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to Servbank, SB, recorded in Deed Book 10665, Page 765, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 137 OF THE 5TH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 54, BLOCK C, SECTION 3, VALLE VENDO SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAID SUBDIVISION, A COPY OF WHICH IS IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 226, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON COUNTY, SUPERIOR COURT, SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Said property may more commonly be known as **109 Monteigo Court, Centerville, GA 31028**. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is Servbank, N.A., 3138 E. Elwood St, Phoenix, AZ 85034, 877-867-0330. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Eugene Johnson, Jr. and Katherine Johnson and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

Servbank, N.A. as Attorney-in-Fact for Eugene Johnson, Jr.

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

Ad Run Dates: 12/10/2025, 12/17/2025, 12/24/2025, 12/31/2025 Case #: 25-001909-3

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in the Security Deed from Buyside Capital Advisors, LLC, a Georgia Limited Liability Company to ARK Properties, LLC dated February 26, 2025, and recorded in Deed Book 10613, Page 334, Houston County, Georgia Records conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$170,000.00, with interest thereon as set

forth therein and as maybe amended and modified from time to time, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in January 2026, the following described property, to-wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 134 of the 5th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 8, Block "A", Heritage Hills Subdivision, according to a plat of record in Plat Book 23, Page 286, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat is incorporated herein for all purposes. This is a portion of the property as described in Deed Book 4751, Page 82, said Clerk's Office. Being real property commonly known as **313 Cheyenne Drive, Warner Robbins, GA 31093**

The debt secured by the above-referenced security deed has been declared due because of the default in the payment of said debt per the terms of the note and other possible defaults by the borrower or the successor thereto. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage loan (although not required by law to do so) is as follows: The Law Offices of Jackson E. Oliver, LLC, 333 Sandy Springs Circle, Suite 131, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328, Telephone number: 404-981-5294, 2025-1505. ARK Properties, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Buyside Capital Advisors, LLC. THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Incorporations

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NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Massakrd Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 319 Burns Dr, Warner Robins, GA, 31088 and its initial registered agent at such address is Trenton White D.

Miscellaneous

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IN THE STATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2025CV0058602

GABRIEL ROSS, as legal guardian and parent of, KYLAR ROSS (MINOR), Plaintiff,

v.

LAUREN THIGPEN, Defendant.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: Lauren Thigpen
112 Ridgewood Drive
Centerville, GA 31028

By Order for Service by Publication dated December 10, 2025, you are hereby notified that on June 16, 2025, the Petitioner filed suit against you for damages resulting from the auto collision that occurred on May 16, 2024. You are required to file with the Clerk of the State Court of Houston County, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Daniela Martinez, at this address: 351 Atlanta Street SE, Marietta, GA 30060, an Answer to the Complaint in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the first publication of notice.

WITNESS the Honorable Jason Ashford, Judge of this Court.

This 23rd day of Dec., 2025.

Teresa Hathaway, Clerk
State Court of Houston County Georgia.

Prepared by:
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Counsel for Plaintiff

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25-1915

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
C. M., SEX M, AGE 17, DOB 10/11/2008, CASE #2501714

CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, SHAMI-CA MOLNLYN (mother); 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 with Temporary Custody Placed with the Paternal Aunt was filed against you in said court on 12/11/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 12/15/25

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 03/11/26 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 15th day of December, 2025.

CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK
HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

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GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

There will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash between the legal hours of sale before the door of Houston County Superior Court, Perry, Georgia on the first Tuesday, January 6, 2026, the described property, to wit:

1. 2001 Genie Manlift model Z4525, ser# Z4525-17179

2. Unk year Hooper dual axle trailer 8.5' X 25'ser#40T0FB252041001214

Property belonging to Sangster Construction, David and Valerie Sangster levied on to satisfy the FiFa in favor of the Plaintiff against Sangster's issued in the Magistrate Court of Pulaski County, Georgia. Levied on as the property of the defendant in the FiFa, Notice to levy and sale have been given to the defendant listed in the FiFa. Property is located at HC Jail Impound, Perry, Ga. Viewing/inspection will be on Friday January 2, 2026 at the Impound Lot.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
Z. P., SEX M, AGE 1, DOB 06/13/2024, CASE #2501660

G.L., SEX M, AGE 3, DOB 11/06/2021, CASE #2501661

CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, DAVID ARROYO (father of G. L.); ANTHONY PRESLEY (father of Z.P.); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILDREN

You are notified that a Petition for Guardianship to Fictive Kin was filed against you in said court on 12/05/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 12/05/25

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 12:30 o'clock p.m., and on 2/11/26 at 8:30 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 10th day of December, 2025.

CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK
HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

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25-1859

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

Civil Action No. 2025V132757K

JOHN DOBLES, Petitioner

VS.

Onfire Ministries of Perry, Summer D. Roman, f/k/a Sumner D. Pearson, Midland Funding LLC, assignee of Action Card, and all persons unknown who claim or might claim an interest to Petitioner's title in Lot 7, Block A, Section A, Birdsong Acres Subdivision, Houston County, Georgia, Respondents

SUMMONS

TO: Onfire Ministries of Perry, Russell Pearson, the Estate and all known and unknown Heirs of Monna R. Pearson, and any and all persons unknown who claim or might claim an interest in Lot 7, Block A, Section A, Birdsong Acres Subdivision, Houston County, Georgia.

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking to establish title to the above described property against all the world was filed by John Dobles on the 8th

day of August, 2025, in the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, and by reason of Order for Service by Publication entered by said Court on the 1st day of December, 2025, you are hereby commanded to be and appear at said Court within thirty (30) 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, being known and designated as Lot 7, Block "A", Section "A", of a Subdivision known as BIRDSONG ACRES, according to a plat of survey of said subdivision 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.

Subject to Restrictive Covenants of record in Deed Book 308, Page 141, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court; any and all other restrictions, easements, covenants and rights-of-way affecting said described property.

Witness, the Honorable Judge of said Court, this 2nd day of December, 2025.

Hillary R. Yee
Clerk, Superior Court of Houston

52698 12/10-12/31

25-1874

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
W. T., SEX M, AGE <1, DOB 11/19/2025, CASE #2501646

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 LESLIE TUCKER

You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 12/03/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 12/03/25

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 02/18/26 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 December, 2025.

CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK
HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

52792 12/10-12/31

25-1875

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
L. N., SEX F, AGE 3, DOB 12/19/2021, CASE #2501644 (AKA L. W.)

CHILDREN 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 CAYLA HERNANDEZ

You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 12/03/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 12/03/25

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 02/18/26 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 December, 2025.

CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK
HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

52793 12/10-12/31

25-1930

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
JUVENILE FILE #7455-J

G.D., SEX M, AGE 2, DOB 08/23/2023, CASE #111-2025J-102

CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ALLISON RAINE BARKLEY-DUNCAN, JASON LANE DICKSON, JR., AND ANY OTHER PARTY CLAIMING TO HAVE A PARENTAL INTEREST IN SAID MINOR 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 12/15/25, by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on 12/4/25;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Peach County, Georgia, in Fort Valley, Georgia, on the 13th day of January, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. for a status hearing (attorney appointment only) and on the 10th day of March, 2026 at 9:00 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 15-11-284 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 Peach County Courthouse, Fort Valley, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 o'clock am 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 Peach 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 15th day of December, 2025.

Whitney Nelson
(Deputy) CLERK, JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA

53298 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1876

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
D. W., SEX M, AGE <1, DOB 06/07/2025, CASE #2501647

D. W., SEX M, AGE 1, DOB 01/03/2024, CASE #2501653

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

You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 12/03/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 12/03/25

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 02/18/26 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 December, 2025.

CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK
HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

52794 12/10-12/31

Name Changes

25-1950

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133395

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 8 day of December, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay to Kaylee Elizabeth Handson. 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.

Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay
Petitioner

53433 12/31/25-1/21/26

25-1907

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: Allison Luana Embree
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133372

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Allison Luana Embree, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 25 day of November, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Allison Luana Embree to Allison Luana Waller. 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 25 day of November, 2025.

Allison Embree
Petitioner

53076 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1848

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: Devin J. Frankart
Civil Action File No. 2025V132949L

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Devin Joseph Frankart, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 10th day of September, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Devin Joseph Frankart to Devin Joseph Jackson. 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 September, 2025.

Devin J. Frankart
Petitioner

52578 12/10-12/31

Probate Notices

25-1896

NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Kevin Matthew Lewis has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Vickie M. Lewis, 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 January 12, 2026. 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

53016 12/17/25-1/7/26

25-1931

NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Charmaine Henssler has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Marie T. Elliott, 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 January 19, 2026.

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

53300 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1871

NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Devin Williams has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Latasha Williams, 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 January 5, 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

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25-1870

NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Victoria L. Hull has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Anne Marie Saul, 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 January 5, 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

52782 12/10-12/31

25-1837

NOTICE HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

The petition of Carol Linda Hunter, for year's support from the estate of Jerry Carl Hunter, 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 January 5, 2026, why said petition should not be granted.

All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. 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

52473 12/10-12/31

25-1899

NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Michael Ingersoll has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Harold Arthur Rogers, 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 January 12, 2026. 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

53019 12/17/25-1/7/26

25-1873

NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TO: Richard Laron Lewis, Unknown Son & to whom it may concern:

Marcella Louise Lewis has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Ronald Joseph Lewis, 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 January 5, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

KRISTEN W. HARRIS
PROBATE JUDGE

By: Judith W. Borum, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710

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25-1895

NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Marcella Whittaker has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Ronald Whittaker, 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 January 12, 2026. 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

53014 12/17/25-1/7/26

25-1934

PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY

RE: PETITION OF VENEKAL, MARSHALL TO PROBATE IN SOLEMN FORM THE WILL OF LINDA H. LEWIS, DECEASED.

TO: ASHLEY WALKER & DELWYN SINGLETARY

All interested parties and all singular the heirs of said decedent, the beneficiaries under the purported Will, and to whom it may concern: This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before January 19, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/phone number 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 Eaton, CLERK
201 N. Perry Parkway
Perry, Georgia 31069
478-218-4710

53303 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1932

NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Anita Kerney has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Linda Gail King, 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 January 19, 2026. 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

53301 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1933

NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Genesis Tremblay has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Geneva Castle Johnson, 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 January 19, 2026. 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

53302 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1898

NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Beketha Anderson & Wilbert Anderson has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Malinda Faye Anderson, 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 January 12, 2026. 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

53018 12/17/25-1/7/26

25-1935

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF MAXWELL MCCLURE, MINOR ESTATE NO. 2025-GM-84

PETITION FOR TEMPORARY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR DESTINEE LEE HICKS, TEMPORARY GUARDIAN(S)

DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION: DECEMBER 31, 2025

TO: KRISTEN MCCLURE.

You are hereby notified that a petition for the appointment of a temporary guardian has been filed regarding the above-named minor. All objections to the Petition described above either to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the petitioner(s) as temporary guardian(s), must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with this Court no later than 14 days after this notice is mailed, or 10 days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.

NOTE: If a natural guardian files an objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date.


KRISTEN W. HARRIS
PROBATE JUDGE

By: BRITTANY EATON, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801, PERRY, GA 31069
TELEPHONE 478-218-4710

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Sex Offenders

25-1959



GOODEN, RODERICK JAVONTAE
312 GRAND AVE
BONAIRE, GA. 31005
ARREST DATE/CONVICTION DATE :
12.15.2025
PLACE OF ARREST: HOUSTON COUNTY, GA
CHARGE: SEXUAL BAYYERTY ON CHILD UNDER 16
DISPOSITION: 5 YEARS PROBATION FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT THE GBI WEBSITE

53568 12/31

Trade Name

25-1913

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON

The undersigned does hereby certify that The Georgia Move, Inc. in the city of Warner Robins, county of Houston in the state of Georgia, doing business in the following trade name, to-wit: The Georgia Move Realty Group and located at 612 Broderick Circle, Warner Robins, GA 31088. The nature of the business is Real Estate.

The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:

The Georgia Move Inc.
612 Broderick Circle
Warner Robins, GA 31088

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25-1906

APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER A TRADE NAME

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

The undersigned hereby certifies that it is conducting a business in the City of Warner Robins, County of Houston, State of Georgia, under the name of: Peach Tree Academy and that the nature of the business is Child Care and that said business is composed of the following LLC: Eventus Education, LLC, 10565 Fairfax Blvd. Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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25-1917

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON

The undersigned does hereby certify that Made of Steel Consulting LLC in the city of Warner Robins, county of Houston in the state of Georgia, doing business in the following trade name, to-wit: So Icy Paradise and located at 114 Majestic Trail, Warner Robins, GA 31093. The nature of the business is Mobile Shaved Ice Truck.

The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:

Miesha Taylor
109 Mauldon Ct.
Warner Robins, GA 31093
Barbara Taylor Harris
114 Majestic Trail
Warner Robins, GA 31093

53110 12/24-12/31



Checking up on each Houston County team before the start of region play

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The halfway point of the season is here, and as the new year rolls around so does region play.

Most Houston County teams have gotten at least 10 games in so there's a decent idea of how they'll perform in their respective regions. All of these observations were made on games prior to Monday, Dec. 29:

Houston County
Boys
HoCo is firmly the best boys team in the county with a 9-3 record and are looking like region favorites entering 2026.

They have a couple of really quality wins against Putnam County and Southwest-Macon and five of their other wins have been by double digits.

Senior Morehead State commit Malik Gillespie and senior Josh Jackson have been as advertised. The Bears have a wealth of size under the basket with Braylin Mills (6-foot-7, 310 pounds), Mahkel Stephens (6-foot-7, 185 pounds) and Joshua Pettigrew (6-foot-5, 229 pounds) that gives them

an immediate advantage against most teams.

With the collapse of Lee County after the departure of Braden Moore and eight other seniors HoCo looks like a solid favorite in Region 2-5A, too. The middle of the region is a bloodbath, but unless something changes that won't have much to do with the Bears.

Girls
Year 2 under head coach Dani Wright hasn't gone smoothly as the Lady Bears field another extremely young roster.

Alaina Coley and Sameena Khan are the lone seniors and HoCo is still looking for their first win after 12 games.

They've had some chances to come out on top against Howard and Peach County, but fell short each time. Unless something changes quickly the Lady Bears could be looking at another last place finish in Region 2-5A, which hasn't gotten much easier from a year ago.

Northside
Boys

Northside overachieved in Buck Harris' first year leading the program, and they've continued to trend upwards in his second.

At 7-3 they've already won half of the games they did last year, and they reached seven wins roughly two weeks before they did last year.

They're not perfect and will not have an easy time trying to find a place among Coffee (7-3), Thomas County Central (7-3) and Veterans (8-5), but a home playoff game is within reach for the Eagles.

Girls
The Lady Eagles (8-2) have followed a similar trend to the boys in ChoRhonda Gwaltney-Harris' second year with some noticeable improvements defensively.

The offense is still rough around the edges, but regardless Northside has some wins against decent teams like Union Grove and Perry.

They've also put up some ridiculous margins against teams they "should" beat, and they didn't have many if any games they "should" have won last year.

Time will tell how all this plays into the region standings. Veterans gets better seemingly every week and Lee County will be no push-over, but there's a world where Northside hosts a playoff game this season.



Bears guard and Morehead State commit Malik Gillespie finished with a team-high 18 points in Houston County's loss to Griffin in the final game of the Cliff Hutto Memorial Bear Brawl.

Perry
Boys
Perry has seen a small return on their youth investment nine games into their season with a 3-6 record, just one win shy of their 4-22 mark last year.

Injuries have made things more difficult than they'd hoped, but they've managed wins against Macon County, Central-Macon and Bleckley County, which were all losses last year.

Whether or not they can make noise in the region, or their first playoff appearance in three years, remains to be seen. But with the uncertainty surrounding Warner Robins (4-8) and a New Hampstead team that's 4-7, who knows what will happen by the end of the regular season.

Girls
The Lady Panthers are having a decent first season under head coach Austin McIntyre sitting just under .500 at 5-7.

Their best win is against Bleckley County (5-3), but their other four are against teams with a combined 7-29 record.

New Hampstead isn't fielding a girls team this year, and with Benedictine being an all-boys school Perry is guaranteed a playoff spot this season. Whether or not they can secure a home game will depend on their performance against Wayne County (8-5).

Veterans
Boys

Veterans is on pace to have a similar season to their last, sitting at 8-6 just before the region schedule.

They've had their ups and

downs as they adjust to the demands of first-year head coach Brandon Driggers, who's looking to instill a culture of toughness.

The Warhawks have responded to that at times, sweeping Warner Robins for the first time in four years, but they've also failed to live up to that standard particularly at the Bear Brawl.

Every spot outside of first in Region 2-5A is up for grabs, so time will tell what Veterans can do.

Girls
The Lady Warhawks had a rough 1-6 start but are since 3-3 as they continue to improve after big offseason losses.

Their last three before the region schedule were all losses, but to teams with a combined 35-4 record.

Region 2-5A is relatively open and Veterans' second half should be much better than its first, so their finish in the region standings is uncertain.

Warner Robins
Boys

The Warner Robins boys haven't been able to figure it out this season and finished their last stretch of non-region games 1-6, including four straight losses.

Their 4-8 record is a new low in Jamaal Garman's 14th year; It's a mark they didn't even get to in his first year when they finished 13-14.

The Demons' worst loss is a 60-55 overtime loss to Northgate (3-6) but they've also beaten Houston County twice and been swept by Veterans for the first time in four years.

There's no telling which version of Warner Robins

is the real one, but defending their region title or even securing a home playoff game seems like a tall task at this point in the season.

Girls
The Demonettes jumped out to an 11-0 start to the season and have since lost to Lee County and Josey, but overall they show no signs of letting up as they make a run for the region championship.

Halfway through the season they're firmly the favorite as Ware County falls to 4-7. Wayne County is currently the biggest threat at 8-5 but at this point its Warner Robins' region to lose.

Westfield
Boys

Westfield may have hit a three-game skid to end 2025, but they had their best start in the MaxPreps era at 6-1.

All four of their losses were by single digits, including one to Tiftarea Academy, three to Trinity Christian and four to John Milledge Academy.

At the moment Calvary Christian is the biggest player in GIAA District 5-4A/3A, but it's feasible for the Hornets to play a playoff game in the Hornets' Nest by the end of the season.

Girls
The Lady Hornets haven't missed a beat after returning their entire 2024-25 roster and are currently 8-2. Their two losses, to Trinity Christian and Terrell Academy, are by a combined three points.

Westfield wasn't able to take St. Anne-Pacelli down for the district championship last year, but if the current trend keeps up they could be looking at their first since 2022-23.



HUSTLE DOESN'T KNOW THE SCORE: Northside's Ana'ja McClendon (34) dives on the floor for a loose ball in the second half of the Lady Eagles' 62-point thumping of Forest Park during the Forrest B. Johnson & Associates Holiday Hoops Classic.

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Panthers guard Keelan Battle hit a trio of three-pointers on his way to 11 points against Central-Macon in the Screamin' Demon Invitational at Warner Robins High School.

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New Year's Eve celebration ideas for families



The New Year's Eve countdown is on, with people eagerly awaiting the opportunity to say goodbye to this year and welcome the possibilities of the year ahead. The month of January's name was derived from the Roman god Janus, who was the god of beginnings, endings, doorways, and transitions. Symbolized by his two faces looking in opposite directions, Janus presided over many transitions. Billions enjoy celebrating the arrival of a new year. While

New Year's Eve may be known for its raucous nature, complete with overflowing cocktails and packed dance floors, parents looking to celebrate with their young children have plenty of options to turn NYE into a more family-friendly affair. Explore these ideas for family-friendly NYE fun.

- Noon Year's Eve: Staying up until midnight might be a stretch for young children, who tend to get wired and cranky the later into the evening they go beyond

typical bedtime. Instead of waiting until 12 a.m. for the countdown, move it back (or ahead) 12 hours to 12 noon. Young children won't mind if it's the sun out instead of the moon, as long as they get to make noise and throw confetti.

- Homemade noisemakers: Making noise is part of the fun of welcoming the new year. Kids can get in on the act of crafting their own noisemakers from items that already may be around the house. Collect empty toilet paper or paper towel cardboard tubes for this purpose. Cover one end of the tube with masking tape or a round piece of plastic. Fill the tube with beads, small seashells, rice, or dried beans, leaving enough room for the materials to move around inside the tube. Seal the other end and allow the kids to decorate their noisemakers. Then it's only a matter of shaking them when it's time to welcome 2026.
- Dress-up photo booth: Many people love to dress up for a special occasion. At a family-friendly New Year's Eve celebration, set aside a corner of a room with dress up props like funny glasses, feather boas, top hats, and NYE-specific items. Explore digital disposable camera apps like POV, Lense or Pixel Party. Guests simply scan a QR code for the event that the party host has established for a low price, and can snap moments at this "photo booth" that are shared effortlessly to one digital place.
- Kids beverage bar: Ensure that younger guests can be age-appropriate mixologists with sodas, fruit juices, citrus slices, and maraschino cherries. Or set up a hot cocoa bar with miniature marshmallows, whipped cream, chocolate shavings, and peanut butter chips.
- Family-friendly dance club: Put together a playlist of popular songs and choose the "clean" versions so children will not hear questionable lyrics. Clear an area of the party to serve as the dance floor, and utilize strobe lights or a disco ball to enhance the atmosphere.

Families can celebrate New Year's Eve with kids in entertaining ways that are appropriate for everyone in the home.

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Feb. 1

The community gathers at Deloris Toliver Park to remember Tra'Quavis Holloway.

Sandra Hernandez/HHJ



Feb. 8

Protesters wave flags and show signs to raise immigration awareness at a protest.

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Feb. 12

Houston Solar showcases a lambing barn at a media event.

Owen Jones/HHJ



Feb. 17

Then Centerville Councilman J. Micheal Evans announces his candidacy for mayor at a campaign event.

Brieanna Smith/HHJ



Feb. 18

Chyann Phillips (11) celebrates after her teammate gets a layup and foul in the Demonettes round one win over Southwest DeKalb.

Clay Brown/HHJ



April 16

Tyson Ganas shows coach Matt Hopkins where his home run went during his trot around the bases at a HoCo vs Lee County game.

Clay Brown/HHJ



May 13

Kendall Jackson (black) slides back to first base during HoCo's semifinals win over the Red Devils.

Clay Brown/HHJ



May 16

"Wings at Commercial Circle," an art installation featuring 46 planes crafted by local welding students, is unveiled in Warner Robins.

Brieanna Smith/HHJ



June 2

A sign unveiling marks the beginning of a new chapter for Emory Healthcare and Houston County.

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Sept. 18

Mayor LaRhonda Patrick (left) and Fabian Velazquez (right) participate in a mayoral debate at the Winning Church.

Owen Jones/HHJ



Oct. 17

City leadership and community partners celebrate after cutting the ribbon for Haven Hope House during a ceremony.

Brieanna Smith/HHJ



Oct. 25

Brandon Carter and his family take their Halloween spirit to the next level as their yard is filled with spooky attractions throughout the month.

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