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## 'He is part of the family' Beloved store cat Alpine goes missing

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WARNER ROBINS — Houston County Habitat for Humanity ReStore is asking the community to help look for their store cat Alpine, who went missing on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Those who have visited the store were most likely greeted by the friendly black and white cat.

Store staff said Alpine is missing his left eye, medium sized and has white feet. He is approximately two years old and is nearsighted.

There is currently a \$100 reward to anyone who finds him.

ReStore Manager Jaime Carr and Community Outreach Manager Billie Cook describe Alpine as friendly and heavily involved in daily chores.

He lives at the store and does the same routine with staff every morning, which includes greeting everyone at the door, Carr said.

She said Alpine also likes

to work where they process items in the back room and enjoys watching the trucks come during deliveries.

"All the way down to counting money, he wants to lay there. He does all aspects of the ReStore so it's important that we get him back," she said.

Carr shared that customers like to bring him treats. Alpine enjoys getting into people's shopping carts, being held like a baby and riding on customers' shoulders.

Overall, he gives staff and shoppers much-needed emotional support, Carr said.

Alpine's daily routine often involves venturing outside to the horse farm located behind the store. However, he always comes back to check in with employees.

Carr also shared that Alpine loves to eat in the store and has a scheduled dinner time. She said he knows he has to be inside before 6 p.m.

In their search, employ-

ees have gone to the wood lines since that is where he normally plays. Carr said they have taken treats outside and rescue groups have helped search for him.

Even when the store is closed, staff and the store director come in to play with Alpine.

Carr believes he may have accidentally jumped into someone's vehicle and may have left before they could see him. She said he may be disoriented and he is unable to find his way back to the store.

"He is family. It's really sad that he's not here. This is very out of character for him," she said.

Staff members have been heavily relying on social media to get the word out and also let their customers know about Alpine's disappearance. Customers have come in daily and everyone usually expects to see him.

Carr said they have been outside multiple times calling his name, but there has been no luck. Individuals



Courtesy: Houston County Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Houston County Habitat for Humanity ReStore cat Alpine has been missing since the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 7. He is described as a black and white cat missing his left eye.

have also been using their time to help with the search.

Cook also shared they have reached out to the

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## 'A full city council': Centerville swears in Mayor, council at January meeting



Centerville Mayor J. Michael Evans (right) is sworn in by Houston County Judge G.E. "Bo" Adams (left) during a ceremony on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

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CENTERVILLE — Centerville is at full capacity with its council after the city's first meeting of the year.

Three of its members were sworn in for new terms at the Jan. 6 meeting. The first was Mayor J. Micheal Evans.

Evans was elected mayor in a special election in June of last year. He won against Justin Wright with 58% of the vote.

Evans was initially elected to fill the unexpired term of former mayor John Harley, who retired at the start of 2025. Then, in November, Evans ran unopposed and was elected mayor.

Councilman Robert Bird

and Wright also ran unopposed for Post 1 and Post 3 and were sworn in during the meeting.

Previously, Councilwoman Velicia Lowe was elected in November, defeating four other candidates with 60% of the vote. She was sworn in during a ceremony in November.

At the meeting, Evans was grateful for citizen support and congratulated the fellow council members.

"We really appreciate you all being here to support us in the endeavors that we undertake for the city of Centerville. I want to congratulate Councilman Bird and Councilman Wright; now we have a full city council," Evans said.

Lowe and Councilman Edward Armijo also congratulated their fellow coun-

cil for their reappointments.

"Congratulations, again, to the Mayor and the councilmen who were sworn in today. It's great to have a full council," Lowe said.

Finally, Evans thanked city staff for their work and said he looks forward to working with everyone.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity to continue serving the citizens of Centerville with this group of dedicated public servants," Evans said. "I look forward to working with you all over the next two-to-four years and again, thank you employees, for all your hard work and citizens for allowing us to serve."

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## Two arrested after stabbing and standoff on King Richard Drive

By SANDRA HERNANDEZ  
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WARNER ROBINS — Two people have been arrested following a stabbing and standoff on Thursday night.

Warner Robins Police Department officers responded to the stabbing on the 500 block of King Richard Drive on Thursday, Jan. 8, at 10:40 p.m.

According to a press release, officers arrested Joshua Phillips, 28, and Breanna Durant, 23.

Once on scene officers located victim Kearstin Gregory, 23, with a stab wound to the abdomen. Phillips was inside the residence refusing to exit.

Gregory was transported to a local area hospital for treatment and is currently listed in stable condition.

Officers learned there were two children along with Durant inside the residence.

Due to the nature of the

incident, Phillips refusing to



Phillips

exit, and others inside, the Crisis Negotiations Team and SWAT responded.

It took over four hours of SWAT and negotiating tactics to de-escalate the situation. At around 3 a.m.

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Durant

## Warner Robins teen sentenced as adult in armed robbery case

By OWEN JONES  
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WARNER ROBINS — Kemonte Jorquez Jordan, 17, of Warner Robins has been charged as an adult with armed robbery and possession of a firearm during commission of a felony by pleading guilty on Jan. 5. He was sentenced to ten years in prison without the possibility of parole.

According to a media release, the crime took place at The Mystery Shop on Green Street on Sept. 17, 2024, when Jordan was 16. The release said the overnight clerk was robbed at gunpoint and Jordan demanded \$100 from them.

"When the clerk initially refused to comply with Jordan's demands, Jordan informed him that he had a gun and ultimately brandished and pointed a firearm at the victim," the release said. "The victim gave Jordan \$40 from the cash register, and Jordan fled the store."

Officers of the Warner Robins Police Department obtained surveillance footage of Jordan entering and robbing the store.

"Once identified from the surveillance footage, Jordan was arrested, and during an interview with Detective Karmen Thompson, he confessed to the robbery, saying

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## Word of the Day

Let us search out and examine our ways, And turn back to the Lord. —

Lamentations 3:40 (NKJV)

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## CAPITOL UPDATES

### Sen. Larry Walker, III Elected President Pro Tempore of Georgia State Senate

#### Special to The Journal

ATLANTA — Sen. Larry Walker, III (R-Perry) was unanimously elected by his colleagues to serve as President Pro Tempore of the Georgia State Senate.

"I am honored by the trust my fellow senators have placed in me to help lead the Georgia Senate," said Sen. Walker. "We must keep Georgia on a path that rewards hard work, lives within its means and puts people ahead of politics. As President Pro Tempore, I will keep the Senate focused on cutting taxes, cutting unnecessary red tape and standing up for working families who are too often burdened by an overgrown bureaucracy. Georgians deserve a government that works for them, not one that gets in

their way."

In his role as President Pro Tempore, Sen. Walker will preside over Senate sessions in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor and work closely with Senate leadership to guide legislative operations and ensure an efficient, orderly legislative process under the Gold Dome.

Sen. Walker has represented Georgia's 20th Senate District since 2015, serving Bleckley, Dodge, Dooly, Laurens, Treutlen, Pulaski, Wilcox and much of Houston County. He previously served as Secretary of the Senate Majority Caucus and currently chairs the Senate Committee on Insurance and Labor, while also serving as Secretary of the Senate Committee on

Agriculture and Consumer Affairs and Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

A lifelong Middle Georgian, Sen. Walker was born and raised in Perry and is a graduate of the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business. Before his legislative service, he worked in the private sector as an accountant and small business owner, experiences that continue to inform his focus on fiscal responsibility, economic growth and efficient government.

Sen. Walker and his wife, Adrienne, have been married for over 40 years and remain actively involved in their community and church.

sion and two counts of second-degree cruelty toward a child.

Police said this was not an instance of domestic violence. Gregory and Phillips were friends or acquaintances.

The Warner Robins Police Department is continuing

their investigation into this incident and additional charges are pending. Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact Det. Broussard at (478) 302-5378 or the Macon Regional CrimStoppers at 1-877-68CRIME.

as an adult under Georgia law by entering a guilty plea in the Houston County Superior Court. Jordan was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Sandra Matson.

Houston County District Attorney Eric Edwards provided comments on the conviction:

"An armed robbery is a violent crime, regardless of the age of the person who commits it," he said. "Pointing a firearm at a store clerk in the middle of the night puts an innocent person's life at real and immediate risk, and our community cannot tolerate that kind of violence."

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### Affordability a top concern as lawmakers prepare for Georgia legislative session

By TYTAGAMI  
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ATLANTA — When lawmakers return to the Georgia Capitol, they will focus on affordability.

While President Donald Trump tries to address complaints about the cost of living, Georgia Republicans see the risk of a voter backlash.

They worry that the landslide defeat in November of two Republican incumbents on the state Public Service Commission could be a harbinger for the November general elections.

So, members of the state Senate and House say they will be pushing pocketbook proposals this year.

"We're laser focused on pursuing an agenda — when we start back next Monday — that makes life affordable," said House Speaker Jon Burns, a Republican from Newington.

In a briefing Wednesday, he said he and his chamber would focus on local property taxes, which he blamed for undermining the American dream of homeownership.

"For many of the families in our state, because of those property taxes, that dream appears to be unattainable," he said. "We need to do something about it. And we're going to do something about it."

Senate Republicans are concerned about taxes, too. But they are targeting the state income tax.

On Wednesday, a Senate study committee recommended eliminating it on the first \$50,000 earned by individuals and \$100,000 for couples.

The committee, led by Sen. Blake Tillery, R-Vidalia, also recommended abolishing the \$16 billion tax entirely by 2032.

But first, he said, lawmakers must help those struggling most with rising costs by exempting them from the 5.19% income tax.

"Georgia families are feeling the burden of affordability," said Tillery, who, as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, will have significant say over the state budget. "They're talking about how high their power bill is. They're talking about how much child care costs, how much their grocery bill is."

Last spring and summer, legislators held hearings to study rising medical costs, a topic that could lead to legislation, as well. The House heard about a resulting lack of access to cancer care and about the impact of federal funding policy on the state public health system.

The end of COVID-19 era subsidies for people who buy health insurance through the Affordable Care Act is expected to make coverage unaffordable for hundreds of thousands in Georgia. The Congressional fighting over the issue could spill into state politics.

U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff, a Democrat, taunted Georgia's Republican delegation to the U.S. House over the issue, targeting those who want to unseat him in November.

"They support throwing half a million Georgians off their health insurance. They support more than a million Georgians seeing their health insurance premiums double," he said Thursday. Republicans should break with Trump and extend the tax credits, he said. It is a line he will surely repeat during this election season.

Health care was the second issue Burns said the state House would tackle this year. His concern centered on recruiting and retaining doc-

tors. His plan is to establish more opportunities for future doctors to complete their residency in Georgia, since they tend to settle where they do that training.

The third top issue Burns mentioned was education. He said the state must do more to improve literacy rates, so he wants to put a literacy coach in every elementary school. It has been a major concern of his wife, Dayle, a retired educator who has been helping with a state literacy campaign.

Speaker Burns also touched on another education topic that lawmakers in both the House and Senate have been discussing since the last legislative session: banning cellphones in high schools.

Gov. Brian Kemp signed legislation into law in May that will ban personal devices in elementary and middle school starting next fall. Last month, a Senate committee co-led by Sen. Sally Harrell, D-Atlanta and Sen. Shawn Still, R-Johns Creek, the chamber's majority caucus chair, recommended extending that ban to high schools.

Burns was on board with the idea, observing the popularity in schools that have banned phones on their own.

"You'll see us move this session, I do believe, to ban cell phones in high schools because so many jurisdictions around the state have already done that," he said. It is a hot topic, with school shootings leading to parent concerns about being able to contact their children.

Burns noted that authorities see phones as a distraction from safety protocols during emergencies, but he said he respects parents' feelings on the issue: "that will be something we will certainly have a lively discussion about."



## Attention, newlyweds!

### Submissions are open for our 2026 Southern Bride magazine cover contest!

The winner will be on the 2026 Southern Bride magazine's cover and be featured inside. The runner-up will also be featured.

Any bride who got married in 2025 and is a resident of either the Middle Georgia area or Georgia Trust associated counties\* is eligible to enter.

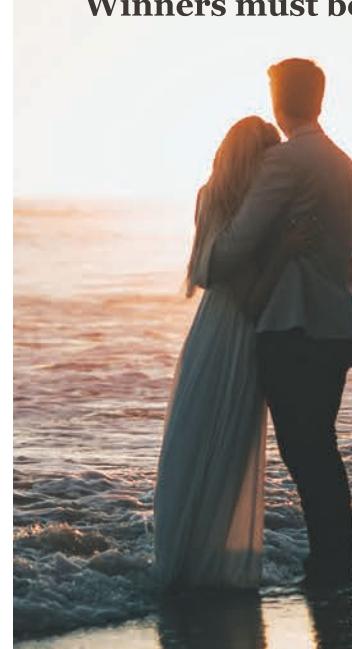
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Voting will start January 19th on hhjonline.com and end at noon on January 30th. The winner will be announced January 30th.

Winners must be available for a phone interview between January 31st and February 5th.

Submission deadline: January 18th

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\*Eligible counties include Houston, Bibb, Baldwin, Bleckley, Crawford, Dodge, Dooly, Dougherty, Harris, Hancock, Johnson, Jones, Laurens, Macon, Meriwether, Monroe, Montgomery, Peach, Pulaski, Talbot, Taylor, Terrell, Treutlen, Twiggs, Wheeler, Washington, or Wilkerson.

### STABBING

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Friday, Phillips was taken into custody. He is being charged with aggravated assault, obstruction and open warrants.

Durant is being charged with hindering apprehension.

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that he needed the money to get his cell phone fixed," the release said.

Even though Jordan was a juvenile at the time of the arrest, he has been charged



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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

##### INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN

This notice is to furnish citizens of the City of Warner Robins (City) information concerning the amount of funding available from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant program for Fiscal Year 2026 and the range of activities to be undertaken. To obtain citizen comments a Public Hearing is scheduled for 10:00 AM, Thursday, January 29, 2026. The City is endeavoring to be in total compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require assistance or auxiliary aids, please contact the ADA Coordinator, Jessica Bird, at (478) 302-5505 or [jbird@wrga.gov](mailto:jbird@wrga.gov) between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday except holidays as far in advance of the meeting as possible. Persons with hearing disabilities can contact the City through the Georgia Relay Service, at (TDD) 1-800-255-0056 or (Voice) 1-800-255-0135. This information is available on request in an alternative format. Language Assistance is also available including oral interpretation and written translation services.

It is unknown at this time the exact amount HUD will allocate to the City through the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement program. We anticipate receiving \$400,000. In addition, program income is anticipated from housing rehabilitation activities and the sale of real property. The estimated amount of program income is approximately \$7,000 bringing the total estimated operating budget to \$407,000. A minimum of 71% of these funds must be used for activities that benefit low and moderate-income persons. The range of uses of funds is very broad and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Program planning and administration
- Acquisition and disposition of real property
- Code enforcement
- Clearance, demolition, and rehabilitation of publicly and privately owned commercial and residential structures
- Fair housing
- Removal of architectural barriers
- Public facilities and improvements
- Public services
- Historic preservation
- Economic opportunity
- Activities undertaken as part of a Consolidated Plan

Further information concerning this program or meeting is available upon request from the City of Warner Robins, Department of Community & Economic Development, 700 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, Georgia at (478) 302-5513 or by emailing [agoodrum@wrga.gov](mailto:agoodrum@wrga.gov) between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Esta información está disponible a petición en un formato alternativo. Asistencia de idioma también está disponible para incluir interpretación oral y escrita servicios de traducción.

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# CALENDAR

## Perry High School Class of 1976 Bi-Centennial Reunion Weekend

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For more information Contact Regina Ford at 478-987-0257 or email [perryhighschool76@gmail.com](mailto:perryhighschool76@gmail.com) and visit the Reunion Social Media Page Perry High School Class of 76 Reunion News.

## Warner Robins AGLOW

January 14, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Free conference call (605)-313-5146 code 204807#

Encouragement and personal prayer is offered.

Our speaker is Jessie Nelms and she will be sharing on "what the Lord is saying about 2026 and beyond." Having committed her life to Christ at the age of 11, Jessie began her ministry at 17 in Miami, Florida. Today, she continues to serve her local church and the greater Atlanta area. Her ministry has taken her across the globe, fueled by a passion for preaching the Gospel and a desire to see people healed, delivered, set free, and to know how much their Heavenly Father loves them. She is deeply committed to advancing the Kingdom of God.

Professionally, Jessie has been in real estate for nine years and has served as President of the West Georgia Board of Realtors. Jessie is a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and a dedicated wife to her husband, Kyle. She is a proud mother of three and a loving "Maw Maw" to 10 grandchildren.

## ALPINE

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Houston County Animal Control and checked with local veterinarian offices for sightings.

Carr shared morale in the store has been down since Alpine went missing and some staff members have even cried.

The store approximately has 20 employees, and Alpine has played a role in each of their lives, she shared.

Cook added his presence has been greatly missed, not just among staff but with their cus-

## Wine and Cheese Tasting

The Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) at All Saints Episcopal Church, located at 1708 Watson Blvd, Warner Robins, is hosting our Annual Wine and Cheese Tasting on Feb 13, 2026, starting at 7:00PM in our Parish Hall.

Various wines, craft beers, and cheeses from around the world are available for tasting and enjoyment. In addition, there is a Silent Auction and door prizes.

This event is one of our major Episcopal Church Women's (ECW) funding sources for the many Outreach Programs sponsored by All Saints.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person and can be purchased at the church office. Please contact the church office at 478-923-1791 for more information and tickets.

## American Heritage Girls Meeting

A new Chapter of American Heritage Girls has begun meeting in Perry at 208 Langston Road. Meetings are held on Mondays at 6:15 pm. AHG is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for biological girls ages 5-18. It is dedicated to building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and nation through hundreds of badge programs. There are currently more than 1,700 chapters in the United States. For further information call or text 910-381-7419 or [AHGGA0208@gmail.com](mailto:AHGGA0208@gmail.com)

## County approves Memorandum of Understanding, appoints MIS Director

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PERRY — In a relatively short meeting to start 2026, the Houston County Commissioners still had important business to discuss in their meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Just one day after the new HEMA Warehouse groundbreaking ceremony, the Board approved a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal from Parrish Construction who was awarded the contract to build the warehouse. The GMP is \$1,679,073.00 and is funded by reserve funds which were included in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

"I appreciate the Public Works staff and the commissioners that participated in both this process of selecting Parrish [Construction] and getting to a GMP," Chairman Dan Perdue said. "That's an important mile-

stone in this project, and we look forward to it being delivered by July 1."

The Board also approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Houston County Sheriff's Office for background checks.

According to the agenda, the MOU between the Board of Commissioners and the Sheriff's Office will be for fingerprinting applicants. It also includes obtaining background checks for alcohol licenses, solicitors, peddlers and taxicab licenses. The MOU went into effect on Jan. 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027.

"I want to congratulate Mr. Davis on this appointment and I appreciate his service to the citizens of Houston County and look forward to [his] future in this role," Commissioner Mark Byrd said. "I appreciate what you've been doing for Houston County and what you will do for Houston County in the future," Perdue said.

The next Houston County Commissioners meeting will be Jan. 20, at 5 p.m. located at the Houston County Annex on 200 Carl Vinson Parkway. The full agenda of this meeting can be found at [www.houstoncountyga.gov/minutes/2026-01-06-department%20head%20agenda%20copy.pdf](http://www.houstoncountyga.gov/minutes/2026-01-06-department%20head%20agenda%20copy.pdf)

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## Public Hearing Notice

### For the City of Centerville

#### Joint Comprehensive Plan Update

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (during the regularly scheduled Council meeting) at the Centerville City Hall located at 300 E Church Street, Centerville, GA 31028. The purpose of this hearing is to brief the community on the process to be used to develop the Joint Comprehensive Plan, opportunities for public participation, and to obtain input on the planning process.

In addition, this hearing will discuss minor amendments to the Centerville Community Work Program under the 2022 Joint Comprehensive Plan. The city will receive comments on the amendments from residents and other interested parties at this time.

All community members are invited to attend the Public Hearing. For additional information, please contact Greg Boike, Director of Planning and Public Administration with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission, at (478) 751-6160 or [gboike@mg-rc.org](mailto:gboike@mg-rc.org).

Persons with special needs relating to disability access or foreign language should contact the Centerville City Hall at (478) 953-4734 prior to the meeting for necessary accommodations. Persons with hearing disabilities may contact the Georgia Relay Service at (TDD) 1-800-255-0056 or (Voice) 1-800-255-0135.

## Public Hearing Notice

### For Houston County

#### Joint Comprehensive Plan Update

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (during the regularly scheduled County Commissioner meeting) at the Houston County Courthouse located at 201 Perry Parkway, Perry, GA 31069. The purpose of this hearing is to brief the community on the process to be used to develop the Joint Comprehensive Plan, opportunities for public participation, and to obtain input on the planning process.

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## Public Hearing Notice

### For the City of Warner Robins

#### Joint Comprehensive Plan Update

A public hearing will be held on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. (during the regularly scheduled Council meeting) at the Warner Robins City Hall located at 700 Watson Blvd, Warner Robins, GA 31093. The purpose of this hearing is to brief the community on the process to be used to develop the Joint Comprehensive Plan, opportunities for public participation, and to obtain input on the planning process.

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## Rising health care costs are crushing Georgia families

For too many Georgia families, what comes in and what goes out isn't working — in fact, it hasn't been working for some time now.

Rents are skyrocketing all around Georgia, in urban areas and rural enclaves. In South Georgia, demand outstrips supply, and new homes are a rare sight.

Regardless of where you live or shop, groceries cost more, and those families who need a little extra help aren't getting it.

With summers getting hotter and winter temperatures spiking, data centers popping up and power companies demanding more from ratepayers, utility bills are shockingly high.

Then the cost of child care requires an ever-larger share of paychecks — yet wages, across the state and across the board, haven't kept pace with a cost of living that is spiraling out of control.

This piles onto a long-term struggle against the constant challenge of health care in a state that refuses to fully expand Medicaid. We've watched as hospitals have shuttered, doctors have fled, and prices continue to surge.

Now, Georgia families are being hit with another major cost increase: rising health insurance premiums because Republicans in Congress let Affordable Care Act subsidies expire.

As state lawmakers enter the 2026 legislative session, Georgians are suffering the consequences of stubbornness and inaction when it comes to health care costs. Premiums are doubling — even tripling — for hundreds of thousands of Georgians. Half a million Georgians could lose coverage altogether due to cost increases.

In early December, I received a desperate text from a wife and mother who runs a small business. She and her husband rely on the ACA for insurance, but with the cost increasing from \$750 a month to \$2,500 a month — triple the rate —

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they will have to forgo coverage. Her daughter may be able to stay on Peachcare for Kids, but she's not sure.

Georgians aren't surprised by what's happening in Washington as Republicans refuse to simply extend the subsidies that have worked. Here at home, Republicans annually reject billions of dollars to save rural hospitals and reduce costs across the state. Instead, we get piecemeal policies that serve far fewer than needed and pad the pockets of consultants.

Republican lawmakers point to Georgia's Pathways to Coverage program, but that only offers limited assistance to certain low-income residents who otherwise do not qualify for Medicaid. Pathways reaches only a narrow slice of Georgians and leaves working families exposed — particularly those who rely on ACA marketplace plans.

Too often, corruption is a companion to authoritarianism, a useful byproduct of ignoring the will of the people to serve the ideological and economic whims of those in charge. If Georgia wants to instead take care of its people, then state lawmakers must pursue real plans to address the affordability crisis, starting with the ACA and Medicaid.

Democrats have said they plan to revive legislation to create a state health care affordability program aimed at lowering premiums.

Refusing to follow the proven success of 40 other states, Georgia Republicans are going to bid for \$1.4 billion to salvage rural health care, money made available with the signature Trump bill that slashed ACA sub-

## Tragedy in Minnesota

### THE LAW MAN

JIM ROCKEFELLER



Dear Readers, We have to be very careful about how quickly we reach a conclusion about tragic events. What he hear about (and even see) is not always accurate or even the complete truth. While we live in a world of rapid response, there is still a space for us to let investigations breathe.

When Charlie Kirk was assassinated, many jumped to pin responsibility on a radical leftist. As we learn more about his murderer, having come from a conservative background, the best we can conclude is this was a deeply troubled young man with no apparent political agenda. We finally have someone in custody for the January 6th abortive bombings of Democratic and Republican political headquarters. We do not have a lot of information about him, or what was agenda, but it appears he was a radical supporter of President Trump, dissatisfied with the pace of change. This should temper all of us not to get too far out on a limb about what transpired in Renee Nicole Good's death. We should not let our conclusions about current events be shaped by "what people are saying."

To some extent, this happened in front of us; its right there in videos. And, yet, political stakeholders with the immigration crack-down want to spin what happened for their own devices. Ms. Good was a thirty-seven (37) years old mother of three (3)

children. She was a 2020 graduate of Old Dominion University with an English degree. She had a 6-year-old son; the now orphaned boy's father pre-deceased her. With her dog in the back seat in her Honda Pilot, she dropped her son off at school and came back to pick up her partner. ICE agents were "swarming" a residential community, apparently in attempt to round up Somali immigrants. This we know. Those in favor of this deployment label Ms. Good a "domestic terrorist" (legally, there is no such thing as one). They say she was part of a sophisticated terrorist operation to obstruct ICE. One of the videos, suggest she was a part of community protesting about the raids and they were using whistles to notify people of ICE's presence. They say she was trying to kill or harm ICE agents and the shooting was justified.

Those opposed have a different take. Videos of the shooting, show cars sitting in the street, not just Ms. Good's. Ms. Good's Honda is blocking traffic in some fashion — it is not clear from the videos how it got there. An agent tells

her to get out of the car, she responds, "I'm not mad" and tries to back-up. While she is doing so, her partner is trying to open the passenger door.

As Ms. Good starts rolling backwards (not a threat to anyone), an ICE agent grabs tries to open the driver's-side door. She starts forward.

The shooter (Jonathan Ross) is in the street in front of the car. He had been filming her license plate with his phone, before walking around the front. As she starts slowly forward to head into traffic, rather than get out of the way, he starts firing shots at her. Not once, but three (3) times, two (2) of the shots point-blank from the side. He calls her the "B-word" after killing her.

When law enforcement is involved in a fatal shooting, there are various possible processes: an internal "Use of Force" administrative investigation; one conducted by a public body; and/or, a formal criminal investigation.

An internal investigation typically accompanies the officer being placed on administrative leave (paid or unpaid). Sometimes, it

takes a week, sometimes this may stretch into weeks.

A criminal investigation takes longer. Witnesses need to be interviewed, evidence assembled and analyzed, and autopsy results reviewed. If there is a whiff of self-defense, in particular, the investigation will be a very deep dive.

This homicide is full of investigation multipliers. A federal agency is pursuing an agenda opposed by local state officials. The Mayor of Minneapolis has demanded ICE to leave. Potentially, there might be congressional oversight hearings and about the policy. In other words, this could devolve into a messy stand-off between governmental stakeholders.

Federal criminal immunity for this ICE agent means that, because of the "Supremacy Clause," Minnesota cannot prosecute him for "necessary and proper" actions in furtherance of his official duties. It is possible (maybe probable) he will face state charges of some kind. This will create a Federal-State taffy-pull threatening our shared governmental sovereignty.

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## Thoughts On A Three Decade Friendship And Iran

I'm going to get a haircut this week. Please try to contain your excitement over this.

The lady that cuts my hair has been doing so about thirty years. My first haircut with her was quite random. I just dropped into one of the several places in Cobb County's Cumberland Mall when I determined things had grown a bit shaggy sometime around Atlanta's hosting of the 1996 Olympics.

We've since moved from mitigating cow licks to receding hair lines. I now know her not only to be kind, but an amazing person. Despite me having moved to the Georgia coast years ago, no one has cut my hair since we met but her.

She works hard six days a week. I've listened to stories about her raising two sons, and now her third grandson. She's seen me at my best and helped get me

through my worst. There was a too long stretch of several months in there where she wouldn't accept payment from me, knowing I didn't really have her meager fee to spare. I'm proud to call her a friend.

There's something about a barber or stylist that gets people talking. I guess once you've let someone into your personal space and alter your appearance you have already accepted a certain level of trust. Real talk occurs during haircuts.

Over three decades, we've had our share of real conversations. We know many

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of each other's problems and worries. We know a lot about each other's families. We know where we're coming from in dealing with our day to day, which brings me to the point of telling you more about her.

She has a slight but beautiful accent with her perfect command of English, but her native language is Farsi. She was born in Iran. Her religion is Bahá'í Faith. Her story is pure American.

I had never heard of her religion until she told me about her journey. Her fam-

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## LIFESTYLE &amp; FAITH

## Warts and All

We don't know for certain where the phrase, "warts and all" originates, but the ever-trust "Dr. Google" tells us it was likely used for the first time in the 1600's by a man named Sir Oliver Cromwell. If indeed this is accurate, the expression

finds its roots in an interesting piece of history. According to some historical records, an artist was hired to paint a portrait of Cromwell, who served as the Lord Protector of England. Long before cameras and Kodak, artists would be employed to paint portraits of wealthy persons, high ranking government officials, and Royalty. These paintings were made either because of one's own vanity, or that it was customary, or for historical purposes. Or perhaps some of all those reasons?

Not surprisingly, it was normal for these painters to take some "artistic license" when making a likeness of these persons, especially if they were rich or very powerful. By "artistic license" I mean, they would paint their subjects in a very flattering manner, often making them far more attractive on canvas than they were in real life. The artists would shrewdly make their subjects look thinner, more fit, more beautiful, more handsome, or more impressive-looking.

However, Cromwell wanted nothing of the sort and instructed the artist to "paint true." Cromwell demanded the painter not seek to flatter him, or alter his likeness in anyway, but paint him as he was, "warts and all." So, if you are seeing this article in the newspaper; if you'd like, you can stop reading and do an online search for Sir Oliver Cromwell and see a picture of him. To put it kindly, he is not the most visually appealing of men. The artist did as he was tasked, and painted an image of Cromwell, though not what most of us would call attractive, it was (presumably) quite accurate. And includes the bumps, blemishes, and growths on Cromwell's face.

Over time, this expression, "warts and all" has come to mean; describing something or someone as they truly are, with all their faults, and failures – with no attempt to hide the ugly parts.

I relate that story for this reason ... one thing you can say about the Bible is this; it accurately portrays men as they are ... "warts and all." God's Word doesn't

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hide, sugar-coat, or cover up our many imperfections. We live in an age of photo-editing and apps that enhance the attractiveness of online photos. But the Bible does no such thing. Scripture records the history of both triumphs and tragedies ... our successes and our defeats. Moments of elation and desperation are all described on the pages of Holy Writ.

Think about Moses, the godly leader of Israel who stood defiant in the face of Pharaoh and demanded the Egyptian ruler

let God's people go. Moses met with God on Mt. Sinai and was given the unique privilege of beholding a portion of God's glory. He faithfully led the nation for 40 years as they wandered in the wilderness. But, in a moment of anger and rage, he disobeyed God and it cost him dearly.

Or perhaps you remember the story of King David? At one point he was known as the giant-slaying fearless shepherd who was Israel's national hero. Then, not long after, he was guilty of adultery and murder.

Recently, our church has been studying the life of Elijah, and let me tell you – what a mighty man of God he was indeed!

In an act of righteous judgment against idolatrous Israel, he prayed, and it did not rain for the space of three and a half years. After that, on the top of Mount Carmel, Elijah bravely stood strong (and alone) against the wicked King Ahab and some 450 prophets of the pagan god, Baal. As God's bold mouthpiece, he mocked the false prophets and their false god.

Elijah called down fire from heaven to consume the sacrifice on the altar, proving there is only One True and Living God, and His Name is Yahweh. Elijah then prayed again, and brought rain to the parched promised land. Yet ... when threatened by a woman, the cruel Queen Jezebel, he tucked his tail between his legs and ran for his life (1 Kings 19).

Neither time nor space will allow us to go much further. But think of the

Apostle Peter who arrogantly insisted he would never deny the Lord ... but did that very thing three times. Or John Mark who got out on the mission field and found out it wasn't all glory and glam, and went running home to his momma. Many others could be cited as evidence the Bible portrays the history of men with all our faults and failures. Or as Cromwell put it, "warts and all."

If you were writing a biography and seeking to curry favor, you'd be tempted to edit out those private and public failures. It is likely you'd downplay those embarrassing events and sinful incidents. But God paints true. His brush reveals our every bump and blemish. Enabled by the Holy Spirit and with the mirror of His Holy Word, we can see how sin has damaged and deformed us. His perfect law reveals our every imperfection. And though we are by nature, spiritually unattractive; God doesn't do like those ancient artists and paint an inaccurate flattering image of us. Instead, He lovingly shows us our every spiritual flaw, and then points us to the Glorious Person of His Sinless Son.

Friends, it is only when we see the true ugliness of our innate depravity, that we will cry out to be remade. Thankfully, God can make us new

creations in Christ!

Neither Maybelline or L'Oréal, or their best powder and concealer can mask the ugliness of sin from God. He sees us, "warts and all." You can't hide your impurities from Him. But you can find forgiveness, cleansing and healing in Him. And one sweet day, when the Almighty artist is done working on His people, the truth of this verse will be unveiled; "... that

He might present to

Himself the church in all

her glory, having no spot or

wrinkle or any such thing,

but that she would be holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:27).

Even so, come quickly

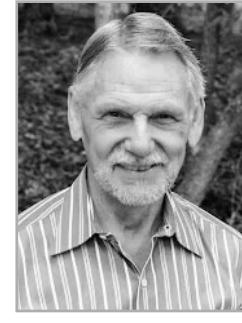
Lord Jesus.

As we kick off 2026, I've set a few New Year's goals for myself, and topping the list is emptying out that rented storage building that's been haunting my wallet and my conscience ever since we moved. You know the one—it's crammed with boxes of forgotten treasures from our old life on the farm. If you're a senior like me, staring down a pile of accumulated belongings that no longer spark joy, you're not alone. This year, I'm committing to the great purge, and I hope sharing my story inspires you to tackle your own clutter.

Let me back up a bit. A few years ago, my wife and I made the big move from our sprawling farm to a more manageable home. The farm wasn't just a house; it was a mini-empire. We had the main residence, two apartments for guests or family, a massive barn for all sorts of animals as well as odds and ends including a dedicated grandkids' room perched above the barn (complete with toys that haven't seen

## ALL ABOUT SENIORS

## BILL MILBY



action in a decade), a workshop for repairing the farm equipment, a 2100 square ft. greenhouse bursting with plant experiments, an electronics shop where my son fixed all sorts of gadgets, a well/storage building that doubled as a catch-all, and even a separate fishing tackle building for all our fishing equipment.

When it came time to downsize, life threw us a curveball—we simply didn't have the luxury of time to sort through it all. Deadlines loomed, the moving truck was booked, and before I knew it, we were shoving stuff into a rented storage unit. It seemed like a temporary fix, but here we are, almost three years

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## Top Reasons to Garden in 2026

Mobile phones, tablets, and apps have become the tools of our modern lives. But it wasn't that long ago that a shovel, a patch of soil, and a bag of seeds were the only tools needed to provide sustenance and satisfaction. Ask any new or experienced gardener why they garden and you'll get a variety of reasons why it's important to them.

Janie Kieft of the National Garden Bureau and I teamed up to offer the following top reasons to garden in 2026.

1. Garden for safe, healthy food. Reports of food-borne illnesses and contamination regularly appear in the news media. Growing concerns about pesticides in our food supply have led to an increased interest in organic gardening and the availability of organic produce. Processed foods contain additives and preservatives that many consumers want to avoid. The pandemic made some people question our food supply. An easy solution is to grow your own vegetables. It's estimated that during WWII, 20 million homeowners had Victory Gardens that produced close to 40% of the fresh vegetables consumed in the United States. The numbers of new gardeners in 2020 was estimated at 16-20 million. Start your own garden and know the food you're eating is fresh, safe, and has a fantastic flavor.

2. Garden for exercise. Can't get to the gym? Get a good workout without even thinking about it. Gardening activities provide both cardio and aerobic exercise. Studies show that an hour of moderate gardening can burn up to 300 calories for women, almost 400 calories for men.

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ily had to escape Iran when the late Shah was overthrown in the 1970's.

Baha'i is a peaceful religion that is politically agnostic. Their followers are often the first people targeted by religious fundamentalists during revolutions, and often executed, as the oppressors can make a point to all other groups while receiving little pushback from Baha'i's.

Her family first fled to a neighboring country, then Canada, and after several months made it to America. Her sons know their native culture and country well, but have been raised as Americans. This is now their forever home.

I'm old enough to remember the revolution, as I was about ten as it unfolded. Much of my political awareness was galvanized by the events of that era.

Economically, the oil embargos produced a stagflation that caused inflation much worse than we've experienced over the past few years. We also saw our national might openly questioned and mocked by the new regime holding 52 hos-

## LET'S GARDEN

## TIM LEWIS



For older people, especially women, gardening can help reduce osteoporosis. Mowing the grass is like taking a vigorous walk, bending, and stretching to plant a garden compares to an exercise class, while hauling plants and soil is similar to weightlifting. Adaptive tools help those whose physical limitations prevent some activities. And after you're finished, you see immediate results in your garden even as your physical health improves—without being bored.

3. Garden to add beauty. A house with a nice yard is a pleasure to look at and satisfying to live in. Your home can be made more inviting simply by adding a container of color near the front door. Herbs in the kitchen add freshness as well as flavor to daily meals. Trees and shrubs not only provide color and shade but shelter for birds and wildlife. Think of the garden as another room to be enjoyed whether you are inside or outside the house.

4. Garden to learn. Gardeners find that the more they learn about plants and gardening, the more they want to know. Problems with insects or spots on leaves provide the opportunity to find the cause and understand how to keep plants healthy. Moving to a new house may mean leaving favorite plants but also provides the

tages from our embassy in Tehran for 444 days.

The Ayatollahs have used their oil money not for the Iranian people, but to finance a terror network that has destabilized the middle east and openly threatened and undermined the west. It is understandable why most Americans view Iran as an enemy, if not the enemy.

Through our years of visits, I've grown to understand an Iran that once was. It's what Iran still is in the heart and soul of many expatriates as well as those who live oppressed under the current regime.

There remains a great pride of an Iran that had the most educated population in the region. It was forward thinking. It combined centuries of culture with a hip vibe. The standard of living for most Iranians was among the best in the world. There are strong hopes and dreams of what Iran might one day be again.

There have been uprisings against the current regime several times since our haircuts began. We've discussed them all.

Each time, you could see and hear the hope and determination. You could also see the stoic resolve

en-table decisions and late-night calculations. It determines whether parents can keep coverage for their children, whether workers can manage chronic conditions and whether a single unexpected bill tips a household into crisis.

As the 2026 session begins, lawmakers have a choice. They can argue over ideology, debate process and posture for the future—or they can confront the present and recognize that

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## My 2026 De-clutter Goal

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later, still paying monthly rent for stuff we haven't touched. This got me thinking about the bigger picture. The self-storage industry in the USA has exploded over the decades, mirroring our national love affair with accumulating more than we

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health care affordability is at the core of the economic pressure crushing Georgia families. They can decide to finally take action.

For Georgia families, democracy must finally deliver—or we'll all pay the price.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

## Did You Know... by Jack Bagley



## Was one of radio's longest broadcast marathons tied to a baseball team's losing streak?

Sometimes I just want to do the following:

On "write the column" day, sit down at my keyboard, clear my throat, crack my knuckles, and type "This Space for Rent."

It gets really hard sometimes to come up with an introduction to the column. When the world doesn't give me much to work with, I have to be creative - and we all know where that leads.

So the introduction this week is no introduction at all, and we'll just move along to the trivia.

By the way, if you feel the urge to write to me, do so at [didyouknowcolumn@gmail.com](mailto:didyouknowcolumn@gmail.com) and I always answer quickly. Thanks!

Did you know ...

... non-dairy coffee creamer is flammable? (Which makes you really wonder about some of the stuff we put into our bodies.)

... a part of the United States once belonged to Russia? What is now the state of Alaska was purchased by the United States from the Russian government in 1867 at the bar-

gain-basement price of 2¢ an acre, or \$7.2 million.

Why did Russia want to sell its sole North American claim? They thought the land was simply useless tundra, and the government of Tsar Alexander II (1818-1881) needed money.

Within twenty years, however, huge gold deposits were discovered in Alaska, and in the 20th Century another very valuable mineral - petroleum - was found. (So, if the Russians were to think they were robbed, you may just understand that.)

... one of the longest broadcasting marathons was tied to a baseball team's losing streak? In 1988, the Baltimore Orioles opened their season by dropping 21 consecutive games. Ten games into the streak, a disc jockey at radio station WIYY in Baltimore, Bob Rivers (1956-2025) made an on-air promise to his listeners: he would stay on the air until the Orioles won a game. Great idea, right? I mean, they had to win some time, didn't they?

Eventually, they did ... twelve games later. Rivers kept his word, though, staying on the air 24 hours a day, sleeping only during long song sets. During his marathon, Rivers began to develop health issues from lack of rest. After 258 straight hours on the air, the Orioles beat the Chicago White Sox, 9-0, and Rivers could finally sign off. His last choice of a song was appropriate, too - The Who's "I'm Free." (That gives "think before you speak" a whole new meaning, doesn't it?)

... the largest Christian church in the world is in Africa? Located in the city of Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire (or Ivory Coast) on Africa's northwest bulge, the Our Lady of Peace Yamoussoukro Basilica was built between 1986 and 1989 and is roughly based on St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. It rises to a height of 489 feet at the top of its dome and can hold up to 18,000 worshipers. The esplanade, or promenade area, can accommodate up to 300,000 more. The

church was built by order of the country's then-President, Félix Houphouët-Boigny (1905-1993).

... the founder of the Smithsonian Institute is entombed in his museum? James Smithson (1765-1829), a British chemist and mineralogist, was the founding donor of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. When he died in Genoa, Italy, he was buried in a cemetery there, and in his will he bequeathed his entire estate to found a museum in Washington. After the cemetery was planned to be moved in 1905, Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922), one of the museum's regents, asked that Smithson's body be moved to the Institution building. Smithson is still there, entombed in the "Castle," where his remains have been since 1905. (I've heard of monuments, but this...)

... a popular comedian never passed on an offer of work? Mitch Hedberg (1968-2005), who was known for his surreal humor and

deadpan delivery of unconnected one-liners, never turned down an opportunity to perform. Hedberg said he had been told "no" so often at the start of his career that he feared never working again if he refused a gig. (A funny man who left us far, far too soon.)

... a popular movie franchise was created because of rejection? Steven Spielberg (born 1946) had always wanted to direct a movie in the James Bond franchise. He was turned down, however, and shared his disappointment with his friend George Lucas (born 1944). Lucas advised Spielberg that he had an idea of how to make a James Bond movie - but even better. That's how the Indiana Jones movie franchise was born. (He raided the lost ark.)

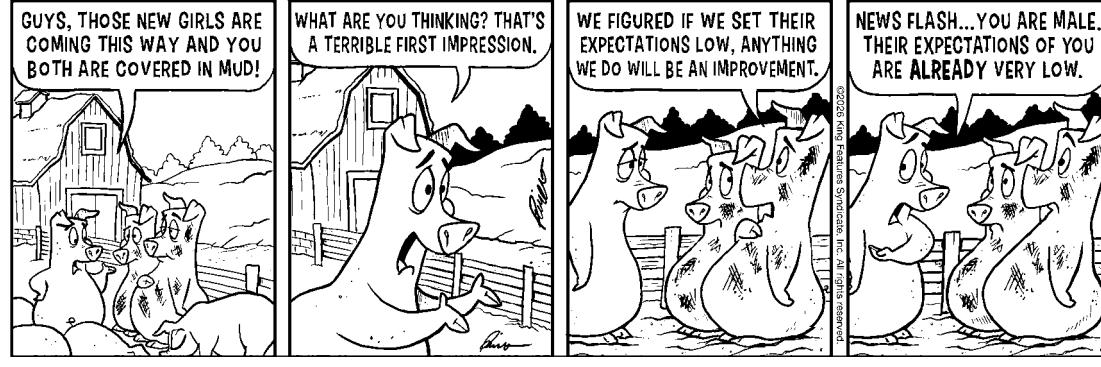
... the last two letters added to the English alphabet were J and W? The letter "J" came into existence around 1650. Previously, an alternate form and pronunciation of "I" was used. But even more recently, 1700 to be exact, we added

"W." Originally it was two "U's" side by side, separated by a space. The space was, over time, eliminated, and the new letter took hold. Additional trivia note: There was once a 27th letter, after "Z." It was "&" which we call the ampersand. Its original name was "et," the Latin for "and." Its current name, ampersand, is a corruption of "and per se and," which means "and, by itself, and." (Letters, we get letters...)

... there is a strange reason that many windows in buildings in Britain and France are bricked over? In the 1700s, the governments of Scotland, England and France enacted "window taxes" in a discreet effort to tax rich people more. The tax was based on the number of window panes a residence had. To combat the tax, rich people bricked over many of the windows in their residences, and those brick patterns can still be seen today. (A transparent way to raise some money, wouldn't you say?)

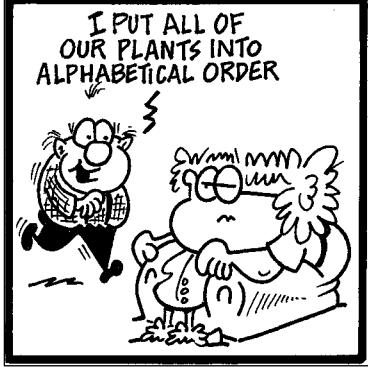
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## Amber Waves



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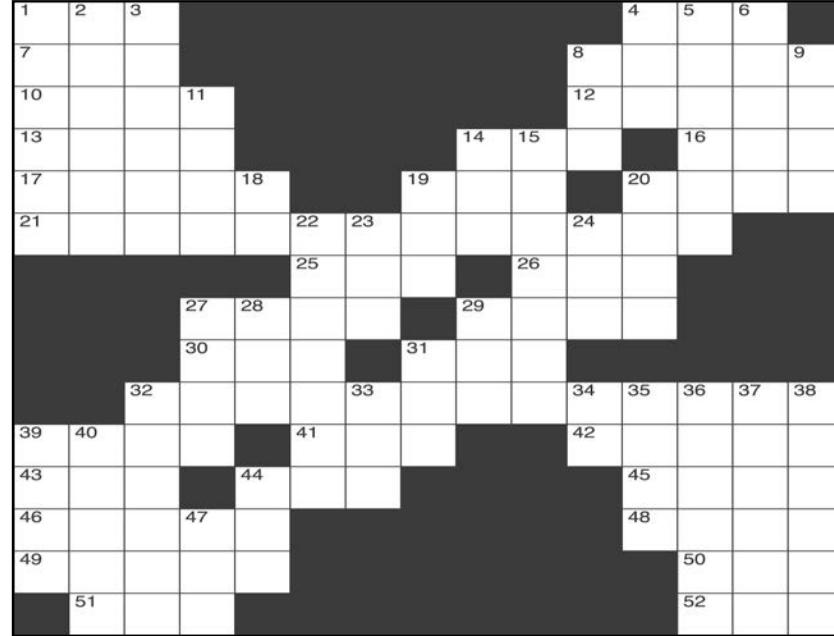
## The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



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## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Former CIA
- 4. Language
- 7. Constrictor snake
- 8. Demand
- 10. Rich man
- 12. Short-tailed marten
- 13. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 14. Superconducting super collider
- 16. International group of countries within the Americas
- 17. Sacred state for Muslims
- 19. Shock therapy
- 20. Engrave
- 21. Localities
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Periodical
- 27. Dishonestly gained money
- 29. Gain possession of
- 30. Actor DiCaprio
- 31. High schoolers' test
- 32. Mr. October
- 39. Sign of healing
- 41. One's grandmother
- 42. Entrap

43. One who simultaneously buys and sells

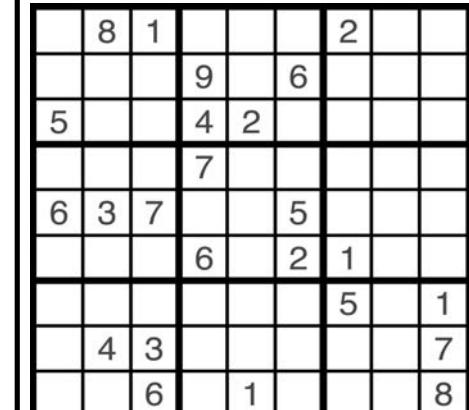
- 44. \_\_ Francisco
- 45. Web-based data provider of marine life
- 46. Type of snake
- 48. Dark mark or stain
- 49. Member of the Salii
- 50. Former measure of length
- 51. CNN's founder
- 52. Witness

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Acquire
- 2. Console
- 3. Hunting expedition
- 4. Pie \_\_ mode
- 5. Simple shoes for peasants
- 6. Eurasian shrub
- 8. Reciprocal of a sine
- 9. Work together in harmony
- 11. Grenade
- 14. File extension
- 15. Minute pores in a plant
- 18. Medal of Honor
- 19. Make a mistake

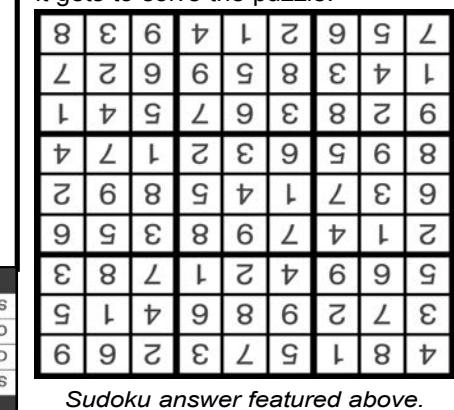
- 20. Advance slowly, as if by inches
- 22. Sandwich meat
- 23. An awkward stupid person
- 24. Strong tree
- 27. Commoner
- 28. Electroencephalograph
- 29. \_\_ Mahal
- 31. Congressman
- 32. Disorderly crowd
- 33. 007's creator Fleming
- 34. Atomic #55
- 35. Part of a door
- 36. Short-tail martens
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Cuddle
- 39. Gang in "The Outsiders"
- 40. Of Croatia
- 44. Body cavity
- 47. Get free of

## SUDOKU



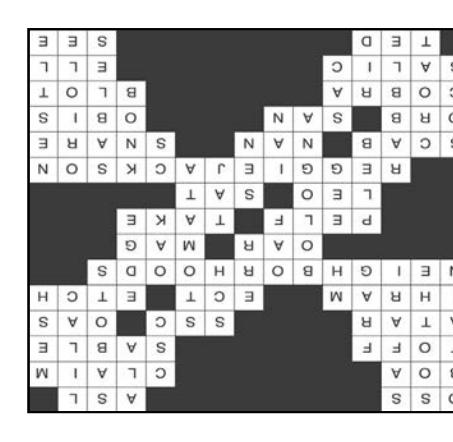
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# Legals

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### Service & Construction Bids

25-1978

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

The Georgia Department of Transportation through its agent, Booker Real Estate Services, LLC, will receive sealed bids to purchase the following properties.

Houston County #P# 4675 = GEP-153-011  
Approximately 0.352-acre residential tract located at the east side of SR 127 and on the south side of Hillary Drive, in Houston County. Parcel has frontage along SR 127 and Hillary Drive; Offered at \$12,157.00.

Bids must be submitted on Bid Proposal Form issued by the Georgia Department of Transportation and available only through Booker Real Estate Services, LLC, 515 East Taylor Street, Suite B, Griffin, GA 30223

The Department of Transportation reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For more information or to obtain a Bid Package, contact Harvey P. Booker at 770-227-5838 or harveybooker@bellsouth.net and refer to the appropriate PM #.

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#### INVITATION TO BID

2025 Houston County Safety Action Plan Project

Bid No. 26-08

#### HOUSTON COUNTY GEORGIA

Sealed Bids will be received at the Houston County Public Works Department, 2018 Kings Chapel Rd. Perry, GA. 31069 until 10:00 AM Friday, February 6, 2026 for the following project:

Striping of various roadways in Houston County totaling 35 miles.

Bid and Contract Documents are available at the Houston County web site <https://www.houstoncountyg.gov/business/current-bids.cms>.

Houston County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities.

The bidder's E-Verify Number shall be marked on the outside of the bid envelope. A completed "E-Verify Affidavit for Road Construction" shall be included with the bid. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the Total Base Bid. Performance and Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract amount, will be required of the successful bidder. Bonds must be written by an acceptable Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed in the Department of Treasury, Circular 570, latest edition.

A mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2026, in the Houston County Public Works Office, 2018 Kings Chapel Road, Perry, Georgia. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. All potential bidders must be GDOT pre-qualified. For more information, please contact Ken Robinson at 478-987-4280.

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#### Request for Qualifications: General Contractors and HVAC Companies

Middle GA. Community Action Agency is issuing a Request for Qualifications for HVAC/General Contractor Vendors for its Weatherization Program.

Work may be minimal to extensive and include: clean/tune/repair/replace HVAC unit, duct seal/repair/replace, install kitchen/bath exhaust fan, water heater wrap/replace, attic & floor insulation, air sealing, diagnostic testing, etc.

Please contact Jennifer Saunders @ 478-922-4464 Ext 1134 or [jennifer@mgcaa.org](mailto:jennifer@mgcaa.org) for more information. MGCAA encourages M/WBE & Labor Surplus Firms to apply. Applications must be received no later than January 26th, 2026. Late submissions may not be considered.

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### Debtors & Creditors Notice

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

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26-007

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: ESTATE OF FLORINE JONES.

All creditors of the estate of Florine Jones, late of Houston County, 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 5th day of January 2026 to Agatha D. Jones, c/o Attorney: Tim J. Thompson, 1900B Northside Crossing, Macon, GA 31210, 478-471-9900.

53884 1/14-2/4

#### 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-Sharp, c/o Attorney:

Tim J. Thompson,

1900B Northside Crossing,

Macon, GA 31210,

478-471-9900.

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25-1912

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

104 Buckingham Pl.

Perry, GA 31069

Robert T. Tuggle, III

Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP

Post Office Box 89

Perry, Georgia 31069

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25-1913

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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.

Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP

Post Office Box 89

Perry, Georgia 31069

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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

Julia Nyjel Leonard

204 Ivy Glen Drive

Perry, GA 31069

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25-1915

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: DEANNE C. PECK

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 to the undersigned.

This the 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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25-1916

#### 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

Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP

Post Office Box 89

Perry, Georgia 31069

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25-1917

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: BERTHA ALEAN JUMP,

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 to the undersigned.

December 22, 2025

Harry Oliver, Executor

103 Cedar Ct.

Warner Robins, GA 31088

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25-1918

#### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: BERTHA ALEAN JUMP,

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 to the undersigned.

December 22, 2025

Kay Herron

Administrator with Will Annexed

Estate of Bertha Alean Jump

25-1961

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION  
PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45**  
TO: ANY AND ALL HEIRS AT LAW OF  
CHARLIE DIXON; SUSIE MAE DANIEL,  
EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF  
CHARLES E. DANIEL AND ANY HEIRS OF  
CHARLES E. DANIEL; AND ANY AND ALL  
PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN  
AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED  
TRACT OF REAL PROPERTY:  
TAKE NOTICE THAT:

The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:

All and only that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 79 of the Tenth (10th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known as Lot No. 2, Houston Heights Subdivision, according to a plat made by Rhodes Sewell, County Surveyor, May 16, 1941. Said lot has such shape, courses, distances, metes and bounds as will appear on said plat. Said lot is bounded as follows: on the North by lot 3 of said subdivision, on the east by Houston Street, on the south by lot 1 of said subdivision, and on the west by lot 16 of said subdivision.

Said lot is the same as that lot described in a Deed of Assent recorded in Deed Book 722, Page 260, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court, and a tax deed recorded in Deed Book 10498, Page 100, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court, and is further described as Houston County Tax Map & Parcel 0P0180 087000, with an address of 1315 Houston Street, Perry, Georgia 31069;

will expire and forever be foreclosed and barred on and after the 6th day of February, 2026.

The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of June, 2024 and is recorded in the office of Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Deed Book 10498, Page 100, subsequently transferred to the present holder by deed recorded in the same office in Deed Book 10758, Pages 788-789.

The property may be redeemed at any time before the 6th day of February, 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to Larch Tree Holdings, LLC at the following address: Larch Tree Holdings, LLC c/o Michael L. Chidester, Attorney at Law, 111 Georgia Highway 49 North (P.O. Box 1704), Byron, Georgia 31008.

Please be governed accordingly.

Michael L. Chidester  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 1704  
Byron, Georgia 31008  
478-956-1643  
michael@rightmikelaw.com  
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25-1968

**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 Allison Whitney Blaizis to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR SUCCESS MORTGAGE PARTNERS, INC., dated February 18, 2022 and recorded on March 7, 2022 in Deed Book 9603, Page 267, 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 Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Four and 00/100 dollars (\$137,464.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to NEWREZ LLC d/b/a SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, recorded in Deed Book 9962, Page 66, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 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 71, Fifth Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 8, Block "G", The Arbors Subdivision, Section 3, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 67, Pages 37-38, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions and rights-of-way of record, if any.

Said property may more commonly be known as 520 Arrie Drive, Byron, GA 31008.

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

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

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Allison Whitney Blaizis 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.

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

25-1942

**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 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.

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 with the holder of the security deed.

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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25-1944

**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 & ASSOC-

ATES, DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1979, AND

RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 22, PAGE 293,

CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR

COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD-

ED 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 as-

sessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning

ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and

any other 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.

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 holder of the Security

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final confirmation and audit of the status

of the loan with the holder of the Security

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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 Valeria Brown to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for The Mortgage Center, Inc., its successors and assigns dated February 21, 2007, recorded in Deed Book 4191, Page 92, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2021-GS2 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 10647, Page 157, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$106,800.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 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.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2021-GS2 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Selene Finance LP, 3501 Olympus Boulevard, 5th Floor, Suite 500, Coppell, TX 75019, 877-683-7359.

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 Valeria Brown a/k/a Valerie Brown or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 504 Wrangling Way, Bonaire, GA 31005. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2021-GS2

as Attorney in Fact for

Valeria Brown

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 189 of the Tenth (10th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 4, Block "J", Section 2, Phase 3, of a Subdivision known as PILGRIM REST, according to a plat of survey of said subdivision which is of record in Plat Book 49, Page 89, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes.

The above described property is conveyed subject to Restrictive Covenants and easement of record, if any, and building set back lines as shown on the aforesaid recorded plat.

Deed Reference: Deed Book 1296, Page 610, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Property Address: 504 Wrangling Way, Bonaire, GA 31005.

MR / GW February 3, 2026

Our file no. 25-19838GA-FT8

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25-1967

**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 Edward Ross Oliver to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR BROKER SOLUTIONS, INC., DBA NEW AMERICAN FUNDING, dated January 12, 2022 and recorded on January 14, 2022 in Deed Book 9538, Page 146, 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, the original principal amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Six and 0/100 dollars (\$223,646.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to New American Funding LLC F/K/A Broker Solutions, Inc., D/B/A New American Funding, recorded in Deed Book 10713, Page 133, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 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 176 OF THE TENTH (10TH) LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 20, OF A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS SADIE HEIGHTS, SECTION 1, PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY BEING OF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 82, PAGE 336, CLERKS OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES.

THIS CONVEYANCE AND THE WARRANTIES HEREINAFTER CONTAINED ARE MADE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY AFFECTING SAID DESCRIBED PROPERTY.

ERTY IN ADDITION TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, AS CONTAINED IN INSTRUMENT OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 9421 PAGES 171-196, CLERKS OFFICE HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT.

Said property may more commonly be known as 141 Sadie Heights Blvd, Perry, GA 31069.

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 New American Funding, 8201 North FM 620, Suite 120, Austin, TX 78726 800-893-5304.

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 Dana Sapp, Edward Ross Oliver 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.

New American Funding, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for

Edward Ross Oliver Contact:

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

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Ad Run Dates: 01/07/2026, 01/14/2026, 01/21/2026, 01/28/2026

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New American Funding, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for

Edward Ross Oliver Contact:

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

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

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Michael Y Carrillo to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Suntrust Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated October 31, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 4060, Page 325, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2020-2 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 10340, Page 320, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$149,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 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.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2021-GS2

as Attorney in Fact for

Valeria Brown

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 189 of the Tenth (10th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 4, Block "J", Section 2, Phase 3, of a Subdivision known as PILGRIM REST, according to a plat of survey of said subdivision which is of record in Plat Book 49, Page 89, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes.

The above described property is conveyed subject to Restrictive Covenants and easement of record, if any, and building set back lines as shown on the aforesaid recorded plat.

Deed Reference: Deed Book 1296, Page 610, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Property Address: 504 Wrangling Way, Bonaire, GA 31005.

MR / GW February 3, 2026

Our file no. 25-19838GA-FT8

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25-1966

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
HOUSTON COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Kerde Hilary Evans to Sunmark Community Bank dated 5/12/2017 and recorded in Deed Book 7511 Page 121 and modified at Deed Book 8014 Page 91 Houston County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Ameris Bank, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$424,000.00, 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 February 3, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month), the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 73 OF THE ELEVENTH (11TH) LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 1, BLOCK "G", SECTION NO. 2, PHASE NO. 5, SOUTHFIELD PLANTATION SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY BEING OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 57, PAGES 160-161, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. HIS CONVEYANCE AND THE WARRANTIES HEREINAFTER CONTAINED ARE MADE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY AFFECTING SAID DESCRIBED PROPERTY.

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at 202 North Davis Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093.

It is estimated that \$12,500.00 in CDBG funds will be used to complete these project locations.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT** The City of Warner Robins has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Community Development and Economic Development Office, located 610 A Watson Blvd, Warner Robins, GA 31093 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Warner Robins Community and Economic Development Office. All comments received by 01/29/2025 will be considered by the City of Warner Robins prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Warner Robins certifies to HUD that LaRhonda Patrick in her capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Warner Robins to use Program funds.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and Warner Robins certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Warner Robins; (b) the City of Warner Robins has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec.58.76) and shall be addressed to the Atlanta CPD Field Office at CDPDROFATL@HUD.GOV. Potential objectors should contact the Atlanta CPD Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

LaRhonda Patrick,  
Mayor, Warner Robins

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#### 26-009 IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF

#### HOUSTON COUNTY

#### IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: C.M., SEX M, AGE 3, DOB 01/06/2022, CASE #2501736

#### 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 MACKENZIE JACKSON

You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 12/23/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 12/23/25. YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 03/18/26 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 5th day of January, 2026.

CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK  
HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

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#### 26-002 NOTICE OF MERGER

Notice is given that articles or a certificate of merger (the "Certificate of Merger") will effect a merger by and between Wheeler Bancshares, Inc., a corporation incorporated in the State of Georgia, and SunMark Bancshares, Inc., a corporation incorporated in the State of Georgia, has been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The name of the surviving corporation in the merger is SunMark Bancshares, Inc., a corporation incorporated in the State of Georgia. The registered office of such corporation is located at 1005 North Hulsey Drive, Perry, Georgia 31069 and its registered agent at such address is Daniel Stanford.

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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. This 8 day of December, 2025.  
Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay  
Petitioner  
53433 12/31/25-1/21/26

25-1907

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUS- TON 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

25-1970

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUS- TON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: Victoria Gabriella Porter  
Minor Child(ren)

Civil Action File No. 2025V132274L

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY  
Notice is hereby given that Alfred B. Wesby, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 16th day of April, 2025, praying for a change in the name of minor child(ren) from Victoria Gabriella Porter to Victoria Gabriella Wesby. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 16th day of April, 2025.  
Alfred B. Wesby  
Petitioner pro se  
53640 1/7-1/28

#### Public Hearings

26-024

#### City of Perry Notice of Rezoning

Perry City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Perry City Hall, 808 Carroll Street, Perry, for the purpose of receiving comments regarding a rezoning request (application number RZNE-0223-2025) for property located at 1824 Houston Lake Road & 1904 Hwy 127, Perry, Georgia (Houston County Parcel Numbers 0P0490 061000 and 0P0490 062000).

Documents relating to this request are available for public inspection by contacting the Community Development Department at 478.988.2720 or via email at comm.development@perry-ga.gov

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25-1980

#### Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 26, 2026 at the hour of 5:30 p.m. at the Houston County Annex Building in Warner Robins, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to a Special Exception, as provided by the terms of the Houston County Zoning Resolution.

The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on February 3, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse, Houston County, Perry, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of said county as to a Special Exception on the following real estate:

#### Property Description

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 35 of the 9th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Tract "A" and "B" as shown on a plat of survey for Christopher D. Bixler, Consisting of 2.14 Acres and better known as the property of Chris and Crystal Bixler.

Property is located at 3750 Valley Drive.

All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by Chris and Crystal Bixler.

Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals  
By: Chairman, John Trussell  
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews  
53799 1/7-1/14

25-1981

#### Legal Notice

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#### Property Description

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 104 of the 11th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Lot 20, Block "H", Section 2 of The Farm at Riverbed Subdivision, Consisting of 0.76 Acres and better known as the property of Jana Blanton.

Property is located at 3025 Chattooga Way. All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by Jana Blanton.

Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals  
By: Chairman, John Trussell  
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews  
53800 1/7-1/14

25-1969

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUS- TON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: Tawine Dante Summers  
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133386

#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY  
Notice is hereby given that Tawine Dante Summers, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 4th day of December, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Tawine Dante Summers to Ghost Dante Summers. 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 December, 2025.

Tawine Dante Summers  
Petitioner

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26-027

#### Notice of Intent to Amend the Land Management Ordinance

Perry City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Perry City Hall, 808 Carroll Street, Perry, to receive comments regarding modifications to the Land Management Ordinance. Amendment to Section 2-3.13.2. Preliminary Plats.

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  
 54079 1/14/24

26-014

**NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY**  
**PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:  
 Stephanie Marie Atkins has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Esther Marie Ann Stephens, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 9, 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.  
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 54051 1/14/21

26-021

**NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY**  
**PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:  
 Steven Lee Riffle has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of James Waterhouse, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 9, 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.  
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 54014 1/14/24

26-015

**NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY**  
**PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:  
 Cathy J. Jackson has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Charlotte Annette Johnson A/K/A Annette D. 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 February 9, 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.  
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 Perry, GA 31069  
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 54027 1/14/24

25-1977

**TRADE NAME REGISTRATION**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF HOUSTON**

The undersigned does hereby certify that Dosadi P.M., LLC in the city of Warner Robins (31088), county of Houston in the state of Georgia, doing business in the following trade name, to-wit: Dosadi PM, and located at 904 Russell Pkwy, Ste. 7023. The nature of the business is Preventive Maintenance. The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:  
 Vanessa A. Phillips  
 1485 Leverette Rd., Apt. 1906  
 Warner Robins, GA 31088  
 53705 1/7/14

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 NUMBER 478-218-4710  
 54051 1/14/21

26-021

**NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY**  
**PROBATE COURT**

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 Steven Lee Riffle has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of James Waterhouse, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 9, 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.  
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 53983 1/14/21

26-021

**NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY**  
**PROBATE COURT**

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 54014 1/14/24

26-015

**NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY**  
**PROBATE COURT**

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 Cathy J. Jackson has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Charlotte Annette Johnson A/K/A Annette D. 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 February 9, 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.  
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 54027 1/14/24

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 Mari 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.  
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 Perry, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
 54016 1/14/24

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.  
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 Perry, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
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26-013

**Sex Offenders**

  
 SISTRUNK, ANGEL ALEXIS  
 402 TAYLOR ST  
 WARNER ROBINS, GA. 31093  
 ARREST DATE/CONVICTION DATE :  
 05.22.2008  
 PLACE OF ARREST: FULTON COUNTY,  
 NY  
 CHARGE: CRIMINAL SEX ACT VICTIM  
 UNDER 15  
 DISPOSITION: 2 TO 6 YEARS STATE  
 PRISON  
 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT  
 THE GBI WEBSITE  
 HTTP://GBI.GEORGIA.GOV/Georgia – sex  
 offender registry

54004 1/14/14

**Trade Name**

**TRADE NAME REGISTRATION**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF HOUSTON**

The undersigned does hereby certify that Karmyle's Kissy Collectionz, LLC in the city of Centerville, county of Houston in the state of Georgia, under the name of KK Collectionz and located at 126 Rock Run Trl, Warner Robins GA 31093. The nature of the business is Retail sales of handcrafted goods, crtv merch, bta goods & related lawful activities. The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:  
 Yolonda C Basilio  
 126 Rock Run Trl,  
 Warner Robins, GA 31093  
 53931 1/14/21

25-1976

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**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF HOUSTON**

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 53704 1/7/14

IN RE: ESTATE OF D'ASIAALEXIS DICK-EY, MINOR ESTATE NO. 2025-GM-88 PETITION FOR TEMPORARY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR ERICA & MARCO CARSWELL, TEMPORARY GUARDIAN(S) DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION: JANUARY 21, 2026

TO: RENISHA WHEELER, 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

26-022

**NOTICE**  
**HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:  
 The petition of Gary Thomas Skeen, for year's support from the estate of Cheryl Elaine Skeen, 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 February 9, 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  
 54029 1/14/24

26-030

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF**  
**HOUSTON COUNTY**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**

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26-014

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**PROBATE COURT**

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## FOOD

# Save Time, Tackle Dinner with Quick, Convenient Recipes

## FAMILY FEATURES

If hectic weeknights leave you feeling like time is constantly slipping away, saving a few extra minutes in the kitchen can begin with alternative cooking methods and easy recipes without all the fuss. Rather than waiting for the oven to preheat, you can tackle family dinners by stir-frying and air-frying your way to delicious meals.

For a fast and flavorful dinner, this Simple Chicken Stir-Fry is packed with tender chicken, crisp veggies and savory soy sauce to hit the spot without calling for takeout. It delivers on both taste and ease with the addition of Minute Sticky Rice Cups. Ready in 1 minute, they provide a perfect sticky texture to complement bold flavors. In just 15 minutes, you'll plate a delicious recipe that's sure to become a weeknight staple.

Endless customization is another benefit of stir-frying, allowing you to swap out chicken for shrimp or tofu while mixing and matching your loved ones' favorite veggies. Drizzle it with sauces like teriyaki or sriracha for an added flavor boost, serve with spring rolls or wontons for extra crunch or pair with a fresh cucumber salad or steamed edamame for light, refreshing contrast.

Delivering the same set-it-and-forget-it convenience of baking but typically with a shorter preheating wait, air-frying is another solution for creating tasty family meals while taking back precious time. Loaded with rice, vegetables and melted cheese, these Air Fryer Veggie Rice Bites make for an easy, cheesy snack or light meatless meal.

With just a few simple ingredients and minimal prep, they're ready in less than 10 minutes with Minute Butter & Sea Salt Jasmine Rice Cups serving as a rich and savory base that complements the mixed veggies and ooey-gooey cheddar. Don't forget, you can take them to the next level with flavorful dipping sauces like:

- Ranch dressing: A classic choice that adds a creamy, herby flavor.
- Barbecue sauce: Adds a sweet and smoky touch.
- Sriracha mayo: This spicy, tangy dip is a great match for those who like a bit of heat.
- Honey mustard: A sweet and tangy combination that's complementary to the mix of flavors.
- Garlic aioli: Rich and garlicky to enhance overall taste.

To find more fast, family-friendly meal ideas, visit [MinuteRice.com](http://MinuteRice.com).



## Air Fryer Veggie Rice Bites

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 9 minutes  
Servings: 1-2

**1 Minute Butter & Sea Salt Jasmine Rice Cup**  
1/4 cup frozen mixed vegetables, thawed  
1 egg  
1/4 cup cheddar cheese, shredded  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
barbecue sauce or ranch dressing (optional)

Preheat air fryer to 390 F. Heat rice according to package directions. In blender, roughly chop vegetables. In bowl, combine vegetables, egg, cheddar cheese, garlic powder and salt. Freeze 5 minutes to slightly firm up. Divide rice mixture into four portions and hand form into mounds. Air-fry 8 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve with barbecue sauce or ranch dressing for dipping, if desired.



## Simple Chicken Stir-Fry

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes  
Servings: 2-4

**2 Minute Sticky Rice Cups**  
2 tablespoons sesame oil  
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into thin strips  
1 cup mixed vegetables  
3 tablespoons soy sauce  
2 green onions, chopped  
1 tablespoon sesame seeds (optional)

Heat rice according to package directions.

In large skillet or wok over medium-high heat, heat sesame oil. Add chicken and sauté 6 minutes until chicken is evenly browned and cooked through.

Add mixed vegetables to skillet and stir-fry 4 minutes, or until tender but still crisp.

Add cooked sticky rice to skillet. Pour in soy sauce and mix thoroughly, ensuring rice is evenly coated and heated through.

Remove from heat, stir in chopped green onions; garnish with sesame seeds, if desired; and serve hot.

**Tips:** Chicken can be substituted for shrimp or tofu. Frozen vegetables can be used in place of fresh; cook 5 minutes, or until cooked through.

## MILBY

*From page 5A*

need. Back in the 1960s, there were just a handful of facilities; now, there are over 52,000 across the country, covering more than 2 billion square feet of rentable space. The market value hit around \$44.3 billion in 2024, and it's projected to grow to \$57.53 billion by 2030.

One in three Americans currently uses self-storage, and another 18% plan to rent space soon. Why the boom? Urbanization, smaller living spaces, and that pesky habit of holding onto "just in case" items. And yes, it might be worse in the South, where many homes lack basements due to high water tables and the fact that we don't have to dig three feet or more to get below the frost level to pour concrete footings. Without that underground storage, folks turn to rental units.

The South ranks second

only to the West in overall demand. States like Texas are seeing high usage tied to booming populations and housing markets, where people move frequently and drag their stuff along.

For us seniors, this excess can be more than a financial drain—it's an emotional and physical burden. Hauling boxes around isn't as easy as it used to be, and let's face it, our kids probably don't want Grandma's china collection or Dad's rusty tools. I've started small: sorting a couple boxes a week, donating to local charities, selling what I can online, and recycling the rest. It's liberating! Experts recommend the "one-year rule"—if you haven't used it in a year, it's time to let it go. And for those sentimental items, take photos or digitize memories to keep the essence without the bulk.

But here's the real kicker, folks: You ain't usin' that stuff—that stuff is usin' you! It's sucking up

your money, your space, and your peace of mind. It kind of reminds me of that old Gary S. Paxton tune from the '70s: "You Ain't Smokin' Them Cigarettes (Baby They're Smokin' You)"

Just like those sneaky smokes that promise relaxation but deliver addiction, your clutter promises security but delivers stress. Time to stub it out and breathe easy.

Who will join with me in 2026 to de-clutter, especially if you have an almost never visited rented storage building?

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

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

## Affordability a top concern as lawmakers prepare for Georgia legislative session

**By TYTAGAMI**  
Staff Writer  
*Capitol Beat News Service*

ATLANTA — When lawmakers return to the Georgia Capitol, they will focus on affordability.

While President Donald Trump tries to address complaints about the cost of living, Georgia Republicans see the risk of a voter backlash.

They worry that the landslide defeat in November of two Republican incumbents on the state Public Service Commission could be a harbinger for the November general elections.

So, members of the state Senate and House say they will be pushing pocketbook proposals this year.

"We're laser focused on pursuing an agenda — when we start back next Monday — that makes life affordable," said House Speaker Jon Burns, a Republican from Newington.

In a briefing Wednesday, he said he and his chamber would focus on local property taxes, which he blamed for undermining the American dream of homeownership.

"For many of the families in our state, because of those property taxes, that dream appears to be unattainable," he said. "We need to do something about it. And we're going to do something about it."

Senate Republicans are concerned about taxes, too. But they are targeting the state income tax.

On Wednesday, a Senate study committee recommended eliminating it on the first \$50,000 earned by individuals and \$100,000 for couples.

The committee, led by Sen. Blake Tillery, R-Vidalia, also recommended abolishing the \$16 billion tax entirely by 2032.

But first, he said, lawmakers must help those

struggling most with rising costs by exempting them from the 5.19% income tax.

"Georgia families are feeling the burden of affordability," said Tillery, who, as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, will have significant say over the state budget.

"They're talking about how high their power bill is. They're talking about how much child care costs, how much their grocery bill is."

Last spring and summer, legislators held hearings to study rising medical costs, a topic that could lead to legislation, as well. The House heard about a resulting lack of access to cancer care and about the impact of federal funding policy on the state public health system.

The end of COVID-19 era subsidies for people who buy health insurance through the Affordable Care Act is expected to make coverage unaffordable for hundreds of thousands in Georgia. The Congressional fighting over the issue could spill into state politics.

U.S. Sen. Jon Ossoff, a Democrat, taunted Georgia's Republican delegation to the U.S. House over the issue, targeting those who want to unseat him in November.

"They support throwing half a million Georgians off their health insurance. They support more than a million Georgians seeing their health insurance premiums double," he said Thursday. Republicans should break with Trump and extend the tax credits, he said. It is a line he will surely repeat during this election season.

Health care was the second issue Burns said the state House would tackle this year. His concern centered on recruiting and retaining doctors. His plan is to establish more opportunities for future doctors to complete their residency in Georgia, since they tend

to settle where they do that training.

The third top issue Burns mentioned was education. He said the state must do more to improve literacy rates, so he wants to put a literacy coach in every elementary school. It has been a major concern of his wife, Dayle, a retired educator who has been helping with a state literacy campaign.

Speaker Burns also touched on another education topic that lawmakers in both the House and Senate have been discussing since the last legislative session: banning cellphones in high schools.

Gov. Brian Kemp signed legislation into law in May that will ban personal devices in elementary and middle school starting next fall. Last month, a Senate committee co-led by Sen. Sally Harrell, D-Atlanta and Sen. Shawn Still, R-Johns Creek, the chamber's majority caucus chair, recommended extending that ban to high schools.

Burns was on board with the idea, observing the popularity in schools that have banned phones on their own.

"You'll see us move this session, I do believe, to ban cell phones in high schools because so many jurisdictions around the state have already done that," he said. It is a hot topic, with school shootings leading to parent concerns about being able to contact their children.

Burns noted that authorities see phones as a distraction from safety protocols during emergencies, but he said he respects parents' feelings on the issue: "that will be something we will certainly have a lively discussion about."

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## CROSSTOWN SHOWDOWN



**NO OVERTIME TONIGHT:** Warner Robins wing Tyler Harris (24) put a floater through the net with 2.2 seconds left to win the Crosstown Showdown 55-53 against Northside. This completed the Demons' 13-point comeback and kept their five-year winning streak intact.



Warner Robins' Kennedy Bradshaw (11), Janelle Turner (22) and Laila Howard-Haney (30) all reach for Jazmyn Brown's (14) shot at the basket during the Crosstown Showdown. Turner came away with a block out of bounds on this play in the Demonettes' 42-34 win.

## First rivalry victory in five years slips away from Northside in final seconds

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**WARNER ROBINS** — The Northside Eagles (11-6) were in control of Saturday's Crosstown Showdown against the Warner Robins Demons (6-10), until they weren't.

Northside led 23-10 with under three minutes to go until halftime. They had control of the game, the momentum and a double-digit lead against a Warner Robins team that was one game removed from a six-game losing streak. But they ended the night with a 55-53 loss in the final seconds.

But in a rivalry game as intense as the Crosstown Showdown, you can throw

everything out of the window.

"It's a rivalry game, you don't look at their records," Eagles coach Buck Harris said. "I tried to get my point across to my team that [Warner Robins is] not going away. They're gonna continue to play, they're gonna come at you, they feel like they took your best shot."

With Patmon off of the floor it was night and day on both ends. Rykeem Ashley and the Demons had no real answer for Patmon's size and strength. He helped on the boards but also was important scoring for them on the interior.

Ashley is scrappy enough to come away with some rebounds, but he stood no chance in one-on-one post ups. With the turnovers mounting those kind of plays were paramount as the margin got slimmer.

"They just killed us on the boards [when Patmon was out]," Harris said. "When Elijah is in there he gives us a chance to get rebounds a little bit easier and he can score for us down there. So one of the things I stressed

to my team coming out, I wanted the ball to go inside. I called one play for Elijah four times, and he didn't touch the ball. So that tells me right there that we're not locked in."

Patmon eventually fouled out with 3:47 left in the game and by that time Warner Robins had taken a slim one-point lead 47-46.

It was far from over, of course. The teams traded the lead several times over the final several minutes and each had a chance to put the other away.

X'Zavier Cannon traveled and turned it over with 52 seconds left. Kingston Allen air-balled a three-pointer and the Eagles fouled Cannon, and he missed both. Caden Lowe came up with a steal with 10.2

seconds left but Northside turned it over again.

Tyler Harris was the one to eventually put it away for Warner Robins. He had the ball on the right wing with 6.6 seconds left, spun to his right and floated a shot over the defense and through the net with 2.2 seconds left.

The Demons rushed onto the court and celebrated with Harris before the officials put the remaining time back on the clock. But Harris only had one explanation for his team's collapse:

"We crapped our pants... We're right at the basket, we had two or three chances, missed layups. And this one hurts because we were in control of our own destiny right here, and we just crapped our pants," Harris

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said. "I'm depending on guys to make plays for me, and they didn't. So that's the disappointing part as a coach. When you want the ball in a certain guy's hand and you expect them to make a play and they don't, that hurts you the most."

**UP NEXT**

Northside continues their four-game homestand on Tuesday, Jan. 13 against Veterans in a return to region play at 7:30 p.m.

Warner Robins will play their last game in a five-game road trip on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at Perry at 7:30 p.m.

## Lady Eagles' can't overcome Demonettes in defensive battle

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**WARNER ROBINS** — The Northside and Warner Robins faithful did not disappoint on Saturday for the first part of the Crosstown Showdown, which saw the Eagles' Nest packed to the brim and then some.

This one went in favor of the Demonettes (14-3) 42-34 despite the Lady Eagles (11-6) holding them to 10 second-half points.

Some of that was of Warner Robins' own doing. They had several wide open shots that they just couldn't get to fall. Northside still forced them into long shots and enough turnovers to make a difference, they just didn't convert enough on the other end.

Head coach ChoRhonda Gwaltney-Harris has mentioned turnovers being their biggest problem before, and though it wasn't as bad in the second half, she wasn't all that pleased with her team's effort.

"I don't think we played them bad, I don't think we played great either defensively," Gwaltney-Harris said. "They got a lot of open shots they just didn't knock them down. Everybody didn't come

to play...we're not good enough for our whole team not to come to play. We got to do it together...I don't have any one-of-ones or anybody that can score 30."

Both teams sport staunch defenses. They each pressure opponents in the full and half court, dive for loose balls and muck up offensive plays.

It took nearly the whole first quarter for the two to reach double digits, and by the end Warner Robins held a tender one-point lead.

The difference, as it has been in several games at this point, was the turnover differential.

Northside had ample time to make a push in the

The Demonettes were no strangers to a turnover, much to the displeasure of head coach Rebecca Ivory by the bench. But Warner Robins was able to convert more on offense even on a night where they missed countless open looks.

Northside had some solid possessions in the half court and were able to get a few good glimpses at the basket, but they didn't fall at a high enough clip.

The Lady Eagles did make a 5-2 push at the end of the second to take a six-point deficit into halftime, 32-26, but they played too much catchup.

Northside had ample time to make a push in the

second half, particularly in the fourth quarter. The Demonettes didn't score their first point of the period until there was 1:21 left in the game.

But the Lady Eagles were not exempt from the drought. They held Warner Robins to 10 points in the final two quarters, but only scored eight themselves.

"We really didn't have

trouble in the press, and normally that's what we have trouble with," Gwaltney-Harris said. "It was a mess up from us here and there. I don't think Warner Robins played great either, I bet [Rebecca Ivory didn't] think [they] played great. They just played better than us."

**UP NEXT**

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region play on Tuesday, Jan. 13 against Veterans at 6 p.m.

Warner Robins will also return to region play as they finish a four-game road trip at Perry on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m.

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Janelle Turner (green) tries to preemptively bat away Jazmyn Brown's (14) pass at half court during the Demonettes' 42-34 win over Northside in the Crosstown Showdown.

## Northside freshmen show the good, bad and ugly in Crosstown Showdown



Kingston Allen (20) pivots and dribbles to the center of the floor during the Eagles 55-53 loss to Warner Robins in the Crosstown Showdown.

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It's no secret that Northside head coach Buck Harris is not afraid of playing freshmen, or even starting them like he has multiple times this season including in the Crosstown Showdown.

He's also recognized the risks associated with that. He knows some nights they'll be great and on others they'll look like someone playing basketball for the first time.

Kingston Allen and Caden Lowe have had their fair share of ups and downs this seasons and they were not put on pause for the Crosstown Showdown.

Allen had a team-high 14 points, but that doesn't

even come close to telling the whole story.

There were stretches where he was legitimately good, particularly coming out of the gate. He got the nod to start and came out like his hair was on fire.

He zoomed around on both ends of the floor and scored six of the Eagles' nine first-quarter points. But he also missed countless threes, and many times the rim entirely. To put it shortly, he looked like a freshman.

"What a difference a

day makes," Harris said.

"Kingston Allen was unbelievable last night. He had 22 points in a big game against Coffee, Coffee's good...He comes out tonight and he plays like a freshman. I don't know if he was tired, could have been tired. He shot some

airballs."

Lowe came up with a pivotal steal with 10 seconds left, but he had four fouls and was scoreless on the night.

"Caden Lowe gives me a lot of energy. When he learns how to play under control a little bit more he's gonna be on the floor a lot more, because he gives us some energy on the defensive end. Just all-out hustle. He wants it, but I got to get him to take care of the basketball a little bit better."

Both players have earned a lot of praise from Harris, and obviously they've showed enough in practice and on the floor to continue to get big minutes. But they certainly faced some growing pains in a heartbreaking loss to Warner Robins.

## Warner Robins captures Crosstown Showdown in what Jamaal Garman hopes is their turning point

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The Warner Robins Demons reached new lows this season, losing six games in a row and dropping to 4-10 overall, something they didn't even do in head coach Jamaal Garman's first year.

He expressed his frustration with the team and the fact that they did things correctly in practice but struggled to replicate that come game time.

But they picked up a win on the road against Benedictine and fought tooth and nail to come out on top 55-53 against Northside in the Crosstown Showdown, preserving their five-year streak.

It looked like they were on their way to another loss early. They trailed 23-10, were turning the ball over, missing free throws and had none of the momentum.

But they closed the first half out with an 8-0 run and outscored Northside 14-4 on a 3.5-minute run in the waning moments of the third quarter.

Tyler Harris made his way under the basket before getting a dish out to X'Zavier Cannon who finished at the rim and gave the Demons their first lead of the night with 6:32 to play.

They traded the lead back and forth for the remainder of the game and both teams had multiple chances to put it away.

But Harris was the one that eventually did it. He

got the ball on the right wing with 6.6 seconds left, drove, spun to his right and floated a shot up and connected with 2.2 seconds left.

The officials had to add that time back after the Demons' bench flooded onto the floor in what they thought was a buzzer beater, but it didn't matter as Gavyn Williams stole the final pass out of bounds.

"It's been there like that all year, it's just we haven't been making those game winning plays,"

Garman said of his team's fight. "Well today we made way more game-winning plays than we normally do...Just proud of the guys man. They fought, they knew what this rivalry is all about."

Warner Robins started a new kind of streak Saturday, and they're hoping to keep trending in the right direction. Though Garman has seen a difference after the Holiday break.

"They're taking more pride in what they're doing now. They're taking ownership of it instead of me having to be the one that's taking ownership in it," Garman said. "Gavyn and Rykeem, they're the seniors on the team so now they're taking ownership of their team, and they're demanding everybody does things the right way, even themselves."

"Them taking over the role of being the ones to push themselves, push each other, that pushes me back to my spot of being the coach," He continued.

"Now I ain't got to push you to play because y'all are pushing each other to play. That is getting better, and they're holding each other accountable. They get onto each other now, and it's a beautiful thing."

But that doesn't mean they've figured it all out. Northside coach Buck Harris acknowledged his team's collapse, and that's certainly a big contributor to the Demons being able to come back and win the game.

Warner Robins missed 18 free throws, which is not anything new. Leaving that many points on the board is a primary factor in their six-game losing streaks and a lot of their close games.

As mentioned before they just aren't bringing the practice success to the games, at least at the percentage Garman needs from them.

"Whatever number it is it ain't good enough," Garman said with a chuckle. "61%, maybe. A little bit above half but it still ain't high enough, man. We need to bump it around 80% where everybody's just truly locked in on making their free throws and it turns into a competition between each other. Who's gonna make their free throws, who's not gonna miss. I guess I got to change their mindset with that in practice."

Warner Robins is 1-1 in Region 1-4A, which is good enough for third place. But as Garman said, they'll need a lot more to defend their region championship.

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