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## Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Houston County NAACP holds annual march to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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WARNER ROBINS — The Houston County NAACP and other attendees marched from Union Grove Baptist Church to the Wellston Center to honor Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 19.

Following the march, there was a program filled with singing and a rendition of King's phone call with President Lyndon B. Johnson, which eventually led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This performance was called "A Message from Dr. King" performed by Marvin Lee.

There were also remarks from members of the Houston County NAACP and pastors from local churches.

One of those pastors was guest speaker Mack McCullough with Word In Season Ministries. He shared the theme of this year's event is "Mission Possible" which motivat-

ed attendees to achieve what others may consider impossible.

McCullough said other MLK events may leave people feeling uninspired or angry. He said those events may feel like history lessons and confrontations that provoked emotion but offered no outlook.

However, he hoped to challenge those feelings by creating a theme that gave the audience hope, just like King did.

"[King] told the truth without malice. He confronted injustice without yielding hope. He believed words could hurt, but he also believed words could heal," he said.

McCullough shared this theme can also inspire others to build community, unity and choose a non-violent way in the world. He said this was King's assignment and believes it should also be followed today.

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Sandra Hernandez/HHJ

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## 'A Change Is Gonna Come' Annual Martin Luther King Unity Breakfast shed light on issues in society

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WARNER ROBINS — The 29th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast was held on Saturday, Jan. 17, at First Baptist Church of Garmon St.

The breakfast was sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Epsilon Beta Lambda Chapter, Gamma Sigma Lambda Chapter and the Houston County Unity Breakfast Committee.

Melania Jones, a student at Houston County High School and Aiden Harden, a student at Huntington Middle School served as the emcees for the event.

Other youth speak-

ers included Craig and Christian Ransaw of Bonaire Middle School and Zanaylah Jordan of Perry High School.

Attendees of the breakfast also were given performances by the Huntington Middle School Choir, a vocal performance from Aislinn Haugabrook and a performance from the Gospel Music Workshop of America Macon Chapter.

Rev. Dr. Carlos L. Kelley gave the keynote speech at the event.

Kelley read from Psalm 126:5-6 which reads:

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again

with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

He said that this verse reminds him that a change is going to come in society.

"In 1964, legendary singer and songwriter Sam Cooke wrote a powerful and prophetic song called 'A Change is Gonna Come,'" he said.

Kelley referenced the lyrics from the song: "It's been a long time coming, but I know change is gonna come, oh yes it will." He said these were more than just lyrics to a song.

"These words were a cry of a people who have been shackled by oppression, but yet they refuse to stop believing in the promise of freedom," he said. "From the



Rev. Dr. Carlos L. Kelley gave the keynote speech at the 29th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast.

cotton fields in the south to the march on Washington [D.C.], through the struggle of voting rights to the fight for desegregation, our

people held the belief that change was going to come."

Kelley shared that things did change and improve for the African American com-

munity by changing laws and integrating schools.

"From the halls of

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### Local dog set to compete in Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

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PERRY — Perry local Emily Landrum and her dog Phasma are set to compete at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, one of the nation's most prestigious dog shows on Tuesday, Feb. 3 in New York City.

Phasma is a Doberman Pinscher and Landrum said she has been showing Dobermanns for the last 15 years.

"I got Phasma when she was about 10 weeks old, and I was able to finish her championship all by myself," she said. "We continued to show and last year, we achieved the number one Lifetime Winning Owner Handled Doberman Award with the [American



Perry local Emily Landrum and her dog Phasma will compete in the 2026 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on Feb. 3.

Kennel Club], and that record had not been beaten in quite some time, so that

Landrum got Phasma from her breeder, Rebecca Roter, of Nicholson, Ga. She

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### Kathleen woman dead after two-vehicle collision on South Houston Lake Road

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WARNER ROBINS — A woman is dead after a two-vehicle collision on South Houston Lake Road at Lochlyn Place on Friday, Jan. 16.

The crash occurred just before 10 a.m., according to Houston County Coroner James Williams. The woman was pronounced deceased at the scene and has been identified as 82-year-old Linda Reagan of Kathleen, Williams said.

Reagan and another driver, Christopher Daly, collided at the intersection,

according to the Houston County Sheriff's Office.

Both directions on Houston Lake were blocked for several hours. Houston County Sheriff Matt Moulton urged people to avoid the area in a social media post.

The Houston County Sheriff's Office Traffic Division is currently investigating the incident, and Williams said no further information is available at this time.

It is encouraged if anyone has any information related to the traffic collision to contact Deputy Stephanie Lengiar at (478) 542-2080.

### Word of the Day

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. — 1 John 4:15 (NKJV)

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

Theme: "Celebrating 50 Years of Achievement and Excellence"

Panthers of '76—It's Time to Celebrate! Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of our 50-Year Reunion!

Reunion Weekend: September 11–13, 2026

Events All Weekend

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Payment Due by May 29, 2026

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75th

## Anniversary Celebration

"All Saints Episcopal Church, located at 1708 Watson Blvd, Warner Robins is excited to celebrate our 75th Anniversary on February 1st, 2026. The Right Reverend Robert Wright, the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta will be joining us for Sunday Worship at 10:15AM, February 1st, with Confirmation and Reaffirmation followed by a Reception in our Parish Hall."

## 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)

## Houston County Celebrates Earth Day

PERRY, GA – Houston County will celebrate Earth Day on April 18, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Houston County Extension Pavilion in Perry. This free family event will offer learning stations, craft projects, educational exhibits, face painting, and more.

Two exhibitors will bring wildlife and be available to answer questions. Vendors will also be onsite to offer a variety of items for sale, including plants.

Morgan Grizzel, Houston County ANR Agent, said, "This all-ages event will feature fun, educational activities for the entire family! Our goal is to help our community understand how each of us plays a role in Earth's bigger picture. Earth Day isn't just about recycling or picking up litter, although these are important. It also includes topics like septic systems, production agriculture, invasive plants, animals, weather, and so much more. We hope everyone will join us for a fun-filled family day and leave having learned something new along the way!"

Earth Day has been observed since 1970 to promote protecting the environment and raise awareness about preserving Earth's resources. The Houston County Extension Pavilion is located at 2030 Kings Chapel Road in Perry. For more information, call the extension office at 478-987-2028. To learn more about the UGA Extension office, visit [www.extension.uga.edu](http://extension.uga.edu).

## One Week Under the Gold Dome

### Guest Columnist



**Larry  
Walker**

State Senator, 20th District

tions that help people keep

more of what they earn, afford a home and build a

stable future.

That starts with lowering the cost of living. We will continue working to cut income and property taxes, while advancing reforms that reduce unnecessary red tape and lower housing costs. When government lives within its means, families can do the same.

Our priorities also reflect a commitment to long-term strength. We will continue investing in public safety, infrastructure, and protecting Georgia's natural resources, which are assets that support economic growth and quality of life in every region of the state. We're also serious about preparing the next generation. Strong investments in education, literacy and childcare made possible by conservative financial stewardship keep our communities strong for years to come.

This week, I had the opportunity to introduce our Senate Majority Caucus priorities for the session, an agenda centered on reinvigorating the American Dream across Georgia. That mission matters now more than ever. Families are feeling squeezed by higher prices and economic uncertainty. Senate Republicans are focused on practical solu-

workforce development. Investments to keep post-secondary institutions affordable are opening doors for students from all backgrounds, while significant investments in healthcare education and medical residencies will strengthen access to care across Georgia, including in Middle Georgia. Governor Kemp's steady leadership has helped keep Georgia the best state in the nation to do business, and the Senate will work to build on that success.

Affordability is not an abstract policy debate; it's whether families can pay their bills and still plan for the future. Senate Republicans understand that, and we remain committed to policies that respect hard work, reward responsibility, and keep government accountable.

It remains an honor to serve you under the Gold Dome. As President Pro Tempore, I will continue working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to deliver results for Georgians and keep our state on a path of opportunity, stability and growth. As always, I encourage you to reach out to my office with your questions, concerns, or ideas.

## Kemp budget about affordability, with tax cuts plus money for employees and college students

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*Capitol Beat News Service*

ATLANTA — Gov. Brian Kemp's last budget proposal would stockpile billions for any rough economy one of his successors might encounter while also asking lawmakers to return over \$1 billion to taxpayers.

In his eighth and final state of the state address Thursday, Kemp said his budget proposal to the Georgia General Assembly will give average rebates of \$250 per individual taxpayer plus a fifth of a percentage point reduction to the state income tax rate,

lowering it to 4.99%.

Like perhaps every other politician, Kemp nodded to what is shaping up to be a dominant issue in the upcoming elections: affordability.

"The reality is too many of our citizens are still struggling to make ends meet each and every day because costs are still too high," he said, speaking from the well of the Georgia House.

"Groceries, rent, insurance, clothes for the kids, it all adds up to more than it used to."

He said if lawmakers approve his rebate his administration will have returned over \$7.5 billion in

surplus funds over the past four years. Yet, the state would retain \$10 billion in reserves, enough to run government for three months.

Kemp's budget proposal spends money, too, on roads, on pay supplements, on retirement benefits and, for the first time in state history, on needs-based scholarships for higher education.

But there were no big gestures about the rising cost of health care at a time when many in the state are poised to lose their insurance as federal premium tax credits expire for policies under the Affordable Care Act, or ACA.

## Community Calendar

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# LIVE MUSIC

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21**

**FORSYTH**

• Open Mic: The Den - 8pm

**WARNER ROBINS**

• Darin Curtis & Chin Lee Kirat:

Barberitos - 7-10pm

**MACON**

• Open Jam:

Grant's Lounge - 8pm

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22**

**PERRY**

• Open Mic Night:

Bodega Brew - 7-10pm

**WARNER ROBINS**

• Lance Rodriguez:

Pub 96 - 7:30pm

**MACON**

• Bragg Jamuary: JBA - 9pm

--> Robin Callaway - 9pm

--> Strictly Liquid - 9:45pm

--> Ashes - 10:30pm

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23**

**DUBLIN**

• Rhonda and the Relics:

Moose Lodge - 8pm-12am

(Member or guest

of member)

**FORSYTH**

• The Pine Box Dwellers:

The Den - 8-11pm

**WARNER ROBINS**

• Michael Creamer: Pub 96 -

5:30-8:30pm

• Southbound Mojo:

Pub 96 - 9:30pm

**MACON**

• Catfish Willy: VFW Post 658 -

7:30-10:30pm

• Zoso - The Ultimate

Led Zeppelin Experience:

Capitol Theatre -

8pm (\$27 and up)

• Bob Lennon:

The Society Garden - 8-10pm

• Reckless Soul Band:

20's Pub - 9pm

• Greg & The Blue Notes:

Wild Wing Cafe - 9pm

• The Psychedelics:

Grant's Lounge - 9pm

• Jerry Grant & The Corruptors:

Hummingbird - 9:30pm

• Open Seas: Vice Bar - 10pm

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**

**FORSYTH**

• Joshua Shelton: The Den -

8-11pm

**PERRY**

• The Music Side of Town

Blues Band:

Perry Farmer's Market -

9am-1pm

• Atlas Path: My Bar - 9pm

**CENTERVILLE**

• The Chris Anderson Band:

El Cotoja - 7-10pm

**WARNER ROBINS**

• Steve Holcomb:

Pub 96 - 4:30pm

• Cam Vance: Pub 96 - 9:30pm

**MACON**

• Affinity: American Legion -

7-10pm

(\$10 / \$5 for Veterans /

Free for member Veterans)

• End of the Line -

Allman Brothers Tribute:

Capitol Theatre -

8pm (\$30 and up)

• NyteByrd:

Mr. E's Sports Bar & Grill - 9pm

• Stacey Blanton (Acoustic):

Wild Wing Cafe - 9pm

• Paul McDonald &

The Mourning Doves w/

Parker Gispert:

Grant's Lounge - 9pm

• Rare Birds: Hummingbird -

9:30pm

**HAWKINSVILLE**

• Powersville Opry -

390 Perry Hwy:

--> House Band - 4:15-6:45pm

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# ICE – Vengeance Unleashed

Dear Readers, In maybe somewhat subtle ways, the killing of Renee Nicole Good effects all of us. It

serves as an exemplar for over-charged and undisciplined law enforcement tasked to cause chaos in communities.

Our country was founded on a careful balance of shared sovereignty between a federal government and the states. This is made explicit in the 10th Amendment, the last of our original Bill of Rights, stating

"Powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

What this means is that there are some things, like national defense and making treaties, that are

national concerns and some, like zoning, education, and policing, are state or local responsibilities.

It is certainly true, over the centuries our federal government has greedily coopted powers – principally,

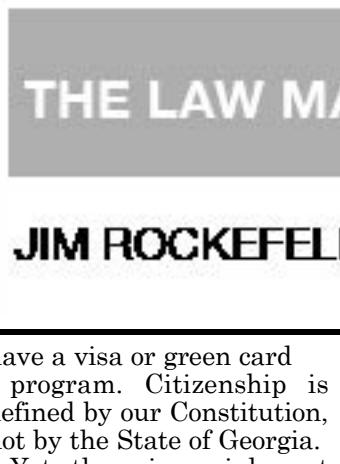
through what is called "the commerce clause." Common street crimes, burglary, assault, even murder,

are typically state issues and prosecuted by state-empowered agencies; unless, there is a direct federal

component (like a federally insured bank, involving federal property or federal official) and the

Department of Justice can step in. Kidnapping, for example, is a state crime until it crosses state lines.

Our immigration laws are uniform and nationalized; an individual state does not



have a visa or green card program. Citizenship is defined by our Constitution, not by the State of Georgia.

Yet, there is an inherent tension between national immigration goals and state officials. ICE is a blunt

instrument to round up undocumented peoples; local law enforcement communities rely on occupants of

immigrant communities to enforce common criminal laws. Community policing means developing trust

with all occupants of it, citizen and non-citizen. An immigrant is less likely to report a crime or step

forward as a witness if doing so might lead to their deportation.

On the other hand, strategic deportations can be an implement to removing social cancers. This makes

for an uneasy strategic partnership between federal and local officials with their divergent missions.

National immigration enforcement officials are laser-focused on hunting down and detaining immi-

gration violators; local policing is about insuring local safety and tranquility.

The aspiration is for police officers (this would apply to federal officers, like the FBI) to be highly trained

and professional. Ideally, a recruit is a college gradu-

ate and sent to an academy for 6-months of training and additional "rookie" supervision.

In this process, officers are molded and instructed on "dos and don'ts." They have rules and protocols

hammered into their brains.

For example, an officer cannot ask someone to step outside a car without proba-

bly cause a crime has

been committed. An officer should not step immediately in front of a vehicle. And, NEVER shoot a driver

of a moving vehicle. This makes sense as a disabled driver makes for a 2-ton unguided missile.

An officer also has to respect the public's "free speech" rights. During the

Vietnam era, the insulting

epithet "pig" was hurled

by leftist agitators. Its ugly,

its offensive, and its also not

an arrestable offense.

From the perspective of Jonathan Ross (identified by the press, though not confirmed by DHS), the ICE

Agent who killed Ms.

Good, he was laser-focused

on his mission – nabbing

immigration violators.

Unlike

local police, he was uncon-

cerned with anyone's rights

or the peace of the commu-

nity. He was, if you will,

vengeance unleashed and

freed of any restraints or

norms.

While Ross has been an ICE agent for almost a decade, this is exactly the recruitment promise by DHS.

Join ICE and perform your job unfettered of legal limitations. Mr. Ross previously served our country in Iraq. He had been injured (33 stitches) trying to detain an immigrant in June.

Certainly, he brought these sensibilities and experiences with him to Minneapolis. This is only bolstered

by those defending him. Essentially, an armed man, with military training, unaccountable for his actions.

As a federal officer he can face criminal justice, however the civil system is probably closed.

This should concern you. The ranks of ICE are swelling with the billions of new dollars budgeted by

Congress. We are going to see more Jonathan Rosses deployed in our communities by DHS, feeling that shooting and killing a mother is legal.

An ICE agent called the dying Ms. Good a "f---ing b---." Two (2) other people were shot in Portland days after her death. Is that what we want roving our residential streets?

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## More Trains Means More Trucks On Georgia's Roads

### COLUMNIST

**CHARLIE HARPER**



project along by mandating endless studies that make actual construction impossible. Note that a law to facilitate this was passed five years ago. We're just now seeing the first set of studies of many that would be required if the will and funding to build these rail lines actually existed.

Environmental reviews alone, under federal requirements known as NEPA, can take a decade or longer. Construction of major infrastructure can somehow take even longer still. Note that the rebuild of the I-75/I-16 interchange in Macon has had its tenth birthday, and will likely be old enough for a driver's license by the time it is completed.

Then there's the speed of the trains themselves. Advocates point to Europe and Japan as the model, with their Eurostars and bullet trains that can hit speeds of 200 miles per hour. While Amtrak's DC to New York Acela train is now capable of reaching 160 mph, most of the track it operates on limits speeds between 105 and 110. This is despite spending \$2.5 billion over the past decade to upgrade the train which somehow now operates slower than the older model.

The track problems are even more of an issue in Georgia. In many of our urban areas the existing track has to contend with sharp curves that severely limit speeds. Fixing those would be expensive and messy.

Eminent domain would have to be used extensively. In addition to taking land to straighten out curves, almost every existing corridor would have to be widened. Most of Georgia's railroads are

"single tracked", with freight trains running one direction for a while, then pulling to a siding to wait while trains going the opposite direction get their turn. It's a well-choreographed ballet that keeps freight moving with planning and patience.

The result of this design is that a "high speed" freight train moves from Savannah

to Atlanta in about 12 hours.

A drive along I-16 and I-75

starts at about 3.5 hours,

plus whatever time the drivers in Henry County decide

to add for congestion.

The expectation of passen-

ger rail would be to make

this trip faster, not slower.

To accommodate this, new

tracks would have to be added

parallel to existing tracks,

and trains would have to be

able to bypass existing junc-

tions and switchyards.

All freight traffic would have to become a secondary priority to passenger trains. By definition, this would then make the movement of freight by train even slower. More logistics companies who need their goods to move to or from Georgia's ports would then decide trucks are a better option than freight rail.

We started by saying we need to talk about trucks.



## Dirt Road Memories

July 2025 column A mentioned a few signs of knowing you're in the country. Barbara Lamb Snyder said it rekindled memories of growing up on a dirt road in Dooly County. Her comment made me realize I had barely touched on dirt roads, which probably deserve top billing in defining rural living.

Several years ago I considered writing a book titled "Dirt Road Memories." Ideas without effort eventually settle though, like the stirred dust on country roads. So I'll just offer a few recollections from childhood instead.

I'm not sure how old I was when the road by our house was paved, probably six or seven. One thing I remember about riding my bicycle is standing up to pedal through sandy places, sometimes even getting off to push.

My first bike had seen better days when it came

our way. Daddy hid its rusty patina by brushing on a coat of red paint. Shortly after the training wheels came off, however, my ride was upgraded. Small accomplishments sometimes lead to big rewards.

Another early dirt road memory is of Uncle Murray coming to our house looking for my father. When Mama told him he'd gone to Unadilla to Giles and Hodge Warehouse, my uncle said he was about to head that way.

Why a five-year-old decided to hide in the bed of his uncle's truck I don't

recall. I climbed up on the back bumper while he and Mama were talking, then scrunched down between bags of seed that were stacked above the rear glass.

That's about all I would remember if not for hearing the story retold many times. Several people along Rural Route One saw me perched atop the bags. When they waved at my uncle he smiled and waved back. After arriving at the warehouse he understood their enthusiastic gestures.

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### GUEST COLUMNIST

**NEIL JOINER**



# LIFESTYLE & FAITH

## Top Reasons to Garden in 2026- Part Two

Last week we examined several of the many reasons why people love to garden. Today, from the National Garden Bureau, we take a look at a few more of the pleasures and advantages of gardening.

Garden to meet people. Gardening is a great way to expand your social circle. Whether it's with someone who lives

down the street or halfway around the world, gardeners love to talk about plants. Surplus

tomatoes, a bouquet of flowers, or an extra plant, are gifts to be shared with friends and

neighbors. Meeting other gardeners through garden clubs, plant organizations, and social

media is an easy way to share information, ask questions and get involved.

Garden to be creative.

Gardening provides an outlet for creative and artistic expression. A garden's design can

reflect a personal sense of style such as a romantic cottage garden or a peaceful Japanese

garden, as well as provide a showcase for art and sculpture. Like to try something new? With

the wide variety of seeds and plants available, it's easy to experiment with new plants or

change a garden's color scheme every year.

Garden to win. For people with a competitive streak, gardening is a friendly way to show off their skills. Garden

clubs regularly have shows that highlight the best flowers grown by local gardeners. County and state fairs provide an



**LET'S GARDEN**

**TIM LEWIS**

opportunity to show everyone the giant pumpkin, beautiful beans,

or luscious tomatoes harvested from the garden. And photo-driven social media sites like

Instagram are a natural way to show your successes!

Garden for emotional needs and spiritual connections.

Gardens play an important part in our well-being. A garden might serve as a tranquil retreat

or private escape from the demands of everyday life. The beauty of flowers can lift spirits

while pulling weeds can be a great release for stress and excess energy. A harvest of colorful

flowers or tasty vegetables provides a sense of achievement and feelings of success, while

neighbors and visitors often express their appreciation of those efforts. On a higher level,

gardening provides a spiritual connection to life. It's a miracle to take a tiny seed, nurture it,

and watch it grow into a beautiful flower or delicious food for your table. Tending a garden

also contributes to improving your own living space, the environment, and our planet.

Garden for lasting memories.

Yards that once grew gardens have been replaced with hot tubs and driveways. Today's kids

are missing the joy of cutting a bouquet of flowers for their mom or tasting the sweetness of

a cherry tomato picked right from the plant. Gardening is a fun activity that can be shared

with children and grandchildren, even if the garden is a single container or a small spot in the

yard. And a garden provides a beautiful way to remember a special person or time of life.

The National Garden Bureau and I encourage you to discover your own reason to become a

gardener. Whatever reason appeals to you, gardening is a satisfying activity that provides a

lifetime of benefits.

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## Sunday Service and Snow Cream

It was the early days of Covid, and we were all still trying to figure out how serious this pandemic was and how we (as a church) should respond. I remember calling the members to see what they thought was the best course of action. I called one man and he said, "Bro. Lewis, until we know more about this, we need to just cancel church for now."

I said okay, thanks for your thoughts, and ended the call. Then I contacted this man's brother, (who is also a church member), to get his opinion.

He said, "Bro. Lewis, don't cancel anything, let the people who want to come, come."

Well, I hung up the phone, dropped my head, and said – Lord help me!

You see, these men were the closest of brothers, and two of the most devoted and serious-minded Christians I have ever known. Yet, they

came to the exact opposite conclusion as to what was the best course of action. I knew right then and there – that whatever decision is made; it will be wrong.

Covid was hard on church leaders. Really hard. The constant pressure to make decisions was just overwhelming.

Do we meet in-person or not? Masks or no masks? Do we insist

on social-distancing or is it okay if Christians hug and shake hands?

Each week, while you are prayerfully making these decisions, you already know, whatever is decided is going to divide the membership.

Seriously, it was a long, long lose/lose situation. While our church never officially closed the doors, but remained open

the whole time, most everyone quit coming for a while.

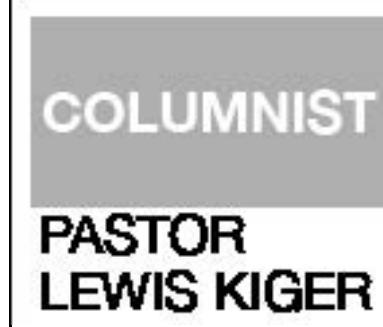
But I knew, early on, when these two godly brothers saw things completely different, it was going to be impossible to please everyone.

I said all that for this reason, this past Sunday was a similar experience. The weathermen warned us that inclement weather was coming. But, what should the church, and its leaders, do when this happens? Cancel services due to the potential danger of slick roads? Or,

not cancel worship and let every church-goer simply decide for themselves what is best? Certainly, it is up to every congregation and their elders to decide what is best for them ... but like the Covid era, no matter

what one decides, someone else will be frustrated. One person says, "cancel – we can't risk getting out in this weather."

Another person insists, "our forefathers rode



**COLUMNIST**

**PASTOR LEWIS KIGER**

in horse-drawn wagons, in weather far worse than this to attend church – how dare we cancel!" So again, it's a lose/lose situation.

Now, let me quickly say ... I am blessed at Memorial Heights Baptist Church.

While I am not naive enough to believe everyone is (or was) happy with every decision made during these out-of-the-ordinary circumstances, thankfully the members have been both patient and supportive. So

please, church member ... be forgiving and forbearing if (and when) we pastors get it wrong. Faced with these impossible decisions, every church leader is trying to honor the Lord, obey

Scripture, and safely shepherd God's sheep. Yes, some of you will be frustrated, when we don't do what you think we should, but please be patient. Pastors are finite men with finite knowledge

striving to do what is best for all the Lord's people. And yes, we get it wrong sometimes ... but let love

cover a multitude of failures (1 Peter 4:8).

Right or wrong ... we can

cealed our Sunday services.

This uncommon opportunity gave me time to watch the snow fall. And fall it did. And ... it was just beautiful!

I think those were some of the biggest snowflakes I have ever seen! All that

gorgeous white fluffy stuff falling from the sky brought back some warm memories of my childhood.

Growing up in North Carolina, I can remember the jubilation of seeing the name of our school system

scroll across the bottom of the TV screen ... Winston-Salem Forsyth County schools closed! That was

answered prayer for us boys!

No school! I can recall wearing layers of clothes and socks on my hands, and still

freezing – but not caring! I remember sledding and snowball fights. I remember

hunting and following deer tracks in the snow-covered ground.

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the wide thing, for sure. You take snow ... clean snow of course, and add some milk, sugar, and vanilla flavoring ... mix it all up and enjoy! At least that's how momma always made it. It was a rare treat for us kids and we just loved it! I thought about snow cream a lot on Sunday ... and momma. God rest her sweet soul!

But like the godly folks they were, my parents used everyday things to teach Biblical truth. And here is the lesson they implanted in our young minds: the blood of Jesus can make you whiter than snow. As silly as it may sound, they taught us this truth by making snow cream. Here's the thing ... milk looks white, until you pour it in snow. Also, sugar looks white, until you mix it with snow. For real, both of these items look bright white ... till you dump them in a bowl of clean snow, and then they look almost brown.

The wonderful and eternal truth taught from a simple bowl of snow cream was this – we may look clean and

bright, but in truth our sins

make us dirty and dark. But, the blood of Jesus can wash us whiter than snow!

Not whiter than sugar, not

whiter than milk, but whiter

than snow. Twice the

Bible teaches this glorious

truth. In Psalm 51:7 David said, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

Then in Isaiah 1:18 the prophet declares, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

Though we did not gather for corporate worship this past Lord's Day, still my heart rejoiced that through

faith in the shed blood of Jesus, my soul has been

washed whiter than snow!

A lesson I learned from snow cream, my parents, and God's amazing grace!

But, what about you? An old hymn asks this question; "Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?"

If so, here's how – "There's power in the blood, power in the blood."

Friend, trust in Christ today and though your sins have darkened

your soul, you can be made whiter than snow!

### JOINER

*From page 4A*

or focus on the rhythm of your breath – to amplify the mood-boosting effects.

As I was proofreading this column to my wife, as I almost always do before it goes to the editor, she

said she was going to start going back to the gym with me next week. A little context is in order here. She

was going with me a couple years ago until the pain in her hip became unbearable. But now she's had

full hip replacement on both hips (the first about 12 years ago) and just finished the post surgery

physical therapy last week on the hip she had done in mid-November. Now we're both looking forward to our

"Gym Dates"! Perhaps I'll do an update in a month or so to let you know how we're doing together.

Remember, winter wellness isn't a sprint; it's a steady pace that keeps us

thriving. So, dust off those sneakers – Silver or otherwise – and let's make this season one of vitality. Who

knows? Your next gym

chat might just inspire

someone else to lace up and join the fun.

Thanks for reading All

About Seniors, see you

next week!

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Church.

His most-publicized stunt

occurred near Mr. Willie Bowen's home. Mr. Willie

loved sharing the details

of that entertaining escapade. Jimmy slid into one

ditch, then crossed to the

opposite side before getting

back in the ruts. With a

grin and hint of admiration

Mr. Willie would tell how

Jimmy never let off the gas

as he went by.

I guess I learned a few

things from those unpaved

roads, like how standing

on the pedals can help get

you through the sandy places.

## ENTERTAINMENT

## Did You Know...\*



by Jack Bagley

## Did a beloved "Star Trek" actor almost wind up on a different science fiction show?

**I**t's time for the first mea culpa of 2026!

Yes, it seems I've been caught in an error in the column two weeks ago.

In it, I mentioned the fact that actor Michael J. Fox's middle name doesn't actually begin with a "J."

That wasn't the error, however. The error was in the listing of his birth. I said he was born in 1981, when he was actually born in 1961.

To his credit, Mr. Fox wasn't the one who pointed it out, and if he saw it at all he probably appreciated my taking 20 years off his age.

I do want to thank my friend Hack Stone at valorguardians.com for correcting me on Mr. Fox's year of birth. Now, on to this week's trivia!

Did you know ..... probability has actually been calculated regarding the "monkey typing Hamlet" saw?

You know, the one that says if you put a hundred monkeys in a room with a hundred typewriters, eventually they'd write Hamlet.

Well, the actual probability of such a thing happening is 10,360,783. I don't know about you, but I have no idea how big a number that actually is. (Maybe if the monkeys wrote the National Enquirer, the probability would be lower. Or perhaps they already do.)

... two of the belligerent nations of World War II have never actually ended the war? Japan and Russia never formally ended hostilities following the Japanese surrender in 1945. An attempt was made in 2000 to finally sign a peace treaty between the two nations, but the attempt failed when Russia refused to return to Japan four offshore islands it had occupied during the war (Talk about holding a grudge!)

... Valentine's Day is banned in Iran? The Islamic Republic's government prohibited celebrating Valentine's Day in 2011. According to the hardline government, cards, teddy bears, and other

Valentine's gifts are part of "the spread of Western culture" and are against Iranian norms. (Why am I not surprised?)

... an iconic role in the movie Ghostbusters was meant for someone else? The original 1984 film featured Bill Murray (born 1950) in the role of Peter Venkman, and he played it in the 1989 sequel as well. But Murray was not the first choice for the role of Venkman. The part was written to be played by John Belushi (1949-1982), but Belushi died of a drug overdose before production could start.

... a beloved Star Trek actor almost ended up on another science fiction show? Actor James Doohan (1920-2005) is known the world over as Montgomery Scott, irascible Chief Engineer of the USS Enterprise in Star Trek. But not long after Doohan was cast for the second pilot episode of the classic sci-fi series, he was offered another a major role in a different show — that of the Chief Petty Officer of the research submarine Seaview in Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea. Doohan

would have replaced actor Henry Kulky (1911-1965), who had played CPO Curley Jones of the Seaview on the first season of the series and who had died suddenly after the season had finished filming. Doohan chose to keep his commitment to Star Trek, even though the series had not yet sold, and Voyage went with actor Terry Becker (1921-2014) in the new role of CPO Francis Sharkey. (He was, indeed, a miracle worker!)

... one of the most famous rulers of ancient Egypt was not Egyptian? Cleopatra VII (69 BC-30 BC), famous today for her affairs with Julius Caesar (100 BC-44 BC) and Mark Antony (83 BC-30 BC), was actually of Greek descent. She was the last active ruler of Egypt under the Ptolemaic kingdom. After her death, Egypt was annexed as a province of the Roman Empire.

... the champagne used to christen a ship is a modern substitute for human blood? Back in the days of the Vikings, they — and various South Sea tribes — would

sacrifice people on the prows of newly-built ships so that the spirit of the victim would guard the craft. Later, wine was substituted for the blood, and today we use champagne. (Which is a good thing, if you ask me.)

... pistachio nuts sometimes spontaneously combust? That's right, it's possible for a bag of pistachio nuts to break into a glorious fire for no apparent reason. Well, there is a reason, of course. Pistachios are high in fat, and low in moisture. That causes them to be self-heating, and if they're tightly packed, that can have a blazing consequence. When pistachios are transported, things like temperature and humidity have to be carefully controlled to prevent fire or even possible explosions. (That's just nutty.)

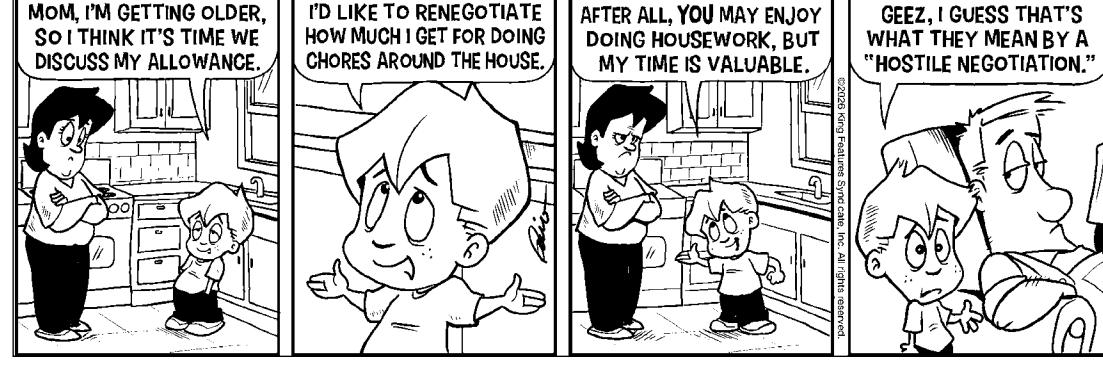
... movies once had some very strange guidelines to follow? From 1930 to 1968, Hollywood had to follow the Hays Code, named for its first official censor, Will H. Hays (1879-1954). Hays was the first chair-

man of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America. His code had some very strict guidelines regarding the interaction of men and women on screen. For example: men and women kissing in American films would only be permitted if one of the participants was sitting or standing; all on-screen married couples had to sleep in twin beds; and if a kiss happened in one of those beds, at least one of the spouses had to have one foot on the floor. The Code was replaced by the voluntary rating system of the Motion Picture Association of America in 1968. (And actors and audiences are glad of that.)

... the Greeks had a god of sleep? His name was Hypnos. Like most other Greek gods, he carried over into Roman mythology with a different name; the Romans called him Somnus. (I've had many nights when I wished he'd come visit.)

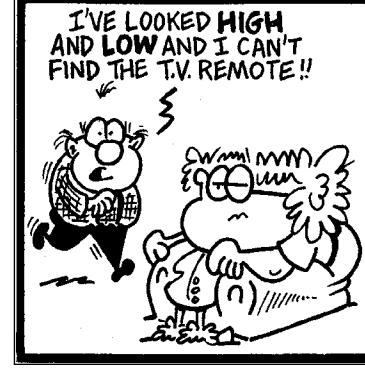
Now ... you know!

## Amber Waves



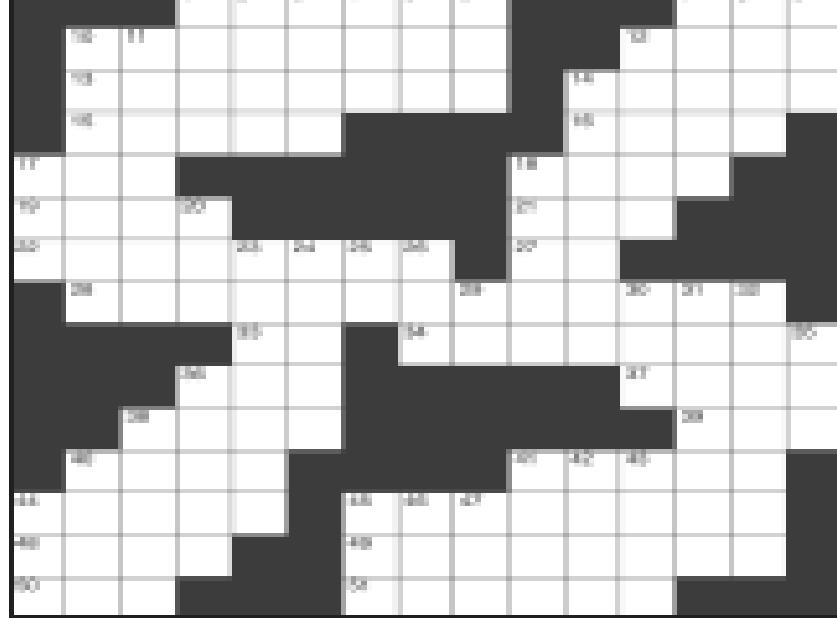
by Dave T. Phipps

## The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

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## CLUES ACROSS

1. Mathematical factor  
7. Rocky peak  
10. Lesser's country  
12. Diamond  
13. D.C. firefighter  
14. Performer's "voicer"  
15. Engine sound  
16. Japanese instrument  
box  
17. Ratio in race  
18. Amounts of time  
19. Defense and Play  
box  
21. Weekly forecast (4 letters)  
22. Metal seal pin

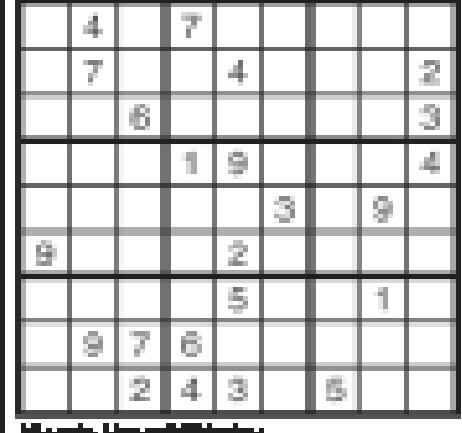
20. "Big Brother" singer  
21. "The Answer"  
23. Morning  
24. Predicted  
25. Winger尹浩的姓  
26. Film \_\_\_ based  
on petition  
28. Open translation by the  
elite  
30. Strong for some money  
31. Pulp  
32. Metal exclusively  
33. Happy  
34. Check more  
35. Thirty min.

48. McDonald's American  
student49. Glass: soprano  
50. Expression and  
disappointment  
51. Type of deer

## CLUES DOWN

1. Vegetation covered  
soil  
2. Exchange rate  
3. High school dance  
4. Peter's last name  
5. When you suddenly  
wake  
6. Home city \_\_\_-ville  
7. Great Blue heron  
8. Margarita  
9. End-of-life-euphoria color  
10. Metal polearm  
11. Popular beverage  
12. Active Latin  
13. White places land and  
desert  
17. Political-holding  
elite  
18. The collective spirit of  
a people or an era  
20. Wall used in  
fortification  
21. Light; open surface

## SUDOKU

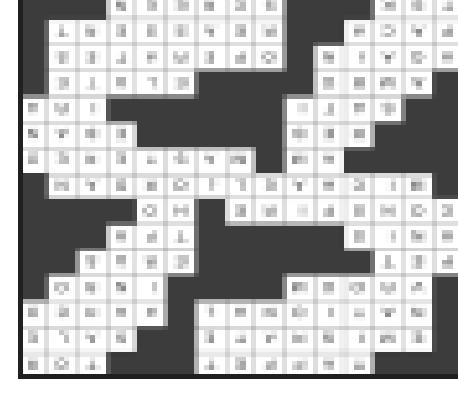


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# Updates from the State Capitol



## Georgia considers financial support for college students who need money most

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ATLANTA — Financially strapped college students in Georgia often must drop out for want of money for food and shelter, but their prospects could improve under a new initiative from Gov. Brian Kemp.

The Republican governor, nearing the end of his second and final term amid an uproar over rising costs, wants to put \$325 million of taxpayer funds into a scholarship program for students with limited means.

Georgia's HOPE and Zell Miller scholarships are generous but require students to earn high grades. Georgia is one of just two states that do not offer scholarships solely for financial need.

If the General Assembly adopts Kemp's proposal, then New Hampshire will stand alone as the only state that does not offer need-based funding.

"I'm really excited about it," said Sam Aleinikoff, a former math teacher who created and runs College AIM, an organization that helps metro Atlanta students access higher education. "I think it's a huge step in the right direction."

Kemp's gesture comes after a Senate study committee recommended that Georgia spend \$126 million a year on need-based financial aid for 98,000 students, potentially pulling money from the same source that funds the HOPE and Zell scholarships and pre-kindergarten. The committee noted that the funding source, the Georgia Lottery Corporation, had nearly \$2 billion in reserves.

Students and other advocates who testified to the committee described the plight of poor students who had to hold jobs to pay their bills. The time away from studies undermined their grades, eventually making them ineligible for the HOPE money that got them to college. That loss led to even longer hours at work and an academic downward spiral until they dropped out.

"By the end of their freshman year, 40% of those young people are no longer qualified to get that HOPE scholarship," said Sen. Nan Orrock, D-Atlanta, who led the study committee. "In many cases that is tied to the fact that they are out working one or two — in some cases we had students testify that they had three jobs," she said. "Surprise, surprise they are challenged on keeping their grades up."

Meanwhile, other states have been attracting Georgia students with larger financial aid packages.

Georgia has the low-

est home state college attendance in the region, according to testimony before the committee, with 78% of high school graduates staying here versus the 91% who stay in Mississippi, 86% in Florida and 85% in South Carolina.

The committee cited a 2019 report by the Selig Center for Economic Growth, a business think tank at the University of Georgia, that said Georgia could eventually suffer a shortage of skilled labor if did not create a need-based financial aid program.

Without one, "Georgia is leaving potential economic growth on the table and shortchanging its citizens," the report said.

Orrock's study committee was authorized by Lt. Gov. Burt Jones, a Republican running for governor. The committee's recommendations passed unanimously, with bipartisan support.

Orrock speculated that her Republican colleagues were compelled by the facts unearthed by her committee and by the upcoming elections "where voters are saying affordability is the issue of the day."

Kemp's proposal would pour money into the DREAMS Scholarship Program, which was founded recently by the University System of Georgia Foundation under the leadership of Chancellor Sonny Perdue.

It had \$4 million in need-based scholarship funding to distribute last fall. Kemp's proposal would expand that significantly, offering \$25 million in scholarships initially. The remaining \$300 million would be used as seed money to attract private donations.

While advocates are excited about the promise of the program, they have questions about some of its stipulations. The DREAMS (Dedicating Resources to Educationally Advance More Students) website says students must work part time to earn a scholarship.

That requirement could undermine the very purpose of helping them maintain high academic achievement, said Ashley Young, an analyst with the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute, which promotes equitable access to higher education.

"We feel this eligibility factor could be more of a barrier than an access point for students who actually need the money the most," she said. She and other advocates are also concerned by vague language about the distribution of the funding. The website says DREAMS money will be distributed to more than two dozen schools and that the amounts will "vary by

institution."

It does not say how.

Young and other advocates suggested that the money be allocated based on eligibility for federal Pell grants, which are income-based. Otherwise, students at highly ranked schools, such as Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia, which already have a healthy alumni donor base, could wind up with more support than students at lower ranked colleges and universities that contend with a higher ratio of low-income students.

Some also said students attending private colleges and universities should be eligible.

However, the biggest concern initially is the funding.

Annual allocations must grow fivefold from that initial round of \$25 million to meet the study committee's \$126 million goal. Yet Aleinikoff, the former teacher turned advocate, said the larger figure was offered as a "paired down" and more affordable target.

"The need far exceeds even that \$126 million number," he said. "The need is expansive."

To produce \$126 million a year using investment income, the endowment would have to grow to around \$1.8 billion, estimated Sen. Max Burns, R-Sylvania. As a member of Orrock's study committee, he advocated for the endowment idea.

Georgia's lottery program has about that much in reserves, and the committee suggested tapping that fund for DREAMS. But that would be a non-starter for Burns, who as chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee, was a key voice in Republican support for the study committee's recommendations.

HOPE is a sacrosanct national model, Burns said, and the reserves are needed to keep it funded through economic rough patches.

Burns, who said he worked his way through college, rising to become president of Gordon State College in Barnesville until 2017, agrees with the work requirement so long as it is limited. He cited statistics that say students lose half a letter grade for each 15 hours per week of employment during college.

He also praised Kemp for the downpayment to the program and Perdue for setting it up in the first place. He said businesses and "community partners" need to donate to the fund, and he said he is confident that will happen since they stand to benefit from an educated workforce.

"This initiative will support thousands of Georgians — thousands of Georgians — in perpetuity if we do it correctly," he said.

## News from the Georgia Capitol last week

By **TYTAGAMI** and **Mark Niesse**  
*Capitol Beat News Service*

ATLANTA — Governor budgets for tax cuts while spending on roads, college students and state employees

Gov. Brian Kemp unveiled his last budget request as governor, proposing to keep \$10 billion in reserves while returning money to taxpayers and investing in roads, bridges, college scholarships and state employees.

In his eighth and final state of the state address Jan. 15, Kemp said he wanted to give average rebates of \$250 per individual taxpayer plus a fifth of a percentage point reduction to the state income tax rate, lowering it to 4.99%.

The rebates would cost nearly \$1.2 billion while the ongoing annualized revenue reduction caused by the income tax cut would be \$750 million.

Kemp proposed seed money for a needs-based scholarship fund called Georgia DREAMS, with a one-time \$325 million grant to serve as an endowment intended to draw private donations.

Kemp revealed several road initiatives in a speech the day before at a state Chamber of Commerce event. He said he wanted to spend \$2 billion on work to relieve congestion on I-75 south of Atlanta and on Georgia 316 from Atlanta to Athens, while putting another \$350 million toward local road and bridge improvements.

Kemp would also give state employees a one-time \$2,000 pay supplement that would cost over \$600 million. And he would give state law enforcement a retirement boost through enhanced 401(k) contributions that would add about \$5 million a year to annual budgets.

Georgia Senate bans local gun storage laws with first bill passed in 2026

The Georgia Senate voted along party lines to ban cities from requiring gun

owners to lock up their firearms in vehicles, the first bill approved in this year's legislative session.

It was a Republican response to a Savannah ordinance that required guns left in vehicles to be securely stored in a glove compartment, console, locked trunk, or behind the last upright seat of a vehicle without a trunk. The ordinance also mandated that unoccupied vehicles with a gun inside be locked.

A Chatham County judge ruled in November that the ordinance was unconstitutional.

The state House passed the bill against such ordinances on the final day of last year's legislative session. Then, the Senate voted 32-21 along party lines for the legislation on Jan. 13. It now heads to Gov. Brian Kemp for his signature or veto.

Senate bill would hold down property tax increases that fund Georgia schools

State lawmakers could require that tax increases on Georgia homeowners be limited to the inflation rate, including taxes for education, after most school systems decided against capping property tax hikes last year.

The state Senate's Republican majority introduced a bill last week that would require all school systems to limit property tax increases that occur because of rising home values.

About 71% of Georgia's 180 school systems voted last year to reject a voluntary cap introduced by a prior state law. This year's bill would prevent school systems from opting out.

If approved, school systems would be unable to tax property on values that rose higher than the prior year inflation rate. This would save homeowners money while reducing funding for public education in some areas.

The proposal would also affect city and county governments that opted out of the tax cap. About 29%

of city and county governments voted against capping their property tax values last year, according to records from the Georgia secretary of state's office.

Free for all election to replace Greene in Congress draws 22 candidates

The voters in Marjorie Taylor Greene's old northwest Georgia congressional district have less than two months to winnow a winner out of a list of 22 candidates who qualified on Jan. 14 to succeed her.

The March 10 special election for U.S. House district 14 will feature 17 Republicans, three Democrats, an Independent and a Libertarian.

The free for all was triggered by Greene's announcement in November that she would be stepping down a year early.

The largest contingent of those who want to succeed her — four of the candidates — hail from Paulding County.

Cobb, Dade, Floyd and Whitfield counties produced three candidates apiece. The other six are from Catoosa, Coweta, Fulton, Polk and Walker counties.

The mix includes an auctioneer and truck driver, who was until last week a member of the Georgia Senate: Republican Colton Moore, of Trenton, stepped down to run for this congressional seat.

Also in the running are a U.S. Marine, two attorneys (one a prosecutor), a pastor, several business owners (one who deals in electric bicycles), a couple farmers (one a cattle producer the other also a teacher), a couple retirees (one is now a political writer), a risk engineer, a patent practitioner, a travel consultant, and one who works in the railroad supply chain sector. Several listed their occupation as self-employed, another as financial services and one as entrepreneur.

If no candidate takes a majority of the vote, a runoff will occur April 7.

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If approved, the legislation would save homeowners money — and reduce funding for public education in some areas. School systems would lose the ability to tax property on values that rose higher than the inflation rate in the previous year.

"The majority of people in Georgia aren't seeing the relief that was promised because they're continuing to see double-digit tax increases," said state Sen.

Chuck Hufstetler, R-Rome, the lead sponsor of Senate Bill 382. "People have seen huge property tax increases, and we need to limit it to the rate of inflation. We all need to live within our means."

While no one likes paying higher taxes, schools would pay the price, said John Zauner, executive director of the Georgia School Superintendents Association.

Education expenses would continue to rise with inflation, but school systems would receive less money from property taxes.

"I'm sympathetic. I pay taxes and they're always going up," Zauner said. "But that's the only choice local districts have. They don't have any other options."

Under a state law and constitutional amendment approved by voters in 2024, home property assessments are capped at the inflation rate for the previous year. By holding down increases in property values, property tax hikes are also limited because they're based on the assessed value of a home and the property tax rate.

Besides school systems, the proposed bill would also affect city and county governments that also opted

out of the tax cap. About 29% of city and county governments voted against capping their property tax values last year, according to records from the secretary of state's office.

Lt. Gov. Burt Jones said the property tax bill is a priority for this year's legislative session.

"As part of our ongoing efforts to keep costs low and put more money back in Georgians' pockets, this legislation will limit increases in home values for property taxes year to year and require more accountability and transparency in our local taxation procedures," Jones said.

The property tax limit is one of several tax proposals being debated at the Capitol.

Senate Republicans also want to gradually eliminate income taxes, while House Speaker Jon Burns, R-Newington, suggested he favors ending homestead property taxes.

Gov. Brian Kemp said in his State of the State Address on Thursday he wants to give tax rebates averaging \$250 per taxpayer, as well as reducing the state income tax rate by one-fifth of a percentage point, to 4.99%.

## FOOD

Simple Recipe Swaps for a *Healthier You*

## FAMILY FEATURES

If the idea of overhauling your family's menu is stopping you from making healthier choices in the kitchen, you might find relief in knowing simple swaps are all it takes. Instead of sweeping changes that require all new recipes, just changing an ingredient or two in your favorite dishes can put you on a path toward better nutrition.

You can boost the nutritional value of meals and support your heart health by making smart substitutions – like using whole grains, healthy oils and lower-sodium options – to reduce saturated fat, added sugars and sodium while adding beneficial nutrients like fiber, protein and healthy fats.

Another nutrition-conscious swap you can make easily is opting for fat-free or low-fat plain Greek yogurt in place of full-fat sour cream and other dairy products. A single serving typically provides 10 or more grams of protein and roughly 13% of the daily recommended value of calcium. In fact, according to the American Heart Association, a balanced diet that includes regular consumption of unsweetened, nonfat, plain yogurt for individuals with hypertension may help improve blood pressure outcomes.

Start doing your heart a favor with these favorites that replace full-fat ingredients with low-fat or nonfat Greek yogurt, helping you reduce calorie intake and fat content without compromising flavor.

Mango and Pineapple Tropical Parfaits capture the flavors of ripe fruit, silky yogurt and crunchy granola in every spoonful of paradise while ruby-red pomegranate and coconut top off this island treasure.

Fruity Oatmeal Yogurt Parfaits provide protein-packed breakfast to start busy days while Frozen Yogurt Bark – a chilled delight with less than 100 calories per serving – helps you indulge without overdoing it.

A diet that involves smart swaps like these may contribute to heart health, per the American Heart Association, by providing essential nutrients and supporting healthy blood pressure levels – meaning you're just a few ingredient substitutions away from enjoying a more nutritious, yet still delicious menu.

These yogurt-inspired recipes were developed as part of the American Heart Association's Healthy for Good Eat Smart initiative, which is nationally supported by Danone.

Discover more easy, flavor-packed ways to make your favorite recipes healthier for your heart at [heart.org/eatsmart](http://heart.org/eatsmart).



## Mango and Pineapple Tropical Parfaits

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association

Servings: 4 (1 parfait per serving)

- 1 medium mango, peeled and chopped
- 2 cups nonfat plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup low-fat, no-added-sugar granola
- 1/2 cup diced pineapple
- 1 medium banana, sliced
- 1/4 cup pomegranate seeds or arils
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened flaked coconut

In each parfait glass, layer 1/4 mango, 1/4 cup yogurt, 1 tablespoon granola, 2 tablespoons pineapple, 1/4 banana slices and 1/4 cup yogurt. Top with remaining granola. Sprinkle with pomegranate seeds and coconut.

Serve immediately for peak flavor and texture.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 230 calories; 6 g total fat; 82 mg sodium; 33 g carbohydrates; 5 g fiber; 24 g total sugars; 13 g protein.



## Frozen Yogurt Bark

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association

Servings: 8

- 1 1/2 cups low-fat, no-sugar-added vanilla Greek yogurt
- 2 tablespoons honey or pure maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons chopped unsalted almonds
- 1/2 cup finely chopped mango
- 1/2 cup blueberries
- 1/4 cup blackberries or raspberries, chopped if large

In medium bowl, whisk yogurt and honey until combined. Line 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish with parchment paper. Using spatula or knife, spread yogurt mixture over paper as thinly as possible.

Sprinkle almonds over yogurt mixture. Using fingertips, gently press almonds into yogurt mixture.

Sprinkle with mango, blueberries and raspberries.

Using fingertips, gently press fruit into yogurt mixture.

Cover dish with plastic wrap or aluminum foil.

Freeze overnight.

For serving, remove baking dish from freezer.

Gently lift parchment paper from dish and transfer to cutting board. Using hands, break bark into pieces or hit lightly on surface of cutting board. Serve immediately as bark begins to melt 15 minutes after removing from freezer.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 70 calories; 2 g total fat; 3 mg cholesterol; 15 mg sodium; 10 g carbohydrates; 1 g fiber; 9 g total sugars; 4 g protein.

## Fruity Oatmeal Yogurt Parfaits

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association

Servings: 4 (1 parfait per serving)

- 2 cups fresh or frozen sliced, hulled strawberries, thawed and patted dry if frozen
- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, halved blackberries or both, thawed and patted dry if frozen
- 1 tablespoon, plus 1 teaspoon, honey
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 cups water
- 1 cup uncooked rolled oats
- 2 cups nonfat plain Greek yogurt

In medium bowl, gently stir strawberries, blueberries, honey and cinnamon.

In medium saucepan over medium-high heat, bring water and oats to boil. Boil 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

In each parfait glass, layer 1/4 cup oatmeal, 1/4 cup fruit mixture, 1/4 cup yogurt and 1/4 cup fruit mixture. Repeat layers.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 238 calories; 2 g total fat; 6 mg cholesterol; 47 mg sodium; 42 mg carbohydrates; 6 g fiber; 21 g total sugars; 16 g protein.



# Legals

## Legal Advertising Information

Legal advertisements are published each Wednesday in The Houston Home Journal newspaper, the designated legal organ of Houston County and the City of Perry, City of Warner Robins and City of Centerville. For information concerning rates, please contact the Houston Home Journal at (478)-987-1823. Notices cancelled after noon on Thursday will be billed for insertion in that edition.

Legal ads may be sent via email to hhjlegals@gmail.com. Many legal notices are charged at the rate of \$15.00 per 100 words or a portion thereof for each insertion for the first four insertions. Some specific types of ads, such as divorce, articles of incorporation, articles of merger, petition to adopt, name changes and DUI notices have fees set based on the number of times the notice is inserted. All rates are set by the Georgia General Assembly. For cost, every word shall be counted as one word including words such as: the, of, etc. Numbers shall be counted as one word.

### Alcoholic Beverage

26-053  
**RETAIL DISTILLED SPIRITS  
(Package Stores Only)**  
 Notice is given that Sammana LLC dba Bootleggers Liquor located at 2611 Moody Rd Suite A, Warner Robins, Ga 31088 through Nealkanth Patel Managing Member, has applied for a license to sell liquor, beer and wine at retail. Liquor license #62814  
**54173 1/21/24**

### Service & Construction Bids

25-1973  
**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@mcca.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.  
**53692 1/7/24**

26-028  
**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.  
**54041 1/14/21**

### Debtors & Creditors Notice

26-039  
**NOTICE TO  
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
 ESTATE OF DAVID N. WILLIAMS, II  
 HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA  
 All creditors of the Estate of David N. Williams, II, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned in accordance with law, and all persons indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 8th day of January, 2026.

Peggy S. Williams, Executrix, 208 Montiego Ct., Centerville, GA 31028

**54090 1/21/21**

26-052  
**NOTICE TO  
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
 IN RE: Estate of Chong P. Anders  
 All creditors of the Estate of Chong P. Anders, 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 12 day of January, 2025.

Joe E. Williams, Jr., Esq Attorney at Law

637 Cherry Street

Macon GA 31201

**54158 1/21/21**

26-048  
**NOTICE TO  
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
 STATE OF GEORGIA  
 COUNTY OF HOUSTON

All creditors of the estate of PAUL WILLIS HARTMAN, SR., deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

CHRISTINA RING HARTMAN, Executor of the Estate of PAUL WILLIS HARTMAN, SR.

218 Ridge Crest Drive

Macon, Georgia 31210

John W. Hubert

WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP

909 Ball Street

Perry, GA 31069

478-987-1415

**54132 1/21/21**

26-043  
**NOTICE TO  
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**  
 RE: Estate of James Ravinee, Deceased

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

Charlene Burrell

(Administrator)

100 Irish Moss Ct.

Warner Robins, GA 31088

**54097 1/21/21**

26-044  
**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 1/14/24

26-045  
**NOTICE TO  
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 IN RE: Estate of Agatha D. Jones.

All creditors of the estate of Agatha D. 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 to me.

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25-1960

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION  
PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45**  
TO: CMD HOMES, LLC, AND ROBERT J. KAUFMAN, RA, 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 215 of the Tenth (10th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, containing 0.67 acres, more or less, being known and designated as Lot 18, Block B, Section 1, Wind River Subdivision, according to a plat of survey prepared by Story, Clarke & Associates, Robert J. Story, GRLS No. 1853, recorded in Plat Book 65, Pages 28-29, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference for all purposes.

Said lot is a portion of those tracts described in Deed Book 7890, Pages 344-345, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court, and is further described as Houston County Tax Map & Parcel 0P49B0 057000, with an address of **617 Shoshone Circle, 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 95, subsequently transferred to the present holder by deed recorded in the same office in Deed Book 10632, Pages 560-561.

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

**53580 1/7-1/28**

25-1894

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

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from LESLIE F ELL TO MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR ONE REVERSE MORTGAGE, LLC, dated March 23, 2015, recorded April 6, 2015, in Deed Book 6813, Page 1-13, Houston County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Five Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$105,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to GITSIT Solutions, LLC, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Separate Trustee of GV Trust 2025-1, there will be sold 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, 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 167, FIFTH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 24 IN BLOCK "H" OF SECTION NO. 4 OF SHIRLEY HILLS ESTATES SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 258, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE THERETO.**  
Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **333 CLAIRMONT DR, WARNER ROBINS, GA 31088**.

The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

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: 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; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants; and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is LESLIE F ELL, ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF LESLIE F ELL, , tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: GITSIT Solutions, LLC f/k/a Kondura Capital, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 333 South Anita Drive Suite 400, Orange, CA 92868, Telephone Number: 888-566-3287. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1 as Attorney in Fact for LESLIE F ELL

**THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**  
Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. KCP-25-05304-1  
Ad Run Dates: 01/07/2026, 01/14/2026, 01/21/2026, 01/28/2026  
rlselaw.com/property-listing

**52981 1/7-1/28**

25-1964

**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 of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), 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, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.

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 Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.

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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 Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.

The sale will be conducted

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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 Chasperf Felton, Joanna Felton to Cliffton Financial Services, Inc. dated May 3, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 3825, Page 270, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-R2 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 10758, Page 598, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO AND 87/100 DOLLARS (\$105,672.87), 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. § 13-1-1 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 Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-R2 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: Fay Servicing, LLC, 425 S. Financial Place, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60605, 800-495-7166.

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 Chasperf Felton, Joanna Felton and Estate of Felton or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **303 Woodhaven Road, Centerville, GA 31028**. 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 Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-R2 as Attorney in Fact for

Chasperf Felton, Joanna Felton  
McCall Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP  
1544 Old Alabama Rd  
Roswell, GA 30076

[www.foreclosurehotline.net](http://www.foreclosurehotline.net)

EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 137 OF THE FIFTH LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 9, BLOCK "I", SECTION NO. 2 OF A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS HIDDEN VALLEY, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAID SUBDIVISION PREPARED BY JOHN J. BROXTON, SURVEYOR, DATED MAY 16, 1983, A COPY OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 25, PAGE 297, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE THERETO.

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS CONVEYED SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE COVENANTS AS CONTAINED IN INSTRUMENT OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 471, PAGES 214-218, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT; ALSO, SUBJECT TO AN EASMENT FOR DRAINAGE AND UTILITY PURPOSES OVER, UPON AND ACROSS THE WESTERLY TEN (10) FEET OF SUBJECT PROPERTY AS SHOWN ON THE AFORESAID RECORDED PLAT OF SURVEY.

MR / MA February 3, 2026

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

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from WILLIE FRANK WILLIAMS, III to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR NEWREZ LLC, dated December 23, 2020, recorded January 4, 2021, in Deed Book 8943, Page 176-194, Houston County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-One and 00/100 dollars (\$192,771.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, there will be sold 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 April, 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 48 OF THE FOURTEENTH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 8, PHASE NO. 2, THE PRESERVE AT AGRICULTURAL VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 79, PAGE 342, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **114 BARNYARD WAY, PERRY, GA 31069**. The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice

to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

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: 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; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is WILLIE FRANK WILLIAMS, III, ESTATE AND/ OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF WILLIE FRANK WILLIAMS, TRACY CLYDE WILLIAMS, or tenants(s).

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: NewRez LLC, F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC, D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Loss Mitigation Dept., 75 Beattie Place Ste. 300, Greenville, SC 29601, Telephone Number: 800-365-7107. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING

as Attorney in Fact for

WILLIE FRANK WILLIAMS, III

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. SHP-25-05653-1

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

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated September 2, 2011, from Marc A. McDowell to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, LLC, recorded on September 7, 2011 in Deed Book 5618 at Page 342 Houston County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by Assignment and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated September 2, 2011, in the amount of \$166,839.00 said note being modified by Loan Modification agreement and recorded on April 21, 2022 in Book 9668 Page 233 in the real property records of Houston County, Georgia, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Houston County, Georgia, on February 3, 2026 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"):

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 52 OF THE 10TH LAND DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF PERRY, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 59, LONGBRIDGE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 72, PAGES 148-152, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID LOT HAS SUCH SIZE, SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO A 25-FOOT BUILDING SETBACK LINE ALONG LOT FRONT, 8-FOOT BUILDING SETBACK LINE ALONG LOT SIDES, AND 25-FOOT BUILDING SETBACK LINE ALONG LOT REAR, ALL AS SHOWN ON RECORDED SUBDIVISION PLAT.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL ZONING ORDINANCES, CONDITIONS, EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS OF RECORD.

THERE ARE IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED ON SAID PROPERTY KNOWN AS 111 TYNDALL WAY ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING IN THE CITY OF PERRY, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

THIS IS THE SAME AND IDENTICAL PROPERTY CONVEYED TO GRANTOR BY WARRANTY DEED OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 5575, PAGE 233, HOUSTON COUNTY RECORDS.

The debt secured by the Security Deed and evidenced by the Note has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining is in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed, accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees. Notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees has been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in possession of the property is/are Marc A. McDowell.

The property, being commonly known as **111 Tyndall Way, Perry, GA, 31069**, in Houston County, will be sold as the property of Marc A. McDowell, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, 888-480-2432.

The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

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

Attorney for Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Marc A. McDowell 100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1000 Atlanta, GA 30339 Phone: (770) 373-4242

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

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
SALE UNDER POWER**

HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA  
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Charnell Hogan to Guild Mortgage Company LLC, dated June 7, 2024, and recorded in Deed Book 10458, Page 115, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Planet Home Lending, LLC by assignment recorded on April 28, 2025 in Book 10640 Page 781 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Forty-Seven and 0/100 dollars (\$160,047.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on February 3, 2026, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 203 of the Fifth Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 21, Block F, Section II, of a Subdivision known as NORTHVIEW III, according to a plat of survey of said Subdivision prepared by Billy B. Beazley, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 3176, recorded March 26, 1959, a copy which is of record in Plat Book 5, Page 225, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes.

The above-described property is conveyed subject to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded in Deed Book 138, Pages 145-150, Clerk's Office Houston Superior Court. Also, subject to easements and rights-of-way for public roads and utilities as they now exist, and building lines and other matters shown on the aforesaid recorded plat of survey.

Address Under Current Numbering System: 100 Flanders Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: NewRez LLC, F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC, D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Loss Mitigation Dept., 75 Beattie Place Ste. 300, Greenville, SC 29601, Telephone Number: 800-365-7107. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING

as Attorney in Fact for

WILLIE FRANK WILLIAMS, III

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. SHP-25-05653-1

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**NOTICE OF SEIZURE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**

VALUED AT \$25,000.00 OR LES

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 9-16-11

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Civil Action No. 2025-V-132586-A

to JARMIAM JAHIEM VICKS, JERMAINE MONTEZ JOHNSON, LATRAVION TEDDY TIZELL HINES and ALL OTHER OWNERS OR INTEREST HOLDERS OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY

TAKE NOTICE that on July 9, 2025, the Houston County Sheriff's Office seized \$8,020.97 in US C ency, a Glock 9mm pistol (serial # BGVD854), a Glock 9mm pistol (serial # HWVM265), Marijuana, and Promethazine at 517 Perry Parkway, Perry Houston County, Georgia.

The seized property was directly or indirectly used or intended for use to facilitate a violation of O.C.G.A. 16-13-30 and/or is

proceeds derived or realized therefrom and/or was found in close proximity to controlled substances and/or other property which is

subject to forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. 16-13-49(b).

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the owner or interest holder has thirty (30) days within

which to file a claim against the seized property and must serve the claim on the District Attorney for the Houston Judicial Circuit,

100 N. Perry Parkway, Perry, GA 31069 by

certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested. Such claim shall

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All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 95 of the 10th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, according to a plat of survey titled "TARP Investments, LLC.", totaling 8.75 acres, drawn 06/07/2012 by Story, Clarke, and associates. Recorded in book 5963 on page 122, Houston County Superior Court. Said Plats are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes.

After the public hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation will be provided to and heard by the Mayor and Council Members for a final decision. All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing's said time and place relative to petition filed by Alamo Opportunity Fund LLC. If you require assistance relating to handicapped accessibility or foreign language in order to participate at the Public Hearing, please contact Michael Moriarty, with the Department of Building and Inspections by calling (478)302-5517 or by emailing planningandzoning@wrga.gov as far in advance of the meetings as possible. Persons with hearing disabilities can contact the City through the Georgia Relay Service, at (TDD) 1-800-255-0056 or (Voice) 1-800-255-0135.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
DARIN CURTIS  
PLANNING AND ZONING MANAGER  
MICHAEL MORIARTY  
PLANNING AND ZONING ASSISTANT  
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**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia, will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2025, at the hour of 5:30 P.M., at Warner Robins' City Hall for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to a petition for the rezoning of a portion of the property, including all right-of-ways, totaling less or except, 13.41 acres, located at 6040 Watson Blvd. and fronting Gunn Rd., also known as tax parcel [DW0970 322000]. The present zoning is R-4 [Multi Family Residential District], and the proposed zoning R-1 [Single Family Residential District]. Said property being more accurately described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 69 of the 5th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, according to a plat of survey titled "Warner Robins First Assembly of God," totaling 29.17 acres, drawn 10/30/1995 by Story and Company. Recorded in book 47 on page 199, Houston County Superior Court. Said Plats are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes.

After the public hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation will be provided to and heard by the Mayor and Council Members for a final decision. All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing's said time and place relative to petition filed by The Assembly of Warner Robins INC. If you require assistance relating to handicapped accessibility or foreign language in order to participate at the Public Hearing, please contact Michael Moriarty, with the Department of Building and Inspections, by calling (478)302-5517 or by emailing planningandzoning@wrga.gov as far in advance of the meetings as possible. Persons with hearing disabilities can contact the City through the Georgia Relay Service, at (TDD) 1-800-255-0056 or (Voice) 1-800-255-0135.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
DARIN CURTIS  
PLANNING AND ZONING MANAGER  
MICHAEL MORIARTY  
PLANNING AND ZONING ASSISTANT  
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26-068 **NOTICE**  
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)  
**PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY**  
RE: PETITION OF JEAN A. VINING  
DISCHARGE AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID SUTTON FIELD, DECEASED.  
TO: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before FEBRUARY 2, 2026.  
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

KRISTEN W. HARRIS  
PROBATE JUDGE  
By: JUDITH W. BORUM  
PROBATE CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK  
P.O. BOX 1801  
PERRY, GA 31069  
478-218-4710  
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26-064 **NOTICE**  
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)  
**PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY**

RE: PETITION OF BELINDA L. HINTON  
DISCHARGE AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN WESLEY HINTON, SR., DECEASED.

TO: KATHY T. HINTON, JOHN WESLEY HINTON, JR. & TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before FEBRUARY 17, 2026.

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26-070 **NOTICE**  
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**PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY**

RE: PETITION OF HEINZ BERNARD PAUL DISCHARGE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF RAYMOND MATTHEW PAUL, DECEASED.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before FEBRUARY 2, 2026.

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26-019 **NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:

Joyce Smiley Etridge has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Melvin Etridge, 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.

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26-033 **NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:

Jennifer Lynn Johnson has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Richard Anthony 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.

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26-069 **NOTICE**  
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**PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY**  
RE: PETITION OF NICHOLAS ROBERT MAESTRETTI DISCHARGE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM EDWARD MAESTRETTI III, DECEASED.  
TO: ZACHARY (unknown last name) & TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before FEBRUARY 17, 2026.  
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54305 1/21

26-064 **NOTICE**  
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**PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY**

RE: PETITION OF BELINDA L. HINTON DISCHARGE AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN WESLEY HINTON, SR., DECEASED.

TO: KATHY T. HINTON, JOHN WESLEY HINTON, JR. & TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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26-073 **NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:

Pamela Fite has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Timothy Dewayne Varnadore, 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.

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54303 1/21-2/11

26-037 **NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:

RE: PETITION OF AMANDA R. VAUGHN FOR DISCHARGE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA GAIL HARBUCK DECEASED.

TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before FEBRUARY 2ND, 2026

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26-022 **NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA, 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 1/14-2/4

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.

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54027 1/14-2/4

26-020 **NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:

Mary Doreen McCloskey has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of William L. Finney, 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.

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54025 1/14-2/1

26-020 **NOTICE**  
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:

RE: PETITION OF D'ASIALEXIS 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 with this Court no later than 14 days after this notice is mailed, or 10 days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact

26-012

## TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF HOUSTON

The undersigned does hereby certify that Kingdom Forge Commerce LLC in the city of Warner Robins, county of Houston in the state of Georgia, under the name of Elemental Restore and located at 205 Dental Dr. Ste 7 #108, Warner Robins, GA 31088. The nature of the business is Online-only e-commerce retail sales of consumer goods.

The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are: Kingdom Forge Commerce LLC 205 Dental Dr Ste 7 #108, Warner Robins, GA 31088 53983 1/14-1/21

26-062

## TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF HOUSTON

The undersigned does hereby certify that Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation in the city of Warner Robins, county of Houston in the state of Georgia, under the name of DJKT and located at 3060 Watson Boulevard, Warner Robins, GA 31093. The nature of the business is retail merchandise.

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## Warner Robins survives region duel with New Hampstead

By CLAY BROWN  
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**WARNER ROBINS** — Matchups don't get much more even than Friday night's between Warner Robins (8-10, 3-1 Region 1-4A) and New Hampstead (6-13, 1-3 Region).

Lead guards dueled in the first quarter, turnovers ran rampant and charges were given out like candy in a fast-paced game that saw bodies hit the floor constantly.

It wasn't pretty, but head coach Jamaal Garman will take the 52-46 win, the Demons' fourth in a row.

"This is big for us in the region, it moves us a little bit closer [to the top]," Garman said. "That helps us

out mentally [too], because we had to win ugly today. It wasn't the prettiest of wins, but I'll take the win either way. I'm just happy at the effort that they had, especially at the end of the game."

Warner Robins' Gavyn Williams and the Phoenix' Tristan Hines kept their respective teams afloat out of the gate as the slog in the interior began.

Williams scored eight points, most of which came from a pair of triples, and Hines contributed six.

Hines' quickness, tight handles and ability to hit shots off the dribble made him directly responsible for nearly half of New Hampstead's 13 first-quarter points, enough for a two-point lead over the Demons

entering the second.

Neither team gained much separation from the other as they traded leads and ended up with a halftime tie of 25.

There weren't many things Warner Robins could say they did well on Friday, but rebounding was one of them. It's what kept them an inch ahead for most of the game, and it's something Garman stresses to his squad regularly.

"I was proud of them today rebounding. I told them all five guys got to go to the boards on the defensive end. We've got to secure that rebound," Garman said. "Rebounding is important man. You can't score without the ball, so you got to go get the ball. You got to rebound and be strong with it."

The Demons didn't create separation until the fourth quarter, when they took the biggest lead of the game for either team at 44-36 with 4:13 to play.

The Phoenix came screaming back in the final three minutes, scoring on three straight possessions to make it a two-point game with 47 seconds to play.

Free throws have been an issue for Warner Robins this year, but Prince Ragin drained both to make it a two-possession game. He also secured a steal and got the ball up to Williams for the game-sealing layup. Tyler Harris threw down a dunk (barely) after the buzzer to punctuate the win.

### UP NEXT

Warner Robins will host



Clay Brown/HHJ  
New Hampstead junior Jalen Suber (11) stretches out to evade Edmund Dantes' (12) contest during a layup attempt.

Ware County as a part of their six-game homestand on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

New Hampstead will stick around Houston County to play Perry on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 5 p.m.

## Gavyn Williams and Tyler Harris show up big in Warner Robins' fourth straight win

By CLAY BROWN  
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One of the biggest talking points surrounding Warner Robins before the season was their lack of an alpha, and the competition for that top spot.

Senior Gavyn Williams and junior Tyler Harris were the names in that conversation, and both of them made key contributions in the Demons' fourth straight win after breaking a six-game losing streak.

Their previous 4-10 record was a new low for head coach Jamaal Garman, but after

beating New Hampstead on Friday they are in a much better position to defend their region title.

Williams kept Warner Robins in the game to start, scoring eight of their 11 first-quarter points.

His two three-pointers came at opportune times and left the Demons with a two-point deficit after one.

"Gavin's gonna always bring it man, he's my guy," Garman said. "It was important for him to start fast like that because we know Gavin will get in foul trouble at some point in the game. He's going to have to sit down for about a quar-

ter, maybe half a quarter somewhere in there. He did a good job today maintaining and not getting in foul trouble, and getting hot for us right at the beginning of the game."

Though Williams did score the game-sealing layup at the end of the night, Harris's efforts fueled Warner Robins in the intermediate.

He scored eight of his 13 points in the second half — six in the fourth quarter — but his contributions went beyond that. He got down low and rebounded well on both ends of the floor, and he also came up with some

clutch blocks as the Demons separated themselves from New Hampstead late.

Garman has had a kind of breakthrough with Harris, too, as far as pushing him to be more aggressive.

"[We're] putting a lot of pressure on him to be that scorer. He's got to be. He has to be that scorer regardless of what's going on in the game," Garman said. "[We] put a couple rules in place for him that if he doesn't meet them at the end of the game, the next day at practice he has to see our punisher at practice. He's mindful of that, and now he's taking it to heart."



Clay Brown/HHJ  
Tyler Harris scored eight of his team-high 13 points in the second half of Warner Robins' 52-46 region win over New Hampstead on Jan. 16, 2026.

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