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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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Attendees marched from Union Grove Baptist Church to the Wellston Center on Monday, Jan.19.

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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



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

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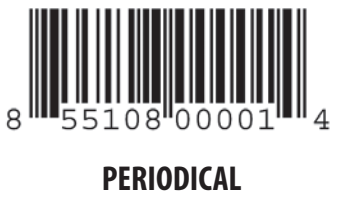
people held the belief that change was going to come.”

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

munity by changing laws and integrating schools.

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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 Dobermans 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



Courtesy: Emily Landrum

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 was pretty awesome.”

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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THE INSIDE

Dog dead, four displaced after house fire on Thursday evening

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PERRY — A house fire left four displaced and a dog dead on Thursday, Jan.15. The home was located on the 2300 block of Marshallville Road.

Houston County Fire Chief Chris Stoner said the call came in at approximately 5:58 p.m. When fire crews arrived on scene, there was already heavy fire and smoke coming from the right side of the home.

He said everyone made it out safely, with the exception of a dog. Stoner

shared fire crews were able to locate the animal, but it unfortunately passed away.

The home was deemed a total loss. The cause of the fire remains unknown and is still under investigation.

Stoner believes fire crews did a phenomenal job controlling the fire. He shared that the Red Cross is assisting the family.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family for a speedy recovery from everything. Hopefully they can get some things moving and get their life back,” he said.



The fire happened on the 2300 block of Marshallville Road in Perry.

Courtesy: Houston County Fire Chief Chris Stoner

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He also mentioned reconciliation and says it always begins with honesty.

McCullough spoke about African American history remembering veterans and those who fought for their rights.

“Our story contains enslavement and endurance, segregation and survival, exclusion and excellence and yet our story is not only one of pain, but it’s one of contribution,” he said.

He shared current struggles in the community including gun violence. McCullough believes anyone can serve as a mentor for children with local youth groups encouraging middle and high school students to serve their com-

munity. He believes this is reconciliation in action.

He said future generations need presence, good examples and guidance rooted in care.

McCullough encouraged everyone to leave the event feeling they could be stewards of reconciliation, justice and hope.

“Dr.King taught us that non-violence is not selective. It begins at home, in our neighborhoods, in our schools, in our churches and in our everyday choices that we make when no one is watching,” he said. “Gun violence, murder, [and] self destruction continue to devastate our communities. These are not distant headlines; they are personal losses that leave empty seats at dinner tables, unanswered phone calls and futures that never unfold.”

Towards the end of the event, President of the Houston County NAACP Jonathan Johnson encouraged attendees to volunteer and donate to the organization so they can continue raising awareness on local issues.

The Houston County NAACP office is located at 213 Suzanne Drive. To keep up with the organization, visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/p/NAACP-of-Houston-County-100069087354222/>.

DOG

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said she would not be in this position with Phasma if it wasn’t for her.

“There were only two female puppies in that litter, and Phasma just kinda spoke out to me and she was very beautiful and well put together,” she said. “Rebecca trusted her with me and has supported us the entire way.”

Phasma has also been awarded the number one Doberman in the Owner Handled Series in 2024. She also finished in second place last year and is currently holding the number one spot this year.

Phasma is also no stranger to competition as Landrum said she has been showing since she was 10 months old.

“Before they can compete for points, they have

Beginner Puppy Dog Shows, so that the puppies can get ranked experience to get ready for when they turn six months old where they can actually get points towards their championship,” she said.

Landrum and Phasma’s first show together occurred in Atlanta back in 2021. She went on to win Best Puppy in Show in the two circuits shown.

Phamsa also has a junior handler, Blaine Crowder, who also received an invitation to the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Landrum said the top five dogs in their respective breeds get an automatic invitation and the rest are selected through a lottery.

“So, we put in the entry and crossed our fingers and we actually won the lottery,” she said.

Landrum is feeling a little nervous but also very excit-

ed to be competing in one of the biggest dog shows in the country.

“I’ve always wanted to attend, so I feel very lucky that we were selected,” she said. “We’re very excited and ready to go.”

After the competition, Landrum is looking forward to Phasma hopefully having her own litter of puppies. She hopes to enjoy the moment while being at the competition.

“Of course, I hope to get a placement, but you never know as there are a lot of dogs competing,” she said. “Overall, I hope [Phasma’s] Junior Handler makes it to the finals as well.”

To learn more about the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and to see where to watch Phamsa compete, go to www.westminster-kennelclub.org/

UNITY

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Congress to the Oval Office, what once was considered impossible now has become a possibility,” he said. “But, here we are in 2026 and with all the progress that has been made, the truth is it feels like we’re doing the moonwalk and going backwards.”

Kelley pointed out that Psalm 126 was written by a people who were meant to live between promise

and fulfillment. These people were returning from Babylonian exile. He said they were free but not fully restored.

“They had made progress but the work was incomplete. That should sound familiar,” he said. “We’ve seen progress but we’re not where we need to be. Change is gonna come but you’re going to have to endure a season of tears.”

Kelley said the world has seen a constant rise in gun violence and mass shootings. He claimed those in

power are not making an effort to change these gun laws among other political issues.

“You look at what’s happening in Minnesota where people are being racially profiled and dragged out their homes, schools, places of employment and their cars to check to see whether or not they were born in the United States,” he said.

Kelley quoted Martin Luther King Jr., saying “darkness does not dry our darkness and hate cannot dry out hate.”

Kelley questioned the crowd about what they are contributing to the advancement of the African American community.

“How are you using your talents to help the cause rather than just sitting on the sidelines simply just talking about what’s wrong,” he said. “My question is ‘what are you doing to make this right?’”

Towards the end of

the breakfast, local students received the MLK Scholarship award and African American doctors and lawyers were recognized.

Member of the MLK Breakfast Committee Ira L. Foster said that 5.5 percent of lawyers are black and 5.2 percent of doctors are black.

“As you can see, we as black people are underrepresented in the medical and legal field,” he

said.

Foster thanked the doctors and lawyers in attendance which included City of Warner Robins Mayor LaRhonda Patrick.

“We thank you as you take care of folks when they’re sick and help us with our legal problems, and we just wanted to acknowledge you for that,” he said.

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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 Parrish 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.

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 Grizzle, 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.

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

One Week Under the Gold Dome

The 2026 Legislative Session is officially underway, and after our first full week under the Gold Dome, the Georgia Senate has hit the ground running. While I remain proud to represent Middle Georgia and the 20th Senate District, this year I am also mindful of a broader responsibility to help lead the Senate in a way that serves every corner of our state.

I am deeply humbled to serve as President Pro Tempore of the Georgia Senate. The trust my colleagues have placed in me is not taken lightly. The role of Pro Tempore isn’t about titles, it’s about keeping the Senate focused and results-oriented. I’ll be continuing to work on the issues that matter most to Georgians through my service on the Senate Committees on Appropriations, Rules, Insurance and Labor, and Agriculture and Consumer Affairs. This is where the real work of governing happens.

This week, I had the opportunity to introduce our Senate Majority Caucus priorities for the session, an agenda centered on reigniting 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-

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.

Governor Brian P. Kemp reinforced that vision in his final State of the State Address, outlining a responsible agenda focused on tax relief, education and

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

By TYTAGAMI
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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.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

FORSYTH

- *Open Mic:* The Den - 8pm

WARNER ROBINS

- *Darin Curtis & Chin Lee Krirat:* 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 Cotija - 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 --> *Guest Band* - 7-9pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

MILLEDGEVILLE

- *Fall Line Rambler:* Greene St. Pool Tavern - 6-9pm

WARNER ROBINS

- *Shallow Side:* Pub 96 - 4:30pm

MACON

- *Stacey Blanton:* Wesleyan College Anderson Cabin - 6-9pm (\$25 - light dinner provided)
- *Open Mic/Jam Session:* Grant’s Lounge - 9pm

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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 on 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

THE LAW MAN

JIM ROCKEFELLER



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 immigration 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 probable 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 unconcerned with anyone's rights or the peace of the community. 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

Georgia needs to have a long and detailed conversation about trucks. Instead, we're at least briefly distracted by trains.

There have been quite a few news stories in circulating in the last few weeks about Georgia "getting serious" about passenger rail. "They're" talking about this in Chattanooga, Birmingham, Charlotte, and Savannah. "They" are looking at making Atlanta's role as a rail hub great again.

Who are "they"?

They are the consultants and transportation entities that received funding to study "high speed" rail corridors for passenger rail throughout the country from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. \$8 million was appropriated from the federal government to study routes in Georgia with Atlanta as a hub city. Their reports are coming in, and not surprisingly they all give a full and unconditional green light to...another round of studies.

If you haven't figured out where this track is headed, consider the weather. We didn't need a round of weekend snow flurries mixed with rain to throw cold water on this story that has been recycled more times than Chattahoochee river water flowing south out of Atlanta.

We've seen these studies before. They're almost always initiated with federal funding. They always suggest more studies. But the crucial element is that they're always tied to funding for propping up existing rail service or funding bigger boondoggles elsewhere.

The same act that Georgia's Senators brag about securing \$8 million for us gave California another \$3.1 Billion for their attempt at high speed rail construction. If California getting almost 400 times more money than Georgia seems unfair, consider that there is equality in the outcome. Both states will have zero new miles of track in operation because of these expenditures.

Speed is an issue here, both for the trains and for the process in which the federal government "helps" move a

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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 passenger 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 junctions 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. Most of us like the idea of trains. They get a bit more questionable when we start to see the real costs vs the real benefits. But they become a real problem when we realize that for every car they take off our freeway, they're likely to add several tractor trailers to our interstates. That seems to be lost in all of these self-perpetuating studies of trains that will likely never happen.

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Dirt Road Memories

July 2025 column 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

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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.

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



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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Winter Wellness in Middle Georgia

As the calendar flips to mid-January here in Middle Georgia, the winter chill has settled in like an uninvited guest who just won't leave (You should see my power bill for last month, Ugh!). This time of year, it's easy to feel the "winter blues" creeping up—that seasonal slump marked by lower energy, mood dips, and a temptation to hibernate under a blanket with a remote in hand.

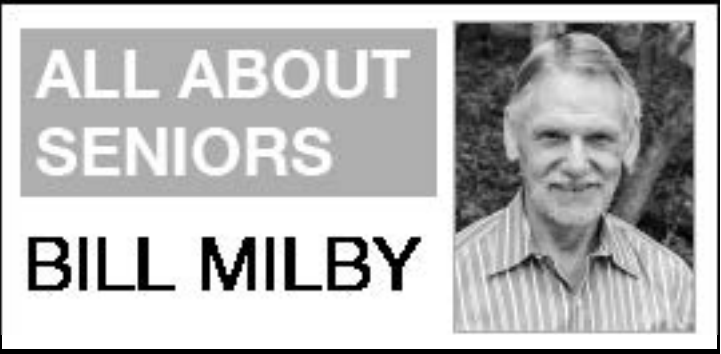
But fear not, fellow seniors! Winter wellness isn't about braving the frost like a polar explorer; it's about smart, indoor strategies to keep your body moving and spirits high. Let's dive into some practical tips, with a dash of inspiration to kick-start that belated New Year's resolution you've been mulling over.

First off, combating the winter blues starts with understanding what's at play. Shorter days mean less sunlight, which can disrupt our natural rhythms and serotonin levels. In Middle Georgia, where we're blessed with milder winters than up north. We can leverage indoor options to stay active without risking slips on icy patches (though let's be honest, our "ice" is more like a light frost that melts by noon vs. the real ice that I've fought for half of my eight decades in Philadelphia, Detroit, Montreal and Toronto).

Health experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend at least 150 minutes of moderate activity per week for adults over 65, which can help ward off depression, boost immunity, and even improve sleep. So, how do we make that happen and not turn into couch potatoes?

Focus on indoor exercises that are gentle yet effective. Strength training with resistance bands or light weights can build muscle and bone density that is crucial as we age. Many community centers offer senior-friendly classes, but if you're like me and prefer a gym setting, consider hitting the machines for a low-impact workout.

Just this past week at Planet Fitness, I was plugging away on the weight machines—nothing fancy,



just steady reps to keep the joints lubricated. A fellow gym-goer, probably in his mid 50s, struck up a conversation and asked my age. When I said 82, he gave a nod and a grin, subtly acknowledging that navigating those contraptions with ease isn't something you see every day. It wasn't about me showing off; it was a quiet reminder that consistency pays off. If an octogenarian can hop from machine to machine without a hitch, imagine what you could achieve with a little persistence. It's like that old saying: "Age is just a number, but enthusiasm is the real weightlifter."

Humor aside, moments like these are golden opportunities to inspire. Think of it as your belated New Year's resolution—no need for grand proclamations on January 1st when January 21st works just fine. Start small: commit to 20 minutes a day on exercises like seated marches, wall push-ups, or even dancing to your favorite Motown tunes in the living room. And here's a pro tip that's practically a gift: if you're on a Medicare Advantage plan (and most of us are), check out the Silver Sneakers program. It's free for eligible members and grants access to most major gyms. No more excuses about membership fees—this perk could be your ticket to feeling energized all winter long.

Don't overlook safe walking spots to mix things up. When the sun peeks out, bundle up for a brisk 30-minute walk around the neighborhood. If the weather turns drizzly, and you're close by, head indoors to a mall. These spots are climate-controlled, well-lit, and often bustling with other seniors, making it a two-for-one deal: exercise and people-watching. Pair your walks with mindfulness—count your steps

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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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



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 naïve 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 canceled 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.

But perhaps my favorite memory was watching my mother make "Snow Cream." I wonder how many of you reading this know what snow cream is? Or have eaten it? A sim-

ple 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
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Many times I've asked God to protect me from making foolish choices. Sometimes he's protected me in spite of them.

A dirt-road memory from my teen years is the brief thrill of fishtailing a vehicle. I was not brave enough to confidently master the maneuver, but my brother Jimmy loved to make the back end of his 1964 Chevy drift sideways. I was with him a few times, usually on the sharp curve between our house and Harmony

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. Although I didn't real-

ize it until much later, I also learned a little about mercy. My family was able to laugh about a pickup ride that could have turned out badly. My brother gets credit for a third dirt road lesson. I'm not advocating recklessness, but sometimes the best way to get out of a ditch is to step on the gas.

Childhood memories have grown sweeter with time, especially blessed when lessons come to mind. Old memories fade and settle, just as dust on a dirt road wanes, but it only takes a gentle breeze to stir them up again.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Did a beloved “Star Trek” actor almost wind up on a different science fiction show?

It'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

MOM, I'M GETTING OLDER, SO I THINK IT'S TIME WE DISCUSS MY ALLOWANCE.

I'D LIKE TO RENEGOTIATE HOW MUCH I GET FOR DOING CHORES AROUND THE HOUSE.

AFTER ALL, YOU MAY ENJOY DOING HOUSEWORK, BUT MY TIME IS VALUABLE.

GEEZ, I GUESS THAT'S WHAT THEY MEAN BY A "HOSTILE NEGOTIATION."

The Spats

I'VE LOOKED HIGH AND LOW AND I CAN'T FIND THE TV REMOTE!!

WHERE DID YOU LOOK?

UP A TREE AND DOWN A WELL.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Mechanical lower

7. Rocky peak

10. Loose in country

12. Discard

13. O.C. indie singer

14. Parker's "critter"

15. Engine sound

16. Japanese untransliterated text

17. Film in one

18. Annals of time

19. Offense and plays are fun

21. Woody's range (abbr.)

22. Mike's second place

27. "Try Balder" singer

28. "His Alchemist"

33. Morning

34. Protected

35. Finger-painted Bosch

37. Mike ____, Israeli politician

38. Self-translator by the alias

39. Army to some navy

43. Puppet

44. Mike's ex-girlfriend

45. Happy

46. Once more

47. What's on

48. Modernist & American artist

49. Glad again

50. Expectations of disappointment

51. Type of deer

CLUES DOWN

1. "Vaporwave" converted leader

2. Exchange rate

3. High school dance

4. Peter's last name

5. Where you might find a wing

6. Israeli city ____/v/v

7. Oval-the mammals

8. Margarine

9. Bird-of-the-species order

10. Male peacocks

11. Popular beverage

12. Active Italian

14. Where planes land and depart

17. Political fundraising party

19. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era

20. Paper used in microbiology

24. Light, open clothing

34. Mechanical

35. Small striped tree toad

36. A street with lots of right turns

38. Rapper Pete

39. River in Scotland

41. One who writes a chapter

42. Most common

43. 10% all have cancer

45. Arab title

46. Ship

47. Chinese military commander

48. Swedish or Irish Gaelic language

49. Most common radiation

51. Fun or roller disk (slangish spelling)

52. Refused to

53. Offspring reference syndrome

55. Chest muscle (abbr.)

57. Body part

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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 it 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

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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 retuning 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.

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

By Mark Niesse
Bureau Chief
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Tax increases on Georgia homeowners could 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 this 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 the cap, as allowed by state law. This year's bill would change that law and prevent school systems from opting out of the cap.

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%.e

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 a 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.

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

The Houston Home Journal

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 21, 2026

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 hjlegals@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 1/21-2/24

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@mgcaa.org for more information. MGCAA encourages M/WBE & Labor Surplus Firms to apply. Applications must be received no later than January 26th, 2026. Late submissions may not be considered.

53692 1/7-1/28

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.houstoncountygva.gov/business/current-bids.cms>.

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

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

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

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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 Montiege Ct., Centerville, GA 31028

54090 1/21-2/11

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 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 1/21-2/11

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. Hulbert
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP

909 Ball Street

Perry, GA 31069

478-987-1415

54132 1/21-2/11

26-043

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

RE: Estate of James Ravizee, Deceased
All creditors of the Estate of James Ravizee, 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 1/21-2/11

25-1956

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: SARA BARFIELD HERRON
All creditors of the Estate of Sara Barfield Herron, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

December 22, 2025

Kay Herron

Administrator with Will Annexed
Estate of Sara Barfield Herron
200 White Columns Drive

Kathleen, GA 31047

Robert R. Lawson

Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89

Perry, Georgia 31069

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26-058

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: Estate of Frances M. Jones

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

Sherry C. Partain
218 Sansbury Trail
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088

Shirley R. Watson Attorney at Law
1520 Watson Blvd
Warner Robins, Georgia 31093

(478) 328-7464

54242 1/21-2/11

26-057

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: Lawrence Kutay

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

January 13, 2026.
Stephanie Hall, Executor
103 Cedar Glen Court
Centerville, GA 31028

54199 1/21-2/11

26-056

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

All creditors of the estate of MICHAEL P. CHALOULT, 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.

Kellye C. Moore, Executor of the Estate of MICHAEL P. CHALOULT, SR.
404 Brantley Ridge
Warner Robins, GA 31088

Jordan Reab
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP

PO Box 1770

Perry, GA 31069

478-987-1415

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25-1940

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: ESTATE OF CATHERINE ANN HARTMAN, DECEASED

All creditors of the estate of CATHERINE ANN HARTMAN, Deceased, late of HOUSTON County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Samantha D. Hartman
Administrator/Executor of
CATHERINE ANN HARTMAN, deceased

366 ROSEGLLEN DRIVE
MARIETTA, GA 30066

Address

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25-1957

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

This the 22nd day of December 2025.

DEANNE C. PECK, Executor of the Estate of SUSIE S. CHEEK, Deceased

c/o Lisa R. Coody

Attorney for Executor

1719 Russell Parkway, Bldg. 200
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088

(478) 922-3010

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26-042

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

RE: Estate of Jimmy G. Albertson, Deceased

All creditors of the Estate of Jimmy G. Albertson, 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.

Teresa Lynne Dopko
(Executor)
6017 N. Willowdale Ln.
Garden City, ID 83714

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26-007

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: ESTATE OF FLORINE JONES.

All creditors of the estate of Florine Jones, late of Houston County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment this 5th day of January 2026 to Agatha D. Jones, c/o Attorney: Tim J. Thompson, 1900B Northside Crossing, Macon, GA 31210, 478-471-9900.

53884 1/14-2/4

25-1951

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: ESTATE OF ET TA REBECCA STUCKEY, DECEASED.

All creditors of the Estate of Etta Rebecca Stuckey, deceased, of Houston County are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 22nd day of December, 2025.
William Donald Stuckey, Sr. Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Etta Rebecca Stuckey, Deceased

P.O. Box 89

Perry, Georgia 31069

William R. Jerles, Jr.
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP

Post Office Box 89

Perry, Georgia 31069

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26-041

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: INEZ L. CASPER, DECEASED

All creditors of the estate of Inez L. Casper, 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.

Douglas A. Molargik is the Executor of the estate of Inez L. Casper. Edwin S. Varner, Jr., Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088, (478) 922-3010.

54093 1/21-2/11

26-072

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

GEORGIA
HOUSTON COUNTY

All creditors of Mary J. Prater, 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 estate representative. Julie Mixon, c/o M. Stanley Martin, Attorney at Law, 127 Carl Vinson Pkwy., Warner Robins, GA 31088 (478) 225-2147

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Foreclosures

25-1943

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Georgia, HOUSTON County

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by JENNIFER E GILMORE to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., NOMINEE FOR BROKER SOLUTIONS, INC., DBAN NEW AMERICAN FUNDING, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, dated June 30, 2022, and recorded in Deed Book 9770, Page 326, HOUSTON County, Georgia records, as last transferred to DATA MORTGAGE INC., DBA ESSEX MORTGAGE, by assignment recorded in Deed Book , Page , in the Office of the Clerk of HOUSTON County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$167,558.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of HOUSTON County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2026, to wit:

March 3, 2026, the following described property: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 145 OF THE TENTH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT A22, PHASE 1, NEW HAVEN SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A REVISED PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 69, PAGES 199-203, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, ORDINANCES, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD, IF ANY ADDRESS UNDER CURRENT SYSTEM OF NUMBER: 218 ELLINGTON COURT, PERRY, GEORGIA.

The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt 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 Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as 218 ELLINGTON COURT, PERRY, GEORGIA 31069, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): by JENNIFER E GILMORE or tenant or tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the 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 subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify

all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Essex Mortgage Attention: Loss Mitigation Department 1417 North Magnolia Avenue Ocala, FL 34475 (888) 892-0881 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein. This sale is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being DATA MORTGAGE INC., DBA ESSEX MORTGAGE as attorney in fact for JENNIFER E GILMORE Kahane & Associates, P.A. 180 Interstate N Parkway, Suite 200 Atlanta, Georgia 30339 Telephone: (404) 252-6385 File No.: 25-01992 THIS LAW 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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25-1963

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF HOUSTON.

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by SHELLY L MITCHUM AND RICHARD A MCKEE, SR to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. , dated 03/13/2017, and Recorded on 03/15/2017 as Book No. 7446 and Page No. 252 269, AS AFFECTED BY MODIFICATION BOOK 8072, Page 172 182, HOUSTON County, Georgia records, as last assigned to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$67,800.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the HOUSTON County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2026, the following described property: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN LAND LOT 174 OF THE 5TH LAND DISTRICT, COUNTY OF HOUSTON, STATE OF GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 5 BLOCK A, SECTION NO. 2, MEADOWCLIFF PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 26, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 995, PAGE 225, DATED 11/09/1992 RECORDED 11/18/1992 HOUSTON COUNTY RECORDS.

TAX/PARCEL ID: W047G 015 The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt 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 Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. may be contacted at: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., 3476 STATEVIEW BLVD., FORT MILL, SC 29715, 800 288 3212. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as 100 SYMES DR, WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA 31093 is/are: SHELLY L MITCHUM AND RICHARD A MCKEE, SR or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the 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 subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. as Attorney in Fact for SHELLY L MITCHUM AND RICHARD A MCKEE, SR. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010401271 BARRETT, DAFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

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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 Gabriel T Blackburn to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., its successors and assigns dated June 29, 2016, recorded in Deed Book 7220, Page 168, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 8470, Page 30, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$135,850.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston

County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2026, the following described property:

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

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

Newrez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing (fka Specialized Loan Servicing LLC) is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Suite 300, Greenville, SC 29601, (800) 365-7107. 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 Gabriel T Blackburn or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 109 Stewart Court, Warner Robins, GA 31093. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Newrez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing (fka Specialized Loan Servicing LLC) as Attorney in Fact for Gabriel T Blackburn

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Rd

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**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 OP49B0 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.
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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 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, 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: GITSIT Solutions, LLC f/k/a Kondaur 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
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**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY**
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Michael Y Carrillo to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Suntrust Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated October 31, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 4060, Page 325, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2020-2 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 10340, Page 320, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$149,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2026, the following described property:
SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given).
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2020-2 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: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032.
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 Michael Y Carrillo or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **201 Flagler Way, Warner Robins, GA 31088**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Loans Structured Transaction Trust, Series 2020-2 as Attorney in Fact for Michael Y Carrillo
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Rd
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurehotline.net
EXHIBIT "A"
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 94, 10th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 1, Block F, Phase No. 1, Carlton Ridge South Subdivision, according to a plat of survey recorded in Plat Book 66, Pages 125-127, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby incorporated for all purposes.
MR / CA February 3, 2026
Our file no. 25-19852GA-GA-F1
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**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF HOUSTON.**
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by HORACE AVERY CHENOWETH SR AND LISE LAHAYE CHENOWETH TO MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR THE FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, dated 07/03/2017, and Recorded on 11/27/2017 as Book No. 7564 and Page No. 133 148, HOUSTON County, Georgia records, as last assigned to PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$181,291.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the HOUSTON County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2026, the following described property:
THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 14 OF THE TENTH LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND IN THE CITY OF PERRY, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 103 OF QUAIL RUN AT HOUSTON SPRINGS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1, AS IS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY LEE R. JONES, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2680, DATED OCTOBER 17, 2005 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 66, PAGES 54 55, 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.
THIS IS THE SAME PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1B AS CONVEYED IN THAT CERTAIN WARRANTY DEED FROM WOODLAND PROPERTY PARTNERS, INC. TO ALLIANCE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, LLC DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2005 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 3647, PAGE 14, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT.
THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, IF ANY. BEING THE SAME PREMISES CONVEYED UNTO HORACE AVERY CHENOWETH SR. AND LISE LAHAYE CHENOWETH, FOR AND DURING THEIR JOINT LIVES, AND UPON THE DEATH OF EITHER OF THEM, THEN TO THE SURVIVOR OF THEM, IN FEE SIMPLE, TOGETHER WITH EVERY CONTINGENT REMAINDER AND RIGHT OF REVER-

SION, BY VIRTUE OF DEED FROM ALLIANCE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT, LLC DATED APRIL 5, 2007, RECORDED APRIL 9, 2007 IN BOOK 4241, PAGE 170, HOUSTON COUNTY, GA. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt 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 Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC may be contacted at: PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, 3043 TOWNSGATE ROAD, SUITE 200, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CA 91361, 866 549 3583. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **103 QUAIL RIDGE LN, PERRY, GEORGIA 31069** is/ are: HORACE AVERY CHENOWETH SR AND LISE LAHAYE CHENOWETH or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the 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 subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as Attorney in Fact for HORACE AVERY CHENOWETH SR AND LISE LAHAYE CHENOWETH. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010694693 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398
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**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER,
HOUSTON COUNTY**
Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Johnny B Flournoy and Willa L Flournoy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and assigns dated 1/24/2006 and recorded in Deed Book 3718 Page 348 Houston County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2021-R2, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2021-R2, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$71,760.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on February 3, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 173 OF THE 5TH LAND DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 9, BLOCK M, MILLER HILLS ESTATES ANNEX SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 95, 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 ALL ZONING ORDINANCES, CONDITIONS, EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS OF RECORD. There are improvements located on said property known as **308 Pine Valley Drive**, according to the present system of numbering in the City of Warner Robins, Houston County, Georgia. Deed Reference: Deed Book 1785, Page 337, Houston County Records. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as 308 Pinevalley Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Estate and/or Heirs of Johnny B Flournoy and Willa L Flournoy or tenant or tenants. Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. Loan Resolution Department 3217 South Decker Lake Drive Salt Lake City, UT 84119 (888) 818-6032 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first

set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2021-R2, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2021-R2, as agent and Attorney in Fact for Johnny B Flournoy and Willa L Flournoy Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400, 1012-239A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1012-239A
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**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF HOUSTON**
By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from William Reynolds to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Crescent Mortgage Company, dated October 12, 2021 and recorded on November 12, 2021 in Deed Book 9445, Page 282, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven and 00/100 dollars (\$167,887.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded in Deed Book 10372, Page 1, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 184 of the Tenth (10th) Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 65, Phase V, Section "C", Walker Grove Subdivision, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 65, Pages 2-3, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated herein for all purposes.
Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions and rights-of-way of record, if any.
Address under current system of numbering: 301 Patton Way, Kathleen, Georgia. Said property may more commonly be known as **301 Patton Way, Kathleen, GA 31047**.
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, non-payment of the monthly installments on said loan. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Greenville, SC 29601, 1-800-365-7107.
Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is William Reynolds and/or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.
NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing as Attorney-in-Fact for William Reynolds Contact:
Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520
AdRun Dates: 12/31/2025, 01/07/2026, 01/14/2026, 01/21/2026, 01/28/2026, 02/04/2026, 02/11/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/25/2026 ;
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25-1818
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
HOUSTON COUNTY**
WHEREAS, Jessica Walker, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED TO Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC., Lender which was dated 11/21/2022, and recorded on 12/1/2022, in Instrument No.: Deed Book 9929, Page 151-171, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$207,000.00 in Houston County, Georgia Register of Deeds.
NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 2/3/2026 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash Before the Courthouse door of the Houston County Courthouse, 201 N. Perry Parkway, Perry, Georgia 31069 of Houston, the following described property situated in Houston County, Georgia, to wit:
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 184 OF THE TENTH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 94, WALKER'S GROVE SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3-A, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 51, PAGE 109, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES.
Tax Parcel ID: 00080D 094000
Being real property commonly known as **102 GROVE LANE KATHLEEN, GA 31047**
The debt remaining in default, this sale

will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).
Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.
Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is".
The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee.
Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows:
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 200-A Anaheim, CA 92806, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567
The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Jessica Walker
Attorney Contact:
Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC
3000 Langford Road, Building 100
Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
Phone: 404-793-1447
Fax: 404-738-1558
TS # 25-37756
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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25-1942
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF HOUSTON**

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by DeAndre Lamanta Reynolds to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homestar Financial Corp. (the Secured Creditor), dated April 17, 2020, and Recorded on April 22, 2020 as Book No. 8568 and Page No. 248, Houston County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$227,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, as last assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment that is or to be recorded in the Houston County, Georgia Records, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Houston County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in FEBRUARY, 2026, the following described property:
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 73 of the 5th District of Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 175 of Amelia Place Subdivision, Phase 6, as shown on that certain Plat of Subdivision recorded in Plat Book 80, Page 281, Houston County, Georgia records, said Plat being incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.
Tax ID: 00046H175000
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan.
Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC may be contacted at: 1-800-790-9502 or by writing to 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 200-A, Anaheim, CA 92806.
Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **158 AMELIA DRIVE, BYRON, GA 31008** is/ are: DeAndre Lamanta Reynolds or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.
The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.
Funds used at sale shall be in certified funds and payable to "Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC".
Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for DeAndre Lamanta Reynolds.
Any information obtained on this matter may be used by the debt collector to collect the debt. Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)-509-5078. File: 25-43520
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION
PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45**
TO: ANY AND ALL HEIRS AT LAW OF CHARLIE DIXON; SUSIE MAE DANIEL, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES E. DANIEL; AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OF REAL PROPERTY:
TAKE NOTICE THAT:
The right to redeem the following described property, to wit:
All and only that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 79 of the Tenth (10th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known as Lot No. 2, Houston Heights Subdivision, according to a plat made by Rhodes Sewell, County Surveyor, May 16, 1941. Said lot has such shape, courses, distances, metes and bounds as will appear on said plat. Said lot is bounded as follows: on the North by lot 3 of said subdivision, on the East by Houston Street, on the south by lot 1 of said subdivision, and on the west by lot 16 of said subdivision.
Said lot is the same as that lot described in a Deed of Assent recorded in Deed Book 722, Page 260, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court, and a tax deed recorded in Deed Book 10498, Page 100, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court, and is further described as Houston County Tax Map & Parcel OP0180 087000, with an address of **1315 Houston Street, Perry, Georgia 31069**.
will expire and forever be foreclosed and barred on and after the 6th day of February, 2026.
The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of June, 2024 and is recorded in the office of Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Deed Book 10498, Page 100, subsequently transferred to the present holder by deed recorded in the same office in Deed Book 10758, Pages 788-789.
The property may be redeemed at any time before the 6th day of February, 2026, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to Larch Tree Holdings, LLC at the following address: Larch Tree Holdings, LLC c/o Michael L. Chidester, Attorney at Law, 111 Georgia Highway 49 North (P. O. Box 1704), Byron, Georgia 31008.
Please be governed accordingly.
Michael L. Chidester
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1704
Byron, Georgia 31008
478-956-1643
michael@rightmikelaw.com
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**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER,
HOUSTON COUNTY**

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Clinton M McGuffin to IBERIABANK Mortgage Company, An Arkansas Corporation dated 11/14/2013 and recorded in Deed Book 6429 Page 213 Houston County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$99,715.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on February 3, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 167 OF THE FIFTH LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 5, BLOCK "E", SHERWOOD FOREST SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY ENTITLED "LOT SURVEY FOR JOE BLACK", PREPARED BY WADLE SURVEYING CO., INC., CERTIFIED BY THEODORE W. WADLE, GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 924, DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 1967, A COPY OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 106, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR ALL PURPOSES. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **109 Nottingham Road, Warner Robins, GA 31088** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Clinton M McGuffin or tenant or tenants. State Home Mortgage is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. State Home Mortgage Michael Galloway Loss Mitigation 60 Executive Park S. NE Atlanta, GA 30329-2231 404-679-0624 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. Georgia Housing and Finance Authority as agent and Attorney in Fact for Clinton M McGuffin Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400, 2130-120A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 2130-120A
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25-1965
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY**

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Chaspert Felton, Joanna Felton to Citifinancial Services, Inc. dated May 3, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 3825, Page 270, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to 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. § 13-1-11 having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned.
U.S. Bank Trust 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 Chaspert 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 Chaspert Felton, Joanna Felton McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 1544 Old Alabama Rd Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 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
Our file no. 25-18921GA-FT18
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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
Ad Run Dates 01/21/2026, 03/11/2026, 03/18/2026, 03/25/2026, 04/01/2026
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25-1962
**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 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. Said property is commonly known as **226 Southfield Court, Bonaire, GA 31005** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Kerde H. Evans or tenant or tenants. Ameris Bank is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Ameris Bank Loss Mitigation Department 1 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 360 Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Albertyll Law
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 Chamell 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 (notice 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: Planet Home Lending, LLC they can be contacted at 866-882-8187 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 10 Research Parkway, Suite 2, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Chamell Hogan or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **100 Flanders Dr, Warner Robins, GA 31093**.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.
Planet Home Lending, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Chamell Hogan.
Brock & Scott, PLLC
4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road
Suite 310
Atlanta, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S file no.: 25-14434

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25-1966
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER,
HOUSTON COUNTY**

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Kerde Hilary Evans to Sunmark Community Bank dated 5/12/2017 and recorded in Deed Book 7511 Page 121 and modified at Deed Book 8014Page 91Houston County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Ameris Bank, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$424,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on February 3, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 73 OF THE ELEVENTH (11TH) LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 1, BLOCK "G", SECTION NO. 2, PHASE NO. 5, SOUTHFIELD PLANTATION SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY BEING OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 57, PAGES 160-161, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. HIS CONVEYANCE AND THE WARRANTIES HEREINAFTER CONTAINED ARE MADE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY AFFECTING SAID DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN ADDITION TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS CONTAINED IN INSTRUMENT OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 1784, PAGES 52-62, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **226 Southfield Court, Bonaire, GA 31005** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Kerde H. Evans or tenant or tenants. Ameris Bank is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Ameris Bank Loss Mitigation Department 1 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 360 Lake Zurich, IL 60047

1-866-397-5370 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. Ameris Bank as agent and Attorney in Fact for Kerde Hilary Evans Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1072-753A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1072-753A
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Forfeitures & Seizures

26-038
**NOTICE OF SEIZURE OF PERSONAL
PROPERTY
VALUED AT \$25,000.00 OR LES
PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 9-16-**

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Civil Action No. 2025-V-132586-A to JARAMIAH JAHIEH 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 Sheriffs Office seized \$8,020.97 in US C ency, a Glock 9mm pistol (serial # BGVD854), a Glock 9mm pistol (serial.# HWM265), Marijuana, and Promethazine at 517 Perry Parkway, Perry Houston County, Georgia. T h e 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, 201 N. Perry Parkway, Perry, GA 31069 by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery, return receipt requested. Such claim shall be signed by the owner or interest holder and shall provide:
(A) The name of the claimant;
(B) The address at which the claimant resides;
(C) A description of the claimant's interest in the property;
(D) A description of the circumstances of the claimant's obtaining an interest in the property and, to the best of the claimant's knowledge, the date the claimant's obtained the interest and the name of the person or entity that transferred the interest to the claimant;
(E) The nature of the relationship between the claimant and the person who possessed the property at the time of the seizure;
(F) A copy of any documentation in the claimant's possession supporting his or her claim; and
(G) Any additional facts supporting his or her claim.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 17th day of July, 2025.
Gregory W. Winters
Chief Assistant District Attorney
Bar Number: 771084
District Attorney's Office
Houston Judicial Circuit
201 N. Perry Parkway
Perry, GA 31069
Office: 478-218-4810
Fax: 478-218-4815
54083 1/14-1/21

Miscellaneous

26-009
**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA**
IN THE INTEREST OF:
C.M., SEX M, AGE 3, DOB 01/06/2022, CASE #2501736
CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO MACKENZIE JACKSON
You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 12/23/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 12/23/25
YOUARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 03/18/26 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Houston County Juvenile Court Clerk. WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, this 5th day of January, 2026. CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT
53893 1/14-2/4

26-002
NOTICE OF MERGER

Notice is given that articles or a certificate of merger (the "Certificate of Merger") which will effect a merger by and between Wheeler Bancshares, Inc., a corporation incorporated in the State of Georgia, and SunMark Bancshares, Inc., a corporation incorporated in the State of Georgia, has been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The name of the surviving corporation in the merger is SunMark Bancshares, Inc., a corporation incorporated in the State of Georgia. The registered office of such corporation is located at 1005 Northside Drive, Perry, Georgia 31069 and its registered agent at such address is Daniel Stanford.
53852 1/14-1/21

26-032
NOTICE OF MERGER

Notice is given that articles or a certificate of merger (the "Articles of Merger") which will effect a merger by and between Wheeler County State Bank, a Georgia state-chartered bank, and SunMark Community Bank, a Georgia state-chartered bank, has been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code and the Financial Institutions Code of Georgia. The name of the surviving bank in the merger is SunMark Community Bank, a Georgia state-chartered bank. The registered office of SunMark Community Bank is located at 1005 Northside Drive, Perry, Georgia 31069 and its registered agent at such address is Daniel Stanford. A copy of the Articles of Merger may be examined at 1005 Northside Drive, Perry, Georgia 31069.

54062 1/14-1/21

26-044
**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE INTEREST OF:
A. F., SEX F, AGE 7, DOB 07/09/2018, CASE #2600014
A. F., SEX F, AGE 9, DOB 12/31/2016, CASE #2600015
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILDREN BORN TO JAKERIA THOMPSON
You are notified that a Petition for Protective Order was filed against you in said court on 01/08/26, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 01/08/26
YOUARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 03/11/26 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Houston County Juvenile Court Clerk. WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, this 8th day of January, 2026. CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT
54098 1/21-2/11

26-045
**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA**
IN THE INTEREST OF:
G. C., SEX F, AGE 2, DOB 10/28/2023, CASE #2600016
CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, JESSICA GRAHAM (mother)
You are notified that a Petition for a Finding of Dependency and Enter into Foster Care was filed against you in said court on 01/08/26, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 01/08/26
YOUARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 04/08/26 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Houston County Juvenile Court Clerk. WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, this 8th day of January, 2026. CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT
54099 1/21-2/11

26-040
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.: 2025V132839S
QUINTARIAS LESTER, Petitioner, v. ANGELICA EATON Respondent.
NOTICE OF PETITION
To: Angelica Eaton
100 Knightsvue Pl., Warner Robins, Georgia 31093
By Order of the court for service by publication dated December 5, 2025, you are hereby notified that on or about August 20, 2025, Quintarias Lester filed a Petition against you for Modification of Custody, Child Support and Visitation. You are required to file with the clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon plaintiff's counsel, Kevin B. Hicks, Sr. of The Law Offices of Kevin B. Hicks & Associates, at their address of record, 2245 Vineville Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31204, an answer in writing within 60 days of January 21, 2025. Terri L. Childers Clerk of Court
Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia
200 Perry Pkwy
Perry, GA. 31069
54092 1/21-2/11

26-051
**ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE
PETITION ADVERTISEMENT**
Vehicle Make: Taizhou
Year: 2023
Model: Moped
Vehicle ID #: HD0TABFS6PZQ41435
Vehicle License #: MOPED
State:
Present location of vehicle: 410 Story Road Warner Robins, GA 31093.
You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in the Magistrate Court of County to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle may file an answer to this petition on or before: 01/28/2026
Answer forms may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 89 Cohen Walker Dr, Warner Robins, GA 31088
Forms may also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.
54151 1/21-1/28

26-055
**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**
In the interest of: Case No(s).
A.G.D, Female, 03/23/2009; 2501529 and M.B.K, Female, 03/19/2013 2501530
Child Under 18 Years of Age
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Erin Leigh Kenerly, mother; ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILDREN:
You are notified that a Petition for Juvenile Dependency was filed against you in said court on December 8, 2025, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on January 12, 2026.
YOUARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on April 15, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, 309 Margie Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Houston County Juvenile Court Clerk. WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, this 13th day of January 2026. CHRISTINA HARPER Chief Deputy Clerk of Houston County Juvenile Court
Christina Harper
54193 1/21-2/11

25-1958
**IN THE STATE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.
2025CV0058602
GABRIEL ROSS, as legal guardian and parent of, KYLAR ROSS (MINOR), Plaintiff, v. LAUREN THIGPEN, Defendant.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
To: Lauren Thigpen
112 Ridgewood Drive
Centerville, GA 31028
By Order for Service by Publication dated December 10, 2025, you are hereby notified that on June 16, 2025, the Petitioner filed suit against you for damages resulting from the auto collision that occurred on May 16, 2024. You are required to file with the Clerk of the State Court of Houston County, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Daniela Martinez, at this address: 351 Atlanta Street SE, Marietta, GA 30060, an Answer to the Complaint in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the first publication of notice.
WITNESS the Honorable Jason Ashford, Judge of this Court.
This 23rd day of Dec., 2025.
Teresa Hathaway, Clerk
State Court of Houston County Georgia.
Prepared by:
Nick Schnyder Law Firm, LLC
Daniela Martinez, Esq.
351 Atlanta Street, SE
Marietta, GA 30060
Phone: 404-999-1111
Fax: 404-341-9969
Attorney:
dmartinez@schnyderlawfirm.com
Paralegal:
dmcormick@schnyderlawfirm.com
Counsel for Plaintiff
53533 12/31/25-1/21/26

Name Changes

25-1969
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

In Re: Tawine Dante Summers
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133386
**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Tawine Dante Summers, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 4th day of December, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Tawine Dante Summers to Ghost Dante Summers. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 4th day of December, 2025.
Tawine Dante Summers
Petitioner
53639 1/7-1/28

25-1971
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUS-
TON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**
In Re: Jessica Brooke Lanehart to change her name
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133438
**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Jessica Brooke Lanehart, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 16th day of December, 2025,

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 [0W0970 322000]. The present zoning is R-4 [Multi Family Residential District], and the proposed zoning is 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 29.178 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 in 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 in 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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Probate Notices

NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Joyce Smiley Ethridge has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Melvin Ethridge. deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 9, 2026.

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

Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710

54021 1/14-2/14

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.

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

Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710

54068 1/14-2/14

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

54305 1/21

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.

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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NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)
PROBATE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY

RE: PETITION OF HEINZ BERNARD PAUL DISCHARGE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF RAYMOND MATHEW 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.

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
PO BOX 1801
PERRY, GA 31069
478-218-4710

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NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PRO-
BATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Christy D. Harris has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Phyllis A. Harris. deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 9, 2026.

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

Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710

54023 1/14-2/14

PROBATE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY

RE: PETITION OF SHARON LUNCE-FORD TO PROBATE IN SOLEMN FORM THE WILL OF WILLIE THOMAS EPPS, DECEASED.

TO: SARAH EPPS & ABIGAIL EPPS

All interested parties and all singular the heirs of said decedent, the beneficiaries under the purported Will, and to whom it may concern: This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before February 9, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/phone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

KRISTEN W. HARRIS
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany Eaton, CLERK
201 N. Perry Parkway
Perry, Georgia 31069
478-218-4710

54052 1/14-2/14

NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)
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 17TH, 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: MEGAN WILLSON
PROBATE CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK
P.O. BOX 1801
PERRY, GA 31069
478-218-4710

54307 1/21-2/11

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.

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

Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710

54079 1/14-2/14

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF OLIVIA ELISE FLOYD, MINOR ESTATE NO. 2025-GM-75

PETITION FOR TEMPORARY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR LATASHA MARIE SIMMONS, TEMPO-RARY GUARDIAN(S)

DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION: JANUARY 21, 2026

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER.

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

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

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

54030 1/14-1/21

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.

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

Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710

54025 1/14-2/14

NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Daniel Johnson & Joseph Johnson has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Yon Hui 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 16, 2026.

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

Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710

54304 1/21-2/11

NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)
PROBATE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY

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

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: MEGAN WILLSON
PROBATE CLERK
PO BOX 1801
PERRY, GA 31069
478-218-4710

54315 1/21

NOTICE
HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

The petition of Gary Thomas Skeen, for year's support from the estate of Cheryl Elaine Skeen, deceased, for decedent's surviving spouse, having been duly filed, all interested person are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before February 9, 2026, why said petition should not be granted.

All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

WITNESS, the Honorable Kristen W. Harris

Judith W. Borum, Clerk

54029 1/14-2/14

NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Stephanie Marie Atkins has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Esther Marie Ann Stephens. deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 9, 2026.

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

Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710

54014 1/14-2/14

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF D'ASIA ALEXIS 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 probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.

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

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

54051 1/14-1/21

NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all Liability)
PROBATE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY

RE: PETITION OF BRENDA SMITH WEST DISCHARGE AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES FLOYD HOLLIDAY , 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

54303 1/21

NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Melanie E. Hofmann has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Sara Irene Venable. 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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Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710

54019 1/14-2/14

NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PRO-
BATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Steven Lee Riffle has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of James Waterhouse. deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 9, 2026.

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Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710

54027 1/14-2/14

NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PRO-
BATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Ritaben Patel has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Mafatal G. Patel. 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 16, 2026.

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Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710

54301 1/21-2/11

NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PRO-
BATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Marques D. Riley has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Joe Allen Riley. 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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Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710

54050 1/14-2/14

NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Cathy J. Jackson has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Charlotte Annette Johnson A/K/A Annette D. Johnson. deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 9, 2026.

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Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710

54016 1/14-2/14

NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:

Sandro Marie Espinosa has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Patricia Ann Altman. 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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Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710

54018 1/14-2/14

NOTICE
HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

TO: whom it may concern:


The petition of Rosie Mae Bryant, for year's support from the estate of Price Bryant, III, 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 17, 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

54273 1/21-2/11

Sex Offenders



TURNER, DANIEL MONROE

836 OAK RIDGE DR

PERRY, GA. 31069

ARREST DATE/CONVICTION DATE : 06.10.2021

PLACE OF ARREST: HOUSTON COUNTY

CHARGE: CHILD MOLESTATION 2 CTS

DISPOSITION: 5 YEARS PRISON 15 YEARS PROBATION

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION VISIT THE GBI WEBSITE

[HTTP://///gbi.georgia.gov/Georgia-sex-offender-registry](http://///gbi.georgia.gov/Georgia-sex-offender-registry)

Trade Name

26-011

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF HOUSTON

The undersigned does hereby certify that Karmyle's Klassy Collectionz, LLC in the city of Centerville, county of Houston in the state of Georgia, under the name of KK Collectionz and located at 126 Rock Run Trl. Warner Robins GA 31093. The nature of the business is Retail sales of handcrafted goods, crtv merch, btq goods & related lawful activities.

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

Yolonda C Basilio

126 Rock Run Trl,

Warner Robins, GA 31093

53931 1/14-1/21

26-049

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

Notice is given that Ibalz Marketing, LLC has the intention of operating a Business under the Trade Name of Ibalz Marketing & Signs and that the nature of the business is retail sales of promotional merchandise, signs, apparel and merchandise, to be located at 2505 Moody Rd., Warner Robins, GA, 31088 pursuant to Georgia Commercial Code (O.C.G.A. 10-1-490).

54136 1/21-1/28

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.
The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:
Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corporation
1830 Route 130N
Burlington, NJ 08016
54257 1/21-1/28

A pair of dark, lace-up military boots stands side-by-side. An American flag is draped over the laces of the boots. The boots have a rugged, treaded sole. The background is a plain, light color.

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SAT. paper classifieds due by 9:30AM on THURS.**

Warner Robins survives region duel with New Hampstead

By CLAY BROWN
HHJ Sports Editor
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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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