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A Fire Department's Tradition

Perry Fire Department adds new apparatus to fleet with Push-In ceremony

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PERRY — The Perry Fire Department added a brand new apparatus to the Davis Farm Fire Station on Thursday. Firefighters and members of the community participated in a "push in" ceremony, a tradition for fire departments nationwide.

Assistant Fire Chief Kirk Crumpton said this tradition dates back to the late 1800s as a lot of the fire trucks were steam engines that were pulled by horses.

"They would push the steam engine back into what they referred to as the stall because the firemen slept above the horses," he said. "The horses didn't always want to cooperate, so they would have to disconnect the steam engine and the firemen physically push that back in."

Crumpton added the fire service is rich in tradition,

and have carried it on ever since.

Having a new and improved apparatus for fire departments is essential. Crumpton said they owe it to the citizens and staff to have quality equipment whenever there is a call.

"A citizen doesn't want to hear that the fire truck broke down or it wasn't available due to a mechanical issue," he said. "We want to make sure we're able to provide [quality equipment] to the citizens and for the safety of our guys."

Since firetrucks run all day and night, most of the time they "run them into the ground."

Crumpton said they watch what they're spending for repairs and have established a replacement schedule.

The Davis Farm Fire Station is located on the north side of the city, an area that has grown over

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Perry Fire Department along with members of the community push in the new apparatus into Davis Farm Fire Station.

Mayor Randall Walker plans to continue improving the City of Perry in 2026

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PERRY — The City of Perry has welcomed the new year and is prepared to continue making improvements, especially in infrastructure. Mayor Randall Walker looked back to 2025 and shares how he plans to enhance the city this year.

Walker shared their biggest focus in 2025 was improving infrastructure to keep up with the city's rapid growth. According to Walker, the city's population is approximately 27,000.

One of the city's major accomplishments was starting construction of the AE Harris Water Reclamation Facility. Walker described it as a large infrastructure

investment that is almost complete and anticipates it to be fully commissioned this May.

Another accomplishment Walker mentioned was the completion of a water and sewer rate study, which eventually led to the city council approving a sewer connection fee.

"[This] was providing a long-term data driven funding strategy for the payment of all of our water and sewer infrastructure utilities," he said.

Walker also praised the city's downtown saying it remains busy and there are several new restaurants.

He said they have also noticed growth in the Perry Parkway area. Last year,



Walker

Perry Police Department searching for woman missing since June

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PERRY — The Perry Police Department is searching for Genia Vickers who has been missing since June 23, 2025. She was last seen walking away from Pecan Grove Manor on Sam Nunn Boulevard.

Vickers is 60-years-old and described as 5'0" and weighs 100 pounds. She has blonde hair and brown eyes.

According to the police department, she was last seen wearing a black shirt with "Reebok" in white lettering, denim shorts, slip-on sandals and had a green backpack.

Anyone with information on her location or is encouraged to call 911 or the Perry Police Department at (478) 988-2800. The case number is 2026-00326.



Courtesy: Perry Police Department
Genia Vickers was last seen walking away from Pecan Grove Manor on June 23, 2025.

Man arrested after domestic violence incident on Smithville Church Road

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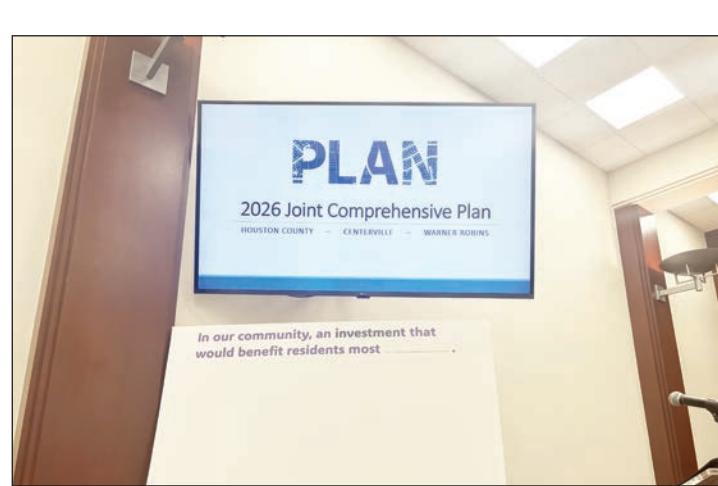
WARNER ROBINS — The Houston County Sheriff's Office issued a public safety alert urging people to avoid the area of Smithville Church Road between Leverette Road and Laramie Road on Friday.

At approximately 10:50 a.m., HCSO made the post on their Facebook page.

It said members of the

Sheriff's Office are in the area in reference to a possible domestic violence incident. There was a heavy law enforcement presence, however, there was no threat to the public, according to Houston County Sheriff Matt Moulton.

The Sheriff's Office then updated their post at approximately 12:42 p.m. saying a male suspect is in custody and the scene was secure. There were no injuries, according to Moulton.



Houston County hosted a town hall led by the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to help gain some input on the upcoming Comprehensive Plan.

it must be updated every five years.

The last [comprehensive plan] was completed in

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Word of the Day

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

— Hebrews 10:36 (NKJV)

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THE INSIDE

City of Warner Robins recognize employees, speak on FLOST

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WARNER ROBINS — The City of Warner Robins recognized multiple long-time serving employees during their recent council meeting on Monday, Jan. 20.

These employees include:

Jason Grube, who works in Ground Maintenance for recreation, parks and cultural services. He has been serving the city for 15 years.

Chris Fussell is a Sergeant with the Warner Robins Police Department. He has been serving in the department for 20 years.

Also with the Warner Robins Police Department, Captain Eric Gossman has completed 30 years of service.

Finally, Kent Jordan has been the Street Operations Superintendent for Public Works for 35 years.

Later, Mayor LaRhonda Patrick and council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the Floating Homestead Local Options Sales Tax (FLOST). This agreement includes the Houston County

Board of Commissioners, City of Perry and City of Centerville.

City Administrator James Drinkard explained it is part of House Bill 581, which was a statewide floating homestead property tax exemption. He said if the county and its municipalities opted into the sales tax exemption, they had the ability to go to the voters for a one cent local options sales tax. This would be used to bring down the property tax millage rate, Drinkard explained.

He said the FLOST is an additional property tax forgiveness. Each jurisdiction would see a 3.54 millage rate reduction which would directly benefit homestead properties, Drinkard shared.

"It is happening inside of our community in ways we can educate ourselves on how to realize and recognize someone who may be a victim of human trafficking," she said.

To view the meeting's agenda and supporting documents, visit the city's website: <https://www.wrga.gov/documents/agenda-center/547295>. A full look at the meeting can be found on the city's Facebook page.

filed the homestead exemption, they do not have to do it again until they become eligible for the Senior Homestead Tax Exemption offered by the city.

The City of Perry, City of Centerville and the Houston County Board of Commissioners have also approved the IGA during their most recent meetings. The FLOST will be on the ballot on May 19.

Towards the end, Patrick recognized National Human Trafficking Prevention month and the members of the Fort Valley chapter of Links Incorporated.

Patrick thanked them for the work across the region especially with spreading awareness about human trafficking.

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Bonaire Middle School student wins the Houston County School District Spelling Bee, runner-up from Mossy Creek Middle School

Special to The Journal

HOUSTON COUNTY — Bonaire Middle School student, Kaileigh Blackshear, won the

Houston County School District's 2026 Spelling Bee on January 22. She was the top speller out of 27 contestants and won with the correct spelling of the final word, "archetype." Mossy Creek Middle School student, Jayce Sablan-Solis, won second place. James Omboto from Perry Middle School is the alternate.

Kaileigh, a seventh grader and Jayce, an eighth grader, will represent Houston County as they compete in the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) District 6 Bee. The regional bee is

scheduled for February 28 and will be held at the District's Central Office in Perry. The District 6 winner will compete in the state bee on March 20. The national bee will be May 24-29.

The Houston County School District Spelling Bee participants from each school are listed below.

- Malik Robinson, Bonaire Elementary School
- Kaileigh Blackshear, Bonaire Middle School
- Grant Wilkins, Centerville Elementary School
- Cristina Elliott, David A. Perdue Elementary School
- Calvin Doan, Eagle Springs Elementary School
- Luke Kiefer, Feagin Mill Middle School
- Melania Johnson, Hilltop Elementary School
- Jason Anderson, Huntington Middle School
- Liza Whitaker, Kings Chapel Elementary School
- Skylar Tookes, Lake



Courtesy: Houston County School District

Pictured (from left): Jayce Sablan-Solis; Dr. Elgin Mayfield, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Houston County School District; and Kaileigh Blackshear

Joy Elementary School

- Emaido Ekpo, Langston Road Elementary School
- Wallace Ritter, Matt Arthur Elementary School
- Carter Campos, Miller Elementary School

- Kendall Vandersee, Morningside Elementary School
- Jayce Sablan-Solis, Mossy Creek Middle School
- Lillian Jones, Northside Elementary School
- Noah Aguila, Northside Middle School

- Jerrika Jones, Parkwood Elementary School
- A'nahji Stewart, Pearl Stephens Elementary School
- James Omboto, Perry Middle School
- Leighlen Brown, Quail Run Elementary School

- Victor Rushing, Russell Elementary School
- Meagan Nasambu, Shirley Hills Elementary School
- Jose Ayala, Thomson Middle School
- Lauren Sinclair, Tucker Elementary School

- CJ Grombacher, Warner

Robins Middle School

- Ariyanna Yancie, Westside Elementary School

In addition to spelling words, students participated in a vocabulary round which aligns with region and state spelling bees. The State Spelling Bee procedures, rules and regulations were followed. The Houston County Spelling Bee coordinators are Kathy Gibbs from David A. Perdue Primary and Katrina West from Morningside Elementary School. Brooke Herndon, media specialist at Morningside Elementary School, called out the words.

The local spelling bee is sponsored by the GAE through the local Houston Association of Educators. For more information, please contact Language Arts Coordinator Dr. Amanda Yoh or Dr. Amy Fouse at (478) 988-6200.

Kemp appoints Waters to serve on Parole Board

Special to The Journal

ATLANTA — Governor Brian Kemp has appointed Josh Waters of Houston County as a member of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Waters most recently served as a civilian attorney for the United States Air Force. Responsibilities were providing legal advice and guidance to military leaders, resolving various legal claims, and serving as a Special Assistant United States Attorney handling criminal matters that arose on Robins Air Force Base.

"The parole board's decisions are so important to

public safety for Georgia communities. I understand that role as one of five people making parole decisions and am honored to serve in this capacity. I look forward to working with the other members and staff at the agency," said Waters.

Waters served as the University Counsel at Middle Georgia State University, and he served in state government in numerous roles in the Georgia Office of the Secretary of State including Executive Director of several state licensing boards and Assistant Director of the Elections Division.

Walker believes projects have been effective because of those who are working behind the scenes.

"The city is being run by our council and staff very effectively," he said.

Looking ahead to this upcoming year, Walker shared they look forward to fully commissioning the new water facility.

"I think that's going to be a major objective to get it up, running and move much of the wastewater from Frank Satterfield [Wastewater Treatment Plant] over to that new facility," he said.

Walker is also looking forward to completing multiple

Parole Board Chair Joyette Holmes spoke about the addition of Waters on the Board.

"Josh Waters brings a wealth of experience that will benefit the citizens of Georgia very well as he serves on the parole board," stated Holmes.

Waters joins Chair Joyette Holmes, Vice Chair Wayne Bennett, and members Robert Markley and Kimberly McCoy on the five-member board. The Georgia Parole Board determines which eligible offenders may be released on parole to community supervision.

sewer and water infrastructure projects. One of those projects is the installation of an emergency backup generator at the Tucker Road Water Treatment plant. He believes it is critical, especially during severe weather.

Walker is also excited about the city launching a citywide comprehensive plan. This will guide future growth moving forward, he said.

From infrastructure projects to planning for future growth, the city has a busy year ahead. Walker shared his New Year's resolution:

"Continuing to be the best mayor I can be," he said.

Matters of the Heart

A Senior Health Expo

February 10, 2026

10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Perry, GA 31069



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

CALENDAR

Perry High School Class of 1976 Bi-Centennial Reunion Weekend

Theme: "Celebrating 50 Years of Achievement and Excellence"

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

Reunion Weekend: September 11–13, 2026

Events All Weekend

RSVP by March 31, 2026

Payment Due by May 29, 2026

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

75th

Anniversary Celebration

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

Senior Health Expo

Bloom Events and Marketing will be hosting Matters of the Heart, a Senior Health Expo from Feb 10, 2026, at 10 am to 1 pm at the Georgia National Fairgrounds Miller Murphy Howard Building. The event is free of charge and vendors deadline is Feb. 4, 2026. For more information, email info@bloomeventsandmarketing.com or call 478-303-0691.

Shiloh Baptist Church

Shiloh Baptist Church in Elk, Georgia Celebrates Pastor Roosevelt McWilliams' 2nd Pastor Appreciation Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Derrell McIntosh of Green Grove Baptist Church Everyone is invited to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE – Qualifying Fees, 2026

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-131 (1) (A), the Houston County Commissioners at the January 20, 2026 meeting set the following qualifying fees for the 2026 election year.

State Court Judge	\$5,639.35
Solicitor General	\$4,131.40
County Commissioner – Chairman-Post 1	\$4,297.49
County Commissioner – Post 2	\$ 592.80
Board of Education – District 2	\$ 216.00
Board of Education – District 4	\$ 216.00
Board of Education – Post 6 (At Large)	\$ 216.00

Qualifying for the offices listed above will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026 and will end at 12:00 noon on Friday, March 6, 2026. Qualifying for Nonpartisan offices will be held at the Board of Elections Office, Houston County Government Building, 2030 Kings Chapel Road, Perry. The General Primary/Nonpartisan General/Special Election will be held on May 19, 2026, and the General Election will be held November 3, 2026.

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

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

AARP Tax-Aide

AARP Tax-Aide will be doing free tax preparation in Perry, Warner Robins and Fort Valley. AARP membership is not required.

AARP Tax-Aide will be offering free tax service at the Perry Library on Wednesdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. by appointment only. Drop by the Perry Library to sign up for an appointment starting on Feb. 4, 2026.

AARP Tax-Aide will be offering free tax service at the Warner Robins Senior Center (152 Maple Street) Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only starting on Feb. 2, 2026. Schedule your appointment at: AARP.org/taxaide for the Warner Robins site or call 478-322-0269 for assistance.

AARP Tax-Aide will offer free tax service at the Fort Valley Library on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only. Drop by the FV Library to sign up for an appointment starting on Feb. 3, 2026.

Community Calendar

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Our Kristallnacht

Dear Readers, Another innocent American civilian in Minneapolis has been murdered by our federal government. Alex Jeffrey Pretti was a 37-year-old citizen and intensive care nurse at the US Department of Veterans Affairs. The morning of January 24th, he was executed, shot multiple (10 or more) times, by multiple masked and unnamed Border Patrol agents.

According to Krist Noem, "This looks like a situation where an individual arrived at the scene to inflict maximum damage on individuals and to kill law enforcement." President Trump posted, "This is the gunman's gun, loaded (with two additional full magazines!) and ready to go."

As a country, we may have lost contact with truth. Thank God everyone in America is armed with cameras with video. Please search out the video footage circulating on social media and do not rely on how politicians are trying to spin what happened.

Video shows the truth. Dozens of masked agents, armed to the teeth, were flooding a Minneapolis community. Mr. Pretti was directing traffic and filming what has happened. A woman is pushed to the ground by masked ICE/BP officials; Mr. Pretti runs over to help her and intervene.

About a half-dozen agents take umbrage, separate Mr. Pretti away from her, and start attacking him taking him to the ground, some kicking and hitting him. Suddenly, one of them starts shooting. We know Mr. Pretti was licensed and permitted to carry; there is nothing in the video footage depicting him brandishing

one. Minnesota Bureau of Operation Metro Surge is an ICE/Border Patrol joint project to find and detain illegal immigrants, allegedly to rid our streets of violent immigration violators.

This is already accomplished through our constitutional partnership. State and local law enforcement officials turn over to ICE anyone entered into national databases as potential immigration targets. American citizens have protested "Operation Metro Surge." They have a 1st Amendment right to peacefully protest. The Constitution guarantees them the right to protest, chant, honk horns, blow whistles and videotape to their heart's content. They are not destroying property. 100,000 or so residents turned out to peacefully protest on Friday, January 23rd.

They also have a 2nd Amendment right "to keep and bear Arms." The purpose of this right is to resist an unlawful government. The United States Supreme Court has interpreted this to mean you can "open carry." You can't legally shoot someone just because they are armed.

Early Sunday morning, U.S. District Judge Eric Tostrud, appointed to his position by Donald Trump, granted an injunction requested by the

Minneapolis Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Hennepin County Attorney's Office. The Temporary Restraining Order bars our federal government from destroying or altering any evidence related to the shooting.

This is unprecedented. Local law enforcement and federal agencies typically work cooperatively to investigate possible crimes. We do not even know who the BP agents identities.

Germany was a democratic country under the Weimar Republic. In 1933, Adolf Hitler, without as much as 40% of German public support, convinced the aging President Paul von Hindenburg, to appoint him Chancellor. Nazi Germany was birthed by political miscalculation. Democracy died.

Overnight of November 8, 1938, the Sturmabteilung (Stormtroopers/SA) or Braunhemden (Brownshirts) and Schutzstaffel (SS) paramilitary forces led a pogrom rounding up Jewish-German citizens. This marked the beginning of the Holocaust. German citizens remained silent to this lawlessness.

Minneapolis is our Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass). The SA was Hitler's private militia. They patrolled the country and reeked havoc in communities.

We may have deluded ourselves into believing this cannot happen to us. We have a Constitution we follow, we are guided by rules and laws. Our 10th Amendment delegates sovereignty to the states, not otherwise granted to the national government. This created a partnership with states in charge of local policing and keeping communities safe.

ICE and BP enforce civil violations; they are not tasked with policing. They are not trained to police, they are only trained and tasked with nabbing immigration offenders. BP is supposed to be patrolling the border – Minneapolis is not a border city.

Minneapolis is under an invasion from ICE/BP; we are under invasion. Not only are citizens 1st Amendment rights being violated, now possibly legally armed citizens are executed. 2nd Amendment proponents should be outraged.

This is happening to all of us; we need to demand change to our modern SA. Vice President Vance says thugs have "absolute immunity." Congress can change this. It can also strip ICE of its funding. Our country depends on this.

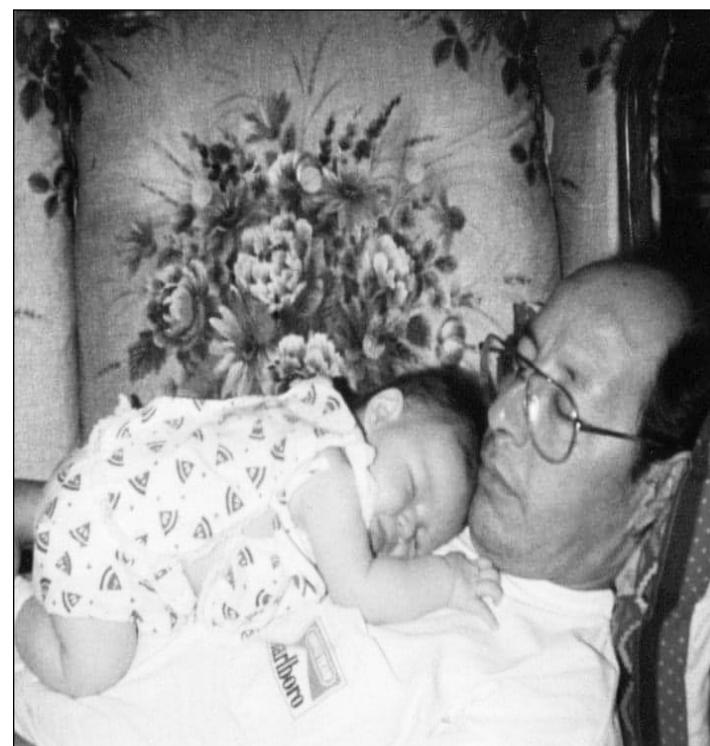
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To Padre, with Love

THE EDITOR'S EXPERIENCE

BRIEANNA SMITH



Courtesy: Brieanna Smith

Brieanna and her father Fred, circa 1994.

He just showed up.

Consistently, reliably and always himself.

My dad was Hispanic, so obviously, I called him Padre.

That came with perks, especially the food. My dad was an amazing cook.

But absolutely no sour cream. He hated it.

And I loved it, which meant every enchilada I ate felt a little bit rebellious.

But what he was really proud of was his Ronco Showtime Rotisserie. He made so many roast chickens he gave Sam's Club a run for its money.

My dad was a bright spot in so many people's lives, including mine.

And no, it wasn't just from the glare coming off his bald head, although that thing had range.

That light came straight from his heart. He cared deeply about people, even if he didn't always say it out

loud.

Now, it's no surprise my dad was a huge sci-fi fan, especially Star Trek.

He loved reminding me that I was born after the Star Trek: The Next Generation's series finale.

I had missed that episode by seven minutes, which I was informed of frequently.

He loved the original series, too. Spock once said, "Live long and prosper."

And my dad really did that.

Seventy-five years is a long time.

We weren't a wealthy family, but my dad was rich in experience, wisdom, and opinions.

And he definitely prospered.

I love you, Dad.

Please tell Grandma—and Leonard Nimoy—I say hi.

I'm going to miss you while I'm still on this Earth.

But while I'm here, I'll never forget you.

"Find Me A Cure"

"Well Sir....It's Perfectly Clear...
Apparently, There's No Longer A Question Of
Trying To Stay Healthy, It's A Question Of
Finding An Illness You Like!"



Jim Balleto 2026

In Politics, Process Is Power

A former Georgia House Majority Leader once told his caucus "Never confuse what you do when campaigning with what you (have to) do when governing." There is some wisdom in this statement. What voters demand they be told in order for candidates to be elected and re-elected is often very different from the hard choices that must be made when governing.

This is not to feed a trope that says "politicians always say one thing and do another". It's instead to demonstrate that slogans and actions now live in almost parallel universes, where campaigns are centered on feelings. It's the job of those elected to channel these vibes into actual policies.

Campaigns are designed to show you, the voters, how you will be winners. The missing details would show tradeoffs – what must be given up in order to get

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LIFESTYLE & FAITH

I Remember Mama

Mama' was a weekly CBS TV series when we seniors were kids (from July 1949 to March 1957) and I remember like it was yesterday going, as a family, to Grand pop Milby's house to watch it on Friday nights on his ten inch black & white TV. It was a major thing when he got a 12 inch set; we still didn't even have a TV yet! My mom enjoyed it too, until the boxing and wrestling came on afterwards! I still remember the "Good to the last drop" Maxwell House coffee commercials!

That TV series was based on an earlier Broadway play by John Van Druten. Druten had based his play on Kathryn Forbes novel Mama's Bank Account, which was originally published by Harcourt Brace in 1943. The play premiered on Broadway on October 19, 1944, at the Music Box Theatre in New York City, where it ran for 713 performances; it was produced by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. If you are from that era you certainly remember the prolific music of Rodgers and Hammerstein. This play was Rogers' last work before his death in December of 1944. Invariably I start thinking more about my mom during this time of year; I'm not exactly sure why but I have a few ideas I'll share with you.

First of all, it may be because her birthday, February 14, 1913 is coming up and we're planning to go out to the cemetery to freshen up her flowers. On her grave marker is the symbol of "Praying Hands" which is so appropriate because she was the most prayerful woman I've ever known. In fact there's no doubt in my mind that she bailed me out of a lot of trouble with those prayers!!!

One of my earliest and favorite All About Seniors columns I ever wrote was after I visited her grave and had a four word conversation with a guy on his knees at the grave next door pulling up every unwanted weed or improper blade

ALL ABOUT SENIORS

BILL MILBY



of grass. The conversation went like this:

Him....."My wife" Me....."My parents". That's all we said to each other and that's all we

needed to say to know exactly how we were feeling together.

Another more recent reminder of mom is kind of funny. During this recent cold weather my

wife and I have been using more hand lotion than normal. Well, one of us must have hit the

pump harder than usual (I'll take the blame!), and I had to order a new bottle. I don't know

what prompted the conversation but both of us remembered that our mom's favorite hand

lotion was Jergens (Original Cherry-Almond scent). If you've ever smelled it, likely you still

remember that unique aroma. That conversation stayed on my mind such that about 2 AM I

woke up, punched in Jergens Hand Lotion on my Amazon phone app and almost Bingo, a

large bottle was on our front porch a couple days later; what an incredible world we live in!

A little history about Jergens might be interesting too: The Andrew Jergens Company

(originally the Jergens Soap Company) was founded in 1882 in Cincinnati, Ohio, by Andrew

Jergens Sr. and Charles H. Gielgud. It started with soap products, including coconut-based

soaps. In the early 1900s, the company introduced its breakthrough product: a cherry-

almond scented hand

lotion. By 1901, this cherry-almond lotion—now known as Jergens Original Scent—became the best-selling hand lotion in America. It has remained iconic and is

still sold today, famous for its distinctive scent, quick absorption, and moisturizing properties. The lotion gained massive popularity in the 20th century, (possibly on "Soap

Operas" which may be where our moms probably heard it advertised), often associated with

soft, smooth skin and frequently mentioned in vintage ads, family traditions, and nostalgic

recollections (e.g., grandmothers using it from glass bottle packaging in earlier eras).

Ever since then, when I "Mash" the pump, as middle Georgians are fond of saying, I come

out to proclaim to my wife: "I Remember Mama!" What a delightful experience during these dreary, gray, cold, winter days!

If you order some Jergens you may just Remember your Mama too and I hope your "Mama Memories" are as precious as our Mama Memories are!

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

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"The Problems with Proof-texting"

COLUMNIST

PASTOR LEWIS KIGER



I know what this makes me sound like when I say it ... but let me say it anyway; and then explain why I feel this way. I cringe every time I see a college athlete with "Philippians 4:13" painted on their face. That may sound odd (or even backwards) coming from a pastor, but there is a reason why I feel this way. Now don't get me wrong, I am encouraged to see young believers being public with their faith and promoting God's Word. However, every serious-minded saint should be concerned about how this Bible verse is being (mis)understood by these believers.

Over the last few weeks, our church has used our mid-week Bible study time to consider some of the problems with proof-texting. To illustrate how God's Word is often used as a random collection of one-liners, rather than a book of books, I have chosen several "popular passages" that are often pulled out of their context and misapplied. One such passage is Philippians 4:13. There the Apostle Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Let me say again, I am indeed thankful for the boldness of these college kids, it's not always done intentionally or with malice. More often than not, we don't realize that's what we're doing. Usually, we have heard others use a Bible verse this way.

and sack the quarterback. But to take this verse outside of the sports arena, it is also doesn't mean you can make it on "American Idol." Or land that acting gig, you're just dying for. Or, like Superman – leap tall buildings in a single bound. Or, to get more serious, "I can do all things through Christ" doesn't mean you can cure cancer. It isn't a promise that you can raise the dead, or fix your marriage, or break every addiction.

In my past, I have tried to use that passage to make all sorts of crazy claims ... but I was wrong to do so. What we must do instead; is study the context into which Paul wrote those words, seeking to rightly understand what the original author intended. There is a well-known idiom in the world

of realty that says, "when it comes to selling houses, there are only three things that matter – location, location, location." Well, when it comes to rightly interpreting Scripture, there are only three things that matter –

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ences, the governing process remains the same. In the middle of this mix, the power subtly shifts.

Governor Brian Kemp holds line-item veto power, lest any legislator get the idea that he's irrelevant in this process. And yet, the final accountability for the finished product will lay at the feet of those who remain in office next year.

Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones hopes to hold that veto pen next year, while presiding over the Senate chamber this year. Central to his campaign is a plan to eliminate the state's income tax over time, with the first step to exempt each individual's first \$50,000 of income from taxation. A lot of the details of where the spending would be cut or what other revenues would be raised and from whom would presumably come once Jones has the Governor's mansion – and the power of the veto pen.

House Speaker Jon Burns, meanwhile, wants to eliminate property taxes for Georgia's homeowners. This comes from growing frustrations with local governments who both collect and spend property tax revenues, and have allowed rising real estate prices to grow their tax collections and local spending.

The details for either plan will eventually have to come out in the state's budget. Each Appropriations Chairman will work with his committees to arrive not only at a budget for this year, but with eyes looking through to next year's challenges.

lenges and changes, and beyond.

The Senate Budget Chairman responsible for reconciling these pledges into details is Blake Tillery of Vidalia. He, too, is running for a different office.

By anecdotal accounts and the sparse public polling available, he seems to be doing well in the crowded field to replace Jones as the Lieutenant Governor. He also chaired the LG's committee on how to eliminate the state income tax.

There is no policy daylight between the Lt Governor who would be Governor and the Appropriations Chairman who would replace him on the issue of phasing out the income tax. Both are charting their political futures on it, with the power of their current office part of the institutional process to help get them there.

There is always risk in future elections of who holds power now versus who might in the future. The other side of this risk coin is the House Appropriations Chairman, Matt Hatchett of Dublin. Given the high likelihood that Republicans will retain control of the legislature after the elections, he's the most certain of those in the budget process to be in the same seat – and to wield the same power.

Those campaigning for statewide office will get the most headlines, and they should.

Within the Capitol, however, stability and certainty are currency. Both Appropriations Chairmen hold an outsized amount of power and influence over the entire legislative process that extends well beyond the budget.

Chairman Tillery has a decent chance to direct not just the Budget but the entire Senate next year. In the Capitol's power players, that gives him currency now with an upside option for the future.

When it comes to landing the plane with details this year and next, however, don't sleep on Matt Hatchett. He's the one who must internalize that this year's details will become next year's problems or opportunities.

His peers know he'll be acting today for the starting point they will begin with this time next year, under new leadership with new goals and agendas. They understand and value this stability in a season of change. That directly equates to even more political power.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Did You Know... by Jack Bagley



Can being a hoarder be fatal?

And as soon as it started, January is over. Well, almost, anyway.

Now that we have moved a little deeper into the new year 2026, let me ask you: How is it going? I hope it's going as well as it possibly can for you.

Want to share your story? E-mail me at didyouknowcolumn@gmail.com and I'll answer as quickly as I can.

Meanwhile, let's move along to the trivia you came here for. Thanks so much for reading and enjoying the silliness that follows!

Did you know a popular children's poet wrote a big hit song? Shel Silverstein (1930-1999), famous for children's poetry and books such as *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, wrote the classic country-western song "A Boy Named Sue," which became a hit for singer Johnny Cash (1932-2003). Cash first heard the song when Silverstein sang it for him at a party at Cash's home in Hendersonville, Tennessee, in 1969. Little known is the fact that, in

1978, Silverstein wrote a "prequel" to the song called "The Father of A Boy Named Sue," telling the story from the dad's viewpoint. (Believe me, life ain't easy.)

... raw kidney beans can poison you? Raw kidney beans contain a chemical called

phytohaemagglutinin (no, I do not know how to pronounce it). This chemical can cause vomiting and headaches after just a small handful of raw beans have been ingested. Cooking the beans removes the chemical from them. (Thankfully.)

... hoarding can be fatal? Just ask the brothers Homer (1881-1947) and Langley Collyer (1885-1947). The Collyer brothers were rather odd residents of New York City, and following the death of their mother they lived in seclusion in their family home. The two men obsessively collected books, furniture, musical instruments, and just about anything else. The collection became an obsession, and soon their three-story home was crammed from floors to

ceilings with junk. Passages were carved through the stuff to enable the men to move around, and – fearing someone would break in and steal their possessions – the two created elaborate booby traps in the junk. After Homer went blind and became paralyzed, Langley dedicated himself to taking care of his older sibling. In late March of 1947, though, neighbors called Police to investigate a foul smell coming from the home. After finally breaking in through an upstairs window, Police found the body of Homer Collyer. He had died of starvation. But that wasn't the source of the smell; further digging through the incredibly crammed interior of the house finally led to the origin of the aroma – the discovery of Langley Collyer's body, about ten feet from where Homer had been discovered a few weeks before. Langley had been crushed

by one of the booby traps set in the junk about three weeks before Homer died. He was unable to bring the paralyzed Homer any food, and Homer starved.

... tennis players are not allowed to swear if they're playing at Wimbledon? The fact that many players come from countries where English is not the primary language isn't an issue, either – line judges have to learn curse words in all of the languages spoken by the participants, so nobody can get away with breaking that rule. (Well, darn.)

... a Star Wars actor accepted his role only after an odd request was granted? Samuel L. Jackson (born 1948) accepted the role of Jedi master Mace Windu in *The Phantom Menace* only after he was allowed to wield a purple lightsaber. Producer George Lucas (born 1944) agreed after Jackson said he wanted to be able to find himself in large battle scenes, and having a purple lightsaber would make that easier. (A noble request, if you ask me.)

... fourteen punctuation marks are used in English? They are, in no particular order: the period, comma, colon, semi-colon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe,

question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parenthesis, brace, and ellipsis. None of them were routinely used in writing or printing before the 15th Century. (Which makes reading from that time difficult.)

... a huge festival dedicated to beer is held each year in the United States? The Great American Beer Festival is held annually in Denver, Colorado, in September. It offers the largest collection of U.S. beer ever served. (That might be fun to watch!)

... on Mars, sunsets are blue? Light from the Sun is scattered in a planet's atmosphere based on what's floating around in that atmosphere. On Earth, the many different molecules of dust cause the sunset to appear red. But on Mars, the dust is primarily made of iron oxide, and that causes the sunset to appear blue.

... former President Jimmy Carter (1924-2024) was a speed reader? Carter could read at a rate of 2000 words per minute, and retained most of what he

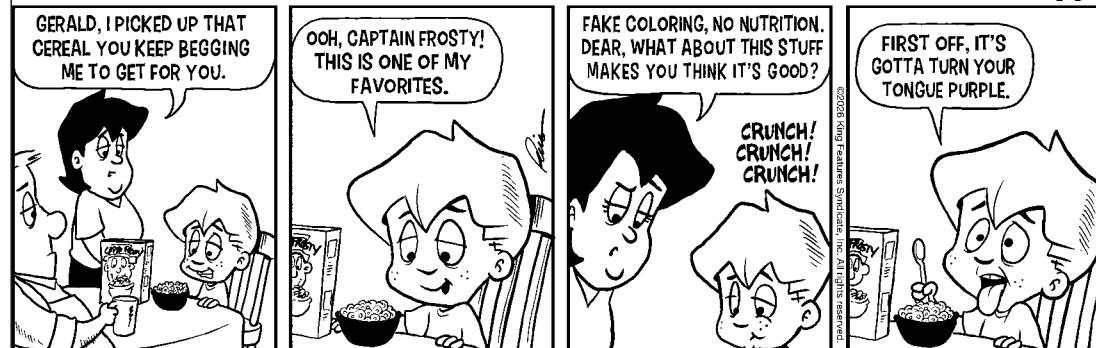
read. (That's fast!)

... asteroids are presented in movies very differently than they exist in reality? If you remember the famous scene in *The Empire Strikes Back*, when Han Solo flew the Millennium Falcon through an asteroid field, he was able to dodge and swoop all around the space boulders with skillful piloting (and a little luck). In reality, though, asteroids have a lot of room between them – on average, some 400,000 square miles of space would have just one asteroid. The chances of a spacecraft actually colliding with an asteroid are about one in a billion, despite what the movies show you. (You need good piloting skills either way.)

... pole vaulting puts tremendous stress on the bones? When a pole vaulter lands, the tubular joints of his thigh bones absorb up to 20,000 pounds of pressure per square inch. (I knew there was a reason I never took up that sport.)

Now ... you know!

Amber Waves



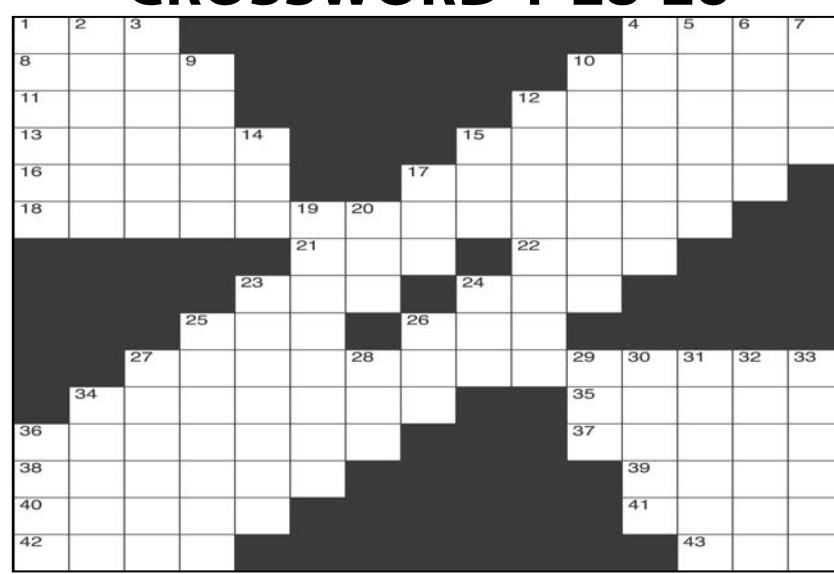
by Dave T. Phipps

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

CROSSWORD 1-28-26



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Racket sport pros
- 4. Make tea
- 8. City South of Moscow
- 10. Spanish bullfighting term
- 11. Egg-shaped
- 12. Could not remember
- 13. French modernist painter
- 15. Persons
- 16. Painful intestinal obstruction
- 17. Professions
- 18. Is up to the task
- 21. Wood or metal bolt
- 22. Tax collector
- 23. A way to save for the future
- 24. Georgia rockers
- 25. Midway between north and northeast
- 26. High schoolers' test
- 27. Does not accept responsibility
- 34. One who prepares
- 35. Gout-indicative deposits

36. Place to play games

- 37. Book of Genesis character
- 38. Cleans oneself
- 39. Unloaded for money
- 40. Genus of flowering plants
- 41. Take a puff
- 42. Congressmen
- 43. God of battle in Scandinavian mythology

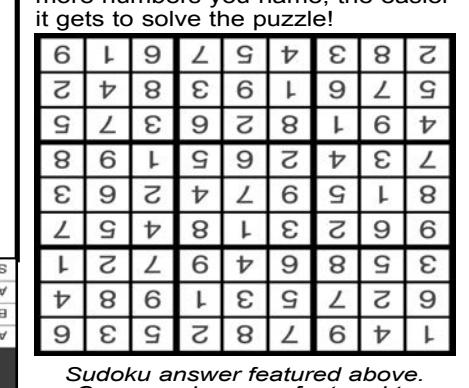
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of bomb
- 2. South Pacific islands
- 3. Celestial body
- 4. Negotiates
- 5. Consider in a specified way
- 6. Type of group in organic chemistry
- 7. Buddhist monasteries
- 9. Inhabitant of Bering Sea island
- 10. Body part
- 12. Milestone birthday
- 14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- 15. More (Spanish)
- 17. Chicago ballplayer
- 19. Leaves a place
- 20. Cannot be found
- 23. One's internal body parts
- 24. Tell on
- 25. North American peoples of southwest
- 26. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 27. Extract used for jams and jellies
- 28. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 29. Old English letter
- 30. A way to exaggerate
- 31. Get up and leave
- 32. "Boardwalk Empire" character
- 33. More generous
- 34. Hanging cloth used as a blind
- 36. Ancient Greek sophist

SUDOKU



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



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KIGER*From page 5A*

"context, context, context."

Someone has rightly said, a text without a context is a pretext for a proof-text. In other words, if we ignore the historical and literary setting behind any given passage, we can make a Bible verse mean anything we want. And in the process, distort Scripture and put words in God's mouth. While we may not mean to do that ... we can easily be guilty of that very thing.

In Philippians, the aged Apostle Paul is writing from a prison cell. He wants his readers to know, that he has endured sickness, suffering, loneliness, and hunger. But he has also had seasons of encouragement, abundance and peace. Yet, he has learned, "in whatever condition he is in, to be content" (Philippians 4:11-12). Whether hungry or full, clothed or cold, with plenty or in need. His point is that God's grace is so sufficient, the Christian can find contentment in whatever situation life throws at

them! It is into this context that Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

He isn't making an open-ended promise that every believer can claim in any situation. Paul isn't suggesting we can do anything and everything our heart desires. He is however saying, by God's enabling grace, I can find peace and contentment regardless of my lot in life. Now I know that isn't nearly as flashy and fun as the way this verse is most-often used. But this interpretation is true to the context.

Brother Lewis, "you're just a killjoy! And a personnicky grumpy ol' grouch!" Yes, I am all that and more ... at least when it comes to how we handle the Word of God. And here is why; what happens when that young person drops a pass to win the national championship? Even though they have Philippians 4:13 painted on their face? What happens to that kid's confidence in the Bible when they strike out three times and lose the game? Even though they have Philippians 4:13

engraved in their glove! What happens to their faith in Scripture? What happens to their confidence in the reliability of God's promises?

I hope you see my point. The wrong interpretation leads to the wrong application. And that is not without consequence. After all, if Philippians 4:13 means I should be able to do these things, and I can't do them; either something is wrong with me and my faith, or there's something wrong with the Bible! Which is it?

When the truth is, that verse has been ripped out of context and was never intended to make all-encompassing promises for actors, athletes, or anyone else.

As much of a nitpicky nuisance as it makes me sound, I hope you can see why proof-texting isn't harmless.

Sadly though, this is one of the less egregious examples of proof-texting gone awry, that I hope to address over the coming weeks. Christians are commanded to study the Word and handle it accurately. Folks, eternal truths matter when souls are at stake!

Appeals court rules in favor of Georgia election takeover and photography ban laws

By Mark Niesse

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ATLANTA — A federal appeals court has upheld parts of Georgia's 2021 voting law that allow state takeovers of county election management and prohibit ballot photography.

The ruling by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals is the latest decision that supports the election law passed in the wake of the 2020 election, when Democrat Joe Biden narrowly defeated Republican Donald Trump in Georgia.

A unanimous three-judge panel found that the plaintiffs, which include election security advocates, lacked

standing to sue because they couldn't show they suffered an injury or that the defendants, including the State Election Board and Gov. Brian Kemp, were responsible for potential harms. The court didn't rule on the merits of the lawsuit.

"Thanks to the Georgia Election Integrity Act, our state remains the best, most secure state for voting. This ruling is another win in our battle to protect the integrity of our elections," said Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, one of the defendants. "Rest assured, we will stand firm no matter what group tries to interfere."

The decision leaves in place the ability for the

State Election Board to take over underperforming county election boards. The board declined to take over Fulton County's election board in 2023, finding it had made significant improvements.

The court also sustained a ban on photographing ballots in polling places while voting was underway.

Other federal lawsuits against Georgia's 2021 voting law remain pending.

The law limited drop boxes, required additional forms of ID for absentee voting, prevented mass mailings of absentee ballot application forms and banned handing out food and water to voters waiting in line.

Georgia lawmakers telegraph priorities for student cellphone bans, tax cuts and education

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be a balance between profit and responsibility to protect our children."

Lawmakers are also focused on lowering tax burdens on Georgians, highlighted by a Senate committee that sought to eliminate income taxes on the first \$50,000 of income for individuals and \$100,000 for couples starting in 2027.

"For the average family, eliminating the income tax is the equivalent of a little more than a 5% raise. That's real money that helps cover necessities today and creates a little breathing room tomorrow," said state Sen. Blake Tillery, R-Vidalia.

Here's a look at recommendations of several study committees:

- Provide funding to college students based on financial need. The Senate Study Committee on Higher Education Affordability said need-based financial aid is essential for students who meet the academic requirements to attend college but lack enough money to pay for it. Kemp subsequently proposed \$325 million for a scholarship program for students with limited means.

- Upgrade 911 services to accommodate the rise of cellphones and decline of landlines. The House Study Committee on Funding for Next Generation 911 recommended creating a statewide fee for 911 services,

replacing local fees, to help fund technology that would allow Georgians to contact emergency services using voice, text and data.

- Make students ineligible for sports if they miss too many days of school. The Senate Study Committee on Combatting Chronic Absenteeism in Schools also proposed suspending driver's licenses of students who were chronically absent, meaning they had missed at least 10% of the school year. And the committee recommended less punitive interventions to help students, such as hearing and vision screenings.

- Improve the process for biological fathers with limited financial resources to establish a legal relationship with their children. The House Study Committee on Affordability and Accessibility of Georgia's Legitimation Process suggested several ways to improve the court system by publishing standardized legitimized forms on court websites and clearing backlog.

These proposals could be introduced as bills that would then be considered by the state House and Senate.

For a bill to become a law, it must be passed by both chambers by the end of this year's legislative session April 2 and then approved by Kemp.

LIVE MUSIC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

FORSYTH

- Open Mic: The Den - 8pm

WARNER ROBINS

- Tony Elmore: Snapper's Lounge - 6-9pm
- Darin Curtis & Chin Lee: Barberitos - 7-10pm

MACON

- Open Jam: Grant's Lounge - 8pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

WARNER ROBINS

- Tres Hombres: La Cabana - 6:30-9:30pm
- Lance Rodriguez: Pub 96 - 7:30pm

MACON

- Dallas Rodgers & Sam Green: The Daisy Tequila Bar - 7-10pm
- Bragg Jamuary: JBA - 9pm
- Sons Of Midnite - 9pm
- MothaFunka - 9:45pm
- Red Oaks - 10:30pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

DUBLIN

- Tres Hombres: Company Supply - 7:30-10pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

WARNER ROBINS

- Lance Rodriguez: Pub 96 - 5:30-8:30pm
- The Chris Anderson Band: VFW - 6-9pm (Steak Night)
- Lance Rodriguez: Pub 96 - 9:30pm

MACON

- Big Mike Trio: The Society Garden (inside room) - 7-10pm
- Catfish Willy: VFW Post 658 - 7:30-10:30pm
- Renegade: 20's Pub - 9pm
- RJ Sanders: Wild Wing Cafe - 9pm
- Eddie 9V w/ Nether Hour: Grant's Lounge - 9pm
- Spleenbreaker: Hummingbird - 9:30pm
- Andy Silver: Vice Bar - 10pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

SANDERSVILLE

- Jeff Johnson: Ghost Town Saloon - 7-10 pm

PERRY

- The Music Side of Town Blues Band: Perry Farmer's Market - 9am-1pm
- Plum Tucker'd Band: My Bar - 9pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

GRAY

- Big Mike: Jalapeños - 1-4 pm

HAWKINSVILLE

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

WARNER ROBINS

- Lance Rodriguez: Pub 96 - 4:30pm

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

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FAMILY FEATURES

When planning meals, particularly breakfasts, there are a few critical factors many families consider: taste, simplicity and nutrition. Eating healthier doesn't have to be complicated or out of reach. With the right inspiration, healthy food can be delicious, nutritious and convenient.

By choosing ingredients like eggs, which are easy to use and versatile, you can make healthy living fit into your life at the breakfast table as part of a balanced diet. For example, these egg-inspired recipes are part of the American Heart Association's Healthy for Good Eat Smart initiative, nationally supported by Eggland's Best.

In addition to the social and emotional benefits of dining together, shared family meals can help promote healthier choices at the table. Backed by expert nutrition guidance, recipes such as Turkey Bacon and Spinach Quiche with Sweet Potato Crust are wholesome, flavorful and fast, perfect for busy weekdays or anytime you need a nutritious boost. The sweet potato crust offers a better-for-you twist on ready-made or traditional crusts made with butter, and it can be served with slices of honeydew or berries for an added touch of sweetness.

For a protein-rich dish any day of the week, Broccoli and Cheese Egg White Scramble on Whole-Wheat English Muffins can help you solve the morning rush. Or for a true timesaver, these Egg "Muffin" Cups with Turkey Sausage and

Mushrooms can be made over the weekend and frozen or refrigerated for quick, go-to meals throughout the week.

Remember, healthy eating isn't just about one food – it's about a combination of wholesome ingredients to make well-rounded meals. For example, eggs can be included as part of a heart-healthy diet that emphasizes vegetables, fruits, beans, nuts and seeds, whole grains, lean protein and fish, according to the American Heart Association. Eating eggs alongside foods high in saturated fat – like bacon – is different than eggs eaten with steamed veggies, whole grains or a side of fruit.

To find more healthy eating tips and recipes that help you eat smart, move more and live healthier, visit Heart.org.

Broccoli and Cheese Egg White Scramble on Whole-Wheat English Muffins

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association with support from Eggland's Best
Servings: 4

Nonstick cooking spray
1 1/2 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen broccoli florets, thawed if frozen
1/4 cup water
8 extra-large egg whites
1/2 cup fat-free milk
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1/4 cup shredded fat-free cheddar cheese
2 whole-wheat, low-sodium English muffins

Lightly spray large skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Heat over medium-high heat. Cook broccoli and water 4-5 minutes, or until broccoli is tender. Remove from heat. Transfer broccoli to dish. Using paper towels, wipe skillet clean.

In large bowl, whisk egg whites, milk and pepper until combined.

Lightly spray skillet with cooking spray. Heat over medium-high heat. Pour in egg white mixture. Cook 2-3 minutes, or until almost firm, stirring constantly with spatula. Stir in broccoli and cheddar cheese. Remove from heat.

Just before serving, split and toast English muffins. Transfer to plates. Spoon egg mixture onto muffins.



Egg "Muffin" Cups with Turkey Sausage and Mushrooms

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association with support from Eggland's Best
Servings: 6

Nonstick cooking spray
1 1/2 tablespoon canola or corn oil
1 yellow onion, finely chopped
1 package (8 ounces) sliced white mushrooms

1 package (6.4 ounces) frozen, cooked, nitrate-free turkey sausage links, thawed
7 large eggs
1/4 cup fat-free milk
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 cup shredded fat-free cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly spray 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In medium nonstick pan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook onions

and mushrooms 10 minutes, or until soft, stirring occasionally.

Warm turkey sausage according to package directions. Chop turkey into bite-size pieces. Stir into onion mixture until well blended. Spoon into muffin cups.

In small bowl, whisk eggs, milk and pepper. Pour egg mixture into muffin cups. Top with cheddar cheese.

Bake 25 minutes, or until eggs are set. Remove from oven. Let cool slightly.

To easily remove muffins from pan, run knife around edges of each muffin.



Legals

Legal Advertising Information

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

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

Alcoholic Beverage

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

Service & Construction Bids

25-1973
Request for Qualifications: General Contractors and HVAC Companies
 Middle GA. Community Action Agency is issuing a Request for Qualifications for HVAC/General Contractor Vendors for its Weatherization Program.
 Work may be minimal to extensive and include: clean/tune/repair/replace HVAC unit, duct seal/repair/replace, install kitchen/bath exhaust fan, water heater wrap/replace, attic & floor insulation, air sealing, diagnostic testing, etc.
 Please contact Jennifer Saunders at 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 1/7/24

Debtors & Creditors Notice

26-102
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
 STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF HOUSTON
 IN RE: RUTH FORMAN BLACKMON, DECEASED
 All creditors of the estate of Ruth Forman Blackmon, 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.
 January 22, 2026
 Katherine Bakrania
 Administrator of the Estate
 Of Prabhu P. Bakrania
 1919 South Broad St, Apt 3
 Philadelphia, PA 19248
 Robert T. Tuggle, III
 Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
 Post Office Box 89
 Perry, Georgia 31069
54515 1/28/24

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 1/21/21

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 1/14/24

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 the undersigned.
 Sherry C. Partain
 218 Samsbury Trail
 Warner Robins, Georgia 31088
 Shirley R. Watson Attorney at Law
 1520 Watson Blvd
 Warner Robins, Georgia 31093
 (478) 328-7464
54242 1/21/21

26-098

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF HOUSTON
 All creditors of the estate of CAROL ANN JOHNSON, 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.
 Judy Williams, Petitioner of the Estate of CAROL ANN JOHNSON
 402 Lady Liberty Way
 Lexington, SC 29073
 Jordan Reab
 WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
 PO Box 1770
 Perry, GA 31069
 478-987-1415
54510 1/28/24

26-096

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Faye Carole McBee, 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 21st Day of January 2026.
 Karen Elaine Wrenn, Executrix
 c/o Rebecca C. Moody
 MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC
 P.O. Box 422
 Perry, GA 31069
 478-988-0238
54485 1/28/24

26-081
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Lynda R. Ekman-Fischer, 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 5th day of January 2026.
 Jennifer N. Moore
 Attorney for the Executor of the Estate of Lynda R. Ekman-Fischer
 P.O. Box 5085
 Macon, GA 31208
54413 1/28/24

26-082
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF HOUSTON
 IN RE: STEPHEN GREGORY DOSS, DECEASED
 All debtors/creditors of the Estate of Stephen Gregory Doss, 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 of the undersigned.
 This 20th day of January 2026.
 Barbara Mims Doss
 c/o Kindall Browning-Rickle, Esq.
 P.O. Box 4939
 Eastman, Georgia 31023
54427 1/28/24

26-104
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF HOUSTON
 IN RE: PRABHU P. BAKRANIA
 All creditors of the Estate of Prabhu P. Bakrania, 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 22, 2026
 Katherine Bakrania
 Administrator of the Estate
 Of Prabhu P. Bakrania
 1919 South Broad St, Apt 3
 Philadelphia, PA 19248
 Robert T. Tuggle, III
 Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
 Post Office Box 89
 Perry, Georgia 31069
54517 1/28/24

26-039
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF HOUSTON
 IN RE: 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 said estate are required to make immediate payment to the estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
 This 8th day of January, 2026.
 Peggy S. Williams, Executrix, 208 Montiego Ct., Centerville, GA 31028
54090 1/21/21

26-052
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: Estate of Chong P. Anders
 All creditors of the Estate of Chong P. Anders, late of Houston County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 12 day of January, 2025.
 Joe E. Williams, Jr., Esq Attorney at Law
 637 Cherry Street
 Macon GA 31201
54158 1/21/21

26-103
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF HOUSTON
 IN RE: DAVID KALMBACH
 All creditors of the Estate of David Kalmbach, 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 22, 2026
 Shuping Bao Kalmbach
 Executor of the Will
 David Kalmbach
 200 Woodward Road
 Kathleen, GA 31047
 Robert T. Tuggle, III
 Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
 Post Office Box 89
 Perry, Georgia 31069
54516 1/28/24

26-043
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

RE: Estate of James Raviee, Deceased
 All creditors of the Estate of James Raviee, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
 Charlene Burrell
 (Administrator)
 100 Irish Moss Ct.
 Warner Robins, GA 31088
54097 1/21/21

26-048
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF HOUSTON
 All creditors of the estate of PAUL WILLIS HARTMAN, SR., deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
 CHRISTINA RING HARTMAN, Executor of the Estate of PAUL WILLIS HARTMAN, SR.
 218 Ridge Crest Drive
 Macon, Georgia 31210
 John W. Hubert
 WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
 909 Ball Street
 Perry, GA 31069
 478-987-1415
54132 1/21/21

26-041
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.
 Said property is commonly known as **226 Southfield Court, Bonaire, GA 31005** together with all fixtures and personal

26-097
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

All creditors of the Estate of Lora Junior McBee, deceased, of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
 This 21st Day of January 2026.
 Jennifer Elaine Wrenn, Executrix
 c/o Rebecca C. Moody
 MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC
 P.O. Box 422
 Perry, GA 31069
 478-988-0238
54413 1/21/21

26-094
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF HOUSTON
 IN RE: STEPHEN GREGORY DOSS, DECEASED
 All debtors/creditors of the Estate of Stephen Gregory Doss, 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 of the undersigned.
 This 28th day of January, 2026.
 Name: Donita Clark
 Title: Executor
 Address: 770 Highway 96 Bonaire, GA 31005
54481 1/28/24

26-080
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF HOUSTON
 IN RE: ESTATE OF GABRIEL LEE STONE, DECEASED
 All creditors of the Estate of Gabriel Lee Stone, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
 THIS 8th day of January, 2026.
 Camallie D. Stone, Administrator
 144 Graystone Drive
 Americus, GA 31709
 Pro Se
54387 1/28/24

26-086
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF HOUSTON
 IN RE: MARY H. KEEN
 All creditors of the Estate of Mary H. Keen, 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 estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
 This 8th day of January, 2026.
 Peggy S. Williams, Executrix, 208 Montiego Ct., Centerville, GA 31028
54090 1/21/21

26-056
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF HOUSTON
 IN RE: MICHAEL P. CHALOULT, SR.
 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 estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
 This 21st Day of January, 2026.
 Witness the Honorable Katherine K. Lumsden, Judge of said Court.
 This the 8th day of January, 2026
 Hillary R. Yee
 CLERK, Superior Court
 Houston Judicial Circuit
54380 1/28/24

26-077
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

Candis Parker
 Plaintiff
 Asia Parker
 Defendant
 Civil Action File No. 2025V132775
**NOTICE OF SUMMONS-
SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**
 TO: Asia Parker, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce was filed against you in said court on August 11, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on January 9, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff, whose address is 276 McDowell St. Apt. 102 Columbus, OH 43015, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 Witness the Honorable Amy Smith, Judge of said Court.
 This the 12 day of January, 2026.
 Jennifer Otto
 CLERK, Superior Court
 Houston Judicial Circuit
54380 1/28/24

26-086
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

TO: Isaac R. Reeves, III, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce was filed against you in said court on October 21, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on January 7, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff, whose address is 1088 Atasani Trail, Macon, Georgia 31206 an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 Witness the Honorable Katherine K. Lumsden, Judge of said Court.
 This the 8th day of January, 2026
 Hillary R. Yee
 CLERK, Superior Court
 Houston Judicial Circuit
54382 1/28/24

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, GA 31374
54096 1/21/21

26-087
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the estate of John W. Anagnos, late of Houston County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
 This 28th day of January, 2026.
 Name: Anthony T. Anagnos
 Title: Executor
 Address: 228 Bazemore Circle Warner Robins, GA 31093
54463 1/28/24

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 in 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.
 Said property is commonly known as **226 Southfield Court, Bonaire, GA 3**

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 Pine Valley 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 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. 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 53456 1/7-1/28

25-1894 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from LESLIE F ELL to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR ONE REVERSE MORTGAGE, LLC, dated March 23, 2015, recorded April 6, 2015, in Deed Book 6813, Page 1-13, Houston County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Five Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$105,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to GITIS 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 attorney's 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 notice 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 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: GITIS Solutions, LLC fka 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.

GITIS 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-15-05304-1 Ad Run Dates 01/07/2026, 01/14/2026, 01/21/2026, 01/28/2026 rlselaw.com/property-listing 52981 1/7-1/28

26-004 STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by James R. Collins and Corinne Collins to Wachovia Bank, National Association dated June 14, 2004, and recorded in Deed Book 3064, Page 48, Houston County Records, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$61,500.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, March 3, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT REAL ESTATE IN THE FIFTH LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN LAND LOT 190 AND IN THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, SAME BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 15 IN BLOCK "D" OF AZALEA PARK SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAID SUBDIVISION MADE BY THEODORE W. WADDLE, SURVEYOR, A COPY OF SAID PLAT BEING OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 173, 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 property is known as 102 Williams Terrace, Warner Robins, GA 31093, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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

The property is or may be in the possession of Michelle Taylor, successor in interest or tenant(s).

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Camisha Louise Welch, Single

File no. 25-083525 LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP* Attorneys and Counselors at Law 211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 130 Atlanta, GA 30346 (770) 220-2535 https://www.logs.com/

*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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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., DBA NEWAMERICAN 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 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 GITIS 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 145 OF THE TENTH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 242, 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 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): JENNIFER E GILMORE, SR. and 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: 26-43520 53355 12/31/25-1/28/26

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 RECORD-ED 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. 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 to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as 111 TYNDALE WAY, PERRY, GA, 31069 in Houston County, will be sold as the property of Marc A. McDowell, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Nationalstar 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 by U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

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

THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. -25-01709 53630 1/7-1/28

25-1952 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 01/100 DOLLARS (\$135,500.00), 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 THEREOF

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 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 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, 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 (or parties) in possession of the subject property 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 by U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

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

THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. -25-01709 53630 1/7-1/28

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: 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 with the holder of the security deed. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan with the holder of the security deed is: Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, TX 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

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25-1962 NOTICE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained with 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,

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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. Guild Mortgage Company LLC as Attorney in Fact for Marquez D Gaddy or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 110 Hillridge Dr, Warner Robins, GA 31088. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

Guild Mortgage Company LLC as the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Guild Mortgage Company LLC, 5887 Copley Drive, 3rd floor, San Diego, CA 92111, 8003654441. Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Marquez D Gaddy or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 110 Hillridge Dr, Warner Robins, GA 31088. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

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

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

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

Guild Mortgage Company LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Guild Mortgage Company LLC, 5887 Copley Drive, 3rd floor, San Diego, CA 92111, 8003654441. Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the

undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Marquez D Gaddy or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 110 Hillridge Dr, Warner Robins, GA 31088. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Guild Mortgage Company LLC as Attorney in Fact for Marquez D Gaddy or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 1544 Old Alabama Rd Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net

EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 193 OF THE FIFTH (5TH) LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 5, BLOCK E, HILLCREST HEIGHTS ANNEX SUBDIVISION, SECTION NO. 1, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 71, CLERKS OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT, SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, ORDINANCES, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD, IF ANY. PIN: 0W036E015000 MR / CA March 3, 2026 Our file no. 25-19912GA-FT17 25-19912GA

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

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in 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-Six 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.

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

The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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

The property is or may be in the possession of Jessica J. Clark-Parrick and Joshua M. Clark-Parrick, successor in interest or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and

2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

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

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

AdRun Dates: 12/31/2025, 01/07/2026, 01/14/2026, 01/21/2026, 01/28/2026, 02/04/2026, 02/11/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/25/2026;

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**NOTICE OF 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 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 and (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 Chamberlain Dunwoody Road Suite 310 Atlanta, GA 30341 404-789-2661 B&S file no.: 25-14434 52974 1/7/28

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

STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Jessica J. Clark-Parrick AND Joshua M. Clark-Parrick to Ameris Bank, a Corporation dated November 5, 2020, and recorded in Deed Book 8862, Page 225-241, Houston County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Planet Home Lending, LLC, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$348,400.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, March 3, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 54 of the Eleventh (11th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 72, Section No. 1, Phase No. 3 of a subdivision known as McCarley Downs, according to a plat of survey, prepared by McLeod Surveying, certified by Marty A. McLeod, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2991, dated June 20, 2018, a copy of which is of record in Plat Book 80, Page 320, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Said property is known, under the present system of numbering for Houston County, Georgia, as 619 McCarley Downs Drive, Bonair, Georgia 31005.

Said property is known as 619 McCarley Downs Drive, Bonair, GA 31005, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

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

The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Greenville, SC 29601, 1-800-365-7107. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

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

The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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

The property is or may be in the possession of Jessica J. Clark-Parrick and Joshua M. Clark-Parrick, successor in interest 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.

Planet Home Lending, LLC. as Attorney-in-Fact for Jessica J. Clark-Parrick AND Joshua M. Clark-Parrick File no. 26-083682 LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP* Attorneys and Counselors at Law 1050 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 500 Atlanta, GA 30338 (770) 220-2535 https://www.logs.com/

*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Ad Run Dates: 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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25-1983

26-101
**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA**
 IN THE INTEREST OF:
 L. W., III, SEX M, AGE 17, DOB
 07/14/2008, CASE #2600055

CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, AVIS
 RENEE HUFF (mother); ANY UNKNOWN
 PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE
 CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN
 THE ABOVE CHILD
 You are notified that a Dependency
 Petition was filed against you in said court
 on 01/21/26, an Order for Service by
 Publication was entered on 01/21/26
 YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED
 TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston
 County Juvenile Court, held at Houston
 County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins,
 Georgia on 05/20/26 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 21st day of January, 2026.
 CHRISTINA HARPER, CLERK
 HUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT
54099 1/21/21

26-074
**ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE
ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE
(TOWING OR STORAGE COMPANY)**
 You are hereby notified, in accordance with
 OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that each of the
 below-referenced vehicles are subject to
 a lien and a petition may be filed in court
 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.
 The vehicles are currently located at 1233
 Watson Blvd. Warner Robins, GA 31093.
 The vehicles subject to liens as stated
 above are identified as:

Vehicle Make: Toyota
 Year: 2006
 Model: 4Runner
 Vehicle ID #: JTEZU17R868044324
 Vehicle License #: PIL6140
 State: GA

Vehicle Make: GMC
 Year: 2016
 Model: Yukon
 Vehicle ID #: 1GKS2BKC8GR464718
 Vehicle License #: EUW509
 State: GA

Vehicle Make: Ford
 Year: 2002
 Model: Taurus
 Vehicle ID #: 1FAFP53U02A171884
 Vehicle License #: YVT789
 State: GA

Vehicle Make: Chevrolet
 Year: 2007
 Model: Tahoe
 Vehicle ID #: 1GNFC13J37R107942
 Vehicle License #: GHV558
 State: GA

Vehicle Make: Chevrolet
 Year: 2011
 Model: Impala
 Vehicle ID #: 2G1WG5EK9B1146961
 Vehicle License #: SKH7474
 State: GA

Vehicle Make: Honda
 Year: 2003
 Model: Pilot
 Vehicle ID #: 2HKYF18553H512349
 Vehicle License #: NO TAG
 State:

List additional vehicles as necessary.

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of
 these vehicles should contact the following
 business immediately:
 Business Name: Kitchens Towing
 Address: 1233 Watson Blvd.
 Warner Robins, GA 31093
 Telephone #: 478-923-5483
54332 1/28/24

26-051
**ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE
PETITION ADVERTISEMENT**
 Vehicle Make: Taizhou
 Year: 2023
 Model: Moped
 Vehicle ID #: H0DTABFS6PZQ41435
 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 Magis-
 trate 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 1/21/28

26-045
**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA**
 IN THE INTEREST OF:
 G. G., 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 Find-
 ing of Dependency and Enter into Foster
 Care was filed against you in said court on
 01/08/26, an Order for Service by Publica-
 tion was entered on 01/08/26
 YOU ARE 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 publica-
 tion. Serve an answer on Petitioner's At-
 torney, 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
 HUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT
54099 1/21/21

26-100
**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATE OF GEORGIA**
 IN THE MATTER OF:
 W.T.T., SEX M, AGE 1, DOB 11/19/2025
 , CASE #2501742
**CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
NOTICE OF SUMMONS**
 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, VANCLE-
 TO GRAY, II (father); ANY UNKNOWN
 PUTATIVE FATHER; AND ANYONE ELSE
 CLAIMING A PARENTAL
 INTEREST IN SAID MINOR CHILD BORN
 TO LESLIE JOANNE TUCKER.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the above styled
 action seeking the termination of the parental
 rights of the parents of the named child
 was filed against you in said Court on
 the 19th day of January, 2026, by reason of an
 Order for Service by Publication entered by
 the Court on the 20th day of January, 2026;
 YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND
 REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile
 Court of Houston County, Georgia, in
 Warner Robins, Georgia, on the 18th day
 of February, 2026 at 8:30 o'clock a.m.,
 for a hearing following service by publica-
 tion. Serve an answer on Petitioner's At-
 torney, 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
 HUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT
54098 1/21/21

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 Publica-
 tion was entered on 01/08/26
 YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED
 TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston
 County Juvenile Court, held at Houston
 County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins,
 Georgia on 03/11/26 at 8:30 o'clock a.m.,
 for a hearing following service by publica-
 tion. Serve an answer on Petitioner's At-
 torney, 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
 HUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT
54098 1/21/21

26-078
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATE OF GEORGIA**
 In Re: Layla Danielle Zizza Gomes
 Minor Child(ren)
 Civil Action File No. 2026V0133600

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**
 GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
 Notice is hereby given that Adrienne
 Zizza, the undersigned, filed this petition
 to the Superior Court of Houston County,
 Georgia on the 8th day of January, 2026,
 praying for a change in the name of minor
 child(ren) from Layla Danielle Zizza Gomes
 to Sofia Danielle Zizza. 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 8th day of January, 2026.

Adrienne Zizza
 Petitioner pro se

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Probate Notices

26-067
**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
 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
 Petitioner pro se

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26-019
**NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE 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

54029 1/14/24

26-022
**NOTICE
HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:
 The petition of Gary Thomas Skeen, for
 year's support from the estate of Cheryl
 Elaine Skeen, deceased, for decedent's
 surviving spouse, having been duly filed,
 all interested person are hereby notified to
 show cause, if any they have, on or before
 February 9, 2026, why said petition should
 not be granted.
 All objections to the petition must be in
 writing, setting forth the grounds of any
 such objections, and must be filed on or
 before the time stated in the preceding
 sentence. If any objections are filed, a
 hearing will be scheduled at a later date.
 If no objections are filed, the petition may
 be granted without a hearing.

WITNESS, the Honorable Kristen W. Harris
 Judith W. Borum, Clerk

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26-015
**NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

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

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

Kristen W. Harris

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26-106
**NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:
 Rianne Thomas Ward has petitioned to be
 appointed Administrator of the estate of
 Dawn Della Deveaux, 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

54043 1/14/24

26-105
**NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:
 Sa Veatrice L. Ford has petitioned to be
 appointed Administrator of the estate of
 Roderick L. Ford, Sr., 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

54044 1/14/24

26-069
**NOTICE
(For Discharge from Office and all
Liability)**
**PROBATE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY**

RE: PETITION OF NICHOLAS ROBERT
 MAESTRETTI DISCHARGE AS ADMINIS-
 TRATOR 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 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

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26-029
**NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE 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.

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

26-065 **NOTICE**
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:
Ritaben Patel has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Mafatulal 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 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
54301 1/21-2/11

26-016 **NOTICE**
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:

Sandro Maria 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. 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
54018 1/14-2/4

26-031 **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 1/14-2/4

26-107 **NOTICE**
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:

David Raymond Ouellet has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Maurice Ouellet, 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 23, 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
54522 1/28-2/8

26-020 **NOTICE**
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:

Mary Doreen McCloskey has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of William L. Finney, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 9, 2026. 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 1/14-2/4

26-063 **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

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Trade Name

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BASKETBALL ROUNDUP: Northside boys win first Crosstown Showdown in five years, HoCo boys win key region contest, remain undefeated in 2-5A

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Basketball is winding down and soon enough region tournaments will start, and there are plenty of Houston County programs looking to make some noise in the postseason.

Let's recap last week's basketball:

Houston County
Boys

Houston County (16-5, 7-0 Region 2-5A) won perhaps their most important region game to date with their 61-57 road win over Lee County on Friday.

The region has run through the Trojans for the last several years, and the Bears have not been able to capture a region championship under Buddy Bivins. This year looks like their best chance during his tenure, though they still have three regular season games and the region tournament to go.

The Bears also picked up a 79-57 win at home against Veterans on Thursday.

Girls

The Lady Bears (0-19, 0-7 Region 2-5A) have had a rough last couple of weeks, and it was capped on Friday with a 56-8 loss to Lee

County.

That's a new season-low in points for HoCo, the previous was set on Jan. 3 in there 67-9 loss to Northside. The Lady Bears also lost to Veterans 63-19 on Thursday.

They still have a chance to pick up their first win with four regular-season games remaining.

Northside
Boys

It was a big week for Northside (12-8, 2-4 Region 2-5A), who won their first Crosstown Showdown against Warner Robins since 2021 with Saturday's 63-60 victory.

Elijah Patmon had a big game on the interior, scoring a game-high 17 points and dominating the boards to help push the Eagles over the top.

This is the first time any of Northside's senior class has beaten Warner Robins at any level, including ninth grade and junior varsity teams.

Girls

The Lady Eagles (13-7, 4-2 Region 2-5A) were competitive in the first half of the Crosstown Showdown, until Warner Robins ran away with the game in the second half for a 63-31 victory.

Turnovers were the main separator — Northside couldn't force enough and get out in transition to score consistently, and they gave up too many themselves.

They still have a lot to focus on in the region. The Lady Eagles are in third place at the time of writing, and they have four region rematches to go. It's still plausible for Northside to host a playoff game.

Perry
Boys

Perry (5-15, 1-6 Region 1-4A) lost all three games last week, with Saturday's 54-53 loss to Macon County marking their eighth straight.

Slow starts is what's plagued them, particularly in region play, as they lost to Ware County 86-49 and Benedictine 70-39 after falling behind early last week.

The Panthers still have region games to go against Warner Robins, Wayne County and New Hampstead.

Girls

The Lady Panthers (8-12, 0-4 Region 1-4A) suffered a couple of close defeats last week, each by three points.

Their first was on Friday, 46-43 to Ware County after the offense completely froze in the second half. Perry

attempted a late push, but by the time they got going it was too late.

Their second was a non-region contest and 49-46 final at home against Macon County.

Veterans
Boys

Veterans (9-13, 1-6 Region 2-5A) lost in a couple of lopsided affairs last week to the two top teams in the region: Houston County and Lee County.

The Bears hit 11 three-pointers to lift themselves over the Warhawks 79-57, and Veterans also lost 75-59 to the Trojans in Leesburg on Tuesday.

The good news for the Warhawks is that their four-game road trip is over, and they'll look to improve their region standing with their final three regular season games.

Girls

The Lady Warhawks (6-14, 2-5 Region 2-5A) finished their four-game road trip 1-3, picking up a 63-19 win at Houston County on Thursday after losing 60-45 at Lee County on Tuesday.

Veterans has lost a couple of close region contests, most notably to Thomas County Central and Lee County by single digits.

They're currently in fifth

place, but have three region games remaining.

Warner Robins
Boys

Warner Robins (11-11, 6-1 Region 1-4A) saw their seven-game winning streak snapped by Northside in the Crosstown Showdown on Saturday, 63-60.

That wasn't the only streak broken; The last time the Demons lost a Crosstown Showdown was 2021, and the Eagles' 2026 senior class had never beaten Warner Robins at any level from ninth grade to varsity.

The Demons remain at the top of the region standings, with their most important game the rest of the season now a road game at Ware County on Feb. 3.

Girls

The Demonettes (18-3, 4-0 Region 1-4A) swept the Crosstown Showdown against Northside in a much more lopsided fashion than the first matchup, winning 63-31 after running away with it in the second half.

Kennedy Bradshaw hit the 1,000-point mark during the game, briefly pausing any animosity as the crowd and players celebrated her accomplishment.

Warner Robins also won against Wayne County on

Tuesday, 54-21.

Westfield
Boys

Westfield (11-8, 2-2 GIAA District 5-4A/3A) had a short recess from district competition last week, splitting their two games.

The first was a road win against Tiftarea Academy, 77-61. The two-game winning streak started on Friday was broken on Saturday, as Deerfield-Windsor came out winners of a 58-40 in the Hornets' Nest.

Now Westfield will finish out their district schedule with all of their rematches still on the slate starting with Brookstone on Jan. 27 and Calvary Christian on Jan. 30.

Girls

The Lady Hornets (15-4, 5-0 GIAA District 5-4A/3A) also played a couple of non-district games after securing their first-place standing the week prior.

Friday's 40-34 loss at Tiftarea Academy was their first since Jan. 2 against First Presbyterian Day.

Westfield has yet to lose by double digits this season.

They returned to the win column on Saturday with a win against Deerfield-Windsor that was nothing short of dominant, 75-17.

Houston County's 11 threes, late run put Veterans away as Bears tighten grip on region race

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WARNER ROBINS — It wasn't Houston County's (15-5, 6-0 Region 2-5A) prettiest game, but they managed to put Veterans (9-13, 1-6 Region) away with 11 three-pointers and a late 16-4 run.

Thursday's 79-57 final kept the Bears' title favorite status intact. They're in sole possession of first place as the only team in 2-5A without a region loss.

That makes Friday's and Tuesday's games against Lee County — the second place team and region champion in recent years — that much more important.

Head coach Buddy Bivins has called on his team to avoid complacency despite their success so far.

"[I] keep telling them, you got to stay locked in, don't get complacent," Bivins said. "Everything's kind of going good right now, first six of this [region] span. We got a tough one coming up tomorrow at Lee [County]. Just try to keep them focused."

"It's kind of hard with a talented roster. They think they can out-talent everybody," He continued. "It's what we don't want them to believe. [We] still got to do the hard work and let the work take care of it and let the talent take you over the top."

Thursday wasn't their best effort in that department. The offense, process-wise, wasn't up to their standard.

HoCo had three different players hit multiple triples, and five made at least one. There's no question they have dangerous shooters sprinkled throughout the roster.

But seven of their 11 total makes came in the first half, and those kept them afloat.

An off-the-dribble three in the first two minutes of the second quarter came on the heels of an attempt early in the shot clock, both misses. Those kind of quick

threes are something Bivins isn't a fan of, and though it "worked" to give the Bears a 39-27 halftime lead it wasn't all on merit.

Veterans didn't look their sharpest but HoCo benefited from some bad shooting luck. Some shots close to the rim rolled off, or a jumper bounced in and out. A few too many of those paired with several turnovers made it a tough night for the Warhawks' offense.

"We were taking the quick three," Bivins said. "[Veterans] went in zone [to] counter the mismatches that they probably were seeing on the floor. Them going zone, of course the quick three is always going to be there. Sometimes we hit them, but we could have been a little more patient."

"When Braylin [Mills] and [Mahkel Stephens] got in there they started getting the ball inside...They had to start doubling inside, which [led to kick outs]. Those are the type of threes I want."

Neither of the big men did much scoring, but their gravity inside (and Stephens' two-handed dunk to get the crowd excited) helped get the regular offense going.

Malik Gillespie got down-hill and drew three trips to the line in the third quarter to help nudge the Bears' offense back in the right direction. Kaden Coney got a dish inside to Karon Plummer, too, as HoCo took a 19-point lead into the final period.

The Warhawks hung around for most of the game, but their first real push came in the opening minutes of the fourth.

They nailed a trio of their own triples, with Cordelle Broadnax' cutting the deficit to 10 with 5:06 to play.

This could've been a part of another thrilling region comeback for Veterans, but the Bears finished the game on a 16-4 run to put away their sixth region win.

"We got in the passing lanes, got a couple of steals and quick baskets. Josh



BIG MAN 'KEL: Houston County center Mahkel Stephens (20) hangs from the rim and lets out a roar after his forceful two-hand dunk during the Bears' win over region rival Veterans.



Braylon Lott (black) tries to rise above Karon Plummer's (12, white) outstretched hands for a jumper during Veterans' region loss to Houston County.

Lady Panthers stall in second half of 46-43 loss to Ware County

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PERRY — Perry (8-10, 0-4 Region 1-4A) nearly had a hold of their first region win, but the offense stalled in the second half as Ware County (7-10, 3-1 Region) escaped with a 46-43 victory on Friday.

The Lady Gators' tough zone defense and size put the Lady Panthers in an early 9-0 hole, but Perry adjusted well.

They closed the first quarter on a 13-2 run after figuring out the 1-3-1 zone and doubling up on size down low to keep Ware County's Bre Hill in check.

Hill is listed at 6-foot-3 and the Lady Gators leaned on her heavily throughout the game.

"We just tried to make her take tough shots. Shoot her mid-range or wall up," Perry head coach Austin McIntyre said.

That became increasingly important in the third quarter with Hill being featured often offensively. She scored six of her 14 total points in the period as Ware County all but erased Perry's 30-23 half-time advantage.

"In the third quarter we actually got misaligned a



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Perry's Hayden Hattaway (35) and Alicia Nails (4) reach up to contest a jumper from Ware County's Bre Hill. The Lady Gators leaned on Hill for their interior offense during their region win in The Pit.

little bit, and that's where it hurt us," McIntyre said. "We were out of position and they took advantage of it. She's a good player, and she's definitely a good post."

Though Hill was an issue, the bigger threat to the Lady Panthers' lead was their offense freezing up in the second half.

Perry only scored 13 points in the final two

quarters, and most of those came in the final minute.

Turnovers and missed jumpers were a contributor, but the Lady Panthers suffered some bad shooting luck, too.

By the time shots started falling again it was too late.

Not that the Lady Gators' lead was too large, but there was not enough time left on the clock.

Kampbell Mitchell tied



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Perry guard Kampbell Mitchell (10) drives into the teeth of the Lady Gators' defense during the Lady Panthers' region loss to Ware County. Mitchell finished with a team-high 15 points.



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Lady Panthers senior Cason Gentry (21) pokes the ball free from Ware County wing JaLondi O'Hara in transition.

Perry's late push smothered in loss to Ware County



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Peanut Brown (0) draws the foul on Alex Cooper (12) while gathering for a layup in transition.



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Jamarien Greene (14) contorts his body mid-air to get off a contested acrobatic layup during the Panthers' region loss to Ware County.

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PERRY — Ware County (17-3, 6-1 Region 1-4A) delivered a brutal first strike in their eventual 86-49 win over Perry (5-14, 1-6 Region) on Friday, despite the Panthers making a second-half push.

The Gators came out quick in the first quarter. They crashed the glass

hard, pushed out with a blistering pace and delivered blow after blow in the early going.

By the time 5:30 had passed in the game Perry faced a 10-point deficit and it only worsened as Ware County took a 25-8 lead into the second period.

This was another of three recent slow starts for the Panthers, something head coach Mark Gainous said has been plaguing his team.

"We've gotten off to slow starts for some reason. We got down big over at Benedictine the other night. We went down 10-0 I think to Wayne [County]," Gainous said. "Our M.O. has been we get off to a really poor start [in the] first quarter."

Things heated up as the game went on, though it took until late in the third quarter for Perry to draw close enough to entertain a

comeback. The Panthers picked up the pace coming out of half-time and were able to string together enough scores to come within 14 with 2:50 left in the third.

Usually they're not a fast-paced team. In the first half they were much slower and more methodical, emphasizing half court offense and ball security. But Gainous noted after the game that they had to move a bit fast-

er with the size of their deficit.

Unfortunately for the Panthers that was as close as they'd get to a comeback.

From 2:50 in the third to 6:30 in the fourth the Gators outscored them 24-10 with another blitz.

Length and athleticism was their greatest strength, and while Perry has some size, it's not quite the same.

"They're long. [They have a 6-foot-7] kid inside, and

then they have a lot of 6'3s and 6'4s where our guys are like 6'2 and beefy, real strong," Gainous said. "So we have size, but they have the athleticism and length. It caused us some issues."

UP NEXT

Perry will play on Saturday, Jan. 24 against Macon County at 2 p.m.

Ware County heads back South to host Long County on Saturday, Jan. 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Demonettes roll through second half to sweep Northside in 2026 Crosstown Showdown



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Warner Robins head coach Rebecca Ivory (center) claps to encourage her players after a big play early in the Demonettes' Crosstown Showdown victory against Northside.

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WARNER ROBINS — The second part of the Crosstown Showdown between Northside (13-7) and Warner Robins (18-3) mirrored the first in a lot of ways, including the final result of a Demonettes victory.

The 63-31 final marked the end of another defensive battle, one that barely saw a team in double digits by the end of the first.

The early quarters were

physical, and were won and lost on the glass.

Warner Robins picked up three quick fouls and the Lady Eagles attacked the boards — getting as many as four offensive rebounds on one possession in the first half.

Both squads ran a full court press, played up on ball handlers and aggressively chased loose balls. But arguably the separating factor was the turnover margin.

Northside's offense is currently at its best when they force turnovers and get out in transition,

and that was no different against Warner Robins. The problem was the Demonettes navigated the press and pressure just fine in most scenarios.

Baskets were hard to come by for either team, but Warner Robins' ability to force turnovers put them ahead early. Syriah Mace's unlikely three-pointer put them up 27-15 at halftime.

"That was one of our keys, to force turnovers... Every loose ball's got to be ours," Demonettes head coach Rebecca Ivory said. "I think they did well with

active hands...I think that goes back to just being a rivalry game. All 11 of them played well. I feel like for the first time we rotated and nothing let up."

Scoring was a little less grueling coming out of the break, and the Lady Eagles had their chance to force their way into the game.

They got more turnovers out of their press, and if it didn't lead to a fast break score, they at least interrupted Warner Robins' offense.

Zayla Turner's person-

al 4-0 run helped draw Northside within 10 with about half of the third to go, but the Demonettes picked it up from there.

They finished two layups through contact (including for Kennedy Bradshaw's 1000th point?) and picked up more takeaways, all but shutting the Lady Eagles' offense out of the game.

A 12-2 run put Warner Robins up 45-25, and they outscored Northside 17-6 to put the game away.

"I saw a lot of ball movement, team ball. Making the extra pass," Ivory

said. "We didn't let up and came out to play in the second half...They came to play during a rivalry game. I told them at halftime, 'The streak is [Northside hasn't] won here since the gym's been built, we're gonna keep it that way."

UP NEXT

Warner Robins gets back to region play on Tuesday, Jan. 27 against Perry at 6 p.m.

Northside has one more non-region game against Northside-Columbus on the road on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m.

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Northside junior Madi Burch (12) drives baseline on Warner Robins forward Janelle Turner (white) in the first half of the Crosstown Showdown finale.



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Warner Robins guard Kennedy Bradshaw (white) dribbles into the heart of the Northside defense during her 15-point performance in her final Crosstown Showdown.



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Lady Eagles guard Zayla Turner (5) was tied for a team-high nine points in Northside's Crosstown Showdown loss to Warner Robins.



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Joselyn Casanova (12) slips past Zayla Turner (5) for an open layup in transition.

STREAK BROKEN: Northside wins first Crosstown Showdown since 2021 with 63-60 win in Demon Den



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Northside freshman Caden Lowe (22) and senior Vontrez Quainton (3) rush to celebrate with their teammates after their first Crosstown Showdown victory since 2021.

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WARNER ROBINS — Before Saturday's finale of the 2026 Crosstown Showdown, there were members of the Northside Eagles who'd never beaten Warner Robins at any level.

That's not just varsity — that includes ninth grade and junior varsity teams.

Their Jan. 10 loss at the buzzer was the closest any of them had come to tasting victory. The flavor was bitter, with hints of almost and a strong tang of disappointment.

But as the Demons' game-tying attempt fell short and the buzzer sounded on Saturday an overwhelming aroma of triumph (and maybe a little sweat) filled the Northside bench.

Orange jerseys flooded the floor and Elijah Patmon waved goodbye to the Warner Robins crowd. The Eagles managed to get through the post-game handshakes, but after that the celebration carried into the locker room.

"They can say, 'We know what we gotta do,'" Harris said. "Because they've been in a hostile environment, they played in a big game...I got ultimate trust in all three of them...The future's bright at Northside, but we got to keep working."

Warner Robins went up 12-4 early, and Northside responded with an identical run to end the first quarter knotted at 16. The score remained even at 20 in the opening minutes of the second, and that was where the Eagles set themselves up for the rest of the game.

For the next several minutes they outscored the Demons 9-4 to go up 29-24. In the grand scheme of things this seems like a small run, but it helped keep Northside in front until the waning minutes of the fourth quarter.

Holding a lead and coming out with the win is something the Eagles have struggled with this season.

The last game against Warner Robins and a couple of region contests have been lost because of it. But things were different this time.

"We were in unfamiliar territory for about two or three games," Harris said.

"[Against] Warner Robins we led a majority of the game, [against] Veterans

we blew an 18-, 20-point lead and then Houston County for the first half, we

led that game. That's unfamiliar territory for these

guys because they've never

been in that situation. You learn. You learn more from your losses than your wins."

"We definitely watched some film and understood what we did," He continued.

"It's a game of possessions, each possession matters. So whether you miss a block-out, whether you miss a free throw, whether you miss a layup, it's gonna matter down the line. I can't be

more proud of my guys for coming in here in this atmosphere and getting it done."

Elijah Patmon deserves his share of praise for the victory.

Warner Robins didn't have an answer for him and he dominated the glass all game. He had a game-high 17 points, and impressively did not foul out in a game where there were multiple.

Mother Nature is due a

bit of thanks, too.

"First of all, thank God for the ice storm. Because if it wouldn't have been at Texas A&M this weekend, and who knows how this game would have ended," Harris said. "Elijah gives us exactly what we need. He gives us toughness, he gives us somebody who can score on the block, and he wants to be out there. He's a great teammate and he's really unselfish. I'm glad to have this year."

UP NEXT

Northside continues their four-game road stretch on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at Northside-Columbus at 7:30 p.m.

Warner Robins will get back to region play on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at home against Perry at 7:30 p.m.



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Demons guard Prince Ragin (0) rises up for a pull-up jumper during Warner Robins' loss in the Crosstown Showdown.

Demonettes' Kennedy Bradshaw reaches 1,000 career points in her final Crosstown Showdown

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The Warner Robins girls haven't lost to Northside since 2020, so when Kennedy Bradshaw stepped up to the free throw line in the fourth quarter to bolster the Demonettes' already sizable lead, the gym wasn't quite as lively given the obvious outcome of the game.

She went through her routine and drained the free throw, and suddenly a poster peeked over the railing behind the hoop in front of her. Bradshaw let out a shy smile.

The poster in question had a big, golden "1K" over a picture of Bradshaw in a Demonettes jersey. In the middle of her final Crosstown Showdown against Northside she'd hit 1,000 career points, and for a moment the bitter rivalry faded away and people of various allegiances cele-

brated a milestone few high school athletes reach.

Head coach Rebecca Ivory said after the game that Bradshaw had been checking how close she was to 1,000 points, but didn't think Bradshaw realized just how close she was.

"Whenever I see a kid score 1,000 points it's rewarding. Because that goal isn't as easy as it looks. I'm happy for her," Ivory said.

Bradshaw played her first season of high school basketball in the Demon Den, but for the next two years she played at Central Fellowship Christian Academy in Macon.

She decided to return for her senior year.

"I'm glad that I returned because I just have so much fun," Bradshaw said.

Warner Robins is home to her, and she was pleased she could celebrate such a momentous achievement in

the Cardinal and White.

"It really does mean a lot to me because I feel like I'm comfortable here, and my teammates...they just make me feel good," Bradshaw said.

Warner Robins has always celebrated their own, it's one thing Ivory has praised her team for. When the reserves hit the floor the starters aren't any less engaged — they cheer on their teammates for every charge, every basket.

Introducing Bradshaw into the fold was seamless, and it was a full circle moment for Ivory.

"I'm proud of her. To see her from her freshman year to now...She's developed not just as a ball player but as a person. Kennedy's a great person off the court as well. [She'd] do anything for you," Ivory said.

Congratulations to Kennedy on reaching this milestone!

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1K KENNEDY: Warner Robins senior Kennedy Bradshaw (11) celebrates hitting 1,000 career points with her teammates after their 63-31 victory against Northside in the Crosstown Showdown.

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Warner Robins looks to keep region momentum after first Crosstown Showdown loss in five years

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WARNER ROBINS — Warner Robins had a rough start to their season, but they won seven straight before the finale of the Crosstown Showdown against Northside.

The Demons (10-11) led the series against the Eagles (12-8) 32-10 in the MaxPreps era, but Northside added a tally to their win column after Saturday's 63-60 final.

Kam Schmitz' shot attempt from the corner with three seconds left carried a lot of hope for Warner Robins. A hope for eight straight wins, a hope to keep a five-year rivalry streak alive, a hope they could keep the bragging rights just a little longer.

But the ball hit front rim and the buzzer sounded, sealing the Eagles' victory. While they celebrated the Demons solemnly gathered for the post-game handshakes. It was quiet in the locker room, for a while, before a few frustrated yells escaped into the back halls.

of the Demon Den.

Head coach Jamaal Garman eventually emerged after encouraging his team to remember how special rivalry games like this are.

"Just take the fact that these moments are special and rare," He said.

He also boiled down the Demons' issues to one sentence:

"16 missed free throws, man," Garman said after a pause. "That'll do it every time."

The fact that Warner Robins has had an issue at the charity stripe this season is not a well-kept secret. It cost them several games during their 4-10 start, and they won seven in a row before Saturday in spite of it.

In a game where neither team led by more than eight hitting free throws is a necessity.

Kam Schmitz had maybe his best game this season; His scoop and score put Warner Robins up 60-59 with under a minute to go. He had seven of his 12 points in the fourth quarter.

Tristan Warren also had a

12-point game, with eight of those coming in the second half. Two of Garman's key contributors are starting to warm up, and he doesn't want them to waver after a rivalry loss.

"I just told them our goal is still at hand. We didn't

want to lose this game, we did. But our goal is still there," Garman said. "We still want to win the region, [we're] still number one in the region right now...This was a hiccup in the road... We'll get over it."

Warner Robins has lost

one region game this season, and that was at the end of their six-game losing streak.

Since then they've taken care of business and won their last six region games. That includes a 70-63 overtime win against Ware

County, who is currently 18-3.

The Demons have three region games left on the schedule, and in the same season they reached a new low under Garman they're in prime position to defend their 2025 region title.

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Tristan Warren (22) jumps out of his seat on the bench and celebrates a big play in clutch time of the Crosstown Showdown.

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