

THE INSIDE

More scenes from the 2025 Perry New Year's Eve Buzzard Drop, photos by Brieanna Smith



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

Any bride who got married in 2025 and is a resident of the Middle Georgia area is eligible to enter.

Submit a high-quality wedding photo, along with you and your partner's full names, address, wedding date, wedding location and venue, photographer's name, jeweler's name and contact information (phone number & email) to brieanna@hhjonline.com.

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

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Events All Weekend

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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.

Trinity UMC Blood Drive

It’s time to make a New Year’s Resolution to save a life by donating blood! Every drop counts!

Trinity United Methodist Church will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, January 12, from noon to 6 p.m.

Sign up at www.redcross-blood.org to secure your spot and maximize staffing to limit wait times.

Organizer Debbie Crenshaw has organized over 25 years of drives and does a fantastic job of making sure every donor also takes home a gift! For this drive, the Red Cross is also including everyone an opportunity to win tickets to the Super Bowl.

Location: 129 S. Houston Road, Warner Robins, 31088; parking in the rear.

Community Calendar

Email your information to: brieanna@hhjonline.com

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OBITUARIES

Wilhemina Melba Wallace

It is with deep love and heartfelt sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister, Wilhemina Melba Wallace, who passed peacefully at her home on the afternoon of Friday, January 2, 2026.

Melba was born on August 16, 1934, in Pitts, Georgia, to the late Leo Mozart Holley and Elizabeth Louisiana Martin Holley. During her high school years, she moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where she graduated from Robert E. Lee High School. On June 6, 1953, she married the love of her life, James Austin Wallace, in Folkston, Georgia. Together, they began a remarkable journey that would span more than seven decades.

As a proud military wife, Melba embraced a life of adventure, supporting James throughout his military career as they and their four sons traveled across the country. Some of her fondest memories were made on the road, exploring new places together in their Winnebago. Along the way,



Melba built a dedicated career in Civil Service, serving in Ohio, Newfoundland, California, and Georgia, before retiring from Robins Air Force Base.

Melba found joy in the simple pleasures of life—playing the piano, traveling, and camping with her family. Her quiet strength, devotion to family, and gentle spirit touched all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, Melba was preceded in death by her beloved son, Dwain Marcus Wallace.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories, lovingly carried on by her devoted husband of 73 years, James Austin Wallace; her sons, James Austin Wallace, Jr., Dexter Lynn Wallace

(Judy) of Covington, and Dwight Anthony Wallace of Raleigh, North Carolina; her grandchildren, James Austin Wallace III, Tiffany Whittington, Donnie Wallace, Ashley Wallace, Austin Wallace, Amber Stallings, Haley Rybarczyk, and Brett Wallace; her twelve great-grandchildren; and her brother, Randall Melvin Holley of Jacksonville, Florida.

Melba will be deeply missed and forever remembered for the love she shared, the life she built, and the family she held so dear.

Melba’s family will receive friends at McCullough Funeral Home on Friday, January 9, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at McCullough Funeral Home. A funeral service will immediately follow at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of McCullough Funeral Home with Reverend Jeff Cleghorn officiating. Following the service, Melba will be laid to rest in Magnolia Park Cemetery.

Go to www.mccullough-fh.com to sign the Online Registry for the family. McCullough Funeral Home and Crematory has the privilege of being entrusted with these arrangements.

LIVE MUSIC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

FORSYTH

- *Open Mic:* The Den - 8pm

WARNER ROBINS

- *Darin Curtis & Chin Lee:* Barberitos - 7-10pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

WARNER ROBINS

- *Lance Rodriguez:* Pub 96 - 7:30pm

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

FORSYTH

- *Noah Guthrie:* The Den - 8-11pm

WARNER ROBINS

- *Anny Loudin:* Pub 96 - 5:30-8:30pm
- *Bruce Brookshire & Rob Walker:* VFW - 6:30-9:30pm
- *Kaleigh Courson:* Pub 96 - 9:30pm

MACON

- *Catfish Willy:* VFW Post 658 - 7:30-10:30pm

• *Tres Hombres:* 20's Pub - 9pm

• *Fall Line Rambler:* Grant's Lounge - 9pm

• *NyteByrd:* Hummingbird - 9:30pm

• *Jackson Tanner Trio:* Vice Bar - 10pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

FORSYTH

- *Matt Pippin:* The Den - 8-11pm

PERRY

- *The Music Side of Town Blues Band:* Perry Farmer's Market - 9am-1pm
- *Tres Hombres:* My Bar - 9pm

MILLEDGEVILLE

- *Giant DeNiro:* Amici's - 11pm

WARNER ROBINS

- *Kaleigh Courson:* Wild Wing Cafe - 8:45-11:15pm

MACON

- *Catfish Willy:* American Legion Post 3, Macon, GA, Joseph N. Neel Jr. - 7-10pm
- *Charlie Starr:* Capitol Theatre - 8pm
- *Blair Crimmins and The Hookers:* Grant's Lounge - 9pm
- *The Music Side of Town Blues Band:* Ocmulgee Brewpub

HAWKINSVILLE

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

WARNER ROBINS

- *Lance Rodriguez:* Pub 96 - 4:30pm

MACON

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

Emory hospitals ring in 2026 with first New Year’s Day babies



Left-Right: baby girl Naomi, baby girl Blakely, baby boy Taylor, baby boy Zaylon.

Special to The Journal

ATLANTA—With the arrival of the new year, Emory Healthcare is celebrating the first babies born in 2026 at four of its hospitals.

The first baby to arrive was baby girl Naomi, born exactly at 12:00 a.m. on Jan. 1 at Emory Decatur Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 0.9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Naomi, named by her grandmother, was due on Dec. 31, but waited one more day to make her appearance. She is the first child born to mom Morgan. The family could not believe Naomi was born as soon as the New Year’s ball dropped.

At 2:06 a.m., baby girl Blakely was born at Emory Hospital Warner Robins. Blakely weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18 inches in length. She arrived a little earlier than her expected due date. Mom Ashley and dad Brandon are so excited to welcome her to their growing family, where she will have six siblings to watch over her.

A short time later at 3:21 a.m., baby boy Taylor made his New Year’s Day debut at Emory Johns Creek Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Mom Shamease, who is a labor and delivery nurse at Emory, and

dad Taylor say they started the new year off right with baby Taylor’s early arrival. He is the couple’s first child.

At Emory University Hospital Midtown, baby boy Zaylon made his introduction into the world at 7:36 a.m. Zaylon weighed 7 pounds, 5.5 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. He was born earlier than his expected due date. Mom Synethia and family are thrilled to welcome him and say Zaylon now shares a birthday with his cousin.

Happy birthday to all babies born on Jan. 1, 2026, and congratulations to the parents and families of these new bundles of joy.

REVIEW

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Thomas, a fourth-grade teacher at Lake Joy Elementary, discovered her passion for teaching after having children and drew inspiration from her mother. She began her teaching career in 2018.

She said she felt incredible about the nomination and was honored to represent her district.

Thomas was later named runner-up for the award.

8) Warner Robins Council approves traffic study on Houston Lake, considers restricting new vape, liquor stores - Oct. 25 edition

When new development began at Houston Lake Road and Corder Road, the Warner Robins City Council began exploring ways to reduce traffic in the area, unanimously approving a traffic study.

Council also discussed rules for alcohol and vape shops at the meeting. In December, they passed a resolution to pause new vape and liquor shops for six months. Houston County and the City of Perry passed similar resolutions.

7) Historic Perry house damaged by fallen tree - May 21 edition

A storm in May caused a tree to fall on the former

Powers-Beckett home in Perry, badly damaging the front porch and roof.

The house was built in the 1850s, turned into a classroom in 1919, and moved from Main Street to Beckham Circle in 1925.

In 2023, the city made the property part of the Washington-Evergreen Historic District.

6) One dead after Saturday night domestic incident - Nov. 5 edition

In November, Warner Robins police responded to a stabbing at the Westwood Apartments on Corder Road, where a 26-year-old man was killed.

The Criminal Investigations team treated the case as a domestic violence-related death. Coroner James Williams said it was the county’s 17th homicide and the 14th linked to domestic violence.

5) Teenager arrested in connection with vehicle with racist language, more may be pending - July 26 edition

Police arrested 17-year-old Sage Kolbe in July after linking him to a car found in Warner Robins that was spray-painted with racial slurs and swastikas. He faced charges for tampering with a license plate to hide it and for driving with a canceled registration.

Police said they worked together on the investigation. Mayor LaRhonda Patrick stated that hate has no place in the city.

4) One man dead after fatal car crash in Hawkinsville - May 17 edition

A man died in May after being struck by a Jeep Compass in Hawkinsville.

The crash happened on Grovania Road, where a 39-year-old man who was working nearby was hit. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

3) Warner Robins family goes all out on Halloween for a good cause - Oct. 25 edition

Brandon Carter and his family in the Woodlands Subdivision of Warner Robins put a lot of effort into decorating their house for Halloween.

Carter got the idea to decorate his own house after he helped others with their Halloween decorations.

Now, the display draws visitors and supports a good cause. The family collects donations for the Wounded Warriors Project.

2) Warner Robins woman missing after vehicle was found in North Georgia - Web exclusive

The Warner Robins Police Department asked the community for help finding a

local woman who went missing in October.

Police said she was last seen when she dropped her husband off at work in Byron and had not been seen or heard from since. Her car was later found in Commerce.

Comments on the department’s Facebook post reported that the woman had been found safe.

1) Fitzgerald Man dead after Galleria Mall stand-off - Aug. 13 edition

A standoff in the Galleria Mall parking lot in August left one person dead and another injured.

Police arrived early in the morning to investigate a tractor-trailer, which they believed was driven by someone involved in a domestic

dispute.

The truck’s driver, Michael Dwayne Bell of Fitzgerald, shot at officers and wounded

one. Bell was found dead in the vehicle. This was the second officer-involved shooting that week.

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Public Notification

Sanitary Sewer Overflow at Collection System

156 Arena Rd. Perry, Georgia 31069

County: Houston

Date of Release: 12/29/2025 11:28 a.m.

Contact Person: Elliott Brighton

Phone: 478-988-2777

Mailing Address: 108 Frank Satterfield Road

City: Perry

Zip: 31069

Occurrence: A force main broke which resulted in a sewer spill near 156 Arena Road. The spill was approximately 181,643 gallons.

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources has been notified and the affected area has been treated within the regulations of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the above listed contact persons.

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The 2026 wish list

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Here's my wish list for 2026, plus I'll share a secret for helping some wishes come true.

I wish for a cure for male pattern baldness. That idea came right off the top of my head. I just need some seed money.

I wish for a vaccine for lying politicians. Lying would result in Pinocchio-style noses, their length in proportion to exaggeration. Perhaps long noses in our nation's capital might point them toward honest debate.

"I'd like to teach the world to sing." Coke had a delightful advertising jingle which included those lyrics. I'm a mediocre singer, but I'd like to post some songs online which I wrote years ago. Our triplets enjoyed them for a while so perhaps other children would too.

"I've got some friends I'd like to see again." That wish is from the theme song of a television series Then Came Bronson. Michael Parks, the motorcycle-riding star of the show, was a hero to many teenage boys during my youth. That tune has been stuck in my head for decades. Sometimes I sing it while meandering down country roads in my truck.

I wish to become as good a man as my dog believes I am. Harriet's opinion is no doubt influenced by regular walks and treats. Even without rewards though, dogs give mankind more credit than we deserve.

I wish to rid the woods we love of nandinas, cherry laurel, palmetto, briar vines, and kudzu. We've made some progress but have a long way to go. We won't conquer them in 2026, but wishing doesn't have to be limited by reality. Hopefully the list will remind me of wishes I can work on.

I wish to put in a shallow well with a hand pump in

those same woods. I've been planning this for a while. Maybe I'll get past the planning and have fresh water at our picnic site.

I wish Charlie Brown would kick the football through the uprights. Lucy has tricked him too many times by pulling it away. The kid deserves a chance, as do all children.

I wish people on news shows would stop habitually responding to questions by first saying, "That's a great question." There are occasional queries which deserve compliments, but not routinely. It's fine to ask, "Do you believe the snow will impact travel?" but it doesn't rise to the level of journalistic greatness.

I wish Netflix would offer G or PG rated versions of movies and other fare. Otherwise decent shows which include crude language could be cleaned up with dubbed lines. I've suggested this to Netflix before. My letter must have gotten lost.

While we're on that subject, I wish influential people would stop using vulgar expressions. Entertainers, athletes, coaches, and even Presidents have gravitated toward conversational vulgarity. Some of the most prominent of today's leaders are setting poor examples for the leaders of tomorrow.

I'm not out of wishes, but I am out of space, so here's my first and second place. I'd like to teach the world to sing, and I've got some friends I'd like to see again. Work is the secret to helping some wishes come true, so make your own list and let's see how we do.

Two more wishes before I close, though last perhaps the best. Happy New Year to you all. May our wishes which are worthy all be blessed.

Kidnapping dictators

Dear Readers, Nicolás Maduro is locked up, facing a Southern District of New York Indictment for being a drug trafficker. A murderous drug kingpin is facing justice and a corrupt president is deposed. Good riddance.

We have been down this road before. In 1989, we captured Gen. Manuel Noriega because of a drug trafficking indictment out of Miami. Panama was freed from a murderous autocrat; he was convicted and imprisoned.

There are significant policy and legal differences. Policy-wise, national interests were more tangible with Panama. The Canal Zone is a major shipping route, built and depended on by us. Ensuring the free flow of commerce and a "friendly" nation policing it mattered.

With Noriega, President George Herbert Walker Bush telegraphed his plans. He consulted with Congress, he notified our allies and he

THE LAW MAN



JIM ROCKEFELLER

built a clear case for protecting national and commercial interests. Servicemen had been assaulted (one killed) by the Panama Defense Force. South and Central American leaders unsuccessfully tried to negotiate Noriega's surrender. Noriega had survived two (2) internal coup d'états, after fraudulently holding on to power, having weak internal political support.

President Bush acted under his inherent authority as our Commander-in-Chief; he did not seek advance authorization from Congress for his invasion of Panama. The Panamanian

has 1/10th the population of Venezuela, which is roughly twice the landmass of California. With Venezuela, there is no evidence that our commercial interests are in danger. Unlike Panama, we have very few trade interests with Venezuela. The same is true for the lives of American citizens; none have been threatened or killed.

If anything, Venezuela's spiral is a regional disruption. Some 10% of the Venezuelan population has fled to Colombia, creating a disruptive crisis for President Petro's regime.

Maduro's impact on drugs on our shores is unlike Noriega's direct involvement with the flow of narcotics into Miami. The Trump Administration has unsuccessfully tried to rally support. No evidence has been presented that fentanyl, or really any drugs, are being trafficked through Venezuela – fentanyl is manufactured in China and

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Yes, we need more auditors

Career day in elementary school was a bit awkward. I was accustomed to blank stares from folks, kids and adults alike, when I responded to what my father did for a living. I could recite that he was "the Assistant Regional Audit Director for Health and Human Services." For much of my childhood I had no idea what that title meant either.

I can recall my Dad trying to explain it to my sixth grade class. "I'm an auditor." More blank stares.

Other parents had more relatable jobs. We, of course, living in Fayette County, had a Delta pilot. I'm pretty sure we had a fireman. My Mom was a nurse. Dad did his best to explain his role.

Adults always had an easier time misunderstanding what Dad did. "An auditor? With the Federal Government? I always file my taxes on time!"

No, he wasn't "that" kind of auditor. He focused on government agencies, internally, for 22 years.

Dad switched his major to accounting when an injury cut his football career short. He went to work for the U.S.

COLUMNIST



CHARLIE HARPER

Government right out of college.

In those days, those younger and single got sent on longer travel assignments. Dad got to spend about 6 months each in Alaska, then Hawaii, then Puerto Rico, with a significant amount of time traveling within the Pacific Northwest, auditing local Authorities receiving money from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Alaska was his favorite.

By the time I came along, he was doing much shorter trips and only when necessary. I can recall him spending quite a bit of time going back and forth to Columbia South Carolina. He was the Government's expert witness in a prosecution of someone

who had been misappropriating funds.

In later years, I recall a few stories about that trial and a couple of others. He was fully familiar with the role of someone who had to bring the receipts, literally, to show malfeasance.

He was also well versed in the arts of defense attorneys who would try to obfuscate the issue and/or throw him off his game. He looked at that as a challenge just as much as he did when he had suited up to football. He understood the importance of game day.

Those he worked with were a close knit group. My middle name is from his boss who had become a father figure after his own dad had died. One of them was

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LIFESTYLE & FAITH

Helping ‘the least of these’

Our community is blessed to have numerous ministries that do their level best to offer help to the hurting in our area. I am hesitant to try and name these organizations, for fear of leaving worthy ones out; but allow me to name a few that are worthy of recognition.

First, Perry Volunteer Outreach offers aid to Perry and South Houston County residents in need of emergency financial assistance for housing, utilities, or medical needs.

Let me also mention the godly folks from Thee Lord's Table. This is a faith-based ministry hosted by volunteers from several local churches that prepares and serves quality meals on the first and third Friday of every month. At noon on those Fridays, they offer a warm nutritious meal to anyone in need, served at the fellowship hall of Memorial Heights Baptist Church, located at 521 General Courtney Hodges Boulevard.

Loaves and Fishes is another local ministry worthy of support. They are an interfaith food bank that offers free food to the hungry in our community.

Re-New is an area used thrift store which provides low-cost goods and clothing. The hard-working ladies from WROC (Women Reaching our Community) have built and installed a couple "kindness cupboards" in Perry that offers free goods and supplies to those in need.

These and several other ministries can and should be applauded for their tireless labors for Christ and this community. Each of these groups strive to help "the least of these" by serving as the hands and feet of Jesus to the less-fortunate. I encourage you to pray and, if possible, financially support any (or all) of these ministries.

Yet, if you will allow, I would also ask for the prayers and support for a ministry that I also hold in high regard. For the last ten years or so, it has been

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my great privilege to work alongside pastors from our community through the Perry Ministerial Association. The "PMA" is a group of local church leaders who meet monthly to pray, discuss and determine how best to serve our community and those traveling through the area.

Rarely a day goes by that someone is not knocking at the doors of our churches asking for help. As a matter of fact, it seems like you can't even pump gas in town anymore without someone asking for a handout. Often it is difficult to know what to do when we as individuals, ministries, or churches, are approached by someone asking for some kind of assistance.

Thankfully, the PMA provides a structured system to provide relief for stranded travelers, whatever their situation. In cooperation with local law enforcement, the PMA provides hot meals, shelter and help with fuel expense for transients in need. To do so, we work directly with the Perry Police Department by providing food, gas, and hotel vouchers.

If you (or your church/business) are approached by someone from out of town, who is asking for your financial assistance, you can direct them to the Perry Police Department. There, the PPD requires those asking for assistance to fill out a simple form so that they have a written record of requests. Our local law enforcement officers have been educated how to help these individuals through this voucher program.

In addition to this program, the PMA has recently been able to do several other

good deeds in our community. Thanks to the generosity of a local group of godly ladies, called the "Sweet Peas," we were able to purchase eye-glasses for children in need at Morningside Elementary School. Dear readers, believe me ... there are kids right here in our community who need our help. The last couple of years, the PMA has also provided shoes for our local schools, and socks, t-shirts, and other goods for inmates at the Houston County Detention Center.

However, the only way the PMA or any of these other ministries can carry out their needed work, is through the charitable donations of residents, businesses, and churches. Hence, would you consider personally supporting these good causes, or encouraging your business or church to do so?

Not to lather you with too much guilt, but I will ask you to remember the words of Jesus from Matthew 25:40 ... "Truly, truly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

Inarguably, everything has gotten way more expensive the last few years, so money may be tight. Yet, if it is financially viable, please consider donating to one of these fine ministries and support worthy causes in this community. If you cannot give, but you are a Christian, you can pray ... and prayer is as needed.

Should you choose to support the PMA, please send a check to:

Perry Ministerial Association

PO Box 1426

Perry, GA 31069

January gardening checklist - Part 2

As we saw last week, even in the doldrums of winter, there are quite a few garden tasks to tackle. Herewith are some more of these to consider this month in this brand new year.

Here in middle Georgia, colorful annuals can still be planted even if the weather is cold. Flowering cool-season annuals make an immediate impact in a bare landscape. Plant dianthus, pansies, violas, snapdragons, ornamental kale, and parsley.

All of these prefer a sunny spot. Plant on a sunny day when the soil is more likely to be warm, and water the plants immediately. Purchase larger plants, those in 3-inch or larger pots. Plants in smaller pots will stop blooming as they try to establish roots. It is best not to install "six-pack" plants. They are too small to survive and thrive in the cold.

Don't worry if pansy leaves look dreadful in the cold morning hours; they will recover by noon as moisture fills their leaves. Pansies protect themselves during cold weather by wilting their leaves.

Remove faded blooms from plants periodically. This procedure, called deadheading, is especially important for pansies and violas. These produce many more flowers if deadheaded on a regular basis.

You vegetable gardeners know that soil preparation is critical to the success of your garden. A thorough tilling of the soil is necessary each year to break up clumps of soil and old root balls. If the garden has not been cultivated for a few years, weeds and insects will have built up in the soil. Consider tilling garden

LET'S GARDEN

TIM LEWIS



beds now. This will expose to the cold any potentially harmful overwintering pests and weed seeds. It will also loosen compacted soil, improving air and water flow for plant roots.

It is that time of year when some gardeners dream of establishing their own fruit orchards. Before you do, be aware of some very important requirements for fruit trees. In order for a plant to produce fruit, the flowers must be pollinated. Some fruit trees are self-fruitful (self-pollinating). This means that pollen from a single plant is sufficient to pollinate the flowers on it. Other fruit trees are partially self-fruitful or even self-incompatible. Follow these general pollination guidelines when deciding whether you need one of more of each.

- Apple: plant at least two different varieties
- Blueberry: plant at least two different varieties
- Bunch grapes: self-fruitful
- Fig: self-fruitful
- Muscadine grapes: plant at least two different varieties; one must be self-fruitful
- Peach: self-fruitful
- Pear: most are self-fruitful
- Plum: plant at least two different varieties
- Raspberry and blackberry: self-fruitful

Fig bushes that have become too large for their

space can be severely pruned now.

- Cut main branches by one-third to one-half their length
- Cut back older, less productive branches to encourage new, fruit-bearing growth
- Remove suckers from the base, any branches growing inward, and any crossing branches
- Cut back to a bud or smaller branch, avoiding long, bare stubs that invite decay
- Be aggressive. Figs can tolerate heavy pruning. Don't be afraid to cut back significantly to promote vigor

Severe winter pruning removes old fig wood, meaning you'll likely lose the early summer breba crop and have fewer main crop figs until the new wood matures. Expect lots of new, juvenile growth, which is what produces the main fig crop in the fall. Severe winter pruning keeps the bush smaller and sturdier and easier to manage.

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

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A winter cold confession

Dear readers of All About Seniors, I write this column with a box of tissues close at hand and a lingering cough as my companion. It is Sunday afternoon and I feel lousy; over the weekend I came down with a winter cold, and it's nasty. So much so that I didn't even go to church this morning with my wife.

And furthermore, I didn't feel like writing this column today either. But rather than give in, I went to my trusted AI companion, GROK, and asked for help. And here's exactly what I gave to GROK as instructions: "Please write a humorous but informative article for my All About Seniors column admitting that I've succumbed to a winter cold. Then advise my readers what causes Winter colds, how to treat them and best of all, how to prevent them. Length should be about 600 words."

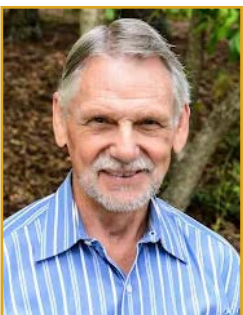
Then I pushed the enter button and here's what came out in less than a minute. I did this for a couple reasons:

1. I really don't feel good and could use some help and
2. For those of you who are not trying to keep up with this AI world we're now living in, I'd like to demonstrate, even in just a small way, how powerful it is. So, here we go:

Despite my usual efforts to stay healthy—regular exercise, nutritious meals, and diligent hand washing—I've succumbed to a

ALL ABOUT SENIORS

BILL MILBY



winter cold this season. It's a humbling experience and a reminder that these common illnesses can catch up with anyone, no matter how careful we are. Rather than complain, I'll share what I've relearned about winter colds: their causes, effective management, and practical prevention strategies.

What causes these persistent winter colds? Primarily, they are viral infections of the upper respiratory tract. Rhinoviruses account for most cases, though more than 200 viruses can trigger symptoms. Transmission occurs through respiratory droplets from coughing or sneezing, direct contact like handshakes, or touching contaminated surfaces and then your eyes, nose, or mouth.

Cold weather itself doesn't cause colds, but seasonal factors increase their frequency. We tend to gather indoors more during winter, in closer proximity, which aids viral spread. Dry air prolongs virus survival outside the body and dries nasal mucous membranes, impairing their ability to trap pathogens.

Rhinoviruses also replicate optimally at the cooler temperatures found in the nasal passages. Emerging research indicates that inhaling cold air can briefly reduce the nose's innate immune defenses, such as extracellular vesicles that neutralize viruses.

Treatment focuses on comfort and support, since colds are self-limiting and resolve in 7-10 days for most people. Rest is essential—give your body time to recover. Hydration helps thin mucus and soothe irritated tissues; opt for warm fluids like herbal tea, broth, or water. A humidifier or vaporizer can add moisture to dry indoor air. Over-the-counter options include decongestants for stuffiness (use cautiously if you have high blood pressure), acetaminophen or ibuprofen for pain and low fever, and menthol lozenges for throat relief. Chicken soup isn't just comforting—some studies suggest it has mild anti-inflammatory properties.

For seniors, always check with a healthcare provider before combining remedies with existing medications. Seek medical care if symptoms last longer than two weeks, include high fever, severe headache, shortness of breath, or if you have chronic conditions that could lead to complications.

The best approach, of course, is prevention. Start with thorough handwashing—20 seconds with soap and water, especially after public outings or before eating. Minimize face-touching

ROCKEFELLER
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the flow is through Mexican drug cartels (cocaine originating in Colombia). The Caribbean boat strikes may be murder.

Critically, Congress was not consulted in advance of our invasion, nor does it appear a congressional resolution is on the horizon.

We signed Article 2(4) of the United Nations Charter in October 1945, restricting the use of military force against another country and requiring us to respect other countries' sovereignty. The UN Security Council could impose sanctions; however, the United States has a permanent-member veto, even if there was support for it, so that's not happening. Further, it will be hard for Russia and China, also permanent members,

to justify sanctions, given the invasion of Ukraine and China's saber-rattling concerning Taiwan.

At home, politics aside, the question is Congress's role in our invasion of Venezuela. Article I, Section 8, of our Constitution vests war powers in Congress to "declare war, raise and support armies, maintain a navy, and make rules for the armed forces." Yes, a President commands our war-making infrastructure, but it is financed and authorized by Congress.

Other Presidents have been less reckless. On December 8, 1941, Franklin Delano Roosevelt spoke of "a date which will live in infamy," in a joint address before Congress after Pearl Harbor was bombed the day before by Japan. He did not just react; he asked for authority to enter the Allies' side in World War II. In 2001, President George W. Bush asked for a resolution from Congress to invade

Afghanistan and Iraq. A decade later, President Obama relied on this same authorization to assassinate Osama bin Laden.

President Trump has none of this support. He has not made the case to the American people; he does not even have an OLC memo, and he most certainly does not have the support of the American people and Congress.

Snatching Maduro, a murderous sitting President of a country, may feel like the right thing, but it is illegal both under international law and our Constitution.

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and carry hand sanitizer for convenience. Support your immune system through a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, zinc, and vitamin D (consider supplements if sunlight exposure is limited). Moderate exercise, adequate sleep (7-9 hours nightly), and stress management all contribute to resilience.

Get vaccinated against influenza annually, as the flu can mimic or worsen a cold. In crowded settings or during outbreaks, wearing a mask and improving room ventilation can reduce risk. If you're feeling unwell, stay home to protect others.

My current bout with this cold has reinforced these lessons firsthand. I'll recover soon with rest and patience, and I hope this information helps you avoid a similar inconvenience.

Staying healthy allows us to enjoy our golden years fully—take good care, and here's to a snuffle-free winter ahead.

This is Bill back again. Thanks for reading All About Seniors, see you next week!

PS... If you haven't yet tried AI, it is very simple to use, and still free! For the one I use, just Google "GROK AI" and you'll be on your way. It's never too late to get started!

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ENTERTAINMENT

Did You Know...by Jack Bagley

How many different shows named ‘College Bowl’ have aired in the U.S.?

The New Year is more than a week old at this point, so the time has come to ask - how are your resolutions holding up? Are you still keeping them? Or did you (as I do) just say “the heck with it” and give up on them?

Whichever you do, I am certain it’s the right thing for you, and you’re going to be fantastic at keeping them - or not keeping them, as the case may be.

I did keep one resolution - to bring you the finest in trivial stuff every week, and I’m going to keep doing it. So here’s this week’s selection of trivial stuff! Enjoy.

Did you know ...

... the nastiest place in your office may not be where you think it is? The average office keyboard harbors 3,295 germs per square inch. By comparison, the average office toilet seat has just 48 germs per square inch. (I have a line here, but it would close the show.)

... the Great Fire of 1666 in London began in a bakery?

Thomas Farriner (1620-1670) was a baker to the household of King Charles II (1630-1685) and supplied the bread for the Royal Navy during the Anglo-Dutch War. The blaze, which ended up destroying most of London, started in Farriner’s bakery on Pudding Lane on September 2, 1666, and was not extinguished until September 6. Almost 70,000 of the city’s 80,000 homes were destroyed. Surprisingly, Farriner was not blamed for the fire, though it started in his bakery shop. A French watchman named Robert Hubert (1640-1666) gave a false confession to throwing a fire grenade into Farriner’s bakery starting the blaze, which Farriner agreed to. Hubert was executed in October of that year, almost certainly an innocent man, as he was not even in London when the fire broke out. Historians now believe that the Great Fire was started accidentally. (That’s a pretty hot story there.)

... you may have heard a scroop? If you’re wondering, a scroop is the sound that silk makes when it moves. Most likely, you’ve heard one if you were at a dance where formal ball gowns were being worn. That’s the sound the ball gown makes. (Silky, isn’t it?)

... a Major League pitcher had the same number of career wins as he had career hits? Warren Spahn (1921-2003) played 21 seasons in the Majors, for the Boston/Milwaukee Braves, New York Mets, and San Francisco Giants. During his career, Spahn chalked up 363 career wins – and 363 career hits. It gets even more precise: Spahn won 356 games for the Braves, four for the Mets, and three for the Giants. (You have to admire the synchronicity of all that.)

... actor Michael J. Fox’s middle name doesn’t begin with a J? Fox (born 1981), who starred in the Back to the Future movies as well as some classic television, was born Michael Andrew Fox.

He chose “J” as his professional middle initial as an homage to character actor Michael J. Pollard (1939-2019).

... more than one program called College Bowl existed on American television? Most readers would be somewhat familiar with the G.E. College Bowl, a weekly game show pitting teams of students from colleges and universities against each other in some rather difficult quizzes. The show ran intermittently from 1953 to 1970 on CBS and NBC, hosted by Allen Ludden (1917-1981) and later by Robert Earle (1926-2019). But before that, College Bowl was a one-season musical program from 1950 to 1951, starring Chico Marx (1887-1961), one of the Marx Brothers. This show was set in a soda fountain, supposedly owned by Marx, next to a college campus and featured singers who came in, sat around, told jokes, and belted out tunes. The breakout star from the show was Andy Williams (1927-2012). (I get the musical aspects and

all, but ... Chico Marx? Sure, he was great at the piano, but I just don’t see it.)

... the symbol for the planet Pluto has a double meaning? Made up of the interlocking letters “P” and “L,” the symbol is not only the first two letters of the planet, but also the initials of astronomer Percival Lowell (1855-1916). Lowell initiated the search for a planet beyond the orbit of Neptune and created an observatory in Arizona that is named for him. While working at the Lowell Observatory in 1930, Dr. Clyde Tombaugh (1906-1997) took the photographs that confirmed the existence – and official discovery – of Pluto. (And I still think Pluto should be re-classified as a planet.)

... minnows have teeth in their throats? (Well, they have to have them somewhere, don’t they?)

... the first movie ever created solely with computer-generated imagery (CGI) was released in 1995? Toy Story had more than 800,000 hours of mathematical equations used in the creation of the computer film. That equates to more than a week of computer time for every second of the film on screen. (And you thought it was easy.)

... the umpire at a baseball game has the power to eject anyone from the game? Not just players or managers, but anyone. On June 26, 1985, at a minor league baseball game in Clearwater, Florida, the stadium organist played “Three Blind Mice” following a call by umpire Kevin O’Connor (born 1964). O’Connor was not amused, and ejected the organist, Wilbur Snapp (1920-2003), from the press box. Snapp spent the rest of the game in the stands making balloon mice for kids. Additional trivia note: O’Connor would go on to have a ten-year career as a Major League umpire and then became umpire evaluator for MLB. Snapp’s was the only ejection in O’Connor’s entire career. (Yer outta here!)

Now ... you know!

Amber Waves

The Spats

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Lakes

6. Electromotive force

9. Invests in little enterprises

13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach

14. Small sailboat

15. Actor Idris

16. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls

17. System that detects objects under water

18. Harsh, grating noise

19. Steward

21. A fencing sword

22. Infections

23. Actress Ryan

24. Sodium

25. Swedish castle

28. A lump of slime

29. African antelope

31. Insurance providers

33. Choosy

36. Ringworm

38. Unpolished

39. Drenches

41. Pant style

44. Son of Noah

45. Spiritual being

46. Upton Sinclair novel

48. Journalist Tarbell

49. Popular sports highlight show

51. Born of

52. Rich tapestry

54. S. China seaport

56. State of being unclothed

60. Surrounded by

61. Residue

62. Away from wind

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond

2. Spanish city

3. A sudden very loud sound

4. “The Indiana Jones of beer”

5. Tin

6. Sea eagles

7. Volcanic crater

8. Type of coat

9. Women’s apartments in Ottoman palace

10. Divulge a secret

11. Norwegian playwright

12. “It’s a Wonderful Life” director

14. Poisonous perennial plant

17. 18-year astronomical period

20. Clothes

21. Places to sit

23. Family of regulator genes

25. New York ballplayer

26. Impressive in size or scope

27. Jacques __, French biologist

29. One from the Big Apple

30. Genus of woolly lemurs

63. Dried-up

64. Visionary

65. A very large body of water

66. Garden tools

67. Screen type

68. Ancient Scandinavian poet

32. Songs to one’s beloved

34. Indigenous person of N.E. Thailand

35. Supplemented with difficulty

37. Farewell

40. Investment account (abbr.)

42. One from Utah

43. Begets

47. A male child

49. Break apart

50. Brief appearance

52. Partner to “oohed”

53. A light informal meal

55. Fabric with smooth, shiny surface

56. One billionth of a second

57. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

58. Close tightly

59. Mail out

61. Language

65. Computer characteristic

48. Polio vaccine developer

51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice

53. Actor Idris

54. Confederate soldiers

58. Criticize

SUDOKU

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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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Sudoku answer featured above. Crossword answer featured to the left.

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Houston Circuit District Attorney releases 2025 year-end report

By **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
ERIC Z. EDWARDS

For the past several years, the District Attorney’s Office for the Houston Judicial Circuit has provided year-end case statistics to our local media—a tradition we are proud to continue as we close the first year of my term as District Attorney. In keeping with my commitment to transparency in government, and because the men and women of this office achieved exceptional results for the people of Houston County in 2025, those accomplishments deserve to be highlighted.

Our office is comprised of 15 attorneys—myself and 14 Assistant District Attorneys—along with four investigators, six victim advocates, and nine administrative professionals. As a State Constitutional office, some positions are funded by the State of Georgia, though the majority are funded by Houston County. We began 2025 fully staffed and ended the year fully staffed as well—an achievement I am especially proud of given the well-documented prosecutor shortages across Georgia and the nation.

We did experience turnover for positive reasons. One ADA was appointed to elected office by Governor Kemp, and another was recruited by the Attorney General’s Office to lead human trafficking prosecutions in central Georgia.

Both positions were filled quickly, without disruption or backlog to any caseload. I would put the team of attorneys serving in this office up against any in the State, any day of the week.

In 2025, our office closed 4,689 cases across the Superior Court of Houston County and the Juvenile Court of Houston County—the two courts in which we operate. Those closures included 12 homicide cases, 82 serious violent felony cases, 44 felony sex cases, and 129 felony family violence cases. This represents an increase of 784 case closures over 2024 (3,905 cases), or a 20.1% year-over-year increase—the highest number of cases closed in any year since this office began publishing statistics.

By comparison, our office opened 3,644 cases in 2025, meaning we closed 1,045 more cases than we opened. One of my administration’s core goals has been reducing the time between arrest and case resolution—bringing justice to victims while evidence is still fresh and cases are strongest. By substantially reducing overall caseloads, we have positioned our prosecutors for earlier trial settings and more efficient case resolution going forward. The benefits of this work will be felt even more clearly in 2026.

A significant factor contributing to this increase in productivity was the addition of a fourth Superior Court Judge,



effective January 1, 2025. This resulted in eight additional felony criminal trial weeks compared to 2024. While this expansion placed increased demands on our prosecutors, the greatest burden was borne by our administrative staff and victim advocates, many of whom were required to support multiple courtrooms simultaneously. Thanks to the dedication of every member of this office, we experienced zero interruptions in courtroom operations throughout the year.

As a result of the expanded trial calendar, our office tried 28 felony jury trials in 2025— an increase over prior years. While the vast majority of convictions will always be obtained through guilty

pleas, the increased availability of jury trials played a critical role in resolving cases efficiently and appropriately. As noted in my media releases throughout the year, trial results in 2025 included eight life sentences for murder or rape and multiple decades-long sentences for offenses ranging from drug distribution to identify theft.

Our victim advocacy team once again set a record in 2025, documenting 69,227 victim contacts—up from the prior record of 61,987 set in 2024. These professionals are the unsung heroes of any prosecutor’s office, and especially ours, ensuring compliance with victim notification laws and providing consistent

support to those impacted by crime.

Additional highlights from 2025 include:

- Completion of the largest physical renovation of our office space since the Houston County Courthouse was built, which displaced our attorneys into shared space for the first two months of the year—without any disruption to courtroom services.
- Senior Assistant District Attorney Mike Smith being named the statewide Assistant District Attorney of the Year for mid-sized offices at the Prosecuting Attorneys Council’s annual Summer Conference.
- Accomplishing all of the above without accepting any new grant funding during the year.

Serving the people of Houston County as their District Attorney has been a career-long goal of mine after spending years in this office as an Assistant District Attorney. I could not have asked for a better first year than what my staff delivered in 2025. Serving this office and our community is the highest professional honor I could imagine, and I look forward to continuing these positive trends into 2026.

A first-class prosecutor’s office is essential to any community committed to the rule of law and public safety. Thanks to the dedication and professionalism of the men and women who work here every day, that is exactly what Houston County has.

Warner Robins man arrested after multi-county chase in December

By **CAROLINE**
WEATHERSBY
Georgia Trust for Local News

A high speed pursuit in Twiggs and Houston counties last month led to the arrest of a convicted sex offender.

Tytrez Marshall of Warner Robins was identified as the driver and arrested on several charges including traffic violations observed during the chase and active warrants.

On Dec. 12, members of the Twiggs County Sheriff’s Office were patrolling on GA 96 as a part of its High Visibility Enforcement for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign.

Officials say at about 2:34 p.m., Deputy Alexia Marks was traveling on Hwy 96 when she noticed a black Dodge Challenger traveling well over the speed limit in the oppo-

site direction. The deputy made a speed check on the vehicle and found the Challenger was traveling 96 mph in a 55 mph zone. While passing Marks, the driver sped up to 114 mph.

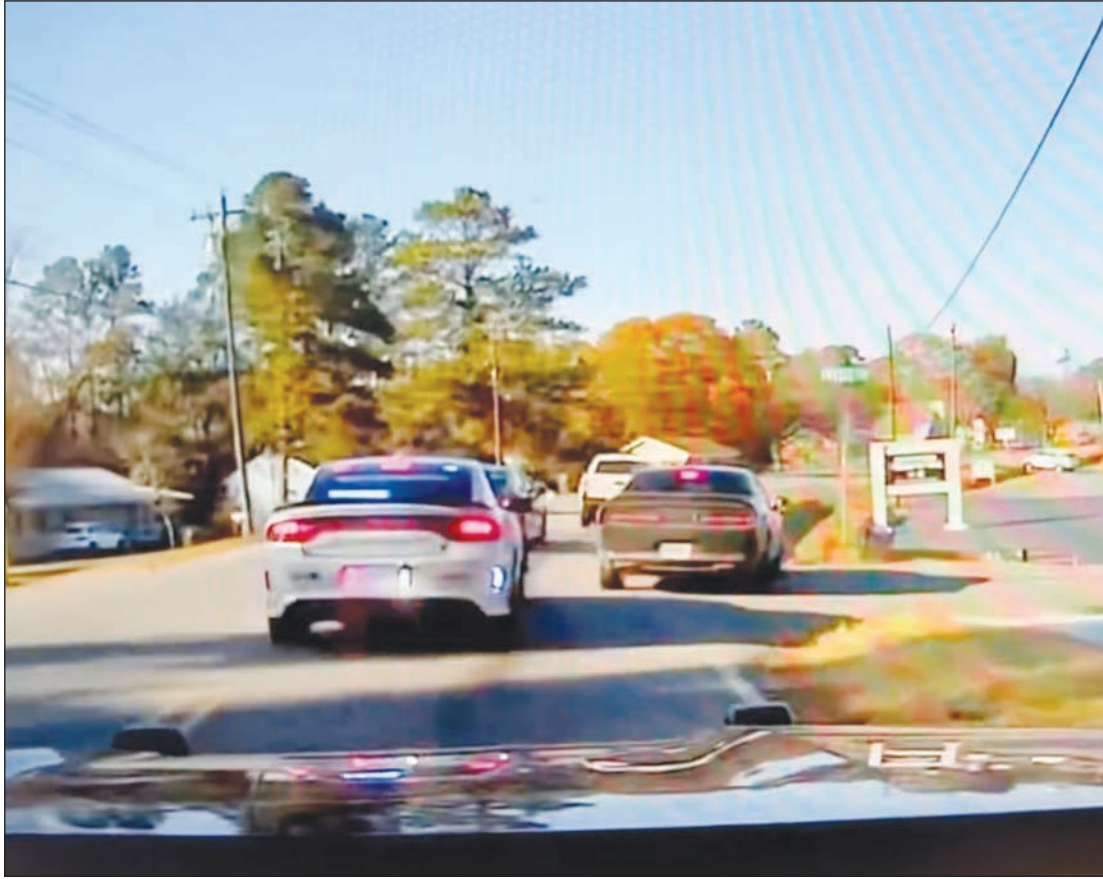
Deputy Marks turned around to attempt a traffic stop, but the vehicle continued without any sign of pulling over. The TCSO then began a pursuit of the vehicle that would last for several miles, eventually traveling into Houston County, where the Houston County Sheriff’s Office joined in on the pursuit.

While in Warner Robins, the challenger slowed and crashed into a vehicle at the intersection of Pleasant Hill Road and Pattie Drive. No major injuries were reported.

Law enforcement quickly surrounded the Challenger, and a female passenger exited from the



Courtesy: TSCO’s Facebook page
Tytrez Marshall was arrested for multiple traffic violations and active warrants after fleeing from law enforcement in Twiggs and Houston Counties.



passenger side door.

According to officials, Tytrez Marshall, who was still in the driver’s seat, held a box cutter to his throat and cut his neck. He indicated he did not want to go to prison.

Another passenger struggled with him inside the vehicle, attempting to get the weapon away from Marshall. Deputies intervened and Marshall was secured without any further harm to himself.

Officials say the cut to Marshall’s throat was not life threatening, however, due to the wreck, Marshall was transported to a Houston County hospital to be cleared before he was taken to jail.

Marshall was taken into custody on several traffic violations and for warrants active in nearby counties. Marshall had multiple felony warrants for his arrest in Bibb and Dodge counties on charges of failure to register as a sex offender and violation of probation.

According to the TSCO,

Marshall will face his charges in Bibb and Dodge Counties before returning to Twiggs and Houston to face his traffic violations charges. In Twiggs, he faces charges of felony fleeing, speeding, reckless driving and failure to maintain insurance.

The two passengers in the vehicle were released on the scene without charges.

Marshall is currently being held at the Bibb County Jail.

In a post made to social media, a TSCO official wrote, “Mr. Marshall made several bad decisions, please rethink should you decide to break the law. Do not involve innocent lives in your thoughtless decisions. If you choose

to make these potentially fatal mistakes... you will be arrested and taken straight to jail.”

Chief Deputy Buddy Long warns drivers to be careful when on the roads and to always be aware of other vehicles, even when you have the right of way.

“A thing I always tell my family is when you’re driving, it’s like you’re driving for two people. You’re driving for yourself and you got to constantly be watching for what other people are doing,” he said. “You come up to a four way, you come up to a red light, and when it turns green, always look. You never know, the person coming on the other side may not be paying attention.”

HARPER

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When Dad left the government’s employment in the early 1980’s, the public was still capable of being outraged over spending scandals. Those my age or older can remember news stories about \$600 hammers and \$7,000 coffee pots. The backlash was real, even if the cost accounting was just sloppy.

By the time I did a stint in a government contracting role about two decades ago, a procurement scandal involving tens of millions in documented fraud, waste, and abuse could barely get anyone’s attention. I know this, because I spent almost two years

trying to escalate the problem within proper channels. It was viewed as just the cost of doing business.

A couple of budget cycles ago, one of the priorities was to give the IRS enough additional funds equivalent to the cost of hiring 87,000 additional auditors. The stated goal was to make sure the right amount of money was being taken from us to give to the government.

The American people are now coming to the realization that systematic fraud has been occurring throughout the federal government. Those who have spent careers believing the “Defense Industrial Complex” is the only place money can go

to be misdirected into private profits are enduring a huge wakeup call as to the size and scope of where our tax money is actually spent. It appears states are not just complicit, but actively engaged in expanding the theft.

If we were to actually add 87,000 federal employees anywhere, I would agree that they should be auditors – just not those on the side of collecting the funds. The American people need to have assurance that when their hard earned tax dollars are paid, they go to where they were intended- and achieve promised results. We need more competent and honorable people on the inside, doing that job again.

ILLNESS

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The release said the child had become ill and was taken to Emory Healthcare Warner Robins Emergency Room by her parents around 7 p.m. that evening. The child

passed away a short time after arriving.

The Coroner’s Office said the identity of the child will not be released. The death is being investigated by the Houston County Coroner’s Office, along with the Houston County Sheriff’s Office

Juvenile Division.

“An autopsy is being conducted at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab to determine the cause and manner of death,” the release said.

No further information has been released at this time.

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COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: Shirley Oliver
All creditors of the Estate of Shirley Oliver, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 16, 2025
Harry Oliver, Executor
103 Cedar Ct.
Warner Robins, GA 31088
53107 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1951
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: ESTATE OF ETTA REBECCA STUCKEY, DECEASED.
All creditors of the Estate of Etta Rebecca Stuckey, deceased, of Houston County are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This 22nd day of December, 2025.
William Donald Stuckey, Sr. Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Etta Rebecca Stuckey, Deceased
P.O. Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
William R. Jerles, Jr.
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
53439 12/31/25-1/21/26

25-1890
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: MARTHA GERAINE WILLIAMS
All creditors of the Estate of Martha Geraine Williams, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 9, 2025
Craig Williams
Executor of the Will of Martha Geraine Williams
109 Jane Drive
Warner Robins, GA 31093
Robert T. Tuggle, III
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
52923 12/17/25-1/7/26

25-1940
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: ESTATE OF CATHERINE ANN HARTMAN, DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of CATHERINE ANN HARTMAN, Deceased, late of HOUSTON County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Samantha D. Hartman
Administrator/Executor of CATHERINE ANN HARTMAN, deceased
366 ROSEGLEN DRIVE
MARIETTA, GA 30066
Address
53328 12/31/25-1/21/26

25-1956
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: SARA BARFIELD HERRON
All creditors of the Estate of Sara Barfield Herron, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 22, 2025
Kay Herron
Administrator with Will Annexed
Estate of Sara Barfield Herron
200 White Columns Drive
Kathleen, GA 31047
Robert R. Lawson
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
53497 12/31/25-1/21/26

25-1884
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**
All creditors of the Estate of VIRGINIA ANN GREGORY, deceased, of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 8th day of December 2025.
Suzanne Paige Gregory, Executrix
c/o Rebecca C. Moody
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC
P.O. Box 422
Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238
52858 12/17/25-1/7/26

25-1910
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: MARIAN ECHOLS STUBBS
All creditors of the Estate of Marian Echols Stubbs, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 15, 2025
Wayne D. Stubbs
Executor of the Estate of Marian Echols Stubbs
345 County Club View
Haynesville, NC 28904
Robert R. Lawson
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
53095 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1914
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: JULIA NYJEL LEONARD
All creditors of the Estate of Julia Nyjel Leonard, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 15, 2025
Kerri Jo Fietkau Collins
Brian Joseph Fietkau
Executors of the Will
Julia Nyjel Leonard
204 Ivey Glen Drive
Perry, GA 31069
Robert T. Tuggle, III
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
53102 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1957
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**
All creditors of the estate of SUSIE S. CHEEK, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned, according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 22nd day of December 2025.
DEANNE C. PECK, Executor of the Estate of SUSIE S. CHEEK, Deceased
c/o Lisa R. Coody
Attorney for Executor
1719 Russell Parkway, Bldg. 200
Warner Robins, Georgia 31088
(478) 922-3010
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25-1880
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: Alexander Sean Tolbert
All creditors of the Estate of Alexander Sean Tolbert, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
12/5/2025
Nora Menke, Executor
121 Wray St.
Warner Robins, GA 31093
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25-1921
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**
IN RE: ESTATE OF ALVIN SOLOMON COLEMAN, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2025-ES-445
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
Re: Estate of Alvin Solomon Coleman
All creditors of the Estate of Alvin Solomon Coleman deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
This 17th day of December, 2025.
Tara Tourville, Esq.
Attorney for Estate of Alvin Solomon Coleman
446 S. Houston Lake Road
Warner Robins, GA 31088
(478) 333-6502
53246 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1889
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: ESTATE OF BRUCE EDWARD ROUNTREE
(also referred to as Bruce Edward Roundtree)
ESTATE NO. 2023-ES-245
All creditors of the estate of Bruce Edward Rountree late of El Paso County, Colorado, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 8th day of December 2025.
NAME: Angelia Solomon, Administrator
ADDRESS: 120 Saddlehorn Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088
52914 12/17/25-1/7/26

25-1936
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: BERTHA ALEAN JUMP, DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of Bertha Alean Jump, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
Roy Howard Jump and Kathleen Jump Armstrong are the Co-Executors of the estate of Bertha Alean Jump. Edwin S. Varner, Jr., Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088, (478) 922-3010.
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25-1904
**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON**
IN RE: Estate of Rose Ann Stubbs
All creditors of the Estate of Rose Ann Stubbs, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.
Kristin Little
106 Ashley Court
Warner Robins, Georgia 31093
Shirley R. Watson Attorney at Law
1520 Watson Blvd
Warner Robins, Georgia 31093
(478) 328-7464
53032 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1909
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: DEREK ANTON VARGA
All creditors of the Estate of Derek Anton Varga, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 15, 2025
Dennis Michael Varga
Executors of the Will
Of Derek Anton Varga
155 Morris Lane
Grants Pass, Oregon 97527
Robert T. Tuggle, III
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
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25-1912
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: ERNEST WENDELL POPE.
All creditors of the estate of Ernest Wendell Pope, late of Houston County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment this 15th day of December 2025 to Erica Pope-Sharpe, c/o Attorney:
Tim J. Thompson,
1900B Northside Crossing,
Macon, GA 31210,
478-471-9900.
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25-1929
**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**
All creditors of the Estate of CATHERINE D. MORRIS, deceased, of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 17th day of December 2025.
Steve Grissom, Executor
c/o Rebecca C. Moody
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC
P.O. Box 422
Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238
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25-1888
N O T I C E T O DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
All creditors of the estate of JEFFERY BLOOM, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
TIFFANY DAVIS WHITE, Co-Executor of the Estate of JEFFERY BLOOM
304 North Star Road
Perry, Georgia 31069
AND
FREDRICK CHARLES COURTNEY BLOOM,
Co-Executor of the Estate of JEFFERY BLOOM
10375 Welleby Isles Lane
Sunrise, Florida 33351
Jordan L. Reab
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
PO Box 1770
Perry, GA 31069
478-987-1415
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25-1908
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: BENJAMIN DAVID HILDERBRAND
All creditors of the Estate of Benjamin David Hilderbrand, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
December 15, 2025
Sarah H. Sullivan
Benjamin David Hilderbrand, II
Executors of the Will
Of Benjamin David Hilderbrand
104 Buckingham Pl.
Perry, GA 31069
Robert T. Tuggle, III
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
53089 12/24/25-1/14/26

Foreclosures

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 PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 26, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 995, PAGE 225, DATED 11/09/1992 RECORDED 11/18/1992 HOUSTON COUNTY RECORDS.

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

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**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated September 2, 2011, from Marc A. McDowell to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, LLC, recorded on September 7, 2011 in Deed Book 5618 at Page 342 Houston County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by Assignment and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated September 2, 2011, in the amount of \$166,839.00 said note being modified by Loan Modification agreement and recorded on April 21, 2022 in Book 9668 Page 233 in the real property records of Houston County, Georgia, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Houston County, Georgia, on February 3, 2026 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"): ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 52 OF THE 10TH LAND DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF PERRY, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 59, LONG-BRIDGE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 72, PAGES 148- 152, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID LOT HAS SUCH SIZE, SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT, WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO A 25-FOOT BUILDING SETBACK LINE ALONG LOT FRONT, 8- FOOT BUILDING SETBACK LINE ALONG LOT SIDES, AND 25-FOOT BUILDING SETBACK LINE ALONG LOT REAR, ALL AS SHOWN ON RECORDED SUBDIVISION PLAT. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL ZONING ORDINANCES, CONDITIONS, EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS OF RECORD. THERE ARE IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED ON SAID PROPERTY KNOWN AS 111 TYNDALL WAY ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING IN THE CITY OF PERRY, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA. THIS IS THE SAME AND IDENTICAL PROPERTY CONVEYED TO GRANTOR BY WARRANTY DEED OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 5575, PAGE 233, HOUSTON COUNTY RECORDS. The debt secured by the Security Deed and evidenced by the Note has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining is in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed, accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees. Notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees has been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in possession of the property is/are Marc A. McDowell. The property, being commonly known as 111 Tyndall Way, Perry, GA, 31069 in Houston County, will be sold as the property of Marc A. McDowell, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed.

PURPOSES. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as 109 Nottingham Road, Warner Robins, GA 31088 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Clinton M McGuffin or tenant or tenants. State Home Mortgage is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. State Home Mortgage Michael Galloway Loss Mitigation 60 Executive Park S. NE Atlanta, GA 30329-2231 404-679-0624 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and 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. Georgia Housing and Finance Authority as agent and Attorney in Fact for Clinton M McGuffin Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 2130-120A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 2130-120A

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es, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, 888-480-2432. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Albertelli Law
Attorney for Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Marc A. McDowell
100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 1000
Atlanta, GA 30339
Phone: (770) 373-4242
THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. -25-017109

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25-1960
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45
TO: CMD HOMES, LLC, AND ROBERT J. KAUFMAN, RA, AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OF REAL PROPERTY: TAKE NOTICE THAT: The right to redeem the following described property, to writ: All and only that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 215 of the Tenth (10th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, containing 0.67 acres, more or less, being known and designated as Lot 18, Block B, Section 1, Wind River Subdivision, according to a plat of survey prepared by Story, Clarke & Associates, Robert J. Story, GRLS No. 1853, recorded in Plat Book 65, Pages 28-29, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference for all purposes.

Said lot is a portion of those tracts described in Deed Book 7890, Pages 344-345, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court, and is further described as Houston County Tax Map & Parcel 0P49B0 057000, with an address of 617 Shoshone Circle, Perry, Georgia 31069.

will expire and forever be foreclosed and barred on and after the 6th day of February, 2026. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of June, 2024 and is recorded in the office of Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Deed Book 10498, Page 95, subsequently transferred to the present holder by deed recorded in the same office in Deed Book 10632, Pages 560-561.

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

Please be governed accordingly. Michael L. Chidester
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1704
Byron, Georgia 31008
478-956-1643
michael@rightmikelaw.com
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25-1965
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY**
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Chaspert Felton, Joanna Felton to Cliffrance Services, Inc. dated May 3, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 3825, Page 270, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-R2 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 10758, Page 598, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO AND 87/100 DOLLARS (\$105,672.87), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2026, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-1-11 having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named party or parties. U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-R2 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to nego-

tiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Fay Servicing, LLC, 425 S. Financial Place, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60605, 800-495-7166.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Chaspert Felton, Joanna Felton and Estate of Felton or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **303 Woodhaven Road, Centerville, GA 31028**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-R2 as Attorney in Fact for

Chaspert Felton, Joanna Felton
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Rd
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurerehotline.net

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

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

MR / MA February 3, 2026
Our file no. 25-18921GA-FT18
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from PAULA A TRIBUTE TO MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS GRANTEE, AS NOMINEE FOR GUARANTEED RATE, INC., dated July 21, 2022, recorded August 10, 2022, in Deed Book 9805, Page 184, Houston County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$250,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, 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 121 OF THE TENTH (10TH) LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 38, PHASE NO. 1 OF THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS WOODEN EAGLE PLANTATION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY, PREPARED BY WADDLE & COMPANY, CERTIFIED BY THEODORE W. WADDLE, JR., GEORGIA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2139, DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005, A COPY OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 65, PAGES 86-87, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES.

THIS CONVEYANCE AND THE WARRANTIES HEREINAFTER CONTAINED ARE MADE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAYS AFFECTING SAID DESCRIBED PROPERTY AS SHOWN ON THE ABOVE REFERENCED PLAT OF SURVEY AND AS RECORDED IN PUBLIC RECORDS IN ADDITION TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS OF RECORD AT DEED BOOK 3614, PAGES 31-43, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT.

SAID PROPERTY IS KNOWN AS, UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING FOR HOUSTON COUNTY GEORGIA AS 103 BOULDER CREEK ROAD, KATHLEEN, GA 31047

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **103 BOULDER CREEK RD, KATHLEEN, GA 31047**.

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

Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants; and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is PAULA A TRIBUTE, 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: LoanCare, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 3637 Sentara Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23542, Telephone Number: 800-909-9525. 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.

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC as Attorney in Fact for
PAULA A TRIBUTE
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
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF HOUSTON

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Edward Ross Oliver to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR BROKER SOLUTIONS, INC., DBA NEW AMERICAN FUNDING, dated January 12, 2022 and recorded on January 14, 2022 in Deed Book 9538, Page 146, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Six and 00/100 dollars (\$223,646.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to New American Funding LLC F/K/A Broker Solutions, Inc., D/B/A New American Funding, recorded in Deed Book 10713, Page 133, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 176 OF THE TENTH (10TH) LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 20, OF A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS SADIE HEIGHTS, SECTION 1, PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY BEING OF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 82, PAGE 336, CLERKS OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES.

THIS CONVEYANCE AND THE WARRANTIES HEREINAFTER CONTAINED ARE MADE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY AFFECTING SAID DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN ADDITION TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, AS CONTAINED IN INSTRUMENT OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 9421 PAGES 171-196, CLERKS OFFICE HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT.

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

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

The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is New American Funding, 8201 North FM 620, Suite 120, Austin, TX 78726 800-893-5304.

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

New American Funding, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for
Edward Ross Oliver Contact:
Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER,
HOUSTON COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Robert L. Nunn, III to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns dated 4/15/2015 and recorded in Deed Book 6849 Page 4 Houston County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by PHH Mortgage Corporation, conveying the afterdescribed property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$78,945.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on February 3, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: The following described property: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 167 of the Fifth (5th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 9, Block "A", or a subdivision of the Northern Portion of Sherwood Hills Subdivision according to a plat of said subdivision, which is of record in Plat Book 5, Page 103, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes. Assessor's Parcel No: 0W058C 001000 The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **102 Maid Marion Ct, 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): Dee Anna Nunn or tenant or tenants. PHH Mortgage Corporation is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. PHH Mortgage Corporation 1661 Worthington Rd Suite 100 West Palm Beach, FL 33409 (800) 750-2518 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to

negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. PHH Mortgage Corporation as agent and Attorney in Fact for Robert L. Nunn, III Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1017-7778A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1017-7778A

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Gabriel T Blackburn to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., its successors and assigns dated June 29, 2016, recorded in Deed Book 7220, Page 168, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 8470, Page 30, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$135,850.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2026, the following described property:

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

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

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

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

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Suite 300, Greenville, SC 29601, (800) 365-7107. Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Gabriel T Blackburn or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **109 Stewart Court, Warner Robins, GA 31093**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

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

Gabriel T Blackburn
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
1544 Old Alabama Rd
Roswell, GA 30076
www.foreclosurerehotline.net

EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 128 of the Fifth (5th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 5, Block "C", Section No. 1, of a Subdivision known as Briarwood, according to a plat of survey prepared by Story Surveying Company, certified by Robert L. Story, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1853, dated June 6, 1978, a copy of which is of record in Plat Book 21, Page 148, 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.

MR / KR February 3, 2026
Our file no. 22-07776GA-FT18
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER,
HOUSTON COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Kerde Hilary Evans to Sunmark Community Bank dated 5/12/2017 and recorded in Deed Book 7511 Page 121 and modified at Deed Book 8014 Page 91 Houston County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Ameris Bank, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$424,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on February 3, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 73 OF THE

ELEVENTH (11TH) LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 1, BLOCK "G", SECTION NO. 2 PHASE NO. 3, SOUTHFIELD PLANTATION SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY BEING OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 57, PAGES 160-161, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. HIS CONVEYANCE AND THE WARRANTIES HEREINAFTER CONTAINED ARE MADE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, COVENANTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY AFFECTING SAID DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN ADDITION TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS CONTAINED IN INSTRUMENT OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 1784, PAGES 52-62, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **226 Southfield Court, Bonaire, GA 31005** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Kerde H. Evans or tenant or tenants. Ameris Bank is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Ameris Bank Loss Mitigation Department 1 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 380 Lake Zurich, IL 60047 1-866-397-5370 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immediately above. Ameris Bank as agent and Attorney in Fact for Kerde Hilary Evans Aldridge Pite, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1072-753A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1072-753A

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

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from Allison Whitney Blaizis to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR SUCCESS MORTGAGE PARTNERS, INC., dated February 18, 2022 and recorded on March 7, 2022 in Deed Book 9603, Page 267, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Four and 00/100 dollars (\$137,464.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, recorded in Deed Book 9962, Page 66, aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2026, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Land Lot 71, Fifth Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 8, Block "G", The Arbors Subdivision, Section 3, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 67, Pages 37-38, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes.

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

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

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

The individual or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 75 Beattie Place, Greenville, SC 29601, 1-800-365-7107. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: a) zoning ordinances; b) matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; c) any outstanding ad valorem taxes, including taxes, which constitute liens upon said property whether or not now due and payable; d) special assessments; e) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; f) all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; g) all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Allison Whitney Blaizis and or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to 1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy code and 2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing as Attorney-in-Fact for Allison Whitney Blaizis Contact: Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520

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

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

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 184 of the Tenth (10th) Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 65, Phase V, Section "C", Walker Grove Subdivision, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 65, Pages 2-3, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated herein for all purposes.

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

Address under current system of numbering: 301 Patton Way, Kathleen, Georgia. Said property may more commonly be known as **301 Patton Way, Kathleen, GA 31047**.

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

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

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

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing as Attorney-in-Fact for William Reynolds Contact: Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Valeria Brown to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for The Mortgage Center, Inc., its successors and assigns dated February 21, 2007, recorded in Deed Book 4191, Page 92, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2021-GS2 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 10647, Page 157, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$106,800.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2026, the following described property:

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

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

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2021-GS2 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Selene Finance LP, 3501 Olympus Boulevard, 57th Floor, Suite 500, Coppell, TX 75019, (877)683759.

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 highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit: Land Situated in the County of Houston in the State of GA

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 226 OF THE TENTH LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 2, BLOCK "A", SECTION NO. 1, PHASE NO. 2, SOUTH OAKS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY BROXTON & ASSOCIATES, DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1979, AND RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 22, PAGE 293, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Commonly known as: 115 Feagin Mill Rd, Warner Robins, GA 31088-6203

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

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

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

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

The property is or may be in the possession of Peter D. Miller and Cathy H. Miller, successor in interest or tenant(s).

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. as Attorney-in-Fact for Peter D. Miller AND Cathy H. Miller

File no. 25-083515

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP* Attorneys and Counselors at Law 211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 130 Atlanta, GA 30346 (770) 220-2535 https://www.logs.com/

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
STATE OF GEORGIA
HOUSTON COUNTY

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

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 2/3/2026 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash Before the Courthouse door of the Houston County Courthouse, 201 N. Perry Parkway, Perry, Georgia 31069 of Houston, the following described property situated in Houston County, Georgia, to wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 184 OF THE TENTH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 94, WALKER'S GROVE SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3-A, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 51, PAGE 109, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Tax Parcel ID: 00080D 094000

Being real property commonly known as **102 GROVE LANE KATHLEEN, GA 31047**

The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby.

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

Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is".

The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee.

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

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

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

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

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

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TS # 2025-19493-GA

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
Georgia, Houston County Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given by Edward James Osborne and Tracey Osborne, as joint tenants with survivorship and not as tenants in common to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Grantor, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated 3/3/2021, and recorded on 3/16/2021, in Instrument No.: 016412890022, Deed Book 9055, Page 191, Houston County, Georgia records, as last assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on 2/5/2025 in Instrument No.: -- Deed Book 10604, Page 53, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$249,158.00, with interest thereon as provided for 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 2/3/2026, the following described property: All That Tract Or Parcel Of Land Situate, Lying And Being In Land Lot 255 Of The Tenth Land District, Houston County, Georgia, Being Known And Designated As Lot 3, Block "E", Section No. 2, Phase No. 2, Windsor Forest Subdivision, According To A Plat Of Survey Of Record In Plat Book 27, Page 52, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said Plat And The Recorded Copy Thereof Are Incorporated By Reference For All Purposes. Said property is commonly known as **123 Fernwood Dr Warner Robins, GA 31088**. The indebtedness 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 the sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorneys' fees (notice of intent to collect attorneys' 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: Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Attention: Loss Mitigation Department, 11988 EXIT 5 PKWY BLDG 4 FISHERS IN 46037-7939, Telephone No.: (855) 690-5900. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the security instrument. 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), 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 other matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party(ies) in possession of the property is (are) Edward James Osborne and Tracey Osborne, as joint tenants with survivorship and not as tenants in common or tenant(s) or other occupants. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure. The sale is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being Freedom Mortgage Corporation as Attorney in Fact for Edward James Osborne and Tracey Osborne, as joint tenants with survivorship and not as tenants in common. Nestor Solutions, LLC 214 5th Street, Suite 205, Huntington Beach, California 92648, (888) 403-4115, TS # 2025-19493-GA. For sale information, visit: https://www.nestortrustee.com/sales-information.com or call (888) 902-3989.

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25-1942

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
State of Georgia, County of Houston

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by DeAndre Lamanta Reynolds to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homestar Financial Corp. (the Secured Creditor), dated April 17, 2020, and Recorded on April 22, 2020 as Book No. 8568 and Page No. 248, Houston County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$227,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, as last assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by assignment that is or to be recorded in the Houston County, Georgia Records, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Houston County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in FEBRUARY, 2026, the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 73 of the 5th District of Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 175 of Amelia Place Subdivision, Phase 6, as shown on that certain Plat of said Subdivision recorded in Plat Book 80, Page 281, Houston County, Georgia records, said Plat being incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

Tax ID: 00046H175000

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

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC may be contacted at: 1-800-790-9502 or by writing to 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 200-A, Anaheim, CA 92806.

Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §44-14-162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan.

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **158 AMELIA DRIVE, BYRON, GA 31008** is/are: DeAndre Lamanta Reynolds or tenant/ tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.

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

the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.

Funds used at sale shall be in certified funds and payable to "Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC".

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for DeAndre Lamanta Reynolds.

Any information obtained on this matter may be used by the debt collector to collect the debt. Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC, 339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)-509-5078. File: 25-43520

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25-1954

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, HOUSTON COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Johnny B Flournoy and Willa L Flournoy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and assigns dated 1/24/2006 and recorded in Deed Book 3718 Page 348 Houston County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2021-R2, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2021-R2, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$71,760.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on February 3, 2026 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 173 OF THE 5TH LAND DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 9, BLOCK M, MILLER HILLS ESTATES ANNEX SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 95, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID LOT HAS SUCH SIZE, SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL ZONING ORDINANCES, CONDITIONS, EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS OF RECORD. There are improvements located on said property known as **308 Pine Valley Drive**, according to the present system of numbering in the City of Warner Robins, Houston County, Georgia. Deed Reference: Deed Book 1785, Page 337, Houston County Records. The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as 308 Pinevalley Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Estate and/or Heirs of Johnny B Flournoy and Willa L Flournoy or tenant or tenants. Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. is the entity or individual designated, who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage. Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. Loan Resolution Department 3217 South Decker Lake Drive Salt Lake City, UT 84119 (888) 818-6032 Note, however, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan. Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and 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 Pitty, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400. 1012-239A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1012-239A

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25-1964

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

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

bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in February, 2026, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: GITSIT Solutions, LLC f/k/a Kondaur Capital, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 333 South Anita Drive Suite 400, Orange, CA 92688, Telephone Number: 888-566-3287. Nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require a secured creditor to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

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

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

Attorney Contact: Rubin Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. KCP-25-05304-1 Ad Run Dates 01/07/2026, 01/14/2026, 01/21/2026, 01/28/2026 rselaw.com/property-listing

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Incorporations

25-1949

Notice of Incorporation

Notice is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Prime Legacy Landscaping Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 120B Osigan Blvd, Suite 200, Warner Robins, Georgia 31088 and its initial registered agent at such address is Carolynn Dorsey.

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25-1946

Notice of Intent to Voluntarily Dissolve a Corporation

Notice is given that a notice of Intent to dissolve R & R Williams Family Holdings LLC, a Georgia corporation with its registered office at 200 Jericho Road, Box C-12, Fort Valley, Georgia 31030 has been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code.

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25-1948

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

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

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Miscellaneous

25-1930

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF PEACH COUNTY, GEORGIA
IN THE MATTER OF: JUVENILE FILE #7455-J G.D., SEX M, AGE 2, DOB 08/23/2023, CASE #111-2025J-102 CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ALLISON RAINE BARKLEY-DUNCAN; JASON LANE DICKSON, JR., AND ANY OTHER PARTY CLAIMING TO HAVE A PARENTAL INTEREST IN SAID MINOR CHILD.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the above styled action seeking the termination of the parental rights of the parents of the named child was filed against you in said Court on 12/15/25, by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on 12/4/25;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Peach County, Georgia, in Fort Valley, Georgia, on the 13th day of January, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. for a status hearing (attorney appointment only) and on the 10th day of March, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. The second hearing is for the purpose of determining whether your parental rights should be terminated. The effect of an order terminating parental rights under O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-284 is without limit as to duration and terminates all the parent's rights and obligations with respect to the child and all rights and obligations of the child to the parent arising from the parental relationship, including rights of inheritance. The parent whose rights are terminated is not thereafter entitled to notice of proceedings for the adoption of the child by another, nor has the parent any right to object to the adoption or otherwise to participate in the proceedings.

A copy of the petition may be obtained by the parents from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court at Peach County Courthouse, Fort

Valley, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 o'clock am until 5:00 o'clock p.m. exclusive of holidays. A free copy shall be available to the parent. Upon request, the copy will be mailed to the requester - parents or alleged parents only. The child is in the present physical custody of the Petitioner, the Peach County Department of Family and Children Services.

The general nature of the allegations is termination of the parental rights.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that while responsive pleadings are not mandatory, they are permissible and you are encouraged to file with the Clerk of this Court and serve upon Petitioner's attorney, James E. Patterson, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029-1006 an answer or other responsive pleading within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE Judge of said Juvenile Court.

This 15th day of December, 2025.

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

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25-1987

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien of said property pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia code sections 10-4-210 to 10-4-215.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on January 12th, 2026, at 12 PM on

storageauction.com

for 7 days. Richmond Mini Storage, 1219 s Houston Lake Rd, Warner Robins GA 31088.(P) 478-988-0386.

Storage # 21 - Seanna Milam

***21:** TV, toys, baby activity table, headboard, footboard, misc.

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IN THE STATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2025CV0058602 GABRIEL ROSS, as legal guardian and parent of, KYLAR ROSS (MINOR), Plaintiff, v. LAUREN THIGPEN, Defendant.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: Lauren Thigpen 112 Ridgewood Drive Centerville, GA 31028

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

WITNESS the Honorable Jason Ashford, Judge of this Court.

This 23rd day of Dec., 2025.

Teresa Hathaway, Clerk State Court of Houston County Georgia.

Prepared by: Nick Schnyder Law Firm, LLC Daniela Martinez, Esq. 351 Atlanta Street, SE Marietta, GA 30060 Phone: 404-999-1111 Fax: 404-341-9969 Attorney: dmartinez@schnyderlawfirm.com Paralegal: dmcormick@schnyderlawfirm.com

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25-1900

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF: Z. P., SEX M, AGE 1, DOB 06/13/2024, CASE #2501660 G.L., SEX M, AGE 3, DOB 11/06/2021, CASE #2501661

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

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

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 01/14/26 at 12:30 o'clock p.m., and on 2/11/26 at 8:30 a.m. for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Houston County Juvenile Court Clerk.

WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, this 10th day of December, 2025.

CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

53024 12/17/25-1/7/26

25-1985

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE (TOWING OR STORAGE COMPANY)

You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCCGA 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: GMC Year: 2023 Model: Yukon Vehicle ID #: 1GKSD2KL6PR839954 Vehicle License #: NO TAG State:

Vehicle Make: Dodge Year: 2013 Model: Challenger Vehicle ID #: 2C3CDYAG7DH578727 Vehicle License #: SCJ3562 State: GA

Vehicle Make: Dodge Year: 2008 Model: Ram 1500 Vehicle ID #: 1D7HU18N18S539228 Vehicle License #: BCJ585 State: KY

Vehicle Make: Nissan Year: 2017 Model: Maxima Vehicle ID #: 1N4AA6AP0HC406067 Vehicle License #: SJB5807 State: GA

Vehicle Make: Volkswagen

Year: 2019
Model: Jetta
Vehicle ID #: 3VWCB7BU2KM224674
Vehicle License #: SIG8762
State: GA

Vehicle Make: Ford
Year: 2002
Model: Mustang
Vehicle ID #: 1FAFP40452F117238
Vehicle License #: SKJ0050
State: GA

Vehicle Make: Honda
Year: 2010
Model: Accord
Vehicle ID #: 1HGPC2P77AA125082
Vehicle License #: PPF8847
State: GA

Vehicle Make: Chevrolet
Year: 2004
Model: Blazer
Vehicle ID #: 1GNCS18X64K145267
Vehicle License #: SJT7119
State: GA

Vehicle Make: Ford
Year: 2002
Model: Crown Victoria
Vehicle ID #: 2FAFP71W42X111730
Vehicle License #: NO TAG
State:

Vehicle Make: Chevrolet
Year: 2018
Model: Traverse
Vehicle ID #: 1GNERFKW6JJ219600
Vehicle License #: CWZ5819
State: GA

Vehicle Make: Honda
Year: 2007
Model: Accord
Vehicle ID #: 1HGCM56457A221303
Vehicle License #: SJU4502
State: GA

Vehicle Make: Chevrolet
Year: 2001
Model: Cavalier
Vehicle ID #: 1G1JC12471246482
Vehicle License #: SHN9983
State: GA

Vehicle Make: BMW
Year: 2003
Model: 330i
Vehicle ID #: WBAEV53413KM32511
Vehicle License #: SDT6481
State: GA

Vehicle Make: Honda
Year: 2001
Model: Civic
Vehicle ID #: 1HGES1654L077657
Vehicle License #: SJJ1637
State: GA

Vehicle Make: Dodge
Year: 2017
Model: Challenger
Vehicle ID #: 2C3CDXH2H52021
Vehicle License #: DAS7741
State: GA

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
53809 1/7-1/14

25-1974
AUCTION
(Perry Self Storage):
NOTICE OF SALE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PERRY SELF STORAGE (518 GENERAL COURTNEY HODGES BLVD. PERRY, GA 31069) INTENDS TO SELL THE PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW TO ENFORCE A LIEN ON SAID PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE GEORGIA CODE SECTIONS 10-4-210 TO 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Tuesday, January 20th, 2026., 2025 at 10:30 a.m. online at www.StorageTreasures.com, property found in the following units:

Gray, James – **Unit 129**
Various Household Goods

Johnson, Bobby – **Unit 142**
Various Household Goods

Askew, Tavaris – **Unit 144**
Various Household Goods

Manning, Dorothy – **Unit 167**
Various Household Goods

Lancaster, Crystal – **Unit 180**
Various Household Goods

Lancaster, Crystal – **Unit 181**
Various Household Goods

Hadden, Ericka – **Unit 222**
Various Household Goods

Goldwire, Veronica – **Unit 233**
Various Household Goods

Tenants have the right to redeem prior to sale. You can reach us at 478-218-2674.
53695 1/7

25-1915
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
C. M., SEX M, AGE 17, DOB 10/11/2008, CASE #2501714
CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, SHAMICA MONLYN (mother); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD
You are notified that a Petition for a Finding of Dependency with Temporary Custody Placed with the Paternal Aunt was filed against you in said court on 12/11/25, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 12/15/25
YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 03/11/26 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Houston County Juvenile Court Clerk. WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, this 15th day of December, 2025.
CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK
HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT
53103 12/24/25-1/14/26

Name Changes

25-1970
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Victoria Gabriella Porter Minor Child(ren)
Civil Action File No. 2025V132274L
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Alfred B. Wesby, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 16th day of April, 2025, praying for a change in the name of minor child(ren) from Victoria Gabriella Porter to Victoria Gabriella Wesby. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 16th day of April, 2025.
Alfred B. Wesby
Petitioner pro se
53640 1/7-1/28

25-1950
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133395
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 8 day of December, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay to Kaylee Elizabeth Handson. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 8 day of December, 2025.
Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay
Petitioner
53433 12/31/25-1/21/26

25-1969
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Tawine Dante Summers
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133386
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Tawine Dante Summers, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 4th day of December, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Tawine Dante Summers to Ghost Dante Summers. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 4th day of December, 2025.
Tawine Dante Summers
Petitioner
53639 1/7-1/28

25-1907
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Allison Luana Embree
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133372
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Allison Luana Embree, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 25 day of November, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Allison Luana Embree to Allison Luana Waller. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 25 day of November, 2025.
Allison Embree
Petitioner
53076 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1971
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Jessica Brooke Lanehart to change her name
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133438
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Jessica Brooke Lanehart, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 16th day of December, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Jessica Brooke Lanehart to Scottie Brook Lanehart. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 16th day of December, 2025.
Jessica Brooke Lanehart
Petitioner
53642 1/7-1/28

Public Hearings

25-1983
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 26, 2026 at the hour of 5:30 p.m. at the Houston County Annex Building in Warner Robins, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to a Special Exception, as provided by the terms of the Houston County Zoning Resolution.
The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on February 3, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse, Houston County, Perry, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of said county as to a Special Exception on the following real estate:

Property Description
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 43 of the 11th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Lot 147, Section 1 of Forestbrooke Subdivision, Consisting of 0.24 Acres and better known as the property of Courtney Coley. Property is located at 209 Misty Valley Lane.
All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by Courtney Coley.
Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals
By: Chairman, John Trussell
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews
53802 1/7-1/14

25-1982
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 26, 2026 at the hour of 5:30 p.m. at the Houston County Annex Building in Warner Robins, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to a Special Exception, as provided by the terms of the Houston County Zoning Resolution.
The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on February 3, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse, Houston County, Perry, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of said county as to a Special Exception on the following real estate:

Property Description
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 55 of the 11th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Lot 114, Phase 2 of Harley Farms Subdivision, Consisting of 0.22 Acres and better known as the property of Dashonna Brown. Property is located at 616 Samantha Brooke Way.
All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by Dashonna Brown.
Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals
By: Chairman, John Trussell
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews
53801 1/7-1/14

25-1981
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 26, 2026 at the hour of 5:30 p.m. at the Houston County Annex Building in Warner Robins, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to a Special Exception, as provided by the terms of the Houston County Zoning Resolution.
The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on February 3, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse, Houston County, Perry, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of said county as to a Special Exception on the following real estate:

Property Description
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 104 of the 11th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Lot 20, Block "H", Section 2 of The Farm at Riverbend Subdivision, Consisting of 0.76 Acres and better known as the property of Jana Blanton.
Property is located at 3025 Chattooga Way.
All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by Jana Blanton.
Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals
By: Chairman, John Trussell
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews
53800 1/7-1/14

25-1984
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 26, 2026 at the hour of 5:30 p.m. at the Houston County Annex Building in Warner Robins, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to a Special Exception, as provided by the terms of the Houston County Zoning Resolution.
The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on February 3, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse, Houston County, Perry, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of said county as to a Special Exception on the following real estate:

Property Description
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 14 of the 11th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Lot 17, Block "C", Section 2 of Kings Crossing Subdivision, Consisting of 0.95 Acres and better known as the property of Donna Crick. Property is located at 118 Huntington Place.
All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by Donna Crick.
Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals
By: Chairman, John Trussell
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews
53803 1/7-1/14

25-1979
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 26, 2026 at the hour of 5:30 p.m. at the Houston County Annex Building in Warner Robins, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to a Special Exception, as provided by the terms of the Houston County Zoning Resolution.
The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on February 3, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse, Houston County, Perry, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of said county as to a Special Exception on the following real estate:

Property Description
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 104 of the 10th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Lot 8, Block "C" of Cardinal Ridge Extension Subdivision, Consisting of 0.90 Acres and better known as the property of Tyler and Monica Adsit.
Property is located at 105 Clover Hill Drive.
All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by Tyler and Monica Adsit.
Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals
By: Chairman, John Trussell
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews
53798 1/7-1/14

25-1980
LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals will hold a public hearing on January 26, 2026 at the hour of 5:30 p.m. at the Houston County Annex Building in Warner Robins, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to a Special Exception, as provided by the terms of the Houston County Zoning Resolution.
The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on February 3, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse, Houston County, Perry, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of said county as to a Special Exception on the following real estate:

Property Description
All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 35 of the 9th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Tract "A" and "B" as shown on a plat of survey for Christopher D. Bixler, Consisting of 2.14 Acres and better known as the property of Chris and Crystal Bixler. Property is located at 3750 Valley Drive.
All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by Chris and Crystal Bixler.
Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals
By: Chairman, John Trussell
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews
53799 1/7-1/14

Probate Notices

25-1895
NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:
Marcella Whittaker has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Ronald Whittaker, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before January 12, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
53014 12/17/25-1/7/26

25-1896
NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:
Kevin Matthew Lewis has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Vickie M. Lewis, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before January 12, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
53016 12/17/25-1/7/26

25-1898
NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:
Beketha Anderson & Wilbert Anderson has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Malinda Faye Anderson, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before January 12, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
53018 12/17/25-1/7/26

25-1934
PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
RE: PETITION OF VENEKAL L. MARSHALL TO PROBATE IN SOLEMN FORM THE WILL OF LINDA H. LEWIS, DECEASED.
TO: ASHLEY WALKER & DELWYN SINGLETARY
All interested parties and all singular the heirs of said decedent, the beneficiaries under the purported Will, and to whom it may concern: This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before January 19, 2026.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/phone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
KRISTEN W. HARRIS
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany Eaton, CLERK
201 N. Perry Parkway
Perry, Georgia 31069
478-218-4710
53303 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1933
NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:
Genesis Tremblay has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Geneva Castle Johnson, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before January 19, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
53302 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1899
NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:
Michael Ingersoll has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Harold Arthur Rogers, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before January 12, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
53019 12/17/25-1/7/26

25-1932
NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:
Anita Kerney has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Linda Gail King, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before January 19, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
53301 12/24/25-1/14/26

25-1931
NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT
TO: whom it may concern:
Charmaine Henssler has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Marie T. Elliott, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before January 19, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.
Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
53300 12/24/25-1/14/26

Trade Name

25-1977
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
The undersigned does hereby certify that Dosadi P.M., LLC in the city of Warner Robins (31088), county of Houston in the state of Georgia, doing business in the following trade name, to-wit: Dosadi P.M. and located at 904 Russell Pkwy, Ste. 7023. The nature of the business is Preventive Maintenance. The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:
Vanessa A. Phillips
1485 Leverette Rd., Apt. 1906
Warner Robins, GA 31088
53705 1/7-1/14

25-1976
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
The undersigned does hereby certify that Dosadi P.M., LLC in the city of Warner Robins (31088), county of Houston in the state of Georgia, doing business in the following trade name, to-wit: Dosadi and located at 904 Russell Pkwy, Ste. 7023. The nature of the business is Preventive Maintenance. The names and addresses of the persons, firms, or partnerships owning and carrying on said trade or business are:
Vanessa A. Phillips
1485 Leverette Rd., Apt. 1906
Warner Robins, GA 31088
53704 1/7-1/14

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Northside Basketball

Thomas County Central's game-winning three fails to connect as Eagles win 10th game and first in region play

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WARNER ROBINS — Northside (10-3) held on to win their first region game despite Thomas County Central's (8-5) 13-point comeback and last-second three-point attempt from Quincy Anderson that bounced off of the back rim as time expired.

The Eagles nearly fumbled a game they had almost complete control of early, but head coach Buck Harris will take his wins when he can get them.

"We gave up a three right at the end to Eric Love [III]. He's the [head of the] snake. You got to cut the head off the snake," Harris said on Love's shot to bring it within one. "He shoots an airball the possession before, but then we leave him. We gotta sit in his lap [and] let somebody else take that shot."

"But collectively to get a win, first region win at home, we're headed in the right direction," he continued. "We got a tough one tomorrow going over to HoCo, so hopefully these guys get some rest and I can come up with some kind of game plan to keep it competitive."

The shot Harris referenced was Love's wide open three-pointer with 8.7 seconds left on the clock. Kaylor Harris rebounded Love's airball three the possession before and hit one of two free throws to make it a two possession game with 15.8 seconds to go.

But the three-point

make cut the lead to 70-69. Kingston Allen only made one of his two free throws afterwards, so it was a two-point game and Thomas County Central's ball. Quincy Anderson's three from the top of the key hit the back of the rim as the buzzer sounded and Northside survived.

Nobody would've anticipated such a close finish after witnessing the first two quarters.

Vontrez Quainton nailed two first-quarter triples as the Eagles got a comfortable 21-14 lead at the end of the first that they (almost) doubled in the second.

The Yellow Jackets didn't have an answer for Elijah Patmon especially when Anderson and Rodney Dunbar were off the floor.

Patmon muscled his way to a team-high 16 points. He posted up but also caught several passes leading him to the rim as Thomas County Central fronted him in hopes of denying the ball. The Eagles also found a lot of success driving to the basket.

But the Yellow Jackets picked up the pace in the second half and erased a 13-point deficit in part due to their three-quarter court press. They forced turnovers and got easy opportunities in transition as well as kept Northside away from the basket.

"They went to a 1-2-2 three-quarter court [press] and we act like we never seen it before," Harris said. "We practice against it every day. But the dif-



Northside's Kaylor Harris (white) tries to hold on to the ball while two Yellow Jackets reach in to rip it from him.

ference is [Thomas County Central is] longer, they're more athletic, and we got a little timid, a little shaky."

Anderson was often in the front of that press and getting his hands on passes between two Eagles bringing the ball up.

The Yellow Jackets trapped on the sidelines and made everything else

difficult, and not only did it take time off of the shot clock, it generated plenty of turnovers.

"I'm preaching, 'Fake a pass, make a pass,'" Harris said. "Get them up in the air then let's go by. But we [were] just going back and forth instead of looking up the sideline and looking opposite [where] we got

guys open. We'll watch film and we'll get better from this. But hats off to TCC. They changed the tempo of the game and got back in it."

Thomas County Central put on a 14-2 run in the last 4:20 of the third before taking a tie into the final period of play.

UP NEXT

Northside will take on their first county opponent in the region as they head downtown to Houston County on Saturday, Jan. 3 at 4 p.m.

Thomas County Central will head back to Thomasville to play Coffee on Saturday, Jan. 3 at 4:30 p.m.



Northside and Thomas County Central big men Elijah Patmon (white) and Jack Taylor (gold) go at each other in the paint during their region opener.



Vontrez Quainton (white) continued his shooting streak from behind the arc, making two in the first quarter and three in total against Thomas County Central.

Houston County boys hoping to capture elusive region championship as favorites in Region 2-5A

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Houston County boys basketball under head coach Buddy Bivins has improved every year since he arrived in 2022, but a region championship has eluded them to this point.

His first year they were 14-14 and 5-5 in Region 1-6A, in the same realm as Veterans but not close to 28-4 Lee County and 20-7 Tift County.

A couple more wins went their way in 2023-24 as

they reached a 15-12 overall mark and 7-3 in the region, their first winning region record since 2006-07. They made it to the region championship game against Lee County, but fell at the buzzer in a heartbreaking 45-44 final. That was the Bears' 12th straight loss to the Trojans.

They finally broke that streak in 2025 with a 50-48 home win as Braden Moore's buzzer-beater left his hands milliseconds too late, but they went on to lose the last regular season

game and the region championship as Lee County once again claimed the crown.

HoCo isn't used to region success. From 2011 through 2016 they didn't even win a region game, and in the MaxPreps era (2005 on) they only have two winning region records — those were both the first two years recorded on the site.

But 2025-26 feels different. If not just because Lee County lost eight seniors and are 6-7 at the time of

writing.

Morehead State commit Malik Gillespie is in his senior season, and every time you look up his counterpart Josh Jackson has 20 points.

They are supremely athletic and have three players 6-foot-4 and above, including two that are 6-foot-7, Braylin Mills and Mahkel Stephens.

They've beaten teams like Putnam County and Southwest-Macon and if they fix some things like consistent rebounding

effort they could be scary against the best.

The Bears took care of Northside 79-63 in their first region game, and while it wasn't a perfect game it solidified the thought in many that HoCo are the favorites in Region 2-5A.

But Bivins doesn't want his players to look too ahead in the future or take much stock in what people think the first couple of days in January.

"It's always good to get the first one. Start on a good note," Bivins said.

"The region is wide open, and I've told them before, a lot of people look at us as the favorite, but we can't look ahead. Yeah we've been there the last two years, but we haven't got [the region championship] so we just got to keep going with the process, try to keep getting better every day."

"Hopefully by the time we get down to February we're good, but we can't look ahead and we have to stay where we at and keep working."

Lady Eagles overcome early deficit to beat Thomas County Central in first region game



Lady Eagles senior Taylor Johnson (23) rises up for a mid-range jumper against Thomas County Central, a 46-42 victory for Northside in the region opener.

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WARNER ROBINS — Early three-pointers put Northside (10-3) in an early hole on Friday but the Lady Eagles climbed out and edged the Thomas County Central Lady Yellow Jackets (6-6) 46-42.

It wasn't a quick start but Thomas County Central made timely triples throughout the first quarter to help them to a seven-point lead by the end of it. But the biggest contributing factor to that was their pressure on Taylor Johnson.

Lady Eagles' head coach ChoRhonda Gwaltney-

Harris has relied on Johnson as her offensive hub for the past two years, and it seemed that the Lady Jackets built their entire defensive game plan around that as many teams do.

They did their best to deny her the ball, especially in the post. If she did break free and was able to get possession the pressure was unrelenting. Multiple defenders converged on her and were always trying to poke the ball loose. But it wasn't anything the Lady Eagles haven't seen before.

"That's what most people want to do if you watch us play," Gwaltney-Harris said. "What we're gonna do is we're gonna just play...

we're gonna figure it out... She's our leading scorer on the team and that's our focal point. But the rest of us can get going too. We had some people make some big shots tonight."

As the game went on Northside got more comfortable in their offense and got a couple of other players to chip away. They used the attention on Johnson to free up other players.

By halftime Northside completed a 9-2 run to trail 25-21, holding Thomas County Central to seven points in the second period.

The Lady Eagles' defensive effort ramped up in the second half and all but completely shut down the



Lady Yellow Jackets guard Nia Hayes (4) finished with a game-high 23 points in Thomas County Central's 46-42 loss to Northside in the region opener. Hayes accounted for 54% of her team's points in the game.

Lady Jackets.

They contested every pass, every rebound and doubled ball handlers consistently. There was no easy action for Thomas County Central, and even though some fouls resulted from the aggressiveness, it was the reason they flipped the script in the final two quarters.

"Defensively is where our strong point [is]. Tonight, that's what came out and that's what won us the game is defense," Gwaltney-Harris said.

But she did recognize their offensive shortcomings, too.

"We struggle scoring. We got to get better on the

offensive end," she said. "Running plays and being able to take care of the basketball. I mean that's our downfall. If we ever get to the point where we can take care of the basketball, we're going to make life trouble for a lot of people."

Johnson swung the ball to Brynli Burch on the right wing for her second three-pointer to take Northside's first lead since the opening period with 1:26 left in the third.

They didn't run away with it from there, though. Turnovers snowballed a little going into the fourth and the fouls put Thomas County Central in the bonus for the remaining 3:13 of

the game. After Jazmine Burgess' corner three grew the Lady Eagles' lead to 11, the Lady Jackets' Nia Hayes hit one of her own with 49 seconds left to make it a two-point game.

Jazmyn Brown drilled both of her free throws in the final seconds of the game, sealing Northside's first region victory and putting them one shy of their total from 2024-25.

UP NEXT

Northside will play Houston County down the road on Saturday, Jan. 3 at 3 p.m.

Thomas County Central will return home to play Coffee on Saturday, Jan. 3 at 3 p.m.

Lady Bears lose first region game 67-9 to Northside

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WARNER ROBINS — The region schedule has begun for Houston County (0-13, 0-1 Region 2-5A) but they're still looking for their first victory of the season after a 67-9 loss to Northside (11-3, 2-0 Region) at home on Saturday.

A tough Lady Eagles defense made it hard for the Lady Bears to do anything offensively, even advance the ball past half court.

HoCo was held to their season-low in points

because they simply didn't have many offensive possessions.

Northside ran a full court press and were quick to tie up the Lady Bears and force a jump ball at every opportunity. If they didn't do that they forced a turnover by poking the ball free or stealing a pass. They also stayed on the offensive glass, giving them extra opportunities to score even if HoCo managed a stop.

Defensively the Lady Bears were able to hold the Lady Eagles to eight points through the first five minutes of the game, but after

that the floodgates opened. Northside doubled their lead in less than a minute before ending the first quarter with a 19-4 advantage that soon ballooned into 39-7 by halftime.

HoCo scored two points in the second half, part of Sameena Khan's team-high six.

UP NEXT

The Lady Bears will host Thomas County Central on Friday, Jan. 9 at 6 p.m.

Northside will travel to Lee County on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. to wrap up their short two-game road spurt.

Northside's Buck Harris waiting for his true point guard to emerge



With Northside facing some injuries, junior guard Donovan Lockett (2) got the nod to start in the Eagles' region opener against Thomas County Central.

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If there's one thing that Northside boys basketball coach Buck Harris has made known, it's that playing point guard under him is hard.

Lots of people throw around "point guard," but not many truly know what that means.

There's "guards" and then there's "point guards." Those lines can be blurred, especially in high school when they all do truly seem the same, but it's not for Harris, who has high expectations for his point guards.

"They got to be an extension of me. I need them to be a coach on the floor. They got to be a leader," Harris said. "I tell them all the time, point guards got to be a-holes. But I don't have

[that] I have nice kids. I don't have a kid that can go to somebody and say man we got to get this rebound and lead from that standpoint."

That doesn't mean the players he has don't exhibit any of the qualities he needs.

"Eventually I'll get there, I'll get that type of kid. But they have to be vocal...they got to be Ford tough. I got some kids that are Ford tough, but the other stuff's got to come," Harris said.

One player Harris has entrusted with a lot of ball handling duties in junior Donovan Lockett.

Lockett is 5-foot-8 with a smaller build but is quick and is a more secure ball handler than a lot of high school guards.

He does pretty well under pressure and is able to drib-

ble out of trouble. He can also push the pace without losing control. He's not particularly vocal, but like Harris said, the other qualities have to come for players like Lockett.

"Donovan, he's a gamer," Harris said. "He's just struggled early because he was lacking some confidence. This summer he proved to me that's he's capable of carrying a team, he has to just get more locked in. More focused on being a point guard and knowing how to be a distributor, but he can guard. He can get to the basket, shoot, I have full confidence in him."

"He hadn't been good early on in the season, but I've been showing him that I have confidence in him... and letting him know that I believe in him. He's gonna be good for us," Harris said.



Olivia Buffone (13) fights for a rebound against Northside's Jazmyn Brown (blue) during HoCo's loss in the region opener.

Houston County starts hopeful region championship campaign with win against Northside

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WARNER ROBINS — The Houston County boys look like the favorite in Region 2-5A, and they started their region schedule with a 79-63 win against Northside at home on Saturday.

The Bears (10-5, 1-0 Region 2-5A) have had several close battles with Lee County in recent years, but the region championship has remained elusive.

In what's considered a pretty wide open region with the fall of the Trojans, taking care of the Eagles

(10-4, 1-1 Region) was an important first step in a hopeful championship season.

HoCo's superior length and athleticism had them in control of the game early, though Northside didn't go away quietly.

With 3:26 left in the first quarter the Bears led 10-2. They guarded the perimeter well, poking a few balls loose to get out in the fast break while also contesting any outside shots.

"That's been the message all week. We had to pick up our defensive intensity, glad to see they responded," HoCo coach Buddy

Bivins said. "Still was a little spotty here and there. We didn't stop penetration like I wanted to, and we still gave up too many second-chance points. But that defensive effort was there, just got to clean up little small things here and there."

Malik Gillespie nailed a couple of long jumpers to help HoCo chug along to a 15-point lead with 5:02 to play until the break.

But it wasn't a perfect performance. The rebounding effort wasn't always good and there were some fouls that resulted from chasing blocks rather than



Clay Brown/HHJ
Malik Gillespie (center) celebrated scoring 1000 career points on Saturday, Jan. 3 against Northside. The senior is committed to play basketball at Morehead State University after high school.



Clay Brown/HHJ
Northside junior Jaydin Howell (12) follows through on a three-pointer from the top of the key during the Eagles region loss to Houston County.

contesting shots.

But the Bears still led 40-26 at halftime and had a firm grasp of the game between their big rotation and quick perimeter defenders.

The pace quickened in the second half on both sides as they hoped to get behind the respective defenses and they saw mixed results.

HoCo was able to adjust quicker if Northside did get back and find another way to score, but the Eagles resorted to a lot of three-pointers and avoided getting to the paint as they have before.

Northside did make one final push in the fourth with an 11-4 run, but Gillespie's windmill dunk put that to rest and the lead back to 20 points. It took that long for HoCo to really and truly put the game away, something Bivins doesn't think should have happened.

"We relaxed. I've coached against [Northside] coach Buck [Harris] for a while now, he's going to always preach to them to play hard. They're never going to stop playing hard," Bivins said. "I told them at halftime, don't relax, they're not going to quit. We just got to keep focused for a full 32 [minutes]."

UP NEXT

HoCo will host Thomas County Central for their second region game on Friday, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Northside will hit the road to Lee County on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

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