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## A greener step forward in Centerville

### City to celebrate grand reopening of expanded recycling center at new Elberta Road site

Brieanna Smith/HHJ

The new Centerville Recycling Center stands on 2513 Elberta Road after starting up operations. The city will celebrate on Thursday, Feb. 19 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

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CENTERVILLE — The Centerville Recycling Center, a longtime resource for Houston County, is now up and running and celebrating a new location.

The city-owned center will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday at 4 p.m. to mark its grand re-opening. Mayor J. Micheal Evans invites all members of the community to attend and celebrate the new location.

"We are pleased that we are able to provide this type of service to the citizens of Centerville and the surrounding area. The new facility is the result of great effort by a number of dedicated workers. We appreciate their efforts. The official grand opening will be on 19 Feb at 4 pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there," Evans said.

The city moved the recycling center after a \$324,000 grant in 2024. Councilman Justin Wright said the center outgrew its previous site, but the new location handles more demand.

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## 'A night to remember' Velvet Cat Murder Mystery coming to Perry

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PERRY — Are you interested in murder mysteries and want to be part of a fun, interactive experience? If so, join Bodega Brew and others as they host the

Velvet Cat Murder Mystery on Tuesday, Feb. 24, starting at 7 p.m.

Brought together by MC Entertainment, this event will transform Bodega Brew into the Velvet Cat, a 1920s speakeasy.

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Owen Jones/HHJ

Bodega Brew will host the Velvet Cat Murder Mystery event on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

## Warner Robins Police Department offering an inside look at law enforcement with Citizens Police Academy

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WARNER ROBINS — The Warner Robins Police Department will once again offer the Citizens Police Academy, with applications for the spring class now open.

This 11-week program gives citizens an opportunity to get an inside look at the different divisions of the police department, including what they do, how they operate and why or why not they do certain things.

"[Citizens Police Academy] gives a better understanding of how we operate," Community Initiatives Officer Greg Martin said.

Each class will have a representative from a specific



Courtesy: Warner Robins Police Department

The Fall 2025 class of the Citizens Police Academy.

division within the police department, who will give a presentation on their topic. These include the hiring process, the patrol division, the investigative division, the drug unit, SWAT and

K-9 units, and a look at the Real-Time Crime Center.

Martin shared his favorite part of the Citizens Police Academy is the overall engagement between the Warner Robins Police

Department and the citizens. He said building relationships between the two parties is key and that, hopefully, it will make them advocates of the police.

"If they're out and about and somebody says something about something that we did or didn't do, they could step up and say 'this is why' because they have that understanding and knowledge," he said.

In the six years Martin has been part of the Citizens Police Academy, he has never heard anyone say anything negative about the program. He said the participants are generally very active, engaging and willing to learn.

"They want that knowledge and if they don't

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PERIODICAL

## Warner Robins Community Concert Association presents: Hot Club Jazz Fellowship in March

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WARNER ROBINS — The Warner Robins Community Concert Association will host a Hot Club Jazz Fellowship on Sunday, March 1, at First United Methodist Church.

The fellowship will present Parisian-style jazz standards and notable musicians Django Reinhardt and Edith Piaf. Romantic ballads and waltzes will be performed as well.

The concert will feature jazz organist Matthew Kaminski. WRCCA Treasurer Edward Vesely

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Courtesy: Warner Robins Community Concert Association

Jazz organist Matthew Kaminski (left) will be presenting the concert on Sunday, March 1, at United First Methodist Church, starting at 3 p.m.

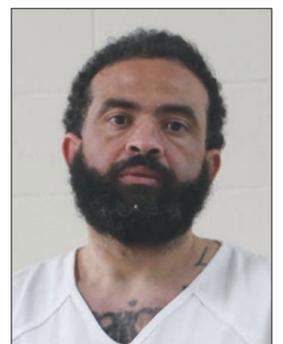
## 'Career criminal' sentenced to 15 years for theft, identity fraud

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WARNER ROBINS — A Warner Robins man was sentenced in Houston County court in early February for multiple crimes, according to the District Attorney's office.

According to a press release, Joshua King, 38, was sentenced to 15 years in prison on Feb. 9 after pleading guilty to entering an automobile, identity fraud and failure to register as a sex offender.

The charges stem from a case in late 2023. On Dec. 26, officers responded to 120 South Armed Forces Boulevard after the victim returned from work to find



King

her car broken into and her purse, containing cash and credit cards, missing.

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### Word of the Day

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." — Mark 16:15 (NKJV)

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## CAPITOL UPDATES

## Walker: Week five under the Gold Dome

Crossover Day is quickly approaching, and we're working diligently to send strong, conservative solutions over to the House that deliver real results for you and your family.

It's never been more important to let Georgians keep more of what they earn. When Republicans first took control of state government in 2002, Georgia's income tax rate stood at 6%, where it had remained for more than three decades under Democratic leadership. Since then, through years of disciplined, conservative budgeting, we have reduced that rate to 5.19% and put our state on a path toward further reductions.

I've served in the Senate for more than ten years, and can attest that this progress has not happened by accident. It happened because we made tough decisions, prioritized taxpayers and kept our state on a solid financial footing, even through COVID and historic inflation.

Now we're taking a bold

**GUEST  
COLUMNIST**

**LARRY WALKER**  
STATE SENATOR, 20th DISTRICT



next step.

Senate Bills 476 and 477 represent a historic shift in Georgia's tax policy. SB 476 eliminates the state income tax on the first \$50,000 earned by individual taxpayers and the first \$100,000 earned by married couples filing jointly. That means over half of Georgia taxpayers would pay zero state income tax. We are accomplishing this by responsibly reviewing and modernizing tax credits issued over the years while preserving Georgia's competitive, pro-business climate. Supporting job creators remains important, but our first responsibility is to the families who work

hard and keep our communities strong.

SB 477 ensures we stay on that path by reducing the income tax rate by a full percentage point over the next three years. This pushes us towards permanent, structural tax relief. When the government claims too much of your income, it limits your freedom. We believe Georgia families are best positioned to decide how to spend their own money, whether that's on groceries, childcare, school supplies or a mortgage payment.

While Democrats choose to focus on expanding government programs, we are focused on expanding opportunity for every Georgian.

Our state's strong financial position allows us to return money to the people who earn it while still investing in core services and maintaining one of the nation's strongest economies.

Education also remains one of our top priorities. Senate Bill 150 extends the program allowing retired teachers to return to the classroom, helping school systems hire experienced educators when they are needed most. Our students deserve stability and quality instruction, and this legislation will open a door for proven teachers to continue serving Georgia families.

We are also standing firm in protecting Georgia's children from harm. HB 54 safeguards minors from irreversible medical procedures related to gender transition and prevents taxpayer dollars from funding these procedures in state institutions. Our responsibility is to protect our children and ensure that state resources are directed toward urgent medical needs, not cosmetic procedures for criminals.

In addition to supporting our Majority Caucus priorities, I'm also sponsoring Senate Bill 409, otherwise known as the "Insurers' Use of Aerial or Satellite Images Act." This legislation protects homeowners from being falsely charged by insurance companies that use outdated and inaccurate imagery to identify alleged property issues. It also provides a 60-day correction period and the opportunity for homeowners to submit an appeal to the company.

This legislation will give working families additional time to address alleged issues identified by insurance companies. Many homeowners lack the financial flexibility to quickly raise large sums of money from insurance companies to address these issues. We are requiring Georgians to keep their homes up to date, and it's only right to require that insurance companies do the same with their imagery. This is how we protect Georgia homeowners from inaccurate, unex-

pected rate increases or policy cancellations. Senate Bill 409 passed favorably out of committee and now awaits consideration by the full Senate body.

In other news, I welcomed Perry Youth Leaders to the Capitol this week. I enjoyed sharing Georgia's legislative process with our state's next generation of leaders, and it was a pleasure to see young people witness state government up close.

Your voice matters. Please continue reaching out with your thoughts, concerns and ideas. It is an honor to serve you, and I hope to see you under the Gold Dome this session.

Sen. Larry Walker III serves as President Pro Tempore of the Senate. He represents the 20th Senate District, which includes Bleckley, Dodge, Dooly, Laurens, Pulaski, Treutlen and Wilcox counties, as well as a portion of Houston County. He may be reached by phone at (404) 656-0095 or by email at Larry.Walker@senate.ga.gov.

## Perry and Warner Robins natives to compete in Ms. ABAC Pageant

## Special to The Journal

TIFTON — Twenty-four contestants will compete in Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's 56th annual Ms. ABAC Pageant on Thursday, Feb. 26.

The event, sponsored by the ABAC Agripreneurs, will begin at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium on the ABAC campus. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m., and admission is \$10. Tickets will be available for purchase in Donaldson Dining Hall on Monday, Feb. 23, and Wednesday, Feb. 25 from noon-1:30 p.m. Attendees may also purchase tickets at the door before the event.

The Ms. ABAC Pageant is an impactful event for both participants and organizers. "Each contestant competes for the crown that will allow them to represent ABAC, but deeper than that, they gain lifelong friendships and confidence through the process. The Agripreneurs Club members that help organize the event gain real-world event planning, problem-solving and budgeting skills that will follow them throughout their career," said Jennifer Culpepper, lecturer of Agribusiness and Agripreneurs Club advisor.

Those attending the pageant will see contestants compete in both casual and evening wear. Participants are evaluated based on a written essay and a judges' interview. The top 10 contestants will respond to an on-stage question.

Contestants for Ms. ABAC 2026:

- Madisyn Gonzalez, from Perry, Georgia, sponsored by Student Success – Tutoring Center
- Avery Allen, from Warner Robins, Georgia, sponsored by Alpha Sigma Alpha
- Chloe Boatright, from Hazlehurst, Georgia, sponsored by E&E Farms
- Emily Bolen, from Butler, Georgia, sponsored by ABAC Ambassadors
- Jillian Bone, from Lake Park, Georgia, sponsored by ABAC Ambassadors
- Brooklyn Bowen, from Gainesville, Georgia, sponsored by the ABAC Agricultural Engineering Technology Club
- Kandace Brake, from Colbert, Georgia, sponsored by ABAC Intramural Sports
- Addison Cook, from Climax, Georgia, sponsored by ABAC Residence Life and Housing
- Yanah Edmundson, from Panama City, Florida, sponsored by Sigma Alpha
- Stephanie Hasty, from Madison, Florida, sponsored by the ABAC Education Club
- Sara Helton, from Gainesville, Georgia, sponsored



Gonzalez



Allen

- by ABAC Collegiate Young Farmers & Ranchers
- Emma Hornick, from Toccoa, Georgia, sponsored by the ABAC Golden Girls
- Alice Lewis, from Hazlehurst, Georgia, sponsored by ABAC Cross Country
- Eliza Jane May, from Lake Park, Georgia, sponsored by Alpha Sigma Alpha
- Andi Grace Moore, from Winterville, Georgia, sponsored by ABAC School of Agriculture and Natural Resources Leaders
- Olivia Newsome, from Shiloh, Georgia, sponsored by the ABAC Student Government Association
- Jade Stanton, from Palmetto, Florida, sponsored by the ABAC Campus Activities Board

- Aleigha Stephens, from Dublin, Georgia, sponsored by Sigma Alpha Sorority
- Ashlyn Thompson, from Donalsonville, Georgia, sponsored by the ABAC Student Government Association
- Lily Thurman, from Ellijay, Georgia, sponsored by Sigma Alpha
- Addisyn Turner, from Surrency, Georgia, sponsored by the ABAC Agronomy Club
- Janie Turner, from Metter, Georgia, sponsored by ABAC Collegiate Young Farmers & Ranchers
- Lacie Wheeler, from Leesburg, Georgia, sponsored by the ABAC Collegiate FFA
- Emma Zimmerman, from Guyton, Georgia, sponsored by the ABAC Stallion Society

## New study shows hypertension control at crisis levels in the U.S.

## Special to The Journal

MACON — A new study published this month in the Journal of the American Medical Association reveals that nearly 80% of American adults with high blood pressure do not have their condition under control.

This alarming data indicates that millions of Americans are at risk for heart disease, stroke, kidney damage and dementia.

Separate national data show that nearly half of American adults have high blood pressure, and more than 40% are unaware they have it.

"Historically, high blood pressure was perceived to be a condition affecting older adults, but in recent years we've seen increasing rates

among younger adults as well," said Izien Imoukhuede, M.D., of Piedmont Primary Care at Bass Road. "That's why routine screening during annual preventive visits is so important."

Hypertension is often called the "silent killer" because it rarely causes symptoms, but it could still cause serious damage to the body.

Dr. Imoukhuede encourages adults to take simple, proactive steps to reduce their risk:

- Maintain a healthy weight. Even modest weight loss can help lower blood pressure.

- Exercise regularly. Aim for at least 30 minutes of physical activity most days.

- Limit sodium intake. Ideally below 1,500 mg per day; no more than 2,300 mg.

- Eat heart healthy foods. Choose fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts and low-fat dairy.

- Quit smoking and limit alcohol.

- Manage stress. Consider meditation, yoga or deep breathing.

- Regular monitoring. Periodically monitor blood pressure with at home monitor or during regular visits with your primary care provider.

"I recommend that everyone have their blood pressure checked yearly during a preventive visit," Dr. Imoukhuede said. "If your numbers are rising, your provider can develop a plan that may include home monitoring, medication or lifestyle adjustments."

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Houston Home Journal is looking for a mailroom assistant.

**PRIMARY DUTIES:** Inserting advertising materials into newspapers using designated equipment designed for that purpose. Learning and operating mailing system software.

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This is a full-time position, with paid time off and health, vision and dental plans available. Salary commensurate with experience.

Email resume to  
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# CALENDAR

## 21st Annual Old Book Sale

Houston County Friends of the Library is hosting the 21st Annual Old Book Sale at the GA National Fairgrounds in the Georgia Grown/Baby Barn Building from Thursday April 23rd to Saturday April 25th.

Over 90,000 books in 60 categories will be in the building ready for sale.

Admission will be \$10.00 on Thursday from 9AM to 12PM and \$5.00 from 12:01PM to 7PM.

Admission will be free on Friday and Saturday going from 9AM to 7PM Friday and 9AM to 3PM Saturday.

All items half price on Saturday!

Cash, Check, Credit, and Debit all accepted. Convenience fee for electronic transactions.

For more information, please email: hocofofriendsofthelibrary@gmail.com or, visit <http://houpl.org>, click "Support the Library, click "Friends of the Library".

Find us on Facebook: Houston County Friends of the Library.

## American Heritage Girls Meeting

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

## Community Calendar

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

Theme: "Celebrating 50 Years of Achievement and Excellence"

Panthers of '76—It's Time to Celebrate! Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of our 50-Year Reunion! Reunion Weekend: September 11-13, 2026

Events All Weekend  
RSVP by March 31, 2026  
Payment Due by May 29, 2026

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

## Houston County Celebrates Earth Day

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

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

Earth Day has been observed since 1970 to promote protecting the environment and raise awareness about preserving Earth's resources.

The Houston County Extension Pavilion is located at 2030 Kings Chapel Road in Perry. For more information, call the extension office at 478-987-2028. To learn more about the UGA Extension office, visit [www.extension.uga.edu](http://www.extension.uga.edu).

## TACTICAL CIVICS PRESENTS

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Monday, February 23 2026,  
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Perry, GA. 31069

## All Saints Lenten & Easter Services

All Saints Episcopal Church, located at 1708 Watson Blvd, Warner Robins, invites all to our Lenten and Easter Services.

February 18th, Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes with two services, 12:00PM and 7:00PM.

February 25th - March 25th, Wednesdays, Stations of the Cross 12PM

February 26th through March 26th - Thursday Evening Lenten Program; 5:45PM Evening Prayer, 6:00PM Light Potluck, 6:30-7:15PM, a video series, "We Confess", (rooted in the ancient practice of confession, reminding us that Lent is not a season of condemnation, but a time of striving, with God's help, towards healing, wholeness, and the peace God longs for us to receive)

March 28, 9:00 Palm Cross Workshop and Parish Workday

March 29, 10:15AM Palm Sunday Worship

April 2, 7:00PM, Maundy Thursday Service

April 3, 7:00PM, Good Friday Service

April 5, 6:30AM, Easter Vigil Service

April 5, 9:00AM, Easter Breakfast

April 5, 9:30AM, Easter Egg Hunt

April 5, 10:15AM, Easter Service

For more information, please contact the church office on 478-923-1791.

## Lovely Ladies Luncheon

Join us for the First Annual Lovely Ladies Luncheon on March 5, 2026, at Brasserie Circa (4420 Forsyth Rd., Macon, GA 31210)—a beautifully curated, purpose-driven afternoon benefiting Kitchen to Kitchen, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to nourishing children and families in need across Middle Georgia.

This inaugural gathering brings women together in the spirit of generosity, community, and shared impact. Guests will enjoy an intimate and inspiring conversation with Sutton Stracke, American businesswoman and television personality, alongside Canaan Marshall, a Macon native and world-renowned florist.

Together, they will share reflections on creativity, giving back, and the importance of fighting childhood hunger.

# OBITUARIES

## Gail Watson Brown

PERRY — Gail Watson Brown passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, after a brief illness. She was 86 years old. Graveside Services were held on February 13, 2026, in Perry Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to First Baptist Church of Perry, 1105 Main Street, Perry, GA 31069, or The Westfield School, 2005 US Highway 41 South, Perry, GA 31069.

A fourth generation Houston County native and lifelong resident of Perry, Gail graduated from Perry High School in 1957. Soon after, she married Robert Brown and they began their life in Perry, raising three children. Once the children were all in school, she enjoyed a twenty-year career at The Bank of Perry where she served as Marketing Officer. Later, she enjoyed helping families find new homes and discover the charm of her hometown as a realtor with Richardson-Free Realty in Perry. Gail could always be found cheering from

the stands when any of her children had a ballgame. She enjoyed flowers and gardening, drawing and painting, reading, and spending time with friends and family, especially her grandchildren.

Gail was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church of Perry and an active member of the Annie Patterson Sunday School Class. She served on various committees throughout the years until her health prohibited her attendance in person. Gail loved her community, as was evidenced by her involvement. As a member of the Beltista Club, she served as Chairperson of the Home and Garden Show. She was also a member of the



City of Perry Beautification Committee and the Perry Garden Club where she served as a past president.

Gail was predeceased by her husband of 48 years, Robert Henry Brown; her parents, Ethelyne and Guy Evans Watson; and her sister-in-law, Janie Brockie Watson.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Gail are her loving and devoted children, Robert Watson Brown (Stacey) of Tennille, Richard Alan Brown (Margo) of Watkinsville, and Mary Jane Kinnas (Chris, Jr.) of Perry; her grandchildren, Courtney Lee Brown, Mary Claire Kinnas, Ronald Chris Kinnas III, Robert Alan Kinnas, Andrew McNeely (Mallory), Natalie Domingos, and Jessica Pulliam (Jamie); her brother, Derry Watson of Perry; her sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Barnes (Gordon); and several nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at [www.watsonhunt.com](http://www.watsonhunt.com). Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



## Minimum speed limit on Georgia highways could rise by 10 mph

By **MARK NIESSE**  
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ATLANTA — Get out of the way, slow drivers. The minimum speed limit on Georgia highways might increase to 50 mph.

Georgia lawmakers are considering raising the speedy minimum speed limit from 40 mph as a safety measure to reduce crashes caused by disparities in speed. The maximum speed limit on some highways is 70 mph.

"I want to limit the number of rear-end collisions," said state Rep. John Carson, R-Marietta, the sponsor of House Bill 809. "I've received fatality reports ... It's horrific."

The max speed limit in Georgia has steadily increased over the last few decades from 55 mph to 70 mph, but the minimum speed limit has remained at 40 mph, Carson said.

## RECYCLING

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"Sometimes a line would build up on Saturdays. Saturdays tend to be the day where most people go and drop their stuff off and run errands. Having multiple bins and multiple drop offs for the same products keeps the line flowing," Wright said.

The previous site was a "make it work" solution, Wright said, but the new location supports a more strategic approach.

"As the center had grown over the years, we kind of packed in everything we could into that location, so it made things kind of cramped," Wright said.

"This one, because we knew it was going to be a dedicated recycle center, we were going to lay it out a little bit more deliberately, and I think it's going to really make things a lot smoother for folks."

The new center's location next to the Public Works Building adds convenience for city staff, Wright added.

"This larger site, that is a

Col. William Hitchens, commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety, said Georgia State Patrol officers have seen significant damage and injuries involving slow-moving vehicles.

"Driving below the speed limit can, in some cases, be as dangerous as traveling above the posted speed limit," Hitchens wrote in a letter last month to Carson about his proposal. "Vehicles that are traveling below the minimum speed can cause traffic issues such as long backups and cause motorists to take evasive actions due to approaching the vehicle faster than expected."

Senior citizens and student drivers might struggle with a higher minimum speed limit, said state Rep. Rhonda Taylor, D-Conyers.

"It would be a better solution ... (to) move to the right," Taylor said. "It almost feel like I'm being penalized because I can't drive 50 miles

an hour."

Violations of Georgia's minimum speed law are punishable by fines up to \$1,000, but local jurisdictions across the state generally set penalties much lower, in the \$100 to \$200 range. Fines wouldn't change under HB 809.

The bill calls for the 50 mph minimum speed limit on any part of a highway in Georgia with a speed limit 65 mph or greater.

The House Motor Vehicles Committee didn't vote on the bill after a hearing Tuesday while lawmakers gather more information about crashes and research the cost of replacing speed limit signs. The bill could be brought up for a vote afterward.

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little more better located for city employees to go there and take care of the site, was an easy choice," Wright said. "The land that it was located on was not really big enough to be used for anything else, so this was a good use of this land that was right there on the front edge of the Public Works property."

Wright said the city is excited to see its unique facility reopen.

"It's always something that we've been able to kind of brag about. This is the only recycling center like this in the county. We're glad to have this option available for folks who want to save some things from going straight to the land-

fill," Wright said.

He encourages anyone who wants to do their part to take advantage of the opportunity.

"Anytime you can take things out of the landfill, repurpose them and put them back in the supply chain, I think is good. We want to make sure that we're being good stewards of the world that we have and so we're trying our best to make it easy," Wright said.

The new center is open at 2513 Elberta Road and is available Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, visit [centervillega.org/recycling/](http://centervillega.org/recycling/)



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## Does using forever chemicals mean forever liability?

While most of the commentary coming from actions of the Georgia General Assembly this session centers on taxes – the Senate with a plan to phase out the income tax; the House trying to remove property taxes for homeowners – there's a lot more going on under the gold dome. Part-time citizen legislators have to become experts on a variety of topics, some of which have long-term consequences for our own health and the state's.

One such issue is that of PFAS, more commonly known as "forever chemicals". This is a somewhat broad category of chemicals that were widely used since the 1950's, are now quite common in our groundwater and food supply, and have become an entire industry for trial lawyers seeking billions in judgments, and any company that had PFAS in their supply chain.

House Bill 211 seeks to address potential liabilities for those who use PFAS

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chemicals in their manufacturing processes within established guidelines set by the US Environmental Protection Agency and Georgia's Environmental Protection Division. It's sponsored by Representative Kasey Carpenter of Dalton, with co-signers including Representatives Jason Ridley of Chatsworth, Matt Barton of Calhoun, Mike Cameron of Rossville, and Steve Tarvin of Chickamauga.

The common thread among the districts represented by these sponsors is that the region's largest employer is the carpet industry. Inputs used in the manufacture of car-

pet, including stain repellent commonly known as Scotchgard, used PFAS chemicals – PFOA and PFOS – that were added to the EPA's list of dangerous and hazardous substances in 2024. These chemicals were discontinued in 2002 and 2015, respectively, and have thus been phased out of carpet production. Now we're deciding who has liability for the mess left behind.

Representative Tarvin has been using his social media channels quite effectively to discuss what the legislation does - and equally importantly - does not do. That is the role of a legislator in representative

government. He has to cut through the hysteria and doubt, inform his constituents, and ultimately do what is best for his constituents. In the balance lies the health of local residents and the economic health of Georgia's second and seventh-largest manufacturers by employee count, Shaw Industries and Mohawk Industries.

Tarvin has posted 12 numbered posts on his Facebook page about PFAS since January, though this effort began with two separate "placeholder" bills last year. Deference has been paid to ensuring the legislature gets this balance correct rather than a speedy, knee-jerk response to the Biden Administration's retroactive regulation.

While the details of his posts are deep, including a timeline for PFAS issues dating back to the 1940's creation of the compounds, the intent is to get to the root of what response from Georgia is needed.

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## LEMON PEPPER WINGS ARE DESIGNATED AS THE OFFICIAL GEORGIA STATE CHICKEN WING FLAVOR."

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## A wide variety of dying expressions

Several months ago a younger relative of mine, Wiley Kimbrough, was sore after returning from a hiking adventure that lasted several days. His mother, LeSan, said he was "all stoved up." That phrase is one of the dying expressions which are fading from conversation.

Being stoved up probably has no connection to stove pipes, but it reminds me of a story my cousin, Rooney Bowen, told me long ago. He got the first-hand account from Mr. Buford Carr, who owned Vienna Hardware Company.

Mr. Buford said a stranger came into the store and

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asked to buy a half joint of stove pipe. Despite the unusual request, he walked to a workbench in the back and began sawing through the short pipe with a hacksaw.

An employee's bewildered look caused Mr. Buford to

vent his frustration. "Some S.O.B. up front wants to buy a half joint of stove pipe!" he said, before noticing the man was standing behind him.

"And this fine gentleman," he added, "wants to buy the other half."

Another dying expression is, "till the cows come home." It was a popular saying in the days when the countryside was dotted with small farms and most of them had a few cows.

Daddy called our small herd to the barn with a word that sounded like 'Ho-ick.' He'd emphasize the first syllable as in "Hooooo-ick." After a few beckoning shouts, Star, his beloved milk cow, would lead the others up the lane.

I don't know if hoick was a common term or not. A Valdosta friend, Eddie Hightower, said his aunt

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## God's redeeming love Growing cole crops - Part 1

God redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion. Psalm 103:4

True story: Kathy Thomas' boyfriend of several years had arranged to take her out for a nice meal at a restaurant, bought her flowers, and even borrowed a nice car. And it was near the end of that wonderful and delicious meal that the waiter said to Kathy, "Congratulations!"

"Congratulations for what?" Kathy responded. "On getting engaged," the waiter said. To which her boyfriend, Ned, said to the waiter, "Uhhh, I haven't asked her yet. I was going to 'surprise' her with that question in just a little bit. But I guess that won't be too much of a surprise any longer."

The waiter was embarrassed, but both Kathy and her future husband told him not to worry. The night would be special, and there would still be a surprise. Because when Ned finally proposed to her and gave her a box with a ring in it, she could hardly believe her eyes.

It was an amazingly beautiful gold ring with a large diamond. It was clearly beyond anything Ned could afford. So where did he get it?

Ned's grandmother gave it to him and said it had been passed down through the family, and that if Kathy was so willing, this amazingly beautiful and expensive ring would now be hers.

So they were married.

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The waiter who spoiled the surprise engagement was asked to serve cake at their wedding.

But as all of you know, you get married for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer. Ned got sick, and his home-based business could no longer support them. He lost his business. Then their house went into foreclosure. To settle all their debts and avoid court, they had to sell everything.

Even after they had sold everything, they still owed money. So with that, Kathy removed her ring, and with both Ned and Kathy's agreement, they sold it to the town jeweler, who said he would hold it for some time if they wanted to buy it back.

The deadline to buy back the ring had gone off the jeweler passed. Kathy wore a cheaper replacement, and all was well. The only real loss was that this family heirloom no longer belonged to the family.

Meanwhile, Kathy's daughter had gone off to college. Her daughter had been dating a nice Christian young man. Upon several visits to their house, he had learned the story of Ned and Kathy's engagement and had seen pictures of

the ring that once was, which might have been passed to Kathy's daughter but was no longer.

And so it was quite a surprise for Kathy and Ned when their daughter got engaged. And again, that wasn't the only surprise. Her daughter's boyfriend, Shane, searched for, found, and bought back Kathy's engagement ring for a considerable sum and gave it to their daughter as an engagement ring. He spent a considerable amount of his own money to buy back the ring that "once was lost, but now has been found."

It's a true story. But your story is even better than that. This past Valentine's Day, whether you are married or single, guess what? God isn't just loving. He IS love!

It cost him His only Son to buy you back. He thought you were worth it. Without God's forgiveness, we could feel like we're in a hopeless pit every day. But God has redeemed us. He bought us back.

And in fact, if you know the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15... what does the Father do to welcome his wayward son back home? He puts a ring on his finger.

Early spring is beckoning and that means it is time to plant the early spring garden. There are several crops which can be successfully grown now. Many of these fall within the family of plants known as Brassicas. Today I would like to share with you some of the characteristics of this clan.

Known collectively as cole crops, these tasty garden favorites include cabbage, kale, collards, cauliflower, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts. Cole crops probably originated in the Mediterranean area, with kale probably the first type to be cultivated some 2,000 years ago.

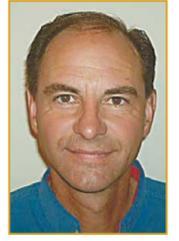
By the fifteenth century, Europeans were reportedly already growing kohlrabi and cauliflower. Broccoli came along later and was raised almost exclusively in Italy, while Brussels sprouts were developed in Belgium in the mid-eighteenth century.

As a group, cole crops tend to be high in vitamins and very low in calories. For example, one stalk of cooked broccoli will provide more than your daily vitamin A allowance, nearly four times your vitamin C requirement, one third of the required riboflavin, and 15 percent of your necessary vitamin B-6, all for only 47 calories! All cole crops are loaded with vitamin C, especially when eaten raw.

How cole crops grow is worthy of our attention. All of them start out as seedlings with a pair of heart-shaped leaves (cotyledons), and at this early stage, look identical.

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Later, as the true leaves appear, some differences, mainly in leaf color and shape, can be detected.

Fairly early in the growth of a cole crop (think cabbage and cauliflower), the outer leaves develop into nutrient storage areas. During this stage, nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium from the soil are stored within the outer leaves. It is very important to grow cole crops in a fertile soil and feed them well, especially with nitrogen, or the crops will likely be very puny. Even a dose of fast-acting nitrogen given at the time the final crop is developing won't help. It will be too late.

Another cole crop basic involves transplanting the young plants. When it comes time to transplant the seedlings don't be alarmed if their long, thin taproots are slightly damaged. While most tap-rooted plants are set back considerably if the root is injured during transplanting, this is not true of cole crops because their taproot eventually becomes a fibrous root system. And while cabbage roots can extend several feet deep, 70 to 80 percent of them are concentrated in the top 8 to 12 inches of the soil. For best results, plant seedlings deeply-up

to the cotyledons.

The roots of cole crops are not as efficient as the roots of crops such as tomatoes or squash and thus need evenly moist soil to function at their best. In the same garden, the tomatoes, squash, and potatoes may be thriving while the cole crops appear to be dying of thirst. Keep this in mind, and watch them so that they never become water-stressed.

While each cole crop has its own particular issues, most pests and diseases are shared by the whole group. I suppose the most persistent problem you will encounter is the barrage of various species of caterpillars, cabbage loopers being the most common of these. These pesky invaders love to try to get a taste of the young, tender foliage well before you do.

Fortunately, there are some very effective measures that can aid in controlling caterpillars. We will explore these next time.

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## My embarrassing Medicare confession

Oh boy, where do I even start? After 18 years penning this column, sharing tips and tales to help you navigate the golden years, I've got a confession that's got me eating a hefty slice of humble pie—washed down with a chaser of embarrassment. Yep, yours truly got slapped with Medicare's Late Enrollment Penalty (LEP).

Me! The guy who's been preaching about timely planning since before smartphones were a thing. If I had a nickel for every time I've advised folks to dot their i's and cross their t's with Medicare, I'd be retired on a beach somewhere. Instead, here I am, paying extra every month because I thought I knew better. Lesson learned!

So, let's dive into this LEP beast—what it is, where it came from, what sets it off, and how you can dodge it like a pro.

First off, what exactly is this LEP that turned my wallet into a cautionary tale? The Late Enrollment Penalty is Medicare's way of adding a financial sting to your premiums if you don't sign up for certain parts of the program when you're first eligible. It's not a slap on the wrist; it's more like a perpetual pinch in your pocketbook.

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Specifically, it hits Parts B (doctor visits, outpatient care, and preventive services) and D (prescription drugs). Part A (hospital stays) has its own version, but it's rarer since most folks get it premium-free after working long enough. Think of the LEP as Medicare's polite (but firm) reminder: "Hey, join the party on time, or pay extra for the late fee—forever."

Now, let's rewind the clock a bit for some history, because understanding the "why" might make you forgive my blunder (and avoid your own). The LEP for Part B dates back to the very birth of Medicare in 1965, when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed it into law as part of the Social Security Amendments. Back then, lawmakers were worried about "adverse selection"—a fancy term for people only signing up when they're sick, which

would jack up costs for everyone.

So, they baked in this penalty to encourage prompt enrollment, ensuring a balanced pool of healthy and not-so-healthy folks to keep premiums stable. It was a smart move for the program's longevity, but boy, does it sting when it bites you!

Fast forward to 2003, when Congress passed the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act, introducing Part D in 2006. Same logic applied: without a nudge to enroll early, folks might wait until they needed pricey meds, skewing the system. The LEP for Part D kicked in right from the start, mirroring Part B's structure.

So, what flips the switch on this penalty? It's all about timing—or lack thereof. For Part B, your Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) is a seven-month

window: three months before your 65th birthday month, the month itself, and three months after. Miss that without "creditable coverage" (like solid group health insurance from a job with 20+ employees), and bam—penalty time.

The trigger? Each full year you're late adds a 10% surcharge to your standard Part B premium (about \$185 a month in 2026, give or take). For Part D, it's sneakier: if you go 63 days or more without creditable drug coverage after becoming Medicare-eligible, you'll pay 1% of the national average premium (about \$34.70 base in recent years) for every month you're late.

Triggers can include retiring without realizing you need to act fast, assuming your spouse's plan covers you indefinitely, or—just like me—miscalculating your coverage gaps while juggling work and life.

Avoiding this pitfall? Easier said than done, but here's the humble advice from someone who's living the regret. Enroll during your IEP if you're not working with creditable coverage—it's that simple. If you are employed and have good group insur-

ance, you can delay without penalty, but grab a Special Enrollment Period (SEP) when that coverage ends (usually eight months for Part B, two for Part D).

Document everything: get a "creditable coverage" letter from your insurer to prove you weren't slacking. And don't forget Open Enrollment for Part D (October 15 to December 7) if you need to switch plans. If life's thrown you a curveball—like misinformation or a qualifying event—appeal the penalty through Social Security. Trust me, prevention is worth a pound of cure; I wish I'd double-checked with a SHIP counselor (that's State Health Insurance Assistance Program—free and fantastic in Georgia at 1-866-552-4464).

But here's the kicker that really stings, and I can't emphasize it enough: the LEP isn't a one-and-done fine. Oh no, it's a permanent monthly add-on for the rest of your life! For me, that means shelling out extra bucks every single month until... well, forever. It's like subscribing to a magazine you never wanted, but Medicare's the editor who won't let you cancel.

If you're late by two years on Part B, that's a 20% hike—potentially \$37 more monthly in 2026 premiums—tacked on indefinitely. Part D? A year's delay could mean \$4 extra a month, compounding over decades.

Fellow seniors, don't let my embarrassment be in vain. The LEP is a relic of good intentions from 1965, but in today's world of longer lives and complex retirements, it's a trap even "experts" like me can fall into. Check your enrollment status, chat with Medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE, and lean on local resources here in Georgia.

Life's too short for life-long penalties—learn from my humble pie, and keep your wallet happy. Until next time, stay enrolled and stay sharp!

Thanks for reading All About Seniors. See you next week!

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# ENTERTAINMENT



## Did You Know...?: When was the cash register invented?

So here we are again, after celebrating yet another President's Day. I've told you here before that my idea of the best President was Chester A. Arthur - he didn't do anything to mess things up, he tried to reform what he could, and he had the coolest sideburns.

My second-best President has to be William Henry Harrison, the ninth man to hold the office.

Why? Because he was only in office 31 days and didn't have a chance to do anything goofy.

Hope your holiday was nice, and the trivia below is even nicer!

Did you know ... the first person to receive two Nobel Prizes was a French scientist? Marie Curie (1867-1934) received the Nobel Physics Prize in 1903 for her discovery of radioactivity. Her second Physics Prize award came in 1911, when she was recognized for discovering the elements polonium and radium. (An energizing scientist, she was.)

... between 1948 and 2015, it was against the law in Japan to dance after 1 a.m.? (I can't imagine why ... can you?)

... a dead cow was once used to spark a political protest? In 1960, a U.S. satellite was returning to Earth, and it broke into several pieces as it fell. One of those pieces hit a farm on the island nation of Cuba, killing a cow. Because tensions between Cuba and the United States were high at the time, and as a poke at the U.S., a live cow was paraded through the streets with a sign on it saying, "Eisenhower, you murdered one of my sisters!" President Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969) was said to have been amused by the protest. (Or a-moo-seed. Cuba had a real beef with the U.S. about that.)

... a river in Peru will cook any creature that falls into it? Its name is the Shanayimpishka, which translates into the "Boiling River." The temperature of the water is close to 200 degrees, and any creature that falls into it will be boiled alive. The

headwaters of the river are marked with a boulder that looks like a giant snake's head. Like any such river or other body of hot water, it is located near an active volcano or lava "hot spot" under the Earth's crust. (That's nothing. There's a lake in Yellowstone National Park that will dissolve you if you fall in.)

...the cash register was invented in 1879? James J. Ritty (1836-1918) was the owner of a tavern in Dayton, Ohio, in the 1870s when he noticed some of his employees were taking the customers' money and pocketing it, rather than depositing the cash where it should be. On a trip to Europe in 1878, Ritty became intrigued with the idea of a mechanism that counted how many times the ship's propeller turned around, thinking such a machine could be developed to keep track of how much money came into the bar. To that end, he developed - after much trial and error - the "Ritty Dial," which had keys to press depending on how much money was taken

in. He patented it as "Ritty's Incorruptible Cashier" and began making them for other businesses. Overwhelmed with running the bar and selling cash registers, he decided to sell the cash register business - and the rest is history. (Ka-ching!)

... actor Bela Lugosi was buried in his most famous costume? Lugosi (born Bela Blasko, 1882-1956) was one of the biggest stars in the Golden Era of horror movies, the 1930s. His portrayal of Count Dracula in Dracula is deemed the standard against which other vampire portrayals are compared. When Lugosi died, he was buried in his Dracula costume, complete with cape. It is said that at his viewing, a woman brought her terrified son up to Lugosi's open casket to prove to the child that "Dracula was dead and was not going to get him." (I can understand the child's concern; vampires are undead, of course.)

... a stretch of road plays music? If you are driving along a section of Route 66 in New Mexico at a steady

45 miles per hour, the road's rumble strips play "America the Beautiful" as you go over them. (How patriotic!)

... a 140-minute movie was filmed in a single take? The 2014 independent German film Victoria was filmed continuously in one take, with no stopping the camera, no reshooting of scenes, and absolutely no cuts. The movie follows a woman named Victoria who is traveling in Berlin. One evening, she meets some new friends but as the evening progresses, things go from bad to worse, ending up in a bank robbery. To accomplish the almost-impossible task of shooting the entire movie in one non-stop take, the actors spent two months rehearsing, and were not confined to a specific script or certain lines. The movie follows 138 minutes in Victoria's life and was shot from 4:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. on April 27, 2014. Sadly, Victoria was not deemed eligible for the Academy Award™ for Best Foreign Language film, because much of the dialog was done in English. The

movie was attempted three times, each in one take; the third attempt was the one that was released.

... wallpaper was invented in 1739? Plunket Fleeson (1712-1791) stamped designs on paper with wood blocks, then painted in the designs by hand. He sold this as paper hangings for the wall. Fleeson, of Philadelphia, advertised in the Pennsylvania Gazette that year for his paper hangings, along with the sale of bed ticking and choice live goose feathers. (The goose wasn't included in the deal.)

... New Jersey has the nation's highest concentration of shopping malls? (Well, what else is there to do in New Jersey?)

... ladybugs aren't always very ladylike? Seemingly harmless, a ladybug can inflict unprovoked bites on human skin, releasing a defensive secretion that causes a stinging sensation. (You don't really have to annoy a ladybug to get one to bite you.)

Now ... you know!

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### The Spats



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- 27 Fan's shout
- 29 Owing money
- 31 Choir member
- 34 Like anchovies
- 35 Hour follower
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- 38 Yuletide tune
- 39 GPS suggestion
- 41 Lounge about
- 45 Toe woes
- 47 Nev. neighbor
- 48 "Psycho" director Alfred

- 52 Chemical suffix
- 53 Petrify
- 54 "QB --" (Uris novel)
- 55 Cacophony
- 56 "One L" author Scott
- 57 Right angle
- 58 Mermaid's home

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# Proposed change to law would expose librarians to jail risk for loaning 'harmful' materials to minors

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ATLANTA — Legislation that seeks to expose librarians to criminal prosecution for loaning the wrong books to children has resurfaced at the Georgia Legislature.

Senate Bill 74 passed the Senate last year, the first half of the biennial legislative session, and now it is advancing through the House.

The senator sponsoring the bill said library books have become a controversial topic in the area he represents, which is between Augusta and Savannah.

Constituents complained, so he investigated and decided that it was wrong to exempt librarians from the law.

"The objective is simple: protect children from harm," said Sen. Max Burns, R-Sylvania. He said he knows his legislation is controversial, given

the volume of comment on both sides of the issue before it passed the Senate last year. More than a couple dozen spoke again both for and against the measure during public comment about it this week.

"I have a hard time understanding why people oppose protecting children," he said.

Georgia law makes it a crime to knowingly give minors any material for reading, listening or watching that is deemed to be "harmful" to them in a sexual way.

Librarians are exempted from prosecution for the crime, which is categorized as a "high and aggravated" misdemeanor. Punishment can include up to a year in jail and a \$5,000 fine. One library director testified that such a reputation-al stain would also cost a librarian his or her license to work.

Burns' bill advanced after a close partisan vote from a House subcommittee Tuesday and is set for

a hearing by a full House committee Thursday. It could soon get a vote on the House floor.

Burns has tweaked his bill since last year, leaving librarians shielded when they can demonstrate that they tried to have questionable material submitted for review.

Proponents of the measure say they want "pornography" to be inaccessible to children.

"Kids are being exposed to pornography at such an early age," said Mike Griffin, lobbyist for the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. This drives them to commit sexual abuse against peers, he testified Tuesday. "It's so very important that we deal with limiting this type of access because it's creating perpetrators."

Other faith-based advocacy groups back the bill, too.

Lucia Frazier, who described herself as a "simple mom," said children were being exposed to

what she saw as "immoral" books in schools.

"I don't think the curriculum should even have anatomy," she said. "There is a level of conservatism that we need to go back towards. I think we're way out of line."

One critic of the legislation labeled it "authoritarian." Retired middle school librarian Susan McWethy said those who favor it want to impose their morality on everyone else, with librarians caught in the middle.

Children need access to reliable information about difficult topics such as addiction, gender dysphoria and sexuality, she said, and it is the responsibility of librarians to provide it.

"But somehow I feel these very topics will be under attack by the censorship police," she said, "placing librarians in impossible situations — whether to follow their professional expertise or capitulate to others who have narrow agendas and want to foist

their ideologies on everyone else."

The legislation maintains the shield from prosecution when librarians are "not aware" that harmful material was available in their library.

But Mike Cooper, a trustee of the DeKalb County Public Library system, worried that an "overzealous" prosecutor would assert that an accused librarian must have been aware.

How does a librarian defend themselves, he wondered, using the venue — a roomful of lawmakers in the Capitol — to drive his point home.

"Librarians do their best to survey the materials they have," Cooper said, "but they can't read every word and every book just as I'm sure you don't know every word in every piece of legislation approved under the Gold Dome."

The bill's supporters said it would be the responsibility of the state to prove an accused librarian was

guilty of knowingly distributing harmful material to minors.

But Rep. Esther Panitch, D-Sandy Springs, who voted against the measure, said librarians would have to produce evidence of their ignorance.

She asked Cooper a rhetorical question: "Are you aware of any society where banning books has resulted in anything good?"

This prompted Rep. Rob Leverett, R-Elberton, a member of the same legislative subcommittee, to say that he did not think the legislation said anything about banning books.

"Now admittedly," he added, "it does require you to undertake a greater qualitative review than I think most librarians are comfortable making."

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## POLICE

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understand something, it gets explained to them," he said. "[Participants] will come out knowing more about how a police department works and how they do things."

Martin believes that the Citizens Police Academy is a good way to answer those questions you may

have about how the police department works.

"It's a lot of fun," he said. "Eleven weeks seems like a long time but it's only two hours a day once a week. Everybody that I have talked to that has been through the class, I always get positive feedback, and I encourage anybody to participate at some point."

The Spring Citizens Police Academy is from

March 2 through May 11. Classes will be held on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Warner Robins Police Department, 100 Watson Boulevard.

For more information on the Citizens Police Academy, contact Officer Greg Martin at gmartin@wrga.gov. To sign up, go to <https://www.wrga.gov/police/page/community-events?fbclid=IwY2x-jawQAKnZleHR>

## VELVET

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Owner of MC Entertainment and co-owner of Acres and Oak Kitchen, Justin Collins, said participants will experience the night as if they had traveled back in time to the 1920s, with patrons encouraged to dress up for the occasion.

"As the night unfolds, the murder will happen and you will get clues and try to figure out who did it," he said. "There will be a cast of 13 that will have full characters that could be a suspect in the murder, and you'll be utilizing your interactions with them and clues throughout the night to try and figure out who did it."

Some characters of the Velvet Cat include Johnny Collins, the owner, Evelyn Collins, Johnny's ex-wife, Allen Nottingham, a U.S. Senator, Derek Stone, the

head bartender, Clarence Shaw, a detective, and many more.

According to Bodega Brew owner Jodi Daily, the brewery has never hosted a murder mystery event before and is looking forward to it.

"I'm very excited," she said. "I think it'll be very fun."

Collins has hosted private murder mystery events at their home before. This will be their first public event, and thought Bodega Brew would be a nice venue.

"The vibe is comfortable, and it's the right size and setup," Co-owner of MC Entertainment and Acres and Oak Kitchen, Afton Collins, said. "It's a comfortable place to get away from the busy chaos of our normal lives, just like a speakeasy was kind of a way to escape."

Attending a murder mystery event can also be a good way to meet

new people and have the chance to attend and be part of a show.

"It's a night to remember," Co-owner of MC Entertainment, Tyler Messer, said. "It's a story I tell people at my work about all the adventures and the stories that we had. I think it's a night that you'll remember for the rest of your life."

Afton Collins pointed out that the Velvet Cat is different from your regular play on a stage.

"You're actually getting to talk to the characters and ask questions and try to piece the story together and learn clues with the cast," she said. "You really get to experience a whole lot more."

Tickets are still available for purchase. To be a part of the Velvet Cat experience, go to <https://events.ticketleap.com/tickets/mc-entertainment/the-velvet-cat?fbclid=IwY2xja>

## JAZZ

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shared Kaminski is the official organist for the Atlanta Braves. He is also a pianist and accordionist.

Joining Kaminski in the ensemble are Dan Coy on guitar, Marc Miller on bass, Marla Feeny on violin and Alvard Mayilyan on vocals.

After much discussion, Vesely shared that the association would like to offer classical music and a different type of entertainment for the community.

Vesely has been involved with WRCCA for the past three months. He said he has no musical background, but his love for it motivated him to join the association.

He grew up in Chicago and listened to the Blues. Later on, Vesely started gaining an appreciation for classical music, which is now one of his favorite genres.

He shared he often attends shows from the Mercer-Macon Symphony Orchestra and the Fabian Concert Series, which are string quartet groups.

"Those are wonderful to listen to. I got interested in

that and then my wife was invited to join [the association] and she asked me to come along. That's how we got onto the board," he said.

The last group the association invited was Take Three, who the audience loved, Vesely said. He shared that they were heavily involved with the audience and will be performing again on April 25.

They are also looking to invite students from Mercer University to be in next year's program. Vesely said they performed for WRCCA last year, and would love to have them back.

WRCCA has a jam-packed year ahead, filled with concerts for the community to enjoy.

On April 19, Mary Stephenson and Sarah Divaker will take the stage performing timeless instruments: the violin and the harp.

In November, they will have an ensemble celebrating the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Also in the same month, on Nov. 15, the Palmetto Saxophone Quartet will perform various variations for the instru-

ment.

Vesely said they are trying to fill the months of May and September with more entertainment.

The association is aiming to get the word out about their events, rather than solely relying on "word-of-mouth." Vesely hopes to attract young people to their concerts.

He shared that it has been difficult to reach younger people, but he proposed inviting chorus groups from local high schools to perform to help address the problem.

"I think if they really had an opportunity to see and listen to this type of music, I think a majority will love it and would probably come back. That's one of the things I want to do is to be able to make this available to the younger crowd," he said.

The Hot Club Jazz Fellowship will take place Sunday, March 1, at 3 p.m. Concerts are held at First United Methodist Church, located at 205 North Davis Drive.

To keep up with WRCCA and purchase tickets, visit: [wrconcert.org](http://wrconcert.org)

## SENTENCED

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Shortly after the car break-in on Dec. 26, 2023, a suspect entered a nearby convenience store and attempted to use the stolen credit card. Investigators used surveillance footage, law enforcement databases, social media, and interviews with King's acquaintances to identify him.

King, previously convicted of statutory rape in 2009, failed to register annually as a sex offender or report to his probation officer, prompting an investigation and arrest warrant.

King was arrested on Jan. 16, 2024, while attempting more acts of theft and identity fraud. He was later tried and convicted for these offenses in October 2025.

King was sentenced by Judge Katherine Lumsden and prosecuted by Senior District Attorney Mike Smith.

Smith and Houston

County District Attorney Eric Edwards provided comments.

Smith stated, "The Houston Circuit District Attorney's Office would like to thank the Warner Robins Police Department, the Houston County Sheriff's Office, and the Department of Community Supervision for their outstanding efforts in bringing this career criminal to justice. The Office would especially like to highlight the efforts of Investigator James Nix (WRPD), Sergeant Timothy Leonard (HCSO) and Officer Katherine Lanier (DCS). All members of our community should be safe from having their property and their identities stolen, and convicted sex offenders must comply with the terms and conditions of their sentences, or otherwise face the consequences. The District Attorney's Office remains committed to protecting the community from career criminals."

Edwards added, "This

defendant's conduct was not isolated or accidental—it was part of a clear pattern of criminal behavior that escalated over time. Breaking into vehicles, stealing identities, and ignoring sex offender registration requirements all undermine public safety in very real ways. The requirement that convicted sex offenders register is not a technicality—it exists so law enforcement and the public can monitor compliance and prevent further harm. When someone repeatedly ignores those obligations while committing new crimes, incarceration becomes necessary to protect the community.

"I appreciate the coordinated work of our law enforcement partners and the prosecution of this case by Senior Assistant District Attorney Mike Smith. The sentence imposed reflects the seriousness of this conduct and our commitment to holding career criminals accountable."

## HARPER

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Summarizing and paraphrasing Representative Tarvin's posts on his behalf, it comes down to whether a company that uses but does not manufacture a legal ingredient that is already regulated should be held liable for its use.

Some would call this a question of fairness. This involves both politics and big money, however. Thus, to quote my late father's most frequent admonition, "nothing in this world is fair."

In the current climate, populists on the right believe big business is the enemy and should be punished for existing. The left wants anyone with deep pockets to "pay their fair share" by any means necessary as part of income and wealth redistribution. Trial lawyers are lucky that both sides can appear on any given jury.

Despite how the bill is being framed by Atlanta media, it does not, in its current form, offer anyone blanket immunity. It instead seeks a balance for future claims. Of note, the burden of proof that manufacturers who used PFAS chemicals in their own production knew of potential harm would fall on plaintiffs and/or prosecutors, rather than on them having to prove they were innocent.

In short, the bill seeks to distinguish between a "misled commercial receiver" and someone who knowingly contributed to environmental problems and/or tried to cover them up. That latter category will still provide plenty of groundwater for trial lawyers to drill down into.

As of this writing, HB 211 has moved to the House Judiciary Committee. Plenty of career lawyers who also serve as Representatives will have their say on liability limitations there. If

the bill is to make it to the Governor's desk for signature, it will have to pass both House Judiciary and Rules Committees and receive a floor vote by March 6th to be considered in the Senate. A lot hangs in the balance.

I'll add a personal note about Representative Steve Tarvin. I met him in 2009 when he was running for Congress at the height of the Tea Party movement. I can't remember the words he used to introduce himself, but it was along the lines of "an independent old cuss." He was, and is. That's a high compliment in my book.

He's taking the details of this debate directly to his constituents - not bumper sticker slogans, but enough detail on which I could base this column. He wants the facts out there, good and bad. He knows he and his voters will have to live with the results, whatever the legislature decides.

## JOINER

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called their cows with a similar sounding "Ho-ey." If anyone is familiar with the origin of cow-calling words I'd like to know more. Such mysteries sometime keep me awake at night.

"There's more than one way to skin a cat," used to be in the regular lineup of expressions. I've never understood why anyone would want to skin a cat. Maybe it refers to catfish.

I skinned a few catfish

growing up, first nailing their head to a fence post like Daddy taught me. He'd cut the skin just below the head and pull it off with pliers. That process is not patented so you're welcome to use it.

"He'd rather climb a tree and tell a lie than stand on the ground and tell the truth." A family friend made that comment to me years ago about a young fellow who was working for him. That expression was mostly grounded when kids stopped climbing trees.

During my childhood we

climbed trees for entertainment, but also for economic benefits. Jimmy and I would scale the pecan trees in our yard then kick the limbs so the nuts would fall. It's not as efficient as a mechanical shaker but the price was right and the thrill was free.

Once upon a time I could climb trees till the cows came home. Now it would leave me all stoved up. And I guess kicking those pecan limbs to shake the nuts loose proves at least one dying expression is true. There's more than one way to skin a cat.

## FOOD

Healthy Everyday Recipes for *Real Life*

## Nutritious, Energy-Boosting, Egg-Inspired Breakfasts That Save Time

## FAMILY FEATURES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Turkey Bacon and Spinach Quiche with Sweet Potato Crust

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association with support from Egghand's Best  
Servings: 5

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 medium sweet potato, peeled
- 1 teaspoon canola or corn oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 6 slices uncured, nitrate-free turkey bacon, thinly sliced
- 10 ounces frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 3/4 teaspoon dried dillweed, crumbled
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 4 large egg whites
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup fat-free milk
- 1 1/2 tablespoons fat-free feta cheese

Preheat oven to 400 F. Lightly spray 9-inch pie pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In medium bowl, using box grater, grate sweet potato. Measure out 2 cups. Gently press sweet potato on bottom and up sides of pan, forming crust. Sweet potato will be loose but will hold together once cooked.

Bake 20 minutes, or until crust is cooked. Remove from oven. Let stand to cool. Reduce oven temperature to 350 F.

In medium skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat, swirling to coat bottom. Cook onion 6 minutes, or until almost translucent, stirring frequently. Add turkey bacon. Cook 3-4 minutes, or until onion and bacon begin to brown, stirring frequently. Add spinach, dillweed, salt and pepper. Cook 1-2 minutes, or until water from spinach is released. Remove from heat. Transfer mixture into sweet potato crust.

In medium bowl, whisk egg whites, eggs and milk. Pour over mixture in crust. Sprinkle feta over top.

Bake 35-40 minutes, or until knife inserted into center comes out clean. Transfer to cooling rack. Let cool 10 minutes before cutting into wedges.

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

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

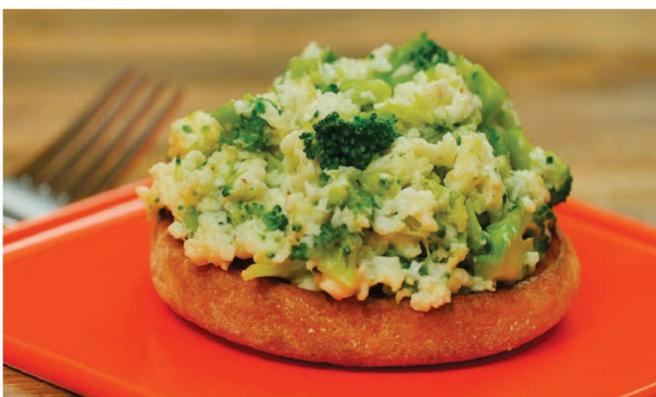
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen broccoli florets, thawed if frozen
- 1/4 cup water
- 8 extra-large egg whites
- 1/2 cup fat-free milk
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 cup shredded fat-free cheddar cheese
- 2 whole-wheat, low-sodium English muffins

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

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

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

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



### Egg "Muffin" Cups with Turkey Sausage and Mushrooms

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bake 25 minutes, or until eggs are set. Remove from oven. Let cool slightly. To easily remove muffins from pan, run knife around edges of each muffin.

## 'Championships don't come every day': Defensive intensity, career-highs and good vibes carry Demonettes through demolition of Wayne County and Region 1-4A championship

By **CLAY BROWN**  
 HHJ Sports Editor  
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WARNER ROBINS — In the wise words shared by Demonettes head coach Rebecca Ivory, championships don't come every day.

There are many privileged programs out there with an established culture and a wealth of talent that allows them to see many even within one high school student's four years.

But for many, they never see one. Not even an appearance in the big game.

Ivory learned to appreciate them when they come from a young age, and has appreciated the many as a coach, since.

"Each championship to me is special. It's a different group of girls, it's a different road to get where we are," Ivory said. "We started the season with different goals this year, smaller goals...I told them yesterday and I told them today I remember being on a nine and ten-year-old team, we won a championship. At the banquet [my coach said] championships don't come every day. So you embrace them whether [it's recreation] ball, middle school, high school, college."

Friday's 60-30 final against Wayne County awarded Ivory and the Demonettes their fourth in her tenure, just three years removed from the end of a three-peat. Some people might go without winning a championship, but they certainly aren't members of her program.

"Some people play their whole lives and never win a championship. I think they embraced that today," She continued. "At halftime one of them said, 'Coach said everybody don't win a championship every day, we gotta go get it...' I played and never won a high school region championship myself. So to come back here and bring four home is amazing."

Despite what the final score says, the Lady Yellow Jackets actually punched first, and hard.

It felt like Wayne County came out more prepared for the stage and they quickly took a 9-2 lead.

But if you've seen Warner Robins you know they don't take turbulence laying down.



**HARDWARE SECURED:** Warner Robins guard Joselyn Casanova lifts the Region 1-4A championship trophy with starry eyes after the Demonettes defeated Wayne County 60-30.

From 3:44 in the first quarter to halftime they outscored the Lady Yellow Jackets 22-5. The Demonettes trailed 9-7 after the first, but the first play of the second quarter was a Kennedy Bradshaw three-pointer for the lead, her first of five during her 27-point night, tied for her career high at Warner Robins. They never trailed again after that.

"To go from no points Wednesday to 27 today, it just shows her ability to shoot the ball," Ivory said. "We had a discussion yesterday and we just talked about her confidence, and she got it back. Kennedy is a true ball player, she's got all kind of fight. She probably has the most championship experience on the team. She came to play today."

Her offensive boost complemented a suffocating defensive effort, if you wanted to understate how good the Demonettes were on that end.

Warner Robins has only won five games by single digits this season, and in 13 of those games they

held their opponents to under 35 points.

They forced multiple 10-second violations in the third quarter and Wayne County just could not move on offense. With each turnover, charge or foul drawn, the Demonettes both on the court and the bench exploded.

Janelle Turner is usually the most animated of the group, but everybody got in on the emotional roars this time.

Ivory was proud of what she saw on Friday.

"I'm proud of them for listening. Taking film serious, listening to the adjustments that we had to make. Talking defensively," Ivory said. "Laila Howard-Haney...Syriah Mace, they talk the most defensively. Laila just stepped up big time defensively for us today. She does a lot of the little things that nobody sees...For them to just cohesively fight defensively is amazing. I told them offense don't win ball games, defense wins ball games all day."

When there were only a few minutes left, chants

from the Warner Robins boys' and Ware County girls' section of the bleachers started chanting, "We want Kaelyn!"

This was in reference to freshman Kaelyn Brooks, daughter of assistant boys coach Antwan Brooks. While not immediately submitting to the

chants, with two minutes left Ivory emptied the bench with Kaelyn Brooks included, and her entry to the floor drew cheers from the crowd.

Shortly after the buzzer sounded the Demonettes flooded the court in celebration of their first region championship in three

**See more photos at**  
**hhjonline.com**

**UP NEXT**

Warner Robins will host the first round of the playoffs, one of two Houston County teams to do so this season.



**Warner Robins' Kyndle Turner (10) holds up three to celebrate one of Kennedy Bradshaw's five three-pointers during the Region 1-4A championship game.**



**Demonettes seniors Janelle Turner (right) and Madyson Jones (left) high five after a big defensive play against Wayne County. Those were plentiful in Warner Robins' 60-30 victory in the Region 1-4A championship game.**



**CHAMPIONSHIPS DON'T COME EVERY DAY:** The Demonettes flood the floor with all kinds of smiles after winning the Region 1-4A championship game against Wayne County, 60-30. This is Warner Robins' first since the end of a three-peat in 2023.

# Legals

## The Houston Home Journal

WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 18, 2026

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#### Adoption

26-172  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BLECKLEY COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

Civil Action No.:2025A-0004  
IN RE: ADOPTION OF MINOR AND CHANGE OF NAME: LAEKYN ASHER JAMES, DOUGLAS M. JOHNSTON, Petitioner.

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**  
TO: JOSHUA EARL JAMES  
Houston County, Georgia

By order of the Court for Service by Publication dated Jan. 26, 2026, you are hereby notified that on Sept. 17 2025, Douglas Michael Johnston filed Petition of Adoption of a Minor Child, L. James. You are required to file with the clerk of Superior Court, and to serve upon Petitioner's attorney John P. Harrington at P.O. Box 130, Eastman, Georgia 31023 an answer in writing within sixty (60) day of March 27 2026. Witness, the Honorable C. Michael Johnson, Judge of Bleckley County Superior Court. This 4th day of February, 2026. Carol Evans  
Bleckley County Superior Court - Clerk  
112 N. Second St.  
Cochran, GA 31014  
**55100 2/11-3/4**

#### Service & Construction Bids

26-200

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS**  
ICB Construction Group acting as the Construction Manager for the Houston County Board of Education is soliciting proposals from qualified subcontractors for the HOUSTON COUNTY STEM ACADEMY project located on Hwy 41 in Warner Robins, Georgia. Information regarding Bid Packages or Bid Document availability can be obtained by contacting the Construction Manager, ICB Construction Group, 555 5th Street, Macon, Georgia 31201 or by phone/fax at: Phone: 478.812.8451 Fax: 478.812.8456 Proposals are due no later than February 26, 2026, by 2:00 PM at the office of ICB Construction Group or by e-mail to bids@icbconstructiongroup.com. Proposals will be publicly read aloud starting at 3:00 PM.  
**55389 2/18-2/25**

#### Debtors & Creditors Notice

26-081

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

All creditors of the Estate of Lynda R. Ekman-Fischer, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 5th day of January 2026. Jennifer N. Moore  
Attorney for the Executor of the Estate of Lynda R. Ekman-Fischer  
P.O. Box 5085  
Macon, GA 31208  
**54413 1/28-2/18**

26-103

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
IN RE: DAVID KALMBACH  
All creditors of the Estate of David Kalmbach, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
January 22, 2026  
Shuping Bao Kalmbach  
Executor of the Will  
David Kalmbach  
200 Woodward Road  
Kathleen, GA 31047  
Robert T. Tuggle, III  
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP  
Post Office Box 89  
Perry, Georgia 31069  
**54516 1/28-2/18**

26-180

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
IN RE: ANDREA DENISE HONEYCUTT  
All creditors of the Estate of Andrea Denise Honeycutt, 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.  
February 9, 2026  
Larry Dean Honeycutt, Administrator of the Estate of Andrea Denise Honeycutt  
215 Houston Dr.  
Kathleen, GA 31047  
Robert R. Lawson  
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP  
Post Office Box 89  
Perry, Georgia 31069  
**55205 2/18-3/11**

26-187

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
IN RE: MARY H. KEEN  
All creditors of the Estate of Mary H. Keen, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
January 21, 2026  
Anna Davis Askew  
Executors of the Will  
109 Elizabeth Drive  
Byron, GA 31008  
Robert T. Tuggle, III  
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP  
Post Office Box 89  
Perry, Georgia 31069  
**54460 1/28-2/18**

26-097

**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

All creditors of the Estate of Lora Junior McBee, deceased, of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment. This 21st Day of January 2026. Karen Elaine Wrenn, Executrix c/o Rebecca C. Moody  
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC  
P.O. Box 422  
Perry, GA 31069  
478-988-0238  
**54486 1/28-2/18**

26-133

**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

All creditors of the Estate of LILLIE IRENE CARTER, 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 January 27, 2026  
Rebecca C. Moody, Administrator  
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC  
P.O. Box 422  
Perry, GA 31069  
478-988-0238  
**54699 2/4-2/25**

26-104

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
IN RE: PRABHU P. BAKRANIA  
All creditors of the Estate of Prabhu P. Bakrania, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
January 22, 2026  
Katherine Bakrania  
Administrator of the Estate of Prabhu P. Bakrania  
1919 South Broad St., Apt 3  
Philadelphia, PA 19248  
Robert T. Tuggle, III  
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP  
Post Office Box 89  
Perry, Georgia 31069  
**54517 1/28-2/18**

26-130

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
IN RE: ESTATE OF LESLIE BATEY PRITCHETT  
All creditors of the estate of Leslie Batey Pritchett, 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.  
Leslie Suzanne Detota and Christopher Norman Pritchett are the Co-Executors of the estate of Leslie Batey Pritchett. D. Lee Peacock, Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy, Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088 (478) 922-3010.  
**54689 2/4-2/25**

26-158

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

All creditors of the estate of Gerald Paul Campbell 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 29th day of January, 2026  
Name: Kimberley Jean Levy c/o Broel Law, LLC  
Title: Administrator  
Address: 331 N. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30060  
**54904 2/11-3/4**

26-173

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

GEORGIA  
HOUSTON COUNTY  
All creditors of RONALD BRUCE VAUGHAN, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned estate representative, Andrew Jeffrey Vaughan, c/o M. Stanley Martin, Attorney at Law, 127 Carl Vinson Pkwy., Warner Robins, GA 31088 (478) 225-2147  
**55141 2/11-3/4**

26-127

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIE JAMES WHITEHURST. All creditors of the estate of Willie James Whitehurst, late of Houston County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
January 22, 2026  
Shuping Bao Kalmbach  
Executor of the Will  
David Kalmbach  
200 Woodward Road  
Kathleen, GA 31047  
Robert T. Tuggle, III  
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP  
Post Office Box 89  
Perry, Georgia 31069  
**54664 2/4-2/25**

26-187

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
IN RE: ANDREA DENISE HONEYCUTT  
All creditors of the Estate of Andrea Denise Honeycutt, 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.  
February 9, 2026  
Larry Dean Honeycutt, Administrator of the Estate of Andrea Denise Honeycutt  
215 Houston Dr.  
Kathleen, GA 31047  
Robert R. Lawson  
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP  
Post Office Box 89  
Perry, Georgia 31069  
**55205 2/18-3/11**

26-086

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
IN RE: MARY H. KEEN  
All creditors of the Estate of Mary H. Keen, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
January 21, 2026  
Anna Davis Askew  
Executors of the Will  
109 Elizabeth Drive  
Byron, GA 31008  
Robert T. Tuggle, III  
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP  
Post Office Box 89  
Perry, Georgia 31069  
**54460 1/28-2/18**

26-096

**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

All creditors of the Estate of Faye Carole McBee, deceased, of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment.  
This 21st Day of January 2026.  
Karen Elaine Wrenn, Executrix c/o Rebecca C. Moody  
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC  
P.O. Box 422  
Perry, GA 31069  
478-988-0238  
**54485 1/28-2/18**

26-080

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
IN RE: ESTATE OF GABRIEL LEE STONE, DECEASED  
All creditors of the Estate of Gabriel Lee Stone, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
THIS 8th day of January, 2026.  
Camalle D. Stone, Administrator  
144 Graystone Drive  
Americus, GA 31709  
Pro Se  
**54387 1/28-2/18**

26-185

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
All creditors of the estate of CAROL ANN JOHNSON, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
Judy Williams, Petitioner of the Estate of CAROL ANN JOHNSON  
402 Lady Liberty Way  
Lexington, SC 29073  
Jordan Reab  
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP  
PO Box 1770  
Perry, GA 31069  
478-987-1415  
**55197 2/18-3/11**

26-116

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
IN RE: ESTATE OF ERNEST JACKSON, DECEASED  
All creditors of the Estate of Ernest Jackson, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
THIS 23 day of January, 2026.  
Cherlyn Mensah Bills, Administrator  
300 Wynn Place Apt. 521E  
Warner Robins, GA 31088  
**54571 2/4-2/25**

26-126

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
All creditors of the estate of GARLAND B. HAMPTON, 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.  
Shirlene Garland, Petitioner of the Estate of GARLAND B. HAMPTON  
110 Northfork Court  
Warner Robins, Georgia 31093  
Jordan Reab  
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP  
PO Box 1770  
Perry, GA 31069  
478-987-1415  
**54647 2/4-2/25**

26-157

**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

All creditors of the Estate of SALLY ELIZABETH SCALES, 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 29th day of January 2026.  
Charles Scales, Executor c/o Rebecca C. Moody  
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC  
P.O. Box 422  
Perry, GA 31069  
478-988-0238  
**54898 2/11-3/4**

26-098

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
All creditors of the estate of CAROL ANN JOHNSON, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
Judy Williams, Petitioner of the Estate of CAROL ANN JOHNSON  
402 Lady Liberty Way  
Lexington, SC 29073  
Jordan Reab  
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP  
PO Box 1770  
Perry, GA 31069  
478-987-1415  
**54510 1/28-2/18**

26-082

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
IN RE: STEPHEN GREGORY DOSS, DECEASED  
All debtors/creditors of the Estate of Stephen Gregory Doss, deceased, of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment of the undersigned.  
This 20th day of January 2026.  
Barbara Mims Doss  
c/o Kindall Browning-Rickle, Esq.  
P.O. Box 4939  
Eastman, Georgia 31023  
**54427 1/28-2/18**

26-094

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

All creditors of the estate of Angela Daniels Searcy 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 28th day of January, 2026  
Name: Donta Clark  
Title: Executor  
Address: 770 Highway 96 Bonaire, GA 31005  
**54481 1/28-2/18**

26-195

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

ESTATE OF HAROLD ARTHUR ROGERS  
HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA  
All creditors of the Estate of Harold Arthur Rogers are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned in accordance with law, and all persons indebted to the estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
This 9th day of February, 2026.  
Michael Ingersoll, Executor, 1603 Bobwhite Court, Greenville, SC 27858  
**55260 2/18-3/11**

26-102

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
IN RE: RUTH FORMAN BLACKMON, DECEASED  
All creditors of the estate of Ruth Forman Blackmon, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
Zell Shaw Blackmon, Jr. is the Executor of the estate of Ruth Forman Blackmon. Edwin S. Varner, Jr., Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088, (478) 922-3010.  
**54515 1/28-2/18**

26-191

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
IN RE: TERRY WAYNE BEARDEN  
All creditors of the Estate of Terry Wayne Bearden, 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.  
February 9, 2026  
James L. Kober, Administrator of the Estate of Terry Wayne Bearden  
112 Friendly Acres Road  
Hawley, PA 18428  
Robert R. Lawson  
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP  
Post Office Box 89  
Perry, Georgia 31069  
**55211 2/18-3/11**

26-160

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

All creditors of the estate of FRANCISCO RIVERA 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 29th day of January, 2026  
Name: Elliot Rivera  
Title: Executor  
Address: 7393 Hodgson Memorial Drive Suite 202 Savannah GA 31406  
**54910 2/11-3/4**

26-108

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
IN RE: ESTATE OF VIRA CHERNYSHOVA, DECEASED  
All creditors of the Estate of Vira Chernyshova, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.  
This 22 day of January, 2026.  
Margaryta Yarbrough, Administrator  
333 Margie Drive  
Warner Robins, Georgia  
Wm. Riley Glover  
333 Margie Drive  
Warner Robins, Georgia  
**54539 2/4-2/25**

26-087

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

All creditors of the estate of John W. Anagnost 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 28th day of January, 2026  
Name: Anthony T. Anagnost  
Title: Executor  
Address: 228 Bazemore Circle Warner Robins, GA 31093  
**54463 1/28-2/18**

26-164

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

Trenise Denise Smith,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Morris Smith  
Defendant  
Civil Action File No. 2026V0133558

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: Morris Smith, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce was filed against you in said court on January 5, 2026, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on January 26th, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff, whose address is 1808 Elberta Road, Warner Robins, GA 31093, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
Witness the Honorable Judge Amy E. Smith, Judge of said Court.  
This 26th day of January, 2026.  
Jennifer Otto  
CLERK, Superior Court  
Houston Judicial Circuit  
**54984 2/11-3/4**

26-165

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

Ashley Martiny,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Joseph Martiny,  
Defendant  
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133286

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: Joseph Martiny, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce was filed against you in said court on November 6, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on January 21st, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff, whose address is 123 Villa North Ct., Warner Robins, GA 31093, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
Witness the Honorable Amy E. Smith, Judge of said Court.  
This 21st day of January, 2026.  
Jennifer Otto  
CLERK, Superior Court  
Houston Judicial Circuit  
**54985 2/11-3/4**

26-189

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

Breanna Knight,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Rasheed Ahmad,  
Defendant  
Civil Action File No. 2025V0132797

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: Rasheed Ahmad, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce was filed against you in said court on August 14, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on January 27th, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff, whose address is 117 Orchard Pass, Warner Robins, GA 31088, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
Witness the Honorable Edward D. Luke-mire, Judge of said Court.  
This 28th day of January  
Jennifer Otto  
CLERK, Superior Court  
Houston Judicial Circuit  
**55208 2/18-3/11**

26-077

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

Ashley N. Reeves  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Isaac R. Reeves, III  
Defendant  
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133179

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: Isaac R. Reeves, III, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce was filed against you in said court on October 21, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on January 7, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff, whose address is 1088 Atsani Trail, Macon, Georgia 31206 an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
Witness the Honorable Katherine K. Lumsden, Judge of said Court.  
This 8th day of January, 2026  
Hillary R. Yee  
CLERK, Superior Court  
Houston Judicial Circuit  
**54382 1/28-2/18**

26-076

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

Candis Parker  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Asia Parker  
Defendant  
Civil Action File No. 2025V132775

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: Asia Parker, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce was filed against you in said court on August 11, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on January 9, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff, whose address is 276 McDowell St. Apt. 102 Columbus, OH 43015, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail

possession of the property is JOSE LUIS GREPONNE, JR., 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: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 3043 Townsgate Road Suite 200, Westlake Village, CA 91361, Telephone Number: 1-866-549-3583. 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.

**PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC** as Attorney in Fact for **JOSE LUIS GREPONNE, JR.** 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. PNY-25-05422-1  
Ad Nur Dates 01/14/2026, 02/04/2026,  
02/11/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/25/2026  
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**53847 1/14-2/25**

**26-141  
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON**

Pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain security deed executed by Janice S. Aguabella, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Riverside Residential Lending recorded in Deed Book 1906, page 277, of the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the aforesaid state and county, and by virtue of a default under the terms of said security deed, and the related note, the undersigned attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor (which attorney-in-fact is the present holder of said security deed and note secured thereby) will sell at the usual place of conducting Sheriff's sales in said county within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder 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 situate, lying and being in Land Lot 171 of the Fifth Land District of Houston County, Georgia, known and designated as Lot 11, Block "K", Section No. 2, Phase No. 4, of a subdivision known as Country Club Hills, according to a plat of survey of said subdivision prepared by Broxton Surveying Co., certified by John J. Broxton, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1492, dated January 16, 1969, a copy of which is of record in Map Book 12, Page 232, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes.

The above-described property is conveyed subject to Protective Covenants as contained in instrument of record in Deed Book 318, Pages 309-314, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court; also, subject to easements and rights-of-way for public roads and utilities as they now exist and building lines and other matters shown on the aforesaid recorded plat of survey. Said legal description being controlling, however, the Property is more commonly known as: **420 Hedlund Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088**

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 be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable); any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, and all other matters of record superior to the said Security Deed. 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. MidFirst Bank is the entity with authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the Note and Security Deed. MidFirst Bank's address is 999 N.W. Grand Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73118. MidFirst Bank may be contacted by telephone at 1-800-552-3000. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be Janice S. Aguabella, or tenant(s).

MidFirst Bank, as Transferee, Assignee, and Secured Creditor  
As attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor  
CB Legal, LLC  
Attorneys at Law  
10882 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA 30075  
(770) 392-0041  
19-5984-JD

THIS 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.

**54847 2/14-2/25**

**26-125  
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF BIBB**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain deed to secure debt from I J Khambhala Properties LLC (the "Grantor") to Maneklal Patel (the "Lender"), dated July 1, 2025, and recorded in Deed Book 10755, Pages 286-295, Clerk's Office, Houston County Superior Court, (said deed to secure debt is hereinafter referred to as the "Security Deed"), said Security Deed having been given to secure that certain promissory note dated July 1, 2025, executed by Grantor in favor of Maneklal Patel, in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$225,000.00), together with interest thereon as set forth therein and together with all extensions or renewals thereof and all other indebtedness or obligations of Grantor to Lender (the "Note"), there will be a sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Houston County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday of March, 2026, (March 3, 2026), the following described real property (the "Property"), together with all fixtures and improvements located thereon and all rights, members and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 169 of the Fifth (5th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Parcel "B", according to a compiled plat for "Karen Williams Bridges", prepared by Story Surveying Company, Inc., dated September 9, 1987, a copy of which is of record in Plat Book 33, Page 136, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by

reference for all purposes.

Under the present system of numbering, this property is known as **1241 Russell Parkway, Warner Robins, Georgia.**

The debt secured by the Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, the failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note. 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.

The Property will be sold as the property of I J Khambhala Properties LLC, subject to all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the Property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to ad valorem taxes which constitute liens upon said Property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said Property; and all matters of record superior to said Security Deed, including, but not limited to, any Federal tax liens.

This sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1 which permits the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia in limited circumstances, and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loans with the holder of the Security Deed. Notice has been given of intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the Note secured by said Security Deed. Notice has also been given, in writing and by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Grantor, of the name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the Security Deed and the Note thereby secured in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2(a).

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the Property are I J Properties LLC, or tenant or tenants, and the proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and the expenses of said sale.

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

Maneklal Patel, as Attorney-in-Fact for I J Khambhala Properties LLC  
T. Baron Gibson II  
Martin Snow, LLP  
4025 Vineville Ave.  
Macon, Georgia 31210  
(478) 749-1715  
File No: G0439.66331  
**54641 2/4-2/25**

26-135  
GA2600293737

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
SALE UNDER POWER**

Houston County, Georgia and Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Rainier Romana Sabado to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Grantee, As Nominee For Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation D/B/A Homefinity, dated 07/01/2021 recorded 07/23/2021 in Book 9271, Page 259, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on 12/22/2025 BK 10764 PG 472 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$206,000.00, 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, within the legal hours of sale on 03/03/2026, the following described property: All That Tract Or Parcel Of Land Situate, Lying And Being In Land Lots 158 And 159 Of The Tenth (10th) Land District, Houston County, Georgia, Being Known And Designated As Lot 16, Block "A", Ashley Hall Subdivision, Section No. 2, Phase No. 1, According To A Plat Of Survey Recorded In Plat Book 46, Page 163, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said Plat And The Recorded Copy Thereof Are Incorporated By Reference For All Purposes. This conveyance is made subject to all zoning ordinances, easements and restrictions of record affecting said bargained premises.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation they can be contacted at 866-978-2622 for Loss Mitigation Dept. or by writing to Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation 9726 Old Bailes Rd Ste 200, Fort Mill, SC 29707 to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure. Said property will be sold on "as-is" basis and subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Rainier Romana Sabado or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **119 Oak Meadow Tr, Warner Robins, GA 31088**. 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. Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation as Attorney in Fact for Rainier Romana Sabado. First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving TX 75063 866-429-5179 GA2600293737

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26-091

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

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by James Chunn, Kaeli C Chunn to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company LLC, its successors and assigns dated March 28, 2024, recorded in Deed Book 10391, Page 210, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Guild Mortgage Company LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 10773, Page 244, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND TWENTY-NINE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$161,029.00), 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 March, 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.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is James Chunn and Kaeli C Chunn or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **103 Edna Place, 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. Guild Mortgage Company LLC as Attorney in Fact for James Chunn, Kaeli C Chunn  
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP  
1544 Old Alabama Rd  
Roswell, GA 30076  
www.foreclosurehotline.net  
EXHIBIT "A"

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 190 of the Fifth (5th) Land District, Houston County, Georgia, known and designated as Lot 12, Block B, of a subdivision of Lot 12, Block B, of a subdivision known as Azalea Park, according to a plat of survey prepared by Theodore W. Waddle, Surveyor, dated January 29, 1955, a copy of which is of record in Map Book 3, Page 224, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto 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, if any.

Being the same property conveyed to Jeffrey Sheldon Bess by Quitclaim Deed: Trustee's Deed of Distribution from Janet Bass Dees, Trustee of the Earl P. Bass Living Trust dated October 28, 2021, dated October 7, 2022, recorded on October 11, 2022 in Book 9872, Page 23, and as Instrument No. 017271800002.  
APN: 0W040C012000  
Commonly known as: 103 EDNA PLACE, WARNER ROBINS, GA 31093-2409  
Tax ID#: 0W040C-012000  
Subject to any Easements or Restrictions of Record  
MR / GW March 3, 2026  
Our file no. 25-19914GA-FT17  
25-19914GA

**54467 2/4-2/25**

26-099

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

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Mariquez D Gaddy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company LLC, its successors and assigns dated October 27, 2022, recorded in Deed Book 9900, Page 61, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Guild Mortgage Company LLC to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$170,634.00), 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 March, 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.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Mariquez D Gaddy or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **110 Hillridge Dr, Warner Robins, GA 31088**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal

description the legal description will control. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Guild Mortgage Company LLC as Attorney in Fact for Mariquez D Gaddy  
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP  
1544 Old Alabama Rd  
Roswell, GA 30076  
www.foreclosurehotline.net  
EXHIBIT "A"

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

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26-093

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

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by MARY ELLEN FEAGIN AND LEMMIE FEAGIN to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR RIVOLI BANK & TRUST DBA RIVOLI MORTGAGE in the original principal amount of \$63,650.00 dated November 16, 2004, and recorded in Deed Book 3220, Page 165, Houston County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICAT in Deed Book 10689, Page 104, Houston County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on 3/3/2026, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 220 OF THE FIFTH LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 4, BLOCK "O", EXTENSION NO. 2, JEFFERSON HILLS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY PREPARED BY WADDLE TO SURVEYING CO., INC., DATED MAY 29, 1962, A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 234, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Said property being known as: **208 JACKSON ST, WARNER ROBINS, GA 31088**  
To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are MARY ELLEN FEAGIN AND LEMMIE FEAGIN or tenant(s).  
The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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

The name, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:  
PHH Mortgage Corporation  
1661 Worthington Road, Suite 100  
West Palm Beach, FL 33409  
800-887-4420

Note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

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

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICAT,  
as Attorney-in-Fact for  
MARY ELLEN FEAGIN AND LEMMIE FEAGIN  
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC  
13010 Morris Rd., Suite 450  
Alpharetta, GA 30004  
Phone: 470-321-7112  
Firm File No. 25-374248 - LIG

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**26-134  
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER,  
HOUSTON COUNTY**

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Grady Newberry to Fairfield Financial Services, Inc. dated 4/18/2002 and recorded in Deed Book 2080 Page 310 Houston County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$75,972.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold in 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 March 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 151 OF THE FIFTH (5TH) LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 6, BLOCK "B" SECTION 3, PHASE 1, ECHO GLEN SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAID SUBDIVISION DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1981, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 25, PAGE 228, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR ALL PURPOSES. The 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 **205 Highpoint Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31093** 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): Grady Newberry 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 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 Grady Newberry Aldridge Pitey, LLP, Six Piedmont Center, 3525 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 700, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7400, 2130-123A THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 2130-123A

**54762 2/4-2/25**

25-1943

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

Georgia, HOUSTON County  
Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by JENNIFER E GILMORE to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., NOMINEE FOR BROKER SOLUTIONS, INC., DBA NEW AMERICAN FUNDING, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, dated June 30, 2022, and recorded in Deed Book 9770, Page 326, HOUSTON County, Georgia records, as last transferred to DATA MORTGAGE, INC., DBA ESSEX MORTGAGE, by assignment recorded in Deed Book, Page, in the Office of the Clerk of HOUSTON COUNTY, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$167,558.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of HOUSTON County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2026, to wit: March 3, 2026, the following described property: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 145 OF THE TENTH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 22, PHASE 1, NEW HAVEN SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A REVISED PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 69, PAGES 199-203, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, ORDINANCES, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECORD, IF ANY ADDRESS UNDER CURRENT SYSTEM OF NUMBER 218 ELLINGTON COURT, PERRY, GEORGIA.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **218 ELLINGTON COURT, PERRY, GEORGIA 31069**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): by JENNIFER E GILMORE or tenant or tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc. This sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1; and (3) 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 in the preceding paragraph. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Essex Mortgage Attention: Loss Mitigation Department 1417 North Magnolia Avenue Ocala, FL 34475 (888) 892-0881 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein. This sale is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being DATA MORTGAGE INC., DBA ESSEX MORTGAGE as attorney in fact for JENNIFER E GILMORE Kahane & Associates, P.A. 180 Interstate N Parkway, Suite 200 Atlanta, Georgia 30339 Telephone: (404) 252-6385 File No.: 25-01992 THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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26-136

**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 RADHA RAMAN DEV INC., as Grantor to FIDELITY BANK, as Grantee, on September 19, 2012, and recorded in Deed Book 5977 Page 302, Houston County, Georgia records, and re-recorded in Deed Book 6036, Page 44, aforesaid records, and transferred by merger to AMERIS BANK, and as last assigned to Urban Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company by Transfer and Assignment of Security Deed and Assignment of Rents dated November 17, 2025 and recorded in Deed Book 10751, Page 274, Houston County, Georgia records, (as same may have been modified from time to time, collectively the "Security Deed"); the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash before the door of the Courthouse of Houston County, Georgia, during the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in March, 2026, the following described real property, to wit: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 88 AND 95 OF THE 5TH DISTRICT

26-085

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

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

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

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

Said property is known as **619 McCarley Downs Drive, Bonaire, GA 31005**, 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 Jessica J. Clark-Parrrick and Joshua M. Clark-Parrrick, successor in interest or tenant(s).

Planet Home Lending, LLC, as Attorney-in-Fact for Jessica J. Clark-Parrrick AND Joshua M. Clark-Parrrick

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**54458 1/28-2/25**

25-1947

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

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by David G. Ellgass and Sherri Ellgass to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. dated April 2, 2015, and recorded in Deed Book 6825, Page 174, Houston County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Quicken Loans Inc. securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$152,150.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, March 3, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 224 OF THE TENTH LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 3, BLOCK "E", SECTION NO. 2, PHASE NO. 2, SOUTH OAKS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 26, PAGE 21, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Said property is known as **134 Shenandoah Trail, 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 Sherri Ellgass and David G. Ellgass, 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 David G. Ellgass and Sherri Ellgass

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

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by LAVERNE R MCGHEE AND ROBERT MCGHEE to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA , dated 08/17/2007, and Recorded on 09/17/2007 as Book No. 4426 and Page No. 199 207, HOUSTON County, Georgia records, as last assigned to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$40,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the HOUSTON County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2026, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 92 OF THE TENTH (10TH) LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS LOT 29, BLOCK A, SECTION NO. 4, OF A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS THE BRANTLEY, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAID SUBDIVISION PREPARED BY STORY AND COMPANY, INC., DATED JANUARY 9, 2002, A COPY OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 58, PAGE 168, CLERKS 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. MAP AND PARCEL NO. IS 52B 141. 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).

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (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, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION may be contacted at: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, 3415 VISION DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OH 43219, 866 550 5705. 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 **105 ARTHUR WALTER CT, WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA 31088** is/are: LAVERNE R MCGHEE AND ROBERT MCGHEE 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 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 in the preceding paragraph. JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Attorney in Fact for LAVERNE R MCGHEE AND ROBERT MCGHEE. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010680189 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

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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 in the preceding paragraph. JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Attorney in Fact for LAVERNE R MCGHEE AND ROBERT MCGHEE. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000010680189 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

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

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Tommy Reese Allen and Frances Parrish Allen to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Fidelity Bank D/B/A Fidelity Bank Mortgage, dated September 30, 2016, and recorded in Deed Book 7298, Page 310, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Truist Bank by assignment recorded on December 8, 2025 in Book 10756 Page 586 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred and 0/100 dollars (\$117,800.00), 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, within the legal hours of sale on March 3, 2026, the following described property:

All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 15 of the Tenth (10th) Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 14, Block "D", Houston Springs Subdivision, Phase 1-C, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 66, Page 56, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes.

Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions and rights-of-way of record, if any. Address under current system of numbering: 328 Pebble Beach Drive, Perry, Georgia.

Deed Reference: Deed Book 5528, Page 140, said Clerk's Office.

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

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Truist Bank they can be contacted at (800) 443-1032 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 1001 Semmes Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23224, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

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

To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Tommy Reese Allen or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **328 Pebble Beach Dr, Perry, GA 31069**.

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.

Truist Bank as Attorney in Fact for Tommy Reese Allen and Frances Parrish Allen. Brock & Scott, PLLC

4360 Chamblee Dunwoody Road  
Suite 310  
Atlanta, GA 30341  
404-789-2661  
B&S file no.: 25-36629

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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 PATRICIA A KENDRICK AKA PATRICIA POLK to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., dated September 4, 2003, recorded January 16, 2004, in Deed Book 2875, Page 136, Houston County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Thirty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty and 00/100 dollars (\$39,440.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., 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 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 SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 202 OF THE FIFTH (5TH) LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 15, BLOCK "Q", OF A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS NORTHVIEW EXTENSION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY FO SAID SUBDIVISION MADE BY RHODES SEWELL, STATE SURVEYOR NO. 160, DATED JULY 24, 195, A COPY OF WHICH IS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 191, 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.

Said legal description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **107 YATES DR, WARNER ROBINS, GA 31093**.

The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorney's fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or 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; 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 Jennifer Nicole DeLoach, Ryan Allen DeLoach, William Lister 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. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for William Lister

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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 Jason David Ewig to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Broker Solutions, Inc. dba New American Funding, its successors and assigns dated March 4, 2021, recorded in Deed Book 9047, Page 205, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to NEW AMERICAN FUNDING LLC F/K/A BROKER SOLUTIONS, INC., D/B/A NEW AMERICAN FUNDING by assignment recorded in Deed Book 10723, Page 435, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$273,100.00), 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

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 PATRICIA A KENDRICK AKA PATRICIA POLK, ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF PATRICIA KENDRICK , 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: Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP, Loss Mitigation Dept., 7105 Corporate Drive, Plano, TX 75024, Telephone Number: 800-846-2222. 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.

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. as Attorney in Fact for PATRICIA A KENDRICK AKA PATRICIA POLK 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. BAC-25-05573-1  
Ad Run Dates 02/04/2026, 02/11/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/25/2026  
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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 Lister to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, dated June 25, 2021 and recorded on July 8, 2021 in Deed Book 9244, Page 192, 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 Ninety-Eight Thousand Four Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$98,400.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, recorded in Deed Book 10584, Page 102, 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, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 168 OF THE FIFTH (5TH) LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 36, BLOCK "H", SECTION NO. 5, SHIRLEY HILLS ESTATES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 290, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Said property may more commonly be known as **113 Belmont Drive, Warner Robins, GA 31088**. 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 PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, 3043 Townsgate Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361 818-224-7442.

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 Jennifer Nicole DeLoach, Ryan Allen DeLoach, William Lister 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. PennyMac Loan Services, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for William Lister

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

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

ALL THAT REAL ESTATE IN THE FIFTH LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN LAND LOT 190 AND IN THE CITY OF WARNER ROBINS, SAME BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 15 IN BLOCK "D" OF AZALEA PARK SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAID SUBDIVISION MADE BY THEODORE W. WADDLE, SURVEYOR, A COPY OF SAID PLAT BEING OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 173, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION BY REFERENCE THERETO.

Said property is known as **102 Williams Terrace, Warner Robins, GA 31093**,

together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not 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 James R. Collins and Corinne Collins, successor in interest or tenant(s).

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Attorney-in-Fact for James R. Collins and Corinne Collins  
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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 Subject Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owners and party in possession of the property are Britany Brown 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 Subject Mortgage.

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC as Attorney-in-Fact for Britany Brown Contact: Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520 25-000687 Ad Run Dates: 02/04/2026, 02/11/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/25/2026

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TS # 2025-20495-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 Rosalind F. Hollinshed to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Grantor, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated 6/21/2021, and recorded on 6/30/2021, in Instrument No. --, Deed Book 9232, Page 206, Houston County, Georgia records, as last assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded on 10/24/2025 in Instrument No. -- Deed Book 10731, Page 672, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$83,123.00, with interest thereon as provided for therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Court-house door of Houston County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on 3/3/2026, the following described property: A One-Half (1/2) Undivided Interest In And To All That Tract Or Parcel Of Land Situate, Lying And Being In Land Lot 194 Of The Tenth Land District Of Houston County, Georgia, Known And Designated As Lot 46, Block "B", Turtle Creek Subdivision, Section 1, According To A Plat Of Survey Of Said Subdivision Prepared By Richard L. Jones, Surveyor, Dated April 26, 1976, A Copy Of Which Is Of Record In Map Book 19, Page 65, 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. Said property is commonly known as **200 Tortoise 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) Rosalind F. Hollinshed 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 Rosalind F. Hollinshed. Nestor Solutions, LLC 214 5th Street, Suite 205, Huntington Beach, California 92648, (888) 403-4115, TS # 2025-20495-GA. For sale information, visit: <https://www.nestortrustee.com/sales-information.com> or call (888) 902-3989.

**54534 2/18-3/11****Miscellaneous**

26-101

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

IN THE INTEREST OF:

L. W., III, SEX M, AGE 17, DOB 07/14/2008, CASE #26000055

**CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, AVIS RENEE HUFF (mother); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD

You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 01/21/26, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 01/21/26. YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 05/20/26 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Houston County Juvenile Court Clerk. WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, this 21st day of January, 2026. CHRISTINA HARPER, CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

**54513 1/28-2/18**

26-207

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

IN THE INTEREST OF:

J.W., SEX M, AGE &lt;1, DOB 01/21/2026, CASE #2600174

**CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO SHALEANA WILLIAMS

You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 02/09/26, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 02/10/25

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 04/15/26 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 10th day of February, 2026. CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

**54534 2/18-3/11**

26-100

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

W.T.T., SEX M, AGE &lt;1, DOB 11/19/2025, CASE #2501742

**CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE****NOTICE OF SUMMONS**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, VANCE-TO GRAY, II (father); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER; AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING TO HAVE A PARENTAL INTEREST IN SAID MINOR CHILD BORN TO LESLIE JOANNE TUCKER.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the above styled action seeking the termination of the parental rights of the parents of the named child was filed against you in said court on the 19th day of January, 2026, by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 20th day of January, 2026; YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Warner Robins, Georgia, on the 18th day of February, 2026 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., for a status hearing (attorney appointment only); and on the 15th day of April, 2026 at 8:30 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 15-11-93 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 Houston County Courthouse, Warner Robins, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 o'clock a.m. 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 Houston 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 20th day of January, 2026. CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

**54512 1/28-2/18**

26-203

**ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE (TOWING OR STORAGE COMPANY)**

Vehicle Make: Dodge  
Year: 1988  
Model: Ram Van B250  
Vehicle ID #: 2R7HB23YBJK137178  
Vehicle License #: NO TAG  
State:  
You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that the above-referenced vehicle is 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 vehicle is currently located at 410 Story Road, Warner Robins, GA 31093. Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the following business immediately:  
Business Name: Don's Wrecker Service  
Address: 410 Story Road  
Warner Robins, GA 31093  
Telephone #: 478-923-6732

**54515 2/18-2/25**

26-171

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

M. J. H., SEX M, AGE 4, DOB 12/14/2021, CASE #2600005

**CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE****NOTICE OF SUMMONS**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ALEAH TAYLOR MCWHIRTER (mother); JAMES MICHAEL HARGROVE, III (father); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER; AND ANYONE ELSE 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 the 29th day of January, 2026, by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 30th day of January, 2026; YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Warner Robins, Georgia, on the 25th day of February, 2026 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., for a status hearing (attorney appointment only); and on the 8th day of April, 2026 at 8:30 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 15-11-93 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 Houston County Courthouse, Warner Robins, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 o'clock a.m. 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 Houston 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 30th day of January, 2026. CHRISTINA HARPER, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK, JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

**55099 2/11-3/4**

26-205

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE INTEREST OF:

A. B., SEX M, AGE 11, DOB 10/16/2014, CASE #2600146

**CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, JOHN A. BILOW (father of A.B.); THOMAS V. WILDS (father of G.H.); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILDREN BORN TO BRITNEY HOLT

You are notified that a Petition for Guardianship was filed against you in said court on 02/06/26, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 02/10/26

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 04/22/26 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 10th day of February, 2026. CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

**55432 2/18-3/11**

26-169

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

Civil Action File No. 2026V0133721

MARTHA ROJAS

GULLIN, Plaintiff

v. LEONARDO GULLIN, Defendant

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: Leonardo Gullin, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above styled action seeking custody of your minor child was filed against you in said court on January 26, 2026, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on February 4, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff's attorney, James D. Yoo at Deadwyler-Huffman Law Firm, whose address is P.O. Box 6255, Macon, GA 31208, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Witness the Honorable Amy E. Smith, Judge of said Court. This 4th day of February, 2026. CLERK, Superior Court Houston Judicial Circuit

**55093 2/11-3/4**

26-184

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

IN THE INTEREST OF:

J. F. T., SEX F, AGE 17, DOB 04/18/2008, CASE #2600136

**CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO ELIZABETH THOMAS

You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 02/04/26, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 02/05/26

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 04/08/26 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Houston County Juvenile Court Clerk. WITNESS the Honorable Judges of this court, this 5th day of February, 2026. CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

**55176 2/18-3/11**

26-206

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

IN THE INTEREST OF:

I. L. B., SEX F, AGE 4, DOB 09/14/2021, CASE #2600154

**CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, AMBER LAIL (mother); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD

You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 02/09/26, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 02/10/26

YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 04/08/26 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by 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 February, 2026. CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT

**55433 2/18-3/11**

26-168

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

Kimberly Curry, Plaintiff,

v. Erica A. Billingslea, Defendant

Civil Action File No. 2025CV0059455

**NOTICE OF SUMMONS—SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: Erica A. Billingslea, Defendant Named Above:

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking damages for personal injury arising out of an automobile collision on December 17, 2023, was filed against you in said court on December 17, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on February 2, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Joshua A. Carroll, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. Box 1017, Macon, GA 31202-1017, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Service by Publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Witness the Honorable Jason Ashford, Judge of said Court. This 3rd day of February, 2026

Teresa M. Hathaway

Clerk of State Court of Houston County

**55025 2/11-3/4**

26-208

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

W. G. A.-S., SEX F, AGE 3, DOB 01/20/2023, CASE #2600034

**CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE****NOTICE OF SUMMONS**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, GABRIELLA JADE ASKEA-SKINNER (mother); SHANE WALDEN (father); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER; AND ANYONE ELSE 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 the 6th day of February, 2026, by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 10th day of February, 2026;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Warner Robins, Georgia, on the 18th day of March, 2026 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. for a status hearing (attorney appointment only); and on the 29th day of April, 2026 at 8:30 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 15-11-93 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 Houston County Courthouse, Warner Robins, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 o'clock a.m. 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 Houston 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 10th day of February, 2026. CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

**54979 2/11-3/18**

26-196

**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GEORGIA HOUSTON COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

NR DEED, LLC, Petitioner,

v.

RANDAL SMITH, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF EDGAR S. SMITH; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ERNEST HARPE SMITH; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF EDGAR SEYMORE SMITH; THOMAS DUNLAP; SUSAN THORTON A/K/A SUSAN THORNTON; JANICE MIMBS; LINDA DUNLAP BURNS; MARIE BROWN; CITY OF PERRY; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANITA GAIL EVANS; DIANE HALL; HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, Respondents.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2025V132715L To: Unknown Heirs of Ernest Harpe Smith, Unknown Heirs of Edgar Seymore Smith and Unknown Heirs of Anita Gail Evans.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Order of Superior Court of Houston County Judge Edward D. Lukemire, entered February 9, 2026, that a Petition to Quiet Title with the above referenced style was filed on August 2, 2025, in the Superior Court of Houston County by NR Deed, LLC ("Petitioner").

The Petition, if granted, will declare Petitioner to be the fee simple owner of that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Houston County, Georgia, and fully described at Exhibit "A" to the Petition. You are hereby given notice of this action and directed that you may file any pleading you desire in response to the Petition for Quiet Title by serving Petitioner's attorney, W. Shannon Sams, 2987 Clairmont Road, Suite 350, Atlanta, GA 30329 and filing said response with the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County within 60 days of the Order referenced above.

**55271 2/18-3/11**

26-163

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA MACON DIVISION**

Civil Action No.

5:25-CV-00531-MTT

LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC, PLAINTIFF,

v.

SUSAN L. BUCKNER, et. al., Defendants

**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO DEFENDANT SUSAN L. BUCKNER: Pursuant to the Order entered into the above-captioned case on the 9th of January 2026 at Docket No. 9, you are HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 5th day of December 2025 LoanDepot.com, LLC ("Plaintiff") filed suit against you seeking judicial foreclosure of a security deed. You are REQUIRED to file with the Clerk of the above-captioned Court and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Padgett Law Group, 3490 Piedmont Road NE, Suite 1475, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, an Answer within sixty (60) days of the date of entry of the above-referenced Order.

WITNESS the Honorable Marc T. Treadwell, Judge of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, on this the 9th day of January, 2026.

Marc T. Treadwell

Clerk of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia

**54979 2/11-3/18**

26-190

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

In Re: Alyssa Noelle Sullivan

Civil Action File No. 2025V0133441

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY Notice is hereby given that Alyssa Noelle Sullivan, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 16th day of December, 2025, praying for a change in the name of the petitioner from Alyssa Noelle Sullivan, to Kyanette Noelle Justice-Sullivan. 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. Alyssa Noelle Sullivan

Petitioner

**55209 2/18-3/11**

26-143

**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 the petitioner from Jessica Brooke Lanehart to Scottie Brooke 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

26-139

**STATE BOARD MEMBER TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
**February 24, 2026**  
**Frank Griffin to Host**  
**State Board of Education Second District Public Hearing**

The State Board of Education will hold a public hearing for citizens in the Second Congressional District on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Sumter County Schools, 100 Learning Lane, Americus, GA 31719.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments from interested citizens and educators within the congressional district regarding the performance and problems of public education. People wishing to speak should sign in upon arrival.

The Georgia Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. Individuals who need assistance or auxiliary aids for participation in this public forum are invited to make their needs known to Geraldine Price at gprice@doe.k12.ga.us no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.  
**54836 2/11-2/18**

26-154

**STATE BOARD MEMBER TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING**  
**February 25, 2026**  
**Jason Downey to Host**  
**State Board of Education Eighth District Public Hearing**

The State Board of Education will hold a public hearing for citizens in the Eighth Congressional District on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. The meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Oak Hill Middle School, 356 Blandy Road, Milledgeville, GA 31061.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments from interested citizens and educators within the congressional district regarding the performance and problems of public education. People wishing to speak should sign in upon arrival.

The Georgia Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities. Individuals who need assistance or auxiliary aids for participation in this public forum are invited to make their needs known to Geraldine Price at gprice@doe.k12.ga.us no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.  
**54880 2/11-2/18**

26-199

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Warner Robins, Georgia, will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2025, at the hour of 5:30 P.M., at Warner Robins' City Hall for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to a petition for the rezoning of property, including all right-of-ways, totaling 309.4 acres, located on the south east side of Moody Road between Woodard Road and Bob White Road, also known as tax parcel [0W1330 089000]. The current zoning of the property is zoned R-2 [Single Family Residential District], and the proposed zoning upon annexation is R-3 [General Residential District]. Said property being more accurately described as follows: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 232 of the 10th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, according to a plat of survey titled "Moody Road Tract", totaling 309.4 acres, drawn 10/09/2024 by McLeod Surveying. Said Plat is hereby made a part of this description by reference thereto for all purposes.

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

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION DARRIN CURTIS**  
**PLANNING AND ZONING MANAGER MICHAEL MORIARTY**  
**PLANNING AND ZONING ASSISTANT 55387 2/18**

26-204

**STATE OF GEORGIA CITY OF WARNER ROBINS**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Warner Robins, at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026 in the City Council Chambers, 700 Watson Boulevard, Warner Robins, Georgia, will consider an application for permit for the relocation of the McCoy-Mathews-Ryals Cemetery, as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 36-72-7. Public hearing on development of abandoned cemetery; time for decision on application for permit, at which any interested party or citizen may appear and be given an opportunity to be heard.

**55416 2/18-2/25**

**Probate Notices**

26-107

**NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern: David Raymond Ouellet has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Maurice Ouellet, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 23, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Kristen W. Harris  
 PROBATE JUDGE  
 By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK  
 ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801  
 Perry, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
**54522 1/28-2/18**

26-106

**NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern: Ryanne Thomas Ward has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Dawn Della Deveaux, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 23, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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 PROBATE JUDGE  
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 Perry, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
**54520 1/28-2/18**

26-121

**NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern: Jozef Matuszewski has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Brenda B. Matuszewski 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 March 2nd, 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: Shannon Lewis, CLERK  
 ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801  
 Perry, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
**54596 2/4-2/25**

26-170

**NOTICE HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

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

WITNESS, the Honorable Kristen W. Harris  
 Judith W. Borum, Clerk  
**55098 2/11-3/4**

26-178

**NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern: Denise B. Williams has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of James Wendell Williams, Sr., deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before March 9, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Kristen W. Harris  
 PROBATE JUDGE  
 By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK  
 ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801  
 Perry, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
**55158 2/11-3/4**

26-123

**NOTICE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY**

Re: PETITION OF Linda P. Browning TO PROBATE IN SOLEMN FORM THE WILL OF Bonnie Ray Browning, DECEASED, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THIS COURT ON January 21st, 2026

TO: Summer Browning Martin 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 March 2nd, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

WITNESS, the Honorable Kristen W. Harris, Judge  
 By: Shannon Lewis, CLERK  
**54617 2/4-2/25**

26-105

**NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern: Sa Veatrice L. Ford has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Roderick L. Ford, Sr., deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before February 23, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be

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

Kristen W. Harris  
 PROBATE JUDGE  
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 Perry, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
**54518 1/28-2/18**

26-177

**NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern: Diane Downs has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of William H. Downs, 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 March 9, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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 PROBATE JUDGE  
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 Perry, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
**55157 2/11-3/4**

26-202

**NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern: Betty A. Pubanz has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Tammy Marie Jones, 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 March 16, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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 PROBATE JUDGE  
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 Perry, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
**55411 2/18-3/11**

26-175

**NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern: Donald C. Kersey has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Don Grantland Kersey, 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 March 9, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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 Perry, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
**55151 2/11-3/4**

26-176

**NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern: Linda Kay Varnadoe has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Gary Keith Varnadoe, 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 March 9, 2026. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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 Perry, GA 31069  
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**55155 2/11-3/4**

**Tax Sales**

26-137

**HOUSTON COUNTY MARCH 2026 TAX SALE SHERIFF'S SALE MARK KUSHINKA EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON**

Under and by virtue of certain tax Fi.Fa.'s issued by the Tax Commissioner of Houston County, Georgia, in favor of the State of Georgia and County of Houston against the following named persons and the property as described immediately below their respective name(s). There will be sold for cash or certified funds at public outcry, in the State Court Jury Assembly Room, 201 Perry Parkway, Perry, Houston County, Georgia, between the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in March 2026, the same being March 3, 2026.

The following property will be sold between the legal hours of sale, 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The below listed and described properties, or as much thereof as will satisfy the State and County tax execution on the respective individual and property. The properties hereinafter described have been levied on as the property of the persons whose names immediately precede the property description. Each of the respective parcels of property are located in Houston County, State of Georgia. The years for which said Fi.Fa.'s are issued and levied are stated below the name of the owner in each case.

This is a buyer beware sale and all property will be sold as is. The Tax Commissioner makes no warranty, neither expressed nor implied, as to title, and all properties are subject to all recorded covenants, easements, and right of ways. Properties are sold under the power of a tax sale deed with specific rights of redemption. Each defendant and tenant in possession, if applicable, has been notified of levy time and place of sale. Purchaser shall pay for title, all transfer cost, all taxes, advertising cost and recording fees. At the discretion of the Tax Commissioner's office, payment will be required within two (2) hours after the completion of the tax sale. In the event a bid is not properly paid, the property shall be re-offered at 2:00 PM on the day of the sale, or the following day that being March 4, 2026.

**File #:** 8  
 Map/Parcel Number: 0C003H 021000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hansen, Patricia Jean; 0C003 H 021 000 / Lot 19 Blk K Stafford Park Extn 1 112/5th Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa Reference Deed: 7189/1; 6938/312 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C003 H 021 000, lying and being in Land Lot 112 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 19, Block K, Extension No 1, Stafford Park Subdivision, shown in Map Book 8, Page 195, described in Deed Book 7189, Page 1, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 211 Mason Drive. Years Due: 2024

**File #:** 11  
 Map/Parcel Number: 0C004A 153000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Alejandra Claudia (aka Rodriguez, Claudia Alejandra Martinez); 0C004 A 153 000 / Lot 19 Blk A Bassett Hills Sec 1 Ph 3 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa Reference Deed: 7400/145 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C004 A 153 000, lying and being in Land Lot 112 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 19, Block A, Section 1, Bassett Hills Subdivision, Phase 3, shown in Plat Book 66, Page 182, described in Deed Book 7400, Page 145, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 211 McVey Trail. Years Due: 2024

**File #:** 13  
 Map/Parcel Number: 0C004B 001000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Capshaw, Jacqueline B Estate In REM; 0C004B 001000, Lot 10 Hattie S/D 4 Adm 1 Current Property Owner: Capshaw, Edward L & Jacqueline B Reference Deed: 1453/718 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C004B 001000, lying and being in Land Lot 112 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 10, Addition No. I, Hattie Subdivision, No. 4, shown in Plat Book 6, Page 248, described in Deed Book 1453, Page 718, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 107 Garvin Drive. Years Due: 2024

**File #:** 15  
 Map/Parcel Number: 0C004B 22A000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Houston Lake Estates LLC; 0C004B 22A000, Lot 2B Hattie S/D 1 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa Reference Deed: 7695/27 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C004B 22A000, lying and being in Land Lot 112 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 2-B, Hattie Subdivision, No. I, shown in Plat Book 12, Page 124A, described in Deed Book 7695, Page 27, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 406 Houston Lake Boulevard. Years Due: 2024

**File #:** 18  
 Map/Parcel Number: 0C008A 010000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Phillips, Jessica; 0C008A 010000, Lot 7 Day Heights Sec 1 122/5th Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa Reference Deed: 9507/42 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C008A 010000, lying and being in Land Lot 122 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 7, Day Heights Subdivision, Section No. 1, shown in Plat Book 11, Page 192, described in Deed Book 9507, Page 42, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 420 Sentry Oaks Drive. Years Due: 2024

**File #:** 20  
 Map/Parcel Number: 0C0090 011000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Staton, Deborah L; 0C0090 011000, Lot 7 Blk A Sedgfield Acres 123/5th Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa Reference Deed: 3058/327 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C0090 011000, lying and being in Land Lot 123 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 7, Block A, Sedgfield Acres Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 34, Page 149, described in Deed Book 3058, Page 327, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 227 Sedgfield Road. Years Due: 2024

File #: 23

Map/Parcel Number: 0C0100 140000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Styles, Shandrea; 0C010 0 140 000 / Lot 28 Blk C Westover Hills Sec 4 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa Reference Deed: 8020/81 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C010 0 140 000, lying and being in Land Lot 136 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, containing 0.24 acre, more or less, being Lot 28, Block C, Section 4, Westover Hills Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 20, Page 93, described in Deed Book 8020, Page 81, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 108 Prairie Boulevard. Years Due: 2024

**File #:** 26  
 Map/Parcel Number: 0C0110 065000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Lazauris, Monica A; 0C0110 065000, Lot 55 Blk C Valle Venado Sec 3 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa Reference Deed: 4573/65 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C0110 065000, lying and being in Land Lot 137 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 55, Block C, Section III, Valle Venado Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 15, Page 226, described in Deed Book 4573, Page 65, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 111 Montejo Court. Years Due: 2024

**File #:** 27  
 Map/Parcel Number: 0C0110 095000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Kimbrell, Kim B; 0C0110 095000, Lot 1 Blk B Valle Venado Sec 2 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa Reference Deed: 6516/240 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C0110 095000, lying and being in Land Lots 111 & 124 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 1, Block B, Section II, Valle Venado Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 15, Page 225, described in Deed Book 6516, Page 240, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 200 Valencia Circle. Years Due: 2024

**File #:** 28  
 Map/Parcel Number: 0C0120 01A000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hughes, James; 0C012 0 01A 000 / Parcel A-2 7.00 Acres 123R/124/5th Current Property Owner: Hughes, James & Travis Reference Deed: 4491/202; 6963/27 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C012 0 01A 000, lying and being in Land Lots 123, 124, 137 & 138 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, containing 7.0 acres, more or less, being Lot 13, Block A, Section 1, Phase 3, Old Stone Crossing Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 69, Page 53, described in Deed Book 4491, Page 202, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on Elberta Road. Years Due: 2024

**File #:** 29  
 Map/Parcel Number: 0C0140 042000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Ford, Fred; 0C014 0 042 000 / Lot 7 Blk C Hidden Valley Sec 2 Current Property Owner: Ford, Bette R (aka Bette Jean R Ford) Reference Deed: 1089/416 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C0140 042000, lying and being in Land Lot 137 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 7, Block C, Section 2, Hidden Valley Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 17, Page 162, described in Deed Book 1089, Page 416, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 112 Brantwood Avenue. Years Due: 2024

**File #:** 30  
 Map/Parcel Number: 0C015A 005000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Smith, Kiyono S; 0C015 A 005 000 / Lot 5 Blk A Forest Glen Sec 1 Current Property Owner: Smith, Robert B & Kiyono S Reference Deed: 529/593 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C015 A 005 000, lying and being in Land Lot 136 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 5, Block A, Section No. 1, Forest Glen Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 20, Page 121, described in Deed Book 529, Page 593, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 202 Hickory Glen. Years Due: 2024

**File #:** 31  
 Map/Parcel Number: 0C015A 012000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hatton, Ferman D Jr Estate In REM; 0C015 A 012 000, Lot 12 Blk A Forest Glen Sec 1 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa Reference Deed: 888/57 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C015 A 012 000, lying and being in Land Lot 136 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 12, Block A, Forest Glen Subdivision, Section 1, shown in Plat Book 20, Page 121, described in Deed Book 888, Page 57, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 216 Hickory Glen. Years Due: 2024

**File #:** 33  
 Map/Parcel Number: 0C0170 076000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Blohm, Brian; 0C017 0 076 000 / 1.768 Acres LL 124 5th LD Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa Reference Deed: 10457/213 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C0170 076000, lying and being in Land Lot 124 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, containing 1.768 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 52, Page 107, described in Deed Book 10457, Page 213, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 702 Collins Avenue. Years Due: 2024

**File #:** 36  
 Map/Parcel Number: 0C0190 011000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Sanchez, Grisel; 0C019 0 011 000 / Lot 5 Blk H Somerset Sec 3 Ph 1 Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa Reference Deed: 7596/141 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C0190 011000, lying and being in Land Lot 110 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 5, Block H, Section 3, Phase I, Somerset Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 23, Page 1, described in Deed Book 7596, Page 141, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 113 Surrey Drive. Years Due: 2024

File #: 45

Map/Parcel Number: 0C0230 634000 Defendant(s) in FiFa: Houston-Plains Development LLC; 0C0230 634000, Parcel AR Grove Pointe Ph 5 Detention Pond Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa Reference Deed: 3852/60 Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0C0230 634000, lying and being in Land Lot 86 of the 5th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, containing 2.784 acres, more or less, being Parcel AR, Grove Pointe Subdivision, Phase 5, shown in Plat Book 67, Page 100, being part of the property described in Deed Book 3852, Page 60, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located on Vanguard Court. Years Due: 2024

**File #: 72**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0140 038000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Ragin, Duncan Estate IN REM; 0P014 0 038 000 / Lot on Simmons St  
Current Property Owner: Ragin, Duncan & Ragin, Emma Lee  
Reference Deed: 50/358  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0140038000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 50, Page 358, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1317 Nolan Street.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 79**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0150 039000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Dezur, Ronald; 0P0150039000, Lot 9 Hardnett S/D  
Current Property Owner: Dezur, Ronald & Fieldin, Lula Mae  
Reference Deed: 8279/65; 8335/107  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0150039000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 9, Hardnett Subdivision, shown in Map Book 3, Page 69, described in Deed Book 8335, Page 107, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 710 Patterson Avenue.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 81**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0170 073000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Wheel Properties LLC; 0P0170073000, Lot 6 Bk A Country Club Estates 82/10th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 10498/101  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0170073000, lying and being in Land Lot 82 of the 10th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 6, Block A, Country Club Estates Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 6, Page 222, described in Deed Book 10498, Page 101, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1739 Houston Lake Road.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 84**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0180 079000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Copeland, Hattie Estate IN REM; 0P0180079000, Lot 64 Beavers Heights 79/10th  
Current Property Owner: Copeland, Hattie & Johnny C  
Reference Deed: 70/571; 297/90  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0180079000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, containing 0.14 acre, more or less, being Lot 64, Beavers Heights Subdivision, shown in Map Book 2, Page 339, described in Deed Book 297, Page 90, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1326 Pierce Street.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 87**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0180 095000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Morales, Arturo Martinez; 0P0180095000 / Lot 66 Beavers Heights 79/10th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 10345/88  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0180095000, lying and being in Land Lot 79 of the 10th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 66, Beavers Heights Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 31, Page 76, described in Deed Book 10345, Page 88, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1327 Grant Street.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 88**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0180 103000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Morales, Arturo; 0P018 0 103 000 / Lots 74 & 75 Beavers Heights 79/10th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 10432/68  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0180103000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, containing 0.29 acre, more or less, being Lot 74 & 75, Beavers Heights Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 4, Page 118, described in Deed Book 10432, Page 68, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1345 Grant Street.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 89**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0180 112000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Richardson, Clifford Thornton Estate; 0P0180 112000 / Lot 21 Houston Heights 79/10th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 398/208; 398/209  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0180 112000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 21, Houston Heights Subdivision, shown in Map Book 1, Page 313, described in Deed Book 398, Page 209, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, located at 1320 Houston Street.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 94**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0190 006000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Brown, Jenna Shea; 0P0190 006000 / Lot 17 Davis S/D LL 82 10th LD  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 7534/329  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0190 006000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 17, Davis Subdivision, shown in Map Book 2, Page 275, described in Deed Book 7534, Page 329, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1713 Kings Chapel Road.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 101**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0210 077000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Sutton, LaTrenda; 0P0210077000 / Lot 31 Hilltop S/D 81/10th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 7781/1  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0210077000, lying and being in Land Lot 81 of the 10th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, containing 0.18 acre, more or less, being Lot 31, Hilltop Subdivision Extension, shown in Map Book 3, Page 278, described in Deed Book 2401, Page 37, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1127 Lovely Lane.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 102**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0210 114000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Searcy, Dorothy A Estate IN REM; 0P0210 114000 / Lot 2 Spring Valley S/D 81/10th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 613/35  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0210114000, lying and being in Land Lot 81 of the 10th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 2, Spring Valley Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 18, Page 5, described in Deed Book 613, Page 35, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1069 King Circle.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 103**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0220 022000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Christie, Linda; 0P0220022000 / 2.35 Acres LL 80 & 81 10th LD PB 50/168  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 789/617; 672/202  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0220022000, lying and being in Land Lots 80 & 81 of the 10th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, containing 2.35 acres, more or less, shown in Plat Book 50, Page 168, being a portion of the property described in Deed Book 789, Page 617, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference known as 810 Forest Hill Road.  
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**File #: 107**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0270 069000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Harrell, Felicia Dorthea; 0P027 0 069 000 / Lot 9 Gordon Woods S/D 272/13th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 5442/26  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0270 069000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 9, Gordon Woods Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 2, Page 467, described in Deed Book 5442, Page 26, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 616 Marsha Drive.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 109**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0270 081000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Baxley, William Kenneth; 0P027 0 081 000 / Tract G Fred S Griggs 272/13th  
Current Property Owner: Baxley, William Kenneth & Baxley, Leila Eugenia  
Reference Deed: 7713/153; 304/280  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P027 0 081 000, lying and being in Land Lot 272 of the 13th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, shown in Plat Book 19, Page 192 & Lot G shown in Map Book 5, Page 127, described in Deed Book 304, Page 280 and Tract 5 described in Deed Book 7713, Page 153, the descriptions contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 603 Martin Luther King (Jr) Drive.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 110**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0270 082000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Baxley, William Kenneth; 0P027 0 082 000 / Tracts A, B & C Fred S Griggs 272/13th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 7713/153  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P027 0 082 000, lying and being in the 13th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being Lots A, B & C, shown in Map Book 2, Page 290, being Tract 4 described in Deed Book 7713, Page 153, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 601 Martin Luther King (Jr) Drive.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 114**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0280 03A000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Lester, David; 0P0280 03A000 / Lot 16 Fairview Heights 275/13th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 1252/726  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P028003A000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 16, Fairview Heights Subdivision, shown in Map Book 2, Page 301, described in Deed Book 1252, Page 726, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 821 Oak Ridge Drive.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 115**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0300 012000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Davidson, Davida D; 0P0300 012000; Lot 13, Bk D Clearview park 315/13th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 2199/54  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0300012000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, containing 0.28 acre, more or less, being Lot 13, Block D, Clearview Park Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 3, Page 34, described in Deed Book 2199, Page 54, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1109 Jewell Drive.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 117**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0330 001000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Baxley, William Kenneth; 0P033 0 001 000, Tracts A & B 5.95 Ac 272/13th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 6242/4; 7713/151  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P033 0 001 000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, containing 5.95 acres, more or less, shown in Map Book 4, Page 267, described in Deed Book 6242, Page 4, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 602 Martin Luther King Jr Drive.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 121**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0330 02C000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Baxley, William Kenneth; 0P033 0 02C 000, Tract B 1.53 Acres LL 272 13th LD  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 7713/153  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P033 0 02C 000, lying and being in Land Lot 272 of the 13th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, containing 1.53 acres, more or less, being Tract B, shown in Map Book 12, Page 29, being Tract 8 described in Deed Book 7713, Page 153, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 610 Martin Luther King Jr Drive.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 122**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0330 02I000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Searcy, Dorothy A Estate IN REM; 0P033 0 02I 000, 1.21 Ac LL 272 13th LD PB 16/150  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 7713/153  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P033 0 02I 000, lying and being in the 13th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, containing 1.21 acres, more or less, shown in Map Book 16, Page 150, being Tract 7 described in Deed Book 7713, Page 153, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 606 Martin Luther King Jr Drive.  
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**File #: 123**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0330 02L000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Durrance, Lance; 0P0330 02L000, Parcel B2 0.971 AC LL 272 13th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 9083/112; 9083/114  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P033002L000, lying and being in Land Lot 272 of the 13th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, containing 0.97 acre, more or less, being Parcel B-2, shown in Plat Book 57, Page 163, being a portion of the property described in Deed Book 9083, Page 114, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 610 Martin Luther King Jr Drive.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 124**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0360 077000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Lundy, K W; 0P036 0 077 000, Lot 12 Bk A Creekwood Estates LL 48/10th LD  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 350/245  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P036 0 077 000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 12, Block A, Creekwood Estates Subdivision, shown in Map Book 13, Page 252, described in Deed Book 350, Page 245, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1034 Winchester Circle.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 126**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0360 089000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Alford, Annie E; 0P036 0 089 000, Lot 8 Bk E Creekwood Estates LL 48/10th LD  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 512/393  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P036 0 089 000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, containing 0.32 acre, more or less, being Lot 8, Block E, Creekwood Estates Subdivision, shown in Map Book 13, Page 207, described in Deed Book 512, Page 393, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1115 Creekwood Drive.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 128**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0360 112000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Daniels, Sarah Jones (aka Jones, Sarah) Estate IN REM; 0P036 0 112 000, Lot 2 Bk A Bon Acres 274/13th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 1136/569  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P036 0 112 000, lying and being in Land Lot 274 of the 13th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, containing 0.19 acre, more or less, being Lot 2, Block A, Bon Acres Mobile Home Subdivision, shown in Map Book 46, Page 157, described in Deed Book 1136, Page 569, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1314 John Clerkley Drive.  
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**File #: 129**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0380 016000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Pari K, LLC; 0P038 0 016 000 / Parcels R & B 3.782 Acres 47/10th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 7413/286  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P038 0 016 000, lying and being in Land Lot 47 of the 10th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, containing 3.78 acres, more or less, being Parcel R, shown in Plat Book 75, Page 50, described in Deed Book 7413, Page 286, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 200 Valley Drive.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 130**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0380 077000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Param Krupa LLC; 0P038 0 077 000, Parcel D 1.785 Acres 47/10th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 7413/282  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P038 0 077 000, lying and being in Land Lot 47 of the 10th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, containing 1.785 acres, more or less, being Parcel D, shown in Plat Book 75, Page 52, described in Deed Book 7413, Page 282, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 200 A Valley Drive.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 133**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0570 078000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Gray, Lisa; 0P057 0 078 000, Lot 16 Bk A Wooden Eagle Plantation Ph-2  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 8022/28  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P057 0 078 000, lying and being in Land Lot 121 of the 10th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 16, Block A, Wooden Eagle Plantation Subdivision, Phase 2, shown in Plat Book 70, Pages 196-197, described in Deed Book 8022, Page 28, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 601 Wooden Eagle Trail.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 136**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0660 152000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Perry, Stephen; 0P066 0 152 000, Lot C12 New Haven PH-1 145/10th  
Current Property Owner: Perry, Gwenda  
Reference Deed: 7005/87  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P066 0 152 000, lying and being in Land Lot 145 of the 10th Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot C12, Phase I, New Haven Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 69, Pages 199-203, described in Deed Book 7005, Page 87, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 220 Haven Way.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 143**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P44A0 056000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Revell, Deanna Taylor; 0P44A 0 056 000, Lot 14 Bk A Woodland Sec 2 231 & 190/13th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 6063/96; 6063/98; 8646/99  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P44A 0 056 000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being Lot 14, Block A, Woodland Subdivision, Section 2, shown in Map Book 17, Page 31, described in Deed Book 8646, Page 99, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 829 Woodsdale Drive.  
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**TRADE NAME REGISTRATION**  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HOUSTON  
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109 Edgewood Ave.  
Warner Robins, GA 31088  
**54882 2/11-2/18**

26-182  
**TRADE NAME REGISTRATION**  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
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Ade Made Holdings, LLC  
207 Landings Pointe Lane  
Warner Robins, GA 31088  
**55164 2/11-2/18**

26-183  
**TRADE NAME REGISTRATION**  
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Steve Hattaway Langston III  
233 GA Hwy 26 West  
Elko, GA 31025  
**55169 2/11-2/18**

26-197  
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# Basketball Roundup: Houston County boys, Warner Robins girls crowned region champions



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Houston County and Buddy Bivins captured their elusive region championship with a 64-54 overtime win against Coffee in the Region 2-5A championship game.

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Region tournament week is over and Houston County saw two teams crowned region champions. Now the county looks ahead to the postseason, which begins next week.

Here's a roundup of last week's basketball:

## Houston County Boys

Houston County (20-6) and Buddy Bivins finally got ahold of that elusive region championship, downing Coffee 64-54 in overtime in the Region 2-5A championship game.

That came on the heels of a one-point win over Veterans the day before in the semifinals. This is Bivins' first region championship with the Bears, and the first time they haven't had to play Lee County for the chip in his tenure.

HoCo will enter the state tournament as a one seed, guaranteeing a home game in the first round and the second if they make it that far.

## Girls

The Lady Bears' (0-24) season is officially over after a 56-18 defeat at the hands of county rival Northside in the Region

2-5A play-in games on Tuesday.

It marked the end of a turbulent season for HoCo, who ended their year with no wins for the first time in the MaxPreps era, going back to 2006.

## Northside Boys

Northside's (13-13) second year under Buck Harris ended without a playoff appearance as the Eagles fell to Coffee 78-68 on Tuesday in the Region 2-5A play-in.

Northside only scored one point through much of the third quarter, and a 15-point deficit to start the fourth quarter proved too much for them to overcome.

## Girls

The Lady Eagles (16-11) advanced to the Region 2-5A semifinals after defeating Houston County 58-16, and on Thursday they fell to Lee County before facing Veterans in the consolation game on Friday.

Their third and final matchup against the Lady Warhawks was by far their closest — a 41-38 final — but still a win as Northside claimed the third seed in the state tournament.

## Perry Boys

Perry (5-20) lost on Monday, Feb. 9 to Wayne County in Jesup as part of the Region 1-4A play-in games.

The 61-42 final marked the end of the Panthers' season, as they will not enter the state tournament for the third straight year.

## Girls

The Lady Panthers (8-16) will enter the postseason for a second straight year, though they lost both of the Region 1-4A tournament games last week.

The first was a 57-32 final to Warner Robins in the semifinals, and turnovers prevented a victory against Ware County, 44-39, in the consolation game.

Perry will enter the state tournament as a four seed, guaranteeing travel in most if not all rounds of the playoffs.

## Veterans Boys

Veterans (12-16) found themselves on the wrong end of a couple of close Region 2-5A tournament games last week.

They did win their play-in against Thomas County Central 62-61 to keep their season alive, but Thursday's loss to Houston County in the



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Warner Robins won their first region championship in three years, and fourth under Rebecca Ivory, with a 60-30 final over Wayne County.

semifinals was 55-54, and their consolation game loss to Lee County was by five, 61-56.

Still, the Warhawks made the postseason in their first year under Brandon Driggers after finishing the regular season strong. They will enter as a four seed, guaranteeing travel in most if not all rounds.

## Girls

It was a rocky season for the Lady Warhawks (9-18) but they will maintain their postseason streak.

Tuesday's 44-39 win over Thomas County Central in the Region 2-5A play-in guaranteed a spot in the state tournament, though Thursday's 61-30 loss to Coffee similarly promised travel in the first round.

Friday's 41-38 loss to Northside, Veterans' closest this season, will place them in the state tournament as a four seed. This guarantees travel for most if not all rounds of the playoffs.

## Warner Robins Boys

Warner Robins (14-13) suffered a disappointing 64-62 defeat to Wayne County in last week's Region 1-4A semifinals, erasing their home court advantage.

They did redeem it with a 60-55 win against Benedictine in the consolation game, but now they will enter the state tournament as a three seed, still guaranteeing travel for at least the first round. There is potential for a home game in the second round, provided a four seed gets away with an upset in their bracket.

## Girls

The Demonettes (22-3) claimed their first region championship in three years, and fourth under Rebecca Ivory, with a 60-30 victory over Wayne County on Friday.

The Lady Yellow Jackets started strong, but Warner Robins responded with overwhelming defensive effort and energy for a crushing final at home, securing a one seed entering the state tournament.

The Demonettes will be at home for the first round of the state tournament, and the second if they make it that far.

## Westfield Boys

Westfield (12-13) lost last week's GIAA District 5-4A/3A tournament game to Calvary Christian 51-41 in Columbus, though they will still enter the state tournament.

At the time of writing the Hornets are the eighth ranked team in the GIAA 3A MaxPreps rankings, narrowly giving them a home game against John Milledge Academy on Feb. 18.

The time is to be announced, and the winner will advance to play Brookwood at one of Stratford, Tattnall or First Presbyterian Day on Feb. 21.

## Girls

The Lady Hornets (21-5) couldn't quite capture a GIAA District 5-4A/3A championship in last week's region tournament, losing 59-48 to St. Anne-Pacelli in the championship game.

That was Westfield's first loss to the Vikings this season, though they have been close contests each time.

At the time of writing, the Lady Hornets are ranked third in the GIAA 3A MaxPreps rankings, putting them down for a first-round bye before being the home team against the winner of the six and 11 seed matchup.

That game will take place on Feb. 20 at one of Stratford, Tattnall or First Presbyterian Day.



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Warhawks guard Cordell Broadnax (5) cocks back for a two-handed pass to the middle of the floor during Veterans' 62-61 win over Thomas County Central in the Region 2-5A play-in.



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Lady Panthers junior Kampbell Mitchell (black) scoops up a loose ball and drives to the rim in the fast break. Mitchell scored three points during Perry's 44-39 loss to Ware County in the Region 1-4A consolation game.

# Houston County's Tyson Ganas embracing full-time starter role, young pitcher joins rotation



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Houston County pitcher Tyson Ganas threw two innings and five strikeouts during the Bears' 15-0 season-opening win against Warner Robins.

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Houston County had a big void on the mound left by graduation, but Tyson Ganas is ready to answer the call.

Ganas opened the Bears' 15-0 win against Warner Robins for his first (official) game on the mound since HoCo's championship loss to Newnan nine months ago.

His inaugural pitch was a fast ball in the strike zone with a bit more zip than you might've seen last season, and he followed it with a change-up for another strike.

Ganas ended his two innings on the mound with five strikeouts, including a squeaky clean first with three-up-three-down.

"It's what we talk about all the time in our program, if you want to be consistent, the guys that were role players or backup guys, and he was more of a role player than a backup guy last year, they've got to step up and be the main guy," HoCo head

coach Matt Hopkins said. "I think he's really embraced that, and he's worked hard to improve his skill of being able to throw the ball. A little firmer, more consistently, and just getting that pitch count up and be able to be more of a front-end guy for us. We're gonna rely on him big."

One of Ganas' shortcomings last season was his ability to consistently hit the strike zone. When he only had to come in and pitch a couple of innings it didn't often become a problem — he was actually lightning in a bottle more than once.

But with him being asked to pitch (hopefully) five or more innings every start, it was one thing he addressed in the offseason.

"[Hopkins has] really just asked me to throw a bunch of strikes, because that's probably the main thing I struggled with last year," Ganas said. "Especially early in the count, first-pitch strikes, just getting that down."

He's also worked on strengthening not just his

best pitches, but also his body to help him better deliver them.

"I've been working on my change-up a lot, and my fastball," Ganas said. "I feel like those are my two greatest pitches. I've also been working in the gym, getting stronger and using my legs more."

A new name has also entered the fray, one Hopkins thinks he could lean on despite the youth and inexperience.

"The sky's the limit for him," Hopkins said of Ja'hkai Wilson, who made his Bears debut against Warner Robins.

Wilson threw one inning and earned two strikeouts while preserving the no-hitter Ganas started.

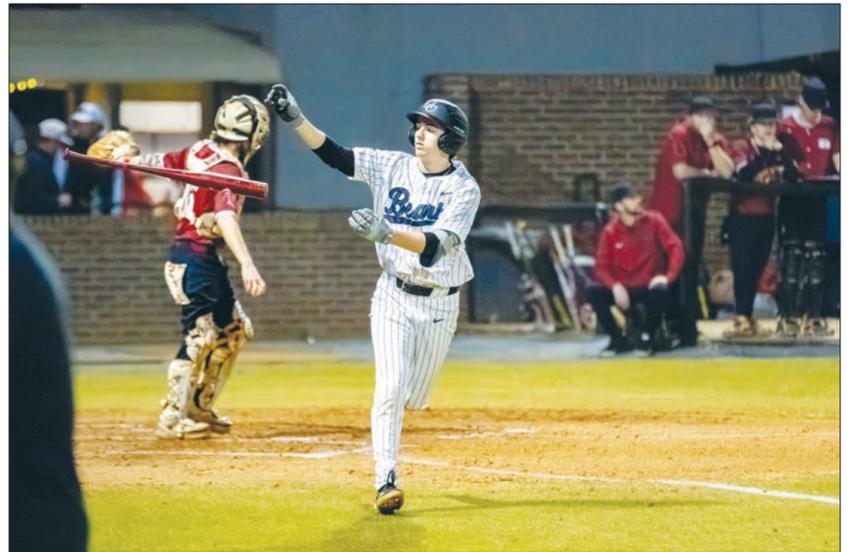
"He's working his way into it, that's for sure. We're going to try him in that role, and we're going to let him grow because his stuff, you can't teach it," Hopkins said. "It's just very natural, plus left-handed stuff, it's just going to continue to get better. I can't wait to see what he becomes."

At 14-years-old you can



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Houston County freshman pitcher Ja'hkai Wilson garnered high praise from head coach Matt Hopkins after the season opener against Warner Robins. Wilson is expected to be a starter early in the season with an opportunity to solidify his place in the rotation.



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Houston County pitcher Tyson Ganas (white) tosses his bat to the side after drawing his first of two walks against Warner Robins.

only expect so much from an athlete, especially a pitcher when it comes to velocity, but Wilson already has a promising arsenal.

"Loaded mid-80s fastball with a really good change-

up and a wipeout slider," Hopkins said. "It is legitimate variety-level stuff that's ahead of his age. Now it's just about getting him consistent enough to be able to throw it all the time. The

stuff's there, it's just we got to keep reminding ourselves that he's just a baby."

"He's only 14 years old and he's just going to continue to improve and we got to be patient with him."

# Isaiah Galason attracting national buzz in senior season with Houston County

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If you've followed Houston County baseball for the last several years, you likely know Isaiah Galason's name.

Once a standout sophomore playing second base, last year he exploded onto the scene as a junior with a .471 batting average, .525 OBP, 1.275 OPS to go with 64 hits (six home runs) and 58 RBI.

He was third in the order behind Vick Gann and Kendall Jackson, and he routinely sent the pair rac-

ing around the bags.

His play was enough to earn him a wealth of college offers before he committed to Georgia Tech.

This year he's one of the eldest players on the team, and has moved to shortstop. He also moved up to second in the order in the Bears' opener against Warner Robins.

"Super focused," HoCo head coach Matt Hopkins said of the senior. "He's doing what the guys before him have done...the guys like Drew Burress, Gage Harrelson, Coleman Willis and all these draft prospect guys we've had. They invest

so much in our younger players and try to get them to come along so that we'll be better as a team. And I think that's helping them at the same time."

"When you start to teach things, I think you understand yourself a little bit better. He's just worked really hard to get where he is, and I'm very proud of him."

One of the most physically noticeable changes in Galason is his additional muscle. When he made contact against Warner Robins it was dangerous, and it's the result of a long offseason of work.

Galason put on 15 pounds of muscle in the last nine months, joking that Creatine helped along with his workouts.

"I worked with Travis Grimes over in Perry. I think he's honestly the best weight-lifting trainer around here for baseball," Galason said. "It's a three days a week type of thing, definitely doesn't skip a beat. He's got a lot going

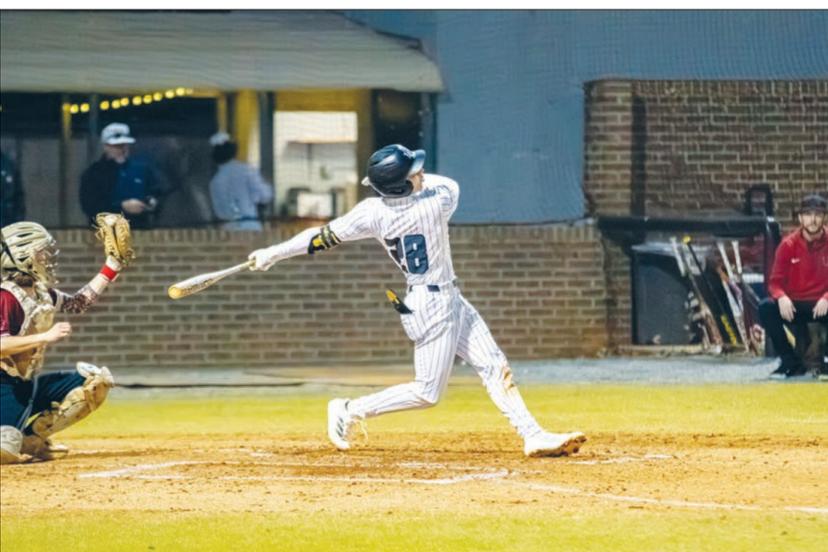
on in that gym and it's the same place guys like Gage Harrelson and Drew [Burress] trained, he gets it done."

But with his flip to the other side of the middle infield Galason also dedicated a significant portion of his time to defensive work.

"I think my biggest focus has been stepping into shortstop this year,"

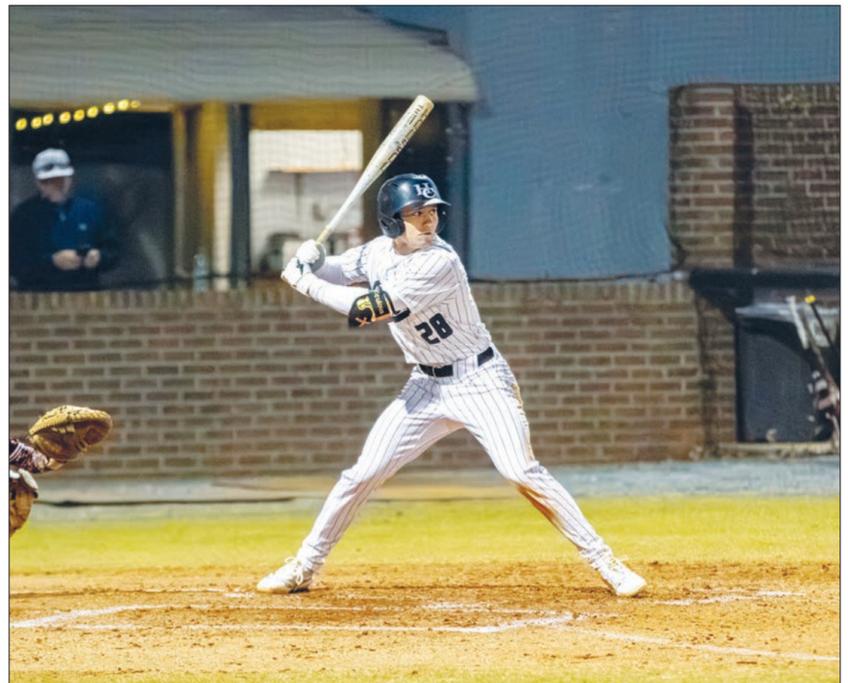
Galason said. "I put a lot of time in my defensive work, really trying to perfect my arm, the spin of my ball just to get that carry, especially when I'm ranging from side to side. I also wanted to polish up my hitting, staying with my approach so I can have a good year."

Galason was 2-of-3 for one RBI and three runs in HoCo's opener against Warner Robins.



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Isaiah Galason follows through on a big swing during Houston County's 15-0 win over Warner Robins.



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Houston County senior Isaiah Galason (28) is drawing national attention entering his final year in high school. The Georgia Tech commit put on 15 pounds of muscle over the offseason, and has moved to shortstop with the departure of Ethan Buffone.

# Tyler Harris scores 13 second-half points in Warner Robins' 60-55 win over Benedictine in Region 1-4A consolation game



Benedictine center Liam Dolan (40) goes up between two Demon defenders during the Region 1-4A consolation game.



Warner Robins forward Tyler Harris was tied for a team-high 15 points in the Demons' 60-55 win against Benedictine in the Region 1-4A play-in game. Harris had 13 of his 15 points in the second half, and was 7-of-8 at the line in the fourth quarter to close out the contest.

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**WARNER ROBINS** — While it won't get them home court advantage in the first round, Warner Robins (14-13) redeemed Wednesday's semifinals loss with a 60-55 win against Benedictine (6-19) on Friday.

Junior forward Tyler Harris closed the game out for the Demons after senior guard Gavyn Williams fouled out with three minutes to go.

Harris scored a team-high 15 points and 13 of those came in the second half. Nine came in the fourth and seven at the free throw line.

Missed free throws have been a crux for Warner Robins this season, costing them multiple games. Harris was 7-of-8 at the line in the final period as the Cadets continuously fouled him

"I've always told Tyler this season right here, 'How you go is how we're going to go,'" Garman said. "If you're leading us, around the top leading scoring and all that, rebounding, we're gonna win. The game's that we've lost you can go back and look at the stat book and see that he might have two points, five points... and we lost."

Despite the Cadets' 6-18 record coming into the game, they were 3-2 in their last five and played the Demons close with their size and length.

Most of their work was done down low, despite their routine effort to get three-pointers to fall. Warner Robins responded with a similar offensive game plan, swinging the ball around to attempt an entry pass to the post.

It took both teams until the final minutes of the opening quarter to reach double digits, and most

of that came from the combined 10 free throw attempts after the squads entered the bonus.

The second quarter more or less followed the first, with the exception of four three-pointers putting the Demons ahead 28-20 at the half.

Williams' third triple was the first shot out of the half and started a 7-2 run that gave Warner Robins a 14-point advantage with just over three minutes gone in the quarter.

But from that moment on Benedictine outscored them 14-5 to cut the deficit to five entering the final period of play.

"Simple, we just stopped scoring. We stopped defending," Garman said on giving up the run. "I don't know if it was one of those tired lulls in the middle of the game that we had, but we had it at a bad time. Luckily we had a big enough lead. They still

came into the lead by one or two points, but we never stopped playing, and that's what I appreciate about the guys right now."

Benedictine's Kyree Richards hit back-to-back three-pointers to finally give the Cadets a 48-47 lead with 3:36 to play.

But Warner Robins entered the bonus on the ensuing play as they had in every quarter before.

The Demons shot 23 free throws in the second half, indicative of Benedictine's struggles playing disciplined defense on drives and at the basket.

Leaving the game up to free throws would normally be a concern for Warner Robins, but they made it work as they closed out the game led by Harris.

Garman wasn't pleased after Wednesday's semifinals loss, especially considering how avoidable it was,



Warner Robins' Prince Ragin (0) guards the ball from Benedictine's Kyree Richards (11) at the free throw line during the Region 1-4A consolation game.

but he thought his team responded well enough on Friday heading into the postseason.

"They did fine. I had already told them we lost home court advantage, I was like, 'Last year we won the region and had home court advantage and we lost in the first round,'" Garman said.

"The last time we were three in the region we ended up going to Winder-Barrow and losing by two and almost making it to the final four."

#### UP NEXT

Warner Robins will enter the state tournament as a three seed, guaranteeing travel in the first round.

# Lady Panthers fall to Ware County in final minutes of Region 1-4A consolation game

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**WARNER ROBINS** — It was a close one, as it has been all year when Perry (8-16) plays Ware County (10-14), but the Lady Panthers fell again in the Region 1-4A tournament with a 44-39 final.

Perry's Cam McKenzie broke the early stalemate with a triple three minutes into the game, and the Lady Panthers executed a 6-2 run to get past the halfway point of the opening period.

The key was generating quality shots with (some) consistency. Instead of

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opting for early threes or jumpers off the dribble early in the shot clock, Perry put pressure on the paint and tried to work the ball around the defense.

But, much like their previous matchup against the Lady Gators, the offense froze up.

After taking a 9-2 lead with 3:37 left in the first, the Lady Panthers only scored five points for the next 6.5 minutes. In that time Ware County came within six points, and in the ensuing three minutes

got off an 8-4 run to cut their deficit to two.

Forcing turnovers and jump balls helped the Lady Panthers get ahead 23-18 at the break, but that didn't last.

"When we're taking care of the ball we're getting pretty good shots, and then when we get posed up we do a lot of dribbling or make bad passes," Head coach Austin McIntyre said on the key to consistent offensive performance. "We talk about that, we know what quality shots are. It's just being able to take that and translate it into the game. We're really trying to increase our basketball IQ and learn your first shot is

not always your best shot."

Perry held on to the lead through the third quarter, but that wasn't without the lead exchanging hands multiple times in the eight minutes.

Ware County took their first lead of the night 26-24 with 4:12 to go in the third, and again with 1:54 on the clock as a part of their 10-3 run.

The Lady Panthers reclaimed a two-point lead before quarter's end and even extended it to five in the first minute of the fourth, but from there they were outscored 15-5. McIntyre once again pointed to turnovers as a decid-

ing factor.

"Just taking care of the ball. We get in these spurts where we have a lot of turnovers at a time," McIntyre said. "Every time we have one turnover it turns into like, four more. So trying to find a way to limit turnovers, flushing the mistake and not letting it take over three, four, five more possessions."

"You're going to make mistakes in basketball, but our guards are just learning how to flush the mistake and then bounce back from it," He continued. "They're getting better at it, it's just that and rising to the occasion."

#### UP NEXT

Perry will enter the postseason as a four seed, guaranteeing travel in the first round

"Our message we've had all year [is] when our guards are taking care of the ball, we're a really good basketball team," McIntyre said. "We were in the game with Warner Robins for a lot of time, especially in the first half... We were up on Ware [County] a lot of the time, we were up on Wayne [County] at Wayne.... Our girls, they know they can compete with anybody, it's just can we put four quarters together."



Perry forward Allie Dean (12) sinks a jumper during her seven-point game against Ware County in the Region 1-4A consolation game.



Ware County's Lydia Munford scored 10 points during the Lady Gators 44-39 win against Perry in the Region 1-4A consolation game.