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## 'I'm blessed to be here'

### Warner Robins officer injured in line of duty shares post-shooting experience, recovery

By **BRIEANNA SMITH**  
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**WARNER ROBINS** — On Jan. 29, Officer Matthew Wojtal was shot in the line of duty responding to a domestic violence call. Now he is sharing his perspective on the aftermath of the incident.

According to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, officers responded to a home on the 100 block of Rose Street. While on scene, Wojtal approached the home and was shot multiple times. A woman was discovered outside the home who had also been shot.

Law enforcement arrested Rashawn Williams, 21, of Warner Robins, in connection with the shooting. He

was charged with aggravated assault on a peace officer and aggravated assault.

Wojtal was originally listed in critical condition after the shooting, according to the GBI. Now he is on the road to recovery.

Wojtal said he has gone through several surgeries and is still slated for minor operations and physical therapy. Describing himself as athletic, Wojtal says he is now exhausted walking around the house due to a collapsed lung.

"There's a lot of leaps and hurdles to get through as far as health concerns go. It'll be a long, slow recovery.

... But I'm more than confident that I will be back, probably as strong, if not stronger than before," he said.

Amid the recovery, coworkers, supervisors and the community have sent an outpouring of support. Wojtal was extremely grateful and encouraged to wear the badge again.

One moment in particular was from the owners of Tap & Pour, who organized a fundraiser in Wojtal's honor, with the manager matching the amount raised.

"It was extremely heartwarming. It gave me motivation to continue to get better. It gave me a sense of fight to continue to work hard to get back into the job," he said.

Wojtal, who grew up in Chicago, joined the Warner Robins Police Department eight years ago and feels led to do so.

"Becoming a police officer,

in my opinion, is more of a calling. It's something that you have a passion to do, something you feel inside you, like 'this is important to me.' This is something that I've always wanted to do."

Wojtal said the situation reinforces his view as a police officer.

"There is evil out there. It's real, and officers need to be aware of their surroundings. They need to be aware of certain situations and take these situations seriously. The academy does a phenomenal job of teaching officers on how to deal with traumatic situations, but there's always more that can always be taught," he said.

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Wojtal

### City of Perry appoints Worthington as new assistant city manager

By **SANDRA HERNANDEZ**  
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**PERRY** — From finance director to assistant city manager, Mitchell Worthington has worked up the ranks in the City of Perry.

At the Feb. 17 city council meeting, Mayor Randall Walker and the council approved Worthington's appointment to his new role, and he is excited to begin.

He shared that he has lived in the city since 2018 and has raised all his children in Perry.

"[I'm] really looking forward to what's going on with the city and happy to lend my hand and to keep progress moving forward," he said.

With his father in the Army, Worthington has traveled far and wide. His



Worthington

family considers Cedartown, Georgia their home, since that is where he attended both middle and high school.

After graduating from high school, he attended Mercer University,

which brought him to the middle Georgia area. He received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in Business Administration from Mercer.

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Sandra Hernandez/HHJ

The community gathers to cut the ribbon at the Centerville Recycling Center at 2513 Elberta Road, Thursday, Feb. 19.

### Centerville celebrates relocated recycling center

By **SANDRA HERNANDEZ**  
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**CENTERVILLE** — The new and improved Centerville Recycling Center is now open and the community gathered to celebrate the achievement with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Feb. 19.

Mayor J. Micheal Evans, former Mayor John Harley, and council members were

present to celebrate the big day.

During the ceremony, Evans shared his excitement about the center and said it represents a \$350,000 investment in the community.

The center has more recycling bins and space for the recycling process to go more smoothly. Evans said the city's commitment to recycling is not new, dating back to its first grant

applications to the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority in 2000.

At first, Centerville received a \$25,000 grant. Then, in 2021, the city received a \$40,000 grant to help with its construction.

"Those early investments laid the foundation for what we're doing here today," he said.

Evans also thanked the

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### Warner Robins council honors local shelter leader, makes innovative road change



Brianna Smith/HHJ

Dr. Margaret Queen-Flowers (left) and Mayor LaRhonda Patrick (right) hug after presentation of the city of Warner Robins' Community Impact Award on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

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**WARNER ROBINS** — Warner Robins City Council took the time on Feb. 17 to honor locals and tackle roadway-related business.

First, during the Feb. 17 meeting, council recognized the work of a longstanding non-profit leader.

For the past 15 years, Dr. Margaret Queen-Flowers led Genesis Joy House, a local shelter for homeless women veterans. She recently retired and, at the meeting, received the city's Community Impact Award

for her outreach.

Mayor LaRhonda Patrick praised Queen-Flowers' significant, long-lasting community impact.

"The people that she helped and helped transform their lives out of homelessness, gave a tremendous impact to their families and those individuals' children. The impact that you did, Miss Flowers, goes on for generations," Patrick said.

Patrick added that Queen-Flowers' contributions went beyond physical needs.

"[It's] not just feeding those who are hungry, not

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#### Word of the Day

Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me? — *Jeremiah 32:27 (NKJV)*

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# CAPITOL UPDATES

## Week six under the Gold Dome — Sen. Larry Walker

We've officially reached the halfway point of the 2026 Legislative Session, and as President Pro Tempore of the Senate, I want you to know exactly where things stand.

Senate Republicans have strived once again this session to keep Georgia families safe, make life more affordable, and protect the conservative values that make our state strong. At the halfway mark, I'm proud to say we're delivering real results.

This week, the Senate passed the Amended Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, the first of the two balanced budgets we pass every session. Unlike Washington politicians who print money and leave the bill for the next generation, Georgia lives within its means. Our Constitution requires a balanced budget, and this Senate body takes that responsibility seriously.

The amended budget sets the financial framework for the remainder of this fiscal year, which runs through July 1. We combed through every agency request, every program and every dollar with one question in mind: Is this a responsible use of your money?

**GUEST COLUMNIST**

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



I was especially proud to support the \$250 million investment in local infrastructure projects across the state. Middle Georgia will see essential repairs and renovations to roads connecting local communities to each other and to the rest of the state. This will also help facilitate the development of our Next Gen 911 initiative, providing a strong, well-connected communication platform for first responders. I'm also proud of our investments in the Department of Community Health to strengthen rural healthcare access and improve overall quality of care for Georgians who need it most. These investments directly impact our community and reflect the needs I hear about back home.

One of the best parts of this budget is the money

it puts towards alleviating one of the greatest pressures our law enforcement officers face. We are taking a significant step to support law enforcement by allocating over \$400 million to design and construct a new regional hospital dedicated to mental health care. This hospital will provide bed space for individuals who would best benefit from mental health rehabilitation instead of being placed in a jail cell. This solution not only offers the best path to rehabilitation for eligible individuals but also provides critical assistance to sheriffs managing crowded county jails. Our law enforcement officers deserve our full support, and our state budget reflects our commitment to them, to you and to your family.

Every dollar in this bud-

get comes from hardworking Georgians, and the results of our fiscal discipline speak for themselves. Georgia maintains a AAA credit rating, we've built strong reserves, and we continue to lead the nation as the number one state to do business year after year. Now, this amended budget heads back to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Beyond the budget, we are continuing to advance policies that empower families, especially in education.

This week, the Senate passed Senate Bill 446, which ensures Georgia permanently participates in the new federal school choice tax credit program created by Congress in 2025. I firmly believe parents should be in the driver's seat when it comes to their children's education, rather than out-of-touch government bureaucrats.

Every child learns differently. Some thrive in traditional public schools. Others benefit from charter schools, private schools, faith-based schools or specialized programs. SB 446 invests in our families by giving them more options and more flexibility. It puts students first and reinforces

the idea that education should serve our children, not the systems that are meant to guide them.

I also have a few updates on personal legislation to share with you all.

Senate Bill 432 would allow the University System of Georgia and the Technical College System to continue using leftover funds to accumulate strategic reserves for large capital projects, unexpected shortfalls and unforeseen expenses, rather than losing that money at the end of each fiscal year. In other words, if they don't spend their entire annual budget, they can roll the savings over rather than going through the full appropriations process again to get it reauthorized. The bill passed the Senate this week and is now headed to the House for consideration.

When signed into law, this bill would provide financial security to our higher education institutions and the faculty who rely on those funds to do their critical work. Using these funds strategically will allow our students to keep learning at the highest level and maintain a stable learning environment for our talented educators throughout

Georgia.

Additionally, Senate Bill 409 would establish clear standards for insurers' use of aerial and satellite imagery when making underwriting, pricing or coverage decisions for residential property insurance. As technology continues to evolve, this commonsense measure ensures our insurance companies can responsibly use modern tools to assess risk while maintaining transparency and fairness for homeowners. SB 409 received unanimous support in the Senate and now moves to the House for further consideration.

We're halfway through the 2026 session, and I promise you that I'll keep fighting every day to protect your hard-earned dollars and keep Georgia the best place to live, work and raise a family.

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.

## Georgia Senate focuses on tax breaks, mentally ill in adopted mid-year budget

By **TYTAGAMI**  
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ATLANTA — Taxpayers, rural drivers and the mentally ill were among the winners in the mid-year budget adopted by the Georgia Senate on Friday.

Financially distressed college students and metro Atlanta drivers were not exactly the losers, but they would get less than initially proposed in the Senate's version of the \$42.3 billion amended budget for the fiscal year through June.

The state House started the budget based on a blueprint from Gov. Brian Kemp. On Friday, it was the Senate's turn to make some edits.

Both the House and Senate kept Kemp's \$1.2 billion rebate to taxpayers that would break down to \$250 per single filer, \$375 for heads of household and \$500 for couples filing jointly.

But the House added more gravy with an \$850 million property tax grant for homeowners, and the Senate liked that line item.

Several senators are running for higher office, and voters tend to appreciate tax breaks, especially in an election year when affordability is key.

The property tax rebate would work out to about \$500 per homeowner in urban areas and \$300 in rural areas, said Sen. Blake Tillery, R-Vidalia.

"We are laser focused on affordability," said Tillery, who is running for lieutenant governor and, as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, helped craft the Senate's budget.

What the Senate gives, the Senate can take away. Under its proposal, state employees would get a smaller bonus than Kemp wanted. He had put a \$2,000 one-time pay supplement in the budget at a cost of over \$600 million, but the Senate saved a couple hundred million by knocking the payment down to \$1,250.

The Senate also kneecapped a new program for college students that Kemp had touted. Georgia is still on a path to give taxpayer dollars to a need-based scholarship fund called Georgia DREAMS.

But instead of the \$325 million endowment allotted by Kemp, the Senate kept only \$100 million.

The Senate also slashed Kemp's idea for a \$50 million grant to communities to address homelessness, trimming it to \$10 million.

Senators needed the money for other priorities. They shifted \$15 million to the Department of Veterans Service and put a whopping \$409 million toward construction of a regional hospital for the mentally ill who often wind up housed in local jails by default.

The House had introduced money into the budget for the same project, but it was

only \$27 million to get it started.

Lt. Gov. Burt Jones, a Republican running for governor, said all could agree that mental health services in Georgia were lacking.

"This is not a partisan issue," he said. Judging by the 49-1 vote to pass the budget, or House Bill 973, he was right.

The Senate made several changes Kemp might appreciate. The governor had proposed \$88 million for an aerospace building at Georgia Tech, but the House had pared that back to \$15 million. The Senate's budget restored the funding.

But there were some bumps in the road.

The Senate cut nearly \$100 million from Kemp's \$2 billion in improvements to I-75 south of Atlanta and to state Route 316, from Gwinnett County to Athens.

Yet the Senate added back \$15 million that the House had trimmed from Kemp's \$100 million to fix rural bridges, some dating to the 1940s, according to Tillery.

Senators also added \$30 million for rural infrastructure projects, and they expanded the \$35 million improvement program for natural gas infrastructure that had been pitched by Kemp and endorsed by the House.

In the Senate's budget there is now \$55 million to deliver methane to customers as a means of spurring

economic development.

"There are areas across our state where gas capacity is so weak that we can't even put another Burger King on the line," Tillery said.

The House said later Friday that it did not like the Senate's changes. So, the budget will now go to a conference committee where a handful of lawmakers will negotiate the finer details.

After they pass the mid-year amendments, they will look to the full budget for the fiscal year that starts in July.

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Sen. Blake Tillery, R-Vidalia, discusses House Bill 973 on the Senate Floor at the Georgia Capitol on Friday, Feb. 20. This legislation is the amended fiscal year 2026 state budget.

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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: hocofriendsofthelibrary@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

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

Theme: "Celebrating 50 Years of Achievement and Excellence"

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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).

## 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 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 at 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) non-profit 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.

# WEDDINGS

## Phillips and Willis wed in December



Brooke Phillips and Hayes Willis were married Saturday, December 13, 2025, at Gin Creek in Hartsfield, Georgia with the Revered Charles Clance officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Weldon and Brenda Phillips of Macon. She is a graduate of Covenant Academy and Central Georgia Technical College, where she earned an Associate of Science in Nursing.

The groom is the son of Tracy and Lisa Willis of Albany. He is a graduate of Lee County High School and Albany Technical College. He is employed as a Radiology Technologist with Atrium Health.

The Matron of Honor was Amanda O'Gorman, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Amanda Blair, Ashley Wood, Riley Warren, and Brooklyn Griffin, friends of the bride. Flower girls were Madelyn and Marianna Davis, friends of the bride. Dog of Honor was Bella Addie, the beloved dog of the bride.

The Best Man was Ryan Head, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Griffin Dennison, Ragan Head, McClane Newsome, Carson Fields, friends of the groom. Ring bearers were Matthew O'Gorman-Maurer and Grayson Gossett, friends of the bride.

After a honeymoon in St. Lucia, the couple is now in Macon.

## Temporary road closure scheduled on Eric Drive

**Special to The Journal**  
WARNER ROBINS — The City of Warner Robins announces a temporary road closure on Eric Drive to allow for critical infrastructure improvements.

Beginning February 26, 2026, Eric Drive will be closed from 107 Eric Drive to 210 Eric Drive for the

replacement of a sewer trunk line. The closure is expected to remain in effect through March 17, 2026, weather and work conditions permitting.

East side traffic will detour via Peach Blossom Road

West side traffic will detour via Houston Lake Road

Motorists are urged to use caution in the area, follow posted detour signage, and allow additional travel time.

The City appreciates the public's patience and cooperation as crews complete this necessary infrastructure improvement.

For more information and updates, visit [www.wrqa.gov](http://www.wrqa.gov).



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## Community Calendar

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# LIVE MUSIC

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

#### FORSYTH

• *Open Mic*: The Den - 8pm  
Warner Robins:

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

#### MACON

• *Music of The Lord of the Rings, performed by The Philharmonic orchestra & the Choir of the Shire*: Macon City Auditorium - 7pm (\$63 and up)

• *Open Jam*:

Grant's Lounge - 8pm

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

#### WARNER ROBINS

• *Tres Hombres*: La Cabana - 6:30-9:30pm

• *Lance Rodriguez*: Pub 96 - 7:30pm

#### MACON

• *Ginger Brown*: T & Jay's - 7-10pm

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

#### DUBLIN

• *Snickery Thicket*:

Moose Lodge - 8pm-12am  
(Member or guest of member)

#### FORSYTH

• *726 Acoustics*: The Den - 8-11pm

#### WARNER ROBINS

• *Jason Taylor Hobbs*: Pub 96 - 5:30-8:30pm

• *The Chris Anderson Band*:  
VFW - 6:30-9:30pm

#### Kilby Kirksey:

Wild Wing Cafe - 9pm

• *Jenifit w/ Brando*: Pub 96 - 9:30pm

#### MACON

• *Clint Black wsg*

*Gunnar Latham*:  
Macon City Auditorium - 7pm (\$52 and up)

• *Renegade*:

American Legion - 7-10pm  
(\$10 / \$5 for Veterans / Free for member Veterans)

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

• *Fall Line Rambler*:

The Society Garden - 8-10pm

• *Ground Strum*: 20's Pub - 9pm

• *Tres Hombres*:

Wild Wing Cafe - 9pm

• *Ashes*: Grant's Lounge - 9pm

• *Edgewood Heavy*:

Hummingbird - 9:30pm

• *Eric Turner*: Vice Bar - 10pm

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

#### FORSYTH

• *Adam McCorkle Duo*:

The Den - 8-11pm

#### PERRY

• *The Music Side of Town*

*Blues Band*:  
Perry Farmer's Market - 9am-1pm

• *Tres Hombres*: My Bar - 9pm

#### MILLEDGEVILLE

• *Uncle Earl & Friends*:

Duke's Dawg House - 8pm

#### WARNER ROBINS

• *Big Mike*: Pub 96 - 4:30pm

• *Southbound Mojo*:

Wild Wing Cafe - 9pm

• *Derrick Flowers*: Pub 96 - 9:30pm

#### MACON

• *Big Bird Bash 2026*:

The Hummingbird - 6pm-1am  
--> *726 Acoustics* - 6pm

--> *Ginger Tea* - 7:30pm

--> *Kaleigh Courson Band* - 9pm

--> *The Veal* - 10:30pm

--> *47 By Crow* - 12am

• *NyteByrd*: Mr. E's Sports Bar & Grill - 9pm

• *A2Z*: Wild Wing Cafe - 9pm

• *Jackson Tanner Trio*:  
Grant's Lounge - 9pm

#### HAWKINSVILLE

• *Powersville Opry* - 390 Perry Hwy:

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

--> *Guest Band* - 7-9pm

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

#### WARNER ROBINS

• *Lance Rodriguez*: Pub 96 - 4:30pm

#### MACON

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS AND RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN

This notice is given to furnish citizens of the City of Warner Robins (City) information concerning the amount of funds available from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant program for Fiscal Year 2025 and the range of activities to be undertaken. To obtain citizens comments a Public Hearing is scheduled for 5:30 PM, Wednesday, March 11, 2026 in the Council Chambers located at City Hall, 700 Watson Blvd Warner Robins, GA 31093. The City is endeavoring to be in total compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require assistance or auxiliary aids, please contact the ADA Coordinator, Jessica Bird, at (478) 302-5505 or [jbird@wrqa.gov](mailto:jbird@wrqa.gov) between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday except holidays as far in advance of the meeting 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. This information is available on request in an alternative format. Language Assistance is also available to include oral interpretation and written translation services.

It is unknown at this time the exact amount HUD will allocate to the City through the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement program. We anticipate receiving \$500,000. In addition, program income is anticipated from housing rehabilitation activities and the sale of real property. Estimated amount of program income is approximately \$10,000 bringing the total estimated operating budget to \$510,000. A minimum of 71% of these funds must be used for activities that benefit low and moderate income persons. The range of uses of funds is very broad and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Program planning and administration
- Acquisition and disposition of real property
- Code enforcement
- Clearance, demolition, and rehabilitation of publicly and privately owned commercial and residential structures
- Fair housing
- Removal of architectural barriers
- Public facilities and improvements
- Public services
- Historic preservation
- Economic opportunity
- Activities undertaken as part of a Consolidated Plan

Further information concerning this program is available upon request from the City of Warner Robins, Department of Community & Economic Development, 700 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, Georgia, or by calling (478) 302-5513 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

Esta información está disponible a petición en un formato alternativo. Asistencia de idioma también está disponible para incluir interpretación oral y escrita servicios de traducción.

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# Presidential limits throughout history

Dear Readers, The United States Supreme Court speaks with certainty in Learning Resources, Inc. v. Trump. A 6-3 majority opinion authored by Chief Justice Roberts holds that explicit Congressional grants a President authority to impose tariffs. Oral arguments foreshadowed this result; this may be one of the most consequential Supreme Court decisions in decades.

How we got here is President Trump's abusive interpretation of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) (1977) as granting him executive authority to order tariffs. In doing so, he was not using his Article II presidential authority; he was interpreting the IEEPA as a congressional delegation of its (exclusive) Article I, Section 8, Constitutional taxing authority. In other words, President Trump did not have any Constitutional tariff-making power; he claimed it from a 1997 statute granting the President vague emergency powers.

There have been other times in our country when a President has clearly overstepped the Constitution. About every 50 years or so, the Supreme Court recalibrates our separation of powers.

This trend-line began in the famous case of Marbury vs. Madison (1803). Chief Justice Marshall established the right of the courts as the final arbiter of the Constitution and declared that James Madison (at President Jefferson's urging) had illegally refused a government appointment. Sixty-odd years later, the

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Court (Ex parte Merryman (1861)) ruled that President Lincoln had illegally suspended the right of habeas corpus without Congressional permission. President Lincoln claimed this was a power adjacent to his war powers during the Civil War.

In the mid-1930s, the Court initially killed President Roosevelt's New Deal legislation, only to make a famous "switch in time, saves nine" about-face to support it.

The Korean War strained our tired economy two (2) decades later. In the midst of the conflict, the United Steelworkers went on strike. President Truman seized the steel mills on the premise that he had the right to ensure production of war-making ordnance proceeded unabated.

The Court slapped him back in its opinion in Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. v. Sawyer (1952). Justice Robert Jackson, fresh from his role as the chief prosecutor at the Nuremberg Trials, drew a line on Presidential overreach, writing, "I cannot be brought to believe that this country will suffer if the Court refuses further to aggrandize the presidential office, already so potent and so relatively immune from judicial review, at the

expense of Congress."

In many ways, the spirit of Justice Jackson loomed over Chief Justice Roberts' majority opinion in Learning Resources. He finds wisdom in Justice Jackson's observation, "Emergency powers ... tend to kindle emergencies [and] afford a ready pretext for usurpation" of congressional power. In this sense, unilaterally interpreting a statute to birth a Presidential power not explicitly given by Congress is the pathway to authoritarianism. He observes, "When Congress grants the power to impose tariffs, it does so clearly and with careful constraints."

In his concurring opinion, Justice Gorsuch (maybe surprisingly) adds grit to the majority concurring opinion. He harkens back to the founding of our country, our struggle against "taxation without representation." For this reason, we vest taxation authority solely in Congress. The danger of inadvertently divesting the sole right is that "retrieving a lost power is no easy business in our constitutional order." He concludes, "Our cases hold a clear statement is required to support a claim to an extraordinary delegated power."

This is also an echo of Justice Jackson's obser-

vation that legislation is messy, cumbersome, but necessary. This majority opinion should be a "kick in the pants" to Congress - act!

The consequences are profound. President Trump, having illegally imposed his tariffs, has authorized our government to steal from companies and us. He has spent some of the ill-begotten tariff revenues.

Governor Pritzker has filed suit to recover over \$8 billion of tariffs paid by Illinois residents. Maybe the first of hundreds of similar lawsuits. This impending legal chaos is what impressed Justice Kavanaugh to dissent; multitudes will be stepping forward to claw back tariffs directly or indirectly paid (in the higher costs of goods).

Legal denizens absorb Supreme Court opinions like water; the general public typically shrugs. We cannot have Presidents seizing power from Congress; this is the path to tyranny.

Ironically, in the span of two (2) years, this Supreme Court has gone from elevating a President above the law, in granting extra-statutory immunities, to then shackling a President from clearly usurping Congress. Maybe the Roberts Court recognizes its folly. The Legal Resources opinion redeems our Constitution.

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## Remembering the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson

His story has been lived. His story must be told. His story marks time and eras. His story bridges change in the landscape of our country. His story is all of our story.

Born into a time when it was not legal for him to be a citizen with full rights, to be free to walk in every door or drink in every fountain, to be served in every business, to be educated in every school, still he persevered.

He chose to excel in spite of a stacked deck against him. He chose to stand up for himself and others when told to sit down and be quiet. He chose to pursue the unattainable so that others could see the possibility. He chose hope over hate, participation in prosperity over poverty and embracing all over some. He cried during great loss in 1968 and cried in great victory in 2008. He opened doors in his lifetime for many.

His oratorical skill paled in comparison to his work and drive to make a difference. While battling a debilitating disease he vowed to continue to work until he could not anymore. He was loved and loathed for being himself, without losing himself. His purpose in life was greater than the person he had ever been.

In the 1960's he became a part of the inner circle of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther

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King Jr that produced landmark legislation that impacted far more than just the black community. Civil Rights legislation opened doors for changes in every aspect of life. Persons with disabilities were now afforded the right to access. The women's movement benefited from it. Every part of life in the United States was impacted.

In the 1970's he became the voice for anyone who felt like they were treated as less than. His mantra of "I am somebody" bridges Ralph Waldo Ellison's book 'Invisible Man' to Fannie Lou Hamers declaration of being sick and tired of being sick and tired, to striking Memphis garbage workers signs saying "I am a man." His work and words still move people to action.

In the 1980's, while watching the democratic convention college students were amazed at his ability to speak with knowledge and power about issues of the country and the world. He had moved a long way from

the limitations of his beginnings in South Carolina. His voice spoke to world leaders and he challenged us all to keep hope alive! He traversed the country speaking about the economic violence being perpetrated on the poorest of Americans regardless of race, religion or gender.

Whether challenging decision makers, business leaders or politicians about how and where they chose to place items that impact a community or inspiring a new generation of people to become leaders and advocates for those who cannot speak for themselves, he never stopped being a representative for the needs of the underserved all around the world.

He kept the hope alive for a better America by being part of the process to make it change. Anyone who benefits from that hope should know that same hope will still carry them through difficult times. Keep hope alive!

**"...For Real!"**

## 'The beautiful game' is about to take center stage

Something extraordinary is about to happen, and if you blink, you might miss why it matters.

This summer, the FIFA World Cup arrives on North American soil, with matches spread across the United States, Mexico and Canada. It is, quite simply, the biggest sporting event in human history.

And yes, I mean that literally.

When Argentina defeated France in the 2022 World Cup final, more than 5.5 billion people watched live. That is not a typo. Sixty-two percent of all living humanity tuned in to witness one match. The Super Bowl draws about 120 million viewers domestically. The World Cup final attracts fifty times that number globally.

So why do so many Americans feel vaguely unfamiliar with this tour-

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namment, as if it were something happening elsewhere, to other people? The answer lies partly in our sporting calendar, dominated by football (the other kind), baseball and basketball. But it also lies in a broad misunderstanding about what the World Cup is.

**The grand finale**  
The World Cup is about nations, not clubs. Think the Olympic Games, where there is just one Team USA. The same applies here. National pride and passion are at the heart

of everything. This is not about Manchester United, Barcelona or even our own Atlanta United at the extraordinary Mercedes-Benz Stadium. This is about the USA versus the rest.

Something crucial often escapes public attention. The World Cup finals that begin this June are exactly that — finals. The tournament represents the culmination of a two-year qualifying process that has

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## More cole crop tips

Last week's article featured some basic aspects of the vegetables in the cabbage family, better known as cole crops. These include cabbage, kale, collards, cauliflower, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts. We discovered that, as a group, these crops tend to be high in vitamins and low in calories, a dieter's dream. We also learned the importance of growing these crops in nitrogen-rich soil from the very beginning to encourage fast-growing, healthy plants.

While each cole crop has its own particular issues, most pests and diseases are shared by the whole group. The most persistent problem you will encounter is a barrage of caterpillar species, with cabbage loopers being the most common. Cabbage loopers arise from the eggs laid on the undersides of cabbage leaves by small white butterflies. These pesky invaders work to get a taste of the young, tender foliage well before you do.

Fortunately, there are effective measures that can help control caterpillars. If you are so inclined, you can handpick the worms. Or, you can get the Trichogramma wasp to do the work for you. These wasps are parasites that lay their eggs on the caterpillar, and upon hatching, the wasp larvae kill the caterpillar by feeding on it until it dies. You can procure these wasps through mail-order gardening mag-

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azines.

Perhaps the surest and most familiar way to control the cabbage looper and his clan is by a preparation made from the naturally occurring bacterium, *Bacillus thuringiensis*, also known as BT. Sprayed onto the foliage and ingested by the caterpillars, it causes them to stop feeding and die, turning into mushy, dark brown blobs in a matter of days. BT is sold under several names, including Biotrol, Dipel, and Thuricide. For best results, this bacterial insecticide should be applied before the worms reach one-quarter inch in length. Carbaryl (Sevin) and other chemicals are also effective against cole caterpillars.

Another problem of cole crops is clubroot. This is a fungal disease that attacks the roots of all cole crops, rendering them unable to take up water and nutrients. It deforms the roots, making them appear enlarged and club-shaped. The best controls are to keep the pH of your soil above 6.5 and to refrain from planting any

cole crops in an affected area for at least two years.

In addition to fungal problems, you should also watch for aphids attempting to feast on the foliage of young cole crops. They can be fairly easily controlled with applications of Orthene, Sevin, or insecticidal soap.

Another insect threat comes from flea beetles, about one-eighth of an inch long, which can also do serious damage to young cole crops. These beetles can cause problems all season long in most area and thrive in hot weather. The best controls we have are insecticides such as rotenone, pyrethrum, and Sevin.

Keeping these potential challenges in mind, I hope these pointers will help you in your quest for healthy cole crops.

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## Proof-texting problems part 4

I have some 1,500 "friends" on Facebook, which isn't a lot, so don't think I'm bragging. I'm not even close to celebrity status, nor is that my desire. I find myself increasingly content to work unseen in our quiet community. But like most people, I don't actually know about half of my "Facebook friends."

Yet every so often, I will meet one of them in person, and they will often say something like, "I appreciate what you post online, and the stand you take for Christianity and the Bible." And my normal half-silly, half-serious response is: "yeah well, I am trying to fix the world one Facebook post at a time!"

Though I say that playfully, I am quite serious. I genuinely hope my posts have a spiritual impact and point readers to eternal truths.

I think the same could be said about the recent series I wrote about proof-texting. I may not be able to fix the world one Houston Home Journal article at a time, but I am hoping to make a difference.

I want to impress upon you the serious consequences of misusing and misapplying the Bible. Ripping passages out of context and building doctrinal beliefs on them is far from harmless. My goal is to help you understand the proper way to read, study, and interpret the Bible, and to avoid mishandling the sacred Scriptures.

Previously, we noted the wrong interpretation invariably leads to the wrong application. Then I pointed out that proof-texting always produces bad beliefs and bad behavior. When the Bible is reduced to isolated one-liners, rather than Divinely-inspired units of thought, erroneous ideas emerge and lead people away from the truth.

The third problem we listed with proof-texting is that it endorses the wrong way to handle Scripture. When the preacher in the pulpit regularly pulls passages out of context and distorts their God-given meaning, he is teaching his hearers (by bad example) the wrong way to interpret Scripture. Sadly, the people in the pew will soon follow that poor pattern, and church disunity and theological irregularity are certain to follow.

Yet another problem is that proof-texting can lead to ill-informed personal preferences. Let me explain what I mean by that. While the Bible is quite clear about many things, it doesn't explicitly address some issues.

In most cases, there are Biblical principles and precepts that will guide Christians in their decision-making, but not always. In those places where the Bible is silent, too readily do well-meaning, but ill-informed believers come up with their own ideas and try

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to insist the Bible agrees with them.

Allow me to illustrate what I mean: some Christians think it's wrong to consume alcohol, any time for any reason. Others insist that parents should homeschool their kids rather than send them to public school. Some believers argue against Christians watching TV or going to the movies. Some Christians say it's wrong to ever use tobacco.

I know godly people who adamantly assert that we should use only one translation of the Bible. Which, in case you didn't know, is the "Authorized 1611 King James Version!" Other followers of Christ say we shouldn't observe certain holidays that may have a pagan past.

The list of personal preferences like this goes on and on, and changes as time and cultures change. Which is why it would be impossible for the Bible to ever address all these issues.

While there is absolutely wisdom to be found in Holy Writ about how Christians should think about these matters, including how our behavior will affect our testimonies and other believers, the Bible doesn't teach what some people insist it does about these (and other) issues.

The Bible doesn't say it's wrong to watch wholesome TV shows or movies. The Bible never states that homeschooling is the only God-honoring option for parents. No inspired writer ever stated it is wrong to ever enjoy tobacco or alcohol. Yes, there is a strong warning against drunkenness and being under the control of any influence, but there are people who can have those things, and those things do not have them.

And much to the chagrin of my King James-only friends, the Holy Spirit never inspired anyone to pen this command: "Thou shalt use the King James Only."

But here is the problem ... people still insist their personal preferences about these matters are rooted in the Scriptures. Believe me, I have heard every argument and even made some of them myself in the past. However, I was wrong. Folks, I have read the Bible cover to cover numerous times and none of the aforementioned issues are actually commanded or condemned like some insist.

Yet that doesn't stop men from asserting, and that quite strongly, that everyone abides by their extra-Biblical opinions. Make no mistake, when you discuss these matters,

people will hurriedly pull out their pet passages and declare their preferences match God's preferences.

And how do they arrive at such a unique position? By proof-texting! By pulling passages out of context and applying them in a way that the original author, nor God, ever intended. Far too often, poorly taught Christians find some random Bible verse that supposedly supports their personal preference on some issue and then dig in their heels, seeking to force others to abide by their own ill-informed opinions.

Not everyone reading this will understand these next few statements, but some of you will: Deuteronomy 6:5-9 does not mean it's wrong to send your kids to public (or private) school. Jeremiah chapter 10 has nothing to do with a Christmas tree. Psalm 12:6-7 isn't promoting King James-onlyism. (And I'm embarrassed I ever believed that!)

Christian, don't just quote the first half of Proverbs 20:1 to argue against consuming alcohol. Drunkenness is a sin, not drinking a little wine. Otherwise, Jesus was an egregious sinner because He not only turned water into really good wine, but He was also accused of being a drunk, because He enjoyed wine in moderation.

For sure, most of us watch things on TV we shouldn't be watching, and the Bible teaches us not to set any wicked thing before our eyes (Psalm 101:3). But that doesn't mean it's wrong to ever watch anything on TV or go to a theatre.

The Bible doesn't condemn playing cards, dancing, etc. But sadly, that doesn't stop people from applying meaning to passages God never meant, and from making a test of orthodoxy of stuff that isn't even in the Bible.

Proof-texting leads to ill-informed preferences that divide Christians. If you have personal standards, live by them—but don't misapply Scripture to demand others agree. The core problem is misusing God's word to justify personal opinions.

Well ... once this gets printed and posted ... I might lose some of those 1500 Facebook friends! Oh well. My aim is to help and speak the truth. Even if folks don't want to hear it. Yeah, I know I can't fix the world, but maybe this article will make a difference? For your good and God's glory. And that's my desire.

## A modern-day gold rush

Have you looked at the price of gold lately? As I write these words on this sunny February afternoon, the spot price of gold is hovering around \$5,100 per ounce—give or take a few dollars depending on the exact minute you check. That's right, over five grand for a single troy ounce of the shiny yellow stuff! It's a far cry from the \$300-\$400 levels I remember from my younger days, and the climb feels relentless.

Why the surge? Because of uncertainty about the future, leading to anxiety and speculation. We have wars and rumors of wars (which the Bible mentions in Matthew 24) like no time that I can remember in my 82 years. From ongoing conflicts in Ukraine, extreme military buildup surrounding Iran and the Middle East, to escalating tensions in the Caribbean nations, and China threatening to invade Taiwan. The world feels more volatile than ever. Add in deep cultural, political, and theological divisiveness, and it's no wonder people are anxious.

Inflation worries, massive national debt, and whispers of de-dollarization abroad also have folks looking for something solid to hold onto.

Even our own USA currency, the mighty dollar, which is still the world's reserve currency, isn't immune to doubts. In fact, several states have taken advantage of a little-known provision of the U.S. Constitution—Article I, Section 10, Clause 1—which states that no state shall "make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts." This clause essentially prohibits states from forcing paper or other non-precious-metal currencies to be the only legal tender, but it allows them to recognize or facilitate gold and silver as valid money. States like Utah, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Arkansas, and, more recently, Florida and Texas have passed laws recognizing gold and silver (often specific coins) as legal tender, removing sales taxes on them, or setting up ways for residents to use precious metals in transactions.

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But no state has gone as far as Texas, which has actually built its own gold bullion depository—the Texas Bullion Depository in Leander, Texas. Established back in 2015 and expanded since, it's the nation's first state-administered precious metals vault. Texas has been actively building its holdings, repatriating gold from places like New York and launching state-branded bullion products in recent years, including 1-ounce gold and silver coins and even innovative "Texas Gold Bills" (thin notes with embedded 24-karat gold layers). While the depository focuses on domestic storage and sales, reports indicate Texas has facilitated significant inflows of gold from other states and private sources to bolster reserves. The goal? Give Texans a hedge against federal currency risks and promote "sound money."

All this considered, you can see why more folks are acquiring gold bars, coins, or even those fancy new state products. But here's the bottom line: No matter how much gold you're able to hoard, and no matter how high the price of gold gets, it will not take away your anxiety and bring you peace. Gold might protect your wealth from inflation or economic turmoil to some degree, but it can't calm a troubled heart, mend broken relationships, or give you eternal security.

That only comes from the true "Golden Rule"—the greatest commandments straight from Jesus in Matthew 22:37-39: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor

as thyself."

In a world chasing shiny metals and safe havens, the real treasure is a relationship with God and love for one another. Gold can glitter, but it can't forgive sins, offer hope beyond the grave, or fill the emptiness that uncertainty creates. I've seen friends and neighbors chase riches—stocks, real estate, precious metals—only to find the anxiety follows them anyway. True peace comes when we anchor our lives in those two commandments: loving God fully and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

So, by all means, if it fits your financial plan, consider a little gold for diversification—especially in these uncertain times. But don't let it become your god. Store up treasures in heaven instead, where moth and rust don't destroy, and where thieves can't break in (Matthew 6:19-20). In the end, that's the only "gold" that lasts forever.

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

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# ENTERTAINMENT



## Did the man credited with inventing the game Monopoly actually invent it?

Now we're ready to close out February!

The second month of the year (and the shortest) is about to be history. Was yours a good one? I certainly hope that it was.

Spring is right around the corner, you know. Three more weeks or so, and we'll celebrate the annual renewal of the world, at least in the Northern Hemisphere. Those south of the Equator will be entering autumn.

Interesting, that. So is trivia - interesting, I mean. Enjoy!

Did you know ...

... figs are not fruits? Not technically, anyway. A fig is actually an inflorescence. What's that you say - you don't know what an inflorescence is? Well, an inflorescence (okay, I just like saying it) is a cluster of flowers and seeds around a stem. In other words, when you eat a fig, you're actually eating flowers. (Makes me think the cows have something going there.)

... the word "money" is relatively new in English? While the concept of money has been around since

humans first figured out exchange systems, the actual word didn't appear in English until the 14th Century. It was derived from the Latin word *moneta*, which was another name for the Roman goddess Juno. Why Juno? Because the Romans first minted coins near Juno's temple around 300 BC. (Money is also relatively rare in my wallet.)

... television productions can sometimes go overboard with regulations? Consider: During 2014, the television series *Downton Abbey* showed a plastic water bottle in the background of a promotional photo for the show. *Downton Abbey* was set in the 1910s and 1920s, long before plastic water bottles existed. Made aware of the goof, the producers issued an edict for the set: all things modern were banned on the business side of the cameras. The ban extended to water bottles, of course, along with modern watches, modern jewelry, and even actors' underwear. (Jeez, you make one little mistake, and then ...)

... three presidents died on July 4, and one was born that day? Presidents John Adams (1735-1826), Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), and James Monroe (1758-1831) all died on the fourth of July in their respective years, while Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933) was born on Independence Day. (A popular day for more than one reason, it seems.)

... the first observance of Memorial Day was in 1868? The first official ceremony was held May 30, 1868 at Arlington National Cemetery. It was then called Decoration Day and the first observance was presided over by General Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885). Grant recorded that about 5,000 people attended on a day that was "too warm for comfort," and those in attendance endured a two-hour speech from another general and future president, James A. Garfield (1831-1881). (What could he possibly have had to say that took two hours?)

... the man credited with inventing the popular board

game Monopoly™ didn't actually invent it? Charles Darrow (1889-1967) is credited with inventing the game, which he sold in 1935 to Parker Brothers and thus became a millionaire. But Darrow did not invent the game. Rather, he found a game made in 1904 called *The Landlord's Game*, created and patented by Elizabeth Magie (1866-1948), and developed his own version based on it. The games are very similar in many ways (both, for instance, have railroads, utilities, and even a jail), but when Magie tried to sell her game she was told it was too complicated and too overtly political. Magie's game was created to illustrate the economic teachings of Henry George (1839-1897), a progressive economist who felt that unchecked capitalism was dangerous. Darrow discovered Magie's game when a friend taught him to play, and he made several cosmetic changes to it, then patented it and sold it as Monopoly. While the game made Darrow a very wealthy man, Magie

only received \$500 for her original work, and no credit toward the creation of Monopoly. Additional trivia note: Lest you think Darrow a thief for taking Magie's original game and using it to make his own, you should know that her patent on *The Landlord's Game*, issued in 1904, had expired by the time Darrow patented his version in 1935. (No good deed goes unpunished, it is said.)

... penguins swim faster than they walk? Birds, of course, fly faster than they walk, but penguins cannot fly. So they make up for it with their swim speeds. A penguin can swim between five and six miles per hour, with bursts of up to 15 mph. Their walking (waddling?) speed is between 1.7 and 2.4 miles per hour. (Well, what's there to walk to in Antarctica?)

... a businessman once made half a billion dollars in one day? Howard Hughes (1905-1976) sold his 75% holdings in Trans World Airlines in 1966. Hughes received a bank draft for \$546,549,171 in

return for the holdings that day. (Some guys have all the luck.)

... the fire extinguisher was invented in the early 19th Century? Captain George William Manby (1765-1854), a British author and inventor, created the first portable fire extinguisher in 1818. Manby's design held three gallons of potassium carbonate under compressed air pressure. (Buckets of water were used prior to 1818.)

... a breed of shark can live in fresh or salt water? The bull shark is able to live in both kinds of water because it is able to regulate salt and other substances in its blood. A shark attack in a freshwater creek in New Jersey in 1916 is attributed to a bull shark. Bull sharks have also been found in the Mississippi River.

... kilts are not native to Scotland? They originated in France. (I'm glad they migrated.)

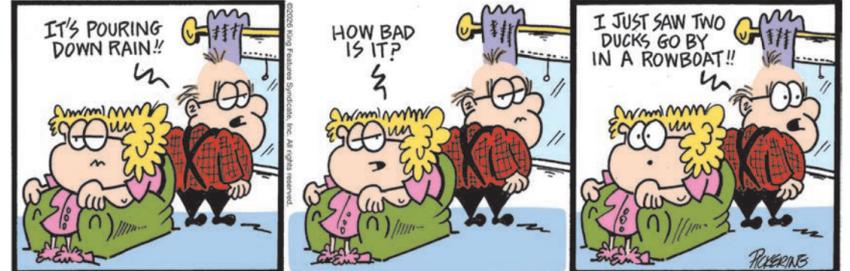
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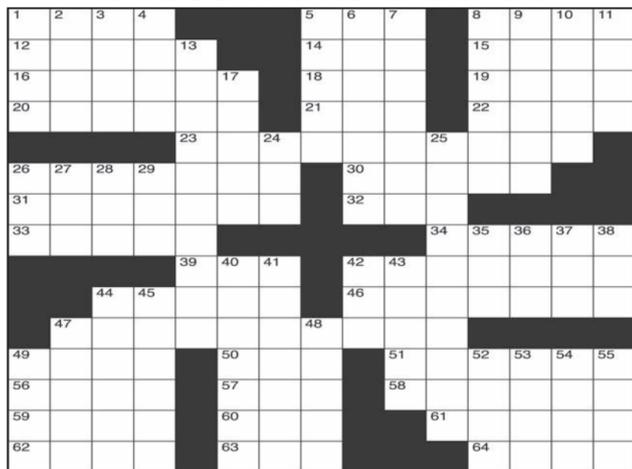
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#### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. What travelers must do
- 5. Calendar month
- 8. Hopefully quickly
- 12. Once more
- 14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 15. "Cheers" actress Perlman
- 16. Astronomy unit
- 18. Savings vehicle
- 19. Get your ducks in this
- 20. Right away
- 21. Popular sports league
- 22. Containers
- 23. Entireties

- 26. One who wassails
- 30. Turned-up position
- 31. Extreme modesty
- 32. Writing utensil
- 33. Rewards (archaic)
- 34. Ancient capital
- 39. S. American wood sorrel
- 42. General discomfort
- 44. Philippine island
- 46. A witty saying
- 47. One who summarizes
- 49. Covered in
- 50. Mimic
- 51. Henry was a notable one

- 56. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
- 57. Retired NFLer Newton
- 58. Playground equipment
- 59. Concept
- 60. Satisfaction
- 61. Fishing net
- 62. Hammer end
- 63. A father's male child
- 64. Japanese drink

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Off-Broadway figure
- 2. Gelatinous substance
- 3. Concern
- 4. "Lick It Up" rockers
- 5. Serbian river
- 6. Part of a hat
- 7. Bowl-shaped drinking vessel
- 8. Semitic language
- 9. Utter a shrill cry
- 10. Long times
- 11. Animal parts
- 13. Causing annoyance
- 17. Amorous talker
- 24. Attempt
- 25. Harmonic effects
- 26. Cost per mile
- 27. They \_\_\_
- 28. Bitterly regret

- 29. Not even
- 35. A way to drop
- 36. Title of respect
- 37. World leader
- 38. Georgia rockers
- 40. National capital
- 41. Great Plains people
- 42. Duck-sized dinosaur genus
- 43. Architectural recesses
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- 48. Sweetheart (archaic)
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### SUDOKU



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**OFFICER**

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And the situation also uncovered his fighting spirit, he mentioned. "I'm a fighter. Through all things, I've been able to persevere and I'm right where I should be. I'm not upset, I'm not angry, I'm happy and blessed that I was able to be in this career and be able to be in a position to help and serve my community exact-

ly the way that I needed to. Wojtal encourages other officers going through trauma to reach out to a support system, or even him directly. He says he has a new outlook on the incident. "I'm blessed to be here, and I'm thankful for every day. After coming out of the hospital, even just smelling the air outside was just different. The sunlight looks different, the grass looks different. It just gives you a new perspective on life

and makes you more thankful for the simple things in life," he said. And on the job, officers go through more than the public realizes, he said. "We go through a lot of situations daily, and we don't necessarily publicize it," he said. "We handle the situation and move forward doing everything we can to keep the public safe and do our job as we're supposed to do."

**MANAGER**

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Worthington shared that he unfortunately graduated during the 2008 recession, so there weren't many job opportunities. However, he was eventually offered an accounting job at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission at the time. He had no intent to go into government, but he had to work where he could. Worthington worked for the commission for six years, serving in various financial roles. There, he learned about local government, grant management and accounting. Afterwards, he served as a budget analyst for the City of Roswell. His main focus was on the environmental public works and transportation departments. Worthington gained extensive experience in capital and infrastructure planning in those departments. In 2018, he moved to the City of Perry as an assistant finance director. A year later, he was promoted to finance director. As finance director, he

oversaw the day-to-day operations of the finance department, including accounting, purchasing, customer service and utility billing, and management of the city's annual audit. He also coordinated with the city manager and department heads. Worthington directed the development of the city's annual budget, which ensured spending aligned with the mayor and council's strategic goals. Now, he has been promoted to assistant city manager. "I feel like I'm very familiar with what's going on in the City of Perry with all the growth that's going on and what we need to do to keep the infrastructure being improved and preserve the great quality of life we have here," he said. Worthington explained his new role, saying the city manager's office is the city's executive position. He said they are charged with keeping the city's day-to-day operations running. While the mayor and city council set policy, the city manager's office implements it. Day-to-day operations are managed by current city manager Robert

Smith, and the assistant city manager is an extension of that position. "The city is growing tremendously over the last 10 to 15 years and just to have a single person in that executive role becomes a lot of work," he said. Worthington shared that several years ago, the mayor and council adopted a strategic plan. He said he has been familiar with the city and what's going on, and that he aims to continue to stay informed. "My goal is to just keep moving the city forward, make sure that we stick to that strategic plan [and] update it when needed; really just enact the vision that mayor and council see for this city," he said. Worthington also said he is humbled to be appointed to the position and looks forward to continuing to serve the community. "[We're] making sure that we preserve the sense of community that we have here and the quality of life we have here at the city. [I'm] really looking forward to continuing my service for them," he said.

**BLAKE**

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already winnowed down the football-playing nations of the world. Consider the scale. FIFA has 211 member nations fielding men's teams. From Africa to Asia to Europe and South America, teams have been competing in regional qualifying rounds since 2023. Only 48 will make it to North America — an expansion from the traditional 32-team format, making this the largest World Cup in history. When you watch a group-stage match, you are watching survivors. Every team has earned their place through years of competition, thousands of miles of travel and matches played in conditions ranging from the high altitude of La Paz, Bolivia, to the sweltering humidity of Singapore. **The American puzzle** The U.S. men's national team is, by objective measures, a strong side, currently ranked 15th in the world and one place ahead of Mexico. Our player pool includes athletes competing at the highest levels of European club football — Christian Pulisic, Brenden Aaronson, Weston McKennie and Tyler Adams. This is not a ragtag collection of amateurs. This is a talented, tactically sophisticated group that understands the international game. Yet a curious phenomenon persists. Many Americans approach the World Cup expecting victory — after all,

we expect American dominance in the sports we prioritize. When the U.S. does not lift the trophy, disappointment and dismissal often follow. This fundamentally misreads the competitive landscape. Brazil has won the World Cup five times; Germany and Italy, four each; and Argentina and France, three apiece. I remember watching an old black-and-white TV as my home team, England, won it in 1966 — their only World Cup triumph. The U.S. reaching the knockout round would represent genuine success against nations where football is a cultural religion practiced from birth. Ironically, Americans already know what World Cup dominance looks like — through our women's team. That team has lifted the trophy four times since 1991, a triumph unmatched by any other nation. Those who have cheered for Megan Rapinoe and Alex Morgan already understand the beautiful game's magic. **Why it matters** The 2026 World Cup offers Americans something unprecedented: the chance to experience this global phenomenon in our own stadiums, our own cities and our own time zones. Matches will be played from Los Angeles to New York, from Dallas to Seattle, and with Atlanta also as a host city. The atmosphere — the songs, the passion, the sheer electricity — will be unlike

anything most American sports fans have encountered. Football is called "the beautiful game" for good reasons. Its democratic accessibility — a ball, some flat ground and human ingenuity — has made it the universal sport. It belongs to favelas and finishing schools alike, to villages without electricity and cities with gleaming towers. It is humanity's game. It also allows us to be proudly and decently tribal. People identify with their national teams in deeply personal ways, wrapped in flags and family memories. But at its best, the game unites rather than divides, channeling our competitive instincts into healthy rivalry and offering a shared language of joy and heartbreak that connects strangers across every conceivable boundary. This summer, the beautiful game comes home. The world will be watching — quite literally, billions of our fellow humans. The question is whether we will watch along with them. *Christopher Blake, a native of Wimbledon, England, now lives in Macon, where he serves as the president of Middle Georgia State University. He is a passionate supporter of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club and the national football teams of the U.S. and England. He will write occasional pieces about the 2026 World Cup for the Georgia Trust for Local News. To share your own reflections about the contest, email joshua@gtn.org.*

**CENTER**

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efforts of Harley, the late former Mayor Mary Ann Weigand, former City Clerk Virginia Abbott and longtime resident Larry Coy. The center is currently not accepting glass or plastic, but Evans shared that the city is working to find a vendor who can take those materials. The center stopped accepting plastic because it was going to the landfill, and Evans felt that was unfair to citizens. Councilmember Edward Armijo expressed his excitement about the center's opening and said it is something the city is proud of.

He shared that many people from nearby cities visited the old recycling center and hopes it will continue to bring the community together. "There are some serious recyclers out here. They enjoy coming out, visiting with each other and putting their recyclables away instead of just throwing everything to the dump. That's commendable," he said. Evans said the center isn't just a new facility, but a reflection of the city's ongoing commitment to its environmental responsibility, community partnership and smart growth in middle Georgia.

"It helps reduce trash going to the landfill and conserve our natural resources. We want to keep Centerville clean, we want to keep it beautiful and we want to help our residents and people around us to do the same... together we build a cleaner community," he said. The Centerville Recycling Center is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It accepts various materials, such as magazines, paper, cardboard, cans, and scrap metal. The new location is at 2513 Elberta Road. To learn more about the center, visit: <https://www.centervillega.org/recycling/>.

**LEADER**

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just clothing those without clothing. But she has transformed hundreds of lives with the facilities that she has here in our community," Patrick said. During council comments, Councilman Larry Curtis said it has been a pleasure working with her. "Whether it was just out there hammering nails, screwing screws, hanging sheet rock, it was always an honor being with her or donating my resources," Curtis said. Councilman Derek Mack said he and his wife also enjoyed working with Queen-Flowers and praised her for her perseverance. "Genesis Joy House has such an amazing vision and spirit to have the wherewithal and the diligence to push through any constraints," Mack said. Finally, Councilman Keith Lauritsen said the award speaks to a greater spirit of giving in the community. "Warner Robins is full of loving, caring people that are willing to do the work, that are willing to get out there and make a difference for other people. That's what makes our community so special," Lauritsen said. Following the recognition of community leaders, the council also turned its attention to honoring two standout members of the

fire department. Joshua Theus received the Georgia Association of Firefighters' Rookie Firefighter of the Year award, while engineer Lee White took home Firefighter of the Year. Theus and White were honored earlier in February at the state capitol by Governor Brian Kemp, according to assistant chief Ned Dixon. He said they were in good company among five other recent recipients. "We know the caliber of people that we have working with us in the city who help serve and protect the community. It just helps to elevate that much more when the rest of the state acknowledges [these] guys," Dixon said. After the commendations, the council addressed city infrastructure. In the agenda, council approved a budget transfer to provide upgrades to S. Pleasant Hill Road. Council approved a \$7,000 transfer from the city's neighborhood improvement fund into a street light fund. This will be used to install 28 street lights along S. Pleasant Hill. City administrator James Drinkard explained that the money comes from an account designated specifically for projects that were unknown during budget planning. "It's not that we are underfunded in any area. We have funds in an unallocated holding account, so that we can bring them forward and allocate them for specific purposes," Drinkard said. In addition to the infra-

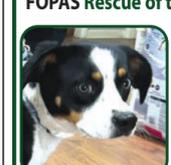
structure improvements, the council addressed community development by deciding to unite two streets on the Peach County side under the name Innovation. According to council documents, Pete's Way and Lou Kenny Parkway are being connected through the One Georgia Grant. The Joint Development Authority requested that the roads have a consistent name. "Currently, there's not really anything addressed off of those roads, but what we want to do is create a single road name for the entire length of the road. ... So it's out there where we have some development activity," Drinkard said. Council voted to change the street's name to Innovation Way, a nod to the city's identity, according to Patrick. "Of course, we need to have one name for our streets, and we chose a name that identifies with the branding of our city with 'Innovation.' We are the gateway of innovation excellence," Patrick said. To view the meeting's agenda and supporting documents, visit the city's website: [wrga.gov/documents/agenda-center/23988678](http://wrga.gov/documents/agenda-center/23988678). A full look at the meeting can be found on the city's Facebook page: [facebook.com/CityofWarnerRobins](https://facebook.com/CityofWarnerRobins). The next Warner Robins City Council Meeting will take place Monday, March 2, 4:30 p.m., at Warner Robins City Hall, 700 Watson Boulevard.

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### Spaying helps prevent cat overpopulation

Between 100 and 150. That is the estimated number of kittens an unspayed cat can have in her lifetime. ABC Clinic Pet Refuge Animal Birth Control Clinic says in just one year, an unspayed cat who is allowed to roam outdoors can have three litters resulting in 12 kittens. One year later, those 12 kittens if kept unspayed, can have 144 offspring of their own. Such figures illustrate that the potential for feral cat overpopulation is high. According to Shelter Animals Counts, nearly 2.9 million felines entered rescues and shelters across the country in the United States in 2024. About 275,000 of them were euthanized. Cat overpopulation can be controlled if people learn more about how to keep cats safe and happy, which starts with spaying.

**What is spaying?**  
Spaying is a surgical procedure that removes the ovaries and sometimes uterus of a female cat with the intention of preventing reproduction. VCA Animal Hospitals characterize spaying as a major surgical procedure that requires placing the cat under general anesthesia. Most cats are able to return home within 12 to 24 hours of surgery. Even though spaying is considered a major operation, the risk of complications is very low. Spaying is a routine procedure.

**What are the advantages to spaying?**  
Small Door Veterinary says there are many advantages to spaying a cat, which can help with population control, reduce risk of reproductive disease, eliminate heat cycles, and help head off unwanted behaviors like roaming to find a mate. Spaying eliminates the risk of ovarian and uterine cancers and the risk of breast cancer. VCA says cats spayed before their first heat cycle have a less than 1 percent chance of developing breast cancer.

**At what age should a cat be spayed?**  
Today's Veterinary Practice says for owned cats, the optimal age to spay is four to five months of age to catch the cat before its first estrus cycle. For cats in shelters, the optimal age could be as early as eight weeks of age. An older cat also can be spayed if it is adopted and hasn't been altered. It's always best to speak with a veterinarian about spay choices to protect the health of the animal. Spaying felines at an early age can reduce the large numbers of cats entering shelters and even prevent an assortment of health issues.

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## FOOD

# Bake a cherry pie with a lattice crust

By **DONNA ERICKSON**  
King Features Syndicate

Prepare a luscious, mouthwatering cherry pie with a lattice crust for a memorable dessert. It might not be cherry season, but when you thaw frozen, pitted, dark sweet cherries for this filling, you'll enjoy a fresh taste of summer in the middle of February!

Serve it up warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream, then have fun telling your kids how the cherry tree found its place in American lore.

## Cherry Pie With Lattice Crust

- 2 rolled-out rounds of pie dough, such as Pillsbury refrigerated pie crusts from the dairy case of your grocery store
- 5 cups frozen, pitted, dark sweet cherries, thawed and drained
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar (or to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 drops almond extract (optional)

Heat oven to 425 F. Press one of the dough rounds into the bottom, up the sides, and beyond the rim of a 9-inch pie dish.

Combine the flour and sugar in a medium bowl. Place the drained cherries in a large bowl. Add the mixture to the cherries and toss gently. Add lemon juice and almond extract, then toss.

It's time to weave the lattice crust. Set remaining pie-crust round on a work surface. Using a pizza cutter, cut into 10 even strips, each a half-inch wide. Your kids may wish to use a ruler as a guide.

Place five of the strips evenly spaced out and parallel across the pie. Starting with the first strip, loosely fold every other strip halfway back. Place another long strip perpendicular to the five strips over the middle of the filling. Fold the three strips that you folded halfway back over this cross strip.

Now fold the two strips under the cross strip halfway back. Place a second perpendicular strip crosswise over the pie and turn the folded strips over like before. Repeat with one more strip. Now do the same for the other half of the pie until the weaving is complete.

Trim and fold the strip ends into the bottom crust and crimp the edges. Bake for 10 minutes, then reduce the heat to 325 F. Continue baking for 40 minutes, until crust is golden and filling is bubbling around the edges.

Cool. Serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.



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## Lady Hornets break through Elite Eight barrier for first Final Four appearance since 2021



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Westfield senior Kate Hardy (10) two-hands the ball and scans for a pass while facing pressure from John Milledge Academy. The Lady Hornets made their first Final Four appearance since 2021 with their 50-35 victory against the Lady Trojans.



Clay Brown/HHJ

Westfield junior Mollie Cunningham (3) made big contributions on both ends of the Lady Hornets' 50-35 Elite Eight victory against John Milledge Academy. The forward scored a team-high 17 points and flew around the defense to help push her team to their first Final Four appearance since 2021.

By **CLAY BROWN**  
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MACON—After five years of being stuck in the quarterfinals, Mason Nelson and the Westfield Lady Hornets (22-5) have finally broken (back) through the barrier and are on their way to the Final Four with a 50-35 victory over John Milledge Academy (12-17) on Friday at First Presbyterian Day.

This will be Westfield's first appearance in the Final Four since 2021, the same year the Lady Hornets made it to the state championship game before ultimately losing to Southland Academy 29-22.

"Man, it's just been huge," Nelson said. "We've got great girls, we've got great leaders on this team

that have just been working really, really hard all year. And they have just been bound and determined to make sure that they didn't get stopped at this point again."

Daelyn Sumner, Kate Lane, Mary Blake Brannen, Kate Hardy and Issy Dehem — all seniors — now have four Elite 8 appearances. But this will be their first time beyond that point.

"That's just been a big hangup with us since they've been up here," Nelson said of the quarterfinals. "But they were just bound and determined that this wasn't going to happen this year. I knew it at the end of practice yesterday that I could see it in their eyes. They were going to do everything in their power to not let that

happen. I felt a calmness about me coming into today because of that, so it made it a lot easier on me."

Westfield had some important contributions from their non-seniors, too, junior Mollie Cunningham in particular.

Gunningham had a team-high 17 points and drove the boat on both ends on the floor for big stretches of the game.

She took the brunt of the offensive load when Mary Blake Brannen came out early in the second quarter. She constantly banged around the interior and navigated the defense well to get shots at the basket or draw a foul.

On defense she stepped out to the perimeter and rotated between players

while also helping in the paint.

At one point Nelson asked to a clearly winded Cunningham, "Are you okay?" She simply nodded and continue to plug away in a 15-point playoff win.

"Man, her intensity. She just plays one speed — and that's full speed the entire game when she's in," Nelson said. "You can tell when she has to come out because she is exhausted. Because she literally only knows one speed."

"That's what I can count on from her every single game, no matter what. Whether she's scoring or playing great defense, I'm going to get that intensity level from her every time she steps on the floor."

A 7-0 run at the end of

the first quarter separated the Lady Hornets essentially for good. The Lady Trojans came within seven about halfway through the second, but it was a comfortable double-digit margin most of the way.

It could have been much larger, had Westfield not missed 15 of their 22 free throws (31%). That's not a new issue for the Lady Hornets, but it didn't stop their relentless attack of the basket for 32 minutes.

"The missed free throws, that's a work-in-progress for us all year, that's kind of been a sour spot right now for us," Nelson said. "But we've continued to work on those every day."

"Attacking the basket, we made a point [to]," She continued. "We went back and

watched all the film, and the last time that we played them we shot 18 threes and we had a bad quarter where we didn't score until the late second half of the quarter. It was because we were shooting too many jump shots...So we made a point to tell them, you gotta attack. Don't settle for the outside shot unless you're [kicking it out] wide open. So that was a big, big point of emphasis since the last time we played them."

**UP NEXT**

Westfield will be matched up with two-seed Terrell Academy, who beat Dominion Christian 64-36 in the game before the Lady Hornets', on Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. at Columbus State University.

## Brookwood's late 13-0 run buries Westfield in GIAA Elite Eight

By **CLAY BROWN**  
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MACON — Westfield (13-14) hung with one-seed Brookwood (26-3) for 25 minutes of Saturday's GIAA Elite Eight matchup at First Presbyterian Day, but the Warriors decisively won the last seven in a 70-49 victory.

The final score was not indicative of the flow of the game. With 7:05 left in the contest the Hornets finished a 5-0 run to trail 46-41. The "away" side of the bleachers

with at least triple the fans of its opposite roared to life as Westfield fought for a Final Four berth.

But Brookwood followed that spurt with a 13-0 run to fully put the game away.

"They changed defenses on us, and we let them be long in the passing lanes," Westfield head coach Brett Hardy said. "We let one guy play two of us instead of making him commit...We just didn't attack that 1-3-1 [zone] when they changed it on us. We tried to pass it more than get into the

teeth of it with the dribble and find somebody else, and that's the story of it."

"You got to give them credit for changing to that, we just hadn't seen it all night, just didn't do a good job."

Even as the Hornets stuck to Brookwood in the first half turnovers were an issue.

It wasn't just the passing lanes, either. The Warriors blitzed handoffs and came away with multiple fast break scores. They pressured the ball and brought

help when needed, and many possessions ended with Westfield scrambling to get back on defense.

The Hornets did well to dig out of an early 10-4 hole to take a 16-15 lead off of Hudson Hodge's corner three-pointer a minute into the second quarter. They held it until the final minutes of the first half, and by the middle of the third Brookwood held a double-digit lead.

A principle factor in that, to pair with the turnovers, was second-chance points.

The Warriors, much like John Milledge Academy earlier in the week, were consistent in swinging the ball around and forcing Westfield to rotate. Again in a mirror of Wednesday's game, the Hornets were late on some of those allowing rebounds and open shots.

"They do a good job of making you get into your defensive rotation," Hardy said. "So then you get two on the ball...now you've essentially got two on one, somebody's open and we just didn't do a good enough

job after the shot going and finding people against an athletic team that can rebound like them."

"And we've seen that on video. They rebound very well on the offensive end, we just couldn't get out of our rotations and get to the glass."

**UP NEXT**

Westfield's bumpy season is over, finishing with a 13-14 record and Elite 8 appearance. Brookwood advances to the Final Four at Columbus State University.



Clay Brown/HHJ

Hornets senior Jack Doster (black) plants his feet before going into the chest of a Brookwood defender. Westfield fell to the Warriors 70-49 in the GIAA Elite Eight.



Clay Brown/HHJ

Westfield senior Brayden Churcher (12) launches a three-point jumper in the first quarter of the Hornets' Elite Eight matchup against Brookwood.

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##### 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

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##### 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, NC 27858

55260 2/18-3/11

##### 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

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##### 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

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##### 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.

This 26th day of January 2026 to  
Marvie M. Whitehurst, c/o Attorney: Tim

J. Thompson, 1900B Northside Crossing,  
Macon, GA 31210, 478-471-9900.

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##### 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

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##### 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

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##### 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.

Andrew Jeffrey Vaughan,  
c/o M. Stanley Martin, Attorney at Law,  
127 Carl Vinson Pkwy., Warner Robins,  
GA 31088 (478) 225-2147

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##### 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

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##### GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of Willie Thomas Epps, 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 to the undersigned.

THIS 23 day of January, 2026.  
Sharon Lunceford, Executrix

c/o Rebecca C. Moody  
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC

P.O. Box 422  
Perry, GA 31069

478-988-0238

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##### 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 to the undersigned.

This 29th day of January, 2026  
Name: Elliot Rivera

Title: Executor  
Address: 7393 Hodgson Memorial Drive  
Suite 202 Savannah GA 31406

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##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

##### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: ESTATE OF VIRACHERNYSHOVA,  
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.  
Margarita Yarbrough, Administrator

333 Margie Drive  
Warner Robins, Georgia

Wm. Riley Glover  
333 Margie Drive  
Warner Robins, Georgia

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##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

##### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: GENEVA CASTLE JOHNSON

All creditors of the Estate of Geneva Castle Johnson, 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 17, 2026  
Genesis Tremblay, Administrator

of the Estate of Geneva Castle Johnson  
9736 Cowels Road  
Fountain, FL 32438

Robert T. Tuggle, III  
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP

Post Office Box 89  
Perry, Georgia 31069

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##### 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 to the undersigned.

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

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##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

##### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON

All creditors of the estate of LINDA H. LEWIS, 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.

Veneka Marshall, Petitioner of the Estate of LINDA H. LEWIS

7215 Ashley Falls Court  
Douglasville, GA 30134

Jordan Reab  
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP

PO Box 1770  
Perry, GA 31069

478-987-1415

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##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

##### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON

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

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##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

##### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON

All creditors of the Estate of Kaniyalal G. Patel, late of Houston County, Georgia, 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.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2026.  
Rashmiben Patel, as Executor of the

Estate of Kaniyalal G. Patel  
Address: 102 Jamestown Court  
Centerville, GA 31028

Justin S. Hollingsworth  
Smith, Hawkins, Hollingsworth & Reeves

PO Box 6495  
Macon, Georgia 31208-6495

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##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

##### STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HOUSTON

IN RE: MARY S. WILSON

All creditors of the Estate of Mary S. Wilson, 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 17, 2026  
Charles R. Wilson, Executor

of the Will of Mary S. Wilson  
222 Orchard Road  
Perry, GA 31069

Robert R. Lawson  
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP

Post Office Box 89  
Perry, Georgia 31069

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##### 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.

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.

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##### 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

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. Prospective bidders must perform their own due diligence. 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 92211, 8003654441. Note, however, that such entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

Upon information and belief, 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 shall control.

**ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:** On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, will go into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicious Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

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, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258.

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 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 9874, 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  
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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 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. Prospective bidders must perform their own due diligence. New American Funding, 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: New American Funding, 1 MacArthur Place, Suite 800, Santa Ana, CA 92707, 8008935304.

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

Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as **425 Wexford Circle, Bonaire, GA 31005**. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description shall control.

**ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:** On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, will go into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicious Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

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, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258.

New American Funding, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Jason David Ewig  
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 14 of the Eleventh (11th) Land District of Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 8, Block "E", Section No. 1 of a subdivision known as Kings Crossing, according to a plat of survey, prepared by Story Surveying, Co., certified by Robert L. Story, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 1853, dated November 2, 1985, a copy of which is of record in Plat Book 29, Pages 68-70, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court, Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Said property is known as, under the present system of numbering for Houston County, Georgia as 425 Wexford Circle, Bonaire, GA 31005.  
MR / KR March 3, 2026  
Our file no. 25-21075GA-FT17  
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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 Trust 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 Sub-

division, 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: Trust 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.

Trust 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****STATE OF GEORGIA****HOUSTON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Amanda Jean Smith and Diana Penuel Smith joint tenants with right of survivorship, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for New American Funding, LLC, Lender which was dated 8/15/2024, and recorded on 8/15/2024, in Book 10521, Page 668, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$230,743.00 in Houston County, Georgia Register of Deeds. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 5/5/2026 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash During the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Houston County, Georgia of Houston, the following described property situated in Houston County, Georgia, to wit: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 231 OF THE THIRTEENTH (13TH) LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 8, BLOCK "B", BRENDALE SUBDIVISION, SECTION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 56, PAGE 109, 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: 102 QUINELLE DRIVE, PERRY, GEORGIA. Tax Parcel ID: 0P45C0099000 Being real property commonly known as **102 QUINELLE DR PERRY, GA 31069** The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower. Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagees to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is". The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suite 1300 Orange, CA 92868, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Amanda Jean Smith and Diana Penuel Smith Attorney Contact: Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 TS #26-38568 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

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

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

Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions and rights-of-way of record, if any. Address under current system of numbering: 301 Patton Way, Kathleen, Georgia. Said property may more commonly be known as **301 Patton Way, Kathleen, GA 31047**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER****Georgia, HOUSTON County**

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by JENNIFER E GILMORE to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., NOMINEE FOR BROKER SOLUTIONS, INC., DBA NEWAMERICAN FUNDING, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, dated June 30, 2022, and recorded in Deed Book 9770, Page 326, HOUSTON County, Georgia records, as last transferred to DATA MORTGAGE INC., DBA ESSEX MORTGAGE, by assignment recorded in Deed Book , Page , in the Office of the Clerk of HOUSTON County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$167,558.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of HOUSTON County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2026, to wit: March 3, 2026, the following described property: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 145 OF THE TENTH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT A22, PHASE 1, NEW HAVEN SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A REVISED PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 69, PAGES 199-203, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS, ORDINANCES, COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF RECOR, IF ANY ADDRESS UNDER CURRENT SYSTEM OF NUMBER: 218 ELLINGTON COURT, PERRY, GEORGIA. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property is commonly known as **218 ELLINGTON COURT, PERRY, GEORGIA 31069**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): by JENNIFER E GILMORE or tenant or tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions,

covenants, etc. The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) 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. 53365 1/21-2/25

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**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  
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**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) 392-004

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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 Shaker Williams, Damon Williams to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns dated October 29, 2013, recorded in Deed Book 6429, Page 168, Houston County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 10535, Page 568, Houston County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wells Fargo Bank, NA by assignment recorded in Deed Book 6577, Page 4, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$132,548.00), 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 May, 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. Prospective bidders must perform their own due diligence. Wells Fargo Bank, NA 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: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., PO Box 10335, Des Moines, IA 50306, (800) 416-1472.

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

Upon information and belief, said property is more commonly known as >412 Cross Creek Way, Warner Robins, GA 31088.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, will go into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sales transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicious Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258.

Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Attorney in Fact for Shaker Williams, Damon Williams

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP

1544 Old Alabama Rd

Roswell, GA 30076

www.foreclosurehotline.net

EXHIBIT "A"

Tax Parcel ID: 0W83D 0 083 000

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 256 OF THE 10TH LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 24, BLOCK G, SECTION 1, PHASE 6 OF CROSS CREEK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 54, PAGE 82, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT, SAID PLAT AND THE RECORDED COPY THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR ALL PURPOSES.

MR / CA May 5, 2026

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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 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, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

TO FIND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, COMMENCE AT A POINT

FOUND AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WATSON BOULEVARD A/K/A GEORGIA HIGHWAY 247 (HAVING A 175' RIGHT-OF-WAY) AND THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, IF EXTENDED, OF TOM CHAPMAN BOULEVARD, THENCE RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WATSON BOULEVARD A DISTANCE OF 791.25 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND (1/2" REBAR) AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

FROM THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS ESTABLISHED, THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WATSON BOULEVARD NORTH 75° 28' 48" EAST A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND (NAIL); THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WATSON BOULEVARD SOUTH 14° 29' 40" EAST A DISTANCE OF 354.80 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET (NAIL); THENCE SOUTH 75° 30' 20" WEST A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND (1/2" REBAR); THENCE NORTH 14° 29' 40" WEST A DISTANCE OF 354.71 FEET TO AN IRON PIN FOUND (1/2" REBAR) ON SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF WATSON BOULEVARD AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SHOWN AS 1.628 ACRES ON THAT ALTA SURVEY FOR RADHA RAMAN DEV INC., FIDELITY BANK, GA RESOURCE CAPITAL, U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, KITCHENS KELLEY GAYNES, P.C. AND CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, DATED JULY 16, 2012, PREPARED BY ADAM & LEE LAND SURVEYING BEARING THE SEAL AND CERTIFICATION OF GARY L. COOPER, G.R.L.S. NO. 2606, SAID BEING KNOWN AS 4031 WATSON BOULEVARD, WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA.

BEING ALSO DESCRIBED AS LOT 5 AND LOT 6A OF THE TOPAZ HILL SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 64, PAGE 131, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS.

TOGETHER WITH:

ACCESS EASEMENT CONTAINED IN THAT RECIPROCAL EASEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN GALLERIA SQUARE, LLC, AND NAVICHANDRA PATEL AND ASHWIN PATEL, DATED MARCH 28, 2005, FILED FOR RECORD APRIL 12, 2005, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 3373, PAGE 116, RECORDS OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA. PROPERTY BEING MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: **4031 WATSON BLVD, WARNER ROBINS, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA 31093 [TAX PARCEL ID # 0W78D0 185000]**

The debt secured by the Security Deed is evidenced by a Promissory Note, dated September 19, 2012, executed by RADHA RAMAN DEV INC. in favor of FIDELITY BANK, in the original principal amount of \$1,550,000.00, as the same was subsequently transferred by merger to AMERIS BANK, as the same was further transferred by assignment to URBAN HOLDINGS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, (as same may have been further modified, renewed or amended, the "Note"), plus interest from date on the unpaid balance until paid, and other indebtedness. Default has occurred and continues under the terms of the Note and Security Deed by reason of, among other possible events of default, the nonpayment when due of the indebtedness evidenced by the Note and secured by the Security Deed and the failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the Note and Security Deed. By reason of this default, the Security Deed has been declared foreclosable according to its terms.

The above-described real property will be sold to the highest and best bidder for cash as the property of RADHA RAMAN DEV INC., the proceeds to be applied to the payment of said indebtedness, attorneys' fees, and the lawful expenses of said sale, all as provided in the Note and Security Deed. The sale shall be subject to the following: all outstanding ad valorem taxes and/or assessments, if any; possible redemptive rights of the Internal Revenue Service, if any; and all other prior assessments, easements, restrictions or matters of record. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the real property is presently owned by RADHA RAMAN DEV INC. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the real property is RADHA RAMAN DEV INC., and tenants holding under it. URBAN HOLDINGS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as successor in interest to AMERIS BANK, as successor in interest by merger to FIDELITY BANK, as Attorney-in-Fact for RADHA RAMAN DEV INC.

WESTFALL, LLC

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**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**

STATE OF GEORGIA

HOUSTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, Janis A. Kaleta being one in the same person as Janice A. Cannon, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Synovus Mortgage Corp., Lender which was dated 2/18/2009, and recorded on 3/18/2009, in Book 4884, Page 19, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$144,027.00 in Houston County, Georgia Register of Deeds. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 5/5/2026 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Houston County, Georgia of Houston, the following described property situated in Houston County, Georgia, to wit: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 114 OF THE TENTH (10TH) LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 24, BLOCK "A", PHASE 1, SUGARLOAF SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 65, PAGES 40-41, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. Tax Parcel ID: 0P052-026-000 Being real property commonly known as **402 SUGARLOAF PARKWAY PERRY, GA 31069**

The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street

improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower. Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is". The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above-described mortgage is as follows: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suite 1300 Orange, CA 92868, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Janis A. Kaleta and Janice A. Cannon Attorney Contact: Tromberg, Miller, Morris & Partners, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 TS # 26-38518 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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**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 "Q", EXTENSION NO. 2, JEFFERSON HILLS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY PREPARED BY WADDLE 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

16611 Washington 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

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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 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. Prospective bidders must perform their own due diligence. 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.

Upon information and belief, 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 shall control.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, will go into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sales transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicious Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and/or the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

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, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258.

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, 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

By virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Subject Mortgage from Britany Brown to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, dated June 8, 2023 and recorded on June 8, 2023 in Deed Book 10103, Page 291, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, said Subject Mortgage having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$177,000.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, recorded in Deed Book 10377, Page 193, 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 Subject Mortgage including but not limited to the following described property: All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Land Lot 150 of the Fifth (5th) Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 21, Block "D", Section III, Camelot Subdivision, according to a plat of survey recorded in Plat Book 15, Page 4, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes. Subject to all easements, ordinances, covenants, conditions, restrictions and rights-of-way of record, if any.

Said property may more commonly be known as **102 Modred Court, Warner Robins, GA 31093**.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, 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 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 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 Pite, 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.

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recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants; and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is 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: 1-866-549-3563. 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: Ruben Lublin, LLC 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Telephone Number: (877) 813-0992 Case No. PNY-25-05422-1

Ad Run Dates 01/14/2026, 02/04/2026, 02/11/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/25/2026 rlselaw.com/property-listing

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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 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 File no. 25-083611

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

WHEREAS, Karyia R. Pitts, single woman, as borrower(s), executed a SECURITY DEED to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, Lender which was dated 1/15/2021, and recorded on 1/22/2021, in Instrument No.: , Deed Book 8974, Page 154-169, securing the payment of a Note in the amount of \$141,414.00 in Houston County, Georgia Register of Deeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Security Deed by the Holder, and by virtue of the power of sale and authority vested in it, will on 4/7/2026 sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of the Houston County Courthouse, 201 N. Perry Parkway, Perry, Georgia 31069 of Houston, the following described property situated in Houston County, Georgia, to wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 96 OF THE FIFTH (5TH) LAND DISTRICT, HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 141, HYDE PARK SUBDIVISION UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 41, PAGES 148-149, 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.

Tax Parcel ID: 0W78H0-041000

Being real property commonly known as **106 SAINT JOHNS WAY WARNER ROBINS, GA 31093**

The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt and all expenses of this sale including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said sale will be made subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: All restrictive covenants, easements and rights-of-way appearing of record, if any; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all outstanding or unpaid bills and assessments for street improvements, curbing, garbage, water, sewage and public utilities which may be liens upon said property; and any outstanding taxes, assessments and other liens superior to the security deed being foreclosed hereby. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the above-described property is in the possession of the borrower and/or other persons with the consent and acquiescence of the borrower.

Except to the extent that the Holder may bind and obligate Mortgagors to warrant title to the Property under the terms of the Security Deed, conveyance of the Property shall be made without any representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied. All sales are "as is", "where is". The entire purchase price is due and payable at the conclusion of the auction in the form of certified funds. Insufficient funds will not be accepted. Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded to the successful purchaser. This property is being sold with express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by lender or Substitute Trustee.

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

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 500 N. State College Blvd., Suite 1300 Orange, CA 92868, Telephone No.: 800-561-4567 The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the Security Deed described herein.

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Karyia R. Pitts Attorney Contact:

Miller, George & Suggs, PLLC 3000 Langford Road, Building 100 Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 Phone: 404-793-1447 Fax: 404-738-1558 TS # 25-36834

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

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**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 Contact: Padgett Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520 (25)-004724 Ad Run Dates: 02/04/2026, 02/11/2026, 02/18/2026, 02/25/2026

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**Miscellaneous**

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF 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 THORNTON 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**

26-222

**NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA NR DEED, LLC, Petitioner, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANNIE W. STRIPLING A/K/A ANNIE W. OLIVER; CYNTHIA STRIPLING-FOSTER A/K/A CYNTHIA S. HAMLER; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; CITY OF WARNER ROBINS and HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, Respondents.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2025V132714A To: Unknown Heirs of Annie W. Stripling a/k/a Annie W. Oliver and Cynthia Stripling-Foster a/k/a Cynthia S. Hamler. You are hereby notified pursuant to Order of Superior Court of Houston County Judge G.E. "Bo" Adams, entered February 17, 2026, that a Petition to Quiet Title with the above referenced style was filed on August 1, 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.

**55580 2/25-3/18**

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 the 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.

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 am until 5:00 o'clock p.m. exclusive of holidays. A free copy shall be available to the parent. Upon request, the copy will be mailed to the requester - parents or alleged parents only. The child is in the present physical custody of the Petitioner, the 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

**55436 2/18-3/11**

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 G. H., SEX F, AGE 9, DOB 04/02/2016, CASE #2600147

CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, JOHN A. BILLOW (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**

26-171

**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 AM UNTIL 5:00 O'CLOCK P.M. EXCLUSIVE OF HOLIDAYS. A FREE COPY SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PARENT. UPON REQUEST, THE COPY WILL BE MAILED TO THE REQUESTER - PARENTS OR ALLEGED PARENTS ONLY. THE CHILD IS IN THE PRESENT PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THE PETITIONER, THE 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**

26-163

**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**

26-213

The following vehicle(s) was (were) initially removed from HOUSTON COUNTY.

It is (they are) presently located at 1602 OLD ATLANTA RD GRIFFIN GA 30223

in possession of S&P TOWING . Attempts to locate the owner have been unsuccessful. The vehicle is deemed abandoned under O.C.G.A. 40-11-2 and will be disposed of if not redeemed. This notice is given pursuant to Georgia Law. 2010 Dodge Journey/GRAY/3D4KP65V4T2474450

**55471 2/25-3/4**

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-Heuman 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 the 4th day of February, 2026. CLERK, Superior Court Houston Judicial Circuit

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

26-2

26-188  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
 In Re: Damon Baker  
 Minor Child(ren)  
 Civil Action File No. 2026V0133687  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
 GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY  
 Notice is hereby given that Kimberly Frenz, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 22 day of January, 2026, praying for a change in the name of minor child(ren) from Damon Matthew Baker to Damon Matthew Frenz. 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 29 day of January, 2026.  
 Kimberly Frenz  
 Petitioner pro se  
**55206 2/18-3/11**

26-186  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
 In Re: In the Interest of JIMMY DALE MURRAY,  
 a minor child,  
 ANNA JANE LILLEY,  
 Petitioner.  
 Civil Action File No. 2026V0133670  
**NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE**  
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 22nd day of January, 2026, ANNA JANE LILLEY filed a Petition in the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia seeking a name change. The petition seeks to change the name of the minor child from JIMMY DALE MURRAY to SAMSON JAMES LILLEY. Any interested or affected party has the right to appear and file objections. At the expiration of thirty (30) days from the filing of the Petition, upon proof of publication, and if no objection is filed, the Court shall proceed to hear and determine all matters raised by said Petition.  
 /s/ Lynn Hamilton Johnson  
 LYNN HAMILTON JOHNSON  
 Attorney for Petitioner  
 Georgia State Bar No. 783490  
 724 Bernard Drive  
 Warner Robins, Georgia 31093  
 (478) 922-3889  
**55203 2/18-3/11**

26-218  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
 In Re: Sesi Desiree Aguirre  
 Civil Action File No. 2025V0133390  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
 GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY  
 Notice is hereby given that Sesi Desiree Aguirre, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 5th day of December, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Sesi Desiree Aguirre to Sesi Desiree Flins. 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 5th day of December, 2025.  
 Sesi Desiree Aguirre  
 Petitioner  
**55489 2/25-3/18**

26-167  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
 In Re: Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay  
 Civil Action File No. 2025V0133395  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
 GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY  
 Notice is hereby given that Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 8 day of December, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay to Kaylee Elizabeth Hanson. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. This 8 day of December, 2025.  
 Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay  
 Petitioner  
**55017 2/11-3/4**

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 Kyanite 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**

**Public Hearings**

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**

26-228  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Houston County Planning & Zoning Commission on the 16th day of March, 2026 at the hour of 5:30 p.m., at the Houston County Annex Building in Warner Robins, Georgia.  
 The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the 7th day of April, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the County Court House, Houston County, Perry, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of said County so as to change from R-AG to R-1 classification of the following real estate:

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:**  
 All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 202, 203 & 204 of the 13th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, as shown on a plat of survey for Ayers Farms Inc., consisting of 346.22 Acres, of which is on file in the Houston County Planning & Zoning Office.  
 Property is located on Elko Road.  
 Present zoning is R-AG, requested zoning is R-1.  
 All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by SKI Development, LLC.  
 Houston County Planning Commission  
 By: Chairman, Gary Garrard  
 ATTEST: Robbie Dunbar  
 Director of Administration  
**55625 2/25-3/4**

26-227  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Houston County Planning & Zoning Commission on the 16th day of March, 2026 at the hour of 5:30 p.m., at the Houston County Annex Building in Warner Robins, Georgia.  
 The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the 7th day of April, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the County Court House, Houston County, Perry, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of said County so as to change from R-AG to R-1 classification of the following real estate:

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:**  
 All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 142 of the 14th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Parcel "1" as shown on a plat of survey for Julia P. Watts, consisting of 135.4 Acres, of which is on file in the Houston County Planning & Zoning Office.  
 Property is located on Highway 41 South. Present zoning is R-AG, requested zoning is R-1.  
 All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by Stone Field Estates, LLC.  
 Houston County Planning Commission  
 By: Chairman, Gary Garrard  
 ATTEST: Robbie Dunbar  
 Director of Administration  
**55622 2/25-3/4**

**Probate Notices**

26-230  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF Nevaeh Vail, John Vail, Jr., Victoria Vail, Juelz Vail, MINOR ESTATE NO. 2026-GM-8  
 PETITION FOR TEMPORARY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR  
 Shannon R. Vail, TEMPORARY GUARDIAN(S)  
 DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION: March 4, 2026  
 TO: Christina Miller  
 You are hereby notified that a petition for the appointment of a temporary guardian has been filed regarding the above-named minor. All objections to the Petition described above either to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the petitioner(s) as temporary guardian(s), must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with this Court no later than 14 days after this notice is mailed, or 10 days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.  
 NOTE: If a natural guardian files an objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date.  
 KRISTEN W. HARRIS  
 PROBATE JUDGE  
 By: Judith W. Borum, CLERK  
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801, PERRY, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE 478-218-4710  
**55630 2/25-3/4**

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.  
 Kristen W. Harris  
 PROBATE JUDGE  
 By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK  
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801, PERRY, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
**55151 2/11-3/4**

26-175  
**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.  
 Kristen W. Harris  
 PROBATE JUDGE  
 By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK  
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801, PERRY, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
**55152 2/11-3/4**

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.  
 Kristen W. Harris  
 PROBATE JUDGE  
 By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK  
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801, PERRY, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
**55151 2/11-3/4**

26-175  
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 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.  
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 Kristen W. Harris  
 PROBATE JUDGE  
 By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK  
 ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801, PERRY, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
**55151 2/11-3/4**

26-202  
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**55151 2/11-3/4**

26-223  
**NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
 TO: whom it may concern:  
 Melinda Kathryn Goodwin has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Jacob Christopher Goodwin, 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 23, 2026.

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  
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 KRISTEN W. HARRIS  
 PROBATE JUDGE  
 By: Judith W. Borum, CLERK  
 ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801, PERRY, GA 31069  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710  
**55591 2/25-3/18**

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 person 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.  
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**55158 2/11-3/4**

26-178  
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 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.  
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**55158 2/11-3/4**

26-177  
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 PROBATE JUDGE  
 By: MEGAN WILLSON  
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**55629 2/25**

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**55629 2/25**

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**

26-223  
**NOTICE GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
 TO: whom it may concern:  
 Melinda Kathryn Goodwin has petitioned to be appointed Administrator(s) of the estate of Jacob Christopher Goodwin, 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 23, 2026.

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**55591 2/25-3/18**

26-231  
**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF Makayla M. Potters a/k/a Makayla M. Thomas, MINOR ESTATE NO. 2026-GM-7  
 PETITION FOR TEMPORARY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP OF MINOR  
 Shameika L. Wright & Danny D. Wright, TEMPORARY GUARDIAN(S)  
 DATE OF SECOND PUBLICATION: March 4, 2026  
 TO: Marcus Thomas  
 You are hereby notified that a petition for the appointment of a temporary guardian has been filed regarding the above-named minor. All objections to the Petition described above either to the appointment of a temporary guardian or the appointment of the petitioner(s) as temporary guardian(s), must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with this Court no later than 14 days after this notice is mailed, or 10 days after this notice is personally served upon you, or ten days after the second publication of this notice if you are served by publication. All pleadings must be signed before a notary public or Georgia probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the below address/ telephone number for the required amount of filing fees.  
 NOTE: If a natural guardian files an objection to the creation of the temporary guardianship, the Petition will be dismissed. If a natural guardian files an objection to the appointment of the petitioner(s) as guardian(s), or if a parent who is not a natural guardian files an objection to the petition, a hearing on the matter shall be scheduled at a later date.  
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 PROBATE JUDGE  
 By: Judith W. Borum, CLERK  
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**55636 2/25-3/4**

26-229  
**NOTICE (For Discharge from Office and all Liability) PROBATE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY**  
 RE: PETITION OF SHEILA DIANE MELSON FOR DISCHARGE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA M. MELSON DECEASED.  
 TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
 This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before March 9th, 2026  
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**File #: 61**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0100 06B000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Hughes, Robert L II; 0P0100 06B000 / .57 Ac LL 80 10th LD  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 1261/254  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P010006B000, lying and being in Land Lot 80 of the 10th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, containing 0.57 acre, more or less, shown in Map Book 17, Page 283, described in Deed Book 1261, Page 254, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1306 Main Street.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 63**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0120 001000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Golden, Michael D; 0P012 0 001 000 / Lots 3 & 4 Backham Bloodworth & Nunn S/D  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 1606/7  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P012 0 001 000, lying and being in Land Lot 274 of the 13th Land District, City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, containing 0.54 acre, more or less, being Lots 3 & 4, Beckham, Bloodworth & Nunn Subdivision, shown in Plat Book 4, Page 167, described in Deed Book 1606, Page 7, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 600 General Courtney Hodges Boulevard.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 68**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0130 034000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Collins, Dorothy H; 0P013 0 034 000 / 1123 Peach St 48/10th  
Current Property Owner: Same as Defendant(s) in FiFa  
Reference Deed: 4879/315  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0130034000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 4879, Page 315, the description contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 1123 Peach Street.  
Years Due: 2024

**File #: 71**  
Map/Parcel Number: 0P0130 082000  
Defendant(s) in FiFa: Davis, Walter Estate IN REM; 0P013 0 082 000 / Lot Howard St  
Current Property Owner: Davis, Walter & Davis, Mildred  
Reference Deed: 655/727; 671/538; 1136/156  
Property Description: All and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P013 0 082 000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being described as a portion of the property described in Deed Book 655, Page 727 and Deed Book 1136, Page 156, the descriptions contained therein being incorporated herein by this reference, known as 636 Howard Street.  
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: Dezurum, Ronald; 0P0150039000, Lot 9 Hardnett S/D  
Current Property Owner: Dezurum, 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, Beaver 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 #: 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.  
Years Due: 2024

**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 Eugena  
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 4, 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: Baxley, William Kenneth; 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.  
Years Due: 2024

**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 Clerley Drive.  
Years Due: 2024

**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 1, 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: Revel, 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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# Houston County's Nick Hardee, Peyton Nauss deliver winning RBI in bleak offensive night against Woodstock

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**WARNER ROBINS** — Houston County (4-1) beat Woodstock (1-3) 3-0 on Thursday night for their third straight win and second consecutive shutout, but there wasn't a whole lot for head coach Matt Hopkins to be happy about following the win.

The Bears' offense struggled again, striking out 10 times and batting 6-of-27 (.222) overall. They required a lot of help from the Wolverines, who gave away three walks and committed three errors.

Isaiah Galason only reached in the first inning because of an error at third base following a line out and

pop out from the first two of the order. Nick Hardee's single into left field brought Galason home for the first score.

An error, a walk and a dropped third strike loaded the bases in the fifth, and Peyton Nauss got a much-needed two-RBI double out into left field to make it 3-0. That was just HoCo's fifth hit of the night. The next at-bat was a strikeout, leaving two more runners stranded.

"A lot of guys that are either returning and trying to do too much and trying to fill shoes from last year, instead of just being a little bit better than they were... Some guys that are trying to get comfortable in the lineup," Hopkins said on

the origin of their troubles, which were not limited to Thursday's game.

"We've seen some good arms, and [Woodstock] did a good job at mixing some pitches. It wasn't big, heavy arms, [but] they mixed pitches and I think we're guessing and just trying to press instead of just relaxing, seeing the baseball and hitting it," He continued. "As simple as that sounds it's what we need to start doing is relaxing a little bit."

Another issue not exclusive to this iteration of the Bears is a dip in energy in the middle innings. Hopkins called out to his team in the third inning and urged them to pick up the intensity.

Heading into the bottom

of the fifth he gathered them in a huddle and, for lack of a better term, chewed them out.

"We always talk about, games are won and lost in the middle innings," Hopkins said. "A lot of people want to talk about the first two and the last two — they're the most energetic, they're easy. But when you get to the three through five it's where it calms down and the emotions calm. You got to find the will, the want to, the drive, whatever verbs or adjectives you want to do, but you got to find something to push you through those middle innings to stay locked in and focused."

"I thought that we got kind of down. I thought that the crowd wasn't as big, and

we didn't react. We've had some really good crowds the last few games, and I thought we let the crowd affect us emotionally."

On a positive note Ethan Kenney and new addition to the 'pen, Owen Mauney (pronounced moo-knee), looked solid in another shutout.

Pitching is a big question for HoCo this year. Even Tyson Ganas, the most seasoned returner on the mound, is stepping up into a much bigger role.

Kenney pitched off an on last year, but he seemed to have good control and finished with seven strikeouts to one walk. Mauney had an up and down first two varsity innings, but he got the job done.

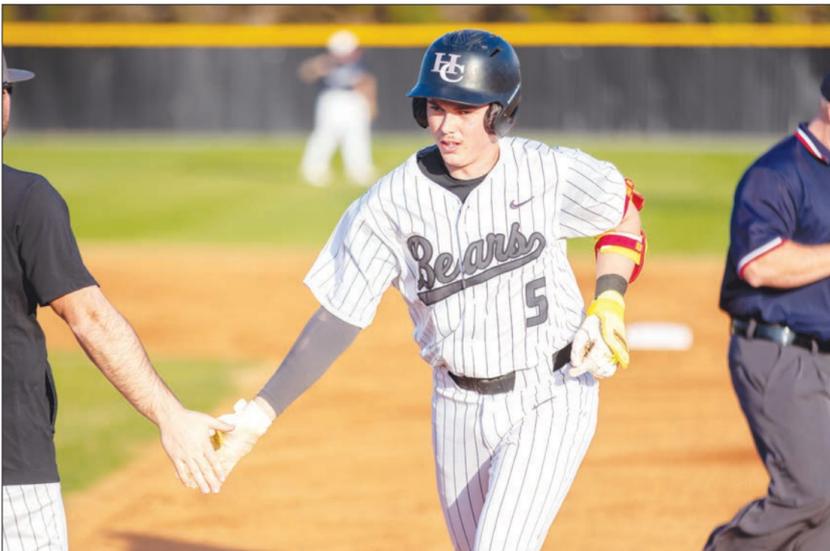
"Kenney came out and he struggled in the scrimmage game, but since then he's recovered, he's done exactly what we ask him to do," Hopkins said. "He's throwing multiple pitches for strikes and competing, and gave us five strong innings. We couldn't ask [for] anything better especially on a pitch count."

"Mauney did a good job for his first ever varsity innings, competing enough to get through it," He said of the junior.

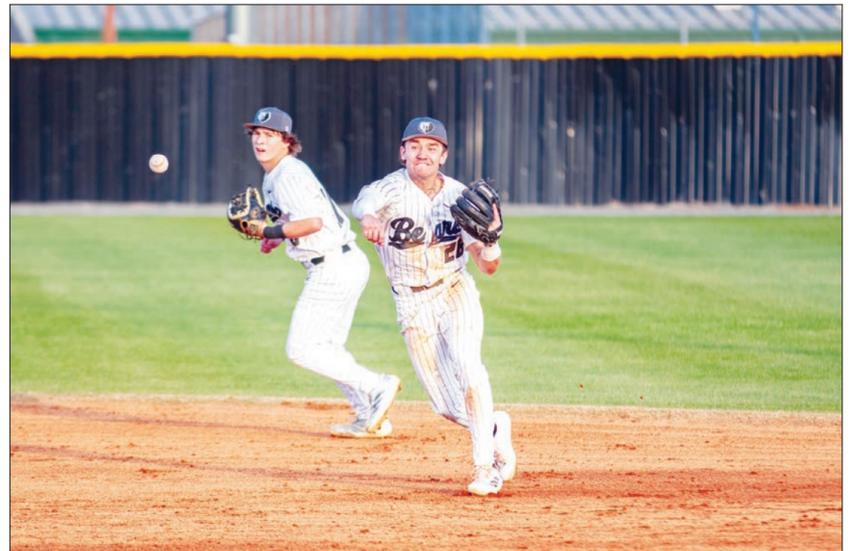
#### UP NEXT

Houston County will return to The Garden on Feb. 20 to face Perry at 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock's next stop is Carrolton on Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.



Bears catcher and leadoff hitter Raymond Byrd (5) high-fives his first base coach after getting on base in the first inning of a 3-0 victory against Woodstock.



Bears senior Isaiah Galason (28) moved from second base to shortstop over the offseason after the loss of Ethan Buffone.

## Basketball Roundup: Westfield girls advance to GIAA Final Four, GHSA playoff matchups set

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The GIAA is deep into its playoff tournament while the GHSA's starts this week with seven Houston County teams participating.

Here's a recap of last week's basketball and a look to the week ahead:

#### Houston County Boys

Houston County is one of the only GHSA schools in the county that will host a playoff game after securing their first region championship under head coach Buddy Bivins with a 64-54 overtime victory over Coffee.

The Bears are matched up with Pope (17-10, 4th Region 6-5A), and they will host the Greyhounds on Feb. 25 at 6 p.m.

#### Northside Girls

Northside just missed out on home court advantage, and so they will travel for the first round.

On Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. they'll head up to River Ridge (20-7, 2nd Region 6-5A), who was undefeated in region play but lost the region championship to Sequoyah.

#### Perry Girls

After a pair of losses in the region tournament, Perry will travel to North Oconee (21-6, 1st Region 8-4A) for the first round.

The game will take place on Feb. 24 at 6 p.m.

#### Veterans Boys

Veterans made the post-season in their first year under the direction of Brandon Driggers, and they will travel for the opening round.

On Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. the Warhawks will head up to



Houston County senior Josh Jackson (0) made four of the Bears' 11 total three-pointers in their region win against Veterans.

Lassiter (24-3, 1st Region 6-5A).

Girls Veterans is tasked with Sequoyah (18-10, 1st Region 6-5A), the region champion over River Ridge, on Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. The matchup will be on the road for the Lady Warhawks.

#### Warner Robins Boys

Following an unfortunate loss in the Region 1-4A semifinals, Warner Robins will be forced to travel in the first round.

Their matchup is against Eastside (20-8, 2nd Region 8-4A) on Feb. 25 at 6 p.m.

#### Girls

The Demonettes won their fourth region championship with head coach Rebecca Ivory with a 60-30 victory over Wayne County. That game earned home court advantage for Warner Robins, who will host Cedar Shoals (16-12, 4th Region 8-4A) on Feb. 24 at 6 p.m.

#### Westfield Boys

Westfield started their tournament journey with a

thrilling 64-57 victory over John Milledge Academy, officially winning the season series and advancing to the Elite Eight.

On Saturday the Hornets headed up to First Presbyterian Day to take on one-seed Brookwood, who used a 13-0 run in the fourth quarter to put the game away in a 70-49 final.

Westfield's season ends with an Elite Eight appearance and 13-14 overall record.

#### Girls

The Lady Hornets finally broke through the Elite Eight barrier on Saturday in a 50-35 win against John Milledge Academy at First Presbyterian Day.

This is the first time Westfield has advanced past the Elite 8 since 2021, the same year they lost the state championship game to Southland Academy.

Their Final Four matchup against Terrell Academy is on Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. against Terrell Academy at Columbus State University.

## Baseball Roundup: Houston County, Northside start win streaks, one week to region play

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Time files when you're having fun, and most Houston County schools are about a week away from their first region game.

Here's a recap of last week's baseball:

#### Houston County

Houston County (5-1) is tied with Northside for the longest win streak of the season at four games and three of those victories came last week.

The first two were back-to-back shutouts against Jones County (6-0) and Woodstock (3-0), albeit the offense struggled, striking out 21 times in 55 at-bats.

They looked a bit better in an 8-4 comeback win against Perry, batting 9-of-25 and scoring all eight runs in the fifth for a mercy rule victory.

#### Northside

Northside (5-2) is already just one game shy of matching last season's win total (6), and they're tied with Houston County for the longest win streak in the county at four.

Last week the Eagles took care of Spalding in a doubleheader to prepare for region play, and they added Warner Robins (6-0) and Bradwell Institute (12-1) to the list of victims by the end of the week.

Northside's seniors showed up in a big way against Bradwell Institute with Emerson Rugama, Caden Nelson and Taylor Hall batting a combined 6-of-10 for six RBI.

#### Perry

Perry (2-4) gave up a pair of comebacks in their return



Northside pitcher and catcher Daniel Valdes threw six innings, eight strikeouts and two walks in a 6-5 victory against Spalding.

"home" last week in the middle of their nine-game road trip.

Their first win of the season was at home, but since then the Panthers have been on the road and only returned to the County last week against Veterans (8-7) and Houston County (8-4).

Both games were comeback wins for their respective opponents, with the Warhawks scoring eight runs in the final two innings and the Panthers scoring eight runs in the final two innings — two errors aiding the winning runs across the plate.

It was a similar story against the Bears, who scored all eight of their runs in the fifth inning to end the game early.

#### Veterans

Veterans (3-2) split last week's games at home to stay above .500.

The first was a 9-7 loss to West Laurens in which the defense's lack of aggression and shaky pitching cost them. But the Warhawks bounced back with a thrilling comeback against Perry.

Bentley Haines made his way home on a passed

ball to score the winning run against the Panthers. Veterans capitalized on multiple Perry errors to claim victory.

#### Warner Robins

Warner Robins' (2-3) offense was a rollercoaster last week; suffering a 6-0 shutout defeat against Northside before blowing out Central Fellowship Christian Academy 15-0 to end the week.

The Demons were 7-of-14 through three inning against the Lancers drawing 12 walks and bringing 15 RBI home.

Warner Robins scored 12 of their runs in the third inning.

#### Westfield

Westfield's (2-0) season is just getting started, but the Hornets have picked up a pair of wins in the last two weeks to start the 2026 campaign.

Last week's contest was a 7-2 win against Taylor County. Four runs were nudged in by three consecutive Vikings errors in the opening inning.