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Northside High School alumni and faculty inducted into Hall of Fame

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WARNER ROBINS — Northside High School inducted three alumni and two faculty members into its Hall of Fame on Saturday.

The school's seventh annual Hall of Fame included faculty members Martha King and Houston County Board of Education Chairman Dr. Rick Unruh. Alumni inducted included City of Warner Robins Mayor LaRhonda Patrick, Board of Education Board Member Jon Nichols and Larry Snellgrove.

"They will join a distinguished crew that includes professional athletes, superintendents, scientists, military officers, mayors, doctors, senators, Teachers of the Year and many other great people who love and influence our school," Principal Dr. Dustin Dykes said. "I want to personally thank you for your contributions to Northside's history and traditions. It is my pleasure to honor you

as our most extraordinary alumni, staff and volunteers as you continue to exemplify why it's great to be a Northside Eagle."

Martha King began her career in school nutrition in 1986, when she joined Northside High School, and has been an Eagle ever since. Dykes said King has gone above and beyond throughout her career, ensuring that every student was fed and cared for.

King has also been recognized at the state and local levels, receiving numerous awards for her hard work, leadership, and commitment to the school and students.

Created by King, her famous baked chicken recipe became so popular that it is now served throughout the Houston County School District.

Her biography said, "it's more than just a meal; it's a reflection of her creativity, care and legacy she leaves behind in the kitchen and hearts of those she's served".

King said she is humbled to be inducted into

the Northside Hall of Fame and couldn't have imagined being recognized in this capacity.

"I did not do this job for an award. I did it because of our students, our school and this incredible community," she said. "I am so grateful to have spent the past 40 years surrounded by such wonderful students and staff. Thank you for letting me be a part of your day."

Mayor LaRhonda Patrick graduated from Northside High School in 2001. According to her biography, she served as Class President, was a member of the Senior Executive Council and was voted Most Likely to Succeed and Best All-Around.

She said all of her accomplishments started at Northside High School and finally led her to "put down roots and complete my high school years in one community," because she was an "Air Force brat".

Patrick said she found her voice at NHS and was initially hesitant to speak in large settings.



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Warner Robins Mayor LaRhonda Patrick speaks at the Northside Hall of Fame ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 28. She is one of five inductees this year.

"I was challenged by teachers and peers to step forward, lead and believe in myself," she said. "Northside did more than educate me, it shaped me and prepared me to fly."

Patrick has carried

"Eagle Pride" wherever she goes and said she will be forever proud to be a Northside Eagle.

Larry Snellgrove was a part of the first graduating class in 1965 and has devoted his life to service

and leadership in Houston County and beyond.

He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1970 and built a successful career as a contractor

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Education through entertainment

Perry International Festival reaches fifth annual

Sandra Hernandez/HHJ

A traditional Native American dance is performed at last year's Perry International Festival.

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PERRY — The highly anticipated and award-winning Perry International Festival will achieve a big milestone this weekend. This Saturday will mark the festival's fifth annual and will be bigger and better than ever.

According to Special Events Administrator Autumn Cameron, the fifth annual Perry International Festival will feature new and exciting performances alongside the usual lineup.

New acts include Italian band Amiata, whose members are a part of the Atlanta Orchestra, Polynesian Group Siva Maia and Argentine children's folk singer Kryss Moraska.

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Fourth person convicted in Houston County child trafficking case

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WARNER ROBINS — Demaria Williams, 36, of Byron has pleaded guilty to his involvement in the trafficking and exploitation of a 13-year-old female in Houston County, according to Attorney General Chris Carr.

Williams was charged with one count of statutory rape and one count of pandering of a person under the age of 18. He was sentenced to 25 years, with the first eight years to be served in prison. He will also be required to register as a sex offender, according to a press release.

The Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit initiated an investigation after the victim disclosed that she was sold for sex in Warner Robins.

Three individuals were subsequently indicted in December 2024: Emma Lee-Garcia, Noe Borromeo Hernandez and Brian Tequan Smith.

The press release says Williams is the fourth and final defendant to be convicted in this case. Hernandez is an illegal immigrant who resided in Kathleen and purchased the child for sex.

He was convicted with the following charges in August 2025:

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Re-New Thrift Store is located at 1131 Macon Road, Perry.

Re-New Thrift Store celebrating 10th anniversary this week

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PERRY — A Perry thrift store known for serving its community celebrates 10

years this week, inviting all to join the festivities.

Re-New Thrift Store, a ministry operated by Women Reaching Our

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Houston County School Board Candidate Andy Thomas answering a call to serve

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HOUSTON COUNTY — A longtime State Farm agent is now vying for a seat on the Houston County School Board. Andy Thomas is being guided by his faith to run for District 6 at-large.

The district, currently represented by Mark Ivory, includes all of Houston County. Thomas explained that if someone pays county taxes, they are part of District 6.

He believes the main challenge will be educating people about District 6's



Courtesy: Andy Thomas

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Andy Thomas (center) alongside his family.

Word of the Day

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.
— John 14:1 (NKJV)

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FOOD

HHJ Eats — Duck Donuts

Chain delivers, even when peanut butter dominates



Brieanna Smith/HHJ

An assortment of donuts from their selection include maple bacon, chocolate-covered strawberry, cinnamon bun, PB&J, peanut butter fluff, and peanut butter chocolate.

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BYRON — Usually, a new chain in Houston County doesn't catch my attention. Another breakfast spot rarely interests me either.

I consider myself set in my ways. I'm a loyalist to Dunkin'. It's on the way to work, it's relatively cheap, and their wake-up wraps are delicious.

It takes a lot to shake up my routine, but Duck Donuts was unique enough to make me try it.

My husband and I drove from Warner Robins to the edge of town for opening day. He was more excited than I was, mostly because I was up earlier than I'd like to be on a weekend.

The first thing we noticed was the vibe.

Despite being a chain, it didn't feel cold or corporate. The crowd, bright colors, and duck-themed merch made it lively. Unlike other chains, this place felt more local.

We made our way up to a kiosk and placed our order. Points for convenience: it was easy to just scroll through the menu and make our selections from the huge variety of options. We were also able to pay at the kiosk.

We ordered breakfast, drinks, and six donuts for later. We both chose sausage, egg, and cheese sandwiches; my husband got hot chocolate, and I chose a mocha frappuccino.

My husband went all in on peanut butter: PB&J (peanut butter glaze and raspberry drizzle), Peanut Butter Fluff (peanut butter glaze and marshmallow drizzle), and Peanut Butter Paradise (peanut butter glaze and chocolate drizzle).

My choices were varied:

Cinnamon Bun (cinnamon sugar and vanilla drizzle), Bacon in the Sun (maple glaze, caramel drizzle, bacon crumbles), and Chocolate-Covered Strawberry (strawberry glaze and chocolate drizzle).

We waited about 10 minutes, but I hardly noticed. I was busy browsing merch and watching the crew make our donuts to order.

We got our order from the nicest person I've met at a food place—she made everyone feel so welcome.

We took our order home. The whole drive, my husband couldn't stop talking about how excited he was. Duck Donuts also earned points for presentation; the donuts were Instagram-worthy.

On the way, we tried our drinks. My husband enjoyed his hot chocolate, and after a wife tax, I did too. He eyed my frappe and wanted to trade, but I held firm.

Back home, we were ready to eat, starting with the savory. The sausage, egg, and cheese were sandwiched between donut halves and tasted great.

The donut was warm and soft, and the sweet and savory flavors balanced well. It was like a McGriddle with culinary flair. I'd order it again.

Next, the donuts. I didn't

have room for all three, so I cut them up to sample. No complaints—each flavor was balanced and enjoyable.

Duck Donuts doesn't do subtlety with peanut butter. My husband's choices were intensely flavored—delicious if you like peanut butter, but could be too strong if you expect other notes.

For six donuts, two drinks, and two sandwiches, we paid \$33. That matched our expectations: \$11 for two sandwiches, \$9 for drinks, \$13 for donuts.

A typical breakfast—sandwich, drink, donut—comes to about \$13, about the same as Dunkin', but honestly much better.

We went to Duck Donuts expecting something sweet. We left with a newfound appreciation for peanut butter, and a minor marital dispute over a mocha frappuccino I refused to share.

Will it break my routine? Probably not, but I'll consider it when I want something sweet. I suggest giving this place a try.

Duck Donuts is located at 6011 Watson Boulevard suite 300. They are open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Brieanna Smith/HHJ

Duck Donuts is located at 6011 Watson Boulevard suite 300 in Byron.

FROM THE CAPITOL

Week seven under the Gold Dome

Crossover Day is almost here, which means the pace under the Gold Dome has intensified as we work to move Senate legislation to the House before the March 6 deadline. These final days before crossover are always long, but they are focused on advancing the priorities you've sent us here to accomplish.

Before diving into policy, I want to welcome our newest Republican colleague, and my district neighbor, Sen. Steven McNeel of Macon. He now represents Forsyth and joins us with a strong commitment to faith, family and free enterprise. I'm grateful to have another conservative voice working to protect Middle Georgia values under the Gold Dome.

This week, we sent the Amended Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to the Governor's desk, which is one of the most important responsibilities we have as legislators. After weeks of detailed review, tough questioning, and negotiations with the House, we produced a budget rooted in conservative principles that will protect the rainy-day fund and return excess revenue to the taxpayers who earned it.

We've governed with discipline and have delivered more than \$1 billion in income tax relief and \$850 million in homestead property tax relief. That is real, meaningful relief for families who are feeling the strain of higher grocery bills and increased property assessments. Instead of growing government, we are shrinking its burden on you.

The budget also makes a long-overdue investment in public safety and mental health by dedicating more than \$400 million

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LARRY WALKER

STATE SENATOR, 20th DISTRICT

to construct the first new state mental health hospital in Georgia since the 1960s. For too long, county jails have shouldered the responsibility of housing individuals struggling with serious mental illness. This facility will help ensure eligible individuals receive proper treatment while relieving pressure on local law enforcement and taxpayers. Supporting our men and women in uniform means giving them the tools to do their jobs effectively.

In addition to passing a responsible budget, we advanced Senate Bill 392, the "Waste Reduction Act of 2026." This legislation implements zero-based budgeting practices, requiring state agencies to justify their expenditures from the ground up at least once every eight years. Too often, the government relies on last year's spending as a starting point. This reform demands accountability and ensures that every dollar reflects today's priorities, not yesterday's habits. Families and businesses regularly reevaluate their finances; state government should operate with the same level of scrutiny.

We also moved forward on important public safety and education measures. Senate Bill 433, "Rio's Law," passed unanimously and strengthens protections for individuals with

autism and developmental disabilities. By creating a voluntary special license plate and requiring additional law enforcement training, this bill promotes safer interactions and greater understanding across our communities.

Meanwhile, Senate Bill 513, the "Every Day Counts Act," addresses chronic absenteeism in our schools. Students who miss significant classroom time face long-term academic and economic consequences. This legislation gives schools clearer tools to intervene early, encourage accountability and reinforce the expectation that education is not optional. If we want a strong workforce and vibrant economy tomorrow, we must insist on responsibility and engagement today.

I was also proud to co-sponsor Senate Bill 472 and support its passage out of the Senate floor. SB 472 would hold local school board members accountable for financial misconduct and mismanagement, preventing what happened in the Dublin City School system from happening again. Waste and abuse of funds have no place in our local school systems. This legislation ensures that Georgia students receive a consistent, high-quality education and that our educators can

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Cameron "Cam" Cody is a native of Warner Robins, Georgia who currently resides in Houston, Texas. Cameron is a touring artist performing across the country and in Europe bringing Gospel, Christian, and Broadway music. His mission is to keep the "old hymns alive." From powerful piano performances to soul-stirring melodies, Cameron brings a show you don't want to miss.

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.

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.

Perry DAR Quarterly Meeting

The March luncheon meeting of the General Daniel Stewart Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be held at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday March 11, 2026, at the McArthur-Saxon House, 201 South Miller Street, Fort Valley, GA. The VECTR Center will provide the program. If you plan to attend, please email generaldanielstewart@gmail.com or text/call 318-294-7023.

Lovely Ladies Luncheon

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

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

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

St. Christopher's Easter Services

During Lent this year, St. Christopher's will be hosting a Lenten Bible Study every Wednesday, at 4:30 until March 25, 2026. We are inviting everyone who would like to participate in this study to join us.

During Easter Week, St. Christopher's will be having Holy Eucharist on the following dates:

March 29, Palm Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.

April 3, Good Friday Services at 12:00pm.

April 5, Easter Services at 8:00 a.m.

St. Christopher's has Sunday Services at 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Sunday Services and Holy Eucharist at St. Christopher's, 1207 Macon Road, Perry, GA 31069.

Perry High School Class of 1976 Bi-centennial Reunion Weekend

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

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.

NARFE Chapter Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Warner Robins Chapter 1020 will meet at 11:00 Wednesday, March 11 at the Senior Center, 155 Maple Street, Warner Robins. All active and retired federal employees from RAFB or any federal agency are invited for a \$5 sub sandwich lunch and a brief business meeting followed by a free program.

The March program will be a magic show about careers and their skills with Evan Dupree. Witness Evan Dupree float chapter president Charles Farmer in the air! You are welcome to come, bring a friend and enjoy your lunch with NARFE members and visitors.

NARFE is a lobbying organization and the only national organization dedicated to protecting earned benefits of active and retired federal employees. As a member of NARFE, you can connect with other feds, participate in NARFE webinars, learn about legislative advocacy and gain information from our federal benefits experts. Have a great day and join us Wednesday February 11 at 11:00 for this special lunch program.

69-year-old male dies after Thursday night bike crash

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WARNER ROBINS — A 69-year-old male was pronounced dead Thursday night after his bike crashed into a motor vehicle near South Davis Drive and Oak Grove Road.

According to a media release, the Warner Robins Police Department Traffic Division responded

to this incident.

A vehicle was traveling south on S. Davis Dr. when the bicyclist entered the roadway. Both collided near the Oak Grove Road intersection, the release said.

The WRPD urges anyone with information regarding this incident to contact Officer Robert Green or Sgt. Chris Fussell at (478) 302-5378.



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What Vivek Murthy left me thinking about

Spending time last week with former U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy during his visit to Macon was clarifying in a way that few interviews are.

His work on loneliness is not theoretical, and his message is not vague. He is naming a real public health problem and asking communities to take responsibility for addressing it.

Murthy describes loneliness as a national epidemic with measurable health consequences, on par with risks like smoking and obesity. That framing changes how the issue should be understood. Loneliness is not simply about feeling sad or isolated. It is about the absence of meaningful connection, and it carries real costs for mental health, physical health and civic life.

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JOSHUA WILSON
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What struck me most during our conversation was his emphasis on service as a practical response. Murthy argues that helping others is not only good for communities but also a direct counter to loneliness itself. Acts of service create purpose, build relationships and remind people that they matter to someone else. That idea is both simple and demanding, because it requires time, attention and follow-through.

He also made clear that solutions do not have to start at the federal level or with large amounts of cash. Many of the most effective efforts he highlighted are small and local, including neighborhood groups, faith-based partnerships, volunteer networks and informal ways people check in on one another. Those efforts often go unnoticed, but they are doing essential work.

The interview also left me with homework. Instead of going home after work

and getting on my phone or turning on the television, I need to be more intentional about visiting others and making time for them. I need to call people and listen to what they have to say. I need to extend a hand, show up and smile more.

Murthy left Macon with optimism about what is already happening here, but also with a clear challenge. Rebuilding connection requires intention. It requires choosing to show up, even when it is inconvenient, and recognizing that community does not sustain itself automatically. We all have a part to play, and the doctor's orders are clear. It is time to get to work.

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Candidates, how will you actually represent us?

Our half-century-long cold war with Iran entered a hot stage over the weekend. Every major leader of Iran's government and military who was in place on October 7th, 2023, has been eliminated, along with most of those who led their terrorist proxy organizations. Who and what replace them remain open and defining questions.

Here at home, it is qualifying week for Georgia politicians. While many campaigns have been announced for a year or longer — with some surprising recent entries keeping things from getting stale — candidates are officially paying their qualifying fees to put their names on ballots for primaries held in May.

In addition to open contests for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, and four of Georgia's fourteen seats in Congress, Georgians will have a hotly contested race for U.S. Senate. Every other member of Congress must stand for re-election, with Congressman David Scott facing at least three announced primary challengers in a relatively newly redrawn district, which is vastly different than the one he represented for most of his two decades in Washington.

Every State Senator and State Representative will have to defend their current seat. Announcements for those not running for re-election picked up last week, as is custom. A few more usually happen the

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CHARLIE HARPER



week of qualifying. And within all of this backdrop of future plans, we must deal with the current business. Friday, March 6th, is "Crossover Day", a self-imposed deadline by the legislature where a bill must pass one chamber to be considered by the other in this year's session.

The General Assembly has scheduled its final day — Sine Die — for April 2nd. Georgia's primary elections are scheduled for May 19th, with run-offs, if necessary, on June 16th. To paraphrase the guys from Bull Durham's famous pitching mound scene, "We're dealing with a lot."

The truth is, we always are. Sometimes, many things crash our headlines at the same time. We, as citizens and voters, can easily get overwhelmed trying to figure it all out.

This is a good time to remind ourselves why we have representative government. It's almost become a partisan thing to say, unfortunately, but there is a difference between a pure democracy and a republic.

We elect people at all levels of government to be the stewards of most of these policy decisions. In

an age where social media goads us into believing we must have an opinion on everything — and then pretends every opinion is equally valid — we don't have the time, nor do many have the wisdom to craft long-term solutions to all of these problems.

Elections are important because this is where we select the people who are supposed to make the time for understanding what the problems are before they happen, having proper policies in place to prevent them in advance or correct them if they do, and ultimately, do what is in the best interest of all of us. This is a high bar that too many fail to meet, but it is the perspective we must maintain and enforce if our republic is to succeed.

We're going to hear a lot about the President from both parties in the next seven months, in both the primaries and the general election. He is perhaps the biggest lightning rod of a leader in modern history, eliciting strong opinions in both directions.

Many Republicans will claim allegiance to him and his agenda. Many Democrats will pledge to stop anything he proposes or anyone who aligns with

him. This is how the game is currently played.

No matter which side of the partisan aisle you fall — or remain somewhere in the middle — some perspective and outright skepticism of this approach is in order. We maintain divisions between the federal, state, and local governments for a reason.

We then have checks and balances among the legislative, executive, and judicial branches to ensure that the collaborative approach to a republic is maintained. Our founders avoided anything that resembled an all-powerful central government or a single executive consolidating power.

There's perhaps an even more critical point here, especially for those who truly believe the President fully matches their own interests or none of them. He will only be President for two more years. If we're electing someone whose entire message is to support or block him at every juncture, what is their plan to represent you and us after his term expires?

Campaigns are job interviews. We understand candidates come prepared with planned answers for the easy, expected questions.

We're also hiring leaders for the long haul. At some point, they, too, will be dealing with a lot. We need to push them beyond platitudes and pledges of loyalty or opposition and get a true understanding of how they make hard decisions when times get tough.

LIFESTYLE & FAITH

When Christians are forced to face the reality

Throughout Scripture, God's servants consistently pressed inconvenient truths upon reluctant hearers. None of these conversations were comfortable, but they were all profitable. In today's world, a pastor who refuses to address sin may gain applause, but he forfeits faithfulness. Love that never confronts is not love at all. Preaching that never unsettles will rarely transform. If God's people are going to grow in holiness, someone must be willing to hold up the mirror of God's Word—even when people would prefer to look away.

Hence, it is the pastor's duty to address issues people wish to ignore. Part of the grave responsibility of the preacher is to force his hearers to face things they'd prefer to push aside.

For example, very few people like to talk about death. In particular, their own death. Which is somewhat surprising given the fact that every single person who has ever lived has also died. Hence, sweeping death under the rug doesn't make it disappear. Reader, you need to face the reality that death is coming, and you need to be prepared for what happens next.

Also, many churchgoers don't like hearing about financial matters. Too personal, too intrusive, I suppose? Although every single

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statistic tells us the average American is drowning in debt and has very little in savings. Still, people get all shades of annoyed when the preacher teaches what the Bible says about this subject. Too quickly do we become slaves to our financial obligations, and that is a painful reality few want to face.

Sexual deviancy, pornography, adultery, past moral failures, cohabitation outside of wedlock (formerly known as "shacking up"), and the like, are all too often considered taboo subjects in modern America that need not be addressed from the pulpit. However, God's Word is far from silent on these issues, so the faithful pastor must not shy away from proclaiming what "thus saith the Lord."

It is certainly true that Christians must confront these sins in their own lives and be genuinely humble, given that God has forgiven so much. But a desire to honor and obey God, and a

genuine love for lost souls, demands that born-again believers beseech others to face the reality of their own wicked past, and seek forgiveness in the finished work of the Risen Messiah. Friends, suppressing what God calls evil is not an act of love.

Yet there is another subject faithful ministers must address, as unpleasant as it is, and that is the subject of abortion. At this point, many of you will be tempted to fold your newspaper and move on. But I am pleading with you to evaluate what we'd prefer to evade. I know all too well that this is a topic most people don't like to deliberate on, discuss, or deal with. We can stick our heads in the sand if we so choose, but every single day right here in our community, your unborn neighbors are being killed.

You may think I am being overly dramatic, but I am not. Here's the cold truth: since the overturn of Roe, abortion numbers have only

increased throughout the nation. If you consider yourself pro-life, this is something you must not ignore. God's Word very clearly instructs us to "Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter" (Proverbs 24:11).

The next verse warns, "If you say, 'Behold, we did not know this,' does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work? In other words, if you are a Christian, you don't get to avoid this subject just because it's emotionally charged and provokes a visceral response in many. Follower of Christ, you have been commanded by your King to give voice to the voiceless.

If you think the "pro-life" movement is winning because Planned Parenthood across the nation are closing, you've been duped. Empty victories are blindly applauded when these murder mills close, but the truth we don't want to examine is this: the reason they are closing is that many moms are killing their preborn kids at home, instead of walking into a clinic. What has been labeled as "self-managed abortion" has quickly become the new norm. Due

to the easy (and affordable) access to abortion pills, college dorm rooms, teenage bedrooms, and bloody bathrooms are now the altars where children are being sacrificed.

Every single day, more than a hundred innocent children in Georgia are exterminated. Maybe this is too much reality for you — but it is reality, nonetheless. It is also my duty to tell you this ... it can be stopped. IF and WHEN God's people stop hiding and start standing.

Did you know that right now, there is legislation before a committee in the Georgia House of Representatives that would abolish abortion in our state? The bill is quite simple; since life begins at fertilization, and every human life should be protected, abortion must be made illegal. Now, I know that sounds extreme to some of you, but that's only because you've been indoctrinated for decades by a God-hating culture that delights in death — but labels it as choice.

Stating that life begins at fertilization is not merely a religious claim; it is a scientific fact. Check any reliable biology book, and you'll learn that within the womb of a pregnant mother, there is a human life. Sure, it makes us feel less icky about murder to label

the unborn as an embryo or just a fetus (which literally means offspring), but abortion ends a human life. As inconvenient as that may seem, it is a fact. Therefore, people who supposedly believe in human rights should oppose abortion.

Though it has faced considerable opposition, thanks to the bravery of a few faithful House members, the "Georgia Prenatal Equal Protection Act" (HB 441) still has life. However, the Speaker of the House, Jon Burns, has stated he will not allow the bill to receive a hearing because it isn't politically expedient. I am asking every single Christian reading this article to pick up the phone and contact his office right now, today, at (404) 656-5020 ... and politely urge him to follow through on the pro-life promises he made and to allow HB 441 to receive a fair hearing and vote.

Yes, I am asking you to involve yourself in something you'd prefer not to. But confessing Christian, we've turned a blind eye and a deaf ear for far too long. If this righteous legislation does not receive a hearing by Friday, March 06, then it will be dead for the year ... and so will 50,000 unborn babies in Georgia.

Isn't that worth a few minutes of your time?

A gardening checklist for March

March is a busy month in the garden, with planting, pruning and fertilizing topping the list of chores. Prioritize your gardening tasks with these helpful tips from myself and HGTV.

Prune roses. Late winter/early spring is the ideal time to tackle rose pruning. Always remove dead, diseased or damaged stems (canes), cutting back to a bud on healthy wood. Remove canes that rub on each other when the wind blows. To choose which cane to remove, look at the canes closely. If the bark on one is already damaged, remove it. If one is growing more toward the center of the shrub, remove it. Also, shorten rose canes as needed to control plant size.

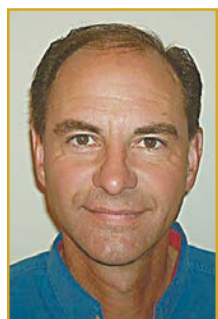
Spring clean birdhouses. Nesting is not far away, but there's still time to make sure birdhouses are clean and in good repair. Tighten loose screws, and consider if you need to add a predator guard to the entrance holes. To keep paper wasps from building nests in birdhouses, coat the inside roof and corners by rubbing a bar of soap across them. The waxy coating prevents wasps from being able to attach nests.

Test soil. Spring is a great time to do a soil test on garden beds. This is an important step with new planting areas but also with established ones and more so if you haven't taken a soil test in a while. The test measures soil pH and some nutrients, including phosphorus, potassium and calcium. Results include recommendations of what you should add to soil — maybe lime and/or fertilizer.

Think raised beds. Before the mad rush of planting sweeps you under, give your raised beds the once-over. Repair any corners that need it, and decide if you're happy with the placement of your beds. Does your garden need another raised bed — or three? Would a permanent trellis make growing vining crops easier? Do you want to add hoops to a bed so you can experiment

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with floating row covers to exclude pests or extend the season?

Cut back clematis. Give deciduous clematis special attention in spring to ensure a spectacular flower show. After all danger of frost has passed, lightly prune large-flowered varieties, removing weak stems and shaping the plant. With small-flowered vines that bloom on new growth in summer and fall, cut plants back to 12" high. For all clematis, add compost or slow-release fertilizer to soil, gently scratching it in with a hand rake. Refresh the mulch around the base of the vines.

Add mulch. Get mulch on planting beds before plants leaf out completely. Mulch helps soil hang onto moisture, and when the weather warms up, it keeps soil cool. A 2" to 3" thick mulch layer (don't exceed 4") also helps prevent weed seeds from sprouting. In colder regions, wait until soil has warmed in spring before applying mulch, or you risk slowing down the warm-up.

Bring on the color with creeping phlox. Creeping phlox blankets soil with living color in early spring. The flowers usually open in white, pink, lavender or red hues. Whether you're planting creeping phlox for the first time or adding to an existing display, the trick to getting the flower color you want is simple: Buy plants in bloom. This same strategy works for azaleas, rhododendrons, heather, daylilies and any other bloomer. If the flower color matters, choose a plant with an open blossom — don't trust the pot tag.

Turn compost. Use a pitchfork and try to turn the compost pile, adding any

fresh material you have. This dislodges any critters that might have taken winter refuge in the pile (like voles). Grab some of the partially decomposed leaves you uncover to use as a perennial mulch. If you have finished compost stored somewhere, use it as a top dressing around clematis, roses, raspberries and blackberries. Finished compost also makes a nice addition to planting holes for new plants and containers used for edibles.

Stock bird feeders. Spring is a great time to spot unusual bird visitors in your yard. Migrating birds welcome a fresh meal after long flights from wintering grounds. Even if your warm-region garden has some blooms that beckon hummingbirds, it's still a good idea to hang and fill feeders. Also, shove sliced orange halves on shepherd's hook ends to attract orioles, tanagers and cedar waxwings.

Hopefully, these garden checklist items will help you start your spring 2026 garden with success.

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Weekend birthday snuggles with Nanny

This past weekend felt like one of those chapters in life you want to bookmark and reread forever. It was a jam-packed, joy-filled blur of family, grandkids, hard work, and pure love. It's the kind of time that makes you grateful to be a senior with energy (mostly) left in the tank. And grandkids who still want to spend nights at Grandma and Grandpa's house. Let me tell you about it.

It all kicked off Friday afternoon at our sons' and daughters-in-law's soon-to-open Skyzone family entertainment center. What a project! The whole crew—our boys, their wives, and us "volunteer elders"—pitched in to assemble chairs, benches, employee badges, bags, and whatever else needed doing to get the place ready for its big debut. We worked until late. Muscles ached, and our backs protested. But when we finally called it a night, it was that good kind of tired. The satisfying exhaustion that comes from building something together as a family.

As we headed out the door, our 10-year-old grandson, Josh, didn't ask; he announced with all the confidence of a kid who knows he's loved: "I'm spending the night at your house." Our hearts swelled. Of course, he was welcome!

Then, Saturday morning, while Josh was still snoozing, I slipped over to Publix to order a Happy Birthday cake for his Nanny—my wonderful wife. She was celebrating a birthday north of her "diamond" but south of her "oak jubilee." No spoilers on the exact number. Let's just say she's timeless and sparkling. Back home, Josh "ordered" his favorite breakfast: thin Swedish pancakes drenched in real maple syrup. His uncle Max and I didn't need convinc-

ing to join the feast. We savored every sticky bite, laughing and planning the day ahead.

Then it was back to Skyzone for round two of assembly work. Luncheon brought the best surprise. We had an impromptu pizza-and-birthday-cake party right there amid the half-built fun. The grandkids belted out "Happy Birthday, Nanny!" at the top of their lungs. There were no candles—I forgot them. Honestly, they wouldn't have fit on the cake anyway! But the love was brighter than any flame. What a moment—surrounded by family, in the middle of what will soon be a place full of kids' laughter.

Saturday night, as we wrapped up at Skyzone, our 9-year-old granddaughter, Clara, piped up: "Can I spend the night too?" With her brother already having spent Friday night, how could we say no? Another night of grandkid giggles and stories under our roof. Sunday morning, Clara wanted to watch TV first thing, but I told her to go snuggle into bed with her Nanny while I whipped up an "Egg McMuffin" breakfast—nothing fancy, just warm and made with love.

She came to church with us, where we filled half a pew (still pews to us seniors) with uncles, aunts, and cousins. The service felt extra full of gratitude and voices raised together.

After church, we headed

home for char-grilled steaks from the cattle we had raised on our own farm. Juicy, flavorful, and shared around the table with everyone. Then came the perfect capstone: an after-dinner nap with Clara snuggled right between her Nanny and me on queen sized bed. In that moment, I said to myself, "It truly doesn't get any better this side of heaven."

Looking back on this whirlwind weekend, the moral is simple. When your grandkids ask—or, better yet, tell you—they're coming over to spend the night, just say "Yes." Don't worry about the extra laundry, the scattered toys, or the mess that'll need cleaning up later. Those fingerprints on the windows and crumbs under the table are temporary. The memories? They last forever.

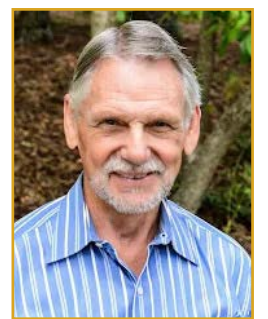
If you're lucky enough to have grandkids nearby, cherish every "I'm staying over" announcement. They grow up too fast. The joy they bring only gets richer with time.

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

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State lawmakers seek to reduce insurance costs

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ATLANTA — After approving one-time income and property tax rebates for Georgians earlier this week, the state House returned with four more affordability measures, this time aimed at insurance costs.

The legislation passed by the House Thursday aims to curb excess insurance industry billing and profits while increasing what's covered and punishing drivers for inadequate insurance.

"Georgia is leading the nation in tackling affordability and driving down the cost of living for our neighbors — from energy and healthcare to housing and now insurance," House Speaker Jon Burns, R-Newington, said in a statement after the insurance bills passed with commanding bipartisan majorities, one of them unanimously.

This was one day after the House and Senate approved a midyear budget that returns \$2 billion to taxpayers in the form of one-time property and income tax rebates.

The insurance measures now headed to the Senate take several approaches.

House Bill 1262 would increase fines against

insurance companies for surprise billing, failure to cover mental health treatment, and other violations. House Bill 1263 would reduce the amount of time companies can take before seeking refunds for premium tax payment errors.

House Bill 1274 would require rate decreases by insurance companies that notch profits exceeding 5% of projections for three straight years.

House Bill 1344 would increase nearly 40 outdated insurance fines in state law, and it would hand the Office of the Insurance Commissioner John King more authority to levy fines. It also would amend uninsured motorist laws by allowing police to cite drivers who operate a vehicle while "excluded" from the owner's insurance. Owners who give excluded drivers the keys would face a misdemeanor charge that could result in up to a year in jail, plus a \$1,000 fine.

Rep. Matt Reeves, R-Duluth, introduced the latter two bills. He also led a study committee on insurance rates that Burns appointed last year and that shaped the House's new approach to insurance.

Reeves said King asked for some of the measures, adding that the insurance

commissioner told him a Florida bill like HB 1274 had resulted in a \$1 billion rebate to customers there.

It might be a while before something like that happens in Georgia. Insurance companies would need to be highly profitable first.

During a hearing in mid-February on HB 1274, a fellow Republican asked Reeves to remind him the last time a Georgia insurer had profits over 5%.

"For three straight years?" Reeves asked him.

"For three straight years," responded his colleague, Rep. Bruce Williamson, R-Monroe, a member of the House Insurance Committee.

"That's been a while," Reeves said.

Williamson said insurance company profitability was the problem in Georgia. He said he applauded the goal of limiting profits. "But I do want to point out for the benefit of the audience that this has not happened in a very long time."

Reeves agreed.

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THOMAS

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boundaries. Thomas aims to clarify during his campaign that everyone residing in the county falls within District 6.

Thomas and his wife moved to Warner Robins in July 2001, and he opened a State Farm Agency the following March.

He has been with State Farm for 35 years, reaching 25 years as an agent.

Thomas and his wife have three daughters who all attended schools in the Houston County School System. His oldest daughters are honor graduates of Houston County High School, while his youngest is attending Feagin Mill Middle School.

Thomas's wife is a speech-language pathologist with the school district and oversees the communication devices and cognitive care for students countywide.

He shared that his mother was an educator for 40 years and considers himself a product of public education. Thomas graduated from Valdosta State University.

Since living in Houston County, Thomas has served on various boards and remains active in the community.

He has served on Central Georgia Technical College's Board of Trustees, currently serves on the Museum of Aviation's Board and Flint Energies' Nominating Board, and previously participated in Leadership Warner Robins.

Thomas has also served as Honorary Base Commander of the 330th Sustainment Wing and as President of the International City Optimist Club for two terms.

In his faith, Thomas serves as a deacon at Central Baptist Church.

"I've just always tried to give back to the community since I've been here," he said.

Thomas also shared that he has financially supported local schools behind the scenes.

Outside of work, he enjoys duck hunting and, during a recent trip to

Arkansas, when he didn't find any ducks, reflected on his blessings through prayer.

"I needed to be more thankful for the blessings that God has bestowed upon me. The petition of complaint became a prayer of Thanksgiving," he said. "I said to God, I have the best team at my office I've ever had. I have more blessings than I ever thought I would have."

He then asked God whether there was anything he could do to advance his kingdom on Earth and make a bigger impact. After his prayer in November, he decided he wanted to help children.

In the months after his prayer, several people encouraged Thomas to consider running for the school board.

Thomas then started praying about it and talking about it at home and with his pastor.

"The rest is history. We're going to give it a shot. I don't really feel like it's fair to call it a campaign even though that's what it has to be called," he said. "It's really an opportunity to serve and use the talents that God's given me as a leader."

Thomas believes involvement is part of his legacy, noting that his grandfather was the first Mayor of Grovetown, Ga., and served as a Lieutenant for former President Dwight D. Eisenhower during World War II.

Thomas said it is not always easy to be a leader, but he believes God has wired him to lead.

"I've always tried to put my best foot forward as best as I can. When I don't, I ask for forgiveness, dust myself off, and try again."

Thomas said that when he announced his run for the school board in February, it was well received by the community.

He shared that he sees education the same way Lady Justice does, symbolizing fairness.

"Public education should be for everybody. There should be no political preference...I look at it as an opportunity to serve," he said.

Thomas shared that his

main priorities include maximizing funds for educating children. He also aims to care for educators and support staff and, overall, maintain a high level of integrity among all personnel in the school system. Another one of his priorities is keeping up with technological advances.

Thomas has started putting up signs around the county. On his sign is an F-16 fighter jet, which represents what he believes makes Houston County special. He said Robins Air Force Base is a dominant engine for central Georgia and believes the education system also makes Houston County stand out.

Thomas has witnessed how much the area has grown over the years, and he believes that if they want to continue that growth, they have to protect RAFB and the school system.

"It's folks like us that have to take care of our school board, school system and school district to make sure that both of those entities are moving forward," he said.

Thomas shared that he has seen no issues with the school board and hopes to keep it that way.

He described his leadership style as unique and believes in "a rising tide floats in all boats." Thomas explained that this means that if he can encourage his team to do more, the whole team wins. He shared that he believes there are two types of people in the world: takers and givers. He hopes that when he meets his maker, he will be labeled as a giver.

Thomas knows most of the board members personally and hopes, if elected, to continue their leadership.

He hopes people will consider voting for him to continue bettering public education and the Houston County Board of Education.

"I'm really asking folks to choose me so that I can use the talents God has given me to help keep the Houston County School District first and foremost whenever they have the opportunity to move to Houston County," he said.

The General Election is on May 19.

THRIFT

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Community (WROC), officially marks its anniversary on March 2 and has been a mainstay in Perry.

To celebrate, the store has a variety of events planned, including specials and raffle giveaways, according to WROC President Emilee Sheffield.

"We're gonna have just a whole week of all kind of fun things going on ... raffles and some giveaways ... it's a great time to also just come and visit us," Sheffield said.

Re-New, according to Sheffield, is a thrift store selling unique antiques and home goods. The store is also a hub for WROC's food pantry and children's clothing closet.

Besides physical goods, Re-New is also a spiritual hub, Sheffield mentioned.

"We have people that come in for prayer or to talk or to be in a quiet environment. It's so much more than just a thrift store. It's just a place to come and and

be, with how many Bible studies were here, or how many events we have. This is our meeting place where we're reaching out to the community," Sheffield said.

Sheffield explained that WROC is the parent organization of Re-New, providing operational support and using proceeds from the thrift store to help fund its ministry programs. This partnership strengthens both the thrift store and WROC's community efforts.

"WROC would not exist without Re-New, and Re-New would not exist without WROC. We're all one community," Sheffield said.

Over the years, the store has amassed a sizeable following, growing from humble beginnings to nearly 10,000 Facebook fans.

"It's really humbling to think about that, but also just really awesome to see what the Lord has done in that time," Sheffield said.

And Sheffield said the community has also followed the store physically, through every location change.

"We've had four different locations since we started. ... as we've moved, the community has followed us, and as we continue to exist it grows, and we have more people that are coming to get involved. We have more people shopping and more people donating," Sheffield said.

Re-New is volunteer-based. Sheffield said the best support is to visit the store and pray for the ministry.

"The purpose of WROC and Re-New is to be the hands and feet of Jesus. This is our connection to the community. WROC has their office where we see clients, but [Re-New] is so much bigger than that," Sheffield said.

Re-New is located at 1131 Macon Road and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stay up to date with the thrift store at facebook.com/groups/renewthriftstore and with WROC at facebook.com/groups/wrocperry.

For more information, visit WROC's website: wrocperry.org

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The festival will also feature staples such as Uso's Polynesian Entertainment and Chien Hong School of Kung Fu.

"We always kind of start and end the festival the same, but in between we're trying to change it up a little bit," she said. "I'm looking forward to [Amiata] as my culture is Italian, and I'm super excited to see a band that plays traditional Italian instruments."

She also announced the city will introduce a campaign during the festival called "Welcome the World to Perry."

"Attendees can record

a short video saying 'welcome' in their cultural language, and they can upload that [video] so we can use those to celebrate what the International Festival is," she said.

With this festival going on for half a decade now, Cameron believes they are doing something right and finds it very heartwarming to be able to put on this festival every year.

"It started with creating a festival where people can be entertained and educated at the same time," she said. "It's something that we have focused on heavily to grow it and continue to have the event. 'We're proud to provide a space where people can celebrate and educate others on their

heritage."

The festival will also have new vendors this year. Cameron said their focus was to add vendors that sold some type of cultural item.

She shared that this festival does much more than provide fun: it strengthens the community.

"Overall, it's really about education through entertainment and it's about connection," she said. "We want every person and attendee to feel like a citizen of the world for a day, not just Perry."

The fifth annual Perry International Festival will be held this Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. in Historic Downtown Perry.

CASE

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- One count of Trafficking of Persons for Sexual Servitude
- Two counts of Child Molestation
- One count of Statutory Rape

Hernandez was sentenced to 25 years, with the first 10 to be served in prison. He currently has an ICE detainer and is expected to be deported following the completion of his prison sentence.

Garcia posted online advertisements selling the child for sex, harbored the child in a motel in Houston County for the purpose of commercial sex, and benefited financially from the sale of the child.

She was charged with five counts of Trafficking of Persons for Sexual Servitude in May 2025. Garcia was sentenced to 40 years, with the first 18

years to be served in prison and the remainder on strict probation. She is also required to register as a sex offender.

Smith molested the child, introduced the child to Garcia and later solicited the child for sexual servitude. He was convicted in October 2025 with the following charges:

- Two counts of Trafficking of Persons for Sexual Servitude
- One count of Aggravated Child Molestation
- One count of Statutory Rape

Smith was sentenced to 25 years, with the first five years to be served in prison and the remainder on strict probation. He is required to register as a sex offender.

In continuing with the investigation of the case, Chief Human Trafficking Investigator Bryan Kimbell was able to identify that Williams also participated in the trafficking of the child.

The press release says Williams responded to online ads posted of the child by Garcia and traveled to a hotel where Garcia harbored the child for sex.

This case was investigated by Kimbell and prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Maggie Meetze. Both served in Carr's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit, which recently expanded to include a new regional office in Macon.

Carr provided comments on the case:

"Four predators are off our streets and behind bars thanks to the dedicated work of our Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit," said Carr. "Once we start an investigation, we won't rest until every victim is safe and every trafficker is brought to justice. This is exactly why we established a regional office in Macon, and we're fighting each day to combat human trafficking in our state."

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Perry Rotary hosts historic Houston County High School Speech Contest

Special to The Journal
PERRY — The Perry Rotary Club proudly hosted the 2026 Houston County High School Speech Contest at the Perry Events Center, celebrating an inspiring morning of student leadership, communication, and excellence.

For the first time in the history of the competition, all Houston County high schools were represented, with a total of 15 contestants participating — a significant milestone for the program.

Taking first place and a \$500 scholarship was Claire Jefferson, a 12th grader from Houston County High School. Claire will advance to compete at the Zone Competition on April 18, 2026, in Hahira, where the Zone winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Second place and a \$300 scholarship was awarded to Joy Sanders, a 12th grader from Warner Robins High School.

Third place and a \$150 scholarship went to Chloe Oglesby, a 10th grader from Perry High School.

Students competing included representatives from Westfield High School (Aarav Patel, Ayan Patel, Charlotte Ray, Geovana Marquez); Houston County High School (Claire Jefferson); Warner Robins High School (Jordan Scott, Joy Sanders, Christian Toussaint); Veterans High School (Rabun Perdue); Northside High School (Kaitlyn Doan, Damen Thacker, Zajary Alabat Castaneda, Elizabeth Traugh, Jayda Smith); and Perry High School (Chloe Oglesby).

The Perry Rotary Club extends sincere appreciation to Timekeeper Mike Gray; judges Chris Kinnas, Pella Murphy, Brenda Hicks, Keith Beckham, and Corey Hull; host Buck Blalock; scorekeeper Dr. Joseph Lomboy; TSOM Rotaracts Robert Schwartz and Sonia Singhal; and Speech Contest Coordinator Dr. Marietta Lomboy for their dedication in making the event a success.

Special thanks to Perry Rotary Club President Lee Parker for delivering an inspirational message on

the ripple effect of Rotary service and its lasting impact on communities. A heartfelt thank you as well to all of the Rotarians who spoke between contestants, sharing meaningful reflections about Rotary service and leadership. Their words not only highlighted the mission of Rotary but also encouraged students to see how service can create lasting change.

The club also extends deep appreciation to all of the student speakers whose preparation, courage, and commitment made the morning truly exceptional. Appreciation is also extended to the advisers, school administrators, teachers, parents, and community members whose support empowers students to grow as leaders.

While scholarships were awarded to the top three finalists, the message to every participant was clear: You are all winners. Perry Rotary looks forward to cheering on Claire Jefferson at the upcoming Zone Competition and welcoming everyone back again next year.



Courtesy: Perry Rotary Club

Left - Right: Chloe Oglesby, Joy Sanders, Claire Jefferson, Dr. Marietta Lomboy.

WALKER

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better focus on teaching.

Finally, it was an honor to welcome and introduce 4-H in the Senate chamber. For generations, 4-H has helped shape the character, leadership and spirit of service in young people across our state. Students involved in 4-H are learning the skills they need to give back to their communities and become engaged citizens. As a former 4-H'er, I'm personally grateful for the impact this organization had on my life, and it's encouraging to see that legacy continue

with the next generation of Georgians.

It was also a pleasure to welcome members of the Georgia FFA Association under the Gold Dome. FFA plays a vital role in cultivating an appreciation for agriculture and preparing young leaders to carry our state's number one industry forward. By instilling discipline, respect and a strong work ethic, FFA helps ensure Georgia's agricultural community remains strong and ready to feed families across our state and beyond.

As we approach Crossover Day, Senate Republicans remain focused on delivering results that strengthen

Georgia's economy, safeguard our communities and protect your hard-earned income. Please don't hesitate to reach out with your thoughts or concerns as we continue through the second half of the 2026 legislative session.

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

FAME

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and developer, emerging as a key civic leader, serving on the Georgia State Board of the Department of Technical and Adult Education and chairing the committee that selected new Career Academics for the state.

He also served as the Northside Booster Club's past president.

"His leadership and support of local Little League and soccer programs, including helping to secure new fields, later led to 'Snellgrove Drive' being named in his honor by Mayor Donald Walker," Snellgrove's bio said.

Dr. Rick Unruh moved to Warner Robins in 1979 to teach music at NHS. Over the next 14 years, his days at Northside were spent "directing choirs, assisting One Act, Spring Musicals, teaching music appreci-

ation, remedial math and computer math".

He partnered with Ray Horne, and together they won first place in Region One Act 14 times and at state five times. In 1994, he moved to Houston County High School to begin his career as a media specialist; however, he was not away from Northside too long. He returned in 2002 as their Media Specialist.

Unruh retired from NHS in 2012 after almost 37 years of teaching. Currently, Unruh has served on the Houston County Board of Education, Post 1, since 2013 and was recently appointed to the position of Board Chair.

Dykes said he doesn't think he knows anyone who loves Northside more than Jon Nichols. Nichols has spent his life around or on Green Street and graduated from NHS in 1982. His sons Zakary and Corey are NHS

graduates as well. Nichols is currently the Service Center Manager of Bug Out Pest Control. According to his bio, Nichols was elected to the Centerville City Council in 2012 and served one term. Afterwards, he was asked to serve on the Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors. Now, Nichols has served on the Houston County Board of Education since 2022. He has also served as the Chairman of the School Council and President of the Northside Football Booster Club. Nichols' "opportunity to serve the Northside Community has been the highlight of his life", his bio said

"Learning how to serve from men like Matt Arthur, Ed Dyson, Conrad Nix and ladies like Nancy Rozier, Brenda Littlefield and Lynn Campbell taught him to be the man he is today," Nichols' bio said.

STATE OF THE CITY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

10:00AM Networking | 10:30AM Program

The Museum of Aviation | Century of Flight Hangar

WARNER ROBINS

MAYOR LARHONDA W. PATRICK

Houston County rallies in fourth quarter to put away Kennesaw Mountain in Sweet 16



Clay Brown/HHJ

Kennesaw Mountain forward Trevor Williams (21) pins Josh Jackson's (0) shot on the backboard before being issued a technical foul for some choice words after the play.



Clay Brown/HHJ

Houston County junior Andrew Wahiwe was the "third guy" for the Bears against Kennesaw Mountain. The guard had 10 points, eight in the fourth quarter, to help push his team to their first Elite Eight in the MaxPreps era.

By **CLAY BROWN**
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WARNER ROBINS — For the first time in the MaxPreps era, Houston County is headed to the Elite Eight.

The Bears (23-6) beat Kennesaw Mountain (17-12) 64-43 on Saturday after a fourth-quarter rally turned a single-digit deficit into 20 for the Mustangs just three minutes into the period.

A packed crowd showed up for the final home game of the 2025-26 season and helped push the team along to Buddy Bivins' first Elite Eight appearance as head coach.

"It's exciting. The admin did a good job of pumping it the last couple days at school trying to get everybody to get there. Their support means the world," Bivins said. "We haven't had it too much in the past, in the last few years

it's kind of starting to pick up. It definitely is a reason why that region championship is so important."

"It may not mean so much next year with [the Post Season Ranking formula], but being able to play these games at home definitely is an advantage," He continued. "We might have gotten there last year if we didn't go on the road. [We] end up losing by three to Alexander."

There's no denying home court advantage played a big part in HoCo's second-half momentum take-over, but they also did some things well they desperately need to at this time of year.

Rebounding has been the number one issue Bivins and his staff have harped on the team about, and the Bears did that well from the tip against Kennesaw Mountain.

They chased long rebounds and committed bodies to the glass.

Even the guards got in on the action to make the Mustangs be one-and-done on offense and give up extra opportunities on defense.

When Braylin Mills had his block party in the final two quarters HoCo closed out the defensive glass by tracking those down. Overall it was one of, if not the best, rebounding efforts for the team this year.

"We've been preaching, 'Rebound, rebound' all year so finally I guess it all came together outside of one possession," Bivins said. "We had made a marker that we did rebound the ball pretty well in the first half...we just didn't score as efficiently...Second half shots started falling and it kind of helped spread the lead out."

That performance became necessary as the first half wore on. The Bears had trouble getting shots to fall at any level

between bad bounces on the rim or a stout interior defense. They trailed 17-13 after the first quarter.

Kennesaw Mountain scored the first two points of the second quarter but HoCo fought back with a 7-0 run turned a 13-3 second quarter. Not a spectacular offensive output, but a dominant defensive quarter to give them a 26-20 halftime advantage.

Much like the back half of their first round game, the second half is where the Bears really separated themselves.

The Mustangs made a brief run to close out the third quarter, but through the first three minutes of the fourth quarter HoCo unleashed a 12-1 run that got the crowd loud and on their feet.

The Bears have Andrew Wahiwe to thank for starting that run; he scored the first two baskets of the quarter and had eight

points in the period alone as a part of his 10-point game. On Saturday he was their "third guy."

"Andrew's a super confident guy," Bivins said. "Unfortunately he's had to sit behind two good guards, it's been like that the last few years. He's just been waiting on his opportunity. I know he gets frustrated at times and we stay on him, but he comes up big in big moments. He had a big game today, he was one of the big reasons why we won the semifinal game in the region tournament."

"He had two threes that put us up one late in the fourth," He continued. "Super confident kid, proud of him. Next year you're probably gonna see more of him because he'll have more responsibility when the other two leave."

Now HoCo will set their sights on Woodward Academy, though they'll have to hit the road since

the top of the bracket won the universal coin toss for the quarterfinals.

The War Eagles have three players averaging 14.5 points per game and 6 rebounds per game or more, and they haven't lost a game since Jan. 9. Most importantly, they have home court advantage.

"On the road we gotta play mistake-free basketball," Bivins said. "Woodward's going to be an extremely talented team, probably [the] most talented team we've faced this year. We're not going to be able to have slow starts, not going to be able to have too many negative plays. The team that plays the most mistake-free basketball at this time in the year is the team that usually wins."

UP NEXT
HoCo will play their Elite Eight matchup at Woodward Academy on March 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Baseball Roundup: Northside wins eighth straight, Houston County teams enter region play this week

By **CLAY BROWN**
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The early season is officially over and now most Houston County teams will enter their respective region races this week.

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

Houston County

Houston County (7-2) was one of two teams at an out-of-town tournament last week, and they came away from their time in LaGrange with a 2-1 record against some tough opponents.

They played Lambert on Friday and took the 4-3 victory after scoring a run in both the sixth and seventh innings. The Bears led the whole way against LaGrange, scoring five runs in the first three innings before adding a few more in the final two of the 8-2 win.

HoCo's lone loss on the weekend came against Northridge from Alabama in an 11-inning thriller.

The teams traded momentum in the first and second halves of the game but the Jaguars' Cooper Obradovich delivered an RBI single with two outs in the bottom of the 11th to claim the win.

This week HoCo will face Northside for their first region series of 2026.

Northside

Northside (9-2) is the sole owner of the longest winning streak in the county, now at eight after four wins last week.

The first was the start of a two-game road trip, a 19-1 victory against Howard with Caden Nelson delivering a perfect 4-for-4 performance at the plate with six RBI.

On Wednesday the Eagles took a short trip to Hawkinsville for an 8-3 final. Senior Taylor Hall picked up the win with six strikeouts and one earned run in six innings.

The final two were at home, though their 5-4 eighth inning walk-off against Taylor County was the more exciting of the two. Northside ended their week with a 13-3 thumping of Central Fellowship Christian Academy.

The Eagles are a few wins away from their best record in more than a decade, and this week they'll look for their first region win since 2019 when they face Houston County.

Perry

Perry (5-6) took a trip to LakePoint in Cartersville for a tournament over the weekend, one of two Houston County teams on the road last week.

Baseball Roundup



Clay Brown/HHJ

Ethan Scott was 1-of-3 at the plate for 1 RBI in Veterans' 14-0 win against Warner Robins last week.

The Panthers came away 2-1 on the weekend with some wildly different finals.

On one end of the spectrum was a 14-1 victory over Monroe Area that saw another home run for Jackson Thompson. The next game against Dawson County ended with a two-RBI single from Brandon Shultz for a 3-2 victory before a 12-2 crushing at the hands of East Paulding

in five innings.

Perry will actually have a home-and-home against Schley County this week; their first region series will start next week on March 10 against Wayne County.

Veterans

Veterans (5-3) went 2-1 last week, picking up a win against Warner Robins and splitting their home-and-home series against First Presbyterian Day.

The 14-0 victory against the Demons came on a frigid Monday night but the Warhawks poured the runs on in bunches with five runs in each of the fifth and sixth innings.

The first game against FPD, at home, saw an explosive first with 11 runs between the two programs, though the Warhawks scored six runs through the next three innings to seal

the 12-9 win.

Their final game of the week was Veterans' second shutout of the season in a 10-0 loss in five innings. FPD's Conner Strandmark struck out nine batters and the Warhawks were 2-for-15 at the plate.

This week Veterans will face Thomas County Central in their first region series.

Warner Robins

Weather moved most of Warner Robins' (2-4) games from the end of last week to this week, so the Demons' lone competition was a 14-0 loss to Veterans in the frigid Monday night winds.

Warner Robins struggled with defensive errors, dropping or missing a lot of the fly balls Veterans put in the air, but they will look to bounce back this week before getting into region play next week.

Westfield

Westfield (4-1) went 2-1 last week with a couple of big wins against Central Fellowship Christian Academy (15-0) and Dominion Christian (10-2). Cooper Kennedy had a hand in both of those, pitching a combined 8.1 innings for 15 strikeouts.

Their lone loss of the season came against Tiftarea Academy, who scored five

Legals

The Houston Home Journal

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 4, 2026

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Adoption

26-236
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
Adoption No: 2025-A-0004146
In the interest of:
I.R.H.H. and M.A.H.H.,
Minor Children,
MICHELE LEIGH-SHADE ANGELOS,
Petitioner.

NOTICE
TO: AMBER RENEE HOFFMAN and JOSE ALFREDO HERNANDEZ JIMENEZ
You are hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption has been filed in the Houston County Superior Court on November 5, 2025, with regard to two minor children, I.R.H.H. and M.A.H.H., on behalf of Petitioner Michele Leigh-Shade Angelos. The Hon. Judge G. E. "Bo" Adams will hear the Petition for Adoption on March 24, 2026, at 8:45 a.m., at the Houston County Superior Court. You are hereby informed that you have the right to appear in the pending adoption proceeding to show cause why your rights to the child who is the subject of the proceeding should not be terminated by that adoption.
This the 20th day of February, 2026.
LAUREN DEAL, Attorney for Petitioner
GA BAR No. 185162
4339 Hartley Bridge Road, #366
Macon, Georgia 31216
T/F: (478) 254-9154
55680 3/4-3/18

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

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

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

Alcoholic Beverage

26-256
RETAIL DISTILLED SPIRITS
Notice is given that Kirtan Liquor, LLC DBA MD Liquor located at 1054 GA Highway 247 S, Unit A, Kathleen, GA 31047 through Dhruv K. Patel, Managing Member, has applied for a license to sell liquor, beer, and wine at retail.
55790 3/4-3/11

Debtors & Creditors Notice

26-257
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: ESTATE OF Beverly Taylor, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Beverly Taylor, 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 24th day of February, 2026.
Charles Emsden, Executor
6028 W. Cardinal St.
Homasassa
55794 3/4-3/25

26-157
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of SALLY ELIZABETH SCALES, deceased, of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 29th day of January 2026.
Charles Scales, Executor
c/o Rebecca C. Moody
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC
P.O. Box 422
Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238
54898 2/11-3/4

26-173
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
GEORGIA
HOUSTON COUNTY
All creditors of RONALD BRUCE VAUGHAN, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned estate representative. Andrew Jeffrey Vaughan, c/o M. Stanley Martin, Attorney at Law, 127 Carl Vinson Pkwy., Warner Robins, GA 31088 (478) 225-2147
55141 2/11-3/4

26-220
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. This 17th day of February 2026.
Sharon Luceford, Executrix
c/o Rebecca C. Moody
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC
P.O. Box 422
Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238
55541 2/25-3/18

26-251
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of MAFATLAL G. PATEL, 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 24TH day of February 2026.
Ritaben Patel, Administrator
c/o Rebecca C. Moody
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC
P.O. Box 422
Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238
55777 3/4-3/25

26-219
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
55533 2/25-3/18

26-185
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
All creditors of the estate of CAROL ANN JOHNSON, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Judy Williams, Petitioner of the Estate of CAROL ANN JOHNSON
402 Lady Liberty Way
Lexington, SC 29073
Jordan Reab
WALKER, HULBERT, GRAY & MOORE, LLP
PO Box 1770
Perry, GA 31069
478-987-1415
55197 2/18-3/11

26-180
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
All creditors of the Estate of Kanaiyalal 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.
Dated this 5th day of February, 2026.
Rashmiben Patel, as Executor of the Estate of Kanaiyalal G. Patel
Address: 102 Jamestown Court
Centerville, GA 31028
Justin S. Hollingsworth
Smith, Hawkins, Hollingsworth & Reeves
PO Box 6495
Macon, Georgia 31208-6495
55161 2/11-3/4

26-232
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: ESTATE OF Ronald Wilson Roberts, DECEASED
All creditors of the Estate of Ronald Wilson Roberts, 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 19 day of February, 2026.
Jason Ronald Roberts, Executor
301 Cameron Ct.
Kathleen, GA 31047
55649 3/4-3/25

26-221
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 9, 2026
James L. Kober, Administrator
of the Estate of Terry Wayne Bearden
112 Friendly Acres Road
Hawley, PA 18428
Robert R. Lawson
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
55211 2/18-3/11

26-260
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: BRUCE ELWOOD SHAVER, DECEASED
All creditors of the estate of Bruce Elwood Shaver, 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. Bruce T. Joyner is the Executor of the estate of Bruce Elwood Shaver. Edwin S. Varner, Jr., Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088, (478) 922-3010.
55887 3/4-3/25

26-158
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of Gerald Paul Campbell late of Houston County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 29th day of January, 2026
Name: Kimberley Jean Levy c/o Broel Law, LLC
Title: Administrator
Address: 331 N. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30060
54904 2/11-3/4

26-278
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: MALINDA FAYE ANDERSON
All creditors of the Estate of Malinda Faye Anderson, 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 25, 2026
Beketha Anderson & Wilbert Anderson
Administrators of the Estate of Malinda Faye Anderson
206 Locke Avenue West
Union Springs, AL 36089
Robert T. Tuggle, III
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
55957 3/4-3/25

26-248
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of JAMES WATERHOUSE, 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 23RD day of February 2026.
Steven Lee Riffle, Administrator
c/o Rebecca C. Moody
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC
P.O. Box 422
Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238
55737 3/4-3/25

26-234
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: Estate of Anne Marie Saul, Deceased
All creditors of the Estate Anne Marie Saul, deceased, late of Houston County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the Administrator named below according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to said Administrator. Demands and payments may be sent to counsel for the Administrator, Michael L. Chidester, Attorney, P.O. Box 1704, Byron, Georgia 31008
This 19th day of February, 2026.
Victoria L. Hull
Administrator
55561 3/4-3/25

26-211
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
55460 2/25-3/18

26-191
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: TERRY WAYNE BEARDEN
All creditors of the Estate of Terry Wayne Bearden, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
February 9, 2026
James L. Kober, Administrator
of the Estate of Terry Wayne Bearden
112 Friendly Acres Road
Hawley, PA 18428
Robert R. Lawson
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
55211 2/18-3/11

26-160
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of FRANCISCO RIVERA late of Houston County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.
This 29th day of January, 2026
Name: Elliot Rivera
Title: Executor
Address: 7393 Hodgson Memorial Drive Suite 202 Savannah GA 31406
54910 2/11-3/4

26-249
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: ESTATE OF ANDREW JOHN DEILE
All creditors of the estate of Andrew John Deile, 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. Lynn Fulknier Deile is the Executor of the estate of Andrew John Deile. D. Lee Peacock, Attorney at Law, 1719 Russell Pkwy., Bldg. 200, Warner Robins, GA 31088 (478) 922-3010.
55743 3/4-3/25

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

26-241
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
All creditors of the Estate of ANNIS M. CLEMENT, 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 23RD day of February 2026.
Kristal Clement Waller, Executrix
c/o Rebecca C. Moody
MOODY & ASSOCIATES LAW OFFICE, LLC
P.O. Box 422
Perry, GA 31069
478-988-0238
55703 3/4-3/25

26-212
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
All creditors of the Estate of H. Cullen Talton, Jr., 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.
Dated this 13th day of February, 2026.
Neal L. Talton, as Administrator of the Estate of H. Cullen Talton, Jr.
Address: 264 Old Hawkinsville Road
Bonaire, GA 31005
David S. Hollingsworth
Smith, Hawkins, Hollingsworth & Reeves
PO Box 6495
Macon, Georgia 31208-6495
55469 2/25-3/18

26-247
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM L. FINNEY.
All creditors of the estate of William L. Finney, late of Houston County, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment this 23rd day of February 2026 to Mary Doreen McCloskey, c/o Attorney: Tim J. Thompson, 1900B Northside Crossing, Macon, GA 31210, 478-471-9900.
55729 3/4-3/25

26-187
NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS
STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
IN RE: ANDREA DENISE HONEYCUTT
All creditors of the Estate of Andrea Denise Honeycutt, deceased, late of Houston County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
February 9, 2026
Larry Dean Honeycutt, Administrator
of the Estate of Andrea Denise Honeycutt
215 Houston Dr.
Kathleen, GA 31047
Robert R. Lawson
Daniel, Lawson, Tuggle & Jerles, LLP
Post Office Box 89
Perry, Georgia 31069
55205 2/18-3/11

Divorce

26-165
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
Ashley Martiny,
Plaintiff,
v.
Joseph Martiny,
Defendant
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133286


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


26-164
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
Trenise Denise Smith,
Plaintiff,
v.
Morris Smith
Defendant
Civil Action File No. 2026V0133558
NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: Morris Smith, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce was filed against you in said court on January 5, 2026, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on January 26th, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff, whose address is 1808


Eiberta 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 the 26th day of January, 2026.
Jennifer Otto
CLERK, Superior Court
Houston Judicial Circuit
54984 2/11-3/4

26-189
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
Breanna Knight,
Plaintiff,
v.
Rasheed Ahmad,
Defendant
Civil Action File No. 2025V0132797
NOTICE OF SUMMONS-SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: Rasheed Ahmad, Defendant Named Above: You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a divorce was filed against you in said court on August 14, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on January 27th, 2026, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon the Plaintiff, whose address is 117 Orchard Pass, Warner Robins, GA 31088, an answer to the complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
Witness the Honorable Edward D. Luke-mire, Judge of said Court.
This the 28th day of January
Jennifer Otto
CLERK, Superior Court
Houston Judicial Circuit
55208 2/18-3/11

DUI

26-235

Defendant's Name: Laquasha Minion
Date of Arrest: 12/14/24
Time of Arrest: 4:08 am
Place of Arrest: N. Pleasant Hill Rd & Forest Park Dr.
Arresting Agency: Warner Robins Police Dept
Disposition: 12 mos Probation, Clinical Evaluation, 240 hrs Community Service, 30 days Electronic Monitoring, Risk Reduction Program, Ignition Interlock, and \$1,730.00 fine.
55655 3/4

26-244

Defendant's Name: Maureen Moore
Address:
Date of Arrest: 08/07/2025
Time of Arrest: 3:18 PM
Place of Arrest: Russell Pkwy / Belmont Dr.
Arresting Agency: Warner Robins Police Dept.
Disposition: 12 mths probation, risk reduction program, ignition interlock, clinical evaluation, 30 days electronic monitoring and \$1,730.00 fine.
55720 3/4

26-281

Defendant's Name: Lance Avery Popham
Address: 100 Howard St.
Byron, GA 31008
Date of Arrest: 2/17/2025
Time of Arrest: 12:01 PM
Place of Arrest: Houston County, GA
Arresting Agency: Houston County Sheriff's Department
Disposition: ;30 days EM; 12 mo probation; ;80 hrs comm service; risk reduction; victim impact panel; clinical eval; ignition interlock; subject to alcohol/drug screens Who has been convicted of his/her 2nd or subsequent DUI. This notice is published in accordance with Georgia law.
55995 3/4



26-237
Defendant's Name: Robert Deshon Dennis
Address:
Date of Arrest: 05/24/2025
Time of Arrest: 7:01 AM
Place of Arrest: Pine Valley Drive // Sheridan Way
Arresting Agency: Warner Robins Police Dept
Disposition: 12 mths probation, ignition interlock, clinical evaluation, 30 days electronic monitoring and \$1,730.00 fine.
55696 3/4

Foreclosures

26-225
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: 0P052-0-026-000 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.
55603 2/25-4/29

26-224

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA

HOUSTON COUNTY WHEREAS, Amanda Jean Smith and Diana Penuel Smith joint tenancy 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. **55601 2/25-4/29**

26-280

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY

Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Aralylus L Kingdom to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for New American Funding, LLC, its successors and assigns dated July 18, 2023, recorded in Deed Book 10140, Page 150-163, Houston County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 10650, Page 220, 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 10576, Page 606, Houston County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$297,192.00), 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. Broker Solutions Inc. dba New American Funding 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, LLC, 8201 North FM 620, Suite 120, Austin, TX 78726, 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 **>313 RUGER PI, Kathleen, GA 31047**. 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, (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. Broker Solutions Inc. dba New American Funding as Attorney in Fact for Aralylus L Kingdom 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 154 OF THE TENTH (10TH) LAND DISTRICT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 87, BLOCK "C", SECTION 3, HUNT PLACE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO A PLAT OF SURVEY BEING OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 83, PAGE 268, CLERK'S OFFICE, HOUSTON SUPERIOR COURT. SAID PLAT AND THE RECORD THEREOF ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR ALL PURPOSES. MR / CA May 5, 2026 Our file no. 26-21858GA-F117 26-21858GA **55978 3/4-4/29**

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 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 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. **54181 1/28-4/1**

26-265 **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION [REF O.C.G.A. § 48-4-5 et seq.: 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]** TO: Taxpayer and Defendant in Fieri Facias Ernest R. Lewis; all persons known and unknown having of record in Houston County any right, title interest in, or lien upon all and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0270 016000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 4658, Pages 310-322. Being the same property conveyed to Rebecca Hamilton, Grantee, from Tax Commissioner and Ex Officio Sheriff of Houston County, Grantor, by Tax Deed recorded October 9, 2014 in Book 6675, Page 32, Clerk's Office, Houston County Superior Court, designated as Houston County Tax ID 0P0270 016000, physical address **212 Hickory Drive, Perry, Georgia**; all creditors of any of the foregoing; and All the World. Take notice that: The right to redeem the following described property, to-wit: All that tract or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 76, Fairview Heights Subdivision, as more particularly shown on a plat of survey prepared by Rhodes Sewell, Surveyor, on December 15, 1949, a copy of said plat being of record in Map Book 2, Page 301, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. Will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 1st day of April, 2026 or within thirty (30) days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated October 9, 2014 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Deed Book 6675 at Page 32. The property may be redeemed at any time before the 1st day of April, 2026 by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: 4M HOLDINGS, LLC, c/o Jordan L. Reab, Attorney at Law, Walker, Hulbert, Gray & Moore, LLP, P.O. Box 1770, Perry, GA 31069 Please be governed accordingly. Note, the interest in the property of 4M Holdings, LLC is based upon a Warranty Deed from Rebecca Hamilton, Grantor, dated November 24, 2025, and recorded December 2, 2025 in Book 10725, Pages 181-182, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. **55923 3/4-3/25**

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION [REF O.C.G.A. § 48-4-5 et seq.: 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO: Taxpayer and Defendant in Fieri Facias Ernest R. Lewis; all persons known and unknown having of record in Houston County any right, title interest in, or lien upon all and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0270 016000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 4658, Pages 310-322. Being the same property conveyed to Rebecca Hamilton, Grantee, from Tax Commissioner and Ex Officio Sheriff of Houston County, Grantor, by Tax Deed recorded October 9, 2014 in Book 6675, Page 32, Clerk's Office, Houston County Superior Court, designated as Houston County Tax ID 0P0270 016000, physical address **212 Hickory Drive, Perry, Georgia**; all creditors of any of the foregoing; and All the World. Take notice that: The right to redeem the following described property, to-wit: All that tract or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 76, Fairview Heights Subdivision, as more particularly shown on a plat of survey prepared by Rhodes Sewell, Surveyor, on December 15, 1949, a copy of said plat being of record in Map Book 2, Page 301, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. Will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 1st day of April, 2026 or within thirty (30) days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated October 9, 2014 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Deed Book 6675 at Page 32. The property may be redeemed at any time before the 1st day of April, 2026 by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: 4M HOLDINGS, LLC, c/o Jordan L. Reab, Attorney at Law, Walker, Hulbert, Gray & Moore, LLP, P.O. Box 1770, Perry, GA 31069 Please be governed accordingly. Note, the interest in the property of 4M Holdings, LLC is based upon a Warranty Deed from Rebecca Hamilton, Grantor, dated November 24, 2025, and recorded December 2, 2025 in Book 10725, Pages 181-182, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. **55923 3/4-3/25**

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NOTICE TO FORECLOSE RIGHT TO REDEEM TO Rohil H. Suthar and other interested parties

TAKE NOTICE THAT: The right to redeem the following described property, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Land Lot 174 of the Fifth (5th) Land District, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as east 10 feet of Lot 19 and the west 10 feet of Lot 18, Stanton Plaza Subdivision, being a portion of a resubdivision of Block "P" Walker Park Subdivision, according to a plat of survey of record in Plat Book 12, Page 57, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the recorded copy thereof are incorporated by reference for all purposes. Said property also known as Map and Parcel No. W48-E-4J in the Houston County Tax Assessor's Office. Said property was purchased at a Tax Sale by Rebecca J. Hamilton evidenced by Tax Sale Deed, dated June 3, 2021, recorded in Deed Book 9189, Page 107, Houston County, Georgia Deed Records. Will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 30th day of April, 2026. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated June 3, 2021, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Deed Book 9189, Page 107. The property may be redeemed at any time before the 30th day of April, 2026 by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: Kim H. Stroup James-Bates-Brannan-Groover-LLP PO Box 4283 Macon GA 31208-4283 (478) 749-9929 **55725 3/4-3/25**

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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 Shakera 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 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, (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 Shakera 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 Our file no. 550716-F15 550716 **55395 2/25-4/29**

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

[REF O.C.G.A. § 48-4-5 et seq.: 48-4-45 & 48-4-46] TO: Taxpayer and Defendant in Fieri Facias Ernest R. Lewis; all persons known and unknown having of record in Houston County any right, title interest in, or lien upon all and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0P0270 017000, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, described in Deed Book 4658, Pages 310-322. Being the same property conveyed to Rebecca Hamilton, Grantee, from Tax Commissioner and Ex Officio Sheriff of Houston County, Grantor, by Tax Deed recorded October 9, 2014 in Book 6675, Page 31, Clerk's Office, Houston County Superior Court, designated as Houston County Tax ID 0P0270 017000, physical address **214 Hickory Drive, Perry, Georgia**; all creditors of any of the foregoing; and All the World. Take notice that: The right to redeem the following described property, to-wit: All that tract or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the City of Perry, Houston County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 75, Fairview Heights Subdivision, as more particularly shown on a plat of survey prepared by Rhodes Sewell, Surveyor, on December 15, 1949, a copy of said plat being of record in Map Book 2, Page 301, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. Said plat and the record thereof are incorporated herein by

reference for all purposes. will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 1st day of April, 2026 or within thirty (30) days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later. The tax deed to which this notice relates is dated October 9, 2014 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Deed Book 6675 at Page 31. The property may be redeemed at any time before the 1st day of April, 2026 by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: 4M HOLDINGS, LLC, c/o Jordan L. Reab, Attorney at Law, Walker, Hulbert, Gray & Moore, LLP, P.O. Box 1770, Perry, GA 31069 Please be governed accordingly. Note, the interest in the property of 4M Holdings, LLC is based upon a Warranty Deed from Rebecca Hamilton, Grantor, dated November 24, 2025, and recorded December 2, 2025 in Book 10725, Pages 181-182, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court. **55922 3/4-3/25**

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Miscellaneous

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**

26-262

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF SERVICE

PETITIONER: DARRELL L. PASSINAULT RESPONDENTS: ESTATE OF JAMES DUHART, ESTATE OF BARTHOLOMEW DUHART, DOROTHY DUHART, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ZARAH DUHART, ESTATE OF ELLA MAE DUHART, LINDA ANN LEWIS, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM DUHART, ESTATE OF CATHERINE DUHART, BOBBIE DUHART, Taxpayer and Defendant in Fieri Facias; all persons known and unknown having of record in Houston County, Georgia any right, title interest in, or lien upon all and only that parcel of land designated as TAX PARCEL 000130 025000, Street Address: Whitfield Road, Elko, Georgia. Being the same property conveyed to Rebecca Hamilton, Grantee, from Tax Commissioner and Ex-Officio Sheriff of Houston County, Georgia, Grantor, by Tax Deed dated April 10, 2018, and recorded April 10, 2018 in Book 7812, Page 178, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court; all creditors of any of the foregoing; and All the World.

RE: PETITION TO QUIET TITLE to parcel of land designated as TAX PARCEL 000130 025000, Street Address: Whitfield Road, Elko, Georgia (the "Respondent Property"). DATE PETITION FILED: February 3, 2026 DATE OF ORDER FOR PUBLICATION: February 25, 2026 TO: NAMED RESPONDENTS; and/or ANY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN [The "Respondent(s)"] in the Referenced Action - Petition to Quiet Title]. TAKE NOTICE THAT, Darrell Passinault as NAMED Petitioner, has caused to be filed, in the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, a Petition to Quiet Title, in conjunction with the above referenced parcel of land; under the provisions of O.C.G.A., § 48-4-40 et seq., and § 23-3-60, et seq. Petitioner is seeking an order to quiet title to the Respondent Property. For the specifics of such pleas for relief the Parties Respondent must refer to the original petition and all other pleadings filed with the court.

All Respondent(s) are hereby notified and commanded to be and appear at the court in which this action is pending within 30 days of the date of the Order for service by publication. All named Respondent(s) are to file any response or answer with the Clerk of the Superior Court of the above referenced Court, at the address show below: Clerk, Superior Court of Houston County 201 N Perry Pkwy Perry, GA 31069 with a copy of such response or answer to be sent to the Attorney for the Petitioner, Jordan L. Reab, Walker, Hulbert, Gray & Moore, LLP, 909 Ball Street, P. O. Box 1770, Perry, Georgia 31069. WITNESS THE Honorable Amy Smith, Judge, Superior Court of Houston County. BY: /s/ Terri L. Childers, Clerk of Superior Court, Houston County, Georgia **55919 3/4-3/25**

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**

26-217

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF SERVICE

PETITIONER: 4M HOLDINGS, LLC RESPONDENTS: ERNEST R. LEWIS, Taxpayer and Defendant in Fieri Facias; all persons known and unknown having of record in Houston County, Georgia any right, title interest in, or lien upon all and only that parcel of land designated as TAX PARCEL 0P0270 016000, Street Address: 212 Hickory Drive, Perry, Georgia. Being the same property conveyed to Rebecca Hamilton, Grantee, from Tax Commissioner and Ex-Officio Sheriff of Houston County, Georgia, Grantor, by Tax Deed dated October 9, 2014, and recorded October 9, 2014 in Book 6675, Page 32, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court; all creditors of any of the foregoing; and All the World. RE: PETITION TO QUIET TITLE to parcel of land designated as TAX PARCEL 0P0270 016000, Street Address: 212 Hickory Drive, Perry, Georgia (the "Respondent Property"). DATE PETITION FILED: December 29, 2025 DATE OF ORDER FOR PUBLICATION: February 13, 2026

TO: NAMED RESPONDENTS; and/or ANY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN [The "Respondent(s)"] in the Referenced Action - Petition to Quiet Title]. TAKE NOTICE THAT, 4M HOLDINGS, LLC as NAMED Petitioner, has caused to be filed, in the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, a Petition to Quiet Title, in conjunction with the above referenced parcel of land; under the provisions of O.C.G.A., § 48-4-40 et seq., and § 23-3-60, et seq. Petitioner is seeking an order to quiet title to the Respondent Property. For the specifics of such pleas for relief the Parties Respondent must refer to the original petition and all other pleadings filed with the court.

All Respondent(s) are hereby notified and commanded to be and appear at the court in which this action is pending within 30 days of the date of the Order for service by publication. All named Respondent(s) are to file any response or answer with the Clerk of the Superior Court of the above referenced Court, at the address show below: Clerk, Superior Court of Houston County 201 N Perry Pkwy Perry, GA 31069 with a copy of such response or answer to be sent to the Attorney for the Petitioner, Jordan L. Reab, Walker, Hulbert, Gray & Moore, LLP, 909 Ball Street, P. O. Box 1770, Perry, Georgia 31069.

WITNESS THE Honorable Amy Smith, Judge, Superior Court of Houston County. BY: /s/ Terri L. Childers, Clerk of Superior Court, Houston County, Georgia **55488 2/25-3/18**

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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/3D4PG5FV4AT274450 **55471 2/25-3/4**

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

Public Hearings

26-184
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
J. F. T., SEX F, AGE 17, DOB 04/18/2008, CASE #2600136
CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO ELIZABETH THOMAS
You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 02/04/26, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 02/05/26
YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 04/08/26 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Houston County Juvenile Court Clerk.
WITNESS THE Honorable Judges of this court, this 5th day of February, 2026.
CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT
55176 2/18-3/11

26-255
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE (TOWING OR STORAGE COMPANY)
Vehicle Make: Taizhou
Year: 2024
Model: Moped
Vehicle ID #: HD0TABF5XR077552
Vehicle License #:
State:
You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that the above-referenced vehicle is subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.
The vehicle is currently located at 410 Story Road, Warner Robins, GA 31093
Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the following business immediately:
Business Name: Don's Wrecker Service
Address: 410 Story Road
Warner Robins, GA 31093
Telephone #: 478-923-6732
55789 3/4-3/11

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

26-206
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
I. L. B., SEX F, AGE 4, DOB 09/14/2021, CASE #2600154
CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, AMBER LAIL (mother); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD
You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 02/09/26, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 02/10/26
YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 04/08/26 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Houston County Juvenile Court Clerk.
WITNESS THE Honorable Judges of this court, this 10th day of February, 2026.
CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT
55433 2/18-3/11

26-239
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE MATTER OF:
F.H.J., SEX F, AGE <1, DOB 07/27/2025, CASE #2501780
CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING TO HAVE A PARENTAL INTEREST IN SAID MINOR CHILD BORN TO JENNIFER MARIE JOINER.
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 17th day of February, 2026, by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 18th 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 1st day of April, 2026 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. for a status hearing (attorney appointment only); and on the 13th day of May, 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 20th day of January, 2026.
CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
55698 3/4-3/25

26-196
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

26-238
AUCTION (Perry Self Storage):
NOTICE OF SALE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PERRY SELF STORAGE (518 GENERAL COURTNEY HODGES BLVD. PERRY, GA 31069) INTENDS TO SELL THE PERSONAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW TO ENFORCE A LIEN ON SAID PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE GEORGIA CODE SECTIONS 10-4-210 TO 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Tuesday, March 17th, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. online at www.StorageTreasures.com, property found in the following units:

- Cox, Bonnie - Unit 121
Various Household Goods
Crane, Question - Unit 37
Various Household Goods
Harvey-Brown, Indlia - Unit 45
Various Household Goods
Lakamp, Christie - Unit 325
Various Household Goods
Pierre, Michellande - Unit 3
Various Household Goods
Wynn, Jessica - Unit 111
Various Household Goods

26-207
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
J.W., SEX M, AGE <1, DOB 01/21/2026, CASE #2600174
CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILD BORN TO SHALEANA WILLIAMS
You are notified that a Dependency Petition was filed against you in said court on 02/09/26, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 02/10/25
YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 04/15/26 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Houston County Juvenile Court Clerk.
WITNESS THE Honorable Judges of this court, this 10th day of February, 2026.
CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT
55434 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. BILOW (father of A.B.); THOMAS V. WILDS (father of G.H.); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILDREN BORN TO BRITNEY HOLT
You are notified that a Petition for Guardianship was filed against you in said court on 02/06/26, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 02/10/26
YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 04/22/26 at 8:30 o'clock a.m., for a hearing following service by publication. Serve an answer on Petitioner's Attorney, James E. Patterson, P. O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029. You may obtain a copy of the petition by contacting Houston County Juvenile Court Clerk.
WITNESS THE Honorable Judges of this court, this 10th day of February, 2026.
CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT
55432 2/18-3/11

26-208
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE MATTER OF:
W. G. A-S., SEX F, AGE 3, DOB 01/20/2023, CASE #2600034
CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, GABRIELLA JADE ASKEA-SKINNER (mother); SHANE WALDEN (father); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER; AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING TO HAVE A PARENTAL INTEREST IN SAID MINOR CHILD
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the above styled action seeking the termination of the parental rights of the parents of the named child was filed against you in said Court on the 6th day of February, 2026, by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 10th day of February, 2026;
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Houston County, Georgia, in Warner Robins, Georgia, on the 18th day of March, 2026 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. for a status hearing (attorney appointment only); and on the 29th day of April, 2026 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. The second hearing is for the purpose of determining whether your parental rights should be terminated. The effect of an order terminating parental rights under O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-93 is without limit as to duration and terminates all the parent's rights and obligations with respect to the child and all rights and obligations of the child to the parent arising from the parental relationship, including rights of inheritance. The parent whose rights are terminated is not thereafter entitled to notice of proceedings for the adoption of the child by another, nor has the parent any right to object to the adoption or otherwise to participate in the proceedings.
A copy of the petition may be obtained by the parents from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court at Houston County Courthouse, Warner Robins, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 o'clock 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 23rd day of February, 2026.
(Deputy) CLERK, JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
55786 3/4-3/25

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

26-214
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF SERVICE
PETITIONER: 4M HOLDINGS, LLC
RESPONDENTS: ERNEST R. LEWIS, Taxpayer and Defendant in Fieri Facias; all persons known and unknown having of record in Houston County, Georgia any right, title interest in, or lien upon all and only that parcel of land designated as TAX PARCEL 0P0270 017000, Street Address: 214 Hickory Drive, Perry, Georgia. Being the same property conveyed to Rebecca Hamilton, Grantee, from Tax Commissioner and Ex-Officio Sheriff of Houston County, Georgia, Grantor, by Tax Deed dated October 9, 2014, and recorded October 9, 2014 in Book 6675, Page 31, Clerk's Office, Houston Superior Court; all creditors of any of the foregoing; and All the World.
RE: PETITION TO QUIET TITLE to parcel of land designated as TAX PARCEL 0P0270 017000, Street Address: 214 Hickory Drive, Perry, Georgia (the "Respondent Property").
DATE PETITION FILED: December 29, 2025
DATE OF ORDER FOR PUBLICATION: February 13, 2026
TO: NAMED RESPONDENTS; and/or ANY AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN [The "Respondent(s)"] in the Referenced Action - Petition to Quiet Title). TAKE NOTICE THAT, 4M HOLDINGS, LLC as NAMED Petitioner, has caused to be filed, in the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, a Petition to Quiet Title, in conjunction with the above referenced parcel of land; under the provisions of O.C.G.A., § 48-4-40 et seq., and § 23-3-60, et seq. Petitioner is seeking an order to quiet title to the Respondent Property. For the specifics of such pleas for relief the Parties Respondent must refer to the original petition and all other pleadings filed with the court.
All Respondent(s) are hereby noticed and commanded to be and appear at the court in which this action is pending within 30 days of the date of the Order for service by publication. All named Respondent(s) are to file any response or answer with the Clerk of the Superior Court of the above referenced Court, at the address show below: Clerk, Superior Court of Houston County 201 N Perry Pkwy Perry, GA 31069
with a copy of such response or answer to be sent to the Attorney for the Petitioner, Jordan L. Reab, Walker, Hulbert, Gray & Moore, LLP, 909 Ball Street, P. O. Box 1770, Perry, Georgia 31069.
WITNESS THE Honorable Edward D. Lukemire, Judge, Superior Court of Houston County, BY: /s/ Terri L. Childers, Clerk of Superior Court, Houston County, Georgia
55478 2/25-3/18

26-254
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE MATTER OF:
J. S. P., JR., SEX M, AGE 2, DOB 08/19/2023, CASE #2600131
CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
NOTICE OF SUMMONS
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, KERRIA SKY BILBAY (mother); JOSEPH STERLING PADGETT, SR. (father); CALLAN MENDER (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 23rd day of February, 2026, by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 23rd 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 15th day of April, 2026 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. for a status hearing (attorney appointment only); and on the 20th day of May, 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 23rd day of February, 2026.
(Deputy) CLERK, JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
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26-163
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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

26-279
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Storage Master at Perry Parkway located at 424 Perry Pkwy. Perry GA 31069 will sell at PUBLIC ONLINE AUCTION; listed at www.bid13.com, pursuant to Ga. Law Section 10-4-213 will be sold at 9:30 AM, on March 21, 2026 the following units:
F12 Gregory Collier, Trunks, Miscellaneous Items
D04 Darius Ingram, Household Goods, Furniture
B18 Mark Moody, Household Goods
B36 Marcus Womack, Painting Equipment
55960 3/4

26-240
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GEORGIA
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN THE INTEREST OF:
K. H. , SEX F, AGE 14, DOB 08/10/2011, CASE #2600212
J. H., SEX M, AGE 8, DOB 08/14/2017, CASE #2600213
R. H. , SEX F, AGE 1, DOB 03/01/2024, CASE #2600215
CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, SHAKINA HORTON (mother); HIRAM SESSOMS (father of K.H.); WILLIAM SIMMONS (father of J.H. & R.H.); ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER, AND ANYONE ELSE CLAIMING A PARENTAL INTEREST IN THE ABOVE CHILDREN
You are notified that a Petition for Guardianship to the Maternal Grandmother was filed against you in said court on 02/17/26, an Order for Service by Publication was entered on 02/18/26
YOU ARE COMMANDED AND REQUIRED TO BE AND APPEAR before Houston County Juvenile Court, held at Houston County Juvenile Court, Warner Robins, Georgia on 04/29/26 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 20th day of February, 2026.
CHRISTINA HARPER, DEPUTY CLERK HOUSTON CO. JUVENILE COURT
55699 3/4-3/25

26-259
Case No. 24-G-6
To: Lonnie Baldwin
You are hereby notified that a Petition for Co-Guardianship and Co Conservatorship of the Cheyenne O'Connor has been filed in the Circuit Court of Marion County, WV. A hearing on Co-Guardianship is scheduled for March 24, 2026 at 11AM at 400 Locust Ave. Fairmont, WV 26554.
If you fail to appear or respond on or before March 20, 2026, a default judgment may be entered against you and the court may grant the co-guardianship, which may affect your parental rights.
Joanne O'Connor
1770 Morgantown Ave A12
Fairmont, Wv 26554
681-332-6760
55818 3/4-3/18

Name Changes
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 8th 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 8th day of December, 2025.
Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay
Petitioner
55017 2/11-3/4
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
26-168
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
26-243
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Joseph Brinkley
Civil Action File No. 2026V0133838
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Joseph Brinkley, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 9th day of February, 2025, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Joseph Demond Brinkley Jr. to Joseph Theopignosis Favor. 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 9th day of February, 2026.
Joseph Brinkley
Petitioner
55707 3/4-3/25
26-242
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Nora Mason
Minor Child(ren)
Civil Action File No. 2026V0133801
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Chelsea Leigh Bridges, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 9th day of February, 2026, praying for a change in the name of minor child(ren) from Nora Eloise Mason to Nora Eloise Bridges. 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 9th day of February, 2026.
Chelsea Bridges
Petitioner pro se
55705 3/4-3/25
26-218
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Sesil Desiree Aguirre
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133390
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Sesil 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 Sesil Desiree Aguirre to Sesil 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.
Sesil Desiree Aguirre
Petitioner
55489 2/25-3/18
26-190
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Alyssa Noelle Sullivan
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133441
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
Notice is hereby given that Alyssa Noelle Sullivan, the undersigned, filed this petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 16th day of December, 2025, praying for a change in the name of the petitioner from Alyssa Noelle Sullivan, to 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

Notice is hereby given that Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia on the 8th 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 8th day of December, 2025.
Kaylee Elizabeth Barclay
Petitioner
55017 2/11-3/4
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
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/s/ Lynn Hamilton Johnson
LYNN HAMILTON JOHNSON
Attorney for Petitioner
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724 Bernard Drive
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(478) 922-3889
55203 2/18-3/11
26-168
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
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Kimberly Frenz
Petitioner pro se
55206 2/18-3/11
26-243
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STATE OF GEORGIA
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Joseph Brinkley
Petitioner
55707 3/4-3/25
26-242
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Nora Mason
Minor Child(ren)
Civil Action File No. 2026V0133801
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
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Chelsea Bridges
Petitioner pro se
55705 3/4-3/25
26-218
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
In Re: Sesil Desiree Aguirre
Civil Action File No. 2025V0133390
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
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Sesil Desiree Aguirre
Petitioner
55489 2/25-3/18
26-190
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HOUSTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
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Civil Action File No. 2025V0133441
NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
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Alyssa Noelle Sullivan
Petitioner
55209 2/18-3/11

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
26-258
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there will be heard before the Judge presiding in the Superior Court of Houston County, Georgia, on the 20th day of March, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Houston County Courthouse, in the City of Perry, Georgia, the case of State of Georgia v. Houston County School District, the same being a proceeding to confirm and validate an issue by the Houston County School District of its General Obligation Bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$30,000,000, and the security therefor. The proceeds of the Bonds shall be used to fund all or a portion of the following capital outlay projects: acquiring, constructing, repairing, improving, renovating, adding to, extending, upgrading, furnishing, and equipping school buildings and support facilities in the Houston County School District useful or desirable in connection therewith, including acquiring any necessary property therefore, both real and personal, specifically including the following: (1) acquiring safety, security, and fire protection equipment; (2) acquiring instructional and administrative technology equipment and materials; (3) acquiring, adding to, renovating, repairing, improving, furnishing, and equipping existing school buildings, and other buildings and facilities, including any necessary demolition; (4) renovations, additions, and improvements to parking and traffic access facilities, including any necessary site work; (5) acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new elementary school; (6) acquiring, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new college and career academy; (7) acquiring, constructing, and equipping athletic facilities; (8) acquiring buses, vehicles, and transportation equipment (the "Projects"); and (9) paying expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing. The Bonds will be payable first from the proceeds of a 1 percent sales and use tax for educational purposes, then from a direct annual ad valorem tax, unlimited as to rate or amount, on all property within the Houston County School District subject to taxation for bond purposes, and then from Intercept Program funds.
NO PERFORMANCE AUDIT OR PERFORMANCE REVIEW SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITH RESPECT TO SUCH BOND ISSUE.
Any resident of said County or any other person wherever residing who has a right to object may intervene and become a party to these proceedings at or before the time set for the hearing.
This Notice is being signed on this 23rd day of February, 2026.
/s/ Terry L. Childers
Terry L. Childers
Clerk of Superior Court of Houston County
55813 3/4-3/11
26-298
Legal Notice
Notice is hereby given that the Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 23, 2026 at the hour of 5:30 p.m. at the Houston County Annex Building in Warner Robins, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to a Special Exception, as provided by the terms of the Houston County Zoning Resolution.
The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on April 7

26-293

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 23, 2026 at the hour of 5:30 p.m. at the Houston County Annex Building in Warner Robins, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to a Special Exception, as provided by the terms of the Houston County Zoning Resolution.

The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on April 7, 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 as to a Special Exception on the following real estate:

Property Description

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 228 of the 10th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Lot 6, Block "F", Section 2 of Mooreland Acres Subdivision, Consisting of 0.86 Acres and better known as the property of Leslie Sanneman. Property is located at 206 Lamar Drive.

All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by Leslie Sanneman.

Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals: By: Chairman, John Trussell
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews
56009 3/4-3/11

26-290

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 23, 2026 at the hour of 5:30 p.m. at the Houston County Annex Building in Warner Robins, Georgia for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to a Special Exception, as provided by the terms of the Houston County Zoning Resolution.

The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on April 7, 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 as to a Special Exception on the following real estate:

Property Description

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 79 of the 11th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Lot 28 of Eagle Ridge at Statham's Landing Subdivision, Consisting of 0.50 Acres and better known as the property of Valerie Martin. Property is located at 104 Crest Pointe.

All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by Valerie Martin.

Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals: By: Chairman, John Trussell
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews
56006 3/4-3/11

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

26-292

Legal Notice

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The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on April 7, 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 as to a Special Exception on the following real estate:

Property Description

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 72 of the 12th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Tract "DK" and "DK-1" as shown on plat of survey for Dustin and Kaitlin Rainey, Consisting of 10.22 Acres and better known as the property of Dustin Rainey.

Property is located at 837 Klondike Road.

All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by John Rich III.

Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals: By: Chairman, John Trussell
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews
56008 3/4-3/11

26-289

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Property Description

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 54 & 55 of the 12th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Parcel "A" as shown on a plat of survey for Jerry J. & Wanda E. Hedden, Consisting of 6.76 Acres and better known as the property of Paul and Melissa Clark.

Property is located at 3500 Highway 341 S.

All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by Paul and Melissa Clark.

Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals: By: Chairman, John Trussell
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews
56005 3/4-3/11

26-295

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The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on April 7, 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 as to a Special Exception on the following real estate:

Property Description

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 100 of the 10th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Lot 12, Block "C", Phase 3 of Weatherby Plantation Subdivision, Consisting of 0.41 Acres and better known as the property of Haywood Murphy.

Property is located at 509 Childers Drive.

All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by Melissa Stone.

Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals: By: Chairman, John Trussell
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews
56011 3/4-3/11

26-252

LEGAL NOTICE

The Robins Air Force Base (AFB) quarterly Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting will be held on Thursday, 12 March 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Centerville City Hall, 300 Church Street, Centerville, Georgia.

Robins AFB recognizes the importance of involving the public in environmental matters. The RAB was established to serve as a forum so that people in the local communities can be involved with the Base and regulatory agencies as we work to provide stewardship for our shared environment. To foster open discussion and information exchange, all interested parties are invited to attend the meeting and learn more about the environmental restoration activities at Robins AFB.

If you have questions, contact the Robins AFB RAB Manager, Mr. Fred Otto, at (478) 327-9272.

55783 3/4

26-297

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Property Description

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 42 of the 11th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Lot 15, Block "D", Section 2, Phase 1 of Old Hickory Village Subdivision, Consisting of 0.46 Acres and better known as the property of William and Latrinka Webb.

Property is located at 222 Olde Hickory Circle.

All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by William and Latrinka Webb.

Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals: By: Chairman, John Trussell
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews
56013 3/4-3/11

26-294

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Property Description

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 74 of the 10th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, as shown on a plat of survey for Amrusha LLC, Consisting of 3.66 Acres and better known as the property of Amrusha LLC.

Property is located at 2284 Highway 41 N.

All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by Alfredo R. Batista Saury for Gran Comision Inc.

Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals: By: Chairman, John Trussell
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews
56010 3/4-3/11

26-291

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The Houston County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on April 7, 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 as to a Special Exception on the following real estate:

Property Description

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 36 of the 9th Land District of Houston County, Georgia, Lot 11, Block "C", Section 2 of Kings Crest Subdivision, Consisting of 1.02 Acres and better known as the property of James and Ashley McMahon.

Property is located at 103 Jennifer Lane.

All parties at interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place relative to petition filed by James and Ashley McMahon.

Houston County Board of Zoning & Appeals: By: Chairman, John Trussell
Attest: Secretary, Timothy E. Andrews
56007 3/4-3/11

Probate Notices

26-178

**NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

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

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

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

26-286

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

RE: PETITION OF PAMELANNE KNAUER FOR DISCHARGE AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET JEAN SCUDERI 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 16th, 2026
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

KRISTEN W. HARRIS
PROBATE JUDGE
By: MEGAN WILLSON
PROBATE CLERK
PO BOX 1801
PERRY, GA 31069
478-218-4710
56001 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.

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: Judith W. Borum, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
55591 2/25-3/18

26-202

**NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:
Betty A. Pubanz has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Tammy Marie Jones, deceased, of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be filed with the court on or before March 16, 2026.

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

Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
55411 2/18-3/11

26-176

**NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

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

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

Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
55411 2/18-3/11

26-288

**NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

RE: PETITION BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WAIVER OF BOND AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS IN THE ESTATE OF HANSEL T. MORRIS, DECEASED

Melissa Morris Beckham & Michele Morris has/have petitioned for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or for the grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261 in regard to the above estate. All interested persons 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
55155 2/11-3/4

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 Male 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

26-282

**NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:
Carley Shane Skender has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Alicia Diane James, 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 30, 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
55996 3/4-3/25

26-300

**NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

TO: Whom it may concern:
Eric Jacob Glaser has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Susan D. Glaser, 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 30, 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
56019 3/4-3/25

26-285

**NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

TO: Tom Jolly & Whom it may concern:
Magna Jolly has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Reuben Jolly, 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 30, 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 at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Kristen W. Harris
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Brittany K. Eaton, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1801
Perry, GA 31069
TELEPHONE NUMBER 478-218-4710
56019 3/4-3/25

26-283

**NOTICE
GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:
Rashanda Tukes Mack has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Shirley Ann Davis, 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 30, 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
55921 3/4

26-288

**PROBATE COURT OF
HOUSTON COUNTY**

RE: PETITION BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR WAIVER OF BOND AND/OR GRANT OF CERTAIN POWERS IN THE ESTATE OF HANSEL T. MORRIS, DECEASED

Melissa Morris Beckham & Michele Morris has/have petitioned for waiver of bond, waiver of reports, waiver of statements, and/or for the grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261 in regard to the above estate. All interested persons 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 30, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before March 30, 2026.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your 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.

56004 3/4-3/25

26-284

NOTICE**GEORGIA, HOUSTON COUNTY
PROBATE COURT**

TO: whom it may concern:
Connie Gilman has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of Sharon Kay Poynter, 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 30, 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
55999 3/4-3/25

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.

KRISTEN W. HARRIS
PROBATE JUDGE
By: Judith W. Borum, CLERK
ADDRESS P.O. BOX 1801,
PERRY, GA 31069
TELEPHONE 478-218-4710
55636 2/25-3/4

26-263

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

RE: PETITION OF JAMES FRANKLIN MALLOY, II DISCHARGE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF YUL CHA MALLOY, 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 16TH, 2026.

Inopportune cold streak dooms Demonettes in Sweet 16 loss to Cartersville



Clay Brown/HHJ

Cartersville senior Kaytlin Arnold (1) celebrates the Lady Hurricanes' Sweet 16 victory against Warner Robins. The Lady Hurricanes held the Demonettes to five points in the third quarter to all but seal their 48-40 win to advance to the Elite Eight.



Clay Brown/HHJ

Warner Robins guard Laila Howard-Haney (30) gets her shot blocked by Cartersville's Kaelyn Agee (24) during the Demonettes' 48-40 Sweet 16 loss.

By **CLAY BROWN**
HHJ Sports Editor
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WARNER ROBINS — Warner Robins doesn't often get cold, but the temperature dipped and the Demonettes forgot their layers as they fell to Cartersville 48-40 in Friday's Sweet 16 matchup at home.

Head coach Rebecca Ivory's team is built on defense. Flying around in the full court press, forcing turnovers and 10-second violations. Those defensive successes breathe life into the offense.

Outlet passes to runners in transition, coast-to-coast layups, two-on-ones in the fast break.

But outside of a handful of possessions in the first quarter the Demonettes (23-4) were not able to consistently get into their transition offense.

"I think we just went away from what we do best — transition [offense]," Ivory said. "We couldn't get that first basket to get into the press. Cartersville played a good game, credit where credit is due, [but] I think if I played them tomorrow it'd be a different

ball game."

In the first half Warner Robins at least managed to get to the basket. The problem was every shot seemed to bounce off and away.

That appeared to dissuade the Demonettes from pounding the paint and instead they turned to volume jumpers with very little success.

Three-point jumpers from just about everyone missed the mark. Laila Howard-Haney made the lone triple for Warner Robins in the first quarter.

A five-point lead after eight minutes turned into a 23-21 halftime deficit. The Demonettes tied the game in the first minutes of the third quarter, but Trinity Montgomery's corner three-pointer gave the Lady Hurricanes a lead that never faltered for the remaining 13 minutes.

"I think at time we didn't do things right defensively. We weren't 'one and done' like we talked about," Ivory said. "We allowed them to go on too big of a run to fight back...I feel like [the Demonettes] fought. Got down by 14 and cut it to six. I do feel like they fought, they battled, so it's tough."

Cartersville's 14-3 run in

the last 5:30 of the third quarter all but sealed the game. Warner Robins' intensity never gave out but the task of overcoming a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit was far too tall.

Howard-Haney euro stepped around a defender and got her layup to bounce in, cutting the deficit to nine with 2:32 to play. But the Lady Hurricanes' press break moved the ball around the court until it found a purple jersey under the basket to push it right back to 11.

With about a minute left Madyson Jones secured a rebound off of a missed free throw but couldn't get the put back, summing up most of the Demonettes' night.

Warner Robins is 48-6 in the last two years but they haven't been able to get over the Sweet 16 hump.

Last year's loss was to a 29-2 North Oconee team that lost by one in the Final Four. This season ended on a cold streak. The culture and several players, including Trinitee Thomas, will persist, and there is a lesson to be learned from these failures.

"Remember what it felt like today. You don't like the feeling of losing," Ivory



Clay Brown/HHJ

Warner Robins senior Janelle Turner (22) guards the ball full court during the Demonettes' Sweet 16 matchup against Cartersville.

said. "It's tough to...have them remember the losses when they're far and few between. But that's what we talked about with the returners, just remembering what today felt like, what the practices felt like leading up. What can we do a little bit better, a little bit tougher?"

"They got a little time

off, and they'll be back in the gym grinding. I don't feel like we'll fall off, I feel like we'll keep battling," She continued. "I feel like I've built a culture where the girls are gonna come in and work, they're gonna fight. Girls want to come here, they want to fight for what's across their chest. I don't feel like that's gonna

change at all. So the battle's gonna start in the summertime."

UP NEXT

Warner Robins ends their season with a 23-4 record, Region 1-4A championship and Sweet 16 appearance.

Cartersville will host Northview on March 3 after they defeated Blessed Trinity on the road 42-29.

Basketball Roundup: Houston County boys last team standing, seven others headed home

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The basketball postseason in Houston County was over as soon as it started, with seven teams bowing out in the first week of the GHSA tournament and the final games of the GIAA's season.

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

Houston County

Boys

Houston County (23-6) advanced to the Elite Eight for the first time in the MaxPreps era with a resounding 64-43 win against Kennesaw Mountain at home.

A packed crowd showed up for Buddy Bivins' Bears' last home game of the 2025-26 season, and they helped with an intense momentum takeover in the fourth quarter of the victory.

Andrew Wahiwe was the "third guy" for HoCo, scoring eight of his 10 points in the final period as the Bears took complete control of the game.

Now they will set their sights on the Elite Eight for the first time in the MaxPreps era, their matchup a 23-6 Woodward Academy team on the road

on March 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Northside Girls

The Lady Eagles' season came to an end in the first round with a road trip to River Ridge, who advanced to the Sweet 16 with a 62-29 final.

Lady Knights senior Makayla Roberson had a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds to help put Northside away, who finished the 2025-26 campaign with a 17-12 record and first round appearance.

Perry Girls

Perry was unfortunate enough to draw North Oconee in the first round after losing both region tournament games, and the Lady Titans ended their season with a dominant 77-37 win.

The Lady Panthers were one of several Houston County teams who ended their year with a lopsided final, and Perry finished their 2025-26 season with an 8-17 record and first round appearance.

Veterans Boys

Veterans trailed Lassiter 24-14 at halftime, but the Trojans turned it on in the

second half for a 26-point victory to advance to the Sweet 16, 61-35.

The Warhawks' first year under Brandon Driggers saw a rough stretch in the middle and a strong finish to the regular season, with a one-point win keeping their season alive in the region tournament. Their year ends with a 12-17 record and a first round appearance.

Girls

The Lady Warhawks were the second of two Houston County teams to suffer a 40-point loss in the first round, theirs 74-34 on the road at Sequoyah.

Much like the boys team, the girls found some life at the end of the season and pulled out a close win to earn a postseason berth. Their 2025-26 campaign ends with a 9-19 record and first round appearance.

Warner Robins Boys

Warner Robins' turbulent year ended with a 58-40 loss to Eastside on the road in the first round.

The Demons lost six straight to drop to 4-10 earlier in the season, their worst record under Jamaal Garman, before turning it around with seven consecu-



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Bears senior Malik Gillespie (4) passes out of a layup mid-air during the second half of a 67-48 win against Pope in the first round of the state tournament.

tive wins.

The 2025-26 season finishes with a 14-14 record and first round appearance.

Girls

The Demonettes' season came to an early end after an unfortunate cold streak in the Sweet 16.

Cartersville traveled to Warner Robins and advanced to the Elite Eight

in a 48-40 final on Friday, despite the Demonettes' best attempts to come back in the fourth quarter.

Warner Robins did win their first region championship since 2023 and fourth overall under Rebecca Ivory, sweetening a 23-4 record and Sweet 16 appearance.

Westfield Girls

The Lady Hornets finally made it past the Elite Eight barrier for the first time in five years, but they unfortunately fell to Terrell Academy in the Final Four on Wednesday, 38-22.

Westfield finishes their best season in recent years with a 22-6 record and Elite Eight appearance.