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Convicted felon Beeson appeals for retrial

By Josh Brannen Staff writer

Former physician and convicted child molester Tommy Beeson was in court again on Feb. 3 to appeal for a new trial, citing Georgia's rule of professional conduct in relation to his attorney F. Mayes Davison.

According to the rule, Davison, Beeson's attorney, cites "a lawyer

shall not represent or continue to represent a client if there is a significant risk that the lawyer's own interests or the lawyer's duties to another client, a former client, or a third person will materially and adversely affect the representation of the client."

The rule states that no attorney can represent a client if the attorney's interests, or those of another client or third person, will "materially and adversely affect" the representation of the new client. In other words, a lawyer cannot serve two masters. If the representation provided by the defense will compromise an obligation already pledged to another client, then the defense should not undertake the new representation.

Hart County Sheriff Mike Cleveland said that Beeson would be brought back to court in Hartwell at

a later date, but in the meantime would be brought back to Augusta State Medical Prison where he is currently being treated for an undisclosed illness.

Beeson was found guilty of two counts of aggravated sexual battery, two counts of child molestation, and two counts of sexual battery against

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Liquor stores?

By Josh Brannen Staff writer

On Monday, the Hartwell City Council heard arguments from city residents stating their cases for or against liquor stores being established within city limits. The council also discussed and voted on a water and sewer tap fee increase for incoming homes and buildings.

Prior to the city's monthly meeting, an anonymous party solicited the city council that liquor stores should be implemented in Hartwell. Under Georgia law in rule 560-2-3, liquor stores cannot be authorized unless they are recognized by either the county or municipal government.

"Alcohol and alcohol rules and regulation expansion is something that the state has deemed is locally controlled, and they have given citizens the ability to vote on it, if the city council approves," Hartwell Mayor Brandon Johnson said. "So a local municipality could come up and say 'we want liquor stores' or 'we want liquor by the drink' or whatever, and they could

pass it to the voters to vote on it."

Two well known residents of Hartwell spoke from different perspectives on the issue: Liberty Baptist Church music pastor Andy Buchanan spoke against the proposal, and Mike Stuckey spoke in favor of the proposition.

Stuckey emphasized that residents of Hartwell should be able to purchase alcohol at their own discretion and consume it within reason. He also cited that the city of Hartwell stands to gain from establishing alcohol stores, as it would bring more money into the city for tax purposes.

Buchanan, on the other hand, cited the "dangers" of alcohol and its abuses, which could lead to negative impacts overall for communities across Hartwell. Buchanan further argued that the expansion of alcohol sales isn't necessary given that several businesses currently are able to sell alcohol.

We had a group of citizens come and solicit the city council to con-

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Competing for the crown

Photo submitted

The Miss Hart County High School Pageant is set for this Saturday, February 11 at the Lonnie Burns Fine Arts Center. The pageant begins at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at the door, or on the S2 app. Contestants are from each grade level and will compete in an interview Saturday afternoon. During the evening, the contestants will compete in casual wear and in evening gowns. Pictured are all of the contestants from left to right, front row, Trinity Wilson, Cali Beebe, Kylie Seawright, Marlee Harris, Aeva Looney, second row, Tykira Partlow, Ellie Craft, McKinley Ivester, Alexis Tucker, Melody Blomberg, Hannah Harris, Ella Franklin, third row, Aubrey Alewine, Lake Carter, Addison Krause, back row, Briana Blewitt, Hannah Carey, Bella Thomas, and Baylee Graham.



Photo by LaDonna Harris

New York Times bestselling author John Cribb (left) signs a copy of his latest book, "The Rail Splitter" for Gwen Walters (right), of Hartwell, during a book signing and talk at the Hart County Library Jan. 26.

Library hosts NYT bestseller

By Dawson Baker Staff writer

The Hart County Library hosted New York Times bestselling author, John Cribb, on Jan. 26 to talk about his new book, "The Rail Splitter," which was released in 2022.

This historical novel takes readers through the life of Abraham Lincoln prior to his time as the 16th President of the United States and attempts to help readers better connect with one of the most famous figures in American history.

"I've been interested in Lincoln

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Rome revitalization committee crafted

By Josh Brannen Staff writer

On Feb. 4, the Hart County Library hosted a community discussion with Rome residents and community leaders about the revitalization efforts currently underway through the federal grant money that was awarded to the city of Hartwell to restore the his-

toric Rome community.

The meeting was called to implement the Rome and Richardson review committee in order to "engage" with community members in the Rome neighborhood to get a better understanding of what is needed to procure a successful revitalization effort.

Dr. Jermaine Durham from the University of Georgia's college of family and consumer sciences department released a statement on his Facebook account stating that the revitalization effort "could fall short of expectations" if there is no engagement or oversight from Rome residents.

"Although I feel that this is good news and the grant funds

can be a very positive thing for the neighborhood, if there is little engagement with and oversight from community members, this opportunity could fall short of expectations," Durham stated. "Given the unprecedented nature of this grant and the potential impact it could have, it is extremely important that there is an active effort to keep residents informed on the details of what is happening and how they can get involved in ongoing development

"It is my firm belief that this initiative will have to be rooted in transparency, openness, and community engagement if it is to be successful."

Prominent community member and advocate for the Rome revitalization effort Michelle Wetherbee stressed the need for the committee to have additional functions, so it can "garner input" from community members to better serve their needs.

"One of [the committee's] pri-

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Bond hearings held for Jan. 17 gang arrests

By Josh Brannen Staff writer

Bond hearings were held for six individuals arrested in connection to a drug sting operation conducted by the Hart County Sheriff's Office; two arrestees were denied bond.

Bryson De'Mone Jordan Jr., 25, was charged with trafficking marijuana (felony), tampering with evidence (misdemeanor), possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime (felony), possession of a firearm by a convicted felon (felony), possession of marijuana with intent to distribute (felony).

According to court documents, the sheriff's office added an additional charge to Bryson under Georgia's street gang act. Jordan's bond was denied.

Rontravious Sadler, 21, was also arrested on a warrant in violation of Georgia's street gang act, and his bond was likewise denied.

According to court documents, Jordan and Sadler's bonds were denied because they posed a significant risk of fleeing the court's jurisdiction; failing to appear when required; threat to persons, property, or community; committing a felony pending a trial; intimidating witnesses; obstruction of jus-

Thomeatrius Waller, 22, was arrested on a warrant in violation of Georgia's street gang act and was also charged with illegal use of a communication de-

His bond was set to a sum of \$50,000.

arrested on a warrant in violation of Georgia's street gang act and was also charged with obstruction of an officer (misdemeanor).

His bond was set to a sum of \$50,000.

Christavious Nyqua Feaster, 26, was arrested on a warrant in violation of Georgia's street gang act.

Feaster waived his fourth amendment rights as a special condition of bond, which requires him to submit to searches on his property and person by law enforcement at any time while he is under bond condition of the Hart County court

Diamond Alilse Scott, 21, was also arrested and charged with trafficking marijuana (felony),

Trenton Shoemaker, 21, was tampering with evidence (misdemeanor), possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime (felony) and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute (felony).

> However, Scott was not involved in the gang arrests that were made. Her bond was set to a sum of \$49,000.

> The arrests were made on Jan 17, after Hart County investigators and Georgia Bureau of Investigations agents conducted a search warrant at 655 Ridge Road in Hart County, where they "recovered a trafficking amount of marijuana as well as cash and a handgun."

Forty pounds of "high quality" marijuana was seized along with multiple firearms; \$11,000 in cash; and a "Jail Break Hell Cat" Dodge Challenger with a market value of approximately \$100,000.

A day later, investigators carried out a search at another location "associated with the same individual," where law enforcement seized "an additional trafficking amount of marijuana, cash and another weapon."

Cleveland added that two semi-automatic weapons were recovered.

Cleveland said that another gang member is wanted in connection to the sting operation but has not been found yet.

"We're getting pretty close to finding the last one, and his time is coming," Cleveland said. "He can't run forever. These guys are always like a bad penny, they just can't help but come back again."

Hart County agencies eligible for Ninth District federal funding

Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. has been awarded federal funds under The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program Phase 40.

Hart County has been chosen to receive funding to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives

from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; United Jewish Communities and, United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board made up of various local agencies and churches will determine how the funds awarded to Hart

County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area.

The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

1) Be private voluntary non-profits or units of government;

2) Have an accounting sys-

3) Practice nondiscrimination;

4) Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs;

5) If they are a private organization, voluntary they must have a voluntary board.

Qualifying agencies (not individuals) are urged to apply.

Hart County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with Ninth District Opportunity and other local agencies participating.

These agencies were responsible for providing food and shelter for local individuals and families.

Public or private voluntary agencies (not individuals) interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must submit a request to Brenda Dalin, Ninth District Opportunity, Inc. P.O. Drawer L, Gainesville, GA, 30501.

The deadline to submit a request is Feb. 23.

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6 p.m., Feb. 13 Board of Education 6 p.m., Feb. 14 Board of Commissioners

Annual backyard bird count coming next week

It is time for the 26th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society. It is easy to take part. GBBC is free, fun, and easy.

The GBBC encourages bird watchers of all ages worldwide to count birds to create a realtime snapshot of bird populayour backyard, state parks, city parks-any location you choose.

Participants are asked to time periods. The dates of the information. GBBC are Feb. 17-20.

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tions. Birds can be counted in of these sites: birdcount.org (computer), eBird (mobile device). This allows you to enter your data from the GBBC.

Please visit the official webcount bird species in 15 minute site at birdcount.org for more

Information is being pro-If you are participating for vided by Hartwell Service the first time, you will need League's Environmental Com-

Public comments welcome for draft Regional Transit Plan

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has been working with consultants and the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) to develop a first-ever Regional Transit Plan - A guidance document that reviews the performance and priorities for public transit services within the 12-county area.

Sun deeply regrets the error.

How to reach us:

Input from the gen- public review period. eral public, from transit service providers, ment is to provide a from a stakeholder com- broad overview of ways mittee, and from area the GMRC, GDOT, and leaders throughout the other proponents can process has helped the advance and support project team create the transit services across draft document, which the region. As these is now available for documents are completreview on the project ed across the State, the website (https://region- information will help altdp-gdot.hub.arcgis. GDOT shape future polcom/pages/gmrc) for the icy and programming

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The public is encouraged to provide input on the draft document by sending all comments and questions to RegionalTDP@dot.ga.gov with "Georgia Mountains TDP" in the subject line.

Once the comment period is done, the plan will go before the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Council for adoption on Feb. 23.

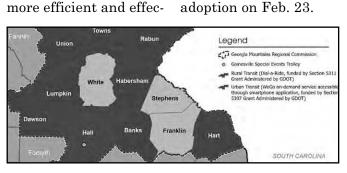


Photo from the GDOT

Hart County operates under Rural Transit, or Dial-a-Ride, funded by the Section 5311 Grant administered by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

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Corrections

To info: The Feb. 2 cutline regarding the Chamber Volunteer

of the Year award was incorrect. The Sun deeply regrets the

error. The photo and correct cutline can be found on page 8.

To info: In the Feb. 2 cutline regarding the Chamber Board of

Directors Past Chair, it incorrectly spelled the name Jerry Mo

Han. The Chamber Board Past Chair is Jerry McHan. The

To info: In the Feb. 2 cutline regarding T.O.R.C.H.'s accep-

tance of the chamber's Community Champion award, it in-

correctly spelled the name Kevin Gerity. The name is Kevin



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LaDonna Harris

Georgia House passes mid-year budget with \$1 billion property tax rebate

By Dave Williams Bureau Chief, Capitol **Beat News Service**

The Georgia House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed a \$32.6 billion mid-year budget Thursday that includes a \$1 billion property tax rebate worth \$500 to the average homeowner.

The mid-year budget, which covers state spending through June 30, sailed through the House 170-1 and now moves to the Georgia Senate. With the state sitting atop a \$6.6 billion revenue surplus, the

mid-year budget would increase spending by 7.8% over the fiscal 2023 budget the General Assembly adopted last spring.

"This budget and \$2 million in new revenue go a long way toward meeting the needs of Georgians," House Appropriations Committee Chairman Matt Hatchett, R-Dublin, told his legislative colleagues shortly before Thursday's

House budget writers found other uses for the surplus besides property tax relief. The mid-year budget also includes \$1.1

billion to fill the revenue gap caused by the temporary suspension of the state's gasoline tax Gov. Brian Kemp ordered last March, which wasn't lifted until last month.

House lawmakers also approved Kemp's request to fully fund Georgia's Quality Basic Education k-12 student formula (QBE), at \$12.4 billion the largest single expenditure in the budget. After years of falling short of the mark, the state has been able to afford full funding of the QBE for the last several

The mid-year budget also includes \$128.2 million to account for student enrollment growth in Georgia public schools since last

The spending plan provides \$73.1 million to the Technical College System of Georgia's Quick Start program to build training facilities in Bryan and Newton counties to train workers for two electricvehicle manufacturing plants being built near Covington and Savannah.

The state Department of Human Services would receive \$137.4 million for the

additional staffing that will be necessary to accomplish "the great unwinding" of Medicaid in April, when the federal government will relax pandemic-era regulations that prevented states from disenrolling people from Medicaid. Georgia will need to re-examine the eligibility of more than 2 million current Medicaid enrollees.

The House also added \$23 million to the governor's funding request for school security grants, enough to raise the grants from \$50,000 for every school in the state to

The mid-year budget also would provide \$2.4 million to improve security at the state's 48 domestic violence shelters.

A couple of House lawmakers questioned how the \$1 billion property tax rebate would affect the coffers of local governments, which rely heavily on property taxes.

Hatchett said the tax relief would be funded out of state surplus revenue.

"The state is funding that discount," he said. "There is no effect on cities and counties."

Instant runoffs bill introduced in Georgia House

By Dave Williams Bureau Chief, Capitol **Beat News Service**

An effort that could lead eventually to the elimination of runoff elections in Georgia has surfaced in the General Assembly.

State Rep. Joseph Gullett, R-Dallas, introduced a bill into the Georgia House this week that would allow Georgia cities to experiment with instant runoff voting in nonpartisan municipal elections.

"This legislation promotes local control," said Gullett. "If passed, it gives cities the option to avoid the cost of expensive runoff elections while maintaining the principle of majority rule.

"Cities that don't want it, don't have to do it, and cities that try it and don't like it, can go back to their original system. This bill provides flexibility and options, not mandates."

Runoffs have drawn a number of critics in Georgia in recent years, including Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, whose department oversees elec-

Besides the expense of holding an additional election, Raffensperger argued Georgians who vote in general elections in early No-

vember don't want their Thanksgiving holidays interrupted by runoff campaigns and having to go back to the polls a second

Under an instant runoff voting system, voters rank candidates in order of preference. If no candidate wins more than half of the firstchoice votes, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated.

At that point, voters who selected the defeated candidate as their top choice have those votes added to the totals of their next choice. The process continues until a candidate has amassed more than half of

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gone," Hufstetler said.

Scott Turner, executive ple candidates in a race.

cover an easy-to-use system Touch-screen voting was that's better, cheaper and faster than the expensive, exhausting runoff elections we use now," Turner said. "Recent polling has shown that Georgians want to change our runoff system, and this is a chance for legislators to creatively answer

the call for reform."

Georgia has experience director of Eternal Vigi- using municipal elections to lance Action, a Georgia experiment with new voting group that supports instant processes. In 2001, thenrunoffs, said the municipal Secretary of State Cathy opt-in would provide Geor- Cox oversaw the use of gians an opportunity to see touch-screen voting mahow instant runoffs would chines in Georgia for the work when there are multi- first time during local elections in several cities scat-"Voters will quickly dis- tered across the state.

adopted statewide the following year.

The instant runoff measure, House Bill 200, has picked up bipartisan support. Its House cosponsors include Republican Reps. Clay Pirkle of Ashburn and Victor Anderson of Cornelia, and Democratic Reps. Stacey Evans of Atlanta and Mary Margaret Oliver of Decatur.

Raffensperger touts bill targeting financial exploitation of Georgia seniors

By Dave Williams Bureau Chief, Capitol Beat **News Service**

Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger urged the General Assembly Monday to pass legislation aimed at preventing the financial exploitation of Georgia seniors.

Senate Bill 84, sponsored by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Hufstetler, R-Rome, would authorize financial advisors to delay transactions involving their elderly or disabled clients if they suspect fraud.

Financial exploitation of seniors has been on the rise since the pandemic struck nearly three years ago, Raffensperger said Monday during a news conference at the state Capitol.

"The COVID pandemic helped [drive] that rapid in-

crease as you saw many people isolated from their to avoid financial exploitasupport systems and under tremendous financial strain sors who spot something and worry," he said.

Raffensperger said the rate tion head it off. of financial exploitation of seniors has doubled across cial institutions the tools to the country since the start of be preemptive instead of the pandemic, with COVIDrelated scams accounting for when the money may be more than \$100 million in

He cited a federal study that found U.S. financial institutions lost more than \$3.4 billion to fraudulent criminal activity in 2020 alone.

The Securities Division in the secretary of state's office handles complaints of financial exploitation. But those complaints often come too late, Raffensperger said.

"The money is usually gone well before we are notified," he said. "Recovery is difficult."

"There's many horror stories of that out there, and we

want to take care of them." The bill's cosponsors include Republican Sens. Mike Dugan of Carrollton, Kay Kirkpatrick of Marietta, Ben Watson of Savannah, and Rick Williams of Milledgeville, and Democratic Sen. Jason Esteves of Atlanta.



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COLUMN | MY OPINION

Pardon me, ma'am; may I count your syllables for a second?

t was bound to happen. We've seen this nation's states compared every way you can think of: which state has the most obese people, which state has the most impoverished, which state has the most homeless, the most lakes, the most tornadoes, the most dogs, the most bad teeth.

Well, now we know—if you believe an analysis done by Preply, an online language learning platform—which state has the slowest-talking people. Before you start guessing, I'll tell you. It's Louisiana. South Carolina is second. Floridians lead the South as the fastesttalking, assuming there was a way to separate the snowbirds of Ohio.

Residents of Minnesota, the study says, talk the fastest. Oregon is second.

Okay, you're no doubt asking: how did the study determine these breath-taking statistics? YouTube videos, of course, along with call recordings.

I have my doubts about the validity of the study. Several years ago, a crew from Louisiana installed a TV cable line in our neighborhood, and I could barely understand them, they talked so fast. The fact that



Phil **Hudgins**

they were Cajuns might have had something to do with it. How did the study separate fast-talking Cajuns from the

In determining the rate of speech speed, the researchers apparently counted syllables. For example, Georgia, my home state, ranked fifth in the top 10 slow-talking states, and its rate was 4.89 syllables per second. But everybody knows that a true Southerner can easily turn a one-syllable word the exclamation "shoot" or its colorful equivalent is a good example-into two syllables, if not three. That would throw off the study, wouldn't it?

The average rate of speech in the U.S. is 5.09 syllables per second, in case you're wondering. Minnesotans are way up there with 5.34 syllables per

Our next-door neighbor grew up in Minnesota, but her speech might have slowed down a syllable or two since she's been enjoying southern climes for a number of years. Looking at the temperatures up there the last few days, I don't think she'll be moving back.

Slow-talking or not, we Southerners are adaptable. As long as we have closed captions on television programs, we can read fast enough to understand the Brits on "The Crown" and other imports from the Mother Country.

I don't know about you, but I really don't care about the number of syllables a second a person speaks. I'm looking for what he or she says—and whether I'm interested—not how long it takes him or her to say it.

And I don't care what Jennifer Adams thinks, either. Several years ago, she wrote a book titled "Say Goodbye to Your Southern Accent," which claims that a thick Southern accent could just hold you back in the business world. People might think you're stupid. Truth is, accents and intelligence are two different things.

So there. By the way, if you want to know how your state ranks in the syllables-per-second study, just Google it. And read at your own pace.

COLUMN | MY OPINION

Okefenokee tug-o-war is long way from over

he opposing sides are not barefoot on Jekyll Island's beach, but there's a definite line drawn in the sand. Feet are dug in, and muscles are straining. On one side is an Alabama mining company and its fleet of high-powered lobbyists. Pulling the other way are millions of nature-loving Georgians who want to thwart Twin Pines Minerals from strip-mining near the Okefenokee Swamp.

This tug-o-war has been off and on for years. First it was Dupont that lusted for what's beneath Trail Ridge. But in the 1990s, the giant corporation dropped the rope and walked away. Chalk a win for the environs of America's largest blackwater swamp and for those who know that the Okefenokee is both fragile and irreplaceable.

Case closed? Not hardly.

Enter Twin Pines in 2019. The firm picked up the rope and started tugging. The much-coveted titanium-dioxide and zircon deposits beneath the sands of Trail Ridge are magnets that attract speculators such as Twins Pines. I understand that. The old rule still dictates, "Follow the money, and you'll find the root of the motive(s)." There are millions of dollars to be made from the mines.

I also understand that the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is a national treasure, one that deserves special protection. The majority of the 684-square-mile swamp is in Georgia. And polls have shown that nearly 70 percent of Georgians don't want the Okefenokee endangered in any way. I am with the majority.

Most of Charlton County's citizens would probably disagree. While they love having the Okefenokee in their backyard, their economy needs a boost. They are starved for more and better-paying jobs. I understand that. Good-paying jobs can cure a multitude of any community's ills.

But what's to say Charlton County residents will take home most of those Twin Pines paychecks? The proposed mine site is just as close—or closer—to hungry rural Floridians. And in Florida, there is no state income tax. That's one reason Charlton County is challenged to compete for new industry with its across-the-state-line neighbors.

But Georgia has an ace in its



Dink **NeSmith**

pocket. Our economic-development team is—I believe—the best in America. Look at the billions of dollars being invested here and the tens of thousands of new jobs blossoming in the Peach State.

Why not have a rural development strike force that can laser in on the Charlton counties of Georgia? With enough bright minds, willpower and sufficient investment, oxygen can be pumped into the gasping communities that are for the most part—on life support.

Gov. Brian Kemp has led Georgia to be the envy of most of the other 49 states. I applaud him and his administration. They have demonstrated that the "Georgia Way" is the winning way. Georgia is repeatedly honored as the best state in which to do business. However, as the saying goes, "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link." Charlton County isn't Georgia's only weak economic link, but it's an ideal target for this much-needed initiative.

Now back to the to-mine or notto-mine tug-o-war.

Steve Ingle, president of Twin Pines, tugs back by refuting "the absurdity of allegations" that his mines will drain the swamp or harm it. On the other end of the rope are UGA scientists, other experts, conservationists and people same as me who are tugging with facts that say, "Don't do it." Besides the environmental risks, millions of ecotourism dollars should not be jeopardized, either.

How do you feel about this?

Georgia's Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has opened a 60-day public-comment period at TwinPines.comments@dnr.ga.gov. The EPD is also hosting virtual public hearings on Feb. 21 and Feb. 23 at 6 p.m.

Here's how I feel.

I trust UGA scientists more than Twin Pines. But no matter which side wins, the tug-o-war won't be over until the legal wrangling is done. Meanwhile, I'm not turning loose of the not-to-mine end of the rope.

The First Amendment

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

James Madison, Founding Father and 4th U.S. President



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– Thomas Jefferson

COLUMN | FROM THE CAPITOL

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onday, January marked the start of the fourth week of the 2023 legislative session. Several House committees met throughout the week to



Alan **Powell** State Rep.

consider legislation, including the House Rules Committee, which determines what bills should be debated and voted on the House floor, once bills have passed out of their respective committees.

Each session the Georgia General Assembly is constitutionally required to pass a balanced state budget, and on Thursday, we passed House Bill 18, the Amended Fiscal Year (AFY) 2023 budget. Due to revenue collections being higher than expected, the AFY 2023 budget recognizes approximately \$2.36 billion in additional revenue, or 7.8 percent more than the initial FY 2023 budget, and brings the total appropriation for the AFY 2023 budget to \$32.56 billion. This is the second year in a row that the state has experienced such a large growth in revenue for an amended budget, and with this increase in funding, the House was able to provide additional one-time investments to keep Georgians safe, healthy and prosperous over this coming year. This legislation will undergo the same consideration process in the Senate, and the House will shift its focus towards creating a full budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

On Wednesday, my House colleagues and I took time to recognize the 49th anniversary of the Consulate-General of Japan in Atlanta. Our relationship with Japan has produced nearly \$8 billion in imports and exports, and nearly 600 Japanese-affiliated companies employ more than 40,000 Georgians in our state. Consul General Mio Maeda joined us in the House Chamber to celebrate this strategic partnership between our governments, and noted that our relationship is not limited to economics:

• Nearly 1,000 Georgia public school students are studying the Japanese language

· Eight Georgia colleges have Japanese language programs

•534 Georgians have participated in Japan's Japanese Exchange and Teaching program since

House Committee action that has taken place since the last report:

·Judiciary Committee: HB 77 Dougherty Judicial Circuit; superior court; provide for a fourth

HB 80 the 'Uniform Unsworn Declarations Act,' permits unsworn declarations to have the same effect as sworn declarations in circumstances in which a declarant is making an unsworn declaration while being physically located within or outside the boundaries of the United States.

· Banks & Banking Committee: HB 55 is the annual revision of Title 7 of the Code, relating to banking and finance, by the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance. Superfluous/redundant language is clarified and removed, terminology is updated, and language is added to conform Title 7 to other parts of the Code.

•Public Safety & Homeland Security: HB 35 gives authority to Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) employees designated as security personnel and peace officers the responsibility of preserving and protecting GPA properties or projects.

As we move through the session, the pace will pick up and days will become longer. I encourage you to visit me at my capitol office, or call me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the state budget bills, the legislative process or any other measures considered under the Gold Dome. My capitol office number is 404-463-3793. My email is alan.powell@house.ga.gov. As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your state representative.

Classic Center Cultural Foundation scholarship open to Hart students

Each year, The Classic Center Cultural Foundation provides \$30,000 in annual scholarships to talented high school students to help them pursue their passion in a career that will allow them to spread their artistic wings.

Scholarships are awarded for hospitality, performing arts,

and visual arts based on an application and audition process. This year, performing arts and visual arts scholarships are open to ninth through 12th-grade high school students living in the Northeast Georgia region.

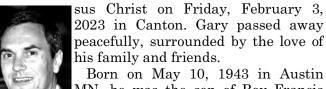
Recipients awarded the performing arts and visual arts scholarships will receive \$2,000, and their high school program will be presented \$500.

Students who demonstrate a strong commitment to their craft and are interested in applying should visit ClassicCenter. com/Scholarships or e-mail Foundation@ClassicCenter.com.

The deadline to apply for the performing arts and visual arts scholarship is March 3.

Gary Shane

Gary Francis Shane, 79, of Canton, formerly of Legislative newsletter Hartwell, went home to his friend and Savior Je-



MN, he was the son of Roy Francis Shane and Bernice E. (Nelson) Shane. Mr. Shane was a retired Project Man-

ager for IBM in Atlanta and a former member of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church.

Gary was a devout Catholic, and enjoyed his Friday morning Bible study group for more than 20 years where he formed profound, lifelong friendships. He enjoyed fishing, and was a highly skilled woodworker. He treasured time spent with his Aerospace Corp. for 26 years as an Engineer. family playing games around the dinner table, and carries an unmatched Yahtzee winning streak.

(Chuck) of Canton; two sons: John Shane of Canton and Jim Shane of Lawrenceville; a grandson, Nicholas Pendleton (Alana) of Dunwoody also survives. Mr. Shane was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Michaele Wilson "Mike" Shane, and two sisters: Mary Jean Kiktus and Sharon Gurley; and three aunts and their husbands: Williamschen.

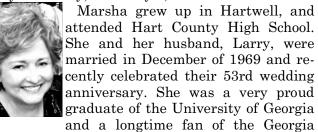
A private mass memorial service celebrating the life of Mr. Gary Shane will be held at a later date. Gary's ashes will be placed beside his wife's in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Memorial Garden.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Vincent de Paul Society or to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

The Strickland Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Hartwell is in charge of all arrangements. Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.stricklandfh.com.

Marsha Freeman

Marsha Rice Freeman, age 75 of Smyrna, passed away Thursday, February 2, 2023.



Bulldogs. She loved to read, cross stitch, paint, and cook. She spent more than 20 years as the remet many longtime, treasured friends.

Her grandchildren, Ellie and and Julia, were her pride and joy. She loved spending time with them at the beach or at her home in Smyrna, reading books to them and spoiling them with toys.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John A. and Nellie Johnson Rice; and her sister-in-law Connie Rice. Surviving are her husband Larry Freeman; daughters Brittany Freeman, Katie Wasserman (Peter); brother John A. Rice; granddaughters Ellie and Julia Wasserman, an Chelsea McKelvey.

A celebration of her life was held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, February 5, in the Family Celebration Center at Carmichael Funeral Home in Smyrna. Donations may be made to the University of Georgia School of Veterinary through the following https://gail.uga.edu/commit (https://gail. uga.edu/commit)

Carmichael Funeral Home in Smyrna was in charge of arrangements.

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Betty Vickery Payne

Crossing Road, Hartwell, passed away Friday, February 3, 2023 at Brown Health &

Rehab, Royston.

Born on July 29, 1934 in Hartwell, she was the daughter of the late Isham Cordell and Fannie Craft Cordell. Mrs. Payne was a retired supervisor for the Hartwell Company, loved flowers, sewing for the public

and baking. She also was a member of the Cedar Creek Baptist Church, former Sunday School Teacher, and choir member. She currently attended Serenity Baptist Church, Hartwell.

Survivors include her daughter, Joy McCurley of Hartwell; three sons: Schafer "Junior" Vickery (Janet), Mike Vickery (Sherry) and Mark Vickery (Pam) all of Hartwell; one brother, Tom Cordell (Polly) of Hartwell; 11 grandchildren, 24 greatgrandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Payne was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands: Schafer Vickery Sr. and Alex Payne; three grandchildren: Chancie, Skylar and Sadie Vickery and four brothers: Harold, Gaines, William "Brick" and Amos Cordell.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, in the Chapel of the Strickland Funeral Home of Hartwell with the Rev. Larry Kaiser officiating. Burial was in the Cedar Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

The Strickland Funeral Home of Hartwell was in charge of all arrangements. Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.stricklandfh.com.

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Richard Gurley

CPT. Richard H. Gurley, 63, of Bowersville, passed away Saturday, January 28, 2023 at his home.

Born on January 17, 1960 in Hartwell, he was the son of the late James H. "Johnny" Gurley and Mary Edna Sosby Gurley. Born on May 10, 1943 in Austin CPT. Gurley graduated from Hart County High

School and Southern Technical Institute in Mari-

etta. Richard was a member of the Cross Roads Baptist Church, and a veteran of the U.S. Army where he served in Operation Desert Storm as a helicopter pilot. He was in the Army for 14 years where he achieved the rank of Captain. After his active military service he worked for Gulfstream

Survivors include his three aunts: Shirley G. Green of Bowersville, Helen Terry of Clemson, Survivors include his daughter, Lisa Pendleton S.C., Sara Gurley of Hartwell; and several cousins and many friends. CPT. Gurley is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Debbie Gurley Kelley; five uncles and their wives: Frank Gurley, Dwain Gurley (Leighton), Alvin "Buster" Gurley (Juanita), Joe Lum Gurley (Ann), and Bobby Lee Kathryn Wells, Betty E. Duncan (Calvin), and Mary Leon Thomason (Buddy).

> The family will receive friends Friday morning from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Cross Roads Baptist Church. Other times the family will be at the home of his aunt, Shirley Green, 68 Gurley Road, Bowersville.

> Funeral services for CPT. Richard Gurley will be held at noon on Friday, February 10, at the Cross Roads Baptist Church with the Rev. Sean Payne and Mr. David Brooks officiating. Burial will be in the Cross Roads Baptist Church Cemetery.

Flowers optional, memorials may be made to the Cross Roads Baptist Church Family Life Center, 3636 Lavonia Hwy., Hartwell, GA 30643.

The Strickland Funeral Home of Hartwell is in charge of all arrangements. Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.stricklandfh.com.

Wylene Worley O'Barr

Mrs. Betty Wylene Worley O'Barr, 91, of Westminster, Md., passed away Saturday, January 28, 2023.

Born on May 7, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Artis A. Worley and Pearl Hayes Worley.

She is survived by her husband, Alvin Rowland "Pete" O'Barr; two sons: Wesley K. O'Barr (Barceptionist at Teasley Elementary School where she bara) and Alvin O'Barr (Karen); a daughter, Elizabeth O. Pindell (Andy); a brother, Aaron Worley; sister, Sybil Hembree; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Wilma Greenway.

> Mrs. O'Barr wishes were that her body be donated to medical science and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

DEATH NOTICES

• Chad Cannon, 50, of Bowersville, died Saturday, February 4, 2023. A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Chapel of the Strickland Funeral Home in Hartwell.

•Max Sartain, 86, of Danielsville, died Friday, Feb. 3, 2023. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 8. Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston was in charge of arrangements.

• Debbie Richey, 61, of Baldwin, died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023. Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Chapel of Strickland Funeral Home of Lavonia.

•Ethel Ethridge, of Colbert, died Feb. 1, 2023. A funeral service was held Sunday, Feb. 5. Mrs. Betty Cordell Vickery Payne, 88, of Hickory Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston was in charge.

> •Gloria Bowman, 69, of Dewy Rose, died Feb. 4, 2023. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, in the Chapel of Coile and Hall Funeral Directors in Hartwell. A wake will be held from 4-6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at the Funeral Home.

> • Julian Eaton, 77, of Hartwell, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the Chapel of Coile and Hall Funeral Directors in Hartwell.

> •Sam Brown Jr., 82, of Hartwell, died Tuesday, Jan 31, 2023. Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 5. Coile and Hall Funeral Directors in Hartwell was in charge of arrangements.

> • James Stowers, 69, of Hartwell, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2023. No formal service will be held. Coile and Hall Funeral Directors in Hartwell was in charge of arrangements.

> •Louise Sanders, 101, of Hartwell, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Chapel of Coile and Hall Funeral Directors in Hartwell. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Letters to the Editor

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Sauer celebrates the big 90

Family and friends celebrated Vernon Sauer's 90th birthday on Saturday, Jan. 28, at Casa Granda in Hartwell.

(Photo by Bill Powell)

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ROME

mary functions is to garner input from the community because this project is for the community. It just makes sense to have feedback from the community if we're going to do this," Wetherbee said. "In turn, the committee will provide support and guidance to the

grant committee." In addition to gathering feedback and information from Rome residents, the committee will review budget and line items to better define and refine projects and requirements that will be purchased with the \$4 million federal grant money for projects proposed for the Rome neighborhood.

"We have guidelines that we have to follow for the grant, but where there are places where we can get guidance from residents in Rome about what they want in their community, then the committee will help us implement that,"

Wetherbee said. "We'll also have regular meetings at large within the Rome community to keep them updated about what we're doing and what's going

Hartwell city manager Jon Herschel said the committee will comprise only Rome residents so people who do not live in Rome make decisions contrary to the community's needs.

"This is a volunteer committee, and we just want to make sure certain people meet the criteria that fits the community," Herschel said. "We want to know if the people who are going to make up the committee are from the neighborhood, and how long have they lived in the neighborhood, and what their connection is to the people who are from Rome.

"We don't want people who don't live in that community steering the decisions."

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BEESON

a child under 16 on Dec.17, 2021. Currently, he faces a mandatory minimum term of 25 years in prison without the possibility of parole.

The Hartwell Sun originally reported that an investigation was launched after Hart County Sheriff's deputies met with a complainant, on March 28, 2018, regarding a report of a child molestation incident involving three juvenile children. Beeson was listed as the suspect, according to the incident report. Earlier that same night, Beeson's wife, Gloria, went to the Hart County Sheriff's Office and reported her husband as missing.

Tommy Beeson was later found in Arizona, where he turned himself into authorities.

"Some of the evidence

that weighed very strongly against Dr. Beeson included the fact that he fled the state as soon as he was confronted with the allegations. He was later taken into custody

in Arizona," District Attor-

ney Parks White said. White credited Georgia Bureau of Investigations special agent Ashleigh Isaacson for a "great job investigating" the case and recognized members of the prosecution for "successfully convincing a Hart County jury of the guilt of Dr. Thomas Beeson."

"The jury took their job seriously, they considered each count separately, they asked to review the forensic interviews on multiple different occasions and they returned a very important verdict," White said.

CITY

sider putting liquor stores on the ballot in November for the citizens of Hartwell to vote on whether they wanted to add liquor stores into the city or not.

"We heard from both sides, and we will decide in March whether we will or will not take the agenda item up and make a determination to proceed and allow it to go to the voters," Johnson said. "It will give us time to review possible ordinance measures on how we can control it if this goes through. We just want more time to study it.

"There's a lot of concern with several of us with the expansion of alcohol sales and the unintended consequences of liquor stores being put into places that are undesirable, which could cause additional issues within our community. We're going to diligently review all of this and see what the city council will want to do in March."

City council did not take any official action on the issue and will potentially vote on it to be on the ballot for November in the city council's next meeting on March 6.

Sewer and water tap fees increase

The city council also took on the issue of rising prices of goods and materials that the city provides to current and new customers wanting to get into the city's water and sewer system; The council voted to increase tap fees to help offset the growth of inflation.

"Every so many years we reevaluate the cost of doing business with water and sewer tap fees," Johnson said. "When new construction is built or a new development comes in, they'll pay a water and sewer tap fee to get into our system, and what it does is that it pays for the cost of the goods, the equipment, and it pays for the employee's time and labor; and with the cost of goods and materials going up, it was time for us to adjust those rates."

Johnson said that existing

customers who have already paid to have the city's services for water and sewer will not be affected, but new and incoming residents or businesses will pay "a fair amount" more for taps after the city voted in favor of

adopting the motion.

"It's going to go up approximately for a residential house from \$1,200 to \$2,000," Johnson said. "It's going to go up a fair amount, but it puts [the city of Hartwell] in comparison to a lot of other governments and municipalities and what they're charging. It's just helping the city capture a little more of the real cost for some of this new development that's coming in, and allow us to raise a bit more money when it comes to that, and hopefully offset some of the impact it will have on our systems as well.

"The existing customers that we have are unaffected, so our rates for water and sewer will remain the same for our existing customers."

According to Johnson, the cost for the materials and labor needed to bore into the city's water and sewer system has increased by 40 percent since January of 2022.

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"We've been forced to really pinch the pennies for our tapping fees, so we just decided to go ahead and go on up with our prices and pass that on to the developer," Johnson said. "By doing this, it will be equitable and fair to everyone involved."

In other business

Council voted in favor of hosting the annual Hartoberfest on Oct. 21.

Council voted in favor of formally requesting a lowering of the speed limit on Parkdale Road and Powell Drive to 25 MPH.

Council approved an alcohol license to Chuckers Axe Throwing and Hartwell Foodmart 53 on Savannah Street.

Council approved the property acquisition swap with Hartwell Presbyterian Church.

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BOOK

for a long time," Cribb said. "As [with] many things that we are interested in when adults, [they] are often things that we were interested in when we were young."

Cribb shared that while growing up in Spartanburg, S.C., his mother would read to him and his siblings when they were very young.

"She read stories to us about Lincoln and his [life on the] frontier living in a log cabin, splitting wood, walking miles through the woods to borrow books," Cribb said. "All that really grabbed my imagination.

"I've always been interested in him."

Originally, Cribb was going to present a historical novel detailing all of Lincoln's life in a single book, but that quickly proved to be a monumental task. Instead, the story was broken into two books. "Old Abe," was released in Sept. 2020 and preceded the release of Cribb's most recent book, "The Rail Splitter."

Cribb's inspiration for this type of novel stemmed from a book he read in high school, "The Agony and the Ecstasy," written by Irving Stone, which told the life story of Michelangelo from his childhood in Florence, Italy.

"The idea was to do the same thing," Cribb said. "I thought, 'I wonder if anyone has done that with Lincoln', which they had not, and that

was my idea," to tell the life story of Lincoln from his childhood on the frontier, all the way to the White House in the 1860s.

Cribb said that he has roughly 250 books on his bookshelf at home on the topic of Lincoln, and that these have all influenced him over the years. He ultimately chose to approach the novels from a historical fiction perspective because "historical fiction [allows] you [to] bring Lincoln to life in ways that nonfiction cannot."

"I love Lincoln," Cribb said. "I want people to know him and hopefully love him as I do. That is one of the main goals.

"That's what I really wanted to do. I wanted to bring him to life for readers, make him a walking, talking, breathing fellow, not just the stiff image that we see all the time on the penny or the five dollar bill, and historical fiction can definitely do that."

Cribb said that he enjoyed the creative aspects of inventing dialogue during particular scenes throughout the novels, but he wanted to stay as historically accurate as possible.

"I spent a lot of time on the research to try and make it accurate," Cribb said. "I really dug into the research and used a lot of his books, and a lot of old books that were written by people who knew Lincoln, and that had had those firsthand interactions

REALTY

and conversations with him. I really tried to draw on those firsthand accounts to construct scenes and dialogue and really try to get it right."

Cribb studied English at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and considers himself to be a 'literature guy', in addition to his interests in history. He shared that writing has been an important part of his life since he was a child and that writing has been involved with every job he has had since leaving school. He also added that these two most recent books are the first novels that he has ever written.

Cribb's devotion to his writing has paid off, as he has been named to the New York Times bestseller list, a huge accomplishment for any writer, but nothing compares to the sentiments expressed by people who read his work, especially sentiments received in the fall of 2020 from a very high-ranking US official.

"When "Old Abe" came out in the fall of 2020, I was on the phone with my cousin, and I kept getting a call on my cell phone with a (202) area code, which is Washington D.C.

"I lived in Washington D.C. for years, I knew the area code, but I just thought it was somebody looking for money, so I kept ignoring it.

"By the fifth or sixth time, I looked at the number again, and I realized that the number was from the White House exchange, and it was the vice president's office. The next thing I knew I was on the phone with Mike Pence."

The vice president would go on to explain that he was also an avid Lincoln fan, and that he had even written his undergraduate senior thesis on Lincoln.

Cribb shared that the vice president said, "I'm sitting here in the White House with half a dozen Lincoln books on the shelf right next to me, and I just want you to know that this is the best book about Abraham Lincoln I have ever read."

Cribb shared that the vice president even followed up a few days later with a written

This visit was Cribb's first time in downtown Hartwell, although he and his family have visited Lake Hartwell frequently over the years.

When asked what he is working on next, Cribb said, "I'm sure there will be [another book], but right now I just have not decided on another. I'm sure something will click in my brain, and I'll dig in again, but right now I'm just kind of running around trying to talk about this book."

For information on the author, or to purchase one of the books mentioned, please visit johncribbauthor.com.



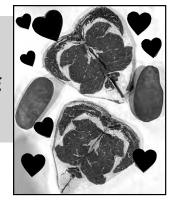
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The Blotter

The Hart County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests:

Jan. 31

Timals Alexander, 28, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with cruelty to children and possession of a controlled substance meth.

Collin Fleming, 30, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with driving without headlights when required, DUI, failure to drive in a single lane, failure to yield entering roadway, and possession of a schedule I controlled substance - heroin.

Edna Moore, 46, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with possession of meth.

Feb. 1

La'Qaevious Roebuck, 26, of Hartwell was charged and arrested on a grand jury arrest warrant violation of Georgia street gang terrorism and prevention act.

Sang Hmung, 40, of Canon was arrested and charged with driving on the wrong side of the road and DUI.

Joseph Rucker, 28, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with probation violation for possession of marijuana with intent distribution.

Feb. 3

Scott Packard, 47, of Westminster, South Carolina was arrested and charged with DUI and expired vehicle tag or decal.

Charleen Brown, 26, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with selling or purchasing tobacco for a

Demetrius Hunt, 43, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with DUI, failure to drive within a single lane, and open container

in vehicle.

Feb. 4

Beonsia Glaze, 24, of Elberton was arrested and charged with probation violation DUI, failure to maintain lane, and failure to report an accident.

Chance Bragg, 23, of Lavonia was arrested and charged with marijuana possession of a controlled substance - THC vape pens, possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime, and possession of a drug related object.

Caitlin Johnson, 21, of Lavonia was arrested and charged with DUI and speeding.

Keneka Johnson, 34, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with DUI and speeding.

Feb. 5

Leah Brown, 26, of Royston was arrested and charged with failure to appear for trial jury DUI, failure to maintain lane, seatbelt, tires, and open container.

Andrea Mickey, 44, of Belton, South Carolina was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamine.

Ben White, 47, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with driving while license is suspended or revoked.

Feb. 6

Samantha Doss, 36, of Lavonia was arrested and charged with failure to appear for driving with license suspended, probation violation for terroristic threats and acts, Liberty Hill Church Road and probation violation for theft by taking.

Michael Evans, 39, of Hartwell was arrested and charged with aggravated assault and cruelty to children.

The Hart County Sher- meth. iff's Office reported the following incidents:

Jan. 31

Deputies responded to Mount Olivet Road in reference to violation of family violence order.

Deputies responded to with intent to distribute, East Franklin Street in reference to possession of schedule I drugs.

> Deputies responded to East Franklin Street and arrested and charged a subject with possession of methamphetamine.

Feb. 1

Deputies responded to Lazy B Drivein reference to burglary.

Feb. 3

Deputies responded to Woodlake Lane in reference to suspicious activity.

Deputies responded to Elizabeth Drive in reference to sodomy, aggravated sodomy, and incest.

Deputies responded to Mount Olivet Road in reference to duty to stop at the scene of an accident, hit and run, leave the scene of an accident.

Deputies responded to Friendship Road in reference to aggravated assault.

Deputies responded to Walters Road in reference to a burglary.

Feb. 4

A deputy conducted a traffic stop near Highway 29 and arrested and charged a subject with speeding and DUI.

Deputies responded to in reference to theft by

Feb. 5

Deputies responded to

Hodges Mill Road in reference to possession of Zaxby's in reference to a

Deputies responded to Kimberley Lane in reference to aggravated assault - family violence and cruelty to children.

The Hart County Police Department reported the following arrest and incidents:

Jan. 31

Officers responded to Walmart in Hartwell in reference to theft by shoplift-

Officers responded to Domino's Pizza in reference to a barring notice served.

Feb. 1

Officers responded to Vickery Street in reference to a 911 hang up call.

Feb. 2

Officers responded to the Golden Pantry in reference to a barring notice served.

Officers responded to barring notice served.

Feb. 5

Officers responded to Franklin Street in reference to a rabid raccoon.

Officers responded to Leard Street in reference to a civil dispute over parking.

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- 6. 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee
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Market 50 Awarded Grant

Recently Hartwell Main Street awarded Market 50 with a \$1,000 Facade Grant. Shown in the photo are Main Street volunteers: Gretchen McClymont, Helen Brown, Carter Unruh, son of Angela Unruh, owner of Market 50, Nancy Hardigree, chairman of the facade grant committee, Debra Taylor, and Henley Clearly. Not pictured owner Chris Unruh.

(Photo submitted)



Photo by Bill Powell

The Hart County Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Kelli and Charly Schell posthumously during the chamber's annual awards banquet Jan. 26 at Cateechee Golf Club. The award was accepted by Frank and Janet Schell, parents of Charly and Frank and Nancy Taylor, parents of Kelli.

Births

Cara Lee Martin

Jessica and Taylor Martin of Hartwell announce the birth of their daughter, Cara Lee Martin, born at 2:20 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022, at St. Mary's Hospital in Lavonia.

She weighed at birth 6.6 pounds and was 19.5 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Amy and Mitch Bennett.

Her paternal grandparents are Sonia and David Martin; and paternal great-grandmother, Marilyn Martin.

Cara has an older brother, Jack Martin.

School news

Anderson University

ANDERSON, S.C. - The following students were named to the Dean's List at Anderson University for the fall semester, 2022. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester. Students named on the list from Canon are: Abigail Akins; and from Hartwell; Candice Mccall, Jackson Milford and Andrew Palmer.

Presbyterian College

CLINTON, SC – Presbyterian College congratulates Aliza Hart of Hartwell for achieving Dean's List status during the Fall 2022 semester.

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Davis signs with Akron on signing day



Pictured left to right: Davis' mother, Dannette, senior wide receiver Paul Davis, and father William decked out in Akron Zips gear as Davis commits to Akron on National

By Benjamin London Staff writer

Signing Day.

Senior four-star wide receiver Paul Davis signs with Akron on National Signing Day.

For Davis, the journey for his commitment has been crazy. Davis committed to play for Duke before the beginning of his senior season. Then decommitted and had Mississippi State, Jackson State, and Duke remaining in his top three schools.

With Jackson State's head coach Deion Sanders leaving for Colorado and Mississippi State's head coach Mike Leach suddenly passing. Davis was left with Duke right?

Georgia Tech and Akron visited the Hart County campus just a week before National Signing Day. Both teams spoke with Davis but Akron invited him to visit the campus the weekend leading up to signing day.

After it was all said and done, Akron's final push was enough to land the four star receiver out of Hart County.

"The whole process was really rough for me," Davis said. "A lot of college coaches came at me and threw me different pitches. I asked God questions and he led me to Akron and I'm happy with my decision."

Davis said that he fell in love with Zips head coach Joe Moorehead and wide receivers coach David Gilbertson while on his visit to Akron. But he also loved the campus atmosphere and teammates that he will be spending the

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Junior guard Alexis Walker drives into the lane in the 50-23 home win over the Stephens County Lady Indians on Feb. 3.

Lady Dogs clinch the No. 2 seed in Region 8-AAA

By Benjamin London Staff writer

With the Lady Dog's win over Stephens Feb. 3 and a win on the road against Oconee on Tuesday, Hart County clinched the No. 2 seed in the Region 8-AAA tournament.

After the Hebron Christian beat down on Jan. 31, Lady Dogs head coach Mike Edwards preached the same message after all seven of Hart's losses. That message was to get back on track.

"We've had that [get back on track] mentality all year," Edwards said. "If we had

beaten Hebron, which obviously didn't happen, we have to move on to the next game. We didn't have time to sulk. The next day at practice we put that behind us and focused on Stephens."

The Lady Dogs responded in a big way as they dominated from start to finish and picked up the 50-23 win over the Lady Indians of Stephens County.

"I thought we played with a really good effort," Edwards said. "We could play execute a lot better than what we did.

"The good thing is after a

game like Hebron, you go from playing the first place team to the last place team in your region. You can have some off moments and still recover during games like these."

The Lady Dogs found success offensively from their junior guard Alexis Walker and their sophomore guard TK Smith. Smith led the team with 13 points, while Walker finished with a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Securing the No. 2 seed in better and smarter. We can the region tournament means the Lady Dogs will have a first round bye.

Hart then traveled to Wat-

kinsville on Tuesday to take on the Lady Warriors of Oconee County.

The Lady Dogs got off to a slow start by only scoring 7 points in the first and second quarters of play. But they allowed 23 points and only trailed by nine heading into the half with a score of 23-14.

"I thought we played really well defensively in that first half." Edwards said. "We held them to 23 [points] and had a lot of opportunities to score. We just weren't finishing plays."

Edwards was honest with the team at the half and told

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Boys split against Stephens and Oconee



Pictured left to right: Leard's mother, Karen, senior tennis player Daniel, and his father, Tim, as Daniel commits to Oglethorpe on National Signing Day.

Leard to continue tennis at Oglethorpe

By Benjamin London Staff writer

Senior tennis player Daniel Leard signs with Oglethorpe on National Signing Day.

"It's a big step for me and I'm confident with my decision and [Oglethorpe] is where I want to go," Leard said. "I'm excited because I have a really good connection with their head coach and my academics are really high. The team is challenging but it's at a level where I know I can compete.

Leard, soon to be a four year letter winner in tennis, has always dreamed of playing at the collegiate level in tennis. Now, he will be able to accomplish that dream.

"Going to college is a big deal," Leard said. "But, for me this is the next step to take me where I want to be. It's a funny feeling to describe though. It's so fulfilling and I've put in all of this hard work and it's time to show everyone what I got. I won't let anyone down."



Benjamin London/The Hartwell Sun

Sophomore guard Keelan Stowers fights off a defender in the 69-62 home win over the Stephens County Indians.

By Benjamin London Staff writer

The Dogs picked up the home win versus Stephens County Feb. 3, but fell to the Warriors on the road versus Oconee County.

It was nothing but a heated rivalry between the Dogs and the Indians. The Dogs came out red hot as they led

23-9 at the end of the first quarter of play. Then things started to get chippy, as both teams had to be separated after some words were exchanged.

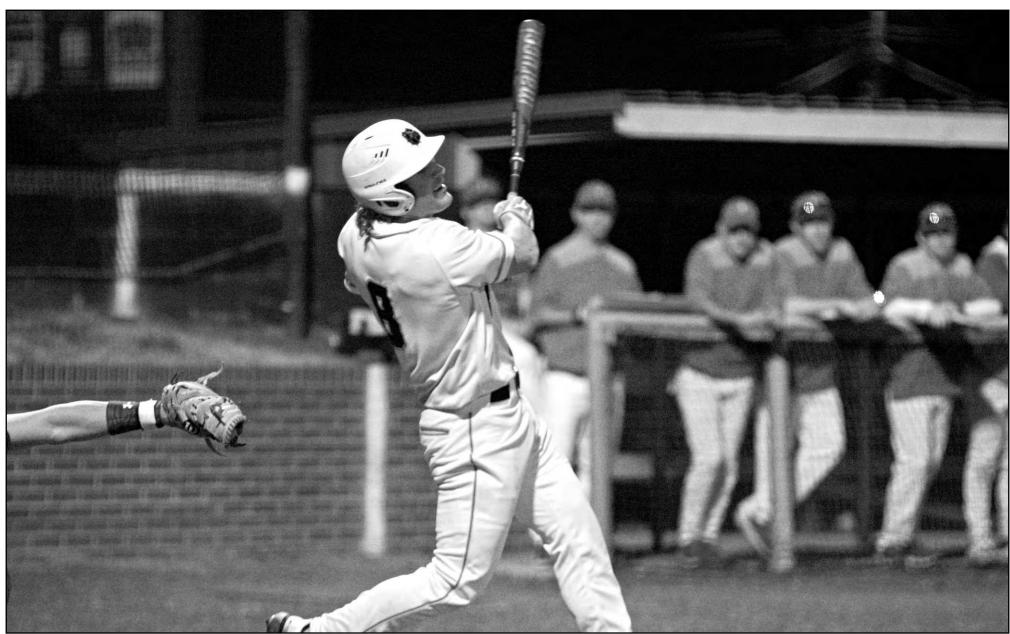
The Indians were able to outscore the Dogs by 3 points in the second quarter, but Hart still held a 39-22 lead going into the half. Stephens made some adjustments to rally back and cut its deficit to 6 points entering the fourth quarter trailing 49-43 with momentum on their side.

As Stephens had cut it to a 2-point game early in the fourth, it was Hart County's combination of the defense getting turnovers and turning them into fast break points on the other side that got the Dogs the 69-62 win over the Indians at home.

"I'm really proud of our guys," Dogs head coach Matt Gibbs said. "We shot the ball well to start the game and had a 21-point lead with three seconds left in the first quarter. We fouled the three point shooter for them to have a

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Hart County Diamond Dog 2023 Preview



Archived Photo

Senior catcher Riley Posey gets a hit in a 2021 game as the Hart County Diamond Dogs turn to him and a few other seniors for leadership in the clubhouse for the 2023 season.

By Benjamin London Staff writer

The Diamond Dogs opened up their season on the road versus their rival Elbert County.

After the end of the 2022 season Josh Osborne announced he would step away from coaching and begin to spend more time with his family. Hart didn't have to go far down the bench to tag Hunter Barton to become the next head coach of the Diamond Dogs. For Barton, it's a dream come true.

"It's a dream come true," Barton said. "I've been here since 2015, and Osborne has been a prime example of what it takes to lead a program. He has really helped me get to where I am

"Ever since I was a kid, I wanted to be a baseball player or a baseball coach. The baseball-player dream didn't work out. But God has opened this door for me to become a baseball coach.

and I want to be that prime example of what it takes to lead a program as well."

Now that Barton's dream has come true, he begins to focus on the 2023 group that will be led with a senior heavy class for the Diamond Dogs.

"This group of seniors have seen the good, the bad, and the ugly," Barton said. "Saying that, they know what it takes to win. Especially when we get to region and possibly the state playoffs.

"From what I've seen, this group of seniors are great leaders. We've had a really good offseason. They've taken the bull by the horns and have helped the younger guys in what to do. It's been good to see that."

Barton said he will look to Reese Maxwell on the mound this season, as Maxwell will be the Diamond Dog's go-to pitcher. He will also look to two four-year starters in Riley Posey and Paul Davis to also step up to lead the team.

Hart County is not the only team to replace their head coach this offseason, but Barton believes the Dogs will be competitive.

"Hart, Monroe Area, Oconee, and Hebron all have new head coaches this year," Barton said. "It will be a different region than what it has been in the past. It'll still be a tough and competitive region.

"Region 8-AAA is hard to beat once the playoffs come around. They are hard teams

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to knock out. With that being said, it'll be hard to win region games let alone win the region. But I believe

in the long run we will be

pretty good."

The Diamond Dogs were set to start the season off on Thursday against rival Elbert County at home. Due to weather to game was moved

able before press release and will be featured in next weeks edition of The Hartwell Sun.

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He then asked them, "Do you want it more in the second half?" The Lady Dogs quickly responded to that answer.

"We were down nine to start the third quarter and cut it to three heading into the fourth quarter," Edwards said. "Really the whole entire second half, we got hot especially from three."

Hart was able to overcome the deficit and beat the Lady Warriors on the road, 55-49.

"We just kept grinding," Edwards said. "We weren't playing bad in the first half. We were just doing uncustomary things. That second

them that Oconee wanted it half we wore them down, more in the first half of play. and they weren't hitting

> Smith may have had the quarter of her life. She went scoreless in the first three quarters and then hit four straight three's and had one free throw to lead the Lady Dogs in scoring with 13 points. That is the first time Smith has gone back to back with 13 points and also leading the team in points.

Madison McLane also played well as she finished with 11, and Dakota Phillips had 9 points of her own.

The Lady Dogs will play their final region game of the season, hosting rival Franklin County on Friday night with tipoff at 7 p.m.

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chance at a four point play. That gave them some momentum.

"We hit some shots and executed well. Really defensively in that first half, we really locked down and played some tough defense. But credit them. They are a tough team and battled back. They hit some shots and drove the ball right down our throats.

"They cut it to 2 points there late but we were able to make a run and stretch it back out. I'm proud of our guys for responding to that, and that's what basketball is about. It wasn't a pretty second half, but it was enough to get the job done.'

It was an overall team effort win over the Indians as the Dogs had four in double-digit scoring. Keelan Stowers and Xavier Freeman led the team with 11. Terrance Mitchell posted 10 points, while Tahj Johnson was two assists away

bounds, 8 assists, and blocks on the night.

"We had huge minutes from a lot of our guys," Gibbs said. "Our first five [Stowers, Freeman, Mitchell, Johnson, and Ty Bates Jr.] had a balanced scoring night. When you have two with 11 [points], two with 10 [points], and one with 8 [points], that's pretty balanced if you ask me. But it was a total team effort for sure.

The Dogs then traveled to Oconee County on Tuesday to take on the Warriors and dropped their fourth region loss of the season to the Warriors, 50-37.

During pregame, Gibbs said they could not get down to the Warriors as Oconee County were undefeated on their home floor.

"Credit Oconee County because they are really good at

from a triple-double as he finhome," Gibbs said. "We shot ished with 10 points, 11 re- the ball very poorly. They capitalized and made some really good plays offensively. When you hold a team to 45 points, you think you would get a win.

"I thought we competed. I wasn't disappointed with our effort. I thought our effort was good. But now we have two regroup and have a couple of good days of practice. Then we control our own destiny.'

Johnson finishes with a double-double for the second straight game as he tallied 12 points (led the team) and 18

rebounds (led the team).

With the Dogs splitting their past two games, Hart's record now sits at 13-11,5-3.

The Dogs will head home to host rival Franklin County on Friday for the final roughly.

on Friday for the final regular season game before heading into the region tournament. Tip-off will be at 8:30 p.m. from the Dog Pound.

to Wednesday in Elberton. The score was not avail-

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next four years with.

Davis was the only senior to be a four year starter for the Dogs and accomplished great things under the lights of Herndon Stadium. But Davis wanted to make sure to take time and reflect on his greatest moments of being a Bulldog.

"It meant a lot to me to be a Hart County Bulldog," Davis said. "A lot of people thought I was going to transfer schools. But who doesn't want to be a Bulldog! I grew up a Bulldog and so did my parents and siblings. I had to stay here and represent my family."



Anglers have big day at SC Bass Nation Trail

Photo Submitted

One HCMS and three HCHS fishing teams competed on Lake Hartwell for the SC Bass Nation Trail on Jan. 29. The HCMS team placed third as Kason Carden (pictured right) and Clayton Segers (pictured left) totalled 9.48 lbs at weigh-in. The three HCHS teams were Landon Bannister and Austin Mercer who placed 28th, Coleman Moore and Cooper Sanders, and Austin McCall and Xander Patton tied for 49th place.

Mat Dogs move on to Sectionals



Photo Submitted

The Lady Mat Dogs went to compete in the Region Area Tournament on Friday, Feb. 3 at Stephens County High School. Pictured above is Lexie VanMeter who took home fourth place and will be the lone Lady Mat Dog to advance to Sectionals. Not pictured is Kailyn Bowers who placed fifth and Gelsey Aguilar who placed sixth. Van Meter will compete in Sectionals held at Stephens County High School on Saturday, Feb. 11.



The Mat Dogs traveled to Stephens County High School on Saturday, Feb. 4 to compete in the Region Area Tournament and placed third overall. Landon Bryant, Harrison Krause, and AJ Smith were all crowned region champions in their respective weight classes. Cameron Risner, Logan Hicks, Peyton White, and Q Hyman placed second. Keylan Martin and Wesley Ringer placed third. Ethan Stovall and Kenyon Harris placed fourth. All of these placers will compete at Sectionals on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Stephens.

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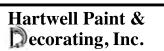
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THURSDAY, FEB. 7

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Hartwell First UMC

Please join us in February! 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. – Traditional service in the sanctuary. 10 a.m. – Contemporary service in the Fellowship Hall. Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 22, Hartwell First United Methodist Sanctuary, 6 p.m.

Mt. Olivet Baptist

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church started a new session of Discipleship Groups. These small groups will meet for the next 12 weeks on Sunday nights at 6 p.m. For more information please contact the church office at 706-376-4874.

Bethany Baptist

Helping Hands Food Pantry, a ministry of Bethany Baptist Church, will be offering drive-thru food distribution to the first 50 families in need, who reside in Hart or Franklin counties, on Saturday, February 18, from 9 - 11 a.m. at the rear of the church. Please contact the church for more information at 706-376-4445 or email us at bethanybaptistchurch@hartcom.net . The church is located at 2085 Bethany Bowersville Road, Canon.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 579 Fairview Ave., Hartwell invites you to worship with us Sundays at 10:30 a.m. We also invite you to Ash Wednesday liturgy and imposition of ashes at 6 p.m. February 22. Additionally, Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. through February 16 and following the Ash Wednesday, we will be studying the Gospel of Matthew. Please e-mail us at standrews. episcopal.hartwell@gmail.com to request an online copy of the printable weekly service bulletin.

Sacred Heart Church

One man's junk is another man's treasure – Sacred Heart Church is having their annual indoor/ outdoor yard sale from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25. The cost is \$30 to reserve a vendor table. If you are interested contact: ourladyscircle. shjchurch@gmail.com or voicemail: 706-963-0770.

Clothes Closet & Food Pantry

Clothes Closet & Food Pantry - Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 1333 Pleasant Hill Road, Martin. (across from Zaxby's at Interstate). The Clothes Closet is open the first Saturday of each month 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and the third Tuesday of each month 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Flat Shoals Baptist Church

All God's Family Clothes Closet and Food Pantry, Flat Shoals Baptist Church, 2999 Bowersville Hwy., Bowersville. Open every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information contact: David Partain 706-436-1814 or Shirley Partain 706-436-

River of Life Church Ministry

The Coming Together – This is a meeting for anyone who may be struggling with an addiction or going thru recovery or who just loves coffee to come together to talk and share feelings. Come join us for coffee and refreshments at 6 p.m. every first Thursday of the month.

The church is located on 3366 Elberton Hwy., Hartwell. For more information call 706-371-2297.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Board of Health

A Board of Health meeting will be held at 1 p.m. February 9, at the County Administrative Building, 800 Chandler St., Hartwell.

Artist Showcase

Thru Feb. 11 - Artist Showcase: Ganine Derleth - "Close to Home" is a stellar collection of local artist Ganine Derleth's latest works inspired by locations and scenes that are all within driving distance from Hartwell.

Feb. 16 – March 18

"Our Artful Youth" - Budding Hartwell Student Artist Exhibit Hartwell Art Center is proud to collaborate with our local school system to showcase the talents of our children and youth.

AARP Chapter 2006

Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Birthday to Lincoln and Washington from AARP Chapter 2006 family to yours.

AARP free tax services will be Feb. 6 at the Hartwell Library by appointment only. Early voting at 9 a.m. Feb. 27. Membership meeting will be held Feb. 15 at Hartwell Library, downstairs, door nearest ramp, 12 to 2 p.m. Membership dues

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friend. For more information call 706-805-5266 or 443-223-1970.

Backyard Flock 101

Mark your calendar for the Backyard Flock 101 from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 11, at the Hart County Agriculture Center. Registration is \$5 per person. Funds collected will go toward program materials and the ANR programmatic funds. Dr. Casey Ritz will be the guest speaker.

Hartwell Garden Club

The Hartwell Garden Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the First Presbyterian Church at noon. Lunch will be catered. Barbara Conner and Jean Kring will be hostesses and present a program on "Using what you have to create a new look!"

Food Bank/Hartwell

The Food Bank of Northeast Georgia and Cornerstone Baptist Church will be sponsoring a free food distribution starting around 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. Only one unit per household. If you are picking up for someone else, please have proper identification.

Pine Tree Garden Club

The Pine Tree Garden Club will meet at 6 p.m. on February 16, at the Adult Learning Center. The program will be: "Preparing Your Garden for Spring Planting". Hostesses are Ruth McCurry, Marcia Powell, Barbara Sickmon and Wilma Stocks.

Bow-Wow Meow Bingo Lunch

The Hart County Humane Society will be holding the Bow-Wow Meow Bingo Lunch from 12 to 3 p.m. Feb. 17, at Casa Grande, 239 Franklin Street.

The cost is \$25/person and includes: buffet lunch, drink, tip and two Bingo cards. Additional cards available for purchase. Purchase tickets at eventbrite.com or in person at the Hart County Chamber of Commerce. Seating is limited.

Hart County Historical Museum

The Hart County Historical Museum is open every Friday from 11 am until 2 p.m. This is a great opportunity to see some interesting bits of Hart County history.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Hart County Library need your support. Please renew or join the Friends for \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family. Membership forms are at the reception desk of the library. Another way you can help is by visiting our bookstore, open 11-1 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, for gently used books.

Hart County Community Chorus

Hart County Community Chorus invites those who enjoy singing in parts to join them Mondays from 5:30-7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 579 Fairview Avenue, Hartwell. For more information, please contact Chorus director Maureen Deloach at maureendeloach@gmail.com or via phone at 508-560-3405.

Friends of the Garden

The Friends of the Garden meet on the third Tuesday of each month at various locations. For more information, visit www.hartcogardens.com,

Backyard Bird Count

It is time for the 26th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society. Participants are asked to count bird species in 15 minute time periods. The dates of the GBBC are Feb. 17-20. Please visit the official website at birdcount.org for more information.

Imagination Library Low Country Boil

The annual Imagination Library Low Country Boil will be held Friday, Feb. 17, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Hart County Ag Center, 1951 Bowman Highway. The cost per ticket will be \$25, and it will be drive through only.

Hart County Botanical Garden

All are welcome to attend the Friends of the Hart County Botanical Garden meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 41 S. Carter St., Hartwell. Sierra Cannon, the Hart County Extension Agent, will speak on invasive plants and how to control them.

Pre-K Registration

Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration - The Hart County Charter System will hold Pre-K Registration from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday, April 24, and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Friday, April 28, at the Hart County Agriscience Center, located at 1951 Bowman Highway, Hartwell.

Kindergarten Registration will be held at North Hart Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25; at South Hart Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26; and at Hartwell Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 27. For more information, please visit www.hart.k12.ga.us.

Hart County Democratic Meeting

The monthly meeting will be held at 10 a.m. every third Saturday in the downstairs meeting room at the Hart County Library. Loretta King, local historian, will be speaking on Feb. 18, in honor of Black History Month.

AARP Tax -Aide

The AARP Tax-Aide program will be available in Hartwell for the 30th consecutive year. The Hartwell site will operate Mondays only until April 10 from 8:45 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Adult Learning Center, 110 Benson St. in Hartwell. Service is by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call: 706-805-8550. If you have questions, contact the local coordinator, Cherry Reeve at 706-371-6163.

Hart Co. Food Pantry

Hart County Food Pantry provides groceries for those in need. The Food Pantry is located at 130 E. Howell Street. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:30-1. Call 706-376-2022 or 706-376-9444 for more information.

Hart County AARP Chapter 2006

Hart County AARP Chapter 2006 meets the third Wednesday of every month at the Hartwell Library downstairs from 12 to 2 p.m. at the door nearest the ramp. Oldest Chapter in Georgia to date serving 40 years in the counties.

For information call 706-805-5266 or 443-223-1979.

Peace of Mind Caregiver Support

Peace of Mind Support Group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month (Feb. 14 & 28) at Hartwell First United Methodist Church, in the church office library at 5 p.m. For more info. please contact Mary Jones at 706-376-7121 ext 244.

Hart Cancer Support Group

Cancer Support Group meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Hartwell First United Methodist Church in the church library. This is a community support group for those impacted by cancer, either you or a loved one. Contact the DeWeerth's at josiedeweerth@gmail.com for more information.

AL-ANON Meetings

Al-Anon meetings every Thursday at 12 p.m. at Hartwell First United Methodist Church, in the Gym kitchen. Is your life being affected by someone else's drinking? Contact Jeanne at 404-316-7318 for more information.

Hartwell VFW Post 8076

The Hartwell VFW, Post 8076 is open Wednesday and Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. and Friday from 4 to 9 p.m. Guests are welcome. 173 Ack Powell Road.

Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis is an international organization whose purpose is "to improve the quality of life for children and families worldwide." For more information concerning our Club, call Joe Hoffman at 404-

AA To Light the Way

AA To Light the Way Meeting. When? Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m. Where? Lavonia Church of God, 107 Bear Creek Road Lavonia, 706-668-8424.

Tiny Stitches Workshop

Tiny Stitches Workshop is held the third Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Dona Hoard at 802-379-7043 or donahoard@hotmail.com Also Josephine Meyer at 516-578-5544 or robbiejo1630@yahoo.com.

Moms In Prayer

Moms In Prayer is an international ministry for Moms who want to pray for their children and their schools. Hartwell's group meets on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:30. We welcome all Christian women. For more information and the location please contact Sheryl Brooks at 706-376-3303 or 706-961-0916,

Narcotics Anonymous

The Common Ground Group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at 1409 Bailey's Garage Road, Bowersville.

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Alcoholics Anonymous

Alive & Well Group of Alcoholics Anonymous – We meet Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. at 296 Ulyanovsk Road, Hartwell. Also: Women's Meeting Tuesdays at 6 p.m., 296 Ulyanovsk Road, Hartwell.

Narcotics Anonymous

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF BILLY RAN-DALL ROWLAND, DECEASED NOTICE TO

DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of BILLY RANDALL ROWLAND, late of Hart County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

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NOTICE TO **DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HART CROCKER

IN RE: BRENDA CALEXANDER, DECEASED. All creditors of the Estate of Brenda Crocker Alexander, deceased, late of

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This 24th day of January, 2023. /s/ Billy Alexander Executor of the Estate of Brenda Crocker Alexander 348 Cedar Creek Circle Hartwell, GA 30643

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NOTICE TO
DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HART IN RE: CAROLYN A. BAILEY. DECEASED.

All creditors of the Estate of Carolyn A. Bailey, deceased, late of Hart County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebt-ed to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

This 1st day of February, 2023. /s/ Donald Little Executor of the Estate of Carolyn A. Bailey 2676 Reed Creek Highway Hartwell, GA 30643

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NOTICE TO **DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

All creditors of the Estate of Connie W. Turner, deceased, late of Hart County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the under signed according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to

This 2nd day of February, 2023. Brandon Eaton, Executor

Patricia S. Bryant, LLC Suite 300, 8 N. Oliver Street Elberton, GA 30635 706-283-7902

Gpn07 745968

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA BASHAW HILLEY, DECEASED

NOTICE TO

DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All creditors of the Estate of EMILIE BASHAW HILLEY late of Hart County are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate are re quired to make immediate payment.

This 27th day of January, 2023. Julie Marie Brown 438 Beaver Creek Road Bowman, Georgia 30624

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NOTICE TO **DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HART

IN RE: Etta T. Strange, Deceased. All creditors of the Estate of Etta T. Strange, deceased, late of Hart County, are hereby notified to render their emands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate

This 3rd day of February, 2023. Annis T. Strange, as Administrator of Etta T. Strange, deceased

Marc S. Kaufman Attorney at Law Marc Kaufman Law, LLC 4846 Lavonia Highway Hartwell, GA 30643 (706) 376-6939

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA **COUNTY OF HART**

All creditors of the estate of FRANCES DEAN ARNDT, deceased, late of Hart County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demand against said estate to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 6th day of February, 2023. DIANE ARNDT JOHNSON, Administrator of the Estate of FRANCES **DEAN ARNOT**

c/o LINTON S. JOHNSON, III McRAE, SMITH, PEEK, HARMAN & MONROE, LLP P. O. Box 29

Rome, Georgia 30162-0029 Attorneys for Administrator

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NOTICE TO **DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** STATE OF GEORGIA **COUNTY OF HART**

IN RE: Lamar Strange, Deceased. All creditors of the Estate of Lamar Strange, deceased, late of Hart County, are hereby notified to render their mands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate

This 3rd day of February, 2023. Annis T. Strange, as Administrator of Lamar Strange, deceased

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STATE OF GEORGIA

Debtors and Creditors IN RE: MAXINE M. GREER.

DECEASED.

All creditors of the Estate of Maxine M. Greer, deceased, late of Hart 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 me.

This 1st day of February, 2023. Mark Robert Green Co-Executor of the Estate of Maxine M. Green 326 Gremul Drive Hartwell, GA 30643

Richard Wayne Green Co-Executor of the Estate of Maxine M. Green 7389 Wilber Road Oreana, IL 62554

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF MOZELLE FOWLER STARCHER, DECEASED NOTICE TO

DEBTORS AND CREDITORS All creditors of the Estate of MOZELLE FOWLER STARCHER, late

of Hart County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. This 23rd day of January, 2023.

Karen G. Carey 6730 Lavonia Highway Lavonia, Georgia 30553

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NOTICE TO **DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF HART IN RE: Stephen J. Flynn

Deceased. All creditors of the Estate of Stephen J. Flynn, deceased, late of Hart 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. This 3rd day of February, 2023. C. Dennis Berryman, as Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Stephen J. Flynn, deceased

Marc S. Kaufman Attorney at Law Marc Kaufman Law, LLC 4846 Lavonia Highway Hartwell, GA 30643 (706) 376-6939

Gpn07 744558

NOTICE TO **DEBTORS AND CREDITORS** STATE OF GEORGIA

The Hart County Board of Education is hiring for a High **School Attendance Clerk.**

JOB TITLE: ATTENDANCE CLERK JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Summary: Under the supervision of the Principal, performs a variety of functions related to the collecting and reporting of attendance and the maintenance of student attendance records at HCHS.

Example of Essential Duties

- Issues absence admit and tardy slips.
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- Contact parents/guardians by letter based on the number of days absent.
- Assists with establishing an attendance contract for students when needed Maintains logs and other documentation verifying absences.
- Ensures that attendance for tardy students is recorded. Prints attendance letters for students attempting to get their driver's license
- Notifies administration and social worker when student(s) have excessive attendance problems.
- Stay current on district and state attendance policies and procedures To effectively communicate with school staff and other district employees
- To use patience, tact and courtesy in dealing with students and adults · To relate positively to students
- Contact parents regarding bus notes Knowledge of Infinite Campus is preferred
- Applications are available on the Hart County BOE website under the job posting or at the

Board Office. Submit applications to: Attn: Kelly Alexander | Hart County Charter System, 284 Campbell Drive | Hartwell, GA 30643 | Contact: (706) 376-5141

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Debtors and Creditors

IN RE: THOMAS L. MULLENIX, DECEASED.

All creditors of the Estate of Thomas L. Mullenix, deceased, late of Hart County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are reguired to make immediate payment to

This 9th day of January, 2023. /s/ Carolyn N. Mullenix Executor of the Estate of Thomas L. Mullenix 284 Whippoorwill Trail Hartwell, GA 30643

Robert E. Ridgway, Jr. Ridgway & Ridgway, LLP Attorneys and Counselors at Law 93 Chandler Center P.O. Box 710 Hartwell, Georgia 30643 (706) 376-3991

Election Notices

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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF HART COUNTY SCHOOL **DISTRICT, GEORGIA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 21st day of March, 2023, a special election will be held at the regular polling places in all the election districts of Hart County at which time there will be submitted to the qualified voters of Hart County for their determination the question of whether a special sales and use tax for educational purposes of one percent shall continue to be levied, imposed and collected on all sales and uses in Hart County for a period of time not to exceed twenty (20) calendar quarters, beginning with the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the sales and use tax for educational purposes presently in effect expires, and for the purpose of raising not more than \$30,580,000, which shall go to the Hart County School District, for the purpose of (i) acquiring miscellaneous new equipment, fixtures and furnishings for the school system, including heating and air conditioning equipment, technology equipment, software computer tablets, laptops, and safety and security equipment; (ii) expanding replacing, renovating, repairing, improving, and equipping existing school buildings and school system facilities, including playgrounds, athletic facilities and administrative office facilities; (iii) acquiring, constructing and equipping new school buildings and school system facilities, including athletic facilities, technological facilities, academic facilities, administrative office facilities, parking facilities, and transportation and maintenance facilities: (iv) acquiring and improving land for school system facilities; (v) acquiring school buses and transportation and maintenance equipment; and (vi) acquiring books, digital resources and other media for the school system, with the maximum cost of the projects described in items (i)-(vi) payable from said tax being \$30,580,000; (vii) paying any general obligation debt of the School District issued in conjunction with the continuation of such sales and use tax; and (viii) paying expenses incident to ac-

complishing the foregoing. The ballots to be used at such referendum shall have written or printed thereon substantially the following:

No

Shall a special one percent sales and use tax for educational purposes be continued in Hart County for a period not to exceed twenty (20) calendar quarters beginning upon expiration of the sales and use tax for educational purposes presently in effect, and for the purpose of raising not more than \$30,580,000 of net proceeds by said tax, which net proceeds shall go to the Hart County School District for the purpose of (i) acquiring miscellaneous new equipment, fixtures and furnishings for the school system, including heating and air conditioning equipment, technology equipment, software, computer tablets, laptops, and safety and security equipment; (ii) expanding, replacing, renovating, repairing, improving, and equipping existing school buildings and school system facilities, including playgrounds, athletic facilities and administrative office facilities; (iii) acquiring, constructing and equipping new school buildings and school system facilities, including athletic facilities, technological facilities, academic facilities, administrative office facilities, parking facilities, and transportation and maintenance facilities; (iv) acquiring and improving land for school system facilities; (v) acquiring school buses and transportation and maintenance equipment; and (vi) acquiring books, digital resources and other media for the school system, with the maximum cost of the projects described in items (i)-(vi) payable from said tax being \$30,580,000; (vii) paying any general obligation debt of the School District issued in conjunction with the continuation of such sales and use tax; and (viii) paying expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing.

If the continuation of the tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt of Hart County School District in the principal amount of \$7,000,000 for the purposes of the Hart County School District described in items (i) - (vi) above and for the purpose of payment of a portion of the interest on such debt and the expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing.

If the continuation of such tax is approved by the voters, such vote shall also constitute approval of the issuance of general obligation debt by the Hart County School District in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,000,000 for the purposes of the Hart County School District described in items (i) - (vi) above and for the purpose of payment of a portion of the interest on such debt and the expenses incident to accomplishing the foregoing. The maximum rate of interest such general obligation debt will bear is not to exceed 6.0% per annum. and the aggregate amount of principal to be paid in each year during the life of such debt will be as follows

Year Principal to be Paid

2025 \$1.625.000 2026 \$1,700,000 2027 \$1,800,000

2028

Any brochures, listings, or other advertisements issued by the Hart County Board of Education, or by any other person, firm, corporation, or association with the knowledge and consent of the Board of Education, shall be deemed to be a statement of intention of the Board of Education concerning the use of the proceeds of the general obligation debt to be issued in connec-

\$1,875,000

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tion with the sales and use tax for educational purposes

The several places for holding said referendum shall be at the regular and established voting precincts of the election districts of Hart County, Georgia, and the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the date fixed for the referendum. All polling places will be open.

The last day to register to vote in this referendum shall be February 21, 2023 through 5:00 p.m. Mail voter registration applications must be postmarked on or before February 21,

Those residents of Hart County qualified to vote at such referendum shall be determined in all respects in accordance with the election laws of the State of Georgia.

This notice is given pursuant to a resolution of the Hart County Board of Education adopted on November 14,

This 26th day of January, 2023. /s/ Robin Webb Election Superintendent

Foreclosures

Gpn2 NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, HART COUNTY

Pursuant to the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Acharya Craft to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Homestar Financial Corp., its successors and assigns. dated 11/21/2019 and recorded in Deed Book 00882 Page 00155 Hart County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, conveying the afterdescribed property to secure a Note in original principal amount of \$108,080.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Hart County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on March 7, 2023 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described proper-

ALL THAT LOT OR PARCEL AT **IMPROVEMENTS** WITH LAND, THEREON, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF HARTWELL IN THE 1112TH GEORGIA MILITIA DISTRICT OF HART COUNTY, GEORGIA, CON-TAINING 0.267 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT SEVENTEEN (17) OF ROME STREET SUBDIVI-SIÓN. AND BEING BOUNDED NOW OR FORMERLY SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS: NORTH BY LANDS OF STANLEY C. AND DOROTHY M. POLL AND BY LANDS OF SIDNEY L. MOORE; EAST BY LOT 18 OF SAID SUBDIVISION; SOUTH BY THE 60 -FOOT WIDE RIGHT OR WAY OF FAY KIGHT CIRCLE; AND WEST BY LOT 16 OF SAID SUBDIVISION; AND PARTICULARLY MORE BEING SHOWN AND DELINEATED ON A PLAT OF A SURVEY PREPARED TOR THE CITY OF HARTWELL BY BAUKNIGHT & ASSOCIATES, REG-ISTERED LAND SURVEYORS, DAT-ED APRIL 10 1996 RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2-F, PAGE 146, IN THE OFFICE AT THE CLERK OF THE SU-PERIOR COURT OF HART COUNTY,

GEORGIA. THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS A PORTION OF THOSE LANDS DE-SCRIBED IN A WARRANTY DEED FROM HART COUNTY, GEORGIA, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF HARTWELL, GEORGIA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION DATED MAY 10, 1994, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 258, PAGES 794-796, HART AND BY REFERENCE SAID PLAT AND SAID DEED ARE SPECIFICAL-LY INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIP

TION AND CONVEYANCE THIS DEED IS MADE AND SAID PROPERTY CONVEYED SUBJECT TO THAT DECLARATION OF PRO-AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS TOR THE ROME STREET SUBDIVISION DATED STREET APRIL 7, 1997, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 295, PAGES 636-643, HART GEORGIA RECORDS COUNTY. WHICH DECLARATION OF PROTEC-AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS ARE SPECIFICALLY INCO LIKEWISE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HERE

THIS DEED IS ALSO MADE AND SAID PROPERTY CONVEYED SUB-JECT TO THE ENCROACHMENT OR A 20-FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASE-MENT ALONG THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROP-ERTY. AS SHOWN ON THE AFORE-MENTIONED PLAT. Property Address: 287 Faye Kight

Circle, Hartwell, GA 30643 Parcel ID: 1691 085

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

property is commonly known as 287 Faye Kight Circle, Hartwell, GA 30643 together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Acharya Craft or tenant or ten-

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

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

first set out above.

Said property will be sold subject to: (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of

record superior to the Security Deed The sale will be conducted subject

Foreclosures

to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided immedi-

ately above.
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Acharya Craft

Aldridge Pite, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637. 1120-23771A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPT-ING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY IN-FORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1120-

Miscellaneous

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA Dustin Frazier,

Plaintiff

Faith Frazier.

Civil Action No. 23HV0045M **NOTICE OF SUMMONS -**SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Faith Frazier, Defendant Named Above:

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking Custody was filed against you in said court on December 6, 2022 and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on January 24, 2023, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Dustin Frazier, plaintiff, whose address is 1122 Mt. Olivet Road, Hartwell, GA 30643 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, judgement by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Witness the Honorable Judge Malcom, Judge of said Court. This the 24th day of January, 2023.

/s/ Ginger Medlin Deputy Clerk of Superior Court Hart County

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NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION TO: Bonnie Hubbard

TAKE NOTICE THAT on November 18, 2022, All Wired Up, Inc. filed a Petition To Quiet Title in the Superior Court of Hart County, Georgia, in conjunction with the real property known as 651 Otis Skelton Road, in Hart County, Georgia, pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ 23-3-40, et seq, said matter pending as Civil Action File No. 22HV00435. 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.

By Order for Publication entered in the Superior Court of Hart County, Georgia, on January 19 2023, Bonnie Hubbard is hereby notified that it she is required to file any response or answer with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hart County within 60 days of the date of the Order for service by publication, with a copy of such response or answer to be sent to the Attorney for the Petitioner: Burke B. Johnson, Lueder, Larkin & Hunter, LLC, 320 East Clayton Street, Suite 418, Athens, GA

Witness. Harvev Wasserman Judge, Superior Court of Hart County Frankie Gray, Clerk, Superior Court of Hart County

Name Changes

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA Civil Action File No. 23HV00034 P In Re: Kenley Craig Human NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME **GEORGIA, HART COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given that Kenley Craig Human, the undersigned, filed petition to the Superior Court of Hart County, Georgia on the 26th day of January, 2023, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Kenley Craig Human to Kacey Craig Human.

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 thirty days of the filing of said

This 26th day of January, 2023. Kenley Craig Human Petitioner

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IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNT OF HART STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY LOUISE STRICKLAND, a/k/a BETTY YORK STRICK-

LAND, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 23ES006 PETITION FOR LETTERS

OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: Whom it may concern CRYSTAL COLE VAUGHT has petitioned to be appointed administrator

the estate of BETTY LOUISE STRICKLAND, a/k/a BETTY YORK STRICKLAND, 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 persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before 10:00 a.m., FEBRUARY 13, 2023.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All obctions 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 hear-

> /s/ Merry P. Kirk Judge of the Probate Court P.O. Box 1159 Hartwell, GA 30643 706-376-2565

David L. Jordan Attorney at Law 525 Hartwell St Royston, GA 30662 (706) 245-7874

dlj@davidjordan.law

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF DIANNE F. HIRTZ, **DECEASED**

ESTATE NO. 23ES010

NOTICE

TO: Whom It May Concern: JAMES HIRTZ has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of DIANNE F. HIRTZ 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 persons are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or be-

fore 10:00 a.m. February 20, 2023. **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

/s/ Merry Kirk Judge of the Probate Court

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IN THE PROBATE COURT
OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JANICE A. JOHNSON, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 23ES028 NOTICE OF PETITION TO FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT

The petition of Thomas Lynn Johnson, for a Year's Support from the estate of Janice A. Johnson, deceased, for decedent's (surviving spouse), having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before 10:00 a.m. March 6, 2023, why said netition 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. 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.
/s/ Merry P. Kirk

Judge of the Probate Court 185 W. Franklin St., P.O. Box 1159 Hartwell, GA 30643 (706) 376-2565

Gpn18 747459

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE- ESTATE OF KEVIN SHANE FITZGERALD,

DECEASED **ESTATE NO. 23ES016** PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may conce MONICA DIANE FITZGERALD has for MONICA DIANE petitioned FITZGERALD to be appointed administrator of the estate of KEVIN SHANE FITZGERALD, 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 persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before 10:00 A.M., March 6, 2023.

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 hear-

/s/ Merry P. Kirk Judge of the Probate Court P.O. Box 1159 Hartwell, GA 30643 706-376-2565

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT DEWEY VICKERY, DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 23ES015 PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE TO: whom it may concern:

William Walton Vickery Jr. has petitioned for William Walton Vickery, Jr. to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Robert Dewey Vickery 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 persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before 10 a.m. February 20, 2023.

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

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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 hear-

ing. /s/ Merry P. Kirk Judge of the Probate Court 185 West Franklin Street. P.O. Box 1159 Hartwell, GA 30643 (706) 376-2565

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747026 IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS B. RIVERA DECEASED

ESTATE NO. 23ES019 PETITION FOR LETTERS
OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

and to whom it may concern:

Betty A. Rivera has petitioned for (Betty A. Rivera)

to be appointed administrator(s) of the estate of Thomas B. Rivera 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 persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before 10:00 a.m. March 6, 2023. BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All ob-

jections 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 hear-

/s/ Merry P. Kirk Judge of the Probate Court PO Box 1159 Hartwell, GA 30643 706-376-2565

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA Thomas Henry McLane,

ESTATE NO. 23ES005 NOTICE OF PETITION TO **FILE FOR YEAR'S SUPPORT**

The petition of Angela Luna McLane, for a year's support from the estate of Thomas Henry McLane, defor decedent's surviving spouse and minor children, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before 10:00 a.m. February 27, 2023, 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 pre-ceding sentence. 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. /s/ Merry P. Kirk

Judge of the Probate Court P.O. Box 1159 Hartwell, GA 30643 706-376-2565

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HART COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS HENRY MCLANE, DECEASED ESTATE NO. 23ES005

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

TO: whom it may concern: Angela Luna McLane has petitioned to be appointed administrator of the estate of Thomas Henry McLane, 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 persons are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before 10:00 A.M., February 27, 2023.

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 hear-

/s/ Merry P. Kirk Judge of the Probate Court P.O. Box 1159 Hartwell, GA 30643 706-376-2565

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DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX SALE

Under and by virtue of certain tax

Fi. Fa.'s issued by the Tax Commissioner of Hart County, Georgia, in favor of the State of Georgia and County of Hart, against the following named persons and the property as described next to their respective name(s). There will be sold for cash or certified funds at public outcry, before the Courthouse door in Hartwell, Hart County, Georgia, between the legal hours of sale, on the first Tuesday in March, 2023, the same being March 7th, 2023, and continuing on March 8th, 2023, if necessary between the legal hours of sale, 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. The below listed and described properties, or as much thereof as will satisfy the State and County tax execution on the respective individual and property. The property (ies) hereinafter described have been levied on as the property of the persons whose names immediately precede the property description. Each of the respective parcels of property are

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located in Hart County, State of Georgia. The years for which said Fi. Fa.'s are issued and levied are stated opposite the name of the owner in each case. Each defendant and tenant in possession, if applicable, has been notified of levy time and place of sale. Purchaser shall pay for title, all transfer costs, all taxes, advertising costs and recording fees. Any mobile home(s) situated on the parcels are excluded from sale unless otherwise noted. Any mobile home included will be considered a fixture of the property. All redemption rights given to the land will apply to the mobile home.

Map & Parcel: C08C014 Defendant in FiFa: Alexander, Inez Stephens Hill

Current Record Holder: Hill, Mrs. Inez n/k/a Inez Stephens Hill Alexan-

CRH Address: 347 E Phil Ellena

Philadelphia, PA 19119 Amount Due: \$441.96 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book: 499/755

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, City of Royston, 1113th GMD, being 0.67 acres, more less. Being part of Tract 2. As shown in Plat Book 2D, Page 263. Or as further described in Deed Book 499, Page 755. Less & Except: Tract 1 as shown in Plat Book 2D, Page 263, described in Deed Book 499, Page 755 & 0.228 acres as shown in Plat Book 2H, Page 13, described in Deed Book 363, Page 370. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C08C014, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C08C014001 Defendant in FiFa:Heard, Walter

Current Record Holder: Heard, Wal-

CRH Address: 5621Hadfield

Street Philadelphia, PA 19143 Amount Due: \$1,608.50

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book: 363/370 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, City of Royston, 1113th GMD, being 0.228 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 2H. Page 13. Or as further described in Deed Book 363, Page 370. Being

C08C014001, Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: C15041001 Defendant in FiFa:Floyd, Allen Ter-

known as Tax Map & Parcel

rell Current Record Holder:Floyd, Allen

Terrell CRH Address:379 Ridgeview Road Lavonia, GA 30553 Amount Due: \$1,262.55

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book:477/379; 747/638 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1117th GMD, being 3.35 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 33, Page 190. Or as further described in Deed Book 747. Page 638 & Deed Book 477, Page 379. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C15041001, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C15053019 Defendant in FiFa: BR Homes, LLC Current Record Holder:Natty

CRH Address: 3330 Cumberland Boulevard

Suite 325 Atlanta, GA 30339

Amount Due: \$1,130.21 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020,2019 Deed Book:823/21 Legal Description:All that tract of

land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1117th GMD, being 0.59 acres, more or less. Being Lot 19, of Ridgeview Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 2K, Page 63. Or as further described as a portion of Deed Book 823, Page 21. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C15053019, Hart Coun-

Map & Parcel: C15053020 Defendant in FiFa: BR Homes, LLC

Record Holder:Natty

Bumpo, LLC CRH Address: 3330 Cumberland Boulevard

Suite 325 Atlanta, GA 30339 Amount Due: \$1,239.92

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020,2019

Deed Book: 823/21 Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1117th GMD, being 0.77 acres, more or less. Being Lot 20, of Ridgeview Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 2K, Page 63. Or as further described in Deed Book 823, Page 21. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel

C15053020, Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: C17034003 Defendant in FiFa: Keene, Carol M.

Record Holder:Heirs Current Known & Unknown of Keene, Carol

M., Deceased CRH Address: Schafer Street

Bowersville, GA 30516 Amount Due: \$456.70 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020,2019

259/679; 152/760 Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia County of Hart, 1116th GMD, being 0.30 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 2C. Page 66. Or as further described as a portion of the tract in Deed Book 152, Page 760 & Deed Book 259, Page 679. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C17034003, Hart

Map & Parcel: C17A004001 Defendant in FiFa:Buffington,

Current Record Holder:Heirs Known & Unknown of Buffington, Deceased

CRH Address: 1272 GA Highway 17 South, Royston, GA 30662 Amount Due: \$361.30

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book: 138/5 Legal Description:All that tract of

land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, City of Bowersville, 1116th GMD, being 0.10 acres, more or less. Being Tract 2. As shown in Plat Book 22. Page 261. Or as further described in Deed Book 138, Page 5. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C17A004001. Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C23031 FiFa:Fleeman, Pamela L.

Current Record Holder: Fleeman,

CRH Address: 89 Alvin Mize Road Royston, GA 30662 Amount Due: \$1,606.09 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

178/456 Deed Book: Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1113th GMD. being 7.70 acres, more or less. Being Lot 2, of Pearl Findley Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 13, Page 82. Or as further described in Deed Book 178, Page

Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C23031, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C23075 Defendant in FiFa: Simpson, Lind-

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Record Holder:Heirs Current

say H., Deceased

nown & Unknown of Simpson, Lind-CRH Address:853 Corinth Church

Royston, GA 30662 Amount Due: \$943.98 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book: 318/54

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1113th GMD, being 4.84 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 2G, Page 56. Or as further described in Deed Book 318, Page 54. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C23075, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C26E104 Defendant in FiFa:Bradley, Ella

Teresa A. Current Record Holder:Bradley, Ella Teresa Arason

CRH Address: 5501 Hampton Forrest Way, Fairfax, VA 28283 Amount Due: \$3,614.66 Tax Years Due:

2021,2020,2019,2018,2017,2016,2015 Deed Book: 151/376

Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 117th GMD, being 0.36 acres, more or less. Being Lot 14, Section I, of Tugaloo Bay Subdivision As shown in Plat Book 2B, Page 31. Or as further described in Deed Book 151, Page 376. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C26E104, Hart County,

Map & Parcel: C26E209 Defendant in FiFa: Jones, William

F & Doris Trust Current Record Holder:Jones, William E. & Jones, Doris C., as Trustees of the 2003 Jones Family

Revocable Trust CRH Address: 849 Bennock Mill Road, Augusta, GA 30906

Amount Due: \$961.86

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book: 453/103 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1117th GMD, being 0.33 acres, more or less. Being Lot 128, Section 2, of Tugaloo Bay Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 2B, Page 31 Or as further described in

Deed Book 453, Page 103. Being

known as Tax Map & Parcel C26E209,

Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: C26E240 Defendant in FiFa: Crawmer Fami-

ly Trust Current Record Holder:Crawmer, David A., as Trustee of the Crawmer

Family Trust CRH Address: 833 Cork Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30045 Amount Due: \$961.86 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

776/111 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1117th GMD. Being Lot 160, Section 2, of Tugaloo Bay Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 2B, Page 1A. Or as further described in Deed Book 776, Page 111. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C26E240 Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C26E321 Defendant in FiFa: Dalton. Robert

Record Holder:Heirs Current Known & Unknown of Dalton, Robert, Deceased CRH Address:3429 Woodhill Drive

Dacula, GA 30019 Amount Due: \$1,466.12 Tax Years Due: $2021,\!2020,\!2019,\!2018,\!2017,\!2016,\!2015$

Deed Book:391/683 Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1117th GMD, being 0.25 acres, more or less. Being Lot 329, Section 2, of Tugaloo Bay Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 32 Page 549. Or as further described in

known as Tax Map & Parcel C26E321 Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: C26E331

Deed Book 391, Page 683. Being

ginia R. Record Holder:Heirs Current Known & Unknown of Hutchings, Vir-

ginia R., Deceased CRH Address: 721 Indian Manor Court, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Amount Due: \$3,779.33 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020,2019,2018,2017,2016,2015

Deed Book: 170/19 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1117th GMD, being 0.35 acres, more or less. Being Lot 318, of Tugaloo Bay Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 2B, Page 31. Or as further described in Deed Book 170, Page 19. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C26E331, Hart County, Geor-

Map & Parcel: C26E403

Defendant in FiFa:Brookside Investment Properties, LLC Current Record Holder:Brookside Investment Properties, LLC

CRH Address: 3050 Five Forks Trickum Road, Suite D601 Lilburn, GA 30047 Amount Due: \$2,446.30

Tax Years Due:

2021,2020,2019,2018,2017,2016,2015 Deed Book:796/339 Legal Description:All that tract of

land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1117th GMD, being 0.56 acres, more or less. Being Lot 220, Section 2, of Tugaloo Bay Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 2B Page 31. Or as further described in Deed Book 796, Page 339. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C26E403, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C27A016 Defendant in FiFa: Reeder, Dallas Current Record Holder: Pearson,

Doris CRH Address: Shuford Park Lavonia, GA 30553 Amount Due: \$337.98 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

Deed Book:993/344

Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1117th GMD. Being Lot 6, of Shuford Park Subdivision Unit Two. As shown in Plat Book 2B, Page 32. Or as further described in Deed Book 993, Page 344. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C27A016,

Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C27A091001 Defendant in FiFa: Flagstar Bank,

Current Record Holder:Alford

CRH Address:ShoalCreek Church Road, Lavonia, GA 30553 Amount Due: \$2,336.85

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020,2019,2018,2017,2016,2015 Deed Book:383/273

Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1117th GMD, being 0.62 acres, more or less. Being Tract 1. As shown in Plat Book 2G, Page 162. Or as further described part of in Deed Book 383, Page 273. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C27A091001, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C30014001 Defendant in FiFa: Tabor, Jimmy F. Record Holder:Heirs Tax Sales

Known & Unknown of Tolliver, Ethel Elaine, Deceased

CRH Address: 101 Wolf Creek Trail, Bowersville, GA 30516 Amount Due: \$757.25

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book: 642/65 Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia,

County of Hart, 1117th GMD, being 1.515 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 34, Page 111. Or as further described in Deed Book 642, Page 65. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C30014001, Hart County, Georgia Map & Parcel: C31018

Defendant in FiFa:DiMarco, Martha Jo Payne

Record Holder:Heirs Current Known & Unknown of DiMarco, Martha Jo Payne, Deceased CRH Address: 588 Grady School

Road, Canon, GA 30520 Amount Due: \$2,669.31 Tax Years Due: 2021 2020 Deed Book:93/32; 211/382

Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being 3.00 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 18, Page 20. Or as further described in Deed Book 93, Page 32 & Deed Book 211, Page 382. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C31018,

Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C31092 Defendant in FiFa: Royston, Kathy D. & Shelton L.

Current Record Holder:Royston, Kathy D. CRH Address: 377 Kotal Road Canon, GA 30520 Amount Due: \$1,361.01 Tax Years Due: 2021.2020

Deed Book:604/308 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1116th GMD, being 1.35 acres, more or less. Being Tracts A & B. As shown in Plat Book 30, Page 189. Or as further described in Deed Book 604, Page 308. Less & Except: 0.48 acres as described in Deed Book 830, Page 292. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C31092, Hart Coun-

ty, Georgia. Map & Parcel: C32059 Defendant in FiFa: Kinley, Johnny

Current Record Holder:Kinley, Johnny Paul CRH Address: 399 Kotal Road

Canon, GA 30520 Amount Due: \$686.93 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book:811/39

Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1116th GMD, being 0.75 acres, more or less. Or as further described in Deed Book 811, Page 39. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C32059, Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: C35090

Defendant in FiFa:Hill, Josie P. Current Record Holder:Heirs Known & Unknown of Hill, Josie P. a/k/a Josie P. Daniel, Deceased CRH Address: 185 Bonds Road

Canon, GA 30520

Amount Due: \$629.26 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book:164/83 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia. County of Hart, 1113th GMD, being 1.00 acre, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 24. Page 2. Or as further described in Deed Book 164, Page 83.

C35090, Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: C39B090 Defendant in FiFa:Cleveland, Eugene B. & Benjamin T. & Joanne M.

Being known as Tax Map & Parcel

Current Record Holder:Cleveland, Benjamin T. CBH Address: 196 Comer Boad Lexington, GA 30648 Amount Due: \$3,948.03 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book:582/751

Legal Description:All that tract of County of Hart, 1115th GMD, being 0.44 acres, more or less. Being Lot 2. As shown in Plat Book 18, Page 134. Or as further described in Deed Book 582, Page 751. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C39B090, Hart County,

Map & Parcel: C40067 Defendant in FiFa: Davis, Elaine E.

Etal Record Holder:Heirs Current Known & Unknown of Couey, Billy D., Deceased & Davis, Elaine E.; Couey,

Paul & Graham, John CRH Address: 656 Rock Springs Road, Lavonia, GA 30553 Amount Due: \$1,460,47

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book:268/348 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1117th GMD, being 2.12 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 29, Page 628. Or as further described in Deed Book 268, Page 348. Being known as Tax Map & Par-

cel C40067, Hart County, Georgia Map & Parcel: C43022 Defendant in FiFa: Gurley, Dwain E. Trust; White, Donna K. Trustee Current Record Holder:White, Donna K., As Trustee of the Testamentary

Trust of Gurley, Dwain E. CRH Address: 460 Lane, Hartwell, GA 30643

Amount Due: \$7.061.56 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book:651/507 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia,

County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being 20.702 acres, more or less. Being Tract 1A. As shown in Plat Book 7319, Page 137. Or as further described in Deed Book 651, Page 507. Less & Except: Tract 1B & Tract 2 as shown in Plat Book 7319, Page 137. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C43022, Hart County, Georgia.

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Map & Parcel: C43022002 Defendant in FiFa: Gurley, Dwain Trust; White, Donna K. Trustee Current Record Holder: Donna K., As Trustee of the Testamentary Trust of Gurley, Dwain E. CRH Address: 460 Sunnybrook

Lane, Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due:\$873.55 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

Deed Book:651/507 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being 1.011 acres, more or less. Being Tract 2. As shown in Plat Book 2L, Page 41. Or as further described in Deed Book 651, Page 507. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C43022002, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C43109 Defendant in FiFa: Brown, Tyrus G. & Stephanie S.

Current Record Holder:Brown, Tyrus G. & Stephanie S. CRH Address: 615 Flat Shoals

Road, Bowersville, GA 30516 Amount Due: \$1,750.71 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

Deed Book:827/348; 861/408 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being 3.52 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 2F, Page 116. Or as further described in Deed Book 827, Page 348 & Deed Book 861, Page 408. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C43109, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C46006001A Defendant in FiFa: Goertzen Thomas Aleck & Angela Ruth Current Record Holder: Goertzen Thomas Aleck & Angela Ruth CRH Address: 390 Wren Road Deridder, LA 70634 Amount Due: \$1 490 73 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book:813/289 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia,

County of Hart, 1113th GMD, being 7.209 acres, more or less. Being Tract Two. As shown in Plat Book 2J, Page 125. Or as further described in Deed Book 813, Page 289. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C46006001A Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: C46006001B

Defendant in FiFa: Thomas Aleck & Angela Ruth FiFa:Goertzen Current Record Holder: Goertzen Thomas Aleck & Angela Ruth CRH Address: 390 Wren Road Deridder, LA 70634

Amount Due: \$1,506.07 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book:813/289 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, being 5.785 acres, more or less. Being Tract 1. As shown in Plat Book 2J, Page 125. Or as further described in Deed Book 813, Page 289. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C46006001B, Hart County,

Georgia. Map & Parcel: C47031 Defendant in FiFa:Corn Richard Current Record Holder:Heirs Known & Unknown of Corn Richard, Deceased. CRH Address: 955 Saint Johns

Church Road, Hartwell, GA 30643

Amount Due: \$810.18 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book:364/518 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1118th GMD, being 2.43 acres, more or less. Being Lot 4. As shown in Plat Book 2D, Page 19. Or as further described in Deed Book

364, Page 518. Being known as Tax

Map & Parcel C47031, Hart County,

Georgia. Map & Parcel: C47032 Defendant in FiFa:Corn Richard

Record Known & Unknown of Corn Richard, Deceased.

CRH Address: 955 Saint Johns Amount Due: \$805.75 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

Deed Book:264/295 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1118th GMD, being 2.40 acres, more or less. Being Lot 5 As shown in Plat Book 2D, Page 19. Or as further described in Deed Book 264, Page 295. Being known as Tax

Map & Parcel C47032, Hart County, Georgia.

Deceased.

Map & Parcel: C47033 Defendant in FiFa:Corn Richard Current Record Holder:Heirs Known & Unknown of Corn Richard,

CRH Address: 955 Saint Johns Church Road, Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$834.83 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book: 264/295 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia,

As shown in Plat Book 2D, Page 19. Or as further described in Deed Book 264, Page 295. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C47033, Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: C51D081 Defendant in FiFa: Roddy Roy F Jr

County of Hart, 1118th GMD, being

2.59 acres, more or less. Being Lot 6.

Current Record Holder: Roddy Roy CRH Address: 1012 Ruddy Duck Drive, Jefferson, GA 30549 5419 Amount Due: \$1,044.72

Tax Years Due: 2021.2020

Deed Book: 557/674 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia County of Hart, 1115th GMD, being 2.99 acres, more or less. Being Tract 2. As shown in Plat Book 2E, Page 51 Or as further described in Deed Book 557, Page 674. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C51D081, Hart County, Georgia.

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Map & Parcel: C53047 Defendant in FiFa: Pickens Jo Nell Current Record Holder:Heirs

Known & Unknown of Pickens Jo Nell, Deceased CRH Address: 181 Jones Bishop Road, Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$1,588.54

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book: 113/772 Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1115th GMD, being 6.48 acres, more or less. Or as further described in Deed Book 113, Page 772 Less and Except: 26.52 acres as described in Deed Book 234, Page 92, Deed Book 236, Page 152, Deed Book 245. Page 548. Deed Book 264. Pages 15 & 249, Deed Book 284,

Pages 8688. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C53047, Hart County, Geor-Map & Parcel: C53062001

Defendant in FiFa: Wheeler Teresa Current Record Holder: Wheeler

CRH Address: 184 Jones Bishop Road, Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$828.85 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

Deed Book: 492/478 Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1115th GMD, being 2.014 acres, more or less. Being Tract 9. As shown in Plat Book 2J, Page 13. Or as further described in Deed Book

492, Page 478. Being known as Tax

Map & Parcel C53062001, Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: C54B027

Defendant in FiFa: Greenway Mari-Record Holder:Heirs Current Known & Unknown of Greenway Marilyn M, Deceased

CRH Address: 250 Red Road, Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$2,902.44 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book:575/726

Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia. County of Hart, 1115th GMD, being 0.86 acres, more or less. Being Lot 9, of Deerwood Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 2C, Page 158. Or as further described in Deed Book 575, Page 726. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C54B027, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C56E038 Defendant in FiFa:Spears Erin D Current Record Holder:Spears Erin

CRH Address: 87 Spears Drive

Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$481.32 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book: 769/120 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being

Block A, of Lakemont Heights Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 19, Page 123. Or as further described in Deed Book 769, Page 120. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C56E038, Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: C56E048 Defendant in FiFa: Crowell Gale E

0.38 acres, more or less. Being Lot 13,

Current Record Holder:Crowell Gale E & Evans, William A. CRH Address: 441 Los Encino Avenue, San Jose, CA 95134 Amount Due: \$2,598.82

& William E Usn Retd

Tax Years Due:

2021,2020,2019,2018,2017,2016,2015 Deed Book:104/9 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being 0.20 acres, more or less. Being Lot 2, Block B, of Lakemont Heights Subdivision As shown in Plat Book 19, Page 129. Or as further described in Deed Book 104, Page 9. Being known as

Tax Map & Parcel C56E048, Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: C56E063

Defendant in FiFa: Hutchins Robert & Carolyn Known & Unknown of, Hutchins Robert Deceased.

CRH Address: 1339

Lane, Auburn, GA 30011

Amount Due: \$1,770.48 Tax Years Due: $2021,\!2020,\!2019,\!2018,\!2017,\!2016,\!2015$ Deed Book:215/404: 227/498 Legal Description:All that tract of

Smokerise

land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD, Section, being 0.25 acres, more or less. Being Lot 18, Block B, of Lakemont Heights Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 19, Page 129. Or as further described in Deed Book 215, Page 404 & Deed Book 227, Page 498. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C56E063, Hart County, Georgia.

Defendant in FiFa:Wagster, John & Current Record Holder:Wagster, John Jr. & Wagster, Irene B. As Trustees of the John Wagster Jr. &

Map & Parcel: C57C030

B. Wagster Joint Living Trust Dated April 26, 2017 CRH Address: PO Box 1181 Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$2,161.83 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book: 817/454 Legal Description:All that tract of

land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being 2.04 acres, more or less. Being Tract Two. As shown in Plat Book 28, Page 440. Or as further described as a portion of Deed Book 817, Page 454. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel

C57C030, Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: C58B005 Defendant in FiFa:Brown, Linda Current Record Holder:Heirs

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Map & Parcel: C70E046 CRH Address: 29 Thornton Street Defendant in FiFa:Small, Han-Hartwell, GA 30643

Amount Due: \$2,158.89 Tax Years Due:

land being in the: State of Georgia,

County of Hart, 1112th GMD. Or as

further described in Deed Book 124.

Page 627. Being known as Tax Map &

Parcel C58B005, Hart County, Geor-

Defendant in FiFa: Varie Care Inc.

Current Record Holder: VariCare Inc. d/b/a Magnolia Haven Nursing

CRH Address: One Ravinia Drive

Legal Description:All that tract of

4.6437 acres, more or less. Or as fur-

ther described in Deed Book 243,

Page 719. Being known as Tax Map &

Parcel C58C009, Hart County, Geor-

in

CRH Address: 54 Tefel

Drive, Hartwell, GA 30643

Deed Book:463/300

Amount Due: \$481.32

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

Current Record Holder: Teasley.

Legal Description:All that tract of

land being in the: State of Georgia,

County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being

1.01 acres, more or less. Being Lot 27.

As shown in Plat Book 2C, Page 213.

Or as further described in Deed Book 463, Page 300. Being known as Tax

Map & Parcel C58E027, Hart County,

Defendant in FiFa: Varie Care Inc.

Current Record Holder: Varie Care,

CRH Address: One Ravinia Drive

Legal Description:All that tract of

land being in the: State of Georgia,

County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being

0.56 acres, more or less. Being Lot 15,

shown in Plat Book 2A, Page 143. Or

as further described in Deed Book

220, Page 391. Being known as Tax

Map & Parcel C59A007, Hart County,

Defendant in FiFa: Norris Jr. Carl Current Record Holder: Norris, Carl

Map & Parcel: C64A001008

CRH Address: 101 Allen Lane Brunswick, GA 31525

2021,2020,2019,2018,2017,2016,2015

land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1115th GMD, being

0.05 acres, more or less. Being Lot 8A.

As shown in Plat Book 2G, Page 236

Or as further described in Deed Book

904, Page 165. Being known as Tax

Map & Parcel C64A001008, Hart

Defendant in FiFa: Edge, Lessie M.

Current Record Holder: Edge, Mrs.

Clairmont

Map & Parcel: C64H013

CRH Address: 1613

Tax Years Due:

Deed Book:83/328

Road, Westminster, SC 29693

Amount Due: \$3,077.23

2021,2020,2019,2018,2017,2016,2015

County of Hart, 1115th GMD, being

0.12 acres, more or less. Being Lot 1, of Lakeview Park Subdivision. As

shown in Plat Book 2, Page 92. Or as

further described in Deed Book 83.

Page 328. Being known as Tax Map &

Parcel C64H013, Hart County, Geor-

Defendant in FiFa: Oliver, Mattie T.

Current Record Holder:Oliver, Mat-

CRH Address: 240 Amal Drive

182/415

Legal Description:All that tract of

land being in the: State of Georgia,

County of Hart, 1119th GMD. Being

Lot 22. As shown in Plat Book 2C

Page 284. Or as further described in

Deed Book 182, Page 415. Being

known as Tax Map & Parcel C68D103.

Map & Parcel: C69H027

Defendant in FiFa:Wagstar, John &

Current Record Holder:Wagster,

John Jr. & Wagster, Irene B., as Trustees of the John Wagster, Jr. &

B. Wagster, Joint Living Trust, dated April 26, 2017

CRH Address: PO Box 1181

Amount Due: \$13,091.76

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia,

County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being

1.05 acres, more or less. Being Lot 27,

of Milford Properties Subdivision. As

shown in Plat Book 2C, Page 277. Or

as further described in Deed Book 817, Page 454. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C69H027, Hart County,

Hartwell, GA 30643

Deed Book:817/454

Map & Parcel: C68D103

Amount Due: \$1,126.72

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

Southwest, Apt. 311

Deed Book:

Hart County, Georgia.

Irene Trust

Atlanta, GA 30315

Legal Description:All that tract of

eing in the: State of Georgia

Legal Description:All that tract of

Amount Due: \$2,535.08

Tax Years Due:

County, Georgia.

Mrs

Deed Book:904/165

Jr.

of Banks Estates Subdivision.

Inc. d/b/a Magnolia Haven Nursing

Suite 1500, Atlanta, GA 30346 Amount Due: \$449.89

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

Deed Book:220/391

Map & Parcel: C59A007

FiFa:Teasley,

Map & Parcel: C58E027

Defendant

Nathaniel

Nathaniel

Suite 1500, Atlanta, GA 30346

Amount Due: \$465.74

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book:243/719

Map & Parcel: C58C009

Deed Book:124/627

Current Record Holder:Heirs 2021,2020,2019,2018,2017,2016,2015

Deed Book:216/690

Known & Unknown of Small, Hannelore M., Deceased CRH Address: 221 Rhodella Park Legal Description:All that tract of

Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$481.08 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD. being 0.39 acres, more or less. Being Lot 9C, Block C, of Rhodella Park Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 27, Page 247. Or as further described in Deed Book 216, Page 690. Less & Except: the part assessed as Lot 12C known as Tax Map & Parcel C70E043. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C70E046,

Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C71A078 Defendant in FiFa: Hayes, Ernest

land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being Current Record Holder:Heirs Known & Unknown of Hayes, Ernest L.. Deceased

CRH Address: 1813 Highway, Hartwell, GA 30643

Amount Due: \$860.51 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

Deed Book: 492/91 Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being 0.478 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 33, Page 246. Or as further described in Deed Book 492, Page 91. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C71A078, Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: C71A079

Defendant in FiFa:Shiflet, Carrie Ellen D.

Record Holder:Heirs Current Known & Unknown of Shiflet, Carrie Ellen D., Deceased CRH Address:1907 Elberton High-

way, Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$1,000.97

Tax Years Due: 2021.2020 Deed Book:201/548

Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being 3.22 acres, more or less. Being 3 Tracts. As shown in Plat Book 9, Page 136 & Plat Book 20, Page 243. Or as further described in Deed Book 201, Page 548. Less & Except: 2.52 acres being assessed as Tax Map & Parcel C71A000. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C71A079, Hart County, Geor-

Map & Parcel: C71A080 Defendant in FiFa:Shiflet, Carrie Ellen D.

Record Holder:Heirs Current Known & Unknown of Shiflet, Carrie Ellen D., Deceased

CRH Address:1907 Elberton High-

way, Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$1,766.26

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book:201/548

Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being 2.50 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 9, Page 136 & Plat Book 20, Page 243. Or as further described in Deed Book 201, Page 548. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel C71A080, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C83017

Defendant in FiFa: Partain, Randall

Current Record Holder:Partain,

CRH Address: 634 Page Road Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$851.05 Tax Years Due: 2021.2020

Deed Book:563/108 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being 3.05 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 23, Page 553. Or as further described in Deed Book 563, Page 108. Being known as Tax Map & Par-

cel C83017, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: C83A012 Defendant in FiFa: Rucker, Gennie

Current Record Holder: Rucker, Gennie V.

CRH Address:192 Creekdale Drive Commerce, GA 30529

Amount Due: \$585.86 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

Deed Book: 319/646 Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being 0.38 acres, more or less. Being Lot 9, Sardis Estates Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 31, Page 503. Or as further described in Deed Book 319, Page 646. Being known as Tax

Map & Parcel C83A012, Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: I56H028

Defendant in FiFa:Mouchet, Angela Record Holder:Heirs Current Known & Unknown of Mouchet, Angela Michelle, Deceased & Alewine

Heather L. a/k/a Alewine. Heather Leslie a/k/a Ivester, Heather L. CRH Address:81 Stonebridge Way

Lavonia, GA 30553

Amount Due: \$344.69

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book:367/148: 245/631 Legal Description:All that tract of

land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, 1112th GMD, being 0.17 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 27, Page 104. Or as further described in Deed Book 367, Page 148 & Deed Book 245, Page 631. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel I56H028, Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: I56P130

Defendant in FiFa:Werner Glenn M & Patricia L

Current Record Holder:Werner

Glenn M & Patricia L CRH Address: 2834 Highway, Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$6,308.57

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020,2019 Deed Book:243/133

Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia County of Hart, City of Hartwell, 1112 GMD, being 1.726 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 21, Page 747 & Plat Book 22, Page 523. Or as further described in Deed Book 243, Page 133. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel I56P130, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: I57D153 Defendant in FiFa:Bahf LLC Current Record Holder:Bahf LLC CRH Address: 138 North Forest

Avenue, Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$5,260.91 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book:877/391

Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, City of Hartwell, 1112 GMD, being 0.502 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 33, Page 306. Or as further described in Deed Book 877, Page 391. Less and Except: 0.468 acres as shown in Plat Book 33, Page 347. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel I57D153, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: I57H143 Defendant in FiFa: Atkinson Chris-

tine A Current Record Holder: Atkinson

Christine A CRH Address: 101 Alford Road

Hartwell, GA 30643

Amount Due: \$464.41 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020,2019 Deed Book:535/438

Legal Description:All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, City of Hartwell, being 0.36 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 11, Page 135. Or as further described in Deed Book 535, Page 438. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel I57H143, Hart County, Georgia. Map & Parcel: I57K040

Defendant in FiFa: Hill Loretha B &

Eugene B Current Record Holder:Heirs known & Unknown of Hill Loretha B Deceased

CRH Address: 127 Condor Street Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$757.25

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

Deed Book: 129/227; 117/360 Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, City of Hartwell. Being Lots 32 & 33, of Condor Property Subdivision. As shown in Deed Book 129. Page 227. Or as further described in Deed Book 117, Page 360. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel I57K040. Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: I57K041 Defendant in FiFa: Hill Loretha B &

Eugene B Record Holder:Heirs Current Known & Unknown of Vassar, Loretha B. nka Hill, Deceased

CRH Address: 127 Condor Street Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$159.28 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020

Deed Book: 109/878 Legal Description: All that tract of land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, City of Hartwell, being 0.70 acres, more or less. Being Lots 19 & 20, of Condor Subdivision. Or as further described in Deed Book 109, Page 878. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel I57K041, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: I57L009 Defendant in FiFa: Blassingame

Tracey L Current Record Holder: Blassingame Tracey L n/k/a Tracey L McCord

CRH Address: 11 East Gibson

Street, Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$1,590.29 Tax Years Due: 2021,2020 Deed Book: 173/781
Legal Description: All that tract of

land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, City of Hartwell, 1112th GMD, being 0.28 acres, more less. As shown in Plat Book 22, Page 895. Or as further described in Deed Book 173, Page 781. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel 15/L009

Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: I69M046

Defendant in FiFa: Williams Paul Jr Holder:Heirs Known & Unknown of Williams Paul Jr,

Deceased. CRH Address: 10 Ferris Street Apartment 414, Highland Park, MI 48203

Amount Due: \$440.00 Deed Book:120/105

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020,2019 Legal Description:All that tract of

land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, City of Hartwell. Being Lots 93, 94 & 95, of Lincoln Heights Subdivision. As shown in Plat Book 1, Page 97. Or as further described in Deed Book 120, Page 105. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel I69M046, Hart County, Georgia.

Map & Parcel: I70M007

Defendant in FiFa:Jones Tony P

Current Record Holder:Jones Tony

CRH Address:246 Hodges Mill Road, Hartwell, GA 30643 Amount Due: \$3,482,74

Tax Years Due: 2021,2020,2019 Deed Book: 297/3 Legal Description:All that tract of

land being in the: State of Georgia, County of Hart, being 1.86 acres, more or less. As shown in Plat Book 19. Page 11. Or as further described in Deed Book 297, Page 3. Being known as Tax Map & Parcel I70M007, Hart County, Georgia. Karen Martin

Hart County Tax Commissioner ExOfficio Sheriff

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