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having claims against the estate of the said decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before December 11, 2026, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, associations or corporations indebted to the said estate will please make payment immediately. This the 9th day of September 2026. Roy Dillon Gore Administrator of the Estate of Helen Pierce Gore Columbus County File No: 26E000306-230 JOHN ALAN HIGH, PLLC Attorney at Law 102 Courthouse Square Whiteville NC 28472 Telephone: 910-640-2111 Facsimile: 910-212-7333 Sept 10, 17 & 24; Oct 1, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA COLUMBUS COUNTY The undersigned, Emmett Graham, III having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Emmett Madison Graham, Jr. deceased, late of Columbus County, NC, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned Administrator on or before December 12, 2026 at Powell & Powell Attorneys, PO Box 428, Whiteville, NC 28472, or this Notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned Administrator. This the 3rd day of September, 2026. Emmett Graham, III 404 15th Avenue South Apt. 1 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 J. Coburn Powell Powell & Powell Attorneys PO Box 428 Whiteville, NC 28472 Telephone: 910-642-2728 Sept 10, 17 & 24; Oct 1, 2026

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as Ancillary Administrator of the estate of LENITA DOREEN JACOBS-SIMMONS, deceased, late of Columbus County, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 10th day of September, 2026. WALTER LAFAYETTE GILBERT SIMMONS Ancillary Administrator of the Estate of LENITA DOREEN JACOBS-SIMMONS 1102 WEST HAMBURG STREET BALTIMORE MD 21230 Sept 10, 17 & 24; Oct 1, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of NORMAN LEE BLACKWELL, deceased, late of Columbus County, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 10th day of September, 2026. OPAL LITTLE Administrator of the Estate of NORMAN LEE BLACKWELL 4644 NEW BRITTON HIGHWAY E WHITEVILLE NC 28472 Sept 10, 17 & 24; Oct 1, 2026

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on **July 13, 2012** , a certain Deed of Trust was executed by **Jacqueline Spaulding Moore** , “Mortgagor(s)” in favor of **New Day Financial, LLC** , “Mortgagee” and was recorded on **August 8, 2012** , in Book 1038, Page 398 in the Official Land Records of **Columbus County** , North Carolina; and WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated July 26, 2017 and recorded on December 1, 2017, in Book 1168, Page 642 in the Official Records of **Columbus County** , North Carolina; and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the Borrower has died and the Property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower, and the outstanding balance remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of July 30, 2026 is \$364,176.49; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary’s designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on February 5, 2026 in Book 1398, Page 783, notice is hereby given that **on October 6, 2026 at 2:00 PM local tim e**, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises (“Property”) will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Welches Creek Township, Columbus County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: All of that 1.53 acres, more or less, total as appears on map entitled "Survey for Aaron Moore" dated November 5, 1998 prepared by Nelson D. Soles, PLS, and recorded in Deed Book 577, Page 277 of the Columbus County Registry. Being the same premises that was conveyed unto Jacqueline Spalding Moore and Evelyn Reid, by Deed from Aaron M. Moore and wife, Florance E. Devoe-Moore, dated August 31st, 2005 and recorded September 1st, 2005 at Deed Book 826 and Deed Page 970 in the records of Columbus County Recorder's Office, State of North Carolina.

Commonly known as 2903 Carver Moore Road, Clarkton, NC 28433
Parcel ID#: 90372
The sale will be held at the COLUMBUS County Courthouse, 100 Courthouse Circle, Whiteville, NC 28472, at the location designated by the Clerk of Court for public auctions.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid **\$373,149.82**. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$37,314.96 (10% of the Secretary’s bid), in the form of

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sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$364,176.49 as of July 30, 2026, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.
Date: 8/10/26
David W. Neill, NCSB 23396
MCMICHAEL TAYLOR GRAY, LLC
Foreclosure Commissioner
3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092
Phone: 404.474.7149
Fax: 404.745.8121
Email: dneill@mtglaw.com
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF COLUMBUS
The undersigned, ANITA DUDLEY HARRELSON, has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of MARY LOUISE GRAHAM DUDLEY, late of Columbus County, and this is to notify all persons

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having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before December 17, 2026, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 28A-14-1, or this notice shall be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the following address:
This the 17 th day of September, 2026.
ANITA DUDLEY
HARRELSON, EXECUTRIX
1128 Mary White Road
Whiteville, NC 28472
Williamson, Walton & Scott, L.L.P.
Attorneys at Law
P. O. Box 1467
Whiteville , NC 28472
Sept 17 & 24; Oct 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE HEARING

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners will hold a legislative public hearing on October 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm, or as soon thereafter as can be heard, at 127 W. Webster St, Whiteville, NC, to consider an ordinance imposing a temporary 120-day moratorium, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160D-107, on specified development approvals for data centers, data storage facilities of a high-intensity character, data processing facilities, cryptocurrency mining, and similar uses in the unincorporated areas of the County outside municipal extraterritorial jurisdictions. The proposed ordinance is available for inspection at the Clerk's office and the Planning Department. All interested persons may attend and be heard.
Sept 24; Oct 1, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NORTH CAROLINA
COLUMBUS COUNTY
The undersigned, Karen Paige Ward having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Karen Ward deceased, late

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of Columbus County, NC, this is to notify all persons having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned Executrix on or before December 26, 2026 at Powell & Powell Attorneys, PO Box 428, Whiteville, NC 28472, or this Notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned Executrix.
This the 17th day of September 2026.
Karen Paige Ward
1606 Abbey Place, Unit 573
Charlotte, NC 28209
J. Coburn Powell
Powell & Powell Attorneys
PO Box 428
Whiteville, NC 28472
Telephone: 910-642-2728
Sept 24; Oct 1, 8 & 15, 2026

CITY OF WHITEVILLE PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Notice is hereby given that the City of Whiteville Planning Board will hold a regular scheduled meeting to conduct public hearing(s) on Monday, October 5 th , 2026, at 12:30 PM or soon thereafter at 317 S. Madison St. in Whiteville to consider the following items:
ITEM 1: P&Z#26-10-01 REZONING PETITION REQUEST, 3836 JAMES B. WHITE HWY. S. -Mr. Roy Thompson has submitted for the rezoning of approximately ±1.06 acres from Residential (RA-20) to Residential Manufactured Home (RA-20MH). The subject property is located at 3836 James B. White Hwy. S. (PID#60635 & 106033). The property is in the ETJ.
ITEM 2: P&Z#26-10-02 TEXT AMENDMENT REQUEST, \$155,018, \$155,065, & \$155.066 -Whiteville Planning Staff has submitted a text amendment amending language to Chapter 155, Section(s) \$155.018, \$155.065, and \$155.066 of the Whiteville Zoning

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Ordinance, to add language regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) for definitions, table of permitted uses, and supplemental use standards. For questions or additional information about the public hearing items, please contact Robert Lewis at 910-640-1380, or by email at rlewis@ci.whiteville.nc.us .
Sept 24; Oct 1, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lake Waccamaw Town Commissioners will hold public hearings on Tuesday, October 13th at 6pm at Town Hall, 205 Flemington Drive, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450. The Commissioners will consider amendments to the zoning ordinance related to parking and down zoning, and amendments to the flood damage prevention ordinance to align with the state's model ordinance. More information on the amendments can be found at Town Hall or by calling 910-646-3700.
Oct 1 & 8, 2026

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor/Administrator of the estate of PAMELA MARTIN THORNTON, deceased, late of Columbus County, the undersigned hereby notifies all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned within three (3) months from the date of the first publication, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the 1st day of October, 2026.
GAYLE THOMPSON
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