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# Conyers man not guilty of murder

Not responsible for Newton County teen killed in 2019 shooting

By DARRYL WELCH  
Managing Editor

A Newton County jury deliberated nearly eight hours over two days before finding a 19-year-old Conyers man not guilty of murder but guilty on three lesser charges late Thursday afternoon at the Newton County Judicial Center.

Jalyn Colbert had been charged with malice murder and felony murder in the May 2019 shooting that left 18-year-old Avantia Henry of Covington dead.

Prosecutors had argued that

Colbert was trying to steal Henry's Glock pistol and shot Henry in the arm and caused his death when he tried to get the weapon back.

Defense attorney Jennifer Arndt of the Newton County Public Defender's Office told jurors her client never meant to kill the victim.

Colbert reportedly left the scene after the May 3 shooting on Kristen Place but turned himself in to authorities two days later.

He showed little emotion

as Newton County Assistant District Attorney Alex Stone read the verdict. Others in the courtroom were overcome with emotion and left the courtroom. Some wept quietly in their seats.

Arndt told The Covington News the situation was difficult for everybody. She also talked about the work done by the jury.

"The jury deliberated for a very long time," she said, "I think the verdict speaks to their view of the case.

"It was a tragic situation for both sides."

Though he was acquitted on the most serious charges, Colbert was still convicted of aggravated assault, theft by taking and possess of a fire-arm during the commission of a felony. Arndt said he faces up to 30 years in prison.

Superior Court Judge W. Kendall Wynne scheduled sentencing for Feb. 19 at 9:30 a.m.



**Jalyn Colbert.**  
Courtesy of Newton County Sheriff's Office

## IDA approves economic development agreements with Covington, Newton County

By DARRYL WELCH  
Managing Editor

The future of economic development in Newton County may get a little clearer this week as the Covington City Council and Newton County Board of Commissioners are expected to vote on Intergovernmental Agreements recently approved by the county's Industrial Development Authority.

The IDA voted Feb. 10 to approve intergovernmental agreements with both governments to provide economic development services.

The move became necessary after the Covington/Newton County Chamber of Commerce voted late last year to get out of the business of economic development and instead focus on growing its membership base and providing value for its current members.

Under terms of the new agreements, the IDA will assume responsibility for all expenses and liability related to economic development.

According to the agreement, even though the IDA will have the power to hire

and fire Economic Development staff, those staff members will be treated as Newton County employees, integrated into the county's human resources system and subject to Newton County human resources policies and procedures.

The BOC voted in January to approve the move of economic development services to the IDA contingent approval of an IGA with the Authority. The Covington City Council discussed the issue at its Feb. 3 work session but failed to take any action.

## Thieves break into cars at Covington hotels, steal a handgun

By DARRYL WELCH  
Managing Editor

Investigators with the Covington Police Department are trying to track down whoever broke into vehicles at local hotels two different days this week, getting away with cash and a handgun.

Police first responded to the Holiday Inn Express and Hampton Inn on Paras Drive Feb. 9 after five pick-up trucks were reported broken into. All five victims told police they parked their vehicles during the afternoon or evening on Feb. 8 before coming out the next morning and finding their trucks damaged.

The items reported stolen ranged from a dark navy blue gym bag containing tennis shoes, socks, two skull caps

and a physician's prescription pad taken from one truck, to a work binder and a phone taken from two others. Two vehicle owners reported that while their vehicles had been ransacked, nothing was taken.

Police were back at the two hotels Feb. 11 after a report of a suspicious vehicle and more vehicles reported broken into with the thieves getting away with a handgun this time.

According to one CPD incident report, officers responded to the Holiday Inn Express just before 2 a.m. Feb 11 after a hotel employee watching security cameras observed a gray four-door car with four occupants drive through the Holiday Inn parking lot into the Hampton Inn parking lot and back into the Holiday Inn lot where it parked between

two vehicles. The employee told police that two of the occupants got out and began pulling door handles.

The gray vehicle reportedly left the area heading toward Interstate 20 before police arrived, but responding officers observed the glove compartment open on a vehicle belonging to a registered guest at the hotel. After making contact with the guest, officers were advised that a Nike back pack had been taken from the car.

Authorities were back at the Hampton Inn four hours later after a guest found the rear driver's side window on his work truck broken out. According to police report, that person told police that

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## Charlie Akin Kicks Off Campaign For Social Circle City Council Seat District 3

STAFF REPORT  
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**Social Circle**– Charlie Akin is announcing his campaign kick-off for election to the now vacant City Council seat in District 3.

"I enjoy our life style, appreciate the good people who call Social Circle home, and share their small-town values. We have amazing opportunities in our community, both in education and in business," Akin said.

"After a term on the Social Circle City Schools Board of Education and now serving as the Chairman of the Social Circle Christian School committee at First Baptist Church, I am energized by the challenges of working in our political arena. I believe I can help make a difference for our residents as well as for the retail and industrial communities which support our town. I have some real time experiences in my personal life, and from prior business careers, to help preserve what makes Social Circle exceptional. I am committed to keeping our town the most special and unique community

with small town values and big town opportunities."

Mr. Akin's background and qualifications to be the new City Council member from District 3 include a variety of career and business achievements. He was Director of Merchandising for Kroger, Inc.; Sr. Vice President, International Banking Technologies; and Vice President, Atlanta Food International. This business background will be instrumental in supporting the Council as they prepare budgets and plan expenditures for our community.

Akin was honorably discharged from the United States Navy Reserve, and is a deacon at First Baptist Church of Social Circle. He and his wife Sandy have three children.

"We love Social Circle and are so proud we chose to make this our home. The citizens of District 3 have my commitment, if elected, to work closely with the Mayor and all government officials; my promise to always focus on the best interests of District 3; and my pledge to be strong on Small Town Values and Big Town Opportunities," he said.

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# Georgia public safety chief resigns following trooper cheating scandal

By BEAU EVANS  
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Georgia's public safety chief offered up his resignation Thursday in the wake of a cheating scandal in which 30 new state patrol officers were fired last month.

Col. Mark McDonough, commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety, is poised to step down after the agency's board accepted his resignation at a meeting Thursday.

McDonough was asked to resign by Gov. Brian Kemp, according to the governor's office. His resignation comes in the wake of the trainee cheating scandal as well as a crippling cyberattack in July and a break-in at the Georgia Capitol in late September.

"My family and I thank

Col. McDonough for his dedicated service, leadership and sacrifice," Kemp said in a statement. "We wish him the very best in the years ahead."

The governor's office did not have details on who would replace McDonough.

The public safety department houses the Georgia State Patrol, the Motor Carrier Compliance Division and the Capitol Police Division.

A veteran U.S. Marine, McDonough was a state trooper in Blue Ridge before being tapped as the commanding officer of the state patrol. He was picked for the commissioner post by then-Gov. Nathan Deal in 2011.

The public safety department was peppered with problems in recent months.

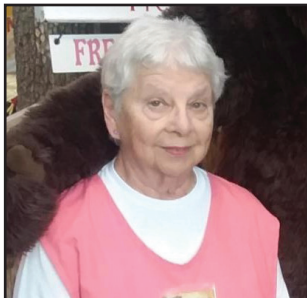
In July, a ransomware attack downed the agency's main computer server, forcing troopers to log citations and reports manually.

In September, a vandal smashed through a glass door, shattered several light fixtures and tore a gash in the framed portrait of former Gov. Marvin Griffin.

Last month, McDonough announced an entire State Patrol cadet class had been canned for collectively cheating on an online exam required to use the agency's radar speed detectors. The trainees circulated test questions among themselves in their dorm rooms to pass what they feared was an unduly difficult exam, according to an internal investigation report.

## OBITUARIES

**Brenda Cook Hitchcock**  
Banister-Cooper Funeral Home



Brenda Cook Hitchcock, age 75 of Hiawassee, Georgia passed away Sunday, February 09, 2020. Brenda was born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Margaret (McGiboney) Cook on January 06,1945 in Porterdale, Georgia.

Brenda was a member of Woods Grove Baptist Church, was with the hospital Auxiliary for fourteen years, and was a Liaison with the Wom-

en's Enrichment Center. She loved working with children, avid reader, and taking care of her plants. She is preceded in death by her husband John H. Hitchcock and her parents Joseph and Margaret Cook.

She is survived by her sister Norma Ivey; great aunt Mattie Cook; great uncle Emmett Chapman; uncle Guy and aunt Carol McGiboney; nieces Tammy Childers, Teresa Hayes, Tiffany Spiers; nephew Jeff Webb; adopted grandson Conner Blitch's who called her Grandma Brenda; as well as many family and friends.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her

honor to Woods Grove Baptist Church Building Fund address: 2224 GA-17 Young Harris, GA 30582 or Thornwell Home for Children address: 302 S Broad St Clinton, SC 29325.

Visitation: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 3:00-5:00P at Banister-Cooper Funeral Home

Services: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 5:00 at Banister-Cooper Funeral Home with Rev Scott Sims officiating.

Graveside: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 11:00AM at Lawnwood Memorial Park in Covington

Banister-Cooper Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. Mildred M. Johnson**  
J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home

Mrs. Mildred M. Johnson, age 93, of Covington passed away Sunday, February 9, 2020. She was born November 2, 1926 in Covington to James and Fannie Smith Moore who have preceded her in death.

Mrs. Johnson grew up in Covington and graduated from the Covington High School. She enjoyed working in her yard, going to the mountains of north Georgia, traveling to Pennsylvania, and keeping children. Nothing pleased Mrs. Mildred, or "Sister" as she was affectionately known by her family, more than cooking for her family; she loved them all very much.

Mrs. Johnson was a longtime member of Julia A. Porter United Methodist Church. She worked as the secretary for the Chairman of the Newton County Board of Commissioners for many years, she worked for Chairman Jack Morgan, Chairman Roy Varner, and Chairman Davis Morgan during her

career.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her husband Travis Johnson. She is survived by her son Jeff Johnson of Birmingham, Alabama, her sister Shirley Moore Cordell of Fayetteville, GA, along with several nieces, nephews, other family and close friends.

Graveside services for Mrs. Johnson will be held at 2:30PM Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at Lawnwood Memorial Park with Mr. Bill Norton officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:00PM until 2:00PM on Tuesday at J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home prior to the procession to the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Julia S. Porter Untied Methodist, PO Box 700, Porterdale, GA 30070. The family has selected J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home to assist them with the arrangements. A guest book may be signed on-line [www.harwellfuneralhome.com](http://www.harwellfuneralhome.com).

**Mattie Belle McGee**  
Southern Cremations & Funerals

Mattie Belle McGee, 91, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Feb 4th. She was born on May 13, 1928. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years Harold A McGee. She is survived by her son's, Harold Perry (Marilyn), Michael, Ricky (Veta), Ronnie, Rusty, 11 grandchildren and

numerous great grandchildren. Mattie Belle was a devoted and loving wife and mother. She will remain in our hearts forever. Memorial will be held Sunday, Feb. 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the group shelter family pavilion located in Indian Springs State Park, Flovilla, Ga.

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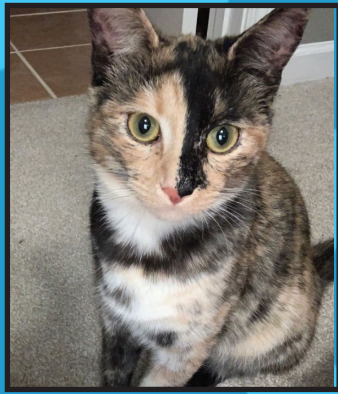
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# SPORTS

## No. 3 Rams upset No. 2 Collins Hill in opening round

By **MASON WITTNER**  
Sports Editor

**SUWANEE** — The round of 16 gets sweeter every year.

The Newton High School boys' basketball team is heading back to the Sweet 16 for the sixth consecutive season after the No. 3 Rams went on the road and upset No. 2 Collins Hill in the opening round of the Class AAAAAAA state playoffs Thursday night.

Newton trailed by 10 points with less than a minute remaining in the third quarter, but furiously battled back to steal the victory. First-year head coach Charlemagne Gibbons was ecstatic about the resilience his club showed in the comeback win.

"First off all, hat's off to Collins Hill. They're at home, it's a playoff game for them, they've got seniors in that locker room who want to advance, who want to make a run, so hat's off to them," Gibbons said. "We've been playing against some monsters all year long. We've been playing against some dudes.

"So, being down 10, you bring the guys in the huddle and you talk to them in the timeout and say, 'Man, we've been down to some of the best teams in the country and either won or have gotten right back

there to win the game down the stretch. We're going to do the same thing here."

With his team facing a 60-50 deficit late in the third quarter, senior guard Caleb Byrd took matters into his own hands. Byrd recorded two steals and six points in the final thirty seconds of the quarter to pull the Rams within 60-56 and give his team a much-needed jolt.

Byrd finished the night with a game-high 31 points. He's been the team's spark plug all season, but even more so over the past month. After pouring in 20 points in the Rams' regular-season finale, he scored 26, 28 and 25 points, respectively, in the club's region tournament games against Rockdale County, Grayson and Archer. "You've seen the maturation of Caleb Byrd throughout the course of the season," Gibbons said. "Early in the year, you'd get down, and he's a real competitor. That might've been a couple of bad shots. [Thursday] he let it come to him. It came to him in those plays and he made those plays that he had to make. I just told him in the locker room, 'That's a sign of maturity.'"

The fourth quarter opened with senior Max Calloway knocking down a 3-point jumper to trim Collins Hill's

lead to one point. On the Eagles' ensuing trip down the court, senior Shawn Smith ripped the ball away and dished it ahead to Byrd, who drew a foul and sank a pair of shots to put the Rams back in front at 61-60.

Collins Hill continued to create second-chance opportunities in the paint and knock down shots along the perimeter, but Newton managed to keep up shot for shot. The back-and-forth affair was stymied when Calloway knocked down a monumental 3-pointer from the right corner to make it a 10-point game late.

Calloway was one of several Rams who showcased Newton's depth by making key plays off the bench in the critical stage of the game.

"Man, we've got a deep basketball team, so you saw some guys in the second half that didn't play a minute in the first half give us some great minutes down the stretch," Gibbons said. "And so it's a blessing and a curse. Sometimes you press the wrong button because you've got so many buttons to press. I think, through the 25-game stretch, we've kind of figured out as a coaching staff which buttons to press and at what time."

Newton was pressing all the right buttons early Thursday night as it built up a 25-11 lead



**Senior guard Caleb Byrd poured in a game-high 31 points to lead the No. 3 Newton Rams past No. 2 Collins Hill in the first round of the Class AAAAAAA state playoffs Thursday night.** Photo by Anthony Banks

by the end of the first quarter. But Collins Hill continued its scrappy play and chipped away at its deficit, trotting into the locker room trailing 41-36.

The Eagles carried that momentum into the second half, opening

the third quarter with a 19-5 run before the Rams clamped down and began piecing together a comeback run of their own.

Newton (20-9) will now prepare to face the winner of Friday night's first-round battle

between No. 1 Cherokee and No. 4 Westlake in the Sweet 16. The game will either be played on Wednesday, Feb. 19, or Thursday, Feb. 20. The date, time and location are expected to be announced over the weekend.

## No. 4 Lady Rams eliminated by No. 1 Collins Hill

By **MASON WITTNER**  
Sports Editor

**SUWANEE** — The Newton High School girls' basketball team's 2019-20 season came to an end Thursday night when the fourth-seeded Lady Rams went on the road and suffered a 66-41 loss to No. 1 Collins Hill in the first round of the Class AAAAAAA state playoffs.

Newton finished the year at 17-12.

Despite being a significant underdog to the Lady Eagles club that entered boasting a 27-0 record with an average margin of victory of 36.4

points, Newton hung tight in the first quarter. The Lady Rams trailed by only five points inside the final two minutes before taking a 22-12 deficit into the second.

The remainder of the first half belonged to Collins Hill, however, as it began to force turnovers and capitalize in transition en route to building a 43-17 lead at the break.

"We lost focus and started turning the ball over. And once they started running, I think we put our heads down a little bit instead of trying to fight back," New-

ton head coach Tiffani Johnson said. "We got bit by that turnover bug and just couldn't get rid of it. That caused a lot of easy buckets on their end. And once that lead spread out, it was kind of hard to cut into it."

Collins Hill grew its lead out to 55-24 by the end of the third quarter before cruising along to a 25-point victory.

Sophomore Ashley Norris was the lone Lady Ram in double figures with 10 points. Playing in her final high school game, senior Ashley Wright followed with 9 points.



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Lyn Pace columnist

## The Music of the Movement



In previous articles, I have written about how music enhances the ways in which we make meaning out of our lives and the world around us. In February, when we intentionally celebrate Black History in this country, it seems especially poignant to reflect on how the music of the Civil Rights Movement continues to help us make meaning today.

African American spirituals, gospel, and folk music have been formative in providing hope and encouragement for the long journey to freedom and justice. Music helps us make meaning, and it has the power to break the chains of oppression in our lives. I think about the African American spiritual, “There is a Balm in Gilead” and how as a child, I grew up singing this hymn in my all-white Methodist congregation in rural South Carolina. I had no idea what a balm was, much less what that may have meant to my black friends and their families as they sung it in their all-black congregations in what Dr. King observed was one of the most segregated hours in America each week.

When you look up balm, you learn that it is a noun and means a fragrant ointment used to heal. It can also mean something that has a comforting, soothing, or restorative effect. “There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.”

Wholeness and healing are words associated with salvation, a primary doctrine of the Christian faith. To have salvation or to be “saved” is to be whole. Singing helps us be whole.

Some people think that before we human beings spoke to each other, we sang. It was our first form of communication. It makes

sense to me. There are things happening inside of us – emotions, feelings, and thoughts – that are just too great to speak. Instead, we need the language of ecstasy. We need more than just prose, we need poetry and lyrics, and we need music. Music makes us whole, liberates us, and gives us hope.

The Civil Rights Movement leaders knew this, and they used music – the sacred and secular – as a balm but also as a way to push forward in the work of the movement. Music offered them and those who followed them hope even when so much was uncertain. Though we saw some things change because of this movement, we continue to sing the songs today as more “change is gonna come.”

Music and its influence shows up throughout the biblical story too. In Colossians 3:12-16 we learn what living a life in Christ means. In that scripture, God has claimed us and we are to put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. These gifts guide us in the hard work of being forgiving, loving, peaceful, and grateful human beings. Then we’re instructed, “Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts.”

I don’t pretend to know exactly what the writer meant by telling them to “teach and warn each other,” but I suspect it had something to do with getting them to live with greater intention. Music helps us do that. Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs draws us back to wholeness, liberation, and hope.

*The Rev. Dr. Lyn Pace is the college chaplain at Oxford College of Emory University.*

David Carroll columnist

## What’s Your Guilty Pleasure?

Last week I confessed my ongoing love of the Three Stooges. It’s the definition of “guilty pleasure.” The dictionary calls it “something that one enjoys, but would be embarrassed by if other people found out.” It might be a childhood habit, a TV show, or some type of food. In other words, something that might be viewed as juvenile by one’s friends or family.

Soon after my Stooge story was published, the letters and e-mails started flowing. It turns out I’m not the only seasoned citizen who harbors a secret love, the kind you don’t go around bragging about. Here are some of the most candid confessions. The names are omitted to protect the guilty.

Age-inappropriate foods dominate our lists: Lucky Charms, Sugar Smacks, Smurfberry Crunch, Fruity Pebbles, Frosted Flakes right out of the box (with no milk), and my own guilty pleasure, Cap’n Crunch. Yes, I know it will rip up the roof of the mouth if you don’t let it get soft enough, but who has that kind of patience? Besides, how bad can Cap’n Crunch be for you? He’s in the military.

Some of us still raid the candy counter. Many of my correspondents are in their fifth or sixth decade of consuming candy corn, animal crackers, and those politically-incorrect, hard to find candy cigarettes.

I still enjoy a pop tart now and then, but to my credit, I eat the healthy kind: unfrosted strawberry. Cue my wife, saying, “So, THAT’S your idea of healthy.” Well, it’s not sugar-coated, for what that’s worth. (And according to the nutrition facts, not very much).

For many of us, a trip to a ball game is not complete



without corn dogs, concession stand nachos, and chocolate dipped ice

cream cones. I actually had a McDonald’s soft serve cone that day their machine was working, back in 2007.

Despite my rural Alabama upbringing, I never latched on to a legendary guilty pleasure: peanuts poured into a bottle of RC Cola. But many of you enjoy that southern delicacy to this day. I do still love Nehi Grape. Thank you, Cracker Barrel, for making America Nehi again.

Peanut butter is a major foundation of my food pyramid. The crunchier, the better. In this, I am definitely not alone. My friends eat it with a spoon, right out of the jar. Or they make a big ol’ sloppy PB & J white bread sandwich, with the jelly dripping onto your shirt.

Some of us still enjoy cheeseburgers, long after our doctors told us to stop. My love for one tiny square burger even inspired me to invent a word: “Cheestal.” What’s cheestal, you ask? Simple. When you order a Krystal cheeseburger, it is served in an equally tiny cardboard carton. More often than not, there’s a little dollop of melted cheese stuck to the bottom of that carton. It’s the best part of the meal. Even though those slices of cheese are the exact same size, if there isn’t a fingertip-sized glob of cheestal at the bottom, I feel cheated.

A surprising number of my “mature” friends still love Mountain Dew. If you’ve ever seen the after-effects of Mountain Dew on a 7-year-old, you can only imagine what it does to the heart of a grandparent. It’s been known

to make pacemaker engines knock like a ’72 Pinto.

But evidently, we’re going to live forever, because look what we are having for dessert. Chocolate-covered, cream filled doughnuts, Hot Fudge Cake from Shoney’s, Swiss Cake Rolls, and Red-di-Wip straight from the can. When you look on the package for the calorie count, it should read, “If you have to ask, why are you eating this?” It doesn’t bother me. I wash it down with Diet Coke. You know, to cancel out the calories.

Some things, we never outgrow: gulping down a Pepsi for breakfast, drinking water straight out of the hose pipe, eating convenience store hot dogs, and visiting Cici’s Pizza buffet. It’s all you can eat for about six bucks. I go there for a pizza feast, and for the next 24 hours I’m in critical, but stable condition.

An early-morning guilty pleasure is Hardee’s. As one friend said, “Their gravy is the secret to a long life. Look around Hardee’s during the breakfast rush. Sometimes I’m the only one there whose age is still in double digits. I think that gravy holds your innards together.”

As for TV, we’re still hooked on “Saved By The Bell,” “The Price is Right,” “Full House,” and Foghorn Leghorn cartoons (“Pay attention, boy!”)

But not all guilty pleasures are memories from childhood. They’re still making new ones today. For example, HGTV. I like to watch them rebuild a house on a \$200 budget. This is known as “reality” television.

Now if you’ll excuse me, I’m craving a mayonnaise sandwich.

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Jeff Mackenzie columnist

## The Design Consumer: Shoulders

White shoulders, black shoulders...It makes no difference. Major roads in Newton County south of I-20 are woefully lacking such features. Salem, Kirkland, Brown Bridge, Flat Shoals—all major arteries in an area predicted to be upwards of 100,000 people by the next census(not counting Rockdale, which shares portions of those arteries) can be accurately considered urban terrain. For planning purposes, Newton is included in the list of counties comprising metro Atlanta.

The traffic on such roads is comparable to Atlanta, non-rush hour, which in business hours means a line of 5 to 15 vehicles at each stoplight.

Notwithstanding the occasional lovely pastoral vista, replete with contentedly grazing cattle or frisky horses trotting across grassy acreage, we are living in a city, folks.

And living in a city brings with it certain responsibilities: namely, the management of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and the safe interface between the two.

This requires, among other things, the application of shoulders. Be they white concrete or black asphalt, or merely level stretches of gravel or grass, shoulders play an integral part in traffic safety.

There are sections of arterial roads—check out Kirkland approaching the Yellow River, Fairview at the curve near Jack Neely, for instance—where no shoulders exist. At all. Often on both sides of the road with sharp drop-offs that would cause an errant vehicle to nosedive into someone’s front yard.

This, from only a driver standpoint, is a major safety concern.

With the volume of traffic nowadays—us being a de facto city and all—drivers need a place to stop a disabled vehicle. A place to swerve if someone in the oncom-



ing lane falls asleep at the wheel and veers into theirs. A place to pull over, consult their GPS phone

map, change a flat tire or even, as with those of us newly inhabiting the land of Senoria, or are pregnant with growing pressure on their bladder know, a quick run to the bushes. (Fortunately the latter is generally unnecessary with the presence of fast food joints and stores every mile or so. Still, ‘any port in a storm’ as my merchant marine dada used to say.)

Where roadsides are drop-offs—and this should only happen in areas like marshland, where fill is unavailable—there aren’t even any metal traffic barriers to catch straying cars.

The plight of pedestrians is even worse.

With sometimes less than 2 feet of flat roadside on which to walk, they must literally share the road with cars. This often means traipsing along on the asphalt and hopping off as cars approach. Occasionally some daring individual will even walk with traffic instead of facing it.

Bicycle riders likewise share the road-by law they are supposed to—but given the speed of traffic, which often exceeds 60mph(subject of another column) they are taking their life in their hands.

A good friend suffered such an encounter when a car hit her from behind, crushing her bike and inflicting nerve and bone damage requiring use of a cane or walker for the rest of her life.

So the need for effective shoulders is pressing and, budgets being what they are, probably not fixable all at once.

But they can be phased in. If Newton County were to take a single section of road—the stretch of Kirkland between

Brown Bridge and Salem Roads, for example—and paved one side of it in a paved shoulder at least 8 feet wide(the width of a compact parking space)... And if say, the budget allowed for another road or two to be be-shouldered in similar fashion, then within a decade major county roads would have at least one emergency lane to double as pedestrian walkway and bike path.

If within several decades the other sides of these roads have paved shoulders(I favor concrete for its durability but hey, I’ll settle for asphalt or even gravel stabilized with soil cement or in a pinch, grass.)then safety becomes enhanced across the board.

As long as it’s level and about 8 feet wide. This width allows drivers to open doors without intruding into adjacent traffic.

Bike paths—an extra benefit of paved shoulders—have the positive consequence of encouraging more bike traffic. And more bike traffic(the subject of another future column)encourages the proliferation of bicycle riders, leading to better health, fewer cars to manage, and generally people who respect their environment, don’t toss trash or engage in drag racing or drive-by shooting.

In short, a desirable citizenry.

The county has dedicated paved bike paths—mostly in the city of Covington on old rail beds—but paved shoulders on already paved vehicular roadways create dual and triple use corridors that accommodate cars as well. Land has already been cleared and zoned and dedicated to transportation. More bang for the buck, in effect, and the results justified as enhancing safety for all.

I hope in some future date people can stand on the shoulders of Newton County and feel safe and proud.

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# CRIME



## Newton County Jail Log

**Covington Police Department**  
**Alexis Gonzalo Aguilar**, 24, 2205 Leafstone Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 5 and charged with public indecency.  
**Veronica Lynn Black**, 28, 10133 Settlers Grove Lane, Covington, was arrested Feb. 11 and charged with DUI-alcohol, giving false name, address or birthdate to law enforcement officer and stopping, standing or parking outside of business or resident.  
**Steven Michael Bowen**, 30, 6157 Nixon Circle, Covington, was arrested Feb. 5 and charged with battery-family violence.  
**Cory Michael Castillo**, 30, 650 Skyline Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with DUI-alcohol.  
**Eric Dale Cureton**, 49, 15 Timberline Court, Mansfield, was arrested Feb. 8 and charged with DUI-alcohol and speeding (15-24 over).  
**Shannon Durden**, 55, 7105 Pineneedle Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with theft of lost or mislaid property.  
**Tyla Shea Henry**, 25, 2301 Blackburn Pass, con, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with disorderly conduct, DUI-drugs, too fast for conditions and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers by use of threats or violence.  
**Hayley Sandra Hood**, 30, 1311 Clack Road, Madison, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with contempt of court-failure to appear.  
**Reggie Allen Hunter**, 40, 9125, Covington, was arrested Feb. 10 and charged with aggravated assault and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.  
**Mark Eugene Knight**, 24, 3401 Davis Academy Road, Rutledge, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with DUI-alcohol and driving on divided highways crossing median.  
**Horace Dontrell Livingston**, 34, 4126 Walnut St., Lawrenceville, was arrested Feb. 8 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.  
**Frank Bernard Prideaux**, 37, 4129 Monticello St., Covington, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with battery-family violence.  
**Tamara Gayle Reyneke**, 59, 510 4th Ave, Covington, was arrested Feb. 10 and charged with DUI-multiple substances, open container and stop signs and yield signs.  
**Darrick Dewane Rockmore**, 30, 10119 Allen Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 11 and charged with probation violation.  
**Araceli Martinez Rodriguez**, 34, 1891 Access Road, Lot 12, Covington, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with driving without a valid license.  
**Anthony Tyrone Ross**, 50, 10138 was Waterford Road, Covington, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with criminal trespass.  
**Quenada Quenyarn Sims**, 32, 185 Saratoga Court, Covington, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged

with probation violation.  
**Ananda Kashi Smith**, 50, 40 Rivercrest Lane, Covington, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with willful obstruction of law enforcement officers by use of threats or violence.  
**Jason Alan Tate**, 39, 307 Etten Drive, Monroe, was arrested Feb. 5 and charged with battery and parole violation.  
**Erica Leigh Thompson**, 45, 1413 Nunnally Trail, Monroe, was arrested Feb. 9 and charged with theft by shoplifting.  
**Georgia State Patrol Travonn Tshombe Young**, 29, 30 Saddlebrook Court, Covington, was arrested Feb. 10 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and probation violation.  
**Newton County Sheriff's Office**  
**Anthony Dwayne Bennett**, 43, 329 River Landing Drive, Monroe, was court sentenced Feb. 7.  
**Jarred McKinzie Biggers**, 30, 310 Oak Hill Circle, Covington, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with parole violation.  
**Lorrodiquis Lenard Blackwell**, 26, 7108 Durden Circle, Oxford, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with driving without a valid license and no seat belts.  
**Kayla Michelle Bone**, 30, Homeless, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.  
**Robert Huliet Boyd, III**, 54, 19 E Third Ave., Mansfield, was arrested Feb. 11 and charged with loitering or prowling and violate family violence order.  
**Keyna Burks**, 41, 401 Topaz Trail, Peachtree, was back for court Feb. 11 and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a schedule I controlled substance with intent to distribute (THC Wax), possession of a schedule I controlled substance (TNC wax), possession of firearm or knife during commission or attempt to commit a crime, purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution or sale of marijuana (2), receipt, possession or transport of firearm by convicted felon and Superior court bench warrant, failure to appear.  
**Shaneka Reshae Bush**, 32, 85 Michael Ryan Drive, Porterdale, was court sentenced to serve three days Feb. 10.  
**Curtis Lee Bussey, Jr.**, 38, 150 Fairway Trail, Covington, was arrested Feb. 10 and charged with abandonment of dependent child.  
**Larry Granger Christmas**, 35, 6720 Bostwick Highway, Bostwick, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with failure to appear.  
**Wendell Harrison Combs**, 45, 2160 Clack Road, Madison, was arrested Feb. 5 and charged with probation violation.  
**Jeffrey Lee Cooper**, 49, 45 Concord Court, Covington, was court sentenced Feb. 5.  
**Tyler Jordan Copeland**, 19, 30 Ann Court, Covington, was arrested Feb. 8

and charged with criminal trespass.  
**Johnny Mitchell Cowart, Jr.**, 40, 247 Line St., apt a, Loganville, was court sentenced Feb. 5.  
**Jordan Faith Dailey**, 24, 2000 Old Concord Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with battery-family violence, terroristic threats and acts and theft by taking.  
**Shana Dione Davis**, 29, 5850 Hillandale Drive, #1117, Lithonia, was court sentenced Feb. 11.  
**Jessica Nicole Derosiers**, 18, 20 Arbor lakes Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 8 and charged with simple battery and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.  
**Kadiatou Kadija Diallo**, 48, 50 Fieldview Lane, Covington, was arrested Feb. 5 and charged with disorderly conduct.  
**Joshua Matthew Epps**, 23, P.O. Box 274, Rutledge, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with possession of methamphetamine.  
**Shantell Shawaner Freeman**, 25, 535 Moore St., Covington, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with cruelty to children and simple battery.  
**Aaron Leonard Gadson**, 29, 6030 Magnolia Ridge, Stone Mountain, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with probation violation.  
**Emily Noelle Giles**, 24, 753 Rocky Point Road, Covington, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with failure to appear.  
**David Wayne Glover, Jr.**, 19, 3720 Sugar Creek Lane, con, was arrested Feb. 11 and charged with aggravated sodomy.  
**Harvey Eugene Grantham, Jr.**, 42, 1370 Gordon Hwy, room 120, Augusta, was arrested Feb. 6 aw probation violation.  
**Kameron Laurence Griffith**, 17, 45 Jericho Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 5 and charged with burglary.  
**Skylaranne Marie Harris**, 19, 185 Betty Ann Lane, Covington, was arrested Feb. 5 and charged with theft by taking.  
**Ricky Lamar Heath**, 48, 93 Frontier Drive, con, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with probation violation.  
**Lauren Gale Higdon**, 28, 2741 Copeland Road, Madison, was arrested Feb. 10 and charged with probation violation.  
**Keyonta Neki Hines**, 42, 3894 Hilton court, Decatur, was arrested Feb. 10 and charged with burglary.  
**Joshua Lamar Holcombe**, 28, 559 Rocky Point Road, Covington, was arrested Feb. 6 and held for other agency.  
**Wachovia Antonio Holland**, 28, 525 Moore St., Oxford, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with cruelty to children and simple battery.  
**Anthony Christopher Hood**, 49, 50 Dove Point, Covington, was arrested Feb. 9 and charged with disorderly conduct.  
**Takeeka Shurae Hunnicutt**, 41, 2601 Athens Highway, Madison, was arrested Feb. 8 and charged with terroristic threats and

acts.  
**Jacob Jabarri James**, 21, 350 Bramble Bush Trail, Covington, was arrested Feb. 9 and charged with failure to appear for fingerprintable charge (2).  
**Tony Lee Johnson, Jr.**, 32, 1296 Magnolia Ridge, Monroe, was court sentenced Feb. 8.  
**Dalton Thomas Kamplain**, 19, 710 Morning Dove Co, Monticello, was arrested Feb. 10 and charged with contempt of court and probation violation.  
**Alicia Nicole Kentish**, 17, 45 Saddlebrook, Covington, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with disorderly conduct and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers by use of threats or violence.  
**Taleisha Lynn Krieger**, 34, 6598 Willow Lane, Winston, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.  
**Dinael Omar Lopez-Vallasquez**, 28, 224 The Falls Pkwy, Duluth, was arrested Feb. 9 and charged with sexual battery.  
**Lauren Ashley Lowery**, 30, 4172 Annistown Road, Snellville, was court sentenced to serve five days Feb. 7.  
**Terry Kevin Lynch**, 49, 75 Fiddle Creek, Social Circle, was arrested Feb. 11 and held for other agency.  
**Jacquelyn Elaine Mann**, 27, 5135 Forest Run Trace, Alpharetta, was back for court Feb. 10.  
**Debbie Ann McGuire**, 48, 425A S. Madison Ave. Monroe, was arrested Feb. 8.  
**Erica Lynn McIntyre**, 33, 789 Hammond Drive, Atlanta, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with probation violation.  
**Wendell Hunter Myers**, 26, 4125 Dearing St., Covington, was arrested Feb. 5 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked, no seat belts and speeding in school zone (24-29).  
**Demario Shontrez Nash**, 35, 360 Lamar Lane, Covington, was court sentenced to theft by taking.  
**Joshua Lee Ogletree**, 38, 565 Indian Creek Trail, Rutledge, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with aggravated assault, criminal damage to property, cruelty to children, possession of firearm or knife during commission or attempt to commit a crime and unauthorized discharge of firearms within 50 yards of public highway or street.  
**Jamar Queshaun Patterson**, 24, 265 Five Oaks Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 8 and charged with driving without headlights in dark, possession of marijuana and possession and use of drug related objects.  
**Rodney Phillips Penn**, 70, 1213 Commerce St., Madison, was arrested Feb. 11 and charged with aggravated assault.  
**Christopher George Phillips**, 35, 599 Highway 162, Covington, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

**David Howard Pitts**, 56, 101 S Fulton St., Newborn, was back for court Feb. 10 and charged with probation violation.  
**Jimmy Roy Plunkett**, 42, 2002 Georgia Hwy 20, con, was arrested Feb. 6 and held for other agency.  
**Jeremy Jarodde Porter**, 26, 2083 Redwater Drive, Decatur, was arrested Feb. 10 and charged with burglary.  
**Kemoy Marcus Prince**, 19, 44 Windcrest Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with disorderly conduct.  
**Omarie Corie Prince**, 17, 44 Windcrest Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with disorderly conduct.  
**Shandrika Zeresa Rhodes-Grier**, 27, 9 Spruce St., Porterdale, was arrested Feb. 10 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.  
**Rabiah Afiya Riley**, 35, 61 Windcrest Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 5 and charged with contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a minor.  
**Earl Donell Roach**, 57, Jenkins Correctional Facility, Millen, was back for court Feb. 6.  
**Desmond Jackson Slaughter**, 18, 280 Tre-lawney Circle, Covington, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, instruction permits and temporary licenses and reckless driving.  
**Cindy Karen Smith**, 40, Lee Arrendale State Prison, was back for court Feb. 10.  
Rebecca Berlena Smith, 53, 115 Brooks Drive, Monticello, was arrested Feb. 8 and charged with criminal trespass, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness.  
**Carl Eugene Squires**, 56, 4380 Highway 138, Oxford, was arrested Feb. 9 and held for other agency.  
**Joseph Daniel Stowers**, 61, 3172 Mill St., Covington, was court sentenced to serve 48 hours Feb. 6.  
**Damon Alexander Turner**, 53, 11200 Highway 36, Covington, was arrested Feb. 5 and charged with violation of a T.P.O.  
**Damon Alexander Turner**, 53, 11200 Highway 36, Covington, was arrested Feb. 11 and charged with aggravated stalking.  
**Anthony Guinn Underwood**, 44, 15457 Highway 36, Covington, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with probation violation.  
**Robin Kay Walker**, 62, 10179 Henderson Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 11 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.  
**Willie Lester Warthen**, 37, 1776 Wiggins Circle, con, was arrested Feb. 9 and held for other agency.  
**Aaron Hunter Wilder**, 17, 30 was Waters Edge Lane, Covington, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with criminal trespass and juvenile delinquent.  
**Alex Anthony Wilkins**, 18, 110 Camerons Way, Covington, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with disorderly conduct.  
**Calvin Demarco Wil-**

**liams**, 30, 186 Branchwood Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 5 and charged with DUI-alcohol and improper lane usage.  
**Saevion Mark Williams**, 17, 95 Spring Lake Terrace, Covington, was arrested Feb. 5 and charged with criminal attempt to commit a felony and criminal trespass.  
**Jerald Ralph Woomer**, 46, 35 Woodcrest Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.  
**Martin Keith Wyatt**, 57, 45 Boxcar Lane, Covington, was court sentenced to service five days Feb. 6.  
**Porterdale Police Department**  
**Cody Lashawn Carter**, 28, 280 White Birch Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.  
**Martinez Kwavarius Flournoy**, 30, 61 N Broad St., Porterdale, was arrested Feb. 5 and held for other agency.  
**Billy John Mims**, 46, 145 Meadowview Terrace, Oxford, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with aggravated stalking.  
**Kenneth John Schafer**, 58, 20 S Broad St., Porterdale, was arrested Feb. 10 and charged with theft by receiving stolen property.  
**Nacyely A. Torres**, 39, 1100 Boxwood Blvd, Columbus, was arrested Feb. 7 and charged with driving without a valid license, knowingly driving motor vehicle on suspended, cancelled or revoked registration, no driver's license on person and no proof of insurance.  
**Weekenders**  
**Felicia Monique Adamson**, 42, Covington  
**Terrance Benjamin Allen**, 35, Milledgeville  
**Omayeli Jason Amuka-Pemu**, 32, Winder  
**Billy Clyde Bentley**, 36, Hull  
**Scottie Lee Broughter**, 32, Madison  
**Harry Charles Carson**, 57, Covington  
**Randy Lee Couchman**, 54, Winder  
**Mark Steven Erickson**, 57, Porterdale  
**Bryan Dior Goggins**, 33, Stockbridge  
**Kimberlyn Goods**, 49, Covington  
**Sebrena Domitilla Gordon**, 50, Atlanta  
**Johnny Terence Grier**, 42, Marietta  
**Rachel Jo Harrison**, 23, Covington  
**Devin Leticia Hawkins**, 28, Covington  
**Jarvis Terrell Hendricks**, 31, Mansfield  
**Dedric Deshun Jackson**, 46, Conyers  
**Quintavious Lodell Jeff**, 23, Oxford  
**Andrew Thomas Payne**, 30, Covington  
**Kayla Nashea Rawls**, 35, Covington  
**Ronald Aulshihud Stephens**, 30, Decatur  
**Eddie Lee Stinson, III**, 24, Covington  
**Philandus Randez Turk**, 29, Covington

## THIEVES

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approximately \$400 cash, a Wells Fargo money bag and a company checkbook along with a flashlight and a Taurus .380 cal. handgun loaded with eight rounds of ammo had been stolen from the truck.

Windows were reportedly broken out on two other cars, one pick-up truck and one SUV parked at the hotels. The drivers of those vehicles told police nothing was taken.

A CPD spokesman said police still have not identified any suspects and have not determined if the break-ins are connected.

## Newton County Crime Blotter

By JASMINE FLOYD  
Staff writer

Tracking transgressions in your area

### Woman arrested in road rage incident

A Madison woman was charged with terroristic threats and acts Feb. 8 after allegedly pulling a gun on another driver.

According to a Newton County Sheriff's Office incident report, 41-year-old Takeeka Hunnicut was driving westbound on Interstate 20 in a 2016 GMC Acadia just before 10 a.m. when she reportedly pulled the weapon.

A NCSO spokesman said Hunnicut used the handgun to intimidate the victim driving next to her on the highway due to road rage.

### Burning trailer called arson

Authorities are investigating after a trailer burned last Saturday night.

According to a Newton County Sheriff Office incident report, a passerby noticed the trailer burning on Brown Bridge Road around 9 p.m. and notified authorities. Newton County Fire responded and extinguished the fire.

According to the report, the cause of the fire was determined to be arson.

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# EDUCATION

## Newton High School Announces Class of 2020 Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Top 10 Graduates

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Newton High School is pleased to announce the top ten graduates of the Class of 2020. Graduating at the top of the class is valedictorian, Israel Dixon, and salutatorian, Eliana Lewis. Rounding out the top ten graduates in alphabetical order are: Triniti Brown, Meghan Byrne, Scott Evritt, Alexia Foster, Jazmyn Lee, Ariel Mattis, Kemora Seide, and Tyjah Tuggle.

See below for information on the top ten graduates, including their plans for the future.

- Israel Dixon—Israel plans to attend The United States Military Academy at West Point and will commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. His biggest aspiration is to positively impact the lives of others by becoming an officer in the Army and encouraging sol-

diers to be the best that they can be. Israel chose Dr. Katrina Stanfield as his top ten teacher.

- Eliana Lewis—Eliana hopes to attend Howard University, a historically black college, to major in English Education. She hopes to one day pursue a career in education and work on publishing her first novel. Eliana chose Ms. Irena Ebert as her top ten teacher.

- Triniti Brown--Triniti plans to attend The University of Georgia, Spelman College, or Savannah State University to major in Business Administration. She aspires to one day own a nationwide beauty line. She chose Mr. Tony Brooks as her top ten teacher.

- Meghan Byrne-- Meghan plans to continue her attendance at Georgia State University and graduate in 2021 with an Associate De-

gree in Biology. She will then transfer to either Mercer University or The University of Georgia. Meghan chose Ms. Heather Henderson as her top ten teacher.

- Scott Evritt-- Scott has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps to become a Marine. He plans to go to Norwich University during his time in the Marines to pursue studies in war and peace. He aspires to become a history teacher. Scott chose Mr. Edward Kim as his top ten teacher.

- Alexia Foster-- Alexia plans to attend SCAD and earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Sequential Arts. She enjoys art, comics, animation, video games, and mythology and aspires to become a well-known animator and comic artist. She chose Ms. Kandi Manning as her top ten teacher.

- Jazmyn Lee-- Jazmyn



**Newton High School Top 10 Graduates.** Contributed photo

plans to attend Georgia State University to pursue a career as a nurse. She chose Mr. Ramesh Parmar as her top ten teacher.

- Ariel Mattis-- Ariel plans to study Political Science at Kennesaw State University and aspires to become a lawyer. She chose Mr.

Johnny Edwards as her top ten teacher.

- Kemora Seide-- Kemora plans to attend a four-year university and major in Biology. She also plans to pursue a pre-veterinary track and go on to become a veterinarian as well as an accomplished writer. She chose Ms. Grenetta

Turner as her top ten teacher.

- Tyjah Tuggle-- Tyjah plans to attend Florida A & M University and major in Business. She hopes to one day own her own business. She chose Dr. Victoria Lockhart as her top ten teacher.

## 2020 Regional HS Math Contest

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Newton County School System high school students fared well at the recent 2020 Regional High School Math Contest held at Griffin Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA). Newton College & Career Academy placed third in the Division I (smaller schools) competition and Eastside High School earned third-place honors in the Division III (larger schools) contest. The math teams and students competed against other high school teams from Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Pike, Spalding, and Upson counties. “The objectives of the Griffin RESA High

School Mathematics Contest are to stimulate interest in mathematics, give recognition to outstanding mathematics students, and provide healthy academic competition,” said Dr. Stephanie Gordy, executive director of Griffin RESA. “Each high school participating in the contest was eligible to enter one team composed of five students. The students participated in two events: a written exam and a ciphering round.”

Gordy explained, “The four highest scores of the five students taking the written exam were used as the team score. The ciphering event was a team competition in which students answered a series of

timed questions. Teams had up to three minutes to respond and were awarded points based on time used to respond correctly to each question. Team awards were given in each division. Divisions were based on student enrollment of the participating schools. Awards for the top three teams were based on the total team score on the written test and the ciphering event.”

Newton College & Career Academy team members included juniors Skye Nash, Brennen Reilly, and Arianna Thomas and freshman, Natalie Henderson. The team is coached by Ms. Ashley Sanders. The Eastside High School

team was comprised of seniors, Eathan Xu, Mia Busby, Lucas Harper, and Jet Dong, and junior Cason Kauffman. Eastside's math team was coached by Mr. David Hornbeck.

“I am very proud of these students,” said Dr. Nikkita Warfield, Director of Secondary Education for Newton County School System. “They definitely represented their schools and our

district very well at the High School Math Competition. I know they put in numerous hours studying and practicing for this competition so congratulations are definitely in order.”

## ed·u·ca·tion (ějē-kā'shən) *n.*

1. The act or process of imparting or acquiring general knowledge, developing the powers of reasoning and judgment, and generally of preparing oneself or others intellectually for mature life.

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## Newton County Theme School Math Team Wins 2020 Regional Middle School Math Contest

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Newton County Theme School's (NCTS) math team took home top honors in the Division I (smaller schools) 2020 Regional Middle School Math Contest held at Griffin Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA). NCTS team member Caleb Ekanem also brought home a third-place award in the individual completion. The math teams and students competed against other middle school teams from Butts, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Pike, Spalding, and Upson counties.

The math contest includes a one hour

written test followed by a group-ciphering event. According to Dr. Stephanie Gordy, Executive Director for Griffin RESA, awards for the top three teams in each division are based on a total team score comprised of the top four highest scores on the written test and the team score on the ciphering event. Competitive divisions are determined by school enrollment.

“This year approximately 150 students participated from almost 30 middle schools representing the school districts from our area,” added Dr. Gordy.

The Newton County Theme School team

was comprised of eighth-graders Emma Grace Lumpkin, Huda Asker, Noah Carter, Caleb Ekanem, and Charlotte Thompson. The team was coached by Ms. Mindy Alexander.

“I am very proud of these students,” said Dr. Nikkita Warfield, Director of Secondary Education for Newton County School System. “To not only bring home a first-place trophy in the team competition but also a third-place award in the individual competition shows how strong the team’s math skills truly are. We obviously have some great mathematicians at Newton County Theme School!”



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# Newton County Family Fun Day

familyfunday@co.newton.ga.us

## Newton County Family Fun Day Seeking Sponsors

The Newton County Family Fun Day is quickly approaching and planning is well under way to make the third edition the best yet. As we embark on 2020, we are eager to celebrate #OneNewton with #OneVision of a unified community this April 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Legion Field in Covington.

Please join us in celebrating this year's event, where we once again will include and embrace every city, business and community member of Newton County with representation from Covington, Mansfield, Newborn, Oxford, Porterdales and Social Circle.

This community-wide event is open to all at absolutely no cost. In each of our first two years, this **COMPLETELY FREE** event has grown with around 4,000 people participating in 2019. This free event, includes food, music, entertainment, games, vendors and more. All of this is made possible through your sponsorship and vendor participation, which is essential to our success.

We are asking for your support in one or more of the following three areas: Participation, Sponsorship and as a Vendor. With your generous support, we will continue to set aside a special day to celebrate “#OneNewton” as we make a reality the vision of a brighter, better future for local business and citizens.

We are counting on your support in making this day a success and would be grateful if your company would consider becoming one of our Premier Sponsors and/or a Vendor. Please complete the attached form with how you would like to participate and return it via email, US mail or in person at the Newton county Historic Courthouse.

If you have any questions, please contact our Family Fun Day Co-Chairs, Bryan Fazio, LaTonja Hamp and Nwaka Hughes at [FamilyFunDay@co.newton.ga.us](mailto:FamilyFunDay@co.newton.ga.us).

Once again, thank you and we look forward to your continued support.

Respectfully,

*Marcello Banes*

Marcello Banes  
Chairman, Newton County Board of Commissioners

## Business Sponsor & Registration Form

Business Pledge Information (please print or type)

Business Name	<input type="text"/>
Point of Contact Name	<input type="text"/>
Complete Address City & Zip	<input type="text"/>
Contact Phone #	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>

**Will you set up as a Vendor?** Tent Size 10x10 or 10x12 (Only) *Tent & Chairs not provided*

☐ **Yes, FREE Vendor Booth Space Needed**

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<b>SILVER LEVEL</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>\$1,000</b> – entitles your business to: <b>Free</b> Vendor Booth Space (if applicable) Printed Name on T-Shirts, Vendor Location, Advertisement and/or an ad on our Newton County Flyer, Websites, Social Media, and Newspapers + <b>7</b> T-Shirts upon arrival
<b>GOLD LEVEL</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>\$3,000</b> – entitles your business to: <b>Free</b> Vendor Booth Space (if applicable) Printed Logo on T-Shirts, <b>Focal</b> Vendor Location, Advertisement and/ or an ad on our Newton County Flyer, Websites, Social Media, Newspapers, and Banner - Framed Certificate & Seal from Newton County + <b>10</b> T-Shirts upon arrival
<b>PLATINUM LEVEL</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>\$5,000</b> – entitles your business to: <b>Free</b> Vendor Booth Space (if applicable) Printed Logo on T-Shirts, <b>Premier</b> Vendor Location, Advertisement and/ or an ad on our Newton County Flyer, Websites, Social Media, Newspapers, and Banner - Prestigious Plaque from Newton County + <b>10</b> T-Shirts upon arrival
<b>2020 DIAMOND PARTNER</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>\$10,000</b> – entitles your business to: <b>Free</b> Vendor Booth Space (if applicable) Printed Logo on T-Shirts, <b>Premier</b> Vendor Location, Advertisement and/ or an ad on our Newton County Flyer, Websites, Social Media, Newspapers, and Banner - Prestigious Plaque from Newton County + Thank You Post-Promo Ad in Paper – <b>Exclusive Main Stage / Local Stage Sponsorship</b> + <b>15</b> T-Shirts upon arrival

**\*\*\*ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO HOST AND FUND OUR #ONENEWTON FAMILY FUN DAY\*\*\***

**DEADLINE:** To guarantee a Vendor Space, the Sponsorship & Registration Form must be **received by:**

**Friday, March 20, 2020**

Please attach sponsorship check to registration form and return.

Legion Field Event Address: **3173 Mill St NE, Covington, GA 30014**

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## Announcements

### For Your Information

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7	9	8	8	1	2	6	9	4
1	2	6	4	9	7	8	9	8
9	4	8	9	6	8	7	1	2
8	1	9	2	4	8	9	7	6
8	7	9	6	9	1	4	2	8
4	6	2	7	8	9	1	8	9
6	8	4	9	7	9	2	8	1
9	8	7	1	2	4	8	6	9
2	9	1	8	8	6	9	4	7

	4				3	1		2
						7		
				7	5		8	
6						2		4
3				6			7	
		5	8					
	1	7		9		8		
			7			9		
4					8		6	

Level: Advanced

# BUSINESS

# DIRECTORY

## INVESTMENTS

### BROWN BUSINESS INVESTMENTS

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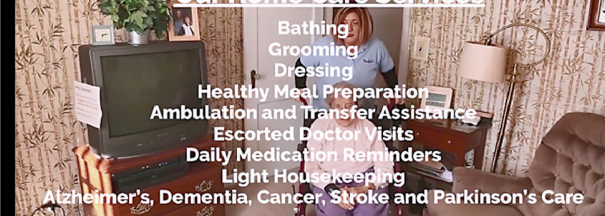
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# The Covington News

## PUBLIC NOTICES



### Public Notices

#### Abandoned Vehicles

##### ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE (REPAIR FACILITY)

**VEHICLE MAKE:** Big Dog  
**YEAR:** 2003  
**MODEL:** CUSTOM  
**VEHICLE ID#:**  
5J11MBJ163W000548

**PERSON WHO** left vehicle at facility:  
Harold Woodson  
**ANY INFORMATION** relating to  
owner:

**YOU ARE** hereby notified, in  
accordance with OCGA 40-11-19  
(b) (2), that the above-referenced  
vehicle is subject to a lien and a  
petition may be filed in court to  
foreclose a lien for all amounts owed.  
If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall  
order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy  
the debt.

**THE VEHICLE** is currently located at  
Repair Facility (Hood Rat Industries,  
LLC)

**ANYONE WITH** an ownership  
interest in this vehicle should contact  
the following business immediately:

**BUSINESS NAME:** Hood Rat  
Industries, LLC  
**ADDRESS:** 98 Chimisa  
Road

**COVINGTON, GA** 30016  
**TELEPHONE** # 470-902-8450

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116447**  
2/9,16

**M & M Towing & Recovery, LLC**  
218 Gum Creek Rd Oxford, GA  
30054 678-712-9571.

#### ABANDONED VEHICLES

**PURSUANT TO** OCGA subsection  
40-11-2, through its agent's state  
that the following vehicles are  
abandoned and will be sold at a later  
date. Tag: ELF392, 2008 Chrysler  
Sebring, 1C3LC46K98N244222,  
Tag: RGF0515, 2014 Toyota Corolla,  
2T1BURHE5EC031906

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116471**  
2/16,23

#### Alcoholic Beverage

**NOTICE IS** hereby given that  
an application has been made  
to the Newton County Board of  
Commissioners to obtain a license  
to sell alcoholic beverages (beer &  
wine) for off premises consumption  
by:

**3538 SALEM FOODMART, LLC**  
**PROZINA KHERANI**  
3538 SALEM ROAD  
COVINGTON, GA 30015

**OCCUPATION TAX/BUSINESS**  
License Contact:  
**TINA WATERS**  
**BUSINESS LICENSE Clerk**  
**TWATERS@CO.NEWTON.GA.US**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116461**  
2/9,16

**NOTICE IS** hereby given that  
an application has been made  
to the Newton County Board of  
Commissioners to obtain a license  
to sell alcoholic beverages (beer &  
wine) for off premises consumption  
by:

**ALMON PRIME, LLC**  
**SHAHNEWAZ HOSSAIN**  
56 ALMON ROAD  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**OCCUPATION TAX/BUSINESS**  
License Contact:  
**TINA WATERS**  
**BUSINESS LICENSE Clerk**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #116470**  
2/16,23

#### Bids

**NEWTON COUNTY School**  
**System Current Solicitations**  
**ERATE 2020**

**THE NEWTON** County School  
System is soliciting vendors for  
ERATE funded technology projects  
for 2020. A mandatory proposer  
conference/site visit will be held  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 from  
2:00 – 3:00 pm at the Newton County  
Schools Service Center Conference  
Room, 11031 Covington Bypass  
Road, Covington, Georgia 30014.  
**ANY QUESTIONS** related to this  
solicitation should be addressed to  
the Newton County School System  
ERATE consultant, Hugh Manning at  
hugh@k12-consultants.com or 724-  
350-4380.

**FOR MORE** information, please visit  
the School System's e-procurement  
website at the following link:

**HTTPS://NCSSBID.**  
**IONWAVE.NET/**  
**CURRENTSOURCINGEVENTS.**  
**ASPX**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116475**  
2/16

#### Citations

##### CITATION

**BILLY RAY HOOPER** has petitioned  
to be appointed Administrator of the  
**Estate of WILLIAM TOD HOOPER**,  
deceased. (The applicant has also  
applied for waiver of bond and/or  
grant of certain powers contained in  
O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested  
parties are hereby notified to show  
cause why said application should  
not be granted. All objections must  
be in writing, and filed with this Court  
on or before March 2, 2019, next, at  
ten o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M.** Bell, Judge  
**BY: MARCIA Wynne**  
**CLERK, PROBATE COURT**  
**NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116358**  
2/2,9,16,23

##### CITATION

**BRANDON J. KEY** has petitioned  
to be appointed Administrator of the  
**Estate of TINA DENISE KEY**,  
deceased. (The applicant has also  
applied for waiver of bond and/or  
grant of certain powers contained in  
O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested  
parties are hereby notified to show

cause why said application should  
not be granted. All objections must  
be in writing, and filed with this Court  
on or before March 2, 2019, next, at  
ten o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M.** Bell, Judge  
**BY: MARCIA Wynne**  
**CLERK, PROBATE COURT**  
**NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116434**  
2/2,9,16,23

##### CITATION

**DANIELLE ANDERSON** AND  
LYDIA CLACKUM have petitioned  
to be appointed Administrator of the  
**Estate of LAURA MIKULA LYONS**,  
deceased. (The applicant has also  
applied for waiver of bond and/or  
grant of certain powers contained in  
O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested  
parties are hereby notified to show  
cause why said application should  
not be granted. All objections must  
be in writing, and filed with this Court  
on or before March 2, 2019, next, at  
ten o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M.** Bell, Judge  
**BY: MARCIA Wynne**  
**CLERK, PROBATE COURT**  
**NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116365**  
2/2,9,16,23

##### CITATION

**KARINE CHANG** has petitioned  
to be appointed Administrator of the  
**Estate of EMILY WHITED**,  
deceased. (The applicant has also  
applied for waiver of bond and/or  
grant of certain powers contained in  
O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested  
parties are hereby notified to show  
cause why said application should  
not be granted. All objections must  
be in writing, and filed with this Court  
on or before March 2, 2019, next, at  
ten o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M.** Bell, Judge  
**BY: MARCIA Wynne**  
**CLERK, PROBATE COURT**  
**NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116433**  
2/2,9,16,23

##### CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of SARAH FRANCES**  
**HARDEMAN, DECEASED**

**HAROLD GOODMAN, Executor**,  
has petitioned to be discharged from  
Office and all Liability.. All interested  
parties are hereby notified to show  
cause as to why said petition should  
not be granted. All objections must  
be in writing and filed with this Court  
on or before March 2, 2020, at ten  
o'clock am.

**MELANIE M.** Bell, Judge  
**BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk**  
**PROBATE COURT**  
**NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116479**  
2/16

##### CITATION

**SHARETHA LAVON SHEPHERD**  
has petitioned to be appointed  
Administrator of the **Estate of**  
**MELVIN J. HAMMONDS**, deceased.  
(The applicant has also applied  
for waiver of bond and/or grant of  
certain powers contained in O.C.G.A.  
§53-12-232). All interested parties  
are hereby notified to show cause  
why said application should not be  
granted. All objections must be in  
writing, and filed with this Court on  
or before March 2, 2019, next, at ten  
o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M.** Bell, Judge  
**BY: MARCIA Wynne**  
**CLERK, PROBATE COURT**  
**NEWTON COUNTY, GA**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116432**  
2/2,9,16,23

##### CITATION

**TO: CHARMIN CLAYTON**

**BEAUX N. STANLEY** filed for  
Temporary Letters of Guardianship of  
the Person(s) PHUTURE STANLEY  
minor(s). All objections must be in  
writing and filed with this Court on  
or before MARCH 2, 2020 at ten  
o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M.** Bell, Judge  
**BY: LAURA NIKO**  
**CLERK, PROBATE COURT**  
**NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116478**  
2/16,23

##### NOTICE

**RE: PETITION of**  
Stanley R. Bryan , to Probate Will  
in Solemn Form, Estate of Mark Noel  
Innis, UPON WIDCH AN ORDER  
FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY  
THIS COURT ON

**JANUARY 21, 2020**

**TO: UNKNOWN** Father/Heir

**THIS IS** to notify you to file objection,  
if there is any, to the Petition of  
Stanley R. Bryan to Probate Will in  
Solemn Form, Estate of Mark Noel  
Innis.

**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All  
objections to the petition must be  
in writing, setting forth the grounds of  
any such objections. All pleadings/  
objections must be signed before a  
notary public or before a probate  
court clerk, and filing fees must be  
tendered with your pleadings/  
objections, unless you qualify to  
file as an indigent party. Contact  
probate court personnel at the  
following address/telephone number  
for the required amount of filing  
fees. All objections must be filed  
by March 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

**MELANIE M. BELL** PROBATE  
JUDGE

**BY: MARCIA Wynne**  
**CLERK OF PROBATE COURT**  
**1132 USHER STREET**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**  
**770 784 2045**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116394**  
2/2,9,16,23

##### NOTICE

**TAMARCUS S. Johnson** has  
petitioned for waiver of bond and/

or for the grant of certain powers  
contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261  
in regard to the estate of Cleveland  
Johnson. All interested parties 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  
March 2, 2020.

**MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE**  
**BY: MARCIA Wynne, Clerk**  
**PROBATE COURT**  
**NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116431**  
2/2,9,16,23

#### Corporations

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of  
incorporation that will incorporate  
Full Armor Solutions have been  
delivered to the Secretary of State  
for filing in accordance with the  
Georgia Business Corporation Code  
(or Georgia Nonprofit Corporation  
Code). The initial registered office  
of the corporation is located at 6215  
Hwy 278 NW #113 Covington, GA  
30014 and its initial registered agent  
at such address is Tamera Strong.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116460**  
2/9,16

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of  
incorporation that will incorporate  
The Academy for Exceptional  
Youth, Inc have been delivered  
to the Secretary of State for filing  
in accordance with the Georgia  
Nonprofit Corporation Code. The  
initial registered office of the  
corporation is located at 415 Pebble  
Blvd., Covington, GA 30016 and  
its initial registered agent at such  
address is Bianca Johnson.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116445**  
2/9,16

#### Debtors Creditors

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **BARBARA B. ROBINSON**,  
deceased, late of Newton County,  
Georgia. You are required to  
render your demands and/or make  
payments to the undersigned estate  
representative according to law.  
**THIS THE** 11th day of January,  
2020.

**SHELLEY R.** Howell, Co-Executor  
1004 KNOTTS Pointe Drive  
WOODSTOCK, GA 30188

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116473**  
2/16,23,3/1,18

##### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

**ALL CREDITORS** of the estate  
of **MARGIE GREENE CLINE.**,  
deceased, late of Newton County,  
Georgia are hereby notified to render  
their demands to the undersigned  
according to law, and all persons  
indebted to said estate are required  
to make immediate payment to the  
undersigned.

**THIS 28TH** day of January, 2020.  
**FRANK**

**B. Turner, Jr.**  
**EXECUTOR OF the Estate**  
**OF MARGIE Greene Cline**  
**P.O. BOX 1617**  
**COVINGTON, GEORGIA** 30015-  
1617  
**(770) 786-4390**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116437**  
2/2,9,16,23

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given  
to the Debtors and Creditors of the  
Estate of Jessie Coe deceased, late  
of Newton County, Georgia. You are  
required to render in your demands  
and/or make your payments to the  
undersigned estate representative  
according to law.

**THIS 10TH** day of February 2020.

**TIMOTHY STEVEN** Coe  
365 HODGES Farm Road  
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

**EDGAR LAW FIRM, LLC**  
1132 FLOYD STREET  
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014  
**TELEPHONE (770) 786-1353**  
**FACSIMILE (770) 787-7011**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116473**  
2/16,23,3/1,8

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **AMY ELIZABETH BARRON**,  
deceased, late of Newton County,  
Georgia. You are required to  
render your demands and/or make  
payments to the undersigned estate  
representative according to law.  
**THIS THE** 10th day of FEBRUARY,  
2020.

**NANCY LYNN HIGGINBOTHAM**  
**115 COUNTRY WALK**  
**SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA** 30025

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116486**  
2/16,23,3/1,8

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **ANNELE K. DIAL**, deceased,  
late of Newton County, Georgia. You  
are required to render your demands  
and/or make payments to the  
undersigned estate representative  
according to law.  
**THIS THE** 10th day of FEBRUARY,  
2020.

**PHILLIP RILEY KIMBLE**  
430 BEREACHURCH ROAD  
COMMERCE, GEORGIA 30530

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116494**  
2/16,23,3/1,8

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **BERRY WILEY STEPHENS**,  
SR., deceased, late of Newton  
County, Georgia. You are required to

render your demands and/or make  
payments to the undersigned estate  
representative according to law.  
**THIS THE** 16th day of JANUARY,  
2020.

**LINDA H STEPHENS**  
9141 WILLOW POINT  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116393**  
1/26,2/2,9,16

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **C L COOK**, deceased, late of  
Newton County, Georgia. You are  
required to render your demands  
and/or make payments to the  
undersigned estate representative  
according to law.  
**THIS THE** 6th day of FEBRUARY,  
2020.

**JOYCE M COOK**  
1185 HWY 11 SOUTH  
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116489**  
2/16,23,3/1,8

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **CHRISTINE W. PARKS**, deceased,  
late of Newton County, Georgia. You  
are required to render your demands  
and/or make payments to the  
undersigned estate representative  
according to law.  
**THIS THE** 10th day of FEBRUARY,  
2020.

**THEDFORD PARKS**  
110 OTELIA LANE  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116484**  
2/16,23,3/1,8

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **DAISY BROADHURST HUNT**,  
deceased, late of Newton County,  
Georgia. You are required to  
render your demands and/or make  
payments to the undersigned estate  
representative according to law.  
**THIS THE** 3rd day of FEBRUARY,  
2020.

**JOHN E. HUNT**  
60 FOX CHASE  
COVINGTON, GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116488**  
2/16,23,3/1,8

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **DOROTHY E. WAGES**, deceased,  
late of Newton County, Georgia. You  
are required to render your demands  
and/or make payments to the  
undersigned estate representative  
according to law.  
**THIS THE** 11th day of FEBRUARY,  
2020.

**VIRGINIA L. WAGES**  
2141B MEADOW VIEW CT  
CONYERS, GA 30013

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116485**  
2/16,23,3/1,8

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **EDDIE VESTER MAUGHON**,  
deceased, late of Newton County,  
Georgia. You are required to  
render your demands and/or make  
payments to the undersigned estate  
representative according to law.  
**THIS THE** 15th day of JANUARY,  
2020.

**CHRISTIE M. OZBURN**  
406 JERSEY ROAD  
OXFORD, GA 30054

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116361**  
1/26,2/2,9,16

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **FRANK CLEBURN ALMAND**,  
JR., deceased, late of Newton  
County, Georgia. You are required to  
render your demands and/or make  
payments to the undersigned estate  
representative according to law.  
**THIS THE** 11th day of FEBRUARY,  
2020.

**MARSHALL ALMAND**  
2581 HARVEST DRIVE SE  
CONYERS, GA 30013

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116487**  
2/16,23,3/1,8

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **GENE MILLER WILLIAMS**,  
deceased, late of Newton County,  
Georgia. You are required to  
render your demands and/or make  
payments to the undersigned estate  
representative according to law.  
**THIS THE** 21st day of JANUARY,  
2020.

**JOE RANDALL WILLIAMS**  
3781 PINE RIDGE RUN  
MARTINEZ, GA 30907

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116392**  
1/26,2/2,9,16

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **JAMES P. PRICE**, deceased, late  
of Newton County, Georgia. You are  
required to render your demands  
and/or make payments to the  
undersigned estate representative  
according to law.  
**THIS THE** 13th day of JANUARY,

2020.

**KEVIN LOUIS LABONTE**  
3649 EAGLE VIEW WAY  
MONROE, GA 30655

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116482**  
2/16,23,3/1,8

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

2020.

**JAMES PRICE**  
2074 HIGHWAY 81 NORTH  
OXFORD, GEORGIA 30054

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116360**  
1/26,2/2,9,16

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **Joan Nowell LeJeune**, deceased,  
late of Newton County, Georgia. You  
are required to render your demands  
and/or make payments to the  
undersigned estate representative  
according to law.  
**THIS THE** 13th day of JANUARY,  
2020.

**STEVEN MICHAEL BAILEY**  
637 KINGS RIDGE  
MONROE, GA 30655

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116364**  
1/26,2/2,9,16

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **JOHNNY TED CLEVELAND**,  
SR., deceased, late of Newton  
County, Georgia. You are required to  
render your demands and/or make  
payments to the undersigned estate  
representative according to law.  
**THIS THE** 7th day of FEBRUARY,  
2020.

**MARTHA K. CLEVELAND**  
190 RAILSIDE DR  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116482**  
2/16,23,3/1,8

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the  
debtors and creditors of the **Estate**  
of **JUDY DEAN MASK**, deceased,  
late of Newton County, Georgia. You  
are required to render your demands  
and/or make payments to the  
undersigned estate representative  
according to law.  
**THIS THE** 10th day of FEBRUARY,  
2020.



Humphrey, Deceased, c/o Burke B. Johnson, Esquire, Lueder, Larkin & Hunter, LLC, 320 East Clayton Street, Suite 418, Athens, GA 30601. This 6th day of January, 2020.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116387**  
**1/26,2/2,9,16**

**Divorces**  
**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF**  
**NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF**  
**GEORGIA**

**CHIQUITA LACKEY**

**PLAINTIFF,**

**-VS-**

**ANTONIO LACKEY**

**DEFENDANT.**

**CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-2695-5**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: ANTONIO LACKEY**

**SALEM ROAD**

**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**BY ORDER** of the court for service by publication dated **FEBRUARY 4, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **JANUARY 31, 2020** (date of filing) **CHIQUITA LACKEY**(plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce.

**YOU ARE** required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

**WITNESS THE** Honorable **W. KENDALL WYNNE, JR.**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

**THIS, THE** 4th day of **FEBRUARY, 2020.**

**LINDA D. Hays**

**CLERK OF Superior Court**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116474**  
**2/16,23,31/8**

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

**MELISSA MILLER**

**PLAINTIFF,**

**-VS-**

**MICHAEL MILLER**

**DEFENDANT.**

**CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-012-2**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: MICHAEL MILLER**

**150 GREEN**

**VALLEY RD**

**GA 30223**

**BY ORDER** of the court for service by publication dated **JANUARY 15, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **JANUARY 3, 2020** (date of filing) **MELISSA MILLER** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce.

**YOU ARE** required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

**WITNESS THE** Honorable **JOHN M. OTT**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

**THIS, THE** 15th day of **JANUARY, 2020.**

**LINDA D. Hays**

**CLERK OF Superior Court**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116408**  
**2/2,9,16,23**

**Foreclosures**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF**  
**RIGHT OF REDEMPTION**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA/COUNTY OF**  
**NEWTON**

**TO:** 1) Estate of Grady Lee Johnson, 2) Unknown Administrators, Heirs Assigns Grady Lee Johnson, 3) Newton Medical Center, 4) tenants/ occupants/residents, 5) Newton County Tax Commissioner, and 6) all persons known or unknown who claim an interest in 686 Stewart Rd., Covington, Georgia 30016

**TAKE NOTICE THAT:**  
**THE RIGHT** to redeem 686 Stewart Rd., Covington, Georgia 30016 (Tax Parcel 0048000000009A00), as follows, to wit:

**ALL AND** only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00480 00000 009 A00, Land Lot 3 of the 18th Land District, 567th GM District, Newton County, Georgia, being 1.69 acres, more or less, being a portion of Tract G (containing 2.69 acres) of the division of the property of Curtis Johnson dated August 31, 1989, prepared by William J. Gregg, Sr., RLS NO. 1438, and recorded in Plat Book 24, page 12, Clerk's Office, Newton Superior Court. Said plat by reference thereto is incorporated herein and made a part thereof for a more definite description, known as 686 Stewart Road.

**WILL EXPIRE** and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 27th day of March, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

**THE TAX** deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December, 2018 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3786, Page 611.

**THE PROPERTY** may be redeemed at any time before the 27th day of March, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

**PLEASE BE** governed accordingly.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116379**  
**2/2,9,16,23**

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

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT** A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Timothy K Winders** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Suntrust Mortgage, Inc dated November 6, 2006 and recorded on November 7, 2006 in Deed Book 2315, Page 421, Newton County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on May 17, 2018 in Deed Book 3701, Page 445, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of Ninety-Six Thousand And 00/100 Dollars (\$96,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on March 3, 2020 the following

described property:

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 94 of the 10th District of Newton County, City of Porterdale, Georgia, being Lot 28 of Worthington Woods Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 37, Page 220-223 (more particularly described on Page 223), Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. **THE DEBT** secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

**YOUR MORTGAGE** servicer, Rushmore Loan Management Services, LLC, as servicer for U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, can be contacted at 888-504-7300 or by writing to 15480 Laguna Canyon Road, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92618, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

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

**TO THE** best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the property are Timothy K Winders or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **290 Wynfield Dr, Covington, GA 30016.**

**THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. **U.S. BANK** National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT as Attorney in Fact for Timothy K Winders **MCMICHAEL TAYLOR** Gray, LLC **3550 ENGINEERING** Drive, Suite 260 **PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA 30092** **404-474-7149** **MTG FILE #:** GA2019-00812

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116407**  
**2/2,9,16,23**

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
**CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA,**  
**COUNTY OF Newton**

**PURSUANT TO** a power of sale contained in a certain security deed executed by **Charley Parsons II** and **Patricia A. Parsons**, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for MORTGAGEIT, Inc. recorded in Deed Book 2509, beginning at page 555, of the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the aforesaid state and county, and by virtue of a default under the terms of said security deed, and the related note, the undersigned attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor (which attorney-in-fact is the present holder of said security deed and note secured thereby) will sell at the usual place of conducting Sheriff's sales in said county within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in March 2020, all property described in said security deed including but not limited to the following described property:

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 40 of the 8th District of Newton County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows:

**TO ARRIVE AT THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING:** Begin at the center line of Sampson Creek and the center line of Covered Bridge Road, thence southeasterly along the center line of Covered Bridge Road 334.7 feet to a point; running thence North 71 degrees 39 minutes 26 seconds East 25 feet to an iron pin and the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. Running thence North 76 degrees 28 minutes 36 seconds East 304.68 feet to an iron pin; running thence South 13 degrees 31 minutes 24 seconds East 200.0 feet to an iron pin; running thence South 76 degrees 28 minutes 36 seconds West 303.56 feet to an iron pin; running thence North 7 degrees 56 minutes 44 seconds West 49.40 feet to a point; running thence North 12 degrees 26 minutes 12 seconds West 65.88 feet to a point; running thence North 18 degrees 20 minutes 34 seconds West 85.26 feet to THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Said tract being more fully shown on plat of survey for Charles Parsons II by John Elwin Knight, dated September 15, 1997 of approximately 1.378 acres.

**SAID LEGAL** description being controlling, however, the Property is more commonly known as: **178 Covered Bridge Road, Covington, GA 30016**

**SAID PROPERTY** will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien but not yet due and payable); any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, and all other matters of record superior to the said Security Deed. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. MidFirst Bank, through its division Midland Mortgage is the entity with authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the Note and Security Deed. MidFirst Bank, through its division Midland Mortgage's address is 999 N.W. Grand Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73118. MidFirst Bank, through its division Midland Mortgage may be contacted by telephone at 1-800-552-3000. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be Charley Parsons II and Patricia A. Parsons, or tenant(s).

**MIDFIRST BANK, AS TRANSFEREE**, Assignee, and Secured Creditor

**AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT** for the aforesaid Grantor

**CAMPBELL & Brannon, LLC ATTORNEYS AT Law**

**GLENRIDGE HIGHLANDS II**

**5 5 6 5**

**GLENRIDGE** Connector,

Suite 350

**ATLANTA,**

**GA 30342**

**0041**

**THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING**

**AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW.**

**IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR**

THAT PURPOSE.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116438**  
**2/2,9,16,23,31**

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

**BY VIRTUE** of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given from **Lisa B. Clark** to First Georgia Community Bank, dated 09/28/2004, recorded 10/01/2004 in Deed Book 1763, Page 382, Newton County, Georgia records, and as last assigned to The Bank of New York Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Series 04-30 by virtue of assignment recorded in Deed Book 2525, Page 480, Newton County, Georgia records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the principal amount of ZERO AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$0.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March 2020 by THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE (CWALT 2004-30CB), as Attorney in Fact for Lisa B. Clark, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: **ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 224 OF THE 1ST DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 11, BROOKWOOD EAST SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE 77, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. TAX ID#:** 01150 00000 094 000.

**SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.** Said property being known as **115 BROOKWOOD DR., COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014** according to the present numbering system in Newton County. The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed and Note. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed and Note. Said property will be sold subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: any superior Security Deeds of record; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Lisa Clark or tenant(s). The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan. The name of the person or entity who has the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, 4425 Pence de Leon Boulevard, 5th Floor, Coral Gables, FL 33146 TEL 1-800-771-0299. **THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** The Geheren Firm, PC., 4828 Ashford Dunwoody Road, 2nd Floor, Atlanta, GA 30338 TEL (678) 587-9500.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116334**  
**2/2,9,16,23,31**

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

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT** A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Dionne E Stokes-Hicks** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company, a California Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated September 17, 2018, recorded in Deed Book 3752, Page 2, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Guild Mortgage Company by assignment to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$283,623.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Guild Mortgage Company is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Guild Mortgage Company, PO BOX 85304, San Diego, CA 92186, 800-365-4441. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Dionne E Stokes-Hicks and Isabella Hatch or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **480 St. Anne's Place, Covington, Georgia 30016.** The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Guild Mortgage Company is Attorney in Fact for Dionne E Stokes-Hicks McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 104 and 105 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 110 of Westminster (fka Garden View), Phase III, as shown on a plat recorded in Plat Book 51, Pages 2-5, Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated by this

reference and made a part of this description. MR/ca 3/3/20 Our file no. 5827820 - FT17

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116418**  
**2/2,9,16,23,31**

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

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT** A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Jermaine Glanton** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, Incorporated, its successors and assigns, dated March 9, 2012, recorded in Deed Book 2991, Page 329, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3689, Page 498, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wells Fargo Bank, NA by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3560, Page 128, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$184,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage a div. of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., PO Box 10335, Des Moines, IA 50306, 1-800-416-1472. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Jermaine Glanton or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **9115 Bandywood Way SW, Covington, Georgia 30014.** The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Attorney in Fact for Jermaine Glanton McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 237 of the 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 16, Phase I of Inglewood Park Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 47, page 47-54, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description. MR/cjo 3/3/20 Our file no. 5294618 - FT5

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116418**  
**2/2,9,16,23,31**

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

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT** A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **John Robert Dempsey, III** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Fidelity Bank D/B/A Fidelity Bank Mortgage, its successors and assigns, dated October 11, 2016, recorded in Deed Book 3490, Page 311, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3880, Page 111, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-ONE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$73,641.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Flagstar Bank, F.S.B., 5151 Corporate Drive, Troy, MI 48098, 800-945-7700. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is John Robert Dempsey, III or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **10 Heritage Way, Covington, Georgia 30016.** The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Guild Mortgage Company is Attorney in Fact for John Robert Dempsey, III McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 105 of the Tenth District of Newton County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at

the point where the Western line of the Right of Way of Smith Store Road is intersected by the Southern line of the Right of Way of a 50 foot Street named Barbara Lane; thence in a Western direction along the Southern line of the Right of Way of said Barbara Lane a distance of 135.0 feet; thence in a Southern direction by an interior angle of 111 degrees 21 minutes with the previous course a distance of 165.0 feet; thence in an Eastern direction a distance of 128.4 feet to the Western line of the Right of Way of said Smith Store Road; and thence in a Northern Direction along the Western line of the Right of Way of said Smith Store Road a distance of 165.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Being the same property as that described in that certain Warranty Deed from Brenda Hall Smith, Franklin Marce Hall, Mary Jane Mathis, Rose Mae Barnett, Ellis Ray Hall, William Stevens Hall and Richard C. Hall to Charles W. Spikes and Mary M. Spikes, dated May 15, 1981, filed and recorded in Deed Book 199, pages 326-327, Newton County, Georgia Records. MR/ca 3/3/20 Our file no. 5807620 - FT18

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116338**  
**2/2,9,16,23,31**

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

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT** A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Kyle Graves** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns, dated April 25, 2018, recorded in Deed Book 3694, Page 460, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Guild Mortgage Company by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3945, Page 289, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of THREE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$302,619.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Guild Mortgage Company is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Guild Mortgage Company, PO BOX 85304, San Diego, CA 92186, 800-365-4441. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Kyle Graves or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **305 Homestead Way, Covington, Georgia 30014.** The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Guild Mortgage Company as Attorney in Fact for Kyle Graves McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 227, 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING LOT 90 LOCATED IN RIVER WALK FARM SUBDIVISION, PHASE I, UNIT IV, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGE 55-56, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE. MAP REFERENCE NO.: 0083B 00000 275 000 MR/cne 3/3/20 Our file no. 5802420 - FT17

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116370**  
**2/2,9,16,23,31**

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

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT** A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Nicolas Gutierrez and **Irene Gutierrez** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Agies Wholesale Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated December 15, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 2354, Page 499, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3943, Page 228, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of NINETY-ONE THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$91,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.



virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Ronald Cochran, Jr.** to Bayrock Mortgage Corp., dated September 30, 2003, recorded in Deed Book 1549, Page 519, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2003-HE1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3149, Page 543, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$122,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2003-HE1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-HE1 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Select Portfolio Servicing, 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Ronald Cochran, Jr. or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **385 Branchwood Drive, Covington, Georgia 30016**. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2003-HE1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-HE1 as Attorney in Fact for Ronald Cochran, Jr. or McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 72 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 21, Unit Five, Dove Point, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 29, Page 80, Newton County Records. Reference to said plat is hereby made for a complete description of the property herein described. Said property is improved property known as 385 Branchwood Drive, according to the present system of numbering property in Newton County, Georgia. Map/Parcel#: 00150 600 MR/bdr 3/3/20 Our file no. 5354315 - FT1

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116351**  
**2/2,9,16,23,3/1**

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

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Shawanna S. Smith** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company, a California Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated November 10, 2017, recorded in Deed Book 3633, Page 79, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Guild Mortgage Company, a California Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3933, Page 619, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$214,388.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Guild Mortgage Company, a California Corporation is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Guild Mortgage Company, PO BOX 85304, San Diego, CA 92186, 800-365-4441. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Shawanna S. Smith or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **255 Brickstone Parkway, Covington, Georgia 30016**. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Guild Mortgage Company, a California Corporation as Attorney in Fact for Shawanna S. Smith McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and in Land Lot 103, 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 33 of Brickstone Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 51, Page 20-28, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat

is hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference for a more detailed description. Map Ref No: 0028G 00000 033 000 - MR/cne 3/3/20 Our file no. 5776019 - FT17

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116417**  
**2/2,9,16,23,3/1**

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

**THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Tomeka Holyfield** to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated September 27, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 1766, Page 369, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-SD4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-SD4 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2999, Page 597, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$151,200.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-SD4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-SD4 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Select Portfolio Servicing, 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Tomeka Holyfield or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **290 Wisteria Boulevard, Covington, Georgia 30016**. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2003-HE1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-HE1 as Attorney in Fact for Tomeka Holyfield McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 135 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 21 Wisteria Manor Subdivision, Phase Four, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 32, Page 266-268 (more particularly shown on page 266), as revised at Plat Book 35, Page 262-266 (more particularly shown on page 263) Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference. MR/bdr 3/3/20 Our file no. 51041206 - FT1

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116372**  
**2/2,9,16,23,3/1**

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER**  
**IN DEED TO SECURE DEBT**  
**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF NEWTON**

**BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER OF SALE** contained in the Deed to Secure Debt given by **Maribel Alegria Santos** to Equidem Management, LLC, dated June 27, 2018, and recorded July 10, 2018 in Deed Book 3722, Page 270, Newton County Georgia records, said Deed to Secure Debt being given to secure a loan note dated June 27, 2018, in the original principal amount of \$123,000.00, there will be sold at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, between the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, by Equidem Management, LLC, as attorney-in-fact for Maribel Alegria Santos, the following described property:

**ALL THAT TRACT** or parcel of land lying situate and being in Land Lot 104, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia containing 0.879 acres, more or less, being more particularly described as follows:

**TO FIND** the point of beginning commence at the center line of the intersection of Salem Road and Cowan Road thence North 74 25' 54" West to the point being the point of beginning; thence South 27 22' 09" West 250.00 feet; thence North 60 28' 27" West 159.35 feet; thence North 29 31' 33" East 245.65 feet to point on the southerly right of way of Salem Road 80' foot right of way presently established; thence in a southeasterly direction along the right of way of Salem Road South 61 46' 46" East 26.28 feet; thence continuing along said right of way South 61 58' 08" East 55.43 feet; thence South 62 12' 21" East 59.82 feet; thence continuing along said right of way South 62 37' 51" East 8.47 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

**PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4637 Salem Road, Covington, GA 30016.**

**THE DEBT** secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of non-payment of monthly installments on said loan note.

**SAID PROPERTY** will be sold subject to the following encumbrances.

**(1) OUTSTANDING** ad valorem taxes and/or assessments, if any, and all prior encumbrances of record.

**TO THE** best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party/parties in possession of the property is/are Maribel Alegria Santos.

**EQUIDEM MANAGEMENT, LLC**, as attorney-in-fact for Maribel Alegria Santos

**MARK C. Walker**

**ATTORNEY FOR** Equidem Management, LLC

**205 CORPORATE CENTER DRIVE**

**SUITE B**

**STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA 30281**

**(404) 348-4881**

**THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING**

**TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116421**  
**2/2,9,16,23**

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

**BY VIRTUE OF A Power of Sale** contained in that certain Security Deed from **CHARMITA L TAYLOR** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS NOMINEE FOR METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE BANK, N.A., dated November 3, 2011, recorded November 28, 2011, in Deed Book 2957, Page 49-65 , Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$135,200.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 41 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING LOT 11 OF ST. MORITZ SUBDIVISION, FORMERLY KNOWN AS BETHANY OAKS SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON THAT PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 43, PAGES 257-261, AS REVISED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGES 178-182, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA DEED RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION, BEING PROPERTY KNOWN AS 70 EDWARD WAY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS 70 ERICA COURT, ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING PROPERTY IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.**

**SAID LEGAL** description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **70 EDWARD WAY, COVINGTON, GA 30016.**

**THE INDEBTEDNESS** secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

**SAID PROPERTY** will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

**TO THE** best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is CHARMITA L TAYLOR, CHARMITA LINNETTE TAYLOR HUMPHREY, or tenants(s).

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

**PLEASE NOTE** that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING,LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 4425 Ponce de Leon Blvd., 5th Floor, Coral Gables, FL 33146, Telephone Number: 800-771-0299.

**BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **CHARMITA L TAYLOR**

**THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW, IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**ATTORNEY CONTACT:** Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** (877) 813-0992  
Case No. BVF-19-06800-1

**AD RUN DATES:** 02/02/2020, 02/09/2020, 02/16/2020, 02/23/2020

**RLSELAW.COM/PROPERTY-LISTING**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116383**  
**2/2,9,16,23**

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

**BY VIRTUE OF A Power of Sale** contained in that certain Security Deed from **Vernard Williams** to Butterfly Homes and Investments, LLC, dated December 3, 2012, recorded December 11, 2012, in Deed Book 3075 Page 378, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Seventy Five Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$75,000.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March 2020, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 241 OF THE 9TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 13 OF HIGHGROVE SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGES 7-14, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF THIS REFERENCE.**

**TOGETHER WITH ALL OF GRANTOR'S RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THE BUILDINGS, IMPROVEMENTS AND PUBLIC ROADS AND STREET ADJOINING THE PREMISES.**

**SAID LEGAL** description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **125 Rockingham Drive, Covington, GA 30014.**

**THE INDEBTEDNESS** secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed and Note, including but not limited to the nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale,

including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed and Note.

**SAID PROPERTY** will be sold on an "as is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to any ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; taxes which are a lien (whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; assessments; liens; all outstanding bills for public utilities which constitute liens upon said property; all encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, easements, rights-of-way and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Vernard Williams, or tenants(s).

**THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Please note that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of the loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although generally not required by law to do so) is: Butterfly Homes & Investments, LLC c/o Shelton Law LLC, 3631 Chamblee Tucker Rd, Suite A-283, Atlanta, GA 30341, 877-565-7708.

**BUTTERFLY HOMES & INVESTMENTS, LLC AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **VERNARD WILLIAMS**

**THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR UNDER FEDERAL LAW, IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**ATTORNEY CONTACT:** Shelton Law LLC, 3631 Chamblee Tucker Rd, Suite A-283, Atlanta, GA 30341

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** 877-565-7708

**CASE NO.** 19SHA.00002

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116381**  
**2/2,9,16,23,3/1**

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

**BY VIRTUE OF A Power of Sale** contained in that certain Security Deed from **Loise D. Johnson** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countywide Home Loans, Inc., dated December 17, 2004 and recorded on January 6, 2005 in Deed Book 1822, Page 351, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$89,500.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to New Residential Mortgage, LLC by assignment to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County aforesaid records, will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, being Lot 4, Block B, per plat of same recorded in Plat Book 20, Page 198, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference thereto for a more accurate and complete description.**

**SAID PROPERTY** may more commonly be known as **4112 Locust Circle Southwest, Covington, GA 30014.**

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

**THE INDIVIDUAL** or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is New Residential Mortgage, LLC, 55 Beattie Place, Suite 100 MS 561, Greenville, SC 29601, 1-800-365-7107.

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

**NEW RESIDENTIAL Mortgage, LLC** as Attorney-in-Fact for Loise D. Johnson

**CONTACT: PADGETT Law Group:** 2627 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116339**  
**2/2,9,16,23**

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY**

**PURSUANT TO** the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Antonio Aiken** to Georgia State Mortgage, Inc. dated 10/8/2004 and recorded in Deed Book 1777 Page 457 and modified at Deed Book 3252 Page 283 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$106,463.00, 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 Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on March 3, 2020 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

**PHH MORTGAGE** Corporation is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

**PHH MORTGAGE** Corporation

**ONE MORTGAGE Way**

**MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054**

**(800) 750-2518**

**NOTE, HOWEVER,** that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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

**THE SALE** will be conducted subject

to the following described property:

**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 71 AND 90 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 138, PHASE SIX OF COUNTRY WOODS EAST SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 25, PAGE 104, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.**

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

**SAID PROPERTY** is commonly known as **170 Lazy Hollow Lane, Covington, GA 30016** 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): Antonio Aiken or tenant or tenants.

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

**4801 FREDERICA Street**

**OWENSBORO, KY 42301**

**1-855-698-7627**

**NOTE, HOWEVER,** that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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

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

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** as agent and Attorney in Fact for Antonio Aiken

**ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.**

**THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** 1292-1241A

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116355**  
**2/2,9,16,23,3/1**

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY**

**PURSUANT TO** the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Shawn Clarke** to New Century Mortgage Corporation dated 11/18/2005 and recorded in Deed Book 2061 Page 357 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-NC1, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$170,400.00, 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 Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on March 3, 2020 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 107, 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 1, UNIT ONE, GLYNNSHIRE, ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAME RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 32, PAGES 62-64, PUBLIC RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA WHICH PLAT IS BY REFERENCE THERETO INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE PARTICULAR AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.**

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

**SAID PROPERTY** is commonly known as **150 Glynnshire Ct, Covington, GA 30016** 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): Jamina Kalie Lawrence and Shawn Clarke or tenant or tenants.

**PHH MORTGAGE** Corporation is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

**PHH MORTGAGE** Corporation

**ONE MORTGAGE Way**

**MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054**

**(800) 750-2518**

**NOTE, HOWEVER,** that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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

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

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL Association,** as successor in interest to Bank of America National Association, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2006-HE5, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE5 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Sherelyn L. Harper

**ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.**

**1017-3621A**

**THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** 1017-3621A

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116354**  
**2/2,9,16,23,3/1**

**NOTICE OF Sale Under Power.**  
**State of Georgia, County of NEWTON.**

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **MAGGIE MAE THOMAS** to SUN AMERICA MORTGAGE CORPORATION, dated 02/07/2003, and Recorded on 02/10/2003 as Book No. 1365 and Page No. 504 512, AS AFFECTED BY BOOK 2445, PAGE 438 441, NEWTON County, Georgia records, as last assigned to TIAA FSB, DBA EVERBANK (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note

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

**U.S. BANK** National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Mortgage Products, Inc., Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-NC1 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Shawn Clarke

**ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.**

**1017-3986A**

**THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** 1017-3986A

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116426**  
**2/2,9,16,23,3/1**

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY.**

**PURSUANT TO** the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Sherelyn L. Harper** to Asmes Funding Corporation DBA Aames Home Loan dated 5/22/2006 and recorded in Deed Book 2198 Page 391 and modified at Deed Book 2827 Page 237 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank National Association, as successor in interest to Bank of America National Association, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2006-HE5, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE5, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$124,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on March 3, 2020 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 31 OF THE 8TH LAND DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 17 OF OF SHENANDOAH ESTATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE PLATS OF SURVEY PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY MARK PATRICK, GEORGIA, R.L.S. NO. 2791, SAID PLATS BEING DATED APRIL 4, 2002 AND RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 38, PAGES 138-148, PUBLIC RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND SAID PLATS BY REFERENCE THERETO BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE CAPTIONED PROPERTY.**

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

**SAID PROPERTY** is commonly known as **205 Shenandoah Drive, Covington, GA 30016** 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): Sherelyn L. Harper or tenant or tenants.

**PHH MORTGAGE** Corporation is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

**PHH MORTGAGE** Corporation

**ONE MORTGAGE Way**

**MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054**

**(800) 750-2518**

**NOTE, HOWEVER,** that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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

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

**U.S. BANK** National Association, as successor in interest to Bank of America National Association, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for GSAMP Trust 2006-HE5, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE5 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Sherelyn L. Harper

**ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-76**



of even date in the original principal amount of \$117,300.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the NEWTON County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 230 OF THE 9TH LAND DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 155, UNIT FIVE OF THE WOODS OF DEARING SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 38, PAGES 11 14, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. Because the debt remains in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given), TIAA FSB, DBA EVERBANK holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with TIAA FSB, DBA EVERBANK (the current investor on the loan), is the entity with the full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION may be contacted at: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, 3415 VISION DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OH 43219, 866 550 5705. Please note that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44 14 162.2, the secured creditor is not required to amend or modify the terms of the loan. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party/parties in possession of the subject property known as **20 HALLMARK LANE, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014** is/are: MAGGIE MAE THOMAS or tenant/tenants. Said property will be sold subject to (a) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), (b) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (c) all matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not limited to, assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.

The sale will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9 13 172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. TIAA FSB, DBA EVERBANK as Attorney in Fact for MAGGIE MAE THOMAS. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000005614003 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116410**  
**2/2,9,16,23**

**SHRIFFF'S SALE State of Georgia**  
**Newton County**

**SUPERIOR COURT** of Newton County Civil Action Number 18-C-01807-SS Writ Of Fieri Facias

**NETTING HILL, INC.**  
**V**  
**ANTHONY ROSAS** Cervantes and Haide Brown

**PURSUANT TO** the Writ of Fieri Facias entered by the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia on October 31,2018. The below described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder between the legal hours of sale at the Newton County Courthouse, 1132 Usher Street, Covington, Newton County, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in March 2020, to wit: March 03,2020.

**ALL** That tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Land Lot 168 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 49 of Overlook Pass, Unit Three, as more particularly depicted on a plat recorded in Plat Book 33, Pages 62 and 63, Records of Newton County, Georgia, which plat is incorporated herein by reference hereto, as officially and correctly indexed in the public records of the county in which said property lies, and that good merchantable title in FEE SIMPLE is vested in HAIDE GUADALUPE BROWN by virtue of that certain limited Warranty Deed from Secretary of

**VETERAN AFFAIRS** to Haide Guadalupe Brown dated November 09, 2011, filed for record December 212011 at 11:28 a.m. recorded in Deed Book 2693, Page 177, aforesaid records.

**EZELL BROWN**  
**SHERIFF**  
**NEWTON COUNTY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116414**  
**2/2,9,16,23**

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

**BY VIRTUE** of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from **CORY O. ANDERSON** to **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** dated December 21, 2011, filed for record December 27, 2011, and recorded in Deed Book 2964, Page 111, NEWTON County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3461, Page 482, NEWTON County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3829, Page 213, NEWTON County, Georgia Records. Said Deed to Secure Debt having been given to secure a Note dated December 21, 2011 in the original principal sum of FIFTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY ONE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$50,621.00), with interest from date at the rate stated in said Note on the unpaid balance until paid, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at NEWTON County, Georgia, or at such place as has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, the following described property: **ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 153 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 32, CREEKVIEW HEIGHTS, PHASE ONE, AS PER**

**PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGE 270-274, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF NEWTON COUNTY, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 180 LONG DR. COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**TO THE** best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is **CORY O. ANDERSON A/K/A COREY O. ANDERSON** a tenant or tenants. Said property may more commonly be known as: **180 LONG DRIVE, COVINGTON, GA 30016-3001.**

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

**THE INDIVIDUAL** or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan is **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., 3476 STATEVIEW BLVD, MAC# 7801-013, FORT MILL, SC 29715-7203; (800) 868-0043.**

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

**THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. "Auction services to be provided by Auction.com (www.auction.com)"

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.**

**AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR CORY O. ANDERSON A/K/A COREY O. ANDERSON**

**PHELAN HALLINAN** Diamond & Jones, PLLC

**11675 GREAT Oaks Way, Suite 320 ALPHARETTA, GA 30022**

**TELEPHONE: 770-393-4300**

**FAX: 770-393-4310**

**PH # 45575**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #116335**  
**2/2,9,16,23,3/1**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF NEWTON**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION**  
**NOTICE OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PURSUANT TO** the Order entered by the Court on August 20th, 2018, in the case of Citimortgage, Inc., vs. **MICHAEL L. FISHER**, HOUSEHOLD REALTY CORPORATION, CALVARY PORTFOLIO SERVICES, LLC, CREEKVIEW HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, the court appointed Special Master, Reginald Hudspeth, LLC and/or its designee will sell the real property, its improvements, buildings, fixtures, and appurtenances at the Newton County Courthouse at the usual hour and location for public sale, per 28 U.S.C. § 2001 and applicable law, on the 3rd day of March 2020, after the advertisement of the sale, once per week for 4 weeks before the sale, in a newspaper regularly issued and of general circulation in the County of Newton, without right of redemption, the following described real property: **ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 153 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 174, CREEKVIEW HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, PHASE TWO, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 38, PAGES 191-198, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.**

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 315 CREEKVIEW BLVD, COVINGTON, GA 30016

**THE PLAINTIFF** holds the senior interest and is the owner and/or holder of the Note in regards to the real property being foreclosed and known as 315 CREEKVIEW BLVD, COVINGTON, GA 30016. The debt from **MICHAEL FISHER** to **WESTMINSTER MORTGAGE CORPORATION**, dated April 4th, 2003, filed for record on April 24th, 2003, and recorded in Deed Book 1412, Page 177, NEWTON County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to **ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC.** by the Corrective Transfer and Assignment recorded in Deed Book 3311, Page 614, NEWTON County, Georgia Records. Said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note dated October 23rd, 2007 in the original principal sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$161,987.00), with interest from date at the rate stated in said Note on the unpaid balance until paid.

**TO THE** best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the Property are **MICHAEL FISHER** a tenant or tenants. Said property may more commonly be known as: **315 CREEKVIEW BLVD, COVINGTON, GA 30016**

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

**THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial sales in the State of Georgia.

**PURSUANT TO** 28 U.S.C. § 564 and 566, the Special Master may exercise the same powers to conduct the sale as any local official or party conducting foreclosure sales, to yield the best sale price of the Property through free, fair and competitive bidding.

**IF THE** Property is purchased at sale by a third-party bidder, detailed below, then the remaining Defendants will be satisfied by any surplus funds remaining after satisfaction of the Plaintiff's debt according to their priority, with the remainder of any such surplus funds payable to Fisher, to be determined

through a separate interpleader action. Otherwise, the Defendants will retain any right they have to seek payment for any unpaid debt owed to them if not satisfied by a purchase by a third-party bidder at a sale of the Property under this Order.

**THE PLAINTIFF** may bid the credit due on its debt, without payment of cash. At the time of sale, any third party bidder will render a successful bid in cash, cashier's check or certified check, payable to the Plaintiff. If a Third-party bidder defaults on this or any other condition of sale, then the payment is forfeited and shall be applied to expenses of the sale. The Property may then be re-offered for sale or sold to a second highest bidder at the Plaintiff's discretion.

**IN THE** event the Property reverts to the Plaintiff, then the Special Master will credit the Plaintiff's bid the total amounts due to the Plaintiff or such amount necessary to pay the Plaintiff's bid in full. If not the purchaser, the Plaintiff will advance all subsequent costs of this action, for which it will be reimbursed by the Special Master. After completion of the sale, the Special Master will execute a Report of Sale, for filing with the Clerk of Court. Said Report of Sale is subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon entry of the confirmation order, the sale proceeds will be applied to the Plaintiff's costs and disbursements of this action, expenses of sale, including documentary stamps affixed to the order if applicable, the total sum due to Plaintiff less the items paid, plus interest at the rate prescribed by state law from this date to the sale date.

**UPON THE** Plaintiff's Motion following the sale, the Court shall enter an order confirming the sale of the Property, conveying title to the purchaser at the sale, which shall be filed and recorded in the local land registry office with the same legal effect as a Deed Under Power or other conveyance of title under Georgia law. Or the Special Master may execute a Deed for recordation with the same such effect. The Plaintiff may assign the Order and/or credit bid by the execution of an assignment prior to the issuance of the order confirming the sale of the property, without further order of the Court.

**PLAINTIFF OR** any purchaser at the sale will be granted possession of the property as set forth in the Order. Furthermore, the Plaintiff or any purchaser at the sale will be granted possession of the Property as also set forth in the Order. All parties, occupants, entities, and others will vacate the Property following the sale. The Marshall and/or local law enforcement officers, their deputies and agents are ordered to take any action to remove any, or any, anyone, and their belongings from the Property, within whom Plaintiff or other purchaser at sale may coordinate to take all actions necessary to effectuate. Refusal or failure to vacate the property is punishable by contempt of Court.

**ALL PARTIES**, occupants, entities and others will take all reasonable steps necessary to preserve the Property in its current condition, who will not commit waste, damage or vandalism against the Property or do anything to impair or reduce its value or marketability, including but not limited to, recording any instruments, publishing any notice, or taking any other action that will tend to adversely affect the value of the Property or tend to deter or discourage optional bidders from participating in the sale and shall not cause or permit anyone else to do so. The violation of which is punishable by contempt of Court. Any personal that remains in the Property will be deemed forfeited and abandoned, which the Plaintiff or any other purchaser may dispose of in any manner.

**ALL INTERESTED** parties may reach out to: Elizabeth Blair Weatherly, Esquire, Georgia Bar No. 672518, Phelan Hallinan Diamond & Jones, PLLC, 11675 Great Oaks Way, Suite 320, Alpharetta, GA 30022. Phone Number, 770-393-4300, ext. 60022, Fax Number 770-393-4310, blair.weatherly@phelanhallinan.com

**THE PLAINTIFF**, has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan is **CITIMORTGAGE, INC.** successor by merger to **ABN AMRO MORTGAGE, INC.** C/O CENLAR FSB 425 PHILLIPS BLVD, EWING, NJ 08618-1430; (877) 909-9416.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #116384**  
**2/2,9,16,23,3/1**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF NEWTON**

**BECAUSE OF** a default in the payment of the indebtedness secured by a Security Deed executed by **MARCUS A. BUICE** to **UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC.** dated November 14, 2014, and recorded in Deed Book 3364, Page 618, Jasper County Records, securing Note in the amount of \$89,705.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Security Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Security Deed, will on the first Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 2020, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Security Deed, to-wit:

**ALL** That tract or parcel of land lying and all improvements thereon, lying and

**BEING** in Newton County, Georgia, Farm #52 in Riverbrooke Plantation

**SUBDIVISION** – Unit III, as shown on Plat Book 30, Page 239, Clerk's Office,

**NEWTON COUNTY** Superior Court, to which reference is hereby made for a more

**COMPLETE DESCRIPTION** and containing 15.23 acres.

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

**THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

**THE ENTITY** that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: **UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC.** P O Box 309, Loganville, GA 30052, 1-770-696-1500. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

**NOTICE HAS** been given of the intention to collect attorney's fees in accordance with the terms of the note secured by said security deed.

**SAID PROPERTY** will be sold as the property of **MARCUS A. BUICE** to the best information and belief of the undersigned,

being presently in the possession of **MARCUS A. BUICE** and the proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness **AND ALL** the expenses of said sale as provided in said Security Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed by law.

**THIS 1ST** day of February, 2020.

**UNITED FARM PROPERTIES, INC.**  
**ATTORNEY IN FACT for**  
**MARCUS A. BUICE**

**W. DAN ROBERTS**  
**ATTORNEY AT Law**  
**P. O. Box 110**  
**126 N. Warren Street**  
**MONTICELLO, GA 31064**  
**706-468-8816**  
**FEBRUARY 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116403**  
**2/2,9,16,23**

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

**A DEFAULT** having occurred under the terms of the Promissory Note from **ROBERT A. COLEMAN** and **LESLIE B. COLEMAN** to **NEWTON FEDERAL BANK** (in the original principal sum of \$230,000.00) dated February 10, 2017 secured by a Security Deed of even date therewith recorded in Deed Book 3534, pages 287-303, Newton County Records; and the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable as therein provided, under the powers contained in said deed and in accordance with the terms thereof, there will be sold on the courthouse steps in said county at public outcry, during the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:

**ALL THOSE TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND** lying and being in Land Lot 404 of the 16th District, Newton County, Georgia and being shown as Lots 30 and 31, The Highlands of Haynes Creek, Unit One on a plat of survey of same recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 236, public records of Newton County, Georgia which is by reference thereto incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular and complete description.

**SAID PROPERTY** being known as **100 Highlands Lane, Oxford, Georgia** in accordance with the current system of numbering properties in Newton County, Georgia

**NOTICE OF** the initiation of this proceeding has been given to **ROBERT A. COLEMAN** and **LESLIE B. COLEMAN**, as required by Georgia Laws 1981, p.834 (O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.1 et. seq.).

**THIS PROPERTY** is being sold as the property of **ROBERT A. COLEMAN** and **LESLIE B. COLEMAN** subject to unpaid ad valorem taxes. The proceeds of said sale shall be distributed in accordance with the terms of said security deed.

**NEWTON FEDERAL BANK,**  
**AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR**  
**ROBERT A. COLEMAN** and **LESLIE B. COLEMAN**

**EDGAR LAW Firm**  
**1132 FLOYD Street**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116428**  
**2/9,16,23,3/1**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COUNTY OF NEWTON**  
**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER IN**  
**DEED TO SECURE DEBT**

**UNDER AND BY** VIRTUE of that Power of Sale contained in a certain Deed to Secure Debt from **PLEASANT PROPERTIES OF GEORGIA, INC.** in favor of **HANH THI HUYNH**, dated March 30, 2017 and recorded at Deed Book 3559, pages 603-610, Public Records, Newton County, Georgia, the undersigned, **HANH THI HUYNH**, as Attorney in Fact for **PLEASANT PROPERTIES OF GEORGIA, INC.**, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door in Newton County, Georgia, during the legal hours of sale, on the first (1st) Tuesday in March, 2020, namely March 3, 2020, the following described property to-wit:

**ALL THAT TRACT** or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 401 of the 16th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 3.946 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat of survey entitled "Boundary Survey for Thiep Huynh", dated August 4, 2014, prepared by Alcovy Surveying and Engineering, Inc., certified by Ronald Calvin Smith, R.L.S. 2921, and filed at Plat Book 50, page 101, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

**SAID PROPERTY** being known as **280 Haynes Creek Circle, Oxford, Georgia** in accordance with the present system of numbering properties in Newton County, Georgia.

**TAX MAP** and Parcel No.:00370-00000-095-000

**THE DEED** to Secure Debt herein foreclosed securing a Purchase Money Promissory Note dated March 30, 2017, in the original, principal amount of \$94,700.00. The debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt being in default by, among other possible events of default, failure to pay ad valorem taxes and maintain hazard insurance as provided in said Note and Deed to Secure Debt, and the debt secured by said Deed to Secure Debt and evidenced by said Note has been and is hereby declared due and payable in full because of said default. This sale will be made for the purpose of paying the remaining principal indebtedness and accrued interest as accelerated. The proceeds thereof will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all charges and expenses in connection with said foreclosure in accordance with the terms of said Deed to Secure Debt and the balance, if any, will be applied as provided by law.

**SAID PROPERTY** will be sold as the property of **PLEASANT PROPERTIES OF GEORGIA, INC.**, subject to any outstanding and unpaid real estate taxes (ad valorem taxes) or assessments, street improvements, easements, restrictive covenants, and any and all other assessments appearing of record, if any.

**NOTICE HAS** been given in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2.

**NOTICE WAS** also given in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 13-1-11 of intention to collect attorney's fees.

**THE UNDERSIGNED** will execute a Deed Under Power of Sale to the Purchaser at sale as attorney-in-fact for **PLEASANT PROPERTIES OF GEORGIA, INC.**, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt herein foreclosed, and Georgia Law.

**THE PROPERTY** is or may be in the possession of **PLEASANT PROPERTIES OF GEORGIA, INC.**, successors or tenants.

**THE DEED** to Secure Debt herein foreclosed is a purchase money deed to secure debt securing a purchase money promissory note.

**HANH THI HUYNH** is the person who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the

debtor. Her address is 485 Edwards Road, Oxford, Georgia 30054 and her telephone number is 678-713-8752. In addition, she can provide a current payoff amount for a day certain at any time.

**HANH THI HUYNH** as Attorney-in-Fact for **PLEASANT PROPERTIES OF GEORGIA, INC.**

**BY: DAVID A. Henderson\***

Attorney at Law

**6169 ADAMS Street, NE**

Covington, Georgia 30014  
**(770) 787-2946**

**\*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. FILE NO.: 20-128(N)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116448**  
**2/9,16,23,3/1**

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

**BECAUSE OF** a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Alan Milhouse** to **Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** dated July 14, 2011, and recorded in Deed Book 2923, Page 143, as last modified in Deed Book 3774, Page 389, Newton County Records, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$78,275.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, March 3, 2020, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 19, 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 21, PHASE FIVE, THE FALLS AT BUTLER BRIDGE SUBDIVISION, ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAME RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 34, PAGES 224-227, PUBLIC RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS BY REFERENCE THERETO INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE PARTICULAR AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL ZONING ORDINANCES, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD AFFECTING SAID BARGAINED PREMISES.**

**SAID PROPERTY IS KNOWN AS 210 BUTLER BRIDGE CIRCLE, COVINGTON, GA 30016, TOGETHER WITH ALL FIXTURES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ATTACHED TO AND CONSTITUTING A PART OF SAID PROPERTY, IF ANY.**

**SAID PROPERTY** is known as **210 Butler Bridge Circle, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

**THE PROCEEDS** of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

**THE SALE** will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor.

**THE PROPERTY** is or may be in the possession of **Alan Milhouse**; Lillian Milhouse, successor in interest or tenant(s).

**WELLS FARGO Bank, N.A.** as Attorney-in-Fact for **Alan Milhouse**

**FILE NO. 19-075377**

**SHAPIRO PENDERGAST & HASTY, LLP\***

**ATTORNEYS AND Counselors at Law**

**211 PERIMETER Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 300**

**ATLANTA, GA 30346**

**(770) 220-**



absence. IF THE Court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the Petition are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child, the Court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your children.

AS THE biological father who is not the legal father, you are advised that you may lose all rights to your child and will not be entitled to object to the termination of your rights to the child unless you file within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice a (1) Petition to Legitimate your child and (2) Notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with this Court.

IF THE judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your children. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your children or make any decisions affecting your children or your children's earnings or property. Your children will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else.

EVEN IF your parental rights are terminated: (1) You will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your children's care unless and until your children are adopted; and (2) Your children can still inherit from you unless and until your children are adopted.

THIS IS a very serious matter. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and to have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney if the Court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

IF YOU have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone number of the Barrow County Clerk's Office which is 770-307-3035.

WITNESS THE Honorable Nancy Ragsdale, Associate Judge of said Court. THIS 22ND day of January, 2020.

JEMILY O'NEILL

DEPUTY CLERK, JUVENILE COURT of Barrow County, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #116400 2/2,9,16,23

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF MONROE COUNTY, GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

B. J. L. M. , SEX F , AGE 6 , DOB 07/2013, CASE #2019-JR-158

CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, JAMES RANDS (father), AND ANYONE CLAIMING TO HAVE A PARENTAL INTEREST IN SAID MINOR CHILD BORN TO GENEVA LAVERNE MASK.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the above styled action seeking the termination of the parental rights of the parents of the named child was filed against you in said Court on the 21st day of January, 2020, by reason of an Order for Service by Publication entered by the Court on the 9th day of January, 2020.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED AND REQUIRED to appear before the Juvenile Court of Monroe County, Georgia, at the Monroe County Justice Center, Forsyth, Georgia, on the 13th day of February, 2020 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. for a status hearing (attorney appointment only); and on the 27th day of May, 2020 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. The second hearing is for the purpose of determining whether your parental rights should be terminated. The effect of an order terminating parental rights under O.C.G.A. Section 15-11-93 is without limit as to duration and terminates all the parent's rights and obligations with respect to the child and all rights and obligations of the child to the parent arising from the parental relationship, including rights of inheritance. The parent whose rights are terminated is not thereafter entitled to notice of proceedings for the adoption of the child by another, nor has the parent any right to object to the adoption or otherwise to participate in the proceedings.

A COPY of the petition may be obtained by the parents from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court at Monroe County Courthouse, Forsyth, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 o'clock am until 5:00 o'clock p.m. exclusive of holidays. A free copy shall be available to the parent. Upon request, the copy will be mailed to the requester - parents or alleged parents only. The child is in the present physical custody of the Petitioner, the Monroe County Department of Family and Children Services.

THE GENERAL nature of the allegations is termination of the parental rights.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that while responsive pleadings are not mandatory, they are permissible and you are encouraged to file with the Clerk of this Court and serve upon Petitioner's attorney, James E. Patterson, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1006, Forsyth, Georgia 31029-1006 an answer or other responsive pleading within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for service by publication.

WITNESS THE Honorable Judge of said Juvenile Court.

THIS 21ST day of January, 2020.

ANGELA BANKS, DEPUTY (DEPUTY) CLERK, JUVENILE COURT OF MONROE COUNTY, GEORGIA

PUBLIC NOTICE #116404 2/2,9,16,23

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: L.S.B. SEX: FEMALE DOB: 11/25/2011 CASE# 107-194-0385 MINOR CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS

TO: KAYLA Leighann Bates, Halid Kavazovic, and John Does, parent of said minor child born to Kayla Leighann Bates on the above-listed date.

YOU ARE hereby notified that on May 2, 2019, a Petition for Dependency was filed in this Court requesting that the minor child be placed in the care, custody and control of the Department of Family and Children's Services or Maternal Grandparents. The petition alleges dependency based on as DEFINED IN O.C.G.A. 15-11-2(22). You are hereby commanded and required to appear before the court on the 26th day of March, 2020 at 10:00 am, to answer the allegations of the petition alleging dependency.

A COPY of said Petition for Dependency can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court, at the Newton

County Judicial Center, 1132 Usher Street, Covington, GA 30014.

READ CAREFULLY

THIS SUMMONS requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile Court.

THE CHILD or other parties involved may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings.

IF YOU want a lawyer, you may choose to hire your own lawyer. If you want to hire a lawyer, please contact your lawyer immediately.

IF YOU want a lawyer but are not able to hire a lawyer without undue financial hardship, you may ask for a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. The Court would inquire into your financial circumstances and if the Court finds you to be financially unable to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer will be appointed to represent you.

IF YOU want a lawyer appointed to represent you, you must let the Court or the officer of the Court handling this case know that you want a lawyer immediately.

WITNESS THE Honorable Jenny S. Carter, Judge of said Court. This the 11th day of February, 2020.

JANELL GAINES CLERK NEWTON COUNTY Juvenile Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116476 2/16,23,3/1,8

## Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NEWTON, STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: WILLIAM TREBOR SIMMONS CIVIL ACTION FILE NUMBER: SUCV20200000226

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

TO ANY AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

GREETINGS:

NOTICE IS hereby given that, WILLIAM TREVOR SIMMONS filed his Petition in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia on the 31st day of January, 2020 requesting to change his name from WILLIAM TREVOR SIMMONS to WILLIAM TREVOR EVANS. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in the Superior Court of Newton County and to file objections to said name change. Objections must be in writing and filed with the Clerk, Newton Superior Court within thirty (30) days of the filing of said Petition.

THIS 31ST day of January, 2020 THE BARKSDALE Law Firm SHARON L. Barksdale ATTORNEY FOR Petitioner GEORGIA BAR No. 037981 P.O. BOX 81084 CONYERS, GA 30013 PHONE: (770) 760-9383 FAX: (770) 760-1629 EMAIL: SLBATTY@BELLSOUTH.NET

PUBLIC NOTICE #116459 2/9,16,23,3/1

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF COURTNEY SHERLOCK CIVIL ACTION No. SUCV2020000160

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

COMES NOW, Courtney Sherlock, by and through her attorney of record and files this Petition for Name Change showing this Honorable Court as follows;

1. PETITIONER IS a resident of Newton County, Jurisdiction and Venue are proper. 2. PETITIONER WAS born in 1988. 3. PETITIONER IS recently divorced and seeks to restore her maiden name with this name change. Petitioner seeks to change her name from Courtney Lewis Sherlock to Courtney Rae Lewis. 4. PETITIONER DOES not intend to sue this name change to fraudulently deprive anyone of any right under the law.

WHEREFORE

A. PETITIONER seeks that her name be changed to Courtney Rae Lewis B. THAT notice of this Petition be served as provided by law; C. FOR any and all other relief as the Court sees just and fit. This 21st day of January 2020

GEORGIA BAR No.153034 ATTORNEY FOR Petitioner

THE STEWART Law Office (MAILING ADDRESS) 209 MILLEDGE Ave MONROE,GEORGIA 30655

234 LUCKIE Street LAWRENCEVILLE,GA 30046 PHONE: (770) 267-0797 FACSIMILE:(888) 315-5117

PUBLIC NOTICE #116464 2/16,23,3/1,8

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: AMY SUZANNE BIXBY, Petitioner. CIVIL ACTION No. SUCV2020000191

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

NOTICE IS hereby given that Amy Suzanne Bixby, by and through the undersigned attorney, filed her petition in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, on the 27 DAY of January, 2020, praying for a change in the name of petitioner from Amy

SUZANNE BIXBY to Amy Suzanne Morris. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition. THIS 27 day of January, 2020. COOPER MCCORD 133 JONESBORO Street MCDONOUGH, GEORGIA 30253 (770) 626-5640 leannepcooper@yahoo.com

PUBLIC NOTICE #116430 2/2,9,16,23

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of: CODY TYLER FORD PETITIONER CIVIL ACTION File Number: 2020-CV-83-5

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

CODY TYLER FORD filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on January 14, 2020 to change the name from CODY TYLER FORD to CODY TYLER RHOTEN. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED 1/10/20

CODY TYLER FORD 35 JOY CIRCLE COVINGTON, GA 30016

NOTICE #116390 1/26,2/2,9,16

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of: LE'ASIL MANDELL HARTFIELD PETITIONER CIVIL ACTION File Number: 2020-CV-156-4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

LE'ASIL MANDELL HARTFIELD filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on January 22nd, 2020 to change the name from LEASIL MANDELL HARTFIELD to LEASIL MANDELL HOUSTON. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED JANUARY 22nd, 2020

LE'ASIL MANDELL Hartfield 205 BERKSHIRE Drive COVINGTON, GA 30016

NOTICE #116424 2/2,9,16,23

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of: ZACHARY ADAM CHESTERMAN PETITIONER CIVIL ACTION File Number: 2020-CV-168-2

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

ZACHARY ADAM CHESTERMAN filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on January 23rd, 2020 to change the name from ZACHARY ADAM CHESTERMAN to ZACHARY ADAM BARKER. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED JANUARY 23rd, 2020

ZACHARY ADAM CHESTERMAN 102A COLLEGE WALK OXFORD, GA 30054

NOTICE #116441 2/9,16,23,3/1

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

NOTICE IS hereby given that TIFFANY RACHEL WHITAKER, has filed her petition in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia on the 16th day of January, 2020, praying for a change in the name of the petitioner's minor child from ADAM BRYAN DANIEL to ADAM BRYAN WHITAKER. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said petition.

BALLARD, STEPHENSON & Waters, PC 1117 CHURCH Street P.O. BOX 150 COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015 770/786-8123

PUBLIC NOTICE #116371 1/26,2/2,9,16

## Notice of Proceedings

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

TRUIST BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, PETITIONERS, V. ROBERT DIGBY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF KAREN S. DIGBY, Respondent. C/A FILE No. 2019-CV-479-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER for service by publication dated January 6, 2019, Respondents, Unknown Heirs of Karen S. Digby are hereby notified that TRUIST BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, filed countersuit against them for Equitable Reformation and Declaratory Judgment on March 7, 2019.

RESPONDENTS UNKNOWN Heirs of Karen S. Digby are required to file with the Clerk of Superior Court, and serve upon Plaintiff's Attorney, Brian J. Hooper, an answer in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of the order for publication.

WITNESS, THE Honorable John M. Ott by Order of Publication of this Superior Court.

THIS THE 6th of January, 2020

LINDA D. Hays CLERK, SUPERIOR Court PREPARED AND Presented By: The Geheren Firm, P.C. — [IS/ BRIAN]. Hooper — BRIAN J. Hooper GA BAR No. 940480 4828 ASHFORD Dunwoody Road, 2nd Floor ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30338 T: (678) 587-9500 F: (678) 587-9098 BHOOPER@GEHERENLAW.COM

PUBLIC NOTICE #116423 2/2,9,16,23

## Public Hearings

CITY OF PORTERDALE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS hereby given to the general public that a CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS application has been submitted to City of Porterdale Historic Preservation Commission for a material change in appearance to a 2 Willow St. Parcel Number P003000000012000. A Public Hearing for the application for the Certificate of Appropriateness will take place on Tuesday February 25, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Porterdale City Hall, 2800 Main Street Porterdale 30014. For inquiries call (770) 786-

2217 or visit Porterdale City Hall.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116495 2/16

## Public Notice

CITY OF COVINGTON NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52 that applicant Zainab Turay has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness Application to be considered by the Covington Historic Preservation Commission. THE APPLICANT proposes to remove fire escape and add an ADA ramp to the existing house within a historic district located at 2119 Emory Street - TAX PARCEL C026 0006 001, Covington, Georgia. The Covington Historic Preservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting on March 4, 2020, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, Georgia. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to attend. For more information contact Mary Darby, Director of Planning & Zoning at mdarby@cityofcovington.org or 770-385-2179.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116397 2/16

CITY OF COVINGTON NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52 that applicant David Poynter has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness Application to be considered by the Covington Historic Preservation Commission. THE APPLICANT proposes to remove and an erect a 6 foot privacy fence along the side and rear yards of an existing house within a historic district located at 2126 Conyers Street - TAX PARCEL C019 0003 014, Covington, Georgia. The Covington Historic Preservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting on March 4, 2020, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, Georgia. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to attend. For more information contact Mary Darby, Director of Planning & Zoning at mdarby@cityofcovington.org or 770-385-2179.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116398 2/16

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF UPPER OCMULGEE RIVER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR FEBRUARY 3, 2020

TO ALL qualified voters in Newton County:

NOTICE IS hereby given that on November 3, 2020, a non-partisan election will be held to elect 1 supervisor(s) for Newton County in the Upper Ocmulgee River Soil and Water Conservation District. District Supervisors serve as unpaid state officials who represent their counties in support of soil and water conservation activities.

MARCH 6, 2020, is the last day on which nominations for candidates for the election will be accepted. The signatures of at least 25 qualified electors of the county are required to nominate a candidate. Candidates must also be qualified electors of the county. Nominating petitions must be received in the office of the Newton County Election Superintendent at 1113 Usher Street Suite 103, Covington, GA not later than 12:00 noon on March 6, 2020. Petitions may be obtained from the Conservation Commission at the address below, from the Commission's website at www.gaswcc.org or from the Election Superintendent of Newton County.

GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION MITCH ATTAWAY, Executive Director 4310 LEXINGTON Road ATHENS, GA 30605

PUBLIC NOTICE #116444 2/9,16

OFFICE of the Minnesota Secretary of State CERTIFICATE OF Assumed Name MINNESOTA STATUTES, Chapter 333

THE FILING of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that NAME. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to BE ABLE to identify the true owner of a business. ASSUMED NAME: CHRISTOPHER JAMAR RANDOLPH PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 1010 Tall oaks circle conyers Ga 30013 USA NAMEHOLDER(S): NAME: ADDRESS: CHRISTOPHER JAMAR Randolph 1010 Tall oaks circle conyers Ga 30013 USA IF YOU submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document. If the attachment conflicts with the INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

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BEHALF, OR in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this DOCUMENT IS true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by SIGNING THIS document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this

DOCUMENT UNDER oath. SIGNED BY: Christopher Randolph MAILING ADDRESS: 1010 Tall oaks circle conyers Ga 30013 YOWAHTREE@GMAIL.COM

PUBLIC NOTICE #116458 2/9,16

PUBLIC NOTICE

WASTEWATER SPILL FROM THE CITY OF COVINGTON WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM

DATE OF SPILL: February 6, 2020 LOCATION OF SPILL: 3 1 7 Pennington St. (address is reference to closest manhole location) RECEIVING WATER: Dried Indian Creek DURATION OF SPILL: 685 minutes (11:35 – 23:00) ESTIMATED VOLUME DISCHARGED: 185,000 gallons CAUSE OF SPILL: Inflow and infiltration due to torrential rain and a flash flood event.

CORRECTIVE ACTION: Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) studies of the collection system have identified this as a priority area and engineering plans are being evaluated. INFORMATION: FOR further information, please contact the Water Reclamation Department: DAVID CROOM @ 770-

385-2048 or Kevin Sorrow @ 678-758-4105

PUBLIC NOTICE #116472 2/16

## Public Sales Auctions

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GEORGIA LAW 40-11-2: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICLES HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AT INSURANCE AUTO Auction 125 Old Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-4814 AND ARE PRESENTLY STORED AT SAID LOCATION. IF NOT CLAIMED, THE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON 02/28/20 10:00 AM

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2006 CHRYSLER	300	
2008 FORD	Edge	
2007 HONDA	Odyssey	
2006 ACURA	TL	
2013 HONDA	Accord	
2006 FORD	Crown	
2010 VOLKSWAGE	Jetta	
2006 NISSAN	Altima	
2017 VOLKSWAGE	Jetta	
2005 HONDA	Accord	
2005 NISSAN	Altima	
2002 SATURN	VUE	
2005 FORD	Explorer	
2014 TOYOTA	Prius	
2017 NISSAN	Versa	
2007 CHRYSLER	Pacifica	
2008 FORD	Edge	
2011 NISSAN	Versa	
2006 LEXUS	GS 300	
2009 TOYOTA	Camry	
2013 CHRYSLER	200	

PUBLIC NOTICE #116413 2/9,16

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION A Public Auction for the non-Payment of storage fees at Covington Stor-It will take place on or thereafter Thursday, February 20th, 2020 online at WWW.SELFSTORAGEAUCTION.COM. The personal effects and household Goods belonging to the following Tenants, having been properly notified, will be sold for CASH to the highest Bidder to satisfy the owner's lien for Rent due, in accordance with the Georgia Self Storage Act- Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215: Unit 083 Imarii Wyckoff – Washing Machine; Unit 084 Misti Roberson – boxes, totes, bags, luggage, work bench, tool box, armour, iron board; Unit 101 Natasha Bell – Bags of clothing; Unit 120 Brandon Fox – box spring, mattress, car seat, heater, bags, baby bath, baby toys, and clothes hamper; Unit 133 Russell Guest – Headboard, chairs (desk), fan, dresser, dining room table, 4 chairs, desk, 2 lamps; Unit 149 Nakia Lomax – Bike, clothes, mattress, dishes, boxes, bags, ironing board, card table plus chairs, crates; Unit 160 Ridley Ingram – Living room furniture, 2 chairs, table, ladder, 2 televisions, armour, boxes; Unit 191 Michael Andrews – Walker, Christmas tree, rails, kid toy, chandelier, bed frame; Unit 199 Toby Shaefer – Kitchen table, coffee table, bread cooker, day bed, couch, television, microwave, twin bed mattress; Unit 226 Charlie Burley – Mattresses, washer, dryer, dresser, computer monitor, rocking chair, box spring, television, oxygen tank, furniture; Unit 260 Yaseen Assanah – 2 small couches; Unit 260K Shareka Durham – Refrigerator, china cabinet, dresser, playpen, baby toys, clothing, artwork; Unit 323 Jennifer Kelly – Baby mattress, hamper, luggage, baby toys, bags; Unit 381 Lisa Minton – Washer, dryer, sleigh bed, boxes, clothing, dresser, ladder, couch; Unit 424 Misti Roberson – Table, chairs, floor jack, old style payphone (rotary), boxes, mattress, fan, car seat; Unit 436 Michael Meeks – Duffle bag, bag, rug; Unit 457 William Ivey – Mattress, table, ladder, totes, television, kitchenware, luggage, VHS player, radiator heater, weed eater, fishing poles; Unit 496 Tisha Britton – Window, dresser, totes, clothes, boxes, PlayStation controller, bicycles, kitchen ware, fan, television, speakers, kid toys.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116341 2/2,16

BUDGET SELF Storage of Covington, pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Act, 10-4-213, shall conduct a public sale of the following units at 6217 Highway 278 NE, Covington, GA 30014; 770-787-0900; after 1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2020. All bids will be accepted online through www.selfstorageauction.com. Budget Self Storage of Covington reserves the right to withdraw units from sale and reject any bid. Terms of sale are cash or money order only. The following units will be sold:

A111 Deleather Ann Gomenu: Pictures, curio stand, couch, love seat, washer, dryer, mattress, box springs, boxes, dining table

F41 Vera Bell: Games, pet cage, boxes, dressers, curio cabinet, sofa, table, clothes, curio stand

F50 Audrey Lewis: washer, dryer, tree, piano, basket ball goal, boxes

G20 Erica Laury: chairs, fish tank, washer, dryer, microwave, toys, guitar, table, rug

G38 James Mobley: baskets, bins, boxes, toys, luggage, painting

G47 Summer Dennis: Couch, rocking chair, boxes, drums, bins, box springs, dresser, vacuum, bakers rack

PUBLIC NOTICE #116443 2/9,16

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: PLEASE BE advised that Curto Grant whose address is 9137 Woodhaven Drive, Covington, GA 30014 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 9137 Woodhaven Drive, Covington, GA 30014 in the following trade name, to-wit: INNOVATIVE CONSULTANT SERVICE; and that the nature of said business is: VENDING.

THIS STATEMENT is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county. THIS THE 31st day of January, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116446 2/9,



# CPD hosts Active Shooter Awareness for Places of Worship training

Covington Police Department  
Capt. Ken Malcom and Lt. Al Miller. Contributed Photo

STAFF REPORT  
news@covnews.com



The Covington Police Department and First United Methodist Church hosted an Active Shooter Awareness Seminar for Places of Worship this past Saturday. Over 400 Church leaders and their security teams from Newton and surrounding counties gathered to participate in a two-and-a-half-hour discussion on how to better protect their congregation.

“Citizens need to know what to do should they find themselves in such a dreaded situation. While no plan is foolproof, there are some common-sense guidelines that are the most likely to keep you and your loved ones safe,” CPD Capt. Ken Malcom said.

Malcom said that Amanda Ripley’s book, *The Unthinkable: Who Survives When Disaster Strikes And Why*, identifies a three-phase process that everyone goes through during events like these. Those phases are:

**DENIAL:** There is a moment of disbelief at the beginning when every second is critical. You have to push through that quickly and move forward.

**DELIBERATION:** You have to have a plan beforehand so it can be implemented when the time comes. The less prepared you are, the fewer chances of survival.

**DECISIVE MOMENT:** This is when you put your plan of action in motion quickly. According to Ripley’s findings, those who survive go through these three steps faster and take the correct measures at decisive moments because they are better prepared.

Malcom said an alert and informed person

can sometimes thwart a dangerous incident before it starts.

“That means being aware of your surroundings and any possible dangers,” he said. “If you spot something suspicious, notify the authorities right away.”

“There are avenues for active shooter training that can make you better equipped to handle such situations. Take advantage of those opportunities if you can. Make a plan for your family so that everyone knows what to do if a confrontation is imminent.”

Malcom said that as a rule, the key to survival can be boiled down to RUN-HIDE-FIGHT. Remembering those three words, in that order, can help you survive.

**RUN:** The best way to get out of danger is to just flee. Leave your belongings behind and get yourself to safety. Help others escape if you can, but make it your mission to evacuate regardless of what others do. Once you are safe, warn people on the outside about the situation and call 911.

**HIDE:** If escape is not possible, get out of view of the shooter and stay quiet. Make sure your electronic devices are silent. If you are alone in a room in a building under siege, lock and barricade the doors. Turn off the lights and close the blinds. If there are several of you in a group, don’t huddle together; spread out or hide separately to make it more difficult for the shooter. If possible, communicate with law enforcement via text message or put a sign in a window.

**FIGHT:** This is an absolute last resort. Once you make that decision, however, commit to it

as aggressively as you can. Recruit others to help you if possible.

Use whatever is at your disposal — chairs, fire extinguishers, books, scissors, etc. Try to distract and then disarm the shooter. Once law enforcement has penetrated the shooter’s location, your actions are still important. Keep your hands visible so they know you aren’t the bad guy. Follow the officers’ instructions and realize that they are armed and may have to use tear gas or pepper spray to neutralize the situation. Whether the tell you to stay or evacuate, follow the orders. Do your best to help others, especially the wounded.

He said that once law enforcement has penetrated the shooter’s location, your actions are still important.

“Keep your hands visible so they know you aren’t the bad guy. Follow the officers’ instructions, whether to stay on the ground or evacuate toward them. Realize that they are armed and may have to use tear gas or pepper spray to neutralize the situation. Do your best to help others, especially the wounded, also get to safety,” he said.

“Places of worship offer unique challenges. Evacuating a sanctuary could be chaotic, especially to parishioners that may not be able to move quickly to an available exit. It’s important that the leadership of our places of worship develop a security plan to address this possibility and many other potentially dangerous scenarios. Our seminar was designed to create the dialogue necessary to develop or enhance existing security plans.”

# End in sight for 'surprise billing' in Georgia

By BEAU EVANS  
Capitol Beat News Service

**ATLANTA** - Twin measures moving through the state legislature would ban the practice of “surprise billing” in Georgia, in which patients wind up with unexpectedly big bills months after hospital visits.

Republican lawmakers in the Georgia House and Senate have filed identical legislation that would remove Georgia hospital patients from the billing equation, leaving it to medical providers and insurance companies to work out their cost differences.

The legislation still faces pushback on how costs would be worked out between insurers and medical providers, but representatives from both sides agreed at a Senate Health and Human Services Committee hearing Tuesday that the finish line is close after years of debate over the issue.

“We really think it’s time to put this to bed and protect Georgians,” said Laura Colbert, executive director of the nonprofit Georgians for a Healthy Future.

Dubbed “surprise” or “balance” billing, the extra hospital charges result from specialty procedures like anesthesiology or emergency-room surgery completed by out-of-

network specialists.

They can add hundreds or thousands of dollars to a patient’s final bill without their knowing in advance.

State lawmakers have tried for the past five years to tamp down surprise billing, said Rep. Lee Hawkins, sponsor of the House legislation.

He and others traced hold-ups to disagreements over how insurers and medical specialists should settle out-of-network costs, particularly if disputes arise that need formal arbitration.

Medical specialists argue they are underpaid for performing complex technical procedures under in-network insurance arrangements, while insurers claim those specialists charge too much, Hawkins said.

Hawkins, R-Gainesville, said he just wants legislation to pass that will leave patients out of the haggling involved with hospital costs.

“The No.-1 thing is to make sure that there’s no more surprise billing,” Hawkins said. “Everything else is making sure it works with the providers and the insurers.”

Gov. Brian Kemp has thrown his support behind the bills, calling them “compromise legislation” worthy of passage.

“While there is more

work to do,” Kemp said in a statement, “I am committed to working with the General Assembly, patients, providers and insurance carriers to pass this legislation and put patients first.”

Hawkins’ House Bill 888 and counterpart Senate Bill 359, by Sen. Chuck Hufstetler, would require that insurers pay out-of-network physicians either a “contracted amount” set in 2017 for various procedures, or a higher charge that the insurer proposes.

Disagreements between the two sides would prompt an arbitration process overseen by the state Department of Insurance, which would contract with outside private arbitration companies to decide the final bill.

All arbitration decisions and final payments would be logged in a database kept by the insurance department. That data would factor into annual rate adjustments for the contracted amounts that serve as a baseline for what insurers reimburse for out-of-network procedures, Hawkins said.

Those aspects of the bill – arbitration and the database – are critical because they would shed light on how much

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## BILLING

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insurance companies actually pay providers for specialty services, Hawkins said.

“We never see exactly what the insurance company was paying the physician,” he said.

Some representatives for medical providers and insurance groups still want tweaks to the legislation, particularly on the finer points for how the contracted amounts would be set. They aired their suggestions at a committee hearing on Hufstetler’s bill Tuesday.

Victor Moldovan, an attorney representing the Independent Doctors Association of Georgia, said the 2017 baseline reimbursement rates may be too low for specialty providers to stay in business. He also called for distinguishing more between payments for emergency services and non-emergency services.

“At the end of the day, this is not a free cost,” Moldovan said. “There has to be a way to manage these issues ... in a way that’s fair to not just the patient, but the providers as well.”

Some physician groups also want tighter rules on what kind of information would be logged into the new all-payer database, the details of which may end up being worked out in separate legislation.

No action was taken at Tuesday’s committee hearing.

Hawkins’ and Hufstetler’s bills are part of a slate of health-care measures filed in the 2020 legislative session that started last month. Other efforts include a bill by Sen. Dean Burke, R-Bainbridge, aimed at restricting how third-party companies can influence prescription drug prices in Georgia.

The surprise-billing legislation will likely see some changes as it winds through the Georgia General Assembly, Hawkins said. But state officials and lawmakers are determined to follow through on the issue this year, having framed surprise billing as a top priority in the session.

“If we do not get this solved, I think it would be a failure of the session,” said Senate Health and Human Services Committee Chairman Ben Watson, R-Savannah.

## The Covington News Valentine’s subscription contest winner



The Covington News’ Circulation Manager Amanda Ellington presents Valentine’s subscription winner Connie Langley with a Nagoya gift certificate and a dozen roses at The News office Wednesday. Photo by Darryl Welch

# Panel approves first round of Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act projects

By DAVE WILLIAMS

Capitol Beat News Service

**ATLANTA** - A variety of land conservation, restoration and parks projects across the state would land the first round of funding through the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act voters approved in November 2018.

A state House subcommittee Wednesday approved 14 projects to be funded with \$20 million raised through a new tax on purchases of sporting goods. More than 83% of Georgia voters ratified a constitutional amendment creating the tax.

“We have a growing state,” Mark Williams, commissioner of the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR), told members of the subcommittee. “We need to have a place for people to spend time with their families and enjoy the outdoors.”

State agencies, local governments and nonprofit conservation groups submitted 58 project applications last year worth more than \$78 million. An advisory board created by the legislation worked with the DNR to select projects based on their conservation and recreational value and whether the benefits they would bring would be or regional or statewide significance.

“We had no bad projects,” said Rob Stokes, the program coordinator for the DNR. “It just got so competitive these are the cream of the crop for this year.”

Among the projects

selected were six the DNR submitted, including \$3.5 million for the first phase of the planned acquisition of the Ceylon property and \$2.6 million to acquire 7,000 acres of undeveloped land at Cab-in Bluff. Portions of both tidal marshland properties in Camden County are slated to become new wildlife management areas.

Three of the other DNR projects would involve restoration of longleaf pine forests, including one restoration project related to recovery from the damage wreaked by Hurricane Michael in October 2018.

Other projects on the list include parks projects in Forsyth County and the city of Johns Creek, \$2.3 million to fund a portion of a planned canoeing and kayaking trail on the Chattahoochee River that eventually will connect Lake Lanier with Chattahoochee Bend State Park, and an extension of the Atlanta Beltline’s Westside Trail.

Under the legislation that created the program, the project list the House subcommittee adopted Wednesday will go straight to the Georgia Senate. However, the House will get to weigh in on the \$20 million allocated for the program’s first year as part of the budget process.

AT A GLANCE

Here are the 14 projects to be funded during the first year of the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act:

Applicant	Project name	Funding requested
DNR Coastal Resources Division	Noyes Cut Ecosystem Restoration	\$1.7 million
DNR Wildlife Resources Division	Cabin Bluff Acquisition	\$2.6 million
DNR Wildlife Resources Division	Ceylon Acquisition Phase 1	\$3.5 million
DNR Wildlife Resources Division	Sprewell Bluff Longleaf Restoration	\$69,025
DNR Wildlife Resources Division	Post-Hurricane Michael Longleaf Restoration	\$60,500
DNR Wildlife Resources Division	Sandhills Longleaf Restoration	\$26,884
Forsyth County	Eagles Beak Park	\$2.3 million
Jefferson County	Where the Moss Meets the River	\$898,983
City of Johns Creek	Cauley Creek Park Development	\$3 million
South Fork Conservancy	Convergence Nature Trail Network and Blueway	\$950,500
Trees Atlanta Inc.	Atlanta Beltline Westside Trail Extension	\$1 million
Trust for Public Land	Chattahoochee Camp and Paddle Trail	\$2.3 million
Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County	Restore Our River	\$550,000
City of Winder	Winder/Fort Yargo Multi-Use Connector Trail	\$1 million
TOTAL		\$20 million

# Hank Johnson

CONGRESSMAN FOR GEORGIA'S 4TH DISTRICT

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# Restoration Resources Fair

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Thur., Feb. 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Georgia Piedmont Technical College  
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## CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

CITY OF COVINGTON  
27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION  
Legion Field, 3183 Mill Street  
Friday, February 21, 2020  
11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

PROGRAM

11:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.	<b>Moderator</b> Mary Darby, Director of Planning & Zoning City of Covington <b>Introductions</b> Laurie Riley Keep Newton County/Covington Beautiful Welcome from Newton County Marcello Banes, Chairman
11:05 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.	<b>Speaking Trees: Why Are They So Important?</b> Bess Dobbs and Loy Summers, Covington Tree Preservation Board
11:10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	<b>2020 Arbor Day Proclamation</b> Mayor Steve Horton, City of Covington
11:15 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.	<b>Presentation of 2019 Tree City USA Award</b> Seth Hawkins, Georgia Forestry Commission, Regional Community Forestry Program Specialist
11:20 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.	<b>Presentation of Ficquett Theme School</b> Principal Student Advisory Committee Dr. Ashante Everett, Ficquett School Principal
11:25 a.m. to 11:43 a.m.	<b>Tree Planting Ceremony at Legion Field</b> Kevin Sorrow, City Arborist
11:43 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	<b>Closing Remarks – Bess Dobbs and Loy Summers</b>