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Newton County firefighter honored

By DARRYL WELCH
Managing Editor

If you can keep your head when all of those around you seem to be losing theirs, you're probably a firefighter. And that ability to stay calm and act under pressure was essential for one Newton County firefighter last September when he took decisive action and saved a child's life.

That firefighter's heroic action was recognized in Atlanta on Feb. 18.

Fire Apparatus Operator Chris Calhoun said he and his crew at Fire Station 1 were going about their normal duties last Sept. 28 when they were dispatched to a report of a child choking on a waffle.

"We got there, it was kind of chaotic. The parents were a little upset," he said. "As

we were walking up, I could see the father was holding the child. When we first walked up, it looked like he kind of had a hiccup. I sat the bags down and turned around and he's not breathing - he's struggling, the child was - he was turning blue."

That's when Calhoun's training and ability to act under pressure kicked in.

"I told the father, 'Let me see him a minute - I want to try something real quick.' I took him, put him on my forearm, inverted him and did two back blows and I heard something hit the porch - it sounded like it was bouncing," he said.

"And I looked down and it was a gray ball bearing that the child had in his mouth. And he started crying once I got that out and I picked him

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Fire Apparatus Operator Chris Calhoun with his Tim Peebles Champion of Children Excellence and Advocacy Award. Calhoun received the award Tuesday night in Atlanta. Photo by Darryl Welch

Hice not taking sides

By DARRYL WELCH
Managing Editor

U.S. Rep. Jody Hice said Monday he's not going to publicly take sides in the upcoming U.S. Senate race between Republicans Sen. Kelly Loeffler and Rep. Doug Collins.

Hice visited the Stanton Springs Industrial Park with Loeffler on Feb. 17 and was asked if anything should be read into the joint appearance.

"I'm not taking sides publicly," he said, "the people of the state of Georgia will work that out. But we have two phenomenal candidates and I'm very proud of both



Rep. Jody Hice. Contributed Photo

of them."

Loeffler was tapped in January to replace Sen. Johnny Isakson, who resigned at the end of last year due to health reasons. Collins, who was reportedly the choice of President Donald Trump to

replace Isakson, announced last month he is running for the seat.

Loeffler and Collins, along with announced Democrats Raphael Warnock, the senior pastor of Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, former U.S. Attorney and Georgia state senator from Augusta Ed Tarver and Matt Lieberman, son of former U.S. Sen. Joe Lieberman, are slated to be on November's ballot in what has been dubbed a "jungle" primary.

The election will pit candidates for the seat from all parties against each other on the same ballot in November with a runoff likely early next year.

Schulz launches reelection bid

STAFF REPORT
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District 3 Commissioner Nancy Schulz announced Thursday that she intends to seek reelection to the Newton County Board of Commissioners.

"It has been an honor to serve as your commissioner and I am excited to announce my intent to run for reelection in 2020 as Newton County Commissioner for District 3," Schulz said in the statement announcing her run.

"For the first time in many years, fiscal discipline has restored Newton County to financial stability. We have stabilized our budget with a healthy fund balance, and I believe we now need to begin to explore the possibility of a millage reduction while providing current and future services to our citizens.

"Foremost, we have worked hard to establish and cultivate a culture of trust and plan for our future in a more transparent, collaborative, accountable, and meaningful way. We have also tackled and moved forward from some challenging issues of the past in a way that protects resources and communities for years to come.

"In 2018 we opened the new Juvenile Com-



District 3 Commissioner Nancy Schulz. Contributed Photo

munity Resource Center, Agricultural Center, and completed the Judicial Center Expansion. The new Westside Precinct and Tax Commissioner's Office (District 3) was opened in 2019. And in 2020 we have already broken ground on the Senior Services Expansion, and new Animal Services Building. This spring, we will begin construction on Fire Station No. 8 (District 3) for better protection. It will reduce the ISO rating for residents of north Newton County and those citizens should see a reduction in insurance premiums.

"We have become more efficient in resurfacing our roads and I look forward to beginning the process of the widening Brown Bridge, Crowell and Salem Roads to relieve traffic congestion. We will also be focused on completing the intersection improvement at Exit 88 and Crowell Road. The complete statement is available covnews.com

Remembering Forrest Sawyer Jr.

By DARRYL WELCH
Managing Editor

Newton County lost a civil rights leader and legend Monday when Forrest Sawyer Jr. passed away at age 69.

According to a story received at The Covington News this week from former State Rep. Tyrone Brooks, "How Tyrone Brooks escaped Death in Covington (Newton County, GA)." Sawyer was a member of the Newton Six, a group of men jailed for more than two months nearly 50 years ago for protesting segregation in Newton County.

In 2015, author Bunnie Jackson-Ramson wrote of the incident: "The Newton



Forrest Sawyer Jr. Contributed Photo

Six' were jailed for more than two months, during the period of protest in the spring of 1970. The Newton Six were considered the leaders of the movement in the county. There was former member of the Georgia House of Representatives Tyrone Brooks, Lloyd Jackson, Robert Johnson, Joe

Lightfoot, Forrest Sawyer Jr. and Leon Walker. Due to their imprisonment by Sheriff Henry Odum Jr. and the games he was playing, Dr. Martin Luther King Sr.; Maynard Jackson, vice mayor of Atlanta; U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and Attorney Billy Randall Jr. of Macon to get involved. This movement had to be elevated to the Supreme Court to get them released. Finally, a federal judge acting on a petition by attorney Howard Moore ordered them released with all charges dismissed. Because Brooks was the SCLC

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SPORTS

Sweet to Elite

By MASON WITTNER
Sports Editor

Playing in front of a sold-out home crowd, the No. 3 Newton High School boys' basketball team overcame an early deficit and powered its way to a 74-65 victory over No. 4 Westlake in the second round of the Class AAAAAA state playoffs Thursday night.

The win earned the Rams a trip to the Elite Eight for the second time in three years and fifth time since ending the 2013-14 season with a first-round exit.

"We fought. We came out and we fought from the beginning, and we physically fought," Newton head coach Charlemagne Gibbons said. "They've got a physical team, coach [Darron] Rogers does a great job, but we physically fought a bigger, stronger team than us. And I was proud of that for 32 minutes."

As has been the case for the past month, Newton was led offensively by senior point guard Caleb Byrd. The Georgia Southern signee poured in a game-high 35 points while going 12-for-14 from the charity stripe to help the Rams ice the victory.

Byrd has been one of the club's leaders all season, but he's elevated his game to another level at the most crucial time of the year. He's

now averaging 29 points over his past five outings dating back to the Rams' first game in the region tournament.

"He's a special player because he really wants to compete at a high level, and he can really score the basketball," Gibbons said. "I just told him over the last month that what he's done, and what this team has done, is they've started embracing each other. I think them embracing each other as a new team has come along. You've seen the guys embrace his ability to score the basketball and play with energy."

Joining Byrd in double figures for Newton were sophomore T.J. Clark, who scored 12 points, and junior Jordon Marshall, who finished with 11. Freshman Qua Brown followed close behind by contributing eight points. Westlake was led in scoring by sophomore phenom Dillon Hunter, although the highly-touted shooting guard was limited to a 13-point performance.

The Rams found themselves clinging to a 58-54 lead midway through the fourth quarter before momentum quickly shifted in their favor.

Senior Max Calloway ripped the ball away from Westlake and pushed it down the court, leading to a layup from Clark in transition. Less than a

minute later, Byrd took the ball along the baseline and slammed home a ferocious dunk to send the raucous home crowd into a frenzy. The senior spark plug quickly followed this bucket up with a fast-break layup, stretching Newton's advantage out to 64-56 at the 3:21 mark.

Westlake continued to knock down shots and stay within reach, but Newton handled its business at the free-throw line to keep pace and collect the nine-point win.

After upsetting top-seeded Cherokee in the opening round, the Lions came into Thursday night believing they could hang with any team in the state. That confidence exuded itself early as they jumped out to a 21-15 lead in the first quarter.

Newton slowly chipped away at its deficit, but it wasn't until Byrd knocked down a 3-pointer from the left wing inside the final minute of the half that the Rams reclaimed the lead. Byrd's trey gave Newton a 34-32 advantage, and the club would go into the locker room leading 36-32.

Gibbons attributed his club's slow start to their delayed adjustment to the change of pace from the opening round to the Sweet 16.

"A little bit of the speed caught us off guard a



Senior Caleb Byrd poured in a game-high 35 points to lead the Newton Rams past Westlake, 74-65, in the second round of the Class AAAAAA state playoffs on Thursday night. Photo by Anthony Barks

little bit, and then we didn't use our speed," he said. "I thought you saw in the second quarter we started to show our speed a little bit up and down the court."

Westlake matched Newton's speed for much of the second half, keeping its deficit at a respectable 48-43 at the end of the third quarter and remaining close behind

until late in the fourth.

The Rams will have another tall task ahead of them next week when they go back on the road to face top-seeded Milton on either Tuesday or Wednesday. The Eagles earned the No. 1 seed by winning the Region 5 championship and advanced to the Elite Eight with victories over No. 4 Central Gwinnett, 86-63,

and No. 2 North Cobb, 72-57.

The game plan for Newton? Simple.

"Go try to win," Gibbons said with a smirk. "Whatever it takes," he added. "It doesn't matter if it's man, zone — grab, claw, fight, whatever it takes to come out with the win and get this group into the Final Four."

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EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AND YOUTH OF THE YEAR

We will also be naming an Employer of the Year and a Youth of the Year. Employer of the Year nominees should not only have significant impact in the business community here in Newton County but the community in general. Youth of the Year nominees are young people who are making a real difference at their school and in the community.

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Dave Belton state representative

Session: Week 4

This week, we passed the Amended or "small" budget for Fiscal Year 2020. As I have stated before, this adjustment to the current year's budget took a long time as we had to reduce our expected spending for the first time in over a decade.



The budget process is complicated, and unfortunately, some of the terms are misleading. The budget is NOT declining. It is actually growing by \$450M or 1.7 percent since 2019 to a record \$27.34B. But we EXPECTED a growth of 2.3 percent and \$609M to a record \$27.5B. Thus, we had to "cut" the expected growth, but the budget is still bigger than it was in 2019.

The reasons for the flattened Revenues are threefold. First, we cut Income Taxes in 2018 by \$500M. Second, our economists over-estimated the amount of funds we would get back from the Federal Tax Cut in 2019. Third, and most important, was Hurricane Michael. A CAT-5 monster with 155 mph winds at landfall, Michael was the worst storm to ever hit the Florida panhandle. It was so bad, they've since retired the name at a cost of \$25B... nearly the same amount as our entire budget. Nearly \$2B Georgia crops rotted unharvested and thousands of pecan trees were literally ripped from the ground. Ag, Georgia's No. 1 business, took a huge hit.

Because of this flattened revenue, the Governor cut the 2020 budget by 4 percent. Again, almost 80 percent of the budget was NOT affected by these cuts (Education, Medicare and Medicaid, Transportation, Superior Court, and Prosecutors). We did not furlough teachers and we didn't (to the best of my knowledge) cause anyone to lose their jobs. But the last 20 percent of the budget had to shed about \$160M.

Most of the media has characterized the House's budget as a huge push-back to the Governor's proposal. Actually, only about \$30M was moved. In an effort to minimize impacts

that would affect the most amount of Georgians, the House restored monies to most Agricultural programs, including Food Inspectors and Ag Extension Research. We also found money for mental healthcare, crisis prevention services, and rural healthcare. Public libraries were funded, as well as Accountability Courts and Public Defenders. Most of the cuts (in order to restore monies the previously mentioned items) came from my subcommittee of Public Safety. The biggest hit was about \$70M in 1200 vacant positions that will not be restored, mostly in Corrections.

The Senate will now take up the House's Amended Budget and make adjustments of their own. After that, the House, Senate, and Governor will all sit down and work out a compromise that everyone can live with. In the meantime, the House will now work on the "Big" Budget for 2021 of an estimated \$28.1B. This will be a very hard task, as Education (due to rising student enrollment) will automatically rise by about \$500M and Medicare at \$240M...and then Governor wants another 2 percent cut to the whole thing. The problem is complicated by everyone's desire to give Teachers the last \$2000 of the pay raise he promised (at a cost of about \$380M), or House Leadership's desire to further cut the Income Tax cut at about \$550M. We cannot do both.

I should note that Georgia's state government is 4th best state in the nation in spending the least amount of your money. Only FL, AZ, and TN are more frugal. If you include local and state spending, we drop to 8th best.

If you want your government to spend a lot of your money, then yes, this budget will be disappointing. If, however, you want smaller government and more of your money in your own pocket, then you should be pleased with our fiscal conservatism.

I hope you will pray for me as I try to serve the good peoples of Morgan and Newton counties. You may contact me at davebelton112@gmail.com.

David Carroll columnist

Do You Know Who I Am?

A while back, there were news reports of an elected official who appeared to be using her position to influence a police officer during a traffic stop.

According to video of the encounter, the elected official, who was a front-seat passenger in her car, could not provide proof of insurance or registration. In addition, the man who was driving had no license.

During the traffic stop, the elected official insisted the officer contact the Chief of Police. The cop said no, so the elected official said she would do it herself.

The encounter recalled several incidents in which well-known people responded to police officers with the "Do You Know Who I Am?" defense. That may have worked in the pre-social media days, or before officers started recording video with their body-camera. But nowadays, it usually ends up backfiring on the celebrity.

I don't know how the video became public, but word probably spread that a politician was trying to throw some weight around. The news media took it from there. These days, if you misbehave at a public place, or in the presence of a cop, you're probably being recorded. The elected official may not have known it at the time, but she does now.

Since my broadcasting career has made me somewhat recognizable on a local level, I guess I could say, "Do You Know Who I Am?" when trying to get seated at a fancy restaurant. But so far, that has not been an issue at my usual high-end dining options: Burger King, Hardee's and Shoney's.



There was one memorable traffic stop, several years ago. I did not play my celebrity card. (Actually, I don't have one. I do however, still have a Blockbuster card. I don't clean out my wallet very often).

I was 20 years old, and was the morning deejay on a powerful Chattanooga radio station. I had just gotten off work, and I was starving. (When you're 20, hunger pains occur every 15 minutes. You eat a huge burger, and never gain a pound. After you turn 40, you can sniff an onion ring and go up two shirt sizes).

It just so happened that a new Wendy's had recently opened near the radio station. I had looked forward to this, much as a child anticipates Santa's arrival. I had never eaten a Wendy's burger, so I considered it my duty to be among the first in line.

Evidently, I was in quite a hurry to sample that Wendy's burger. Shortly after I hit the highway, I saw the dreaded blue light flashing in my rear view mirror. I didn't even try to pretend he was chasing someone else. I was as guilty as Opie was, when he was taking credit for making all A's, even though Miss Crump had made a mistake. Unlike Opie however, I was not particularly cute, and I didn't have any writers to create an ending in which the officer would give me a hug and play his guitar on the front porch.

"Do you know how fast you're going?" the man in blue asked. "More than the speed limit, I know," I said. As I handed him my driver's

license, he studied it for a moment. "David Carroll, David Carroll," he repeated. "Where do I know that name from?"

"Well," I replied, "I'm on the radio, you may have heard me..." He cut me off. "Wait a minute! You're on KZ-106, right?" "Yes sir, that's me." He flashed a wide grin.

"I take my daughter to school every morning, and we never miss your show!" he exclaimed. As my head started to swell, he went on. "We think you're funny, we like them jokes you tell, and how you make fun of the news." I could already envision this speeding ticket being torn up and swept away by the wind.

"Hey listen," he said. "Reck on you could play a song for her in the morning? To avoid a ticket, I would have played a duet by Lawrence Welk and Yoko Ono. 'Absolutely,' I said. Then he ripped a page out of his notepad, and asked for an autograph. "Michelle will love this," he said. "She won't believe I met you."

I was just about to resume my trip to Wendy's. "Just one more thing," he said. "I started to comb my hair, figuring he wanted to grab a camera to capture a memento of our friendship. He then handed me a citation, and still smiling broadly, he said, "You'll need to come to City Court on Monday at 2:30. Be sure to bring sixty-two dollars in cash. It was great to meet you!"

As promised, I played a song for his daughter the next day. Maybe you've heard it. "I Fought the Law, and the Law Won."

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Eugene Robinson columnist

Democrats let Sanders off easy

WASHINGTON -- At Wednesday's debate, the Democratic candidates totally ignored my advice, offered in a recent column, not to go scorched-Earth on one another. Fine, that's their prerogative, no hurt feelings. But folks, at least acknowledge what you just did: You spent two hours bashing the wrong piñata.

I'm talking especially to you, Sen. Elizabeth Warren. And also to you, former Vice President Joe Biden, former mayor Pete Buttigieg and Sen. Amy Klobuchar. You spent most of the evening throwing punches at former New York mayor Michael Bloomberg. And though quite a few of those haymakers connected, it's not Bloomberg who potentially could build an uncatchable lead in the delegate count on Super Tuesday, less than two weeks away. It's Sen. Bernie Sanders who threatens to run away with this thing -- and you let him come through the melee with barely a scratch.

Sanders, who is 78 and recently had a heart attack, was asked about his refusal to release all of his medical records, but was hardly pressed aggressively on the subject. Biden slammed Sanders for voting to kill the 2007 immigration reform bill, but none of the other candidates took the opportunity to pile on. And Sanders wasn't asked at all about his numerous votes against modest and reasonable gun control measures supported by most Democrats.

I'm not arguing that Sanders has to be denied the nomination or that he can't possibly beat President Trump. But if his competitors decided to have a bare-knuckles debate, it was political malpractice for them to give the front-runner such a free



pass. And speaking of political malpractice, how is it even possible that Bloomberg did not come prepared to answer the tough questions he had to know he would face? On the stop-and-frisk policy Bloomberg championed, he mumbled aimlessly about the New York murder rate before finally saying, as if he'd just remembered, that "I've apologized. I've asked for forgiveness."

Bloomberg was even more flummoxed when Warren pressed him relentlessly about his history of sexist remarks and the non-disclosure agreements that silenced women who received financial settlements from his company. "Maybe they didn't like a joke I told" is hardly exculpatory.

On climate change -- which Bloomberg Philanthropies last year pledged half a billion dollars to combat -- Bloomberg was sharper and more specific than any of the others. Overall, however, he had a pretty awful night.

But did Bloomberg's shaky performance disqualify him in the eyes of Democratic primary voters, as his competitors seemed to hope? I doubt it. He made a mess, but he has until March 3 to clean it up. He can far outspend all the other campaigns put together on television, online and social media advertising in California, Texas and the other Super Tuesday states. All he has to do is avoid another fiasco at next week's debate in South Carolina.

All Sanders has to do, though, is stay on track and count the

delegates that are likely to come his way. Let's say he wins the caucuses in Nevada on Saturday, as polls suggest. And assume Biden's solid and energetic debate performance was enough for him to win in South Carolina a week later, but Sanders finishes second.

Sanders would then go into Super Tuesday with a delegate lead and a head of steam. Bloomberg is the only other candidate with the money to be competitive everywhere. But unless he or someone else manages to actually beat Sanders in one or more of the big states on March 3, Sanders could emerge with a lead that's almost impossible to erase.

The most important question of the debate came at the end. If no one comes to the convention with a majority of pledged delegates, moderator Chuck Todd asked, should the nomination go to the one who comes closest? Bloomberg, Warren, Biden, Klobuchar and Buttigieg all said no. Instead, they argued that the party's "superdelegate" rules, which allow certain elected officials and party insiders to throw their support to another candidate of their choice if there isn't a first-ballot winner at the Democratic convention, should be applied. Only Sanders maintained that whoever has a plurality should be given the nomination, because that would reflect the will of "the people."

That stance directly contradicts the position he took in 2016. That's because Sanders thinks he's going to have that lead going into the convention. And nobody did anything Wednesday night to stop him.

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AGRICULTURE

EPA and USDA Announce Continued Commitment to Support Rural Water Systems

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that will help rural water systems face the challenges of aging infrastructure, workforce shortages, increasing costs, limited management capacity and declining rate bases. Through this MOA, EPA and USDA will conduct joint activities to help rural water systems continue to provide access to safe drinking water

and protect their water resources.

"Rural water systems play a key role in the lives of all Americans," said EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water David Ross. "Investing resources in rural system infrastructure and management supports EPA's goal of ensuring that rural communities have the infrastructure necessary to become sustainable, protect public health and support the rural economy."

"We are pleased to continue this important work with EPA to support rural water and waste infrastructure," said USDA Rural Utilities

Service Administrator Chad Rupe. "Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Perdue, USDA is committed to working collaboratively with our federal partners to help rural systems thrive and serve their communities because when rural America thrives, all of America thrives."

To ensure that rural systems have a strong foundation to address 21st century challenges, this MOA formalizes ongoing collaboration by EPA and USDA to help implement innovative strategies and tools so that these systems can achieve short- and long-term

sustainability. This MOA focuses on four key areas. First, EPA and USDA will continue supporting sustainability and resilience by providing resources such as training and education to incorporate these strategies into utility management. Second, the agencies will continue supporting water system partnerships, including by educating communities and utilities on the array of tools that are available to support partnerships that can increase sustainability. Third, actions under the MOA will also continue supporting the water sector workforce, in part by continuing to

raise awareness of rural water sector careers through promotional initiatives. Finally, EPA and USDA will also continue supporting compliance with drinking water and clean water regulations, including by making these rural systems a funding priority.

This action supports EPA's 50th anniversary celebration and its February theme of protecting America's waters—including surface water protection, safe drinking water and water infrastructure investments.

For more information visit: www.epa.gov/safewater.

Background

Nationally, more than 97 percent of 153,000 public drinking water systems serve fewer than 10,000 people and 78 percent of the 15,000 wastewater treatment plants treat less than one million gallons per day. These small systems are often in rural settings and face unique challenges in providing affordable drinking water and wastewater services that meet federal and state regulations as well as ensuring that operations are sustainable in the future. Strategic approaches are needed to help rural areas improve the quality of water for rural residents.

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 238 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 15, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.7 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 192 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 15, 2020, up 5 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through February 15, 2020 for the United States were 1.34 billion. Cumulative placements were up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set - Selected States and United States: 2020

State	January 11, 2020 (1,000 eggs)	January 18, 2020 (1,000 eggs)	January 25, 2020 (1,000 eggs)	February 1, 2020 (1,000 eggs)	February 8, 2020 (1,000 eggs)	February 15, 2020 (1,000 eggs)	Percent of previous year	
Alabama	34,108	34,126	34,255	35,810	34,263	33,276	105	
Florida	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,188	1,258	1,183	107	
Georgia	30,000	35,102	30,549	30,214	35,004	30,119	101	
South Carolina	5,417	5,671	5,753	5,885	5,802	5,887	103	
United States	230,368	237,430	240,312	238,518	239,219	237,682	105	

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Broiler Hatchery, February 19, 2020

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Alabama	24,810	24,837	24,823	25,202	25,401	24,723	103	
Florida	1,230	1,282	1,285	1,245	1,287	1,282	98	
Georgia	24,577	26,043	27,281	26,270	27,058	26,480	104	
South Carolina	4,907	5,134	5,402	5,660	4,521	4,982	92	
United States	108,799	121,102	118,543	121,240	120,423	118,176	105	

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Broiler Hatchery, February 19, 2020

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Mass timber construction technology holds promise for Georgia forestry

By DAVE WILLIAMS
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - Georgia's timber industry, which already tops the nation in a number of categories, may get a boost from new technology that lets developers construct mid-rise office buildings made mostly of wood.

The General Assembly is considering legislation asking the state Department of Community Affairs to recommend whether Georgia should adopt a provision in the International Building Code that allows buildings constructed of "mass timber" to rise as high as 18 stories. The state building code limits wood office buildings to six stories.

Other countries and some states already are taking advantage of the international provision to put up mid-rise office buildings well above Georgia's height limit, said Rep. John Corbett, R-Lake Park, chief sponsor of House Bill 777 and a timber farmer.

"Out on the West Coast, Washington and Oregon have done it. Canada has been using it for some time," he said. "It's going to be a good fit for our Southern yellow pine. It's a good opportunity for us."

Georgia already is the No. 1 state in commercially available timberland, with 22 million acres of privately owned forests. The Peach State also is tops in the nation in exports of pulp, paper, wood fuel and wood pellets.

Forestry generates an annual economic impact of \$36.3 billion and is Georgia's second largest industry, accounting for 148,414 direct and indirect jobs, according to the Forsyth-based Georgia Forestry Association.

Andy Barrs, president and CEO of Watkinsville-based Barrs Industries, which owns stretches of timberland throughout the Southeast, said the science of building with mass timber has existed for decades. But the market for mid-rise office buildings made mostly of wood is still emerging, he said.

Builders glue cross-laminated timbers together to create a strong material that can be used for floors, ceilings and load-bearing walls, Barrs said. "They can cut the pieces exactly, so the preciseness is very high," he said. "It allows buildings to occur in urban areas with a smaller footprint. It's a very efficient way to build, kind of like Lincoln Logs."

Bill de St. Aubin, CEO of Sizemore Group, an architectural firm based in Atlanta, said concerns over fire protection have prompted some hesitation to use wood in mid-rise office buildings. But mass timber - unlike the wood used in stick-built residential construction - is actually more fire resistant than steel, he said.

"The new law recognizes wood is a protective material," he said. "Mass timber doesn't light easily. ... Mass timber is very thick. It's a really strong material." Mass timber has yet to make significant inroads in Georgia. Some cities passed ordinances in recent years limiting the height of buildings made of wood, but the General Assembly passed a bill in 2018 prohibiting local governments from imposing height restrictions below what the state code provides.

Use of the technology currently is limited to two buildings in Atlanta. The recently

completed T3 West Midtown building at Atlantic Station consists of a concrete ground floor and six stories made of wood.

The recently opened 47,000-square-foot Kendeda Living Building on the campus of Georgia Tech won last year's top prize for innovative sustainable design from the Atlanta Regional Commission.

Sizemore Group currently is building a new church for Our Lady of Lourdes in Atlanta's Old Fourth Ward, the city's oldest African American Catholic church.

"Every project I do now, I look at mass timber first," Aubin said. Andres Villegas, president and CEO of the Georgia Forestry Association, said the ability to construction mid-rise office buildings from wood would go a long way toward sustaining the state's timber industry.

"It will give landowners a reason to continue planting trees," he said. "It's a great opportunity for us, especially in Atlanta where we have so much construction this can be applied to."

The House bill calls for the Department of Community Affairs to begin its review of the International Building Code this summer and complete its work before July 1, 2021.

Villegas said he's not surprised by the length of the process.

"It takes a little time for new technology to be accepted," he said. "There's a lag time that occurs with the international building codes being adopted at the state level."

House Bill 777 passed the House Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee unanimously early this month and is expected to before the full House soon.

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Newton County's mentoring program: helping students succeed

By JASMINE FLOYD
Staff writer

According to the Newton Mentoring Program's website, "NMI's mission is to build and strengthen the character and competence of children and youth, which will help build their leadership abilities, thus, their ability, to succeed during their school years and beyond."

Mentor and former director Margaret Washington says the program was founded in 2008 by Judge Horace Johnson who wanted to provide support for children K-12 in the Newton County School System. She said that all schools in Newton County are involved with the program.

Washington said students have to be enrolled in a Newton County school to participate. She said referrals for the program usually come from counselors, teachers, parents, DEACS and juvenile courts.

Washington mentors 15-year-old Kendyl Maddox, who she has known since third grade.

"I've watched Kendyl blossom into a beautiful and bright young lady. I plan to stick with her



Kendyl Maddox (left) with her mentor Margaret Washington. Photo by Jasmine Floyd

through college and beyond," she said.

Washington said she tries to encourage and assist Kendyl, as well as advocate for her.

"To me, that is one of the beauties of being a mentor. Once the student becomes comfortable with you, they trust and began to talk to you in ways they may not be able to with their parents," she said.

"I am whatever Kendyl may need."

Mentors meet one day a week for an hour at school. Mentors are also allowed to meet their mentees outside of school if needed.

"Many mentors like myself meet outside of school. I try to stay in touch with Kendyl and dedicate as much time as I can," Washington said.

Kendyl said her

mentor has helped her through tough times and that she is very grateful to have Washington in her life.

"Ms. Washington is the greatest mentor of all time," she said, "If I need help with my classes she'll bring flashcards. If I have a problem she is right there to listen. Not only is she an amazing mentor, Ms. Washington is like family to me and she has had a huge impact on my life."

Kendyl believes kids who aren't aware of the program can gain a friend from the experience.

"Mentors become family once you let your guard down and open up," she said, "It is very essential when growing up that we as students have someone that is willing to help no matter what."

SAWYER

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leader, dispatched from The National Headquarters in Atlanta, he was immediately targeted by Sheriff Henry Odum Jr., who threatened to kill Brooks with a double barreled sawed off shotgun, while marching back to St. Paul AME Church."

Jackson-Ransom wrote that nobody died and that the movement was a success.

"It was a major success and victory over Jim Crow Legal Segregation and discrimination," she wrote, "Six years later, Sheriff Odum apologized to Brooks, publicly for his awful conduct, profanity, threatening to kill him, and jailing the Newton Six and others etc. Sheriff Odum died a short time later."

"Because of this movement Newton County now has an African American sheriff, Ezell Brown. Covington, Newton County, GA is

a major Metro Atlanta city that's a thriving and beautiful community today. A Historic Marker was later placed at the old jail to commemorate the Newton Six victory. Brooks is still a frequent visitor."

In February 2013, Sawyer and Anthony Shy were honored at the Historic Courthouse as Newton County Civil Rights heroes. In a March 10, 2013 story in The Covington News, Shy described what it was like to have Sawyer participate in the march.

"The police started at the front of the line and worked their way back with the handcuffs," Shy said remembering the day. "Forrest Sawyer was right out front. All of us kids called him the Motivator because he walked alongside us, shouting encouragement through a bullhorn."

At the end of Tuesday's Board of Commis-

sioners meeting, Chairman Marcello Banes remembered Sawyer's contributions to Newton County.

"I had the privilege of going to a friend of mine's bedside," he said, "Someone who has done so much for, I say, for Newton County. I won't just say for the African-American community, I'll say for Newton County as a whole, seeing him, and hearing him whisper to me, saying, 'All I wanted was what was best for Newton County'..."

"You know, he was a little rough around the edges, but he had to be for the time that he came along in this community. And I'm so thankful that he did - he paved the way for a lot of people and he's going to be truly missed in this community. And I feel so thankful that I had the opportunity to be a part of his life."

FIREFIGHTER

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back up."

Calhoun said he turned the child over to EMS, who checked him found no other problems.

Fire Chief Michael Conner said he was notified at home of the incident by Newton County Sheriff's Office Deputy Andy Holcomb.

"S/O was there before the fire truck, and evidently, and Chris even alluded to it, it was kind of a chaotic scene," he said, "And nobody really knew what to do."

Conner said Holcomb told him that Calhoun's professionalism and calm demeanor settled the scene.

"Deputy Holcomb said he felt like that if it had been anybody else and had not recognized what was happening as quickly as Chris did, the outcome could have been catastrophic," he said.

Prior to being honored in Atlanta for his life saving effort, Calhoun was awarded the NCFS Lifesaving Award at the department's award banquet on Jan. 31.

Conner said in a statement that Calhoun was nominated for the state award by NCFS. He said GEMSA (Georgia Emergency Medical Service Association) board received nominations in several different areas of EMS from across the state. They then paneled a board to review all nominations received and select a winner for each category.

Calhoun received the Tim Peebles Champion of Children Excellence and Advocacy Award during the 2020 EMS Awards Reception at the Ga. Freight Depot in downtown Atlanta. The award is dedicated to the memory of Captain Tim Peebles who advocated quality pre-hospital care and for preventing injury and illness in children.

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Faulkner named advertising specialist

STAFF REPORT
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Georgia-native Lauren Faulkner has been hired as an advertising specialist at *The Covington News*.

Faulkner previously worked for Help A Child Smile's mobile dental program for children whom do not get the dental care and attention needed for various reasons at home.

"I'm a firm believer of 'keeping it local.' We have so many incredible businesses right here in Newton County. I am excited and looking forward to meeting the masterminds behind these ventures and providing tools to spread awareness of what they have to offer," said Faulkner.

"People should buy



Lauren Faulkner: Photo by Barry Walsh local whenever possible. We just have to make sure that people know these businesses exist and what they have to offer the community. I thought jumping on board with *The Covington News* as an advertising sales specialist would be a wonderful way of accomplishing my goal. We can help the businesses of Newton County flourish with new growth by providing the tools needed to spread awareness of what this community has to offer!"

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OBITUARIES

Sarah Pratt Moore
J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home

Mrs. Sarah Pratt Moore, age 86, of Covington passed away Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020.

She was born in Macon, Georgia on Feb. 21, 1933. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard N. Moore, Jr. Sarah was the daughter of Parks Winfield and Emma Thomson Pratt who have preceded her in death.

Mrs. Moore was a graduate of the University of Georgia where she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. Mrs. Moore was an elementary school

teacher after graduating, before becoming a wonderful homemaker and mother. She was Methodist by faith. For many years she worked at the Walls Book Store in Covington. She was an avid reader, she enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, cooking, fishing, and loved to play bridge. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend.

Along with her parents Mrs. Moore was preceded in death by her brothers, William Albert Pratt, James Donald Pratt, Parks Winfield Pratt, Jr., and sisters,

Joyce Pratt Hopkins, Doris Pratt Kirkland, and Anne Pratt Poss. She is survived by her brother, Hugh Kenneth Pratt, of Evans Georgia, her sons Willard N. "Bill" Moore, III and wife Crista, of Lakeland, Florida, Robert T. "Bob" Moore and wife Mylin, of Deerfield Beach, Florida, and James G. "Jim" Moore of Santee, GA, her grandchildren Greg Sullivan, Pamela Brown, Lindsay Moore, Logan Moore, Nicole Moore, and Bobby Moore along with many nieces, nephews, other family and close

friends.

Graveside services for Mrs. Moore will be held Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020 at 2:00 PM, at Covington City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Amity Hospice, 161 Village Parkway, Building 7, Marietta, GA 30067, American Heart Association, www.heart.org or the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org. The family has selected J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home to assist them with the arrangements.

Joyce L. Kitchens
J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home

Mrs. Joyce L. Kitchens, age 88, of Oxford passed away Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020. She was born in Rockdale County on Feb. 5, 1932 to Harvey W. Sr and Effie Womack Kiser who have preceded her in death.

Mrs. Kitchens grew up in Conyers and in the Cornish Mountain community of Walton and Newton Counties. She established her relationship with the Lord early in life at Honey Creek Baptist Church and was a longtime member of

Cornish Mountain Baptist Church. Mrs. Kitchens loved blue grass music, she played the bass fiddle, the piano, the accordion and sang. She became a wonderful artist later in life, some of her paintings will be displayed during her visitation.

Mrs. Kitchens attended Athens Technical College and was a Licensed Practical Nurse working at Newton General Hospital, Clinical Arts Home Health Care, and Southern Plantation Assisted Living in Loganville. She

was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

Mrs. Kitchens was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis F. Kitchens, her daughters Angela Kitchens Harper and Faye Kitchens Eskew, and her granddaughter, Amber Grant. She is survived by her children Cynthia Marvel and husband Phil of Oxford, Shane Kitchens and wife Amy of Covington and Renee Grant of Bacliff, Texas. Her 12 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild survive her as well, along with her brother Starling Kiser and wife Mabel of

Conyers and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kitchens will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, 2020 at Cornish Mountain Baptist Church with Reverend Randall Allgood and Dr. Randy Reese officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. The family will receive friends at J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020. The family has selected J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home to assist them with the arrangements. A guest book may be signed online www.harwellfuneralhome.com.

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TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, sometimes the road you are traveling on has an unexpected detour. Rather than get frustrated by the situation, enjoy the new scenery that comes along the way.
GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, the more research you do, the more secure you will feel with your decisions. You may have to delve a little further into a decision in the days to come.
CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Your career is about to take a unique turn. Cancer. However, you may have to devote some more of your personal time to be able to handle the new responsibilities.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Whatever problems have cropped up around the house can be easily remedied. Leo. There is no need to stress about them. Instead, get a new perspective.
VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Friendly and approachable is what you need to be this week, Virgo. Someone may be watching you carefully, and you need to be mindful of perceptions.
LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you're all revved up and ready to go but really have no solid destination. Don't fret. Some inspiration will soon come to you and guide your path.
SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Pay attention to all of the small details, as they help complete the bigger picture, Scorpio. This involves dotting every "i" and crossing every "t." Follow up on all loose ends.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, express how you are feeling, even if all of your beliefs aren't popular with everyone. Don't worry; there are many people who are in your corner.
CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Don't be intimidated by other people who think they have all of the answers. Be bold and your assertive attitude will soon lead to positive results.
AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Taking each day as it comes without thinking too much about where you are going could be a great strategy right now, Aquarius. Overthinking things could be a recipe for trouble.
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
It is one thing to have big ideas, but quite another to put plans into action, Pisces. You are ready to step up this week and make things happen.

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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, 1TC3LC46K98N244222, Tag: RGF0515, 2014 Toyota Corolla, 2T1BUHHE5C031906

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:

ALMON PRIME, LLC
SHAHNEWAZ HOSSAIN
55 ALMON ROAD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

OCCUPATION TAX/BUSINESS

License Contact:
TINA WATERS
BUSINESS LICENSE Clerk
TWATERS@CO.NEWTON.GA.US

PUBLIC NOTICE #116470
2/16,23

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:

BROWN BRIDGE MANAGEMENT,
DAVID FOODLAND
ADOLPHE R DIJKIND
15058 BROWN BRIDGE ROAD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

OCCUPATION TAX/BUSINESS

License Contact:
TINA WATERS
BUSINESS LICENSE Clerk
TWATERS@CO.NEWTON.GA.US

PUBLIC NOTICE #116518
2/23,31

Bids

THE CITY OF COVINGTON is seeking bids from licensed contractors for the construction of an ADA compliant public restroom facility for the City of Covington as specified in exhibit "A" of the bid packet

SEALED BIDS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014. Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 10:00 am at City Hall located at 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, Georgia 30014.

REQUEST FOR Bids and additional information may be obtained at City Hall or by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.ga/index.php?section=business-opportunities>

THE CITY of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116515
2/23,31

THE CITY of Covington is soliciting sealed bids to furnish all labor, material and equipment for the pipe lining project. The location of the project has been outlined in an attached document titled "Exhibit A" The projected work includes lining approximately 1200 linear foot of corrugated metal pipe using the cured in place method, installing new access points as necessary to provide access, altering existing structures to provide proper access, adjusting all new and altered access points to grade for future maintenance (a) access, pre and post repair CCTV inspection, cleaning and haul away of waste materials, regrading around new and altered access point to tie in to existing yards, and sodding all disturbed areas The contractor will also be responsible for traffic control, erosion control and proper disposal of any environmentally sensitive waste materials as well as any fees associated for water usage for the City of Covington.

SEALED BIDS must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014. Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00 am Wednesday, April 1st, 2020. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 am Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at City Hall located at 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, Georgia 30014. A 5% Bid Bond will be required with bid. A Payment and Performance Bond in the amount of 100% will be required from awarded vendor.

REQUEST FOR Bids and additional information may be obtained at City Hall or by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.ga/index.php?section=business-opportunities>

THE CITY of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116516
2/23,31

Citations

BILLY RAY HOOPER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **WILLIAM T. 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 WHITTED**, 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

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) of **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 **WILLIAM T. HOOPER**, deceased. **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 and objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk. All filings must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you wish to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. All elections 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 **William 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 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 Woodland Capital Franchising, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code, Princ. place of business: 5080 Hwy. 212, Covington, GA 30016-5019. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 5080 Hwy. 212, Covington, GA 30016-5019, and its initial registered agent at such address is Timothy S. Davis.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116500
2/23,31

NOTICE

NOTICE is given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Woodland Capital Holdings, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code, Princ. place of business: 5080 Hwy. 212, Covington, GA 30016-5019. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 5080 Hwy. 212, Covington, GA 30016-5019, and its initial registered agent at such address is Timothy S. Davis.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116489
2/23,31

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

NOTICE is given that articles of amendment which will change the name of: Supreme Plant Services, Inc. (present corporate name) to DFW, Inc. (proposed corporation name) have been delivered to the Secretary Of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Code. The registered office of the corporation is located at: 557 Woodstock Dobbs Road, Covington, GA 30016.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116503
2/23,31

Debtors 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 KINGS POINT DRIVE
WOODSTOCK, GA 30188

PUBLIC NOTICE #116473
2/16,23,31,18

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.

B. Turner, JR.
EXECUTOR OF the Estate
of MARGIE GREENE CLINE
P.O. BOX 1617
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015-7701

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 **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 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) 786-1553
FACSIMILE (770) 767-7071

PUBLIC NOTICE #116473
2/16,23,31,8

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 10TH day of February 2020.

TIMOTHY STEVEN COE
365 HODGES Farm Road
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

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PUBLIC NOTICE #116473
2/16,23,31,8

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 10TH day of February, 2020.

MARTHA K. CLEVELAND
180 PALMER DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116482
2/16,23,31,8

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.

NANCY LYNN HIGGINBOTHAM
115 COUNTRY WALK
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #116486
2/16,23,31,8

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ANNE 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.

PHILIP RILEY KIMBLE
430 BEECH CHURCH ROAD
COMMERCIAL, GEORGIA 30030

PUBLIC NOTICE #116494
2/16,23,31,8

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
2/16,23,31,8

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.

THEODOR PARKS
100 COTTONWOOD DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116484
2/16,23,31,8

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
2/16,23,31,8

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
21419 MEADOW VIEW CT
CONITS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #116485
2/16,23,31,8

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
168 HARVEY DRIVE SE
CONYERS, GA 30013

PUBLIC NOTICE #116487
2/16,23,31,8

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JOHNNY TED CLEVELAND**, 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
180 PALMER DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116482
2/16,23,31,8

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.

MARTHA K. CLEVELAND
180 PALMER DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116482
2/16,23,31,8

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.

2020.

JENNIFER RAE MASK
192 MARBY RD.
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116483
2/16,23,31,8

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **MARY ELLEN SECHLER**, 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.

COREY WILDS SECHLER
65 WILLOW SHOALS DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116491
2/16,23,31,8

NOTICE

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SAYED PROPERTY may be bestowed upon any individual or legal valorem xax (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not it has been levied) as a gift or right of redemption of any existing debt, without the need for any court authority, any inspectors which might be required by local authorities, any survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, etc., and without the necessity of record prior to the Security Deed first set out above.

SALE

The undersigned subject (1) to be confirmed that the sale is being conducted through the Federal Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the records of the Federal Department of the Security Debt Pursuant to O.G.C.A. Section 9-13-172 (1) and (2) and (3) and (4) regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, and the recording of such and other foreclosing documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. "Auctioneer"

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

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

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 770-307-3055.

WITNESS THE Honorable Nancy Ragsdale, Associate Judge of said Court.

THIS 22ND day of January, 2020.

EMILY 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 GENIEVA LAVENE MASK, YOU ARE NOTICED that the above styled action is 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 your 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 6:30 o'clock a.m. for a status hearing (attorney appointment only); and on the 27th day of May, 2020 at 6:30 p'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 15-1-93 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, Georgia, Forsyth, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 o'clock a.m. until 5:00 p'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# 107-184-0385
MINOR CHILD UNDER 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS

TO: KAYLA Leighann Bates, Parent Kavazovic and John Does, Halid said minor child born to Kayla Leighann Bates on the above-stated 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(2). You are hereby commanded and required to appear before the court on the 28th 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, 1132 Usher

Street, Covington, GA 30014.

READ CAREFULLY

THIS SUMMONS requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile Court of Newton County, Georgia on **2/26/2020** at **10:00 a.m.**

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 cannot afford a lawyer, please contact your attorney immediately.

IF YOU want a lawyer but are not able to hire one, you may apply for financial hardship, you may ask the Court to appoint a lawyer to represent you. The Court will consider 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 January, 2020.

JANELL GAINES
CLERK
NEWTON COUNTY Juvenile Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116476
2/16,23,31,8

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE:
WILLIAM TREVOR 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 to all parties to law to any interested or affected party to appear in the Superior Court of Newton County and to the 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. 037381
P.O. BOX 1006, FORTSMITH, GA 30013
PHONE: (770) 760-9383
FAX: (770) 760-1629
EMAIL: SLBATTY@BELLSOUTH.NET

PUBLIC NOTICE #116459
2/9,16,23,31

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:

PETITIONER is a resident of Newton County, Jurisdiction and Venue are proper.

PETITIONER WAS born in 1988.

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.

WHEREFORE

A. PETITIONER seeks that her name be changed to Courtney Rae Lewis.

B. THAT notice of this Petition be given as provided by law.

C. FOR any and all other relief as the Court sees just and fit.

GEORGIA BAR NO. 153034
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
THE STEWART Law Office
(MAILING ADDRESS)
209 MILLMEADE AVE
MONROE, GEORGIA 30655

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116464
2/16,23,31,8

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 its undersigned attorney, filed her petition in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, on the 27th day of January, 2020, praying for a change in the name of the 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
MC DONOUGH, 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

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of: **LEASLI MANDELL HARTFIELD**
PETITIONER
FILE NUMBER:
2020-CV-156-4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

LEASLI MANDELL HARTFIELD filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on January 22nd, 2020, to change the name of LEASLI MANDELL HARTFIELD to LEASLI MANDELL HARTFIELD. ANY INTERESTED parties have the right to appear in this case and to file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED JANUARY 22nd, 2020

LEASLI MANDELL Hartfield
2055 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
1024 COLLEGE WALK
OXFORD, GA 30054

NOTICE #116441
2/9,16,23,31

Notice of Proceedings

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

TRUST BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, PETITIONERS.

ROBERT DIGBY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF KAREN S. Respondent.
C/A FILE No. 2019-CV-479-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER for service by publication dated January 6, 2019, Respondent Unknown Heirs of Karen S. Digby are hereby notified that TRUST BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, filed court suit against them on 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 6th of January, 2020

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK, SUPERIOR COURT
PREPARED AND Presented By:
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PUBLIC NOTICE #116423
2/2,9,16,23

Public Notice

CITY OF Covington
NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

NOTICE IS hereby given that, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 14.08.100, James Hull of Patrick & Associates, Inc. has submitted an application for Covington Town Center Phase 2 Final Plat consisting of 13 tracts parcels totaling approximately 108.64 to construct commercial and residential uses in a Town Center Mixed-Use zoning district on property located at 10227 Alcovy Road in Covington, Georgia. The property is referenced as TAX PARCELS C280 0021 and C280 002A.

THE PLANNING Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA and a Work Session at 5:30 p.m. at same location. The Mayor and Council will hold a hearing on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mary Darby, Planning & Zoning Director at 770-385-2719, or via email at mdarby@cityofcovington.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116519
2/23

CITY OF Covington
NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

NOTICE IS hereby given that, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 14.08.100, Kevin Webb has submitted an application for Parcel Division to convert one lot into four lots for properties located at 7108 Durand Circle in Covington, Georgia for residential use in a Neighborhood Residential (NR-2) zoning district. The property is referenced as TAX PARCEL NUMBER C039 0003 002.

THE PLANNING Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA and a Work Session at 5:30 p.m. at same location. The Mayor and Council will hold a hearing on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mary Darby, Planning & Zoning Director at 770-385-2719, or via email at mdarby@cityofcovington.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116521
2/23

CITY OF Covington
NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

NOTICE IS hereby given that, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 14.08.100, Use Measures has submitted two applications for Parcel Divisions located at one lot into two lots, properties located at 2223 and 2225 Emory Street and 2222 and 2224 Le (one lot with four addresses) and for properties located at 2223 and 2225 Emory Street in the Newton County Superior Court on January 22nd, 2020 to change the name of LEASLI MANDELL HARTFIELD to LEASLI MANDELL HARTFIELD. ANY INTERESTED parties have the right to appear in this case and to file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

THE PLANNING Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA and a Work Session at 5:30 p.m. at same location. The Mayor and Council will hold a hearing on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mary Darby, Planning & Zoning Director at 770-385-2719, or via email at mdarby@cityofcovington.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116520
2/23

CITY OF COVINGTON
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE IS hereby given that on March 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. a Planning Commission Work Session will be held to review and discuss the below proposed text amendment at the Covington City Airport located at 14100 GA-142 Covington, Georgia. In addition, at 6:00 p.m. on the same date (March 10, 2020) and same location (14100 GA-142), the Covington Planning Commission shall review and make recommendations to Mayor and City Council on the passage of an ordinance entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA TO AMEND THE CITY OF COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, ENACTED AND ADOPTED ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING SECTION 16.07.010 (DEFINITIONS) OF CHAPTER 16.08 (INTERPRETATION) AND AMENDING SECTION 16.16.020 (PERMITTED USES) OF CHAPTER 16.15 (STANDARD ZONING DISTRICTS) TO 16.20.475 (MIXED-USE BUILDING) OF CHAPTER 16.20 (SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS) AND TO REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

THE PLANNING Commission deferred this proposed text amendment from February 2020 meeting for further review and consideration. The Mayor and City Council may consider this text Amendment on March 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 2116 Stallings Street. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mary Darby, Director of Planning & Zoning at 770-385-2179.

CITY OF COVINGTON
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE IS hereby given that the Covington Planning Commission will hold a Work Session in the City Council Chambers Conference Room at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, Georgia before each Planning Commission meeting to review and discuss proposed zoning agenda items on April 14, 2020, May 12, 2020, Jun 9, 2020, July 14, 2020, August 11, 2020, September 8, 2020, October 13, 2020, November 10, 2020, December 8, 2020 and January 12, 2021. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mary Darby, Director of Planning & Zoning at 770-385-2179.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116514
2/23

LOGIC AND ACCURACY
TESTING PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS hereby given that the logic and accuracy testing on the absentee advance voting units for the March 24, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary Election will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2020. Testing will continue from day to day until complete and members of the public are entitled to be present during testing. Said testing and preparation will be conducted at 1115 Usher Street, Suite 103 Covington, Georgia.

ELECTION SUPERINTENDENT
NEWTON COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE #116517
2/23

NOTICE IS hereby given that at 6:30 p.m. on February 17, 2020 at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, Georgia the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington, Georgia, shall provide for a hearing on the passage of an ordinance entitled:

THE CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA TO AMEND THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, ENACTED AND ADOPTED ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 13 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING SECTION 13.08.290 (INDUSTRIAL SERVICE) AND SECTION 13.08.300 (LARGE INDUSTRIAL SERVICE) OF CHAPTER 13.08 (ELECTRIC UTILITIES) OF CHAPTER 13.08 (CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

A COPY of said proposed ordinance is posted on the bulletin board at the City of Covington, Georgia at the City of Covington, Georgia at 2116 Emory Street, Suite 103 Covington, Georgia.

THIS 18TH day of February, 2020.

CITY OF COVINGTON
AUDRA M. Gutierrez
CITY CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE #116511
2/23

NOTICE IS hereby given that at 6:30p.m. on February 17, 2020 at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, Georgia the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington, shall provide for a hearing on the passage of an ordinance entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA TO AMEND THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, ENACTED AND ADOPTED ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 16 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING SECTION 16.07.010 (DEFINITIONS) OF CHAPTER 16.08 (INTERPRETATION) AND AMENDING SECTION 16.16.020 (PERMITTED USES) OF CHAPTER 16.15 (STANDARD ZONING DISTRICTS) TO 16.20.475 (MIXED-USE BUILDING) OF CHAPTER 16.20 (SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS) AND TO REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

A COPY of said proposed ordinance is posted on the bulletin board at the City of Covington, Georgia at the City of Covington, Georgia at 2116 Emory Street, Suite 103 Covington, Georgia.

THIS 18TH day of February, 2020.

CITY OF COVINGTON
AUDRA M. Gutierrez
CITY CLERK

CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING SECTION 16.16.020 (PERMITTED USES) OF CHAPTER 16.16 (STANDARD ZONING DISTRICTS) AND TO ADOPT SECTION 16.20.275 (DWELLING, SINGLE-FAMILY PROVISIONS) OF CHAPTER 16.20 (SUPPLEMENTAL USE PROVISIONS) AND TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

A COPY of said proposed ordinance is posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia.

THIS 18TH day of February 2020.

THE CITY OF COVINGTON
AUDRA M. Gutierrez
CITY CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE #116510
2/23

Public Sales Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE FOLLOWING vehicles were **ABANDONED** and have been **RECOVERED** through the **NEWTON COUNTY** Magistrate **COURT.**

THESE VEHICLES will be sold at **public auction on Saturday, FEBRUARY 29, 2020 @ 10:00p.m.**
REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 12:00 noon.

THE AUCTION will be held at: **CHANCEY'S WRECKER SERVICE, INC.**
538 HIGHTOWER MILL RD.
CONOVERS, GA 30012
PHONE: 770-463-6996
FAX: 770-922-5223

2002 CHEVROLET Malibu
1G1ND52J2M507302

2011 DODGE Caliber
1B3CB3HASBD106068

1988 DODGE Ram 1500
3B7HC17Y7W208379

2006 BMW 330i
WBVBS3350P933880

2006 Ford Expedition
1FMPU175X6LA8156

1994 HONDA Civic
1HGEJ1232RL021140

2002 Ford Expedition
1FMYUE0E42C91972

2007 CHEVROLET Cobalt
1G1AK1677791952

2005 Ford Five Hundred
1FAFP2145G16446

2002 DODGE Grand Caravan
2B8GP74LX2R550690

1997 FORD F-150
1FTDX1769VA06821

2003 DODGE Caravan
1D8G25R3B3327819

2005 INFINITI G35
JKNYC1E55M223539

2013 GMC Terrain
2GKALKE1D6324816

2013 NISSAN Altima
1N4AL3APDC181670

1991 CHEVROLET S10
1GCCS14Z0M016993

2001 FORD Focus
1FAFP3431W351587

2000 Ford Ranger
1FTF1AV12YAT772

1998 TOYOTA Corolla
1NXBR12E3W2081246