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## Johnson says tax fairness is the fundamental issue facing Congress

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U.S. Rep. Hank Johnson told government, business and education leaders in Newton County Tuesday afternoon that fairness in the tax code is the fundamental policy issue facing Congress today.

“As I have made my way to Congress, I have discovered what is the most crucial issue that we battle about in Washington, D.C. and it’s not immigration, it’s not the border wall,” he said. “Those are diversions. They are very important subjects. Border security and immigration, in general, are very important.”

“Infrastructure is very important also. National security, education, healthcare - those are all very important issues. But it seems to me that the basic thing that di-

vides us in Congress is the issue of taxation. It is the issue of whether or not there’s going to be fairness in our tax system.”

The six-term congressman from DeKalb County was in Oxford to speak at a Covington/Newton County Chamber of Commerce luncheon hosted by Oxford College of Emory University in the Phi Gamma Hall of the college.

“I just read an article the other day in CNN,” he said. “It was an article about Amazon which netted profits of \$10 billion back in 2018, but yet paid not one red cent in United States taxes. Not a penny on \$10 billion in profits - not revenue, but profits. And that is not fair, it is not right.”

Johnson talked about a map he has in his office that shows the seven seas patrolled

■ See **JOHNSON, 3A**



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Seated, from left, Julia Towns, Rebekah Stowe and Jordyn Greenwood. Standing, from left, Heather Henderson, Michael Poor and Trupti Shah.

## NCSS, Kiwanis Club of Covington announce 2019 STAR students, STAR teachers

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Newton County School System and the Kiwanis Club of Covington are pleased to announce the 2019 STAR Students and STAR Teachers.

In order to obtain the STAR nomination, high school seniors must have the highest score on a single test date on the three-part SAT.

The SAT is a national college entrance exam some colleges and universities utilize to measure critical thinking skills students need for academic success in college. The SAT assesses how well students analyze and solve problems. It is typically taken by high school juniors and seniors. Each section of the SAT is scored on a scale of 200 to 800, with the new version of the exam worth a total of 1600 points. In order to qualify for STAR Student,

the student must also be in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of their class based on grade point average.

Newton County School System’s three high school STAR Students and STAR Teachers are:

**Alcovy High School - Julia Towns**

Julia Towns is a senior at Alcovy High School and the Newton College and Career Academy STEM Institute and she is also a dual enrollment student at Georgia State Perimeter College. Julia is Alcovy High School’s 2019 STAR Student after scoring a very impressive 1,470 out of 1,600 on the SAT. In addition to her studies, Julia has played varsity tennis for Alcovy High School and also served on the Newton County School System Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council. During her time at Alcovy and the STEM Institute, Julia has taken numerous AP Classes, including

World History, US History, Environmental Science, Language, Chemistry, and Calculus. While at Georgia State Perimeter College, she has enrolled in such classes as Anthropology, Sociology, Calculus, English, Humanities, and Economics.

Julia has been accepted to attend the University of North Georgia. While she has not decided on a major, she is considering an engineering dual degree. Her career plans have also not been finalized as of yet.

Julia selected Ms. Heather Henderson from the Newton College and Career Academy STEM Institute, as her STAR Teacher. Julia was enrolled in Ms. Henderson’s ninth-grade government class and her 11th grade US History Class. This is Ms. Henderson’s first time being selected as a STAR teacher.

When asked why she selected Ms. Henderson, Julia stated, “She was always my favorite teacher and she

always gave me a lot of individual attention, which she does for a lot of her students. She really cares and really would push me. If I got lazy, she’d push me and get me back on track, which was really helpful.”

According to Ms. Henderson, Julia has been a true joy to have in class.

“Teaching Julia has been a privilege,” Henderson said. “She’s the epitome of the perfect student: self-confident, meticulous, and inquisitive.”

**Newton High School - Jordyn Greenwood**

Jordyn Greenwood is a senior at the Academy of Liberal Arts at Newton High School and she was recently announced as Newton High School’s Class of 2019 Salutatorian. She is also Newton High School’s 2019 STAR Student. Jor-

■ See **STAR, 3A**

## Covington police cite store employees for underage alcohol sales

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The Covington Police Department issued citations to employees of eight businesses last week after they allegedly sold alcohol to underage “customers” during a two-day police operation.

According to a news release from Officer Justin Stott, CPD sent two confidential sources under 21 into the 37 retail locations in Covington that are licensed to sell alcohol for off-premises consumption Feb. 13 and Feb. 14 to conduct controlled buys of alcoholic beverages.

Stott said alcohol was sold to the underage sources at eight of the locations.

According to the release, the people who conducted the transactions were cited for selling alcohol to a person under 21. Stott said the violations occurred at:

1. **Alcovy Liquor** - 10117 Alcovy Road
2. **Kroger** - 3139 Highway 278
3. **Food Depot** - 6169 Highway 278
4. **Dollar General** - 6185 Highway 278
5. **Ingles** - 7173 Turner Lake Road
6. **Chevron** - 6206 Turner Lake Road
7. **Beverage Mall** - 7254 Washington St.
8. **Bonds BP** - 8145 Washington St.

Stott told The Covington News the violations occurred due to the clerks not checking the purchasers’ ID. He said Ingles and the Chevron on Turner Lake Road were also cited the last time CPD conducted the check.

All but one of the transactions were captured on video. Stott said the alcohol was photographed and then destroyed.

## Woman charged after apple pie dispute at McDonald’s

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Police charged a 32-year-old Covington woman with disorderly conduct last weekend after a dispute about a wait for a McDonald’s apple pie.

According to a Covington Police Department incident report, Sgt. Allan Seebaran responded to the fast food restaurant at 4112 Highway 278 at around 8:40 p.m. Feb. 17 on a report of an argument about an apple pie.

When he arrived at the scene, Seebaran reportedly saw Ana Luisa Guity-Baltazar talking with the manager in the drive-thru lane before she saw his police car and pulled into a parking space.

When she exited her black Nissan, Guity-Baltazar reportedly looked at Seebaran and punched her palm with a closed fist as she approached and pointed at the manager telling Seebaran that she



Ana Luisa  
Guity-Baltazar

wanted to press charges.

“If I pay for apple (apple) pie that means I get my money back,” Guity-Baltazar reportedly said. According to the report, the apple pie totaled \$1.06.

Seebaran stepped in to keep Guity-Baltazar away from the manager and arrested her for disorderly conduct.

Restaurant staff said that Guity-Baltazar became irate when she had to wait a few minutes for the apple pie to cook.

According to the report, Guity-Baltazar was transported to Newton County Jail. She was also reportedly



# BOE considers new scoreboard at Sharp Stadium

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After this week's Board of Education meeting, the chances of Homer Sharp Stadium receiving a new scoreboard is becoming more of a reality.

The final decision on the

scoreboard will be made at the March 12 BOE meeting.

One reason being, a meeting with the head coaches and athletic directors was on the schedule a day after the February board meeting. Once the scoreboard is discussed with those managing it, the board members feel it will

make their decision more concrete. Some other questions came into play regarding the big decision such as the effects and definition of the scoreboard.

"The reality is no one is going to use 200 effects. So was it a possibility to decrease the effects and increase the

actual definition and get the same price?" Shakila Henderson-Baker asked.

Security of the scoreboard also came up, as Eddie Johnson wanted to make sure the equipment is secured when not in use.

All of these questions and concerns will be discussed in

March when the BOE members vote to approve or disapprove the new scoreboard.

If approved, the scoreboard will be purchased from Daktronics of Brookings, South Dakota an industry leader of digital solutions.

The proposed new scoreboard will have a live video

display over 13 feet high by 24 feet wide and is fed by a four-camera video system. The school system will utilize a contract managed by the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance to procure the scoreboard.

The total price for the scoreboard would be \$199,990.

# Gent's Grooming named chamber's small business of the month

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Gent's Grooming, a 2-year-old barbershop in Porterdale, was named this month's small business of the month by the Covington/Newton County Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber President Ralph Staffins congratulated Michael Maurice, Gent's Grooming owner, on the honor and explained how he took full advantage of his business's chamber membership.

"Michael's story is like a poster child of what you can get out of the chamber of commerce," Staffins said. "I'm sure all of you remember Michael joining the chamber before he even had this operation. He networked and he built up a clientele that he brought over here with him when he opened the doors, so it is the perfect example of getting out of the chamber what you put in."

"Even though he is the busiest barber in Newton County, I'm sure, he still makes time to come to as many of our events as possible."

Cuurently, Gent's Grooming employs a barber, apprentice, master cosmetologist and has plans to bring on an additional barber in March.

The "laid back, elegant" style of Gent's Grooming was part of Maurice's plan to provide a relaxing environment, different than that of most barbershops.

"More or less like a lounge rather than the hustle and bustle of a traditional barbershop," he said. "We wanted to make it comfortable."

When asked the secret to a good hair cut, Maurice said it is all about being creative and listening to the client.



Above: Gent's Grooming staff and members of the chamber's small business committee join together to celebrate this month's small business of the month. Bottom left: Michael Maurice talks about his staff and the growth he has seen since opening his business two years ago. Bottom middle: Ralph Staffins, chamber president, talks about how Gent's Grooming has used the chamber to its advantage. Bottom right: Ralph Staffins presents Gent's Grooming with the Small Business of the Month award.





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Convenience Center hang tags to be \$75 starting March 1

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The 2018-19 vehicle hang tags for the Newton County Convenience Centers will be reduced to \$75 March 1. These hang tags will expire on June 30.

The hang tags, which are valid annually from July 1 through June 30, were \$155 but have been reduced with four months remaining until they expire.

Newton County offers Trash Collection Convenience Centers to its residents in the form of six centers. These centers, which are strategically located throughout the county, accept household garbage, bulk waste and recyclables. Up to 10 bags of trash per week will be allowed.

For all hang tags residents must complete an application and show proof of residency with a tax or utility bill, mortgage statement or lease agreement. Print out the Convenience Center Access Permit form and mail or bring in to the Newton County Historic Courthouse.

Residents may purchase hang tags online or in person at the Newton County Historic Courthouse, 1124 Clark St., Covington, GA 30014.

In person purchases are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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# Solid Waste manager offers guidance for disposing of used oil products

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Newton County’s Solid Waste Manager Kevin Walter has advice for people looking to dispose of used cooking and motor oil.

Walters’ advice comes after readers voiced concerns to The Covington News about the county no longer accepting the products at its convenience centers. In an email, Walter said residents’ used motor oil can be taken to local auto parts stores for recycling.

“Citizens with used motor oil to dispose of are told to take it to any auto parts store such as Auto Zone or O’Reilly Auto Parts,” he said. “These stores will accept used motor oil, used engine solvent, and used antifreeze up to 20 gallons each if not mixed. There is no charge to the citizen. All they need do is sign a simple form.”

Walter said used cooking oil can be converted into BioDiesel fuel locally.

“Citizens with used cooking oil are referred to Clean Energy Biofuels, 941 Monroe Jersey Road, Monroe, GA 30655 phone number 678-318-1785,” he said.

“This company will accept without charge used cooking oil at their recycling facility, which is reprocessed into Bio-Diesel Fuel. For commercial used cooking oil generators such as restaurants, Clean Energy Biofuels will install a collection tank without charge and schedule regular pickups.”

Walter said Newton County quit accepting the waste oils two years ago.

“Beginning two years ago the County Convenience Centers stopped accepting both used motor oil and used cooking oil,” he said. “Citizens were mixing motor oil and cooking oil and engine solvent all together making them impossible to recycle.”

## STAR

■ FROM 1A

achieved an impressive score of 1,290 out of 1,600 on the SAT. During her high school career, Jordyn has participated in numerous extracurricular activities at Newton High School, including track and the Academic Team. She has also served as an athletic trainer and the executive treasurer for the Student Government Association.

Jordyn has taken several AP classes during her time at Newton High, including Human Geography, World History, US History, Statistics, English Language and Composition, Chemistry, English Literature and Composition, Computer Science, Micro and Macroeconomics, Calculus, and Biology.

Jordyn plans to attend either Georgia State University or the University of Georgia where she hopes to major in public health and law with a minor in either political science or computer science. Her career goal is to work at the CDC and also visit and assist impoverished nations. She would like to work on healthcare reform by changing policies and laws to create better healthcare.

Jordyn chose her chemistry teacher, Dr. Trupti Shah, as her STAR Teacher. This is Dr. Shah’s first time being selected as a STAR Teacher.

When asked why she chose Shah, Jordyn stated, “She’s been very supportive of me. She’s always trying to give me advice and she definitely helped me with my math. She’s overall a very sweet lady and she always motivates me to do better.”

According to Shah, Jordyn is an outstanding student and an even better person.

“Jordyn is very hard working, self-motivated, analytical, organized and respectful student,” Shah said. “She is quick learner and a team player. She has always overcome all her hardships and excelled in all fields. She is an excellent student and wonderful human being.”

### Eastside High School and NCSS - Rebekah Stowe

Rebekah Stowe is a senior at Eastside High School. She is not only the Eastside High School but also the Newton County School System 2019 STAR Student because she had the highest overall SAT score in the district. Rebekah scored an outstanding 1,560 out of 1,600 on the

SAT. College entrance exams do not phase Rebekah as she also scored a perfect score of 36 on the ACT exam. In addition to her classroom studies, Rebekah served as an Eastside High School Ambassador and also participated in Mock Trial and the Junior Classical League. During her time at Eastside, Rebekah has taken numerous AP classes, including Statistics, World History, Language and Composition, Latin, US History, Calculus, Economics, Literature, Biology and Chemistry.

She has been accepted to attend the University of Tennessee where she plans to major in biological anthropology with a possible minor in Latin. Her career goal is to become a forensic anthropologist.

Rebekah chose her math teacher, Mr. Michael Poor, as her STAR Teacher. This is Mr. Poor’s second time being selected as a STAR teacher.

When asked why she chose Mr. Poor, Rebekah said, “I’ve known him for a really long time because he used to come to my middle school. He also taught my sisters so he’s always been available to ask questions about homework. Last year I had BC Calculus with him and a tools for college success class, which allowed the opportunity to talk to him and get a lot of advice from him. He’s just been very helpful to me.”

According to Mr. Poor, Rebekah is truly an outstanding scholar.

“As I have come to know Rebekah over the past two years, I have only become more impressed by the wide range of her abilities, and by her modesty about them,” Poor said. “Rebekah is the epitome of what it means to be scholarly and perhaps the most engaging, pleasant, and humorous person I have ever had the privilege of teaching in my 18 years in education.”

“These STAR students are indicative of the high-quality, high-caliber students we have in Newton County,” said Samantha Fuhrey, superintendent of Newton County School System. “We commend Julia, Jordyn, and Rebekah for staying the course and demonstrating what one can accomplish through hard work and discipline. In addition, we thank the parents, teachers, and leaders who have supported these students through the years.”

The PAGE Student Teacher Achievement Recognition program is sponsored by the Professional Association of Georgia Educators Foundation. Since its inception, the STAR program has honored more than 27,000 students and the teachers they have selected as having had the most influence on their academic success.



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Pictured from left is Covington Mayor Ronnie Johnson, District 2 Commissioner Demond Mason, Rep. Hank Johnson, Chairman Marcello Banes, District 3 Commissioner Nancy Schulz, Oxford Mayor Jerry Roseberry, Oxford College Dean Douglas Hicks and Covington/Newton County Chamber of Commerce President Ralph Staffins.

## JOHNSON

■ FROM 1A

and protected by the United States Navy. He said the United States operates in a global economy protected by its military and that Amazon benefits from that protection.

“When I think of how much money the United States spends to project its authority in the interest of commerce - not conquering, but in the interest of commerce, as I think about those seven seas, it galls me to think that a company that is benefitting from world commerce is not paying one red cent for that military.”

In a wide-ranging speech that lasted nearly an hour, Johnson touched on a variety of topics including education, telling the leaders that cooperation on education between state, local and federal governments would benefit everybody.

“I would love for there to be lots of cooperation between state governments, local governments and the federal government in our education apparatus,” he said. “So that the people of our country, particularly the youth, can get the proper education and the proper training that they need in order to compete in this global economy.”

Johnson said America’s economic niche is not as much in the production of goods today but in the line of technology.

“It’s in the line of development of software, medical diagnostics, medical care, energy production, green energy,” he said. “Moving us away from fossil fuels into new renewable sources of energy that can create a multitude of new jobs that require retraining for some of our more mature workers - people who have been in the workforce who are losing jobs that are moving overseas.”

“They need retraining and there needs to be an investment in these new areas

that can produce an economic boom for those who are working in them.”

The Democrat from Georgia’s 4th Congressional District pledged to help Newton County any way he can.

“As far as Newton County is concerned, anyway I can assist this county in bringing home the bacon, that’s what I’m here for. That’s not a partisan issue,” he said. “When it comes down to revenues and grants and money I can bring back to the district, I stand ready to do that.”

“I’m also looking forward to working closely with the political and business leadership of Newton County, of Covington, of Oxford and the other municipalities and together, we can make our community and make this district a better place.”

Johnson said he hasn’t made a decision on who his party’s 2020 presidential nominee should be.

“My first qualification is that I’m not interested in a candidate that does not look at Georgia as a place where they need to come and ask people for their support,” he said. “I want to see my state be an important state. I think the example has been set that you can’t take any state for granted. You need to campaign in all of the states.”

“People are moving to the south in droves, they’re leaving northern states and they’re moving south. And if you’re still campaigning up where people have left when the people are here, it doesn’t make any sense to me. So I want people to pay attention to Georgia as an important state in the union, electorally. That’s my first qualification.”

“I’d like to hear about how we’re going to rebuild America and make it even greater than it is now. I want to hear about how, instead of condemning the press for our first amendment freedom of expression, I want to hear how you are going to uphold our freedom in

this country. And how this country is going to rebuild its infrastructure and how it’s going to create jobs, good paying jobs, good, middle-class jobs.

“And how we are going to deal with our unfair and broken tax system - those are the things I want to hear from the many candidates out there running for the Democratic nomination for president. And I’ll even listen to the Republican candidates, also.”

Asked about President Donald Trump’s recent national emergency declaration for a wall on the country’s southern border, Johnson told The Covington News after the luncheon that border security requires different assets, including a wall in some places.

“As far as this emergency, I don’t think it’s really an emergency,” he said. “I think the president was frustrated with Congress in not being able to extract the deal that he wanted to be able to fund his border wall. And Congress just does not see that as being an effective use of taxpayer money.”

“No doubt, we need border security and there are different ways of securing it. In some places, you do need walls, fences and other such barriers. But more than anything, you need the technology and you need the manpower to be able to enforce our laws.”

Johnson also said he thinks that Trump’s emergency declaration will eventually be struck down by the courts.

“It is a usurpation of executive authority,” he said. “It does disrupt the delicate balance of power that should exist between the legislative branch and the executive branch. So it will fall to the court for its decision.”

“I believe when all is said is done, the court will decide that the president’s emergency has no basis in fact and that any action he takes based on that declaration is null and void.”

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## Chainsaws stolen during early morning break-in

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Police are looking for whoever threw a cinder block through the entry doors at Tractor Supply early Saturday and made off with two chainsaws.

According to a Covington Police Department incident report, police were dispatched to the store on Lochridge Boulevard just before 2 a.m. Feb. 16 on a report

of a burglar alarm.

The first officer arrived and observed that the cinder block had been used to break out the first and second entry doors to the business. Other officers arrived and police searched and cleared the building and notified a key holder.

When the key holder arrived, officers reviewed surveillance video that showed what is believed to be a male wearing

camouflage coveralls and a black hat enter the store after shattering the doors.

According to the report, the male walked quickly to the left side of the store, grabbed two orange chainsaws that were on display and left the store the way he came in.

The subject is described as being approximately 6 feet tall with a medium build. The total value of the chainsaws is \$1,000.



## Atlanta man jailed after allegedly exposing himself last Saturday

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Covington police arrested a 24-year-old Atlanta man last Saturday after he allegedly exposed himself to a woman walking her dog.

According to a Covington Police Department incident report, officers were dis-



Quanteryion Lewis

Feb. 16 on a report of indecent exposure.

The first arriving officer spoke with the victim who said that while she was walking her dog, she saw a man with an afro haircut wearing a white t-shirt and blue pants expose himself and mumble something to her as he was walking toward Thompson Avenue.

According to the report, other officers located a male matching the description, identified as Quante-ryion Lewis, and returned him to the scene where he was positively identified by the victim.

Lewis was transported to the Newton County Jail charged with public indecency.

## Driver charged after chase

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A woman is being held without bond in the county jail after her arrest on drug trafficking charges.

Ladaije Avion Shalexus Harvey, 21, was arrested Monday on charges of trafficking in illegal drugs, theft by receiving stolen property and driving with a suspended license.

A deputy on patrol just north of Walnut Grove got a hit on a license plate reader to a stolen maroon Nissan Altima headed south on Georgia 81. The deputy followed it through town and conducted a stop near Cannon Farm Road.



Ladaije Avion Shalexus Harvey

The driver, Harvey, said she had been driving the car for a while and had rented it from a service which allows Uber and Lyft drivers to rent vehicles to drive, but wasn't able to tell the deputy the name of the owner.

The passenger was wearing a QuikTrip uniform and had used Lyft to get to work. Harvey allegedly used someone else's account to pick up a fare, and the male passenger was unaware of her alleged illegal activity.

A check of Harvey's background showed a suspended license and a warrant out of Richmond County. While Harvey was detained in a deputy's car, a search of the Altima revealed numerous ATM and credit cards, several other people's driver's licenses and several wigs.

Two round objects in the glove box were wrapped in black electrical tape which concealed different colored round pills the deputy believed to be ecstasy.

She was booked into the Walton County Detention Center at 6:20 p.m. Monday and remained there Friday.

The car was impounded and a deputy drove the passenger on to work.

## Oxford man jailed on traffic, drug charges after chase last Saturday

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An Oxford man remained behind bars Friday facing a long list of charges nearly a week after his arrest early last Sunday on drug and traffic charges.

According to a Newton County Sheriff's Office incident report, at around 3 a.m. Feb. 17 Deputy Matthew Robinson attempted to stop a 1989 Chevrolet Caprice



James Childers

driven by 45-year-old James Childers on Highway 142 North at American Way in Covington for driving with his auxiliary lights activated.

Childers reportedly fled

from the stop and led Robinson on a chase before he voluntarily stopped at an address on Carole Drive north of Oxford.

According to a NCSO spokesman, deputies located suspected methamphetamine inside Childers' vehicle after he stopped.

Childers was arrested and transported to the Newton County Jail charged with possession of methamphetamine, restrictions on use of blue lights on vehicles,

driving while license suspended/revoked, DUI alcohol, failure to maintain lane, failure to obey traffic control device, fleeing/attempting to elude a police officer for a felony offense, obstruction of officers, open container, reckless driving and speeding.

According to the sheriff's office website, Childers has been booked into the Newton County Jail more than 20 times dating back to 1990.

## Traffic stop, chase nets NCSO drug arrest Monday

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Deputies arrested a 54-year-old Newborn man on drug and traffic charges early Monday after he reportedly ran from a traffic stop.

According to a Newton County Sheriff's Office incident report, at approximately 1 a.m. Feb. 18 Deputy Matthew Robinson attempted to pull over a 2003 black Ford Explorer



Timothy Lowe

driven by Timothy Ray Lowe on Dixie Road at Oakridge Drive.

Lowe reported fled from the stop

and led Robinson on a chase south on Dixie Road before coming to a stop at Brookwood Drive. A NCSO spokesman said authorities believe that evidence was tossed out of the window.

Lowe was arrested and transported to the Newton County Jail charged with possession of methamphetamine, fleeing/attempting to elude, littering highways, obstruction of officers, reckless driving and tampering with evidence.



### JAIL LOG

#### Covington Police Department

**Farhan Ali Ahmed**, 35, was arrested Feb. 12 and charged with public drunkenness.

**Cameron Emmanuel Alexander**, 24, was arrested Feb. 14 and charged with fleeing/attempting to elude a police officer, operating motorcycle on roadway

laned for traffic, operation of vehicle without current plate/expired plate, and reckless driving.

**Hannah Jannelle Ballard**, 24, was arrested Feb.

18 and charged with probation violation.

**Gary Barnard Brantley**, 22, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with public drunkenness.

**Chad Scorpio Brown**, 26, was arrested Feb. 13 and charged with criminal possession of financial transaction card forgery devices, forgery of financial transaction card, and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.

**Nakeyia Louise Bryant**, 26, was arrested Feb. 16 and charged with probation violation.

**Kimbra Nikole Burttis**,

20, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with aggravated assault, battery-family violence, criminal damage to property, and cruelty to children.

**Ezekiel Vashon Campbell**, 20, was arrested Feb. 15 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

**Young Chol Choi**, 55, was arrested Feb. 16 and charged with driving without headlights in the dark and driving while license suspended/revoked.

**Clarence Clark**, 59, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with probation violation for

fingerprintable charge.

**Elbert Jeremiah Clarke III**, 32, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with probation violation.

**Jean Margaret Gaskins**, 28, was arrested Feb. 17 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

**Matthew Howard Goode**, 51, was arrested Feb. 16 and charged with public drunkenness.

**Ana Luisa Guity-Baltazar**, 32, was arrested Feb. 17 and charged with disorderly conduct.

**Tonya Cheri Hardeman**,

■ See **JAIL LOG**, 5A



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### TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, GEORGIA

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-540, the Mayor and Council of the City of Mansfield have authorized a special election for the purpose of submitting to the voters the following question for approval or rejection:

☐ YES

Shall the governing authority of the City of Mansfield be authorized to permit and regulate package sales by retailers of both malt beverages and wine on Sundays between the hours of 12:30 PM and 11:30 PM?

The Special Election will be held on Tuesday, the 19th day of March, 2019 at Mansfield City Hall, 3146 Hwy 11 S, Mansfield, Newton County, Georgia 30055. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

JAIL LOG

■ FROM 4A

41, was arrested Feb. 15 and charged with hindering apprehension/punishment of criminal and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.

**Brandon Marcellus Johnson**, 24, was arrested Feb. 17 and charged with giving false name/address/birthdate to law enforcement officer and theft by shoplifting.

**Deonta Steven Johnson**, 29, was arrested Feb. 13 and charged with willful obstruction of law enforcement officers by use of threats or violence, criminal possession of financial transaction card forgery devices, driving while license suspended/revoked, false statements, etc. in matters within jurisdiction of state (3), and theft by receiving stolen property.

**Reshad Lameriz Johnson**, 31, was arrested Feb. 14 and charged with aggravated assault, criminal trespass-family violence, and cruelty to children.

**Quanteryion Ramon Lewis**, 24, was arrested Feb. 16 and charged with public indecency.

**Frankie Harold Meeks**, 52, was arrested Feb. 16 and charged with disorderly conduct, terroristic threats and acts, and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers by use of threats or violence.

**Keith Semaj Miller**, 22, was arrested Feb. 16 and charged with probation violation.

**Romas Mills Jr**, 49, was arrested Feb. 13 and charged with handicapped parking places for the nonambulatory and stalking.

**Onesimo Morales-Jiminez**, 42, was arrested Feb. 15 and charged with driving without a valid license.

**Ronnasia Janay Pritchett**, 21, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

**Shankithia Shalay Shy**, 26, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with battery and cruelty to children (3).

**Delroy Andrew Smith**, 29, was arrested Feb. 13 and charged with forgery, criminal possession of financial transaction card forgery devices, and false statements or writings.

**Kimberly Kay Stewart**, 30, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

**Tony Stephen Stinchcomb**, 61, was arrested Feb. 13 and held for probation.

**Diamond Laporta Tripp**, 25, was arrested Feb. 15 and charged with failure to appear (2).

**Maurice Robert Turner**, 58, was arrested Feb. 15 and charged with stopping/standing/parking outside of business or residence and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.

**Marilyn Elizabeth Williams**, 35, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

**Antonio Leonard Wilson**, 46, was arrested Feb. 17 and held for another agency.

Georgia State Patrol

**Sequard Harrison Stearns**, 57, was arrested Feb. 14 and charged with driving while license suspended/revoked.

**Newton County Sheriff's Office**

**Marie Hinson Allen**, 59, was arrested Feb. 18 and held for probation.

**Timothy Lance Atkinson**, 34, was arrested Feb. 16 and charged with drug related objects, possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.

**Yancey Keon Axon**, 23, was back for court Feb. 19.

**Rico Sharod Banks**, 36, was back for court Feb. 14.

**David Devante Barber**,

27, was arrested Feb. 14 and charged with superior court bench warrant.

**Kendarious Lashun Belcher**, 22, was arrested Feb. 13 and charged with driving while license suspended/revoked and no seat belts.

**Anitre Domonique Bolton**, 19, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with probation violation.

**Jordan Paul Brown**, 20, was arrested Feb. 16 and held for another agency.

**Christopher Shane Burleigh**, 37, was back for court Feb. 19.

**Jamie Deanne Callaway**, 35, was arrested Feb. 15 and charged with driving without a valid license, no seat belts, suspended/revoked/canceled registration, and use of license plate to misrepresent identity of vehicle.

**Cody Lashawn Carter**, 27, was arrested Feb. 13 and charged with battery-family violence.

**Jeremy Benjamin Castle**, 24, was arrested Feb. 16 and charged with disorderly conduct and simple assault.

**James Thad Childers**, 45, was arrested Feb. 17 and charged with contempt of court, driving while license suspended/revoked, DUI-alcohol, failure to stop at stop sign, fleeing/attempting to elude a police officer, improper lane usage, open container, possession of methamphetamine, reckless driving, restrictions on use of blue lights on vehicles, speeding-45 miles and over, and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.

**Keairra Voncile Childress**, 28, was arrested Feb. 17 and charged with crossing state/county guard lines with weapons, intoxicants, drugs without consent, drugs not in original container, duty upon striking unattended vehicle, giving false name/address/birthdate to law enforcement officer, improper lane usage, and possession of a schedule IV controlled substance.

**Jessica Michelle Clark**, 30, was arrested Feb. 14 and charged with probation violation.

**Scott Howard Cole Jr**, 35, was arrested Feb. 15 and charged with driving

while license suspended/revoked and following too closely.

**Tessa Miranda Cope**, 38, was back for court Feb. 16.

**Erica Gwen Corder**, 27, was arrested Feb. 16 and charged with aggressive driving, following too closely, improper passing, possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, and reckless driving.

**Daniel Joseph Davidson**, 37, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with probation violation.

**Donald Lee Davis**, 38, was arrested Feb. 14 and charged with aggravated battery.

**Michael Anthony Dempsey**, 19, was back for court Feb. 19.

**Catherine Elaine Dowdy**, 45, was arrested Feb. 17 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

**Ashley Nicole Few**, 28, was arrested Feb. 15 and charged with failure to appear for fingerprintable charge.

**Hulber Valdez Garcia**, 38, was arrested Feb. 13 and charged with driving without a valid license and no seat belts.

**Alysha Megan Glenn**, 27, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

**Anthony Quinn Glover**, 51, was back for court Feb. 19.

**John Lee Grimes**, 28, was back for court Feb. 19.

**Leslie Zane Hall**, 48, was arrested Feb. 15 and charged with deposit account fraud (2) and theft by taking.

**Michael David Hall**, 48, was arrested Feb. 14 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

**Jack Wesley Henderson**, 51, was back for court Feb. 19.

**Kanshish Denise Horton**, 33, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with probation violation.

**Joel Thomas Hughes**, 54, was arrested Feb. 15 and charged with parole violation.

**Tasia Alexis Hussey**, 20, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with forgery and possession of methamphetamine.

**Tony Earl Jacobs**, 45, was arrested Feb. 14 and

charged with burglary (3) and criminal trespass.

**Nicholas Taylor Jenkins**, 27, was arrested Feb. 14 and charged with DUI-alcohol and speeding-10 to 14 over.

**David Allen Lambert**, 32, was arrested Feb. 15 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

**Terence Lee Lennox**, 35, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with DUI-multiple substances, fleeing/attempting to elude a police officer, habitual behavior, and possession of methamphetamine.

**Timothy Ray Lowe**, 54, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with fleeing/attempting to elude a police officer, littering, possession of methamphetamine, reckless driving, tampering with evidence, and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.

**Jesse Ray Mace III**, 32, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with probation violation.

**Glen Christopher Marcelli Jr**, 24, was arrested Feb. 13 and charged with driving while license suspended/revoked and speeding-14 to 24 over.

**Dulce Daniella Martinez**, 18, was arrested Feb. 14 and charged with driving without a valid license and failure to yield right of way.

**Richard Matthews II**, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

**Brandon James McDowell**, 23, was arrested Feb. 17 and charged with battery-family violence and driving without a valid license.

**Kenneth John Medrano**, 40, was arrested Feb. 13 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

**Deshon Aahmad Mer-**

**ritt**, 22, was back for court Feb. 19.

**Dectavious Thomas Moore**, 36, was back for court Feb. 18.

**Abner Wilfredo Morales-Sosa**, 25, was arrested Feb. 16 and charged with driving without a valid license.

**Vincent Norwood**, 56, was court sentenced Feb. 13.

**Lemonya Devoya, Oneal**, 31, was arrested Feb. 15 and charged with battery-family violence and cruelty to children.

**Antonio Rodrigues Perry**, 36, was arrested Feb. 17 and charged with theft by shoplifting, willful obstruction of law enforcement officers (2), and parole violation.

**Michael David Power**, 41, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with probation violation.

**James Cole Roberts**, 23, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

**Christopher Denzel Sims**, 31, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with possession of marijuana.

**Kim Nicole Smith**, 43, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with probation violation.

**Adrian Christopher Thomas**, 21, was back for court Feb. 19.

**Antione Maurice Thompkins**, 41, was arrested Feb. 17 and charged with driving while license suspended/revoked, speeding-10 to 14 over, and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.

**Samual Robert Tipton**, 45, was arrested Feb. 17 and charged with terroristic threats and acts and probate probation violation.

**Lacey Nicole Voltolin**, 34, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with failure to appear for fingerprintable

charge, **Startesha Tiera Williams**, 25, was arrested Feb. 15 and charged with probation violation.

Oxford Police Department

**Roland Lavern Powell**, 41, was arrested Feb. 13 and charged with driving while license suspended/revoked and speeding-14 to 24 over.

Porterdale Police Department

**Jaylen Alexander Garvin**, 17, was arrested Feb. 18 and charged with driving without a valid license and operation of vehicle without current plate/expired plate.

**Zoey Lucille Jackson**, 20, was arrested Feb. 15 and held for another agency.

**Keshon Lavontae Johnson**, 22, was arrested Feb. 16 and charged with possession of marijuana and speeding-14 to 24 over.

Weekenders

**Henry Scott Ashley**, 21  
**Keith Joseph Banko**, 31  
**Harrison Eugene Bradford**, 35

**Jennifer Ann Dixon**, 34  
**Omar Espinoza**, 36  
**Franciso Javier Vasquez Garcia**, 25

**April Yvonne Grant**, 31  
**Sherekia Monique Hardy**, 29  
**Kahlil Dewyne Jonson**, 25

**Chase Daniel Lindsey**, 30  
**Tyree Renard Powell**, 27  
**William Henry Simmons**, 58

**Jasmine Natasha Slaughter**, 28  
**Grecory Jamar Stanley**, 29

**Alexus Shanta Tate**, 22  
**Sheldrick Arnaz Wilborn**, 19  
**Tiffany Alethea Williams**, 26

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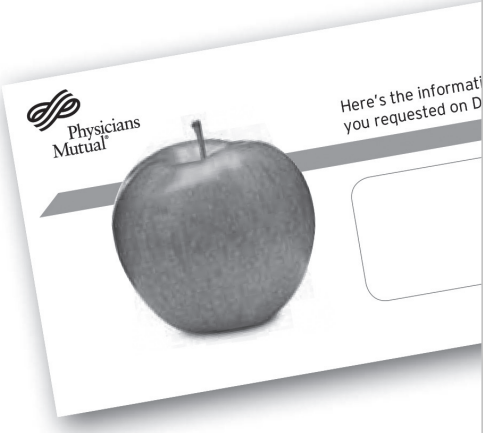
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## Giving our new governor some fraternal advice

Dear Gov. Kemp:

I trust you are settled into your new job and are busy governing our beloved state. My purpose in writing is to let you know you aren't in this thing alone. I am always available to dip into my deep reservoir of political knowledge whenever you need me. Heck, you don't even have to need me. I'll dip in, anyway. It's what I do.

First off, I am happy to see a fellow brother of the Nu Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of Georgia occupy the governor's chair. The last one to do so was Joe Frank Harris, who overhauled public education funding in Georgia, helped establish the World Congress Center and was an important part of the effort to secure the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games for our state. A good governor and a good man.

Yours was a long and winding road to the governor's office. You took a lot of heat for your commercials during your campaign, threatening the little dweeb who was thinking of dating your daughter as well as the round-'em-up pickup truck commercial. Anyone who knows squat about politics knows you had to run hard to the right to secure the nomination.

Fortunately for you, chief rival Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle developed a case of flap-jaw and showed us how sleazy politics can be. Speaking into a hidden cellphone, he admitted he got a bad bill passed that negatively impacted public education. He did so to prevent your common rival, state Sen. Hunter Hill, from receiving a \$3 million handout from Alice the Walmart lady, who seems to think that selling television sets and blue jeans gives her some divine right to tell us how to run public schools in Georgia. Had he asked, I would have told Cagle to keep his integrity and let Hunter Hill, who has the charisma of a tree stump, have the money. No amount of dollars would make the guy exciting.

What a lot of people failed to notice is that after you won the Republican primary, you moderated your message, which is how I am hoping how you will govern.

If you don't, we could be looking at a Democratic governor in the near future and not a George Busbee/Carl Sanders Democrat but someone who will lurch as far to the left as some right-wingnuts would have you lurch to the right. As you know better than anyone, that almost happened this election.

Republicans would do well to heed the warning of House Speaker David Ralston. According to Greg Bluestein, of the Atlanta Newspapers, Ralston told a gathering of Republicans recently that the GOP advantage in the Georgia House has shrunk to 15 seats and noted that Republicans won that same number of seats in the last election by 55 percent or less. Those districts, largely in the Atlanta suburbs, will be the focus of a fired-up bunch of Democrats, led by Stacey Abrams, in the next elections. Just six years ago, Republicans held a 65-seat majority in the House.

Why the dwindling majority? Too many Republicans would rather be ideologically correct than be elected. Unless you do something to change that mindset, their wishes may come true in 2020. Speaker Ralston said it this way, "We must reject those in our midst who spend all their time — and I'm talking every second of their time — finding fault with other Republicans. We must reject those who would tear us apart from within to advance their own special agendas." Amen.

I don't need to remind you that whoever has the majority after the next election will control redistricting in 2021 and that will determine who controls state government for at least the next decade.

The ball is in your court. You will either be remembered as the governor who presided over the demise of the Republican Party in Georgia by catering to uncompromising wingnuts or as a leader who pitched a tent big enough for reasonable people who eschew wingnuts on either side of the political spectrum to feel welcomed. I believe I know you well enough to think you will be the latter. At least, I hope so.

I will let you get back to governing the state, but don't hesitate to call if you need me. If I don't respond immediately it will be because I am minding someone else's business. You think being governor is hard? Try being a know-it-all columnist. I may sometimes be in error, but I'm never in doubt.

Fraternally yours,  
**Dick Yarbrough**

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Dick Yarbrough  
COLUMNIST

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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# Term limits need united front

Hello Covington!

You may have heard about the Covington City Council's requested charter amendment being held up by our local delegation to the State Capitol this week. I'm writing today to let you know more about why the legislation was held up, and how you can help make sure we get term limits enacted this year. I only have 500 words or less to get my message out there, so I'll do my best to keep it as condensed as possible!

First, let's cover some basics:

1) The City of Covington operates under the authority granted to it by the State of Georgia. Its governing document, commonly referred to as "The Charter," sets forth the structure of our municipal government. To enact term limits, we must have an updated version of the charter ratified by the Georgia House of Representatives and the Georgia Senate.

2) I'm not sure if this is codified in the House or Senate rules, but I do know that when it comes to local legislation, a bill won't see the light of day unless everyone in the local delegation is on board with it. This means it only takes one nay vote to



Josh McKelvey

"kill" a bill.

For those of you following the story, you know the council voted unanimously to draft a resolution requesting our state senators and state representatives, aka "our delegation," to amend the city charter during the 2019 legislative session. The resolution requested that we change the language of our charter to impose a limit on the number of terms one can hold office to three terms. The decision did not come easily. It took debate and compromise in work sessions spanning the course of a year to reach a unanimous consensus. With the final decision to impose 12-year term limits on the mayor and council being unanimous, we fully expected the legislation to sail through both houses of the General Assembly. Keep in mind, we aren't asking our delegation to choose a side in a con-

troversial policy decision. We are asking them to work on behalf of a united city council because we aren't authorized to do the work ourselves.

Here's what I found out this week about the charter change after speaking with all four members of our delegation.

1) Tonya Anderson will not support the charter change without a binding referendum.

2) Pam Dickerson does not agree with term limits and does not support the charter change as is currently written. She has suggested a non-binding referendum, essentially a poll of the will of the people, be put on the ballot this fall.

3) Brian Strickland - Being that this is local legislation requested by all six members of Covington's legislative body, he believes this needs to get done for the people of Covington.

4) Dave Belton has taken the lead on this under the Gold Dome since Kenneth Morgan and I reached out to him about it last year. This councilman is thankful for the effort he's put into doing what the city of Covington has asked.

Despite the differences of opinion, a compromise was in the works on Thursday evening. The suggested compromise was that the charter be changed to impose a maximum of three terms of service for the mayor and council, which would go into effect following approval by the voters in a referendum in November 2019. As of Friday morning, Pam Dickerson was the remaining hold out. At the time of this writing, a compromise of four terms of service, contingent upon approval by the voters of Covington this November is going to be presented to Rep. Dickerson. I'm not a fan of this deal, but if that is what it takes to get term limits enacted in 2019, I think it's a win.

Please join me in respectfully requesting Rep. Pam Dickerson join the rest of our local delegation in supporting term limits for the mayor and council of the city of Covington, contingent upon the outcome of a referendum on the matter in November of 2019.

Rep. Pam Dickerson can be contacted at 404-656-0314 or [pam.dickerson@house.ga.gov](mailto:pam.dickerson@house.ga.gov).

**Josh McKelvey**  
Covington City Council

## Can someone tell me this isn't true?

To the editor:

On Feb. 2, the first Saturday of the month, I visited the landfill located at Lower River Road on the Bypass. I went there to drop off cooking oil and used batteries, as we have been permitted to do in the past.

However, when I got up to the gate, I was informed

that the county is no longer taking used cooking oil and that, in fact, I would have to go all the way to a recycling center in Walton County to drop off my cooking oil. As for the batteries, I was told that I would have to drop them off a Batteries Plus in Conyers because the landfill no longer takes them either.

So, I turned the car around and as I drove back home I began to fear the worst - that is that if I have nowhere in the county to leave used cooking oil, I would actually have to give up fried chicken and all the other delicious fried foods I so enjoy! Could my doctor be involved with this

healthy - yet appalling - idea?!

Can someone tell me it isn't true that residents of Newton County have to travel 20 miles away to get rid of used cooking oil? Moreover, what are we paying after all?

**Scharlene Bivens**  
Covington

## Congratulations to Covington attorney on appointment to state commission

To the Editor:

On behalf of the State Bar of Georgia, I would like to express congratulations to Frank Turner Jr., of Greer, Stansfield & Turner LLP in Covington, on his recent appointment by Gov. Brian

Kemp to serve on the statewide Judicial Nominating Commission.

All Georgians will benefit from Mr. Turner's service on the commission, which is responsible for receiving applications, interviewing can-

didates and making recommendations to the governor for appointments to judicial vacancies across the state.

With his acceptance of this important task, Mr. Turner demonstrates his continued commitment to

serving the public and the justice system. We wish him well in this new capacity of leadership.

Sincerely,  
**Kenneth B. Hodges III**  
President, State Bar of Georgia

## HAVE YOUR SAY

The Covington News welcomes your letters to the editor and cartoons on issues of public concern. Please include full name, hometown and phone number (for verification purposes). Only names and hometown will be published.

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# OBITUARIES

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## Dr. S. Craig Taylor

Meadows Funeral Home

Dr. S. Craig Taylor, of Monroe, 64, passed away on Feb. 16, 2019. He was born in Anderson, South Carolina to the late Ralph B. Taylor, Jr. and the late L.O. Blake Pruitt Taylor. He was preceded in death by his sister, the late Lynn Taylor Faller. Surviving are: Wife, Kathy Bumgarner Taylor, of Monroe; Daughters, Kelly Taylor, of Charlotte, North Carolina, Kristen Taylor, of Monroe; Brother and Sister-in-Law, Keith and Gina Taylor, of Monroe; Broth-

er-in-Law, Tom Faller, of Lawrenceville; two Boykin Spaniels, Oakley and Molly; Numerous Cousins. Craig was a devoted family man and loved hunting with his Boykin spaniels. He was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Monroe. As a community leader, he served on the Monroe City Council, Water, Light, and Gas Commission, and the Walton Development Authority. He also served as past president of the Monroe Rotary Club. He was an Eagle Scout with Troop 81 in Monroe and later served on the Ex-

ecutive Board of Directors of the N.E.Ga. Boy Scout Council. In his near 40 year career as a dentist in Monroe, he provided care to thousands of patients. He served on the board of directors of the Georgia Dental Association and was past president of the Eastern District. A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the Monroe First Baptist Church with Dr. Todd Ware officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in honor of Dr. S. Craig Taylor to the American Heart Asso-

ciation (www.heart.org), the Boykin Spaniel Rescue (www.boykinspanielrescue.org) or Extra Special People (www.extraspecialpeople.com) Also please email any stories, memories, or pictures to the family at remembcrcraigtaylor@gmail.com. Meadows Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

## Tommy Thompson

Moody-Daniel Funeral Home

Mr. Tommy Ray Thompson, 75, of Covington, passed away Feb. 21, 2019.

He grew up in Michigan and Missouri, son of the late Harry Thompson and Juanita Fortner Thompson. Tommy was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving for four years. He worked as a machinist for PCI in Chicago. He was a sports fan and enjoyed watching ESPN.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Nancy Thompson and his sons, Ron Thompson and Charlie Thompson.

He is survived by his wife: Pat Thompson; daughter: Kathy Thompson of Jenkinsburg; sons and daughters-in-law: Luke and Catherine Thompson and Randy and Amanda Collins, all of Covington; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; brother: Ricky Thompson of Michigan; step-brother: Bud of MI. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, in Moody Memorial Gardens in Zebulon. Moody-Daniel Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

## Don't answer that call

It happens when I'm in the car. It happens when I'm on the air. It happens daily, everywhere. This sounds like a tribute to Dr. Seuss, but it's really my rant about automated telemarketing calls, or "robocalls."

Scams are nothing new. For years, con artists have figured out ways to cheat us out of our money. Some do it face to face. Others do it by mail, which was once a goldmine. Phony preachers and bogus charities have drained many a savings account. Technology has come a long way, and the con artists are on top of it. Now that most of us have a phone in our pocket, they're in there too. For them, the calls are inexpensive, and easily programmed. They can contact millions of consumers each day, at very little cost. If only a handful of folks take the bait, the crooks cash in.

According to USA Today, robocalls now make up 50 percent of all phone calls. While that's the national average, for me it's more like 80 percent. That means either robocalls are rapidly increasing, or I need more actual friends. I can't tell you how many times I've been in the middle of something important, like a cheeseburger, and I hear the soft jingle of my phone. I look at the Caller ID. Quite often, it's a number I don't know, but it has a local area code and prefix. Well, I did leave a message asking that doctor to call me back, and this might be him. I answer. "Hello?"

Nine times out of ten, the answer is an automated greeting. "Don't hang up! Your chronic back pain could be a thing of the past!" My first impulse is to yell back, "Nope, you're wrong! I've got pain all right, but it's just below my back, and you're the reason for it!" While that tantrum would give me some immediate relief, it would actually create more pain. That robocaller WANTS you to respond. Whether you "press one to speak to a representative," or "press two to be removed from our list," you have just let them know your phone is active and is being answered by a real person. That means the next time you're at the movies, or watching the big game, your phone is likely to buzz. It even happens while you're driving. Imagine telling an officer that the reason you rear-ended that car is because you were distracted by a percent in Pakistan offering zero point interest rates.

Yes, it's tempting to "press one" and shout at the robocaller, but I don't recommend that. It's like yelling



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at the store clerk about the high price of steak. It's not her fault. The robocaller, wherever he or she may be, needed a paycheck. For them, it may have been the only job available. It's possible they might not even know it's a scam.

I once made the mistake of calling back a robocaller. At least that's what I thought I was doing. The caller ID showed what appeared to be a local number. Being the investigative reporter I am, I thought, "I'll show them!" I called the number, ready to give them a piece of my mind. When someone answered, I snorted, "Why are you interrupting me in the middle of Matlock? Ben was about to reveal the real culprit!" The person on the other end calmly explained that he was getting several calls from angry people like me. His number was "spoofed," or being used as a false phone number by a scammer. I meekly apologized and realized the same thing could happen to me.

So, the next time you see an unfamiliar number on your Caller ID, just don't answer. Even if you love to taunt telemarketers, resist the temptation. Don't press any numbers, even if they tell you that's the magic solution for eliminating robocalls.

The Do Not Call registry, which seemed like a good idea at first, appears to be ineffective. This great nation of ours has developed robotic technology that can drive cars, do surgery, and mow your lawn. Yet we can't figure out how to keep your phone from being invaded by scammers.

Blocking the numbers once seemed like a sure cure, but that doesn't seem to help either. There's no surefire way to stop the calls, but the less human contact you have with these "bots," the better. If you're afraid you may be missing an important call, consider this. People who really know you, or really need you, will leave a message. Otherwise, ignore the calls from numbers you don't recognize. Don't answer. Don't feed the beast.

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"Empire" actor Jussie Smollett leaves Cook County jail following his release, Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019, in Chicago. Smollett was charged with disorderly conduct and filling a false police report when he said he was attacked in downtown Chicago by two men who hurled racist and anti-gay slurs and looped a rope around his neck, a police official said.

## In allegedly faking his attack, Smollett grievously injured countless others

WASHINGTON - I hope actor Jussie Smollett gets the psychological help he apparently needs. And I hope authorities in Chicago throw the book at him, because the lies he is accused of telling will likely bring great harm to innocent victims.

Smollett's arrest Thursday for allegedly filing a false police report came as no surprise. His improbable tale - he said he was accosted last month by two men who yelled racist and homophobic slurs, beat him up, put a noose around his neck and doused him with bleach, with one of the men saying that "this is MAGA [Make America Great Again] country" - sounded like a page from the first draft of a rejected screenplay.

Real life doesn't happen that way. Actual white supremacists and homophobes don't stroll through the streets of Chicago on a bitterly cold night, carrying a hate-crimes kit of rope and Clorox, hoping to chance upon someone who is black, gay and modestly famous. They don't hurl perfectly scripted insults. They don't vanish without a trace.

The minute I heard Smollett's story, I suspected it would eventually fall apart - and I feared the potential consequences for genuine victims of genuine hate crimes.

Smollett was arrested just one day after federal authorities released evidence of the kind of grave threat that really does exist. They announced the arrest of Christopher Hasson, a 49-year-old U.S. Coast Guard lieutenant and self-described white nationalist, for allegedly amassing a deadly arsenal in his Silver Spring, Maryland, home and planning to assassinate a list of public officials and journalists, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and MSNBC host Joe Scarborough.

The menace of such white-supremacist terrorism is real and growing. Debacles such as Smollett's apparent



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hoax do nothing but provide excuses to ignore the threat.

Were the news media too credulous in their initial reporting about Smollett's claim? Not necessarily. A well-known person reported being assaulted, and Chicago police said they were taking his story seriously. Smollett had suffered some minor injuries and been treated at a hospital. I don't know what reporters were supposed to do except report the facts as far as they were known - absent concrete evidence that those facts were actually fabrications.

Police now say that the scratches on Smollett's face were self-inflicted and that he paid two men \$3,500 to rough him up - gently - so he could become more famous and demand more money for his role in the Fox television series "Empire." But nobody knew that at first. When new facts gradually emerged that cast doubt on Smollett's account, those facts were reported.

I also don't blame the fellow "Empire" cast members who stood by Smollett. It is only natural to want to support a friend and colleague who is in crisis.

But politicians who rushed to use Smollett's account as a shocking sign of the times - Sens. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., and Cory Booker, D-N.J., both called it an "attempted modern-day lynching," for example - were foolish to do so. The story was shaky from the beginning, and a little early caution

would have made unnecessary a lot of eventual backpedaling.

Was there, in general, an eagerness to believe Smollett because of the atmosphere President Trump has created? Probably - and, I would argue, quite understandably.

According to the FBI, there were 7,175 hate-crime incidents in this country in 2017 - a big jump from 2016, when there were 6,121 such incidents. (Those figures surely minimize the real problem, since many jurisdictions do not report hate crimes to the FBI at all.) Regarding incidents in 2017 in which victims were targeted because of race, 2,013 attacks were against African-Americans versus 741 against whites. Of incidents in which victims were targeted because of religion, the vast majority were against Jews and Muslims. There were more than a thousand anti-LGBT incidents versus just 32 classified as anti-heterosexual.

No, Trump isn't telling people to go out and commit hate crimes. But the white-supremacist lunatic who killed 11 innocent Jews in a Pittsburgh synagogue last October was apparently motivated, somehow, by Trump's apocalyptic rhetoric about illegal immigration. It's not hard to see why, to some, Smollett's story might have seemed plausible.

Trump didn't actually put words in Smollett's mouth, though. The actor allegedly made the decision to lie and should now face the consequences.

Police officials in Chicago, where the murder rate is out of control, had to waste time and resources on a wild goose chase. Even worse, the next victim of an actual hate crime might not be believed. By allegedly feigning injury to himself, Smollett grievously injured untold others.

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## Jan. 1 – Feb. 28

Community members are invited to stop by the old courthouse to view the Newton County Historical Society's most recent exhibit. This exhibit highlights some of the history of the local DAR chapter and its many accomplishments through the years.

## Saturday, Feb. 23

Newton County School System is hosting a Teacher Job Fair at Newton High School, 1 Ram Way, Covington, from 9 a.m. to noon. Administrators from 23 NCSS schools will be on site interviewing and hiring teachers to fill positions for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, contact the NCSS Human Resources Department at 770-787-1330 or hrdept@newton.k12.ga.us.

## Saturday, Feb. 23

The Arts Association in Newton County will host "Always...Patsy Cline" featuring Theatre Covington from 8 to 10 p.m. at Porter Performing Arts Center, at 140 Ram Drive in Covington. Tickets are on sale online through <http://www.newtoncountyarts.org>.

## Sunday, Feb. 24

The Arts Association in Newton County will host "Always...Patsy Cline" featuring Theatre Covington from 3 to 5 p.m. at Porter Performing Arts Center, at 140 Ram Drive in Covington. Tickets are on sale online through <http://www.newtoncountyarts.org>.

## Sunday, Feb. 24

Newton Federal Bank is proud to be a gold sponsor of Relay for Life of New-

ton County and is hosting a "Paint and Pizza Party" from 2 to 5 p.m. at WildArt. All profits will go directly to Relay for Life. Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Adult tickets are \$28 and child tickets are \$14 (15 and under). All supplies and paint will be provided and are included in the ticket price. To purchase your tickets, please contact Hadley Holmes at [hadleyholmes@newtonfederal.com](mailto:hadleyholmes@newtonfederal.com) or call 678-729-8551 (M-F, 9-5 p.m.).

## Monday, Feb. 25

Join Reagan Financial and American Realty Seniors Division for a financial planning seminar for millennials from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Lula Building, 1123 Church St., Suite 200 in Covington. The "Ten Steps for Millennials to put yourself on the Path to Financial Success" complimentary session will help you assure that you are the path to reach your financial aspirations in life, with specific information on exactly which actions to take to reach short-term and long-term financial goals. Please RSVP to Mark at [mark@reaganfinancialplanning.com](mailto:mark@reaganfinancialplanning.com) or 770-658-9440. A light dinner will be served.

## Saturday, March 2

Join We Ride to Provide to honor fallen police K9s from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event, hosted at the Porter Memorial Gym, is open to the public and family friendly.

## Sunday, March 3

The Covington Community Bike Ride occurs year-round on the first Sunday of every month, leaving

from the historic Covington square at 3 p.m. The outing is geared to riders of all abilities looking for a relaxing, conversational ride along the area's low-traffic streets and trails. Please refer to the Newton Trails Facebook page for the latest Community Bike Ride news.

## Thursday, March 7

The James M. Gresham Chapter 1312 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at 11 a.m. in Social Circle. Women eligible for membership must be at least 16 years of age who are lineal or collateral blood descendants of men and women who served honorably in the Army, Navy or Civil Service of the Confederate States of American or who gave Material Aid to the Cause. If you have an ancestor who fought in the War Between States, come visit a chapter meeting and consider membership. The objects of UDC are historical, educational, benevolent, memorial and patriotic. Call 404-558-1512 for more information about UDC and the meeting location.

## Thursday, March 14

The John Clarke Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, will host its

regular monthly meeting at 11:00am in Social Circle. Any woman 18 years or older-regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background-who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. When you join the DAR, you enter a network of more than 185,000 women who form lifelong bonds, honor their revolutionary ancestors and promote historic preservation, education and patriotism in their communities. For more information about the John Clarke Chapter and how you can honor your heritage through membership, visit the chapter website at [www.johnclarkedar.org](http://www.johnclarkedar.org). Call the John Clarke Chapter at 404-558-1512 or 770-722-3862 for information about the meeting location.

## Friday, March 15

The Arts Association in Newton County will host "The Wiz" featuring Oxford Acting Company and Oxford Youth Singers at 7 p.m. at Porter Performing Arts Center, at 140 Ram Drive in Covington. Tickets are on sale online through <http://www.newtoncountyarts.org>.

## Saturday, March 16

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Newton County will host "The Wiz" featuring Oxford Acting Company and Oxford Youth Singers at 7 p.m. at Porter Performing Arts Center, at 140 Ram Drive in Covington. Tickets are on sale online through <http://www.newtoncountyarts.org>.

## Sunday March 17

The Arts Association in Newton County will host "The Wiz" featuring Oxford Acting Company and Oxford Youth Singers at 3 p.m. at Porter Performing Arts Center, at 140 Ram Drive in Covington. Tickets are on sale online through <http://www.newtoncountyarts.org>.

## Friday, March 22

Providence Classical Christian School will host its Truth & Liberty Dinner with Allen West and Congressman Jody Hice as the featured guest speakers. The dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. at EnChanning Occasions Venue, at 640 Channing Cope Road in Covington. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/truth-liberty-dinner-tickets-55406379974?aff=ehomecard>.

## Saturday, March 23

Keep Covington/Newton

Beautiful will host its Great American CleanUP March 23. Help clean up roadside litter around Newton County. Sign up by March 15. Volunteers will meet at LongHorn Steakhouse at 9 a.m. for breakfast and then go out to clean. Visit, [www.kcnb.biz](http://www.kcnb.biz) for more information.

## Sunday, April 7

The Covington Community Bike Ride occurs year-round on the first Sunday of every month, leaving from the historic Covington square at 3 p.m. The outing is geared to riders of all abilities looking for a relaxing, conversational ride along the area's low-traffic streets and trails. Please refer to the Newton Trails Facebook page for the latest Community Bike Ride news.

## Sunday, May 5

The Covington Community Bike Ride occurs year-round on the first Sunday of every month, leaving from the historic Covington square at 3 p.m. The outing is geared to riders of all abilities looking for a relaxing, conversational ride along the area's low-traffic streets and trails. Please refer to the Newton Trails Facebook page for the latest Community Bike Ride news.

# PET OF THE WEEK

Alonzo is a big and beautiful guy. He'll do well in any home. Seems he adjusts well. He is very loving and will follow you around and he would be a great companion! Take him on a sleepover to see how you get along. Please contact Teresa (EVANS\_TERESA619@comcast.net) for more information about this pet.

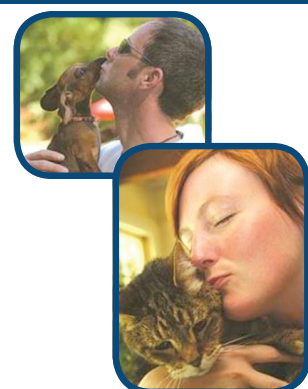


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Seldom does one gym system cover everyone's needs to achieve the level of fitness they desire. Some of us want to increase strength, lose weight, enhance endurance, train for 10k run, rehab a bad knee, or to look better, feel better and be better. Such a wide array of goals requires options. Thankfully that is something that Alcovy Fitness & Push are able to offer! Alcovy Fitness & Push were created to provide fitness solutions for every body type and fitness need thinkable – which they do with two gyms from which to choose!

The two gyms combined offer more than 26,000 sq ft of gym space! While Alcovy Fitness & Push are similar in that each offers the basic features you anticipate from a high-quality fitness center, such as weight machines, free weights, treadmills, and ellipticals, the two have

differences as well. These differences are what enable these gyms to appeal to everyone – AND you don't have to pick just one location! Flexible membership options allow gym-goers to pick and choose what they want included in their membership plan!

Alcovy Fitness, located on Alcovy Rd, opened its doors to the Newton County community in 2012! Since then, it has attracted all types of people - from the seasoned workout guru to someone just beginning their fitness journey! The environment at Alcovy is warm, friendly, & non-intimidating, and as soon as you walk in the door you're a part of the family! Alcovy offers:

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- **Cardio Cinema:** Imag-

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- **Silver Sneakers:** For our seniors! Total gym cost is \$0 to the member!
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get bored of your workout routine!

Push Fitness, located on Turner Lake Rd, opened in 2016. Push is a modern, contemporary gym offering the most technologically advanced system of fitness training available today – but don't let all of that technology intimidate you! Push's community is welcoming and energetic – perfect for anyone looking to get the most out of their fitness program! Push offers:

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- **Barre Classes:** Build strength, endurance, flexibility, & balance! With a well-qualified instructor guiding you through the movements, you'll find muscles you didn't know you had!
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- **Push Classes:** The ultimate in endurance & strength training. Wear a heart rate monitor in this class & track how many calories you're burning in real time! Women can expect to burn 500-700 calories! Men can expect to burn 800-1000 calories!

As you can see, Alcovy Fitness & Push offer an enormous variety of fitness equipment, motivat-

ed trainers, a comfortable, non-intimidating environment, and a friendly staff who are there to help you along your way! The gyms' ownership by a local physician and a register nurse (both long-time residents of Newton County!) means that you can be sure that the equipment and activities are designed to help you meet your fitness needs! At Alcovy Fitness & Push, you will never workout on inferior equipment, participate in dangerous classes, or be exposed to cancer-causing tanning beds. Your health is the #1 priority when you choose Alcovy Fitness & Push!

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At Immediate MedCare, we want to be on the leading edge of medical care, not only for urgent care and work comp injuries and illnesses, but also for a wide array of services. One of the biggest evolutionary changes in healthcare is moving away from traditional medical offices, hospitals and outpatient centers and moving towards Internet and tele-medicine-based care. Many times patients want more than seven days a week access and with many stores, gas stations, fast food restaurant being open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, medicine has to evolve beyond just the emergency room when urgent care centers are closed. We do tele-medicine once we have seen a patient, but in many cases patients still need direct medical care which is why we are open seven days a week. This includes services like labs, x-rays, hands-on medical exams and treatments that are done in a medical office. Also, another evolution is moving more services like group allergy testing, wellness programs and much more to offices, schools, churches, work sites and government offices. This is a move as well for Immediate MedCare along with allies who offer nurse calls or place part-time or full-time RN's on job sites.

Other areas that more and more people want to know about are wellness and weight loss programs, regenerative services like stem cell injections, platelet rich plasma for both therapeutic and cosmetic purposes, shockwave therapy for pain, neuropathy, wound healing, diabetic and other external ulcers and treatment for ongoing conditions like arthritis, tendinitis, bursitis and many more musculo-skeletal and dermatological issues. Many of these are not covered by insurance, which most of us in medicine don't understand. So, many people are forced to forgo these more expensive services, which is why we start with the least expensive treatment and then only recommend more expensive ones when the patient and physician agree on those options.

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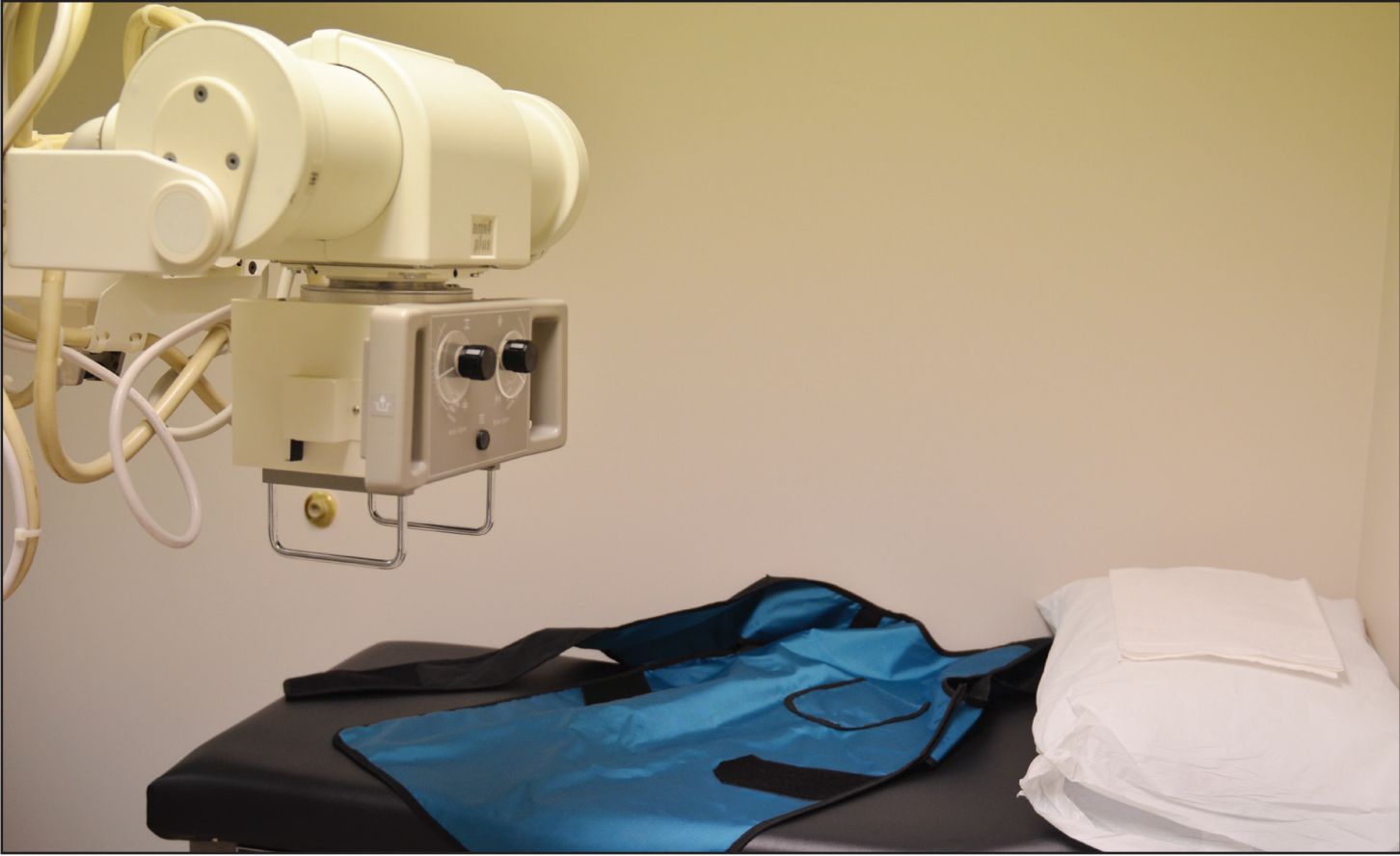
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# ONE FOR THE THUMB

## Social Circle claims 5th straight state title

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This doesn't get old for Randy Prater.

The Social Circle wrestling coach said as much, less than 24 hours after watching his Redskins capture their fifth straight Class AA traditionals state wrestling championship at the Macon Centreplex, holding off Elbert County, one of its own area rivals, to do so.

With three wrestlers — Tyler Snowden (113 pounds), Mitchell Thompson (160 pounds) and Josh Engstrom (170 pounds) making the finals in their respective weight classes, and two others fighting key matchups in the consolation semifinals, Prater said the 'Skins clinched things when heavyweight Rod Nunally pinned his opponent to take third in his division.

From there, Snowden finished as state runner up, while Thompson defeated Dade County's Cody Williams for his second straight individual state crown and Engstrom secured an individual three-peat by besting Rockmart's Zoryan Hendricks. Social Circle finished with 150.5 points with Elbert County coming in second with 122.5 points.

"Of those five kids, all won except the one who got fourth," Prater said. "When Rod pinned that heavyweight, it gave us enough points. It put us 19 points ahead of Elbert County, and at that point, there was no way, even if they'd won all their matches with a

pin and we lost all ours, there was no way they could catch us. So we were able to wrestle out the rest of the tournament with no added pressure. Just wrestling and winning for yourself."

As for Prater, although he'll acknowledge that there was a different level of pressure felt as Social Circle tried to add a fifth straight traditionals title to go along with a fifth straight duals crown, the long time 'Skins coach said it was more than worth it to be able to celebrate this kind of finish.

"This one, I'll tell you man, it's great. It's wonderful. It's awesome," he said. "But they all are. But I'll tell you, I was more tired this year than I've ever been. The pressure seems to compound as the years go. It definitely doesn't get easier. The bullseye gets bigger because you're getting everybody's best match every time out, all season long. The pressure is unreal."

It doesn't get easier either. After Social Circle's fifth straight championship triumph, it holds the distinction with Commerce of Class A and Camden County of Class AAAAAA as the only schools in Georgia holding on to a streak of five or more straight state titles.

That's because Jefferson, which came into this year's traditionals meet, failed to win a state title for the first time in 19 seasons, finishing third in Class AAA behind defending state champion Sonoraville and runner up North Hall.



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Social Circle senior Josh Engstrom celebrates his third straight state championship which helped the Redskins to their fifth straight traditionals title in Macon Saturday.



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Social Circle senior Mitchell Thompson celebrates his second straight traditionals state championship, while helping the Redskins win their fifth straight state crown.

# RAGS TO RICHES

## Mitchell Thompson's wrestling journey ends in state title glory

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Triumph. It is a word that is so often associated with the story of overcoming obstacles and working harder than anyone else in order to achieve one's goal.

For Social Circle senior Mitchell Thompson, however, the pinnacle of not only his wrestling career, but also his triumph came when his arms were raised in the air in celebration of winning his second state championship in a row.

"Winning this second state

title feels indescribable," said the elated Thompson. "Just knowing all my hard work since I won last year paid off, to know I achieved my goal that I put so much time and effort into makes me know it was worth it."

As Thompson sat on top of the world, or more specifically, the podium that signified first place in the state for the Class AA 160-pound weight class, it only took a few congratulating tweets and stories to remind him that things weren't always as bright as this moment.

However, as Thompson re-

called what it was like first entering the world of wrestling -- a grueling year-long sport for many that takes strength, technique and conditioning to achieve the highest level -- he shared how his story of triumph almost never came to be.

### Reviving hope in his craft

"I started wrestling in sixth grade," he said. "My best friend's dad, Bobby Wheeler, introduced me to the sport."

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# Page finds family, makes history as Rams wrestler

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There isn't much that gets India Page all giddy and excited. But when Newton wrestling coach Tommy Gregory drops the news that preparations for the 2019-20 wrestling season starts next week, it was enough to pull a mile-wide smile across her face.

"Yes," she exclaimed with a pump of the fist when Gregory said his Newton grapplers, not even a week removed from the GHSA traditionals state tournament in Macon, would dive into preseason workouts on Monday.

Why does it matter for Page? Well, when you're the first known girl wrestler to place at the first ever GHSA girls wrestling state tournament, such news holds lots of weight for her future.

Page placed fifth in last week's state traditionals tournament, marking history for Newton while the GHSA was making its own. She fought in the 160-pound weight class. With a maybe a handful of exceptions, she trained and battled with the guys all season

long, in workouts, practices and even meets.

And as a female in a male-dominated sport, Page said she fits in perfectly.

"I mean, ever since I was younger I never really liked girly things," Page said. "I even wanted to try out for the football team. I asked a couple of times. I still want to. But when the thought of wrestling came, I was like, okay, it's not the girliest sport. It's fun. It's a lot of guys. Not a whole lot of girl activity going on, but it's just fun, so I went for it."

It's not the first time she's tried, though. Page, a junior at Newton, had dalliances with the sport during her freshman and sophomore years, but she quit before she could truly get started.

"Even this year, I think she was going to not stay with the team," Gregory said. "But we encouraged her and she bought in, she put in the work. She was okay with wrestling boys because we didn't have any girls on the team, so we trained her the best way we could, and most of it came from her side."

Gregory conjured up the

term, "stick-to-it-tive-ness" to describe Page's resolve to keep pursuing the sport her third time around. And although she definitely had her fair share of success on the mats this year, for Page, her desire to stick and stay is bigger than just that.

"After all the hard workouts with (coach Gregory), I was like, alright, my body's looking good. I'm getting toned out, and really the team just became a family," she said. "I like hanging with these people. I love these people, so why not go all the way with them? That's really what I thought. The experience was fun. I liked wrestling with the guys and showing them girls can do some of the same things they can do."

Sometimes Page's combination of aggressiveness and skill rubbed some wrestlers the wrong way.

"There were some boys who thought that because they were wrestling a girl they were going to have an easy day," Gregory said. "And they would get embarrassed — and they shouldn't have — because she was handling her on the



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Newton's India Page, left, shows off her medal with Rams head wrestling coach Tommy Gregory. Page became the first girls wrestler in school history to place in the state traditionals wrestling tournament.

mat, and they did her wrong on that mat because of it. She had one match where a guy did a wrong move on her to

get her off of him. He was disqualified, of course, and she won the match. But it showed that she was putting that kind

of pressure on guys on the

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# Rams seniors express pride in program despite loss

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Sometimes all the practice and preparation in the world can't properly get you ready for the real-time experience.

That seemed to be the narrative put forth as Newton seniors, Tyrease Brown, Tre Clark and Armani Harris — along with head coach Rick Rasmussen — discussed Thursday night's 69-57 Sweet 16 loss to No. 3 Meadowcreek in Class AAAAAAA state tournament action.

The Mustangs played like the defending state champions they are as their defensive intensity, physicality and scrappiness caused Newton fits all night long.

Tyrease Brown scored a team-high 20 points — 15 of them in a third quarter where he got hot and almost singlehandedly shot Newton back into the game, but the Rams had no answer for Meadowcreek's Damian Dunn who led all scorers with 24 points, while also playing spectacular defense while being matched up against Clark for most of the night.

Clark had 14 points and Harris finished with 16, but they were probably the hardest-fought double figures scoring nights the senior trio had all season.

"That's the most physical team we've played all year, and that kind of hit us in the mouth a lot," Brown said.

Harris echoed his teammate's sentiments.

"You know, we knew they were physical, but like Tyrease said, that's probably the most physical team we've ever played against," Harris said. "They played harder, they wanted it more. We didn't play like we did, just being real. They just wanted it more than us. At the same time, we fought to the end, but it wasn't enough."

Coming into the game, all eyes were on Meadowcreek senior and all-Region 7-AAAAAAA player of the year, Jamir Chaplin. And while Chaplin had a pair of monster dunks — one in the second quarter that seemed to help get Meadowcreek's offense going, and one 22 seconds into the third quarter that ignited a run that gave the Mustangs their first double-digit lead of the night — it was Dunn and senior Jalen Benjamin who did the most damage.

All told, Benjamin complemented Dunn with 22 points, and Chaplin finished with just eight.

"(Dunn) played well tonight," Rasmussen said. "He's probably their third best player, but he was their best player on the court tonight. You spend so much time keying Chaplin their region player of the year,



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Newton senior Tre Clark walks back to the bench after fouling out during Thursday's season-ending loss to Meadowcreek in the Class AAAAAAA state tournament. Clark, a VCU commitment, was one of the Rams' leading scorers this year.

but he was the difference maker."

But perhaps even more than an unexpected scoring outburst from Dunn, it was Meadowcreek's suffocating defense that made the difference. The Mustangs regularly snuck an extra man down on Harris to double team him, while the rangy Chaplin did a good job against him in spurts when he had to guard him one-on-one.

"They had a really good game plan with Armani," Rasmussen said. "And even though we suggested what he needed to do, he struggled with that. They doubled in, we told him to be aware of not charging, pivoting and not dribbling into the double team. But they did a really good job on him."

Brown said Meadowcreek threw some things at Newton defensively that they'd not really been exposed to this season.

"Kind of like trapping the ball screens," he said. "We didn't see a lot of that this year. And, again, just being physical."

Rasmussen said he'd been tipped off, coming into Thursday's game, on the kind of defensive energy Meadowcreek would bring. And although he and his coaching staff did as much as possible to get Newton ready for it, it still wasn't enough.

"I was told by several coaches that (Meadowcreek) was the best defensive team in the half court in the state," he said. "And they played like it. Everything they talked about, we knew what they could do. We were well aware of it. I just don't think we were patient enough. We told the kids, but I don't think they realized what it was."

Moments after winning the opening tip, Newton would find out quickly.

In a jerky-jerky first quarter that featured several stoppages of play for malfunctioning lights in the

gym and a couple of players with blood on their jerseys, Meadowcreek took a 6-3 lead in an uncharacteristically low-scoring quarter. Chaplin and Dunn teamed up for 12 of Meadowcreek's 14 second quarter points, as the Mustangs took a 20-11 halftime advantage. Meanwhile, Newton could only muster three field goals in the first half.

"We needed to be more patient," Rasmussen said. "We talked about it before the game how we needed to run multiple plays in one possession to get the very best shot we could. I thought we got sped up a bit because of their physicality. I thought Tre was a little bit impatient. You've gotta give (Meadowcreek) a lot of credit."

In the third quarter, Brown caught fire. He got fouled on a 3-pointer and sank all three free throws to chop Meadowcreek's lead to six at the 7:49 mark. Benjamin answered back with a 3-pointer of his own to put the Mustangs back up by nine. Then Chaplin's dunk on a fast break made it 25-14 Meadowcreek about one minute later.

Brown knocked down another trey at the 6:28 mark, then got three the hard way one more time when he got fouled behind the arc again. His second 3-ball of the third quarter actually got Newton back to within five points at 28-23, but from there, Meadowcreek went on a 14-8 run to close out the quarter with the Mustangs on top 42-31.

"It was nice to see Tyrease get going," Rasmussen said. "We talked about it going into the second half. Try to find him in transition before they could set up defensively."

Brown described his third quarter outbreak in less strategic terms.

"I just had to step up for my team," Brown said. "I

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Kentucky freshman point guard Ashton Hagans has been named the SEC Freshman of the Week two times this season for the fourth-ranked Wildcats.

# Hagans a Naismith defensive player of the year semifinalist

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Kentucky true freshman Ashton Hagans has been named one of 10 semifinalists for the Naismith National Defensive Player of the Year award, according to ukathletics.com.

Nominations are driven by the Atlanta Tipoff Club, which is the same organizes that chooses Naismith Player of the Year, along with several other prestigious high school hoops accolades.

The late-season watch list debuted on Thursday, and the 6-foot-3 Newton High product is one of only three freshmen — Duke's Zion Williamson and Tre Jones being the others — to be named to the list.

Hagans averages 7.4 points, 2.3 rebounds and 4.4 assists per game for the No. 4 Kentucky Wildcats. But his claim to fame this season has been defensively. He's averaging two steals per game, but truly burst on the

scene when he swiped a school-record tying eight steals back in December in an 80-72 win against No. 9 North Carolina.

After that game, Hagans went on a tear of five games where he scored double figures, including a career-high 23 points on his January 15 homecoming game against Georgia in Athens. He also had 12 points in a 71-63 victory against top 10 Kansas, and his nine points, seven assists and two steals helped the Wildcats knock off top-ranked Tennessee in an 86-69 rout at home.

This time last year, Hagans was a junior at Newton, helping the Rams to a Class AAAAAAA Final Four finish en route to being named Mr. Georgia Basketball and being widely considered the No. 1 point guard prospect in the nation.

In his most recent action, he scored 12 points in a 66-58 road win at Missouri. Hagans and Kentucky will be back in action Saturday when the Wildcats host Auburn.

## STOVALL'S SOUND OFF

### Rasmussen squeezes as much from his available talent pool as any hoops coach in Georgia

These days, as my father's health slowly declines thanks (no thanks) to Alzheimer's disease, I find myself drifting frequently to reminiscing modes — thinking about some of Dad's most famous quips and nuggets of wisdom.

As I listened to Newton Rams boys basketball coach Rick Rasmussen talk about his highly decorated, extremely successful 2019 senior class after Thursday night's season ending loss to defending Class AAAAAAA champ Meadowcreek, another one of my dad's gems popped into my mind.

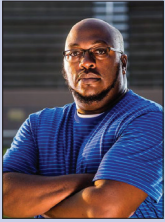
"Son," he'd say, "it's not always about what you have, but how you use it."

Most times when he would say this to me it would be during one of his lectures encouraging me to properly and responsibly spend my money.

My father didn't finish high school. He grew up in Mississippi, and dropped out to help his parents and his multiple siblings tend their farm on the outskirts of Tupelo. But although he wasn't rich, he never went without, because he put his own preaching into practice.

So it was natural, I guess, to think of this as coach Rasmussen began to salute his 2019 senior class — a group that had a hand in 104 wins, four straight Sweet 16 appearances, three region championships, a couple of Final Four appearances and a partridge in a pear tree.

"Some people want to talk about who we don't have, but I'm really proud of the Newton High School class of 2019," Rasmussen said. "We have our integrity. Our kids are a bunch of kids from Covington who work extremely hard. Our seniors, all seven of them, have been with us for four



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years. One of our best ever, and we have no regrets, and I'm super proud of the kids and how they fought to the very end. They never gave up."

And in the process, this group proved a ton of doubters wrong.

When I came to Covington almost three years ago, I showed up right before the start of the 2016-17 season. I talked with Coach Ras in his office, and one thing I remember is how quickly he warmed up to me to talk hoops at length. I'm sure this was probably more about his overall love and passion for the game than it was the new reporter standing in his office, but either way I was glad.

That day, Rasmussen did a run-down of Class AAAAAAA squads, both in and outside of Newton's region, that would've made you think he was coaching against one of those teams that day, even though the season hadn't started yet. He made mention of all of the teams who had the big, behemoth 6-foot-8-plus players — some of them home grown in their respective school districts and others, well, not.

Rasmussen said he never really had that kind of player in his long-standing tenure at Newton. And perhaps that was the one thing stopping him short of grabbing that ever-elusive state championship, despite coming up just short several times.

It's no secret that recruit-

ing happens in high school basketball. And it's also no secret that if you ask a high school coach if their program has ever recruited, they'll almost always tell you no. But Rasmussen is one of the few guys I've met whom I believe when he says it.

A perusal of some of Newton basketball's rosters seem to prove it. There are seasons when he has a good group of Division I talents on his squad, and then there are seasons when he seemingly gets it done without a whole ton of star power.

Ironically, that 2016-17 squad was probably his best, especially from a talent standpoint. Isaiah Miller, J.D. Notae, Ashton Hagans, Josh Tukes in the middle, sharpshooter Darwin Jones, and future stars like Tre Clark, Armani Harris and Tyrease Brown waiting in the wings and watching the big boys get it done.

That team was nationally ranked and flirted with an undefeated season for a while. It ran into P.J. Horne, now at Virginia Tech, and a tough-as-nails Tift County squad that won it all that year. But I firmly believe if Newton would've gotten past them, they'd have won it all.

The next year it was almost all Ashton Hagans. He's that all-world talent that you only get blessed with once a generation if you're lucky. Hagans put the team on his back all the way to the Final Four. So it was a natural reflex for many to doubt this Rams squad's ability to keep Newton in the postseason conversation.

Hopefully after Clark, Harris and Brown — virtual no names to the state hoops scene just two years ago — came on and dominated most of the teams on their

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# Tigers bats overpower Baldwin, gets first 2-0 start in 8 years

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The Alcovy Tigers improved to 2-0 to start off the season for the first time since 2011 with their 17-7 victory over the Baldwin Bulldogs Monday night.

The Tigers' bats were very much alive, and their 3 and 4 hitters played a huge role in the team's offensive onslaught as the three players accounted for 12 of the Tigers' 17 runs.

Sophomore shortstop and Tennessee commit, Ryan Spikes led the way for the Tigers as he finished his night 3-for-4 with two home runs and six RBIs.

Spikes ultimately ended the game early with his three-run shot to left field that was an absolute no-doubter. Giving his team the mercy-rule victory in the bottom of the 6th was a great feeling for Spikes, but he knows his team still has a lot to do.

"It's a great feeling, but more importantly we're here to have fun and play the game the right way," said Spikes. "We just need to keep building ourselves up, keep picking each other up, making good decisions on and off the field and keep playing the game of baseball the way it's supposed to be played."

Following Spikes in the lineup was catcher Chris Burney, and he had a great night as well, finishing 2-for-3 and driving in four

RBIs. Burney did a great job of working the count and being selective with his pitches, which led to his all-around stellar night.

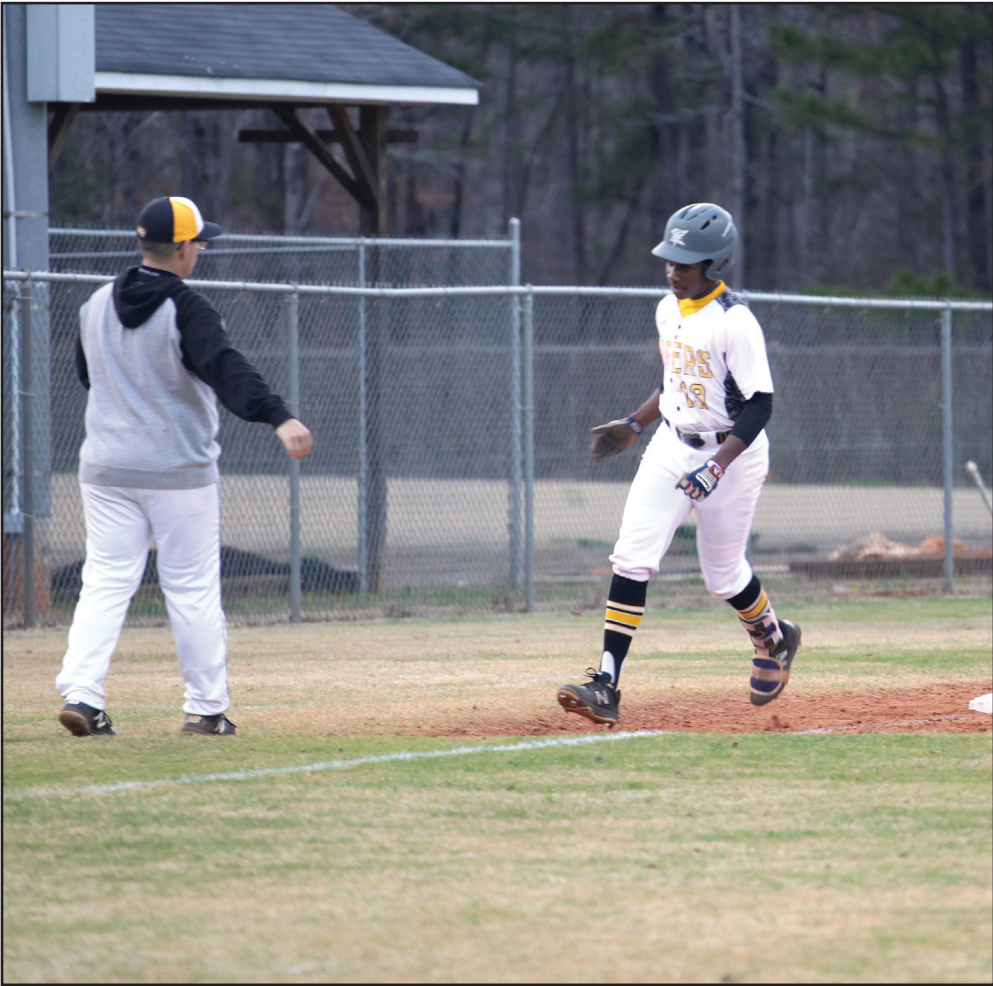
Burney's big hit came with the bases loaded in the second inning with an overpowering shot that gave the Bulldogs' center fielder some trouble. Burney ended up on second after sending all three runners home and extended the Tigers' early lead to six runs.

Although it was a great offensive performance by the Tigers, The pitching and defense had struggles here and there throughout the game, but Hughes said he believes that as the team starts to build a winning culture, they will find a way to overcome these issues.

"I thought our pitchers did okay at times, but we have to do a better job of getting ahead," Hughes said. "Way too many 1-0, 2-0 counts. I think we're showing hitters too much respect. Overall it's nothing we can't fix at this point."

This historic start for the Tigers is definitely a huge confidence booster this early in the season, and it should bring some swagger to the team. Tigers catcher and cleanup hitter Chris Burney knows that if they keep playing like this, it will bring his team some more respect.

"It's setting Alcovy on the map," Burney said. "Other teams used to come here thinking that this was just an easy win, but now they have to fight for it. We're ready for anything."



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Alcovy sophomore Ryan Spikes makes his home run trot after a 3-run shot in the sixth inning lifted the Tigers to a 17-7 win over Baldwin Monday evening, giving the program its first 2-0 start to a season since 2011.

# Peachtree Academy's Clements grateful for scenery change

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For Ryan Clements it's been different school, different level, same result.

Fresh off a 26-point, 16-rebound performance that helped Peachtree Academy take down defending GICAA state champion Arlington Academy this past weekend, Clements finds himself in a similar position that he was in this time last season — one game away from playing for a state title.

Last year, it happened while Clements was playing out his junior season at Heritage-Conyers where he averaged 8.9 points, 4.5 rebounds and two assists and two steals per game for the Class AAAAAA Final Four qualifying Patriots. Heritage fell to Gainesville 102-86 in that semifinals matchup.

Meanwhile, over in Covington, the Peachtree Academy Panthers were waltzing through their own Final Four journey. They too were stopped in the next-to-last game of the season, falling 79-47 to the same Arlington squad they dispatched last weekend.

This year, Clements has traded in his Heritage red, white and blue for the Peachtree maroon and white. He's moved on from GHSA ball to the smaller, private school-dominated GICAA, but all you have to do to figure out if he's satisfied for where his basketball journey has taken him over the last 12 months is visit his Twitter feed.

Some have, no doubt, questioned why he chose what some may consider a lesser brand of basketball during a pivotal senior season that, for many players, is the make or break campaign for college scholarships. But Clements has a quick and sure answer for such doubters.

"I'm not a believer in that it's all about where you are, but I believe that it's all about what you do while you're there," Clements said. "So I've believed that no matter where I'm at, I know I can play, and if I play the way I'm capable of playing, I know I'll get coaches to find me and reach out to me."

And it's been happening. Clements' migration from the Conyers public school to the Covington private school has put a different sort of spotlight on his game.

That's a major change from his last year at Heritage where he played the role of distributor on a team with three double-figures scorers in then-senior Josh Archer and juniors Trelan Scott and Josh Guilford.

And though he said it was a difficult decision to move on from possibly forming a formidable big three with Scott and Guilford in his senior campaign, Clements said the shift was a necessary one, academically as well as athletically.

"It was hard, but I had to do it," he said. "This year my family and me just made a decision to come over here for a better basketball opportunity, for me to advance my game more, and also educational wise, to give me more college preparation in classes. It's been more rigorous. More difficult courses, but I really feel like it's preparing me for my college career in the classroom and basketball wise."

Peachtree head coach Terry McRae said the way that Clements fell into his program's lap was a literal answer to prayer.

"This is a Christian school, so here we do see things a little differently, maybe," McCrae said. "We see things through the way God puts things in place. I was looking at our roster, trying to figure out how I was going to get what I needed to get my offense going the way it needs to be. The way God works, Ryan transferred into the school. He wasn't recruited, and I need to make that clear first and foremost. He just came here, got accepted and I didn't meet him until the day of our first game."

From there, McRae got the chance to have conversation with Clements. Athleticism was never a question, so McRae grilled him on specifics to see if he had the mindset to be a good fit for his program.

"I told him that I'd heard he was a guard and asked if he could do certain things," McRae said. "He told me yes. I asked if he could do this or that from a point guard position, and he said, 'Coach, I can handle that.' And then I told him, from there, if you have your shot, take your shot."

The more McRae learned about Clements, both as a player and a person, the more he started to believe that not only would Clements be a help to Peachtree, but Peachtree could be a help to Clements.

"I'm not talking bad about the way the system worked where he was, but I don't know if it truly allowed him to explore his game," McRae said. "It was like he was kind of in a box. Coming here to play basketball, he was coming into a place where it was a system of position less basketball."

And Clements will be the first to tell you that the change has brought out of him a different kind of baller.

"This year I'm playing more of a scoring role," Clements said. "On last year's team with Trelan Scott and Josh Guilford, those guys are both great scorers, but they had to have to ball to score, so it was kind of like, let me try to help get them going. But here, the offense is more open. Everybody's swinging the ball more. Everybody's fine with knowing who to go to in certain situations."

"At Heritage, everybody knew that it would either be Josh or Tre, but here it's spread out and really everybody can take the big shot."

To be sure, Clements has made more than his fair share.

A week before knocking off Arlington, Clements erupted for 30 points, 14 rebounds and six assists to help Peachtree defeat Covington Academy for its third straight region championship.

He had a similar performance last month in a back-and-forth battle, hotly contested regular season battle with Covington Academy. And in Saturday's Arlington game, aside from his points production, Clements was a



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Fourth-year Peachtree Academy boys basketball coach Terry McRae, left, and senior Ryan Clements are hoping to soon add GICAA state championship hardware to the school's trophy case.

calming presence, showing off his leadership skills when things got hairy against the defending champs.

"We were up by 13 points against Arlington, and they came back on us," McRae said. "They actually went up by two," Clements added.

"But we came back together and said, 'Hey, let's get back to doing what we're doing. They're not stopping us. We're stopping ourselves,'" McRae said.

And the coach gives a lot of credit to Clements for helping bring that levelheaded quality to this team that it perhaps lacked in previous years.

"Our guys have learned to go through adversity, and Ryan's a big part of that," McRae said. "We were able to fight back. Last year, I don't think this team has the ability to do that. Ryan is like a coach on the court. He's an encourager and he can help guys when they make a mistake to pick their heads up. When he talks to them, it's almost like they don't even realize they made a mistake. But me as a coach, it's my job to help them know they made a mistake. But Ryan provides that balance on the floor."

His work isn't going unno-

ticed either.

Clements said he's gotten several basketball scholarship offers from NCAA Division II and Division III schools. One of those schools, Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee, is high on the list. But the awesome thing for Clements is he has non-athletic options as well.

Armed with a 4.02 grade point average, Clements has been accepted to schools such as Gardner Webb, St. John's University and Holy Name, just on academic merits alone.

He said he wants to major in business management or business marketing and follow in his dad's footsteps as an accountant. He has visions of starting his own business.

"It's great to have these options," Clements said. "Really, it's the perfect world to have a chance to tell somebody else 'no' instead of relying on someone to make that decision for me. If I get more money at one school for academic scholarships, I can try to walk on as a basketball player. But if the basketball scholarship brings more money, I can go to that school and play. The game is in my hand to make the choice."

Wherever Clements ends

up, McRae said that school is going to get him at a bargain.

"He's a Division I athlete, hands down," McRae said. "And I think if the opportunity presents itself in these potentially next two games, and he gets this time on film, if people don't know him, they're getting ready to know about him."

It could, indeed, become a very big weekend for Clements and Peachtree Academy as they face Camp Jewel House Friday at Truett-McConnell in the GICAA Division II-A semifinal game. Win, and Peachtree Academy will be playing for its first state championship on Saturday, also at Truett-McConnell.

And for someone who's been playing the game since he was 3 years old, Clements said he doesn't want to see himself closing out his high school career in any other fashion than on top.

"I'm very thankful for the opportunities I've received at Peachtree, and I'm thankful for coach McRae and principal McRae for everything she has done for me," he said. "It's good to be back in this position again, but this time I definitely want to end it with a state championship."

## STOVALL

■ FROM 2B

schedule, people will begin to say what I've been saying since shortly after meeting Rasmussen and knowing all he puts into preparing his teams for success.

Don't bet against a Rick Rasmussen coached team.

I've said it before in this space, but it bears repeating, especially when you consider the competition Newton faces in Class AAAAAA ball.

"Seven-A ball in Georgia is a totally different animal," Rasmussen said. "Someone said the other day

on MaxPreps that it was the open division in California and 7A in Georgia that are the toughest in the nation to win a state championship."

Sounds plausible when you think of the kind of Division I, Power Five and even professional talent that's come through Georgia's highest classification over the last 10 years.

Not only has Rasmussen seen it. He's coached against it. And by way of his position on the Atlanta TipOff Club's selection committee — the committee that chooses some of the more prestigious post-season accolades for prep ballers in Georgia — he's observed and evaluated it.

On Thursday night, Newton ran up against some of that elite com-

petition in a defending state champ in Meadowcreek. There were rumors prior to the game that Meadowcreek might benefit from the services of a 6-foot-8 player named Darius Gaddy transferring in from Wheeler, but that came to naught. Of course some of the more upper echelon, elite teams count on a couple of those kinds of acquisitions a year.

Newton doesn't seem to have that luxury, if you want to call it that, as often as others.

"It will be fun as a fan to sit back and watch and see who's left standing," Rasmussen said. "Class 7A is what it is. We have no regrets. We don't have two move-ins like this team did, and we have everybody

that we have, and we love our kids and are very proud of them."

What Newton has in Rasmussen is a detail-oriented coach who believes in old-school principles of fundamentally sound basketball and a disciplined program that prepares its athletes for college careers on the court and in the classroom.

And what Rasmussen has at Newton is a community that may not have the biggest talent pool, and may not attract a ton of transfers and move-ins, but one that loves its basketball and provides a rabid and sometimes raucous fan base that supports the team and the program wholeheartedly, win lose or draw.

No, the coach isn't perfect. He'll probably be the first to say so. The

program isn't perfect either, nor is the community. But it's what we have. And more than arguably any other hoops coach in the state, Rasmussen has seemingly learned the art of making the most of it.

Maybe a state championship will come one of these years. Maybe not. But one thing I do know is if it ever comes, there shouldn't be much question about whether or not it comes the right way. At least not as long as Rasmussen is around, continuing to make the most out of what he has.

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NEWTON

■ FROM 2B

didn't wanna go home. I didn't want this to be the last game."

Newton never got closer the nine points the rest of the way, as Meadowcreek helped its cause by knocking down 23 of 25 free throws, 12 of 14 in the fourth quarter stretch alone. But in the end, the Rams' senior trio and Rasmussen realized they had nothing to feel ashamed of.

"I'm proud of my team," Brown said. "We're gonna be

good. It's all good. Best four years of my life. Coach Ras, he's gonna prepare us for college. Well, he did prepare us, so now I'm just ready to go to the next level."

Clark and Harris had nothing but praise for Rasmussen and staff, and how they've been impacted by their time in blue and white.

"It's been good," Clark said. "This coaching staff helped me learn a lot this year. It helped me grow as a person and a player, and my teammates, they also pushed and helped me and made me go harder every day."

Said Harris: "Since my freshman year, Coach Ras

took me under his wing. It's really been a learning experience all four years, especially leading to a breakout senior season for me, Tyrease and Tre. That's one thing we're gonna miss. The coaches, teammates, family, everybody who supported us to this day. I'm going to miss it. I love it all."

Rasmussen said he'll remember this particular senior class, not for the season ending setback, but for what has been accomplished over the last four years.

The 2019 senior class, which also includes Mike Mathison, LeAndrew Sims, Jamal Pollard and Dejoun

Taylor, has compiled a 104-18 record with three region championships, with five straight Sweet 16 appearances and two Elite Eight and Final four appearances.

"This class was outstanding," he said. "Well over 100 wins, and you'll find very few who have been to five straight Sweet 16s. Whether they're in the rotation or not, they are really great young men, and they're gonna do great things in college and beyond. I told them there are a lot of things that last a lot longer than basketball, and in life after basketball for all our kids, they're going to be great winners."

RICHES

■ FROM 1B

When I first started, I was one of the worst on the team only winning four matches, and two of those wins were against the same kid."

In that first year, Thompson wanted to quit and even tried leaving the team before his family, friends and coaches pushed him to stick with it. Social Circle head wrestling coach, Randy Prater was one of those pushers.

"There was a time when he wanted to quit, and I had to look him in the eye and say, 'Son, you're special. I see it in you. You've got it. I want you to believe me and stick with this thing,'" Prater said.

Although he ultimately decided to continue pursuing a career on the mat, his story of triumph featured his climbing a tremendous uphill battle from then on.

As Thompson entered his Sophomore season of wrestling, small details began clicking like never before for him.

"I went to Compound Wrestling center with Douglas Peppers, and I went to the Wrestling Center with Jackson Wheeler," Thompson said. "Peppers, Wheeler and my brother Micah taught me a lot that year and pushed me. That was when I knew if I worked hard, I'd be good at this sport."

But even though improvement started coming more naturally for him, the obstacles of the uphill climb to his apex still loomed large.

"My sophomore year, I got beat out of the starting line up and didn't get to compete at state," he said as he recalled watching wrestlers he pinned in the regular season standing on the state podium while he looked on from the stands.

Prater can corroborate Thompson's recollection.

"He had a rough freshman year here, and sophomore year, he got beat out. But you could see the improvements. He was watching guys he'd beaten make the podium at state. You knew he had it in him."

It was in that moment that he knew he was going to set a lofty goal of winning a state championship the next season, and that nobody would get in his way of doing so.

In fact, his friend, Tristan Chambers, had Thompson's exact prediction of making it to the state finals written down in his notes and shared via Twitter.

"Mark my words, I'm going to make it to the state finals next year," – Mitchell 9:09 p.m. 2/10/17" the note said.

Title-seeking turning point

Twitter wasn't the only place where Thompson chronicled his biggest goal.

"One day I was holding his cell phone, and I dropped it and it fell open," Prater said. "The case fell open, and inside his phone, written in the case was, 'I will be a two-time state champion.' He put it on a piece of paper and put it on his mirror where he'd have to look at it every day. For him, that's a reminder every day that, hey, I've gotta get up and go to work."

Knowing that many would doubt him, Thompson set out to do anything he could to turn that prediction into proof.

"I worked out everyday that summer

and anytime the wrestling room was open, I would be there," he said. "I even paid for a trip to Las Vegas with my own money to go and wrestle in a prestigious tournament. I was on a mission."

With his mission being clear, he described how he bought in to preparing to get to that goal.

"You can have a dream, or you can have a goal," he said. "You imagine and think about your dream, but when you have a goal, you will do anything to achieve it."

"I worked out hard every day, and I wrestled with the best kids in the state. I drilled with Emmanuel College wrestler, Emery Cline, three times a week. I surrounded myself with state finalists and state champs. People saw me getting worked and destroyed in the wrestling room by these guys, but I got better. Some people will never know how hard I worked. I mean that."

With his work ethic becoming stronger by the day, Thompson knew that without the emotional and spiritual support he garnered from others, his formula for triumph would never be complete, and it started with his spiritual walk that put his humility on display.

"Win or lose, all glory to God, and I mean that," he said. "I won two state titles, but my identity is found in Jesus Christ, not wrestling. I am a Christian who happens to wrestle."

With his love for God, you can often find Thompson mentoring his friends at house church or in any kind of conversation. He does that, perhaps as a way of pay back — knowing that his friendships were another key rung in his ladder of support.

That Social Circle family feeling

If you were to ask Thompson about his father, he would probably ask, "which one" out of the three. Aside from his heavenly father and biological father who supported him so much through his journey, he also found a father inside the program in Prater.

"Coach Prater is another father to me," he said. "I've had conversations about life with him, not just wrestling. He taught me if I want something, I have to work for it, not just in wrestling, but in life. I know even after I graduate, if I ever need anything, he will be there for me, same with all the coaches in the wrestling room."

It was this formula of hard work and having support all around him that led him to his first state championship during his junior year. A victory that included the celebratory act caught and widely distributed on Twitter of wrestling Prater to the mat.

And although he described winning his first state title as amazing and fulfilling, he was entering his final year of wrestling in high school, and he knew that he went from bringing the hunter, to the hunted, which added an immense amount of pressure that he had never experienced before.

"This past season has been tough," he said. "Last year, I came into the season as an underdog, or a better word would be a nobody. But this year, everyone knew who I was. I got everyone's best match because they knew I was the returning

champ. After practice I would stay with coach Cline and coach (Roger) Strom to better my technique and my conditioning. I wanted to know no one was working harder than me."

Not to be outworked at all this season, Thompson earned himself a 39-6 record and despite the pressure, was many people's odds-on favorite to win his second state title.

So, when the final whistle blew in Macon this past Saturday, and Thompson's arms were raised once again, and when he stood over everyone on top of the highest point of the awards podium, he knew in that moment that his triumph story was complete.

It was a story that wouldn't have happened had he gone through with quitting in sixth grade, and it was a story that showed just how much his love for wrestling was really measured.

"I fell in love with wrestling for many reasons," he said. "For one, I love the grind as I personally love working hard and pushing myself past my bodies limits. However, another reason why I love it is because you don't have to be talented to be great. Social Circle taught me if you put the hours in the weight room, wrestling room, and you believe in yourself, you can be successful. I'm not as talented as some people, but I know for a fact I work harder."

New beginnings, lessons learned

Although this particular chapter of Thompson's story has been completed, a new one is now set to begin.

Thompson has signed his letter of intent to further his education and wrestling career at Lander University in Greenwood, South Carolina. It is a school with a brand new wrestling program, in which Thompson will be one of many on its inaugural team.

And while he is unsure of any goals at the moment, he knows for sure that he just wants to get a college degree and make his name one of honor.

"I know God holds my future, so I am not worried," he said.

He'll leave behind a legacy at Social Circle that will not be forgotten. Much like he had his own mentors in Cline and fellow senior state champion Josh Engstrom, he knows that he is and will be a mentor to the wrestlers that go through some of the same things that his triumph story took him through, and with that knowledge, he had five pieces of advice for them.

"This is something I want to tell anyone who reads my story," he said. "If you want something in life, if you have a dream or a goal, I want to give some advice. One, you have to believe in yourself. Two, make your goal public. Let people know that you're working for.

"Three, you have to work harder than everyone. There were days and nights I would get up very early in the morning and stay up very late at night putting in more hard work and time. Four, surround yourself with people you want to be like. Pay attention to their habits and what makes them different from others. Five, always know why you're doing it. Have a reason to work hard and know your purpose.

feelings and let (my coaches) handle the situation. I went into my space. I cried. I just don't like people taking things from me that I truly deserve."

Both Page and Gregory believe the loss ignited her even hotter fire inside her to compete even harder and set a goal to be the one standing on top of the podium this time next year.

"I'm not saying I'm the best out there, but I was watching the other girls at the state tournament and I was like, 'let me drop a couple of weight classes,'" she said. "I know next year I'm getting first. I said that after I lost. I posted it on Instagram that if anyone gets in my way next year, it's not gonna be a pretty sight. Let's just say that."

And Gregory sees it happening, too.

THUMB

■ FROM 1B

Jefferson used to be the kings of Class AA before Social Circle, winning state championships from 2009 through 2014 before moving on to Class AAAA and back down to AAA. Prater saluted Jefferson for its unprecedented run, even as he begins to know more of what it takes to stay at that level with each trophy added to the mantle.

"Getting on top is so hard, but what people don't understand if they haven't done it is staying there is even harder," he said. "And the pressure is on our kids because, and they'll say it every year, nobody wants to be the team that breaks the streak or that doesn't win it. When you look at Jefferson winning 18 years in a row in four different classifications, it's amazing to think about what they've done. They ended up third this year, and third in state is actually a big deal."

"And you always keep it in the back of your mind, but if that ever does happen and the streak is broken, you can't fold up the the tent. That just means it's time to get back to work."

Actually, it's that work ethic that's kept Prater and company on top. And it's caused a bit of a legacy to develop. Prater talked about how guys like Thompson and Engstrom feel the push to get better and to keep things going, not just for the team, but also their personal families.

"You look at Josh and Mitchell, they both have older brothers who've wrestled in the program," Prater said. "They both have different stories, but they're great stories. Josh is probably a takedown away from being a four timer. He made the finals as a freshman, but it didn't work out (to win state). I think that loss bothered him, and he corrected it and never let it happen again."

Prater called Engstrom a "tough, hard-nosed, mean, toughest kind in the room" type of grappler. While he lauds Thompson for working his way up from a lightly regarded middle school wrestler who almost quit the sport before high school into a college-bound performer.

But despite the differences in their journeys, Prater said one common thread holds them and all his wrestlers together.

"It's hard work," he said. "It's the ability to be mentally tough. It's doing the extra things, wrestling in the offseason, hitting the weights. These kids want it and you can see it in how they work."

Some of the push to continue the reign at the top of the state's wrestling world may come from the constant reminders of the program's greatness that come to the wrestlers just by them living in and around the Social Circle community.

"Every day when I drive into work, you see those signs posted in the community," Prater said. "They see it every day, no matter which way you come into the town. From every direction, whether you come in from Covington or Monroe, you see those signs that remind you of the kids in those programs that are graduated and were part of those state championships. Even the middle school program. Our community loves it. The school and everyone, they crave that success. It's a constant reminder, and a great way to remember what we've had and what we want to continue to have."

Prater knows any future success won't be given to them, though.

The five seniors Social Circle will lose is the largest number of non-returners of anyone in its area, including a solid Oglethorpe squad that loses just one, Banks County who graduates only two and Elbert County, a squad that gave the Redskins a solid run this year, which will only lose three.

But as much as Prater hates to see those seniors go, he says the bonds and relationships he's built with them will continue, just as it has with many others who have come through the program. He's also excited about the close to 15 freshman who will come out of the middle school program, headed by former Alcovy head coach William Wells.

"It's like he's sending me a whole team," he said. "And there are some really solid eighth graders coming up who will have an opportunity to crack the roster with us. Lance Thacker's a rising freshman who's been going to Disney with us. He'll probably be our 106 pounder next year. He could be probably be the guy."

He credits his entire coaching staff as well, including assistant Roger Strom whom he calls his "right hand man" for helping develop the young wrestlers when they come to the varsity level.

"I've got a truly elite coaching staff," he said. "Roger brings a lot of balance to things, and he keeps me on the tracks. He's kind of the ying to the yang, so to speak. But it helps create balance in our coaching staff. Guys like him are good for me, helping me stay focused and not getting distracted with all the other stuff so we can keep focusing on getting our guys better."

Regardless of who suits up for Social Circle wrestling in the 2019-20 season, Prater said he'll require the same things for them that has been mandated for those who've come before them.

"It's going to get harder," he said. "And I'm not asking for anybody to feel sorry for us. It's a great thing to be in this position. It's not always fun with the pressure sometimes, but we're glad to be in this seat. And I think that as long as we continue to work hard, train hard, do the extras and stay hungry, I think we can keep this thing going a while. I don't have any plans to stop."

PAGE

■ FROM 1B

mat."

And while Page says it's never her goal to necessarily embarrass someone, she saw no need to hold back her competitive fire just because she's a girl.

"When that would happen, I'd say, 'Hey, you're mad. I got you though. I got you shook, and now you're scared of me,'" she said. "It intimidates you for a female to be able to handle you like that. So now it's like, yeah you may win at the end of the day, but I'm showing what I can do. I have another year, and I'll be even more ready next year."

Even more than sticking it to the boys she faces, Page is already amped up for next

season because of how this year at state ended.

Although she finished a respectable fifth place in Macon, both she and Gregory feel like she was cheated out of a higher finish — and perhaps even a shot at a state title.

It happened in her first match where she maneuvered an opponent to pin her, but ended up being called for a fall herself.

"Her opponent's shoulders were stacked on the mat and the ref's looking," Gregory said. "The ref walks around, looks at my wrestler's shoulders and said India's shoulders were laying flat. So she called a pin on her, even though India had pinned the other girl already."

It looked so much like an obvious win for Page, that Gregory said even the an-

nouncers calling out winners inside the Macon Centreplex were confused.

"The announcer actually said, 'India Page wins by fall,'" Gregory said. "And then the ref looks at us, shakes his head and lifts the other girl's hand up. We went as berserk as we could be while staying professional. We went up to a GHSA official, and even though he said he understood and empathized with us, he couldn't reverse it."

"We kept fighting. She wrestled back up to fifth place."

But it was still probably the toughest moment in an otherwise satisfying first full season for Page.

"I had to walk it off after that loss," she said. "I was upset. They took something from me I really wanted. I had to walk off to manage my

wrestling team. When I first got started with this, I didn't know that could happen, but it's happening."

And because Page is so grateful for what the sport — and specifically coach Gregory — has given her, she'll be one of the main ones trying to push the enthusiasm.

"Coach Gregory, this is my man right her," he said.

"This is my buddy. I love this man like he's my father. And everything I've experienced with this team is just fun. Like I said, we're like a family, and this has been a great experience. It's turned into something I want to do every day. It excites me, and I never get excited about anything. Now, after an amazing experience at state, it makes me want to try and do my best, try to win something. Try to be an achiever."

## Cloverleaf 4-H'ers compete in public speaking

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Forty-eight Newton County fourth to sixth graders competed at 4-H District Project Achievement in February.

Top participation went to Oak Hill Elementary with 20 participants. East Newton, Heard-Mixon, home school, Mansfield, NCTS, and West Newton were also represented.

The competition was hosted by staff, volunteers and teens from Newton County at Newton High School, with approximately 800 competitors, leaders and family members present.

Most demonstrations are a 5 to 6 minute speech with posters or props, ranging on topics from dolphins to mechanics.

Food Fare and Between Meal Snacks are food preparation projects, where competitors have an hour to prepare a healthy snack while following professional food service guidelines.

Performing Arts competitors present a 4 minute performance in vocal, instrumental, dance or other areas.

Members of 4-H prepare and practice projects in the fall, with the opportunity to enter the county level competition in December. Those who placed were able to move on to district.

The largest project areas were Computer Information Technology (10), Environmental Science (11), General Recreation (13), General Science (11), Health (11), Historic Places and Events (11), Historic People (11), International (11), Sports Individual (14), Sports Team (15), and Wildlife (11).

To learn how to enter next year, call the 4-H office at 770-784-2010.

**Agricultural Awareness:** 3 David Lyons-Johnson, Mansfield.

**Arts:** 2 Denise Vale, NCTS, **Arts:** 4 Brooke Ellington, NCTS.

**Between Meal Snacks:** 1 Sierra Schevola, East Newton.

**Bicycle:** 1 Sean Millerick, Home School.

**Computer Information Technology:** 4 Elijah Davis, Oak Hill; 4 Markell Williams, Oak Hill.

**Crafts:** 2 Dakota Millerick, Home School.

**Dog Care & Training:** 1 Aniya Glover, West Newton; 2 Dylaney Lewis, NCTS; 4 Bhumi Patel, Oak Hill.

**Engineering & Mechanics:** 4 Ashton Hawkins, Oak Hill; 4 Carter Nave, Mansfield.

**Entomology:** 2 Kloe Christian, Oak Hill.

**Flowers, Shrubs, & Lawns:** 2 Addie Richardson, Mansfield.

**Food Fare:** 1 Danica Gordon, Home School.

**Fresh Water Fish & Shell:** 2 Nathan Mantle, Heard Mixon.

**General Science:** 4 Robert Knight, Oak Hill.

**Geology:** 4 Arianna O'Brien, Oak Hill; 4 Leona Pollett, Mansfield.

**Health:** 4 Savannah Walton, Mansfield.

**Historic People:** 4 Eyja Tryggvadottir, Mansfield; 4 Charone Walker, Oak Hill; 4 Devin Woods, Oak Hill.

**Historic Places and Events:** 3 Kaitlin Goodman, Oak Hill.

**Housing, Equipment & Environment:** 1 Topher Camba, Heard Mixon; 2 Safari Walker, Oak Hill.

**Human Development:** 4 Sophia Barrett, Oak Hill.

**International:** 1 Gabrielle Rangel, East Newton.

**Marine & Coastal Ecology:** 4 Nolan Clark, Oak Hill; 4 Tair Ford, Oak Hill.

**Outdoor Recreation:** 2 Chloe Icenhour, NCTS; 4 Kameron Clark, Oak Hill.

**Outdoor Survival Skills:** 2 Brady McElroy, NCTS.

**Paleontology:** 1 Aubrey Norton, Heard Mixon; 2 Reagan Bertrand, Oak Hill.

**Performing Arts - General:** 2 Madaleine Lowery, East Newton.

**Pork Production:** 1 Quigg Holifield, NCTS.

**Sports - Individual:** 4 Presley Jewell, Mansfield; 4 Dinah Stephen, Oak Hill; 4 Ailyn Waters, NCTS.

**Sports - Team:** 4 Dante English, Oak Hill; 4 McLane Franklin, NCTS; 4 Avery Jewell, Mansfield.

**Target Sports:** 1 Caleb Johnson, Oak Hill.

**Veterinary Science:** 2 Emma Wyatt, Mansfield.

**Wildlife:** 1 Fenton Bowman, Oak Hill; 4 Katie Bryan, East Newton.



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Sixth grade home school 4-H'er Danica Gordon won 1st place with her healthy after school snack preparation of insects made from fruits and vegetables. Her medal was presented by Newton 4-H'er and District Officer CJ Harris.



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**Left:** Fifth grade 4-H'ers Madaleine Lowery and Sierra Schevola of East Newton prepare to compete at District Project Achievement.  
**Right:** Newton County 4-H members in 4th through 6th grades competed at district competition in February.



## Gov. Kemp, DNR leaders honor 2018 forestry for wildlife partners

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Gov. Brian Kemp recognized three corporate forest landowners today for their stewardship and land management practices benefiting wildlife across Georgia. Georgia Power, Weyerhaeuser and CatchMark Timber Trust were honored as 2018 partners in the Forestry for Wildlife Partnership.

Administered by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division, Forestry for Wildlife Partnership is a voluntary program that promotes sustainable forest and wildlife conservation in corporate forestry practices. Partners tailor guidelines to improve management for reforestation, harvesting techniques, recreation, sensitive natural sites and outreach.

The 2018 partners were recognized in a brief ceremony Tuesday at the State Capitol including DNR Commissioner Mark Williams, DNR Wildlife Resources Division Director Rusty Garrison and others.

Garrison explained that working with private landowners to benefit wildlife and natural habitats is critical because more than 90 percent of Georgia's land is in private ownership.

"Forestry for Wildlife Partnership involves corporate forest landowners who voluntarily manage their lands to benefit wildlife and the Georgians who enjoy that wildlife and the outdoors," he said. "And our 2018 partners are among the largest landowners in Georgia, directly affecting wildlife habitat on about 1 million acres."

The Wildlife Resources Division recognized Weyerhaeuser, CatchMark Timber Trust and Georgia Power as Forestry for Wildlife Partners for:

Preparing wildlife conservation plans that detail natural resource inventories and outline management strategies that combine forest and wildlife aspects.

Providing internal training opportunities for employees on how to blend forestland management with wildlife-friendly practices for multiple natural resource benefits.

Incorporating wildlife management into land-use planning and timber management practices.

Providing valuable data for Wildlife Resources Division research projects.

Providing public recreational opportunities on corporate forestlands.

Participating in partnerships with conservation organizations.

Managing riparian forests for wildlife use and water quality protection.

Habitat abundance and natural quality are the foundation for wildlife. Georgia has more than 24 million acres of forestland. Of that, corporate forest landowners manage about 12 percent.

The work of Forestry for Wildlife partners has helped gopher tortoises – Georgia's state reptile – rare bats, endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers, wetlands crucial to protected reptiles and amphibians, and other high-priority habitats such as Coosa Valley prairie, home to rare species such as whorled sunflower. The partnerships also provide public opportunities to enjoy the outdoors through wildlife viewing, hunting and fishing.

All of the conservation enhancement components and reporting procedures are compatible with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Inc., a voluntary approach in the forest industry to maintain high environmental standards on lands managed by corporate landowners.

## Agriculture in Georgia Firsts

- Georgia was the first state to charter a state university – The University of Georgia – founded in 1785. It is also the state's land grant university.
- Georgia was the first state to create a state department of agriculture.
- The first agricultural experiment farm and state were established in Savannah in 1735.

**To learn more about Georgia agriculture and how to become a Farm Bureau member, go to [www.gfb.org](http://www.gfb.org)**

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# Dr. Penny Mosley named NCSS director of elementary education

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By unanimous vote, the Newton County Board of Education approved Dr. Penny Mosley as the new director of elementary education for the Newton County School System. Mosley is currently the principal of Hightower Trail Elementary School in the Rockdale County Public School System.

“I am excited to join the Newton County family,” Mosley said, who will officially report to Newton County School System Monday, March 4. “I look forward to working with everyone as we execute our mission of providing educational excellence for all students.”

Mosley earned her bachelor of science degree in early childhood education from Tennessee State University in



Dr. Penny Mosley

1999 and a master’s degree in educational leadership from Georgia State University in 2005. She added an education specialist degree in instructional leadership from Argosy University in 2012 and obtained her doctorate in teaching and learning from Argosy University in 2015.

A member of the National Educators Association, Mosley began her career as a teacher at the Narvie J. Harris Traditional Theme School in the DeKalb County School District in 1999. During her time at Narvie J.

Harris, she taught pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first, third and fifth grades. Mosley was promoted to assistant principal at Edward L. Bouie Traditional Theme School in 2010 and served in that capacity with DeKalb County Schools District until 2015 when she was hired by Rockdale County Public Schools as the principal of Hightower Trail Elementary School.

“Dr. Mosley’s experience as an elementary school principal coupled with her expertise in curriculum and instruction equips her to be the leader of the Newton County School System’s elementary curriculum and instruction team,” Samantha Fuhrey, NCSS superintendent, said. “Her knowledge and skills will be instrumental in facilitating a culture of success and high expectations.”

## KIWANIS KORNER



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For more than 55 years, the Kiwanis Club of Covington has proudly served as the local sponsor of Newton County’s Student Teacher Achievement Recognition program (STAR Student Program). In order to be eligible for STAR Student recognition, high school seniors must

- attain the highest score for their school in one sitting on the three-part SAT and;
  - be in the top 10 percent or top 10 students of their class based on grade point average.
- Each STAR Student is asked to select his or her STAR teacher—the teacher who has had the most influence and impact on their academic achievement. The students we recognize at the club meeting each year represent the best of the best in Newton County. This is just one of the many ways Kiwanis Club of Covington serves the children of the world... and Newton County!

# NCSS students participate in 2019 GMEA District IV Honor Band

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Newton County School System was well represented at the recent Georgia Music Educator Association’s 2019 District IV Honor Band as over 30 NCSS middle and high school students were selected to perform in the prestigious event on Feb. 8-9.

“Students earning a place in this ensemble are among the most accomplished instrumentalists in our district,” said Eastside High School band director Alan Fowler. “They earned the opportunity to prepare selections for a concert and work with accomplished clinicians from across the country. In addition, they were given the chance to perform alongside students from DeKalb, Rockdale, Morgan, and Jasper County schools, Decatur City Schools and several private schools.”

According to Fowler, the students auditioned for the District IV Honor Band in December.

“The middle school students were

required to play four major scales, their chromatic scale, and an etude,” Fowler explained. “They also had to sight-read a new piece of music. High school freshmen and sophomores had to play eight major scales, their chromatic scales, and a challenging sight-reading. Juniors and seniors performed 12 major scales plus a more challenging etude and sight-reading pieces.”

Fowler added that participating in the Honor Band provides students an excellent opportunity to learn and grow as musicians.

“First, I believe any time students are able to perform for an appreciative crowd there is great benefit,” said Fowler. “But beyond that, participating in the honor band audition process is a tremendously valuable experience and actually playing in an honor band allows students to sit next to, learn with, and perform alongside other fine musicians from across the district. Working with other directors besides their own affords students the opportunity to learn from folks

who may say things differently and have other approaches to directing than their own directors. When kids go back to their home school, what they can share is priceless and helps their peers at home improve. Honor bands are a long and valued tradition around the globe.”

NCSS students selected for the 2019 Georgia Music Educators District IV Honor Bands include:

- Aeryn Barrentine**, Alcovy, Oboe  
**Sam Dage**, Alcovy, Clarinet  
**Kayla Edwards**, Alcovy, Tenor Sax  
**Taylor Stevens**, Alcovy, Euphonium  
**Daniel Dunn**, Alcovy, Trumpet  
**Annslee Dunn**, Alcovy, Trombone  
**Christian Chasse**, Alcovy, Trombone  
**Justin Banks**, Alcovy, Trombone  
**Theo Davis**, Alcovy, Clarinet Alternate  
**Rafael Soria**, Eastside, Flute  
**Justice Nicholson**, Eastside, Flute  
**Taylor Nealy**, Eastside, Clarinet  
**Jose Portillo**, Eastside, Clarinet  
**Sean Yancey**, Eastside, Bass Clarinet



- Austin O’Brien**, Eastside, Percussion  
**Duncan Jourdan**, Eastside, Clarinet  
**Jonathan Sugg**, Eastside, Horn  
**Joseph Bickel**, Eastside, Euphonium  
**Van Nipper**, Eastside, Oboe Alternate  
**Brent Singleton**, Eastside, Horn Alternate  
**Jordan Hill**, Newton, Percussion  
**Karina Carillo**, Newton, Trumpet  
**Julia Kolt**, Newton, Horn

- Isaiah Dawson**, Newton, Trumpet Alternate  
**Ariyah Dawson**, Cousins, Clarinet  
**Zoeey Forbes**, Cousins, Euphonium  
**Rylan Hany**, Cousins, Clarinet  
**Dakota Cooper**, Indian Creek, Clarinet  
**Ja’Briel Anderson**, Liberty, Tuba  
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**Nathan Walsh**, Newton County Theme, Percussion

# Update from the Capitol: Week 6

We are officially halfway through the 2019 legislative session, and there is now a steady stream of legislation moving through the Senate. I am happy with the bipartisan nature of the legislation that has passed so far, and I know this trend will continue as we get into the busiest months of the session.

Senate Bills 17, 48, 55, 75, and 79 were passed on Wednesday. I would like to take some time to highlight Senate Bill 48. This bill would instruct the State Board of Education to develop policies regarding the screening of all kindergarten students for dyslexia, while also creating a referral system for students in grades one through



Tonya Anderson  
STATE SENATOR

three who show signs of dyslexia. It would also require the Professional Standards Commission to create a dyslexia endorsement for teachers, and include information regarding the education of dyslexic students in all teacher preparation programs. Dyslexia is an incredibly common learning challenge, and students who

show signs of it are often misdiagnosed or diagnosed at a later age. Early detection has been proven to improve chances of academic success. The goal of our school system should always be to ensure that every single student, no matter their socioeconomic status or learning ability, gets the education and resources they need to thrive, and this bill does just that.

On Thursday, we passed several more pieces of legislation. Senate Bill 1, also called “C.J.’s Law,” passed through the Senate. This legislation would make it a felony offense, punishable by one to ten years in prison, for a driver to knowingly commit a hit-and-run that results in

serious bodily harm to the victim. This is an incredibly important bill, and after hearing about C.J.’s story from the bill’s sponsor Sen. Elena Parent (D – Atlanta), I am happy that we passed this legislation quickly so we can prevent any more stories like C.J.’s.

An incredibly important piece of legislation that I support is Senate Bill 9 which deals with sexual extortion. SB 9 would prohibit a person from using personal information, such as photos of a person in a sexual act or knowledge of sexually explicit conduct, to coerce another person into sex. It would classify this as a “dangerous sexual offense,” therefore subjecting them to

felony charges. Additionally, SB 9 would also make it so the perpetrator would have to be added to the Sexual Offender Registry. With the advancement of technology, sexual extortion has become all too common. I am told by my colleagues in the Judiciary Committee, where this bill is currently under review, that they have heard many citizens testify to their own experiences of sexual extortion and emphasized the necessity for this legislation. Sexual coercion tends to happen most often to our marginalized communities who are most vulnerable to this threat. I want to thank Sen. Harold Jones (D – Augusta) for sponsoring this

vital legislation and ensuring the problems of those on the margins of society are taken into account, and rectified.

If you have any further questions about SB 9, current or future legislation, please do not hesitate to call or email my office. It is always a pleasure to hear from my constituents because I am here to represent all of those in my district to the best of my abilities. It is my great pleasure to serve the 43rd District.

*Senator Tonya Anderson represents the 43rd Senate District, which includes portions of DeKalb, Newton and Rockdale counties. She may be reached by email at [tonya.anderson@senate.ga.gov](mailto:tonya.anderson@senate.ga.gov).*

# Voting machines bring conflict in Week 6

The most important bill we passed in the sixth week of Session week was the Senate’s changes to the amended or “small” budget. Thanks to the hard work of the House and the Senate, the House was able to “agree” with very few changes. The small budget will now go to the Governor and we will continue to work on the “Big” Budget.

We passed another Rural Broadband bill in Committee. This bill was a bit more contentious as the internet providers and EMC’s were still not in agreement with the cities and counties in how to access utility pole fees. HB 244 creates a standard pole rate that is identical to the federal standard pole rate. We think this bill will level the playing field in search of progress, as some cities and counties had outrageous fees, mak-



Dave Belton  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

ing it economically impossible to provide broadband there. This bill sat in committee for 3 years already, and we are very impatient with any further delays. Another measure, HG 243, will try to standardize fees on the installation of telephone facilities. That measure has not yet passed Committee.

I was very pleased that another of my military children bills received a unanimous vote on the floor of the House. Another Education Bill, HB 130, will create

a 501(c)3 to fund public education as well as the academics for the blind and deaf.

I was also very pleased with the passage of HR 164, a resolution that states that any fees collected for a specific public purpose should be used only for that purpose. The classic example of problems of this sort is the landfill business. This legislation would require honesty and transparency that you, the hard-working taxpayer, rightfully expects.

Another resolution, HR 37, creates a Commission on Freight and Logistics. You’ve heard me say this before, but the main reason Atlanta is the capital of the South is because of transportation. The ATL is the World’s Busiest Airport and the intersection of three Interstate highways and many railroad lines. Savannah is the fourth busiest port in

America, and the only port in the USA with both an intersection of 2 Interstate highways and the intersection of 2 major railroad lines. This Commission will seek ways to improve traffic while leveraging these economic advantages.

The most contentious bill so far is HB 316 which will decide what sort of voting machines will be used in future. This bill would require that voters use a touchscreen machine that would create a paper ballot with their vote annotated. That paper ballot would be scanned into a separate machine that would count the actual vote. That same paper ballot would then be kept on file so that in case of a problem, the ballots could easily be recounted and/or audited. The competing view is that voters should fill out a paper bal-

lot by hand and then that paper ballot should be fed into a counting machine. The problem with this second idea is that – as we saw with the embarrassing Florida recount in 2000 – paper ballots are easy to mess up.

We use touchscreens on our phones every day. Elderly and disabled people have great difficulties with paper ballots, and as former Secretary of State Cathy Cox (a Democrat) testified, paper ballots actually stifle voting because of the length of time and long lines they create.

Everyone wants to defend the sanctity of the vote. Both sides are proposing paper ballots. The only difference is whether those ballots are marked by a touchscreen machine or a person.

Finally, I want you to know that I have received

numerous calls about the recent situation about the Speaker of the House. I value and appreciate your concerns, and want you to know that I and my fellow colleagues are taking the matter very seriously. While no one wants us to rush to judgement based solely on a media account – as was previously done in the past few weeks in the Covington Catholic School and Jussie Smollett incidents – we are weighing clear facts as they come in. **Then we will take action if it is called for.**

I hope you will continue to pray for me as I serve the people of Newton and Morgan counties. You may contact me at 706-372-4114 or [davebelton112@gmail.com](mailto:davebelton112@gmail.com).

*Belton is a Republican from District 112, serving in the Georgia House of Representatives.*

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**1999 CADILLAC** DEVILLE TBQ-614  
**1 G 6 K D 5 4 Y 9 X U 7 2 5 0 0 1**  
**WASHINGTON STREET**

**2011 HYUNDAI** OTHER RKN-1609  
**5NPEB4AC2BH069682 PINE LOG**

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**2C3HD46J6XH558623 SIGMAN RD**

**2002 BUICK** CENTURY PNJ-3806  
**2 G 4 W S 5 2 J 2 2 1 1 7 6 3 3 3**  
**WASHINGTON STREET**

**2000 SUZUKI** SWIFT RJF-3824  
**2 S 2 A B 2 1 H 0 Y 6 6 0 2 3 0 7**  
**HENDERSON MILL RD**

**2003 TOYOTA** COROLLA RMJ-7575  
**1NXBR32E63Z090014 HWY 138**

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**1 H G C R 2 F 3 8 H A 2 6 7 9 8 9**  
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**2003 INFINITI** OTHER RJF-3883  
**JNKAY41E33M000102 OAK HILL RD**

**2000 CHEVROLET** S-10 RKM-2571  
**1GCCS1942YB167587 FLAT SHOALS RD**

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**2007 DODGE** CHARGER BWY8750 FL  
**2B3KA43R27H697105 CARS**

**2011 HYUNDAI** SONATA RDY4096  
**5NPEC4AC5BH134537 HWY 44 S**

**2005 CHEVROLET** IMPALA NOTAG  
**2G1WF52EX59257574 1400**  
**DOGWOOD DR**

**2002 SUZUKI** MOTORCYCLE NOTAG  
**JSJGT74A822100544 I 20 AT EXIT 126**

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**2/24,3/3**

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**2007 SEMI TRAILER** NOTAG  
**1GRAA06257B708677 I 20 E AT 130**

**2001 SEMI TRAILER** NOTAG  
**1 G R A A 0 6 2 6 1 K 2 4 2 4 8 8**  
**GREENESBORO**

**2001 FREIGHTLINER** CASCADIA NOTAG  
**1FUJA6C51515LN3999 MADISON**

**2013 SEMI TRAILER** NOTAG  
**1 U Y V S 2 4 8 0 D U 5 8 9 5 0 1**  
**GREENESBORO**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114489**  
**2/17,24**

**IN ACCORDANCE** with the OCGA 40-11-2 the following vehicle(s) are deemed abandoned and shall be disposed of if not redeemed.

**1994 GMC** CUTAWAY VIN # 1GDHG31K5RF517798  
**2000 NISSAN** XTERRA VIN # 5N1ED28T2YC552349  
**2006 TOYOTA** COROLLA VIN # 1NXBR32E56Z685022  
**1984 FORD** F350 VIN # 1FDKF37G3ENA27808  
**2012 CHEVROLET** TRAVERSE VIN # 1GNKRGEDXCJ176188

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**PURSUANT TO** OCGA Subsection 40-11-2, K-2 Towing through its agents

states that the following vehicles are abandoned and will be sold at a later date if not picked up as stated, 9179 Aaron Dr. Covington, GA 30014

**2007 PONTIAC** Grand Prix  
**2G2WP552171214897**  
**PYM1772,GA**  
**HUDSON ST**

**1991 CHEVROLET** Blazer  
**1GNCS13Z0M2172294**  
**JOHNSON ST**

**1999 HONDA** Civic  
**1HGEJ8247XL091750**  
**PVK3348,GA**  
**I20 E Ext 90**

**1996 LEXUS** LS400  
**JT8BH22F3T0040719**  
**PBG4956,GA**  
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**2010 CADILLAC** SRX  
**VIN # 3GYFNAEY5AS611727**  
**1437 HWY 138 CONVERS GA**

**2000 FORD** RANGER XL  
**VIN# 1FTYR10V5YPB33639**  
**ROCK CHAPEL ROAD LITHONIA**

**2007 SUZUKI** RENO  
**VIN# KLSJD6Z87K655903**  
**ROCK CHAPEL ROAD LITHONIA**

**1987 FORD** DUMPTRUCK  
**1FDNT64P3HVA24942**  
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**THE CITY** of Oxford will accept bids for a 0.44 acre lot at 101 Longstreet Circle, zoned single-family residential (R-15). Sealed bids should be submitted to: City Clerk, 110 W. Clark Street, Oxford, GA 30054 by 5 PM, Wednesday, March 13, 2019. The City of Oxford reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For questions contact the City Manager at 770-786-7004.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114474**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3,10**

**THE CITY** of Covington is accepting bids for one (1) Meter Test Board as specified in exhibit "A" of the bid packet. Sealed bids must be received by the Purchasing Department, Attn: Scott Cromer in City Hall by Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 10:00am at which time the bids will be opened.  
**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 <http://www.cityofcovington.org/Business/Bids>.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114501**  
**2/17,24**

**THE CITY** of Covington is accepting Proposals for a comprehensive audit and recommended updates to the Covington Zoning Ordinance and Development Regulations. Sealed proposals must be received by the Planning and Zoning Department, Attn: Scott Gaither in City Hall by Monday, March 18, 2019 by 2:00pm at which time the Proposals will be opened.  
**REQUEST FOR** Proposal Package and additional information may be obtained at City Hall or by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <http://www.cityofcovington.org/Business/Bids>.

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**2/17,24**

Citations

**CEDRIC LAMAR SOLOMON** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of LUCIOUS LAMAR SOLOMON**, 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 4, 2019, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114469**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**CITATION**

**CHARLES HENRY DYES** has

petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of CHARLES JACK DYES SR**, 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 4, 2019, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114440**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**CITATION**

**CORY DANIEL STEVENSON SR** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of BRADEN NICHOLAS STEVENSON**, 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 4, 2019, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114443**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**CITATION**

**CYNTHIA DENISE MARTIN** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of GENEVA M. STRANGE**, 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 4, 2019, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114442**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**CITATION**

**KELLIE CHARZETTE GILES** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of ESSIE MAE WYATT**, 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 4, 2019, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114446**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**CITATION**

**RE: ESTATE of Charles Ray Seabolt**

**JASON BAINE SEABOLT** 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 above estate. 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 4, 2019.

**MELANIE M. Bell, Judge**  
**BY: MARCIA Wynne**  
**CLERK, PROBATE Court**  
**NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114457**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**CITATION**

**SUSAN ELAINE TOWNLEY** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of DWIGHT MORRIS TOWNLEY**, 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 4, 2019, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114447**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**CITATION**

**SUSAN KINGREE DODGE** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of SARAH JANE KINGREE**, 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 4, 2019, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114444**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**CITATION**

**THE PETITION of Michellea Mastin** widow/widower of **Devon Anthony Mastin, Sr**, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for applicant (and deceased's minor children) having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before March 4, 2018, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114439**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**CITATION**

**TO: COBIAS Lewis & All interested parties**

**SHIRLON WILLIS Mathis** has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **Miracle Nevaeh Blue** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before March 6, 2019 next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M. Bell, Judge**  
**BY: JAMIE Kitchens**  
**CLERK, PROBATE Court**  
**NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114508**  
**2/17,24**

**CITATION**

**TO: UNKNOWN Father & All interested parties**

**BRITTANY BRIANA** Nicole McFarlin has filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **Savannah Allen** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before March 6, 2019 next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

**MELANIE M. Bell, Judge**  
**BY: JAMIE Kitchens**  
**CLERK, PROBATE Court**  
**NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114507**  
**2/17,24**

**CITATION**

**VERONICA REYES HERNANDEZ** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of OMAR ARANDA PEREZ**, 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 4, 2019, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114445**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**NOTICE**

**RE: DASHAWN Edward Scott, Deceased**

**TO: UNKNOWN Heirs**

**BE NOTIFIED THAT:**

**LESTER LACKEY** has filed a Petition for the Court to determine the right of disposition of the remains of the Decedent named above. A hearing has been set by the Court on February 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Magistrate Courtroom, Newton County courthouse. Those persons upon whom service has been ordered may be and appear before the Court at such hearing and be heard concerning the right of disposition of the remains of the **DECEDENT**.

**MELANIE M. BELL** Judge of the Probate Court  
**BY: MARCIA Wynne**  
**CLERK OF the Probate Court**  
**1132 USHER Street**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114506**  
**2/17,24**

**NOTICE**

**TO: PHYLLIS TURNER BREWINGTON**

**A PETITION** to Probate Will (and Codicil(s)) in Solemn Form, Estate of Joe Roger Turner, deceased, having been filed by Eloise Marks, this is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to said Petition, in this Court on or before March 4 2019 at 10:00 am.

**BE NOTIFIED FURTHER:** All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file

as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114468**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

Corporations

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of amendment which will change the name of Newton County Community Partnership, Inc to Newton County Family Connection, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The registered office of the corporation is located at 8134 Geiger Street, Suite 1, Covington, Georgia 30014.  
**S. DAVID Ozburn, Chairman**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114481**  
**2/17,24**

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Simonton Genesis Ministries 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 4185 Phedora St NE, Covington, GA 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is Rena E Starks.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114518**  
**2/24,3/3**

**NOTICE IS** given that the articles of incorporation that will incorporate Jason Mote Motorsports, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code (O.C.G.A. 14-2-202.1). The initial registered office of the incorporation is located at P.O. Box 1385, Newton County, Social Circle, GA 30025 and its registered agent at such address is Mr. Jason Mote.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114497**  
**2/17,24**

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation which incorporate BEAR CREEK REPORTING, INC. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 1118 Conyers St., Covington, Georgia 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is Robert H. Stansfield.

**BY: ROBERT H. Stansfield**  
**ATTORNEY AT Law**  
**GREER, STANSFIELD & Turner, LLP**  
**PO BOX 1617**  
**COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114480**  
**2/17,24**

Debtors Creditors

**CITATION**

**SHEILA STANFORD WALKER** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of BARBARA STANFORD**, 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 4, 2019, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114441**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**ALL CREDITORS** of the ESTATE OF JILL M. TIMBERMAN, late of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
**THIS 311T** day of January, 2019

**BRANDON TIMOTHY** Timberman Administrator of the Estate of Jill M. Timbennan

**C/O LIZ J. Pope, Esq.**  
**THE POPE Law Firm, P.C.**  
**2115 USHER Street, NW**  
**COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014-2442**  
**770-786-1095**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114455**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**ALL CREDITORS** of the ESTATE OF GARY ALONZO HANCOCK, late of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.  
**THIS 30TH** day of January, 2019.

**PEGGY MCINTOSH** Hancock Executor of the Estate of Gary Alonzo

Hancock

**C/O LIZ J. Pope, Esq.**  
**THE POPE Law Firm, P.C.**  
**2115 USHER Street**  
**COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014-2442**  
**770-786-1095**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114454**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

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AND CREDITORS of the **Estate of Gela A. Clements**, 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, 2019.

NANCY L. Hanley  
2115 LOST Forest Lane  
CONYERS, GA 30094

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114437**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of Gladys M. 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** 10th day of February, 2019.

BRIDGETTE ELIZABETH Dawson  
2179 SPENCERS Way  
STONE MOUNTAIN, Georgia 30087

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114430**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of Harold O. 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** 24th day of February, 2019.

HAROLD EUGENE Williams  
20 TALL Oak Trail  
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114535**  
**2/24,3/3,10,17**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of Jackie M. McGiboney**, 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** 28th day of January, 2019.

MICHAEL ANTHONY McGiboney  
10150 WASHINGTON Street  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114431**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of Jeffrey Brian Gates**, 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, 2019.

RAYMONA TRUELL Gates  
2019 DIXIE Road  
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114429**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of Joann Crews**, 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** 4th day of February, 2019.

THOMAS LEONARD Crews  
615 FAIRFIELD Road  
COVINGTON, GA 30014

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114433**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of Kay Jones Weik**, 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** 17th day of February, 2019.

EDWIN ALBERT Weik, Jr.  
30 SIDE Trail  
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114510**  
**2/17,24,3/3,10**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of Mary Virginia Hawkins**, 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, 2019.

NOEL COURTOIS Smith  
5174 PAUL Circle SW  
CONYERS, GA 30094

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114438**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of Nancy Dennis-Hayes**, 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** 4th day of February, 2019.

MARTHA HILLER  
35 COLDWATER Way  
COVINGTON. GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114434**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of Rita Anderson Parish**, 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** 17th day of February, 2019.

RAGAN ANDREA Cantrell  
195 SEARS Circle  
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114509**  
**2/17,24,3/3,10**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of Ronald Bruce Fry**, 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** 4th day of February, 2019.

RONALD CAMERON Fry  
775 FLEETA Drive  
COVINGTON, GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114427**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of Sara Ellen Dobbs**, 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** 30th day of January, 2019.

JOHN KEITH Dobbs  
3662 FAIRVIEW Road  
COVINGTON, GA 30016

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114432**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of Weyman Benn Hammonds**, 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, 2019.

CREIGTON PAUL McCubrey  
858 COLLEGE Ave, NW  
CONYERS, GA 30012

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114338**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

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

ERIKA L. Mosley,  
PLAINTIFF,  
-VS-  
MICHAEL S. Mosley,  
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2018-CV-0463-3

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

TO: MICHAEL Mosley 4 2 9  
BEARCUB Path S O C I A L  
CIRCLE, GA 30025

**BY ORDER** of the court for service by publication dated January 22, 2019 you are hereby notified that on March 7, 2018 (date of filing), Erika L. Mosley (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 Samuel D. Ozburn, Judge of said Court.  
**THIS, THE** 22nd day of January, 2019.  
LINDA D. Hays  
CLERK OF Superior Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114395**  
**2/3,10,17,24**

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

FELICIA VICTORIA Campbell,  
PLAINTIFF,  
-VS-  
KEVIN MICHAEL Campbell,  
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2018-CV-1936-3

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

TO: KEVIN Campbell 5 5  
SHENANDOAH Ct COVINGTON,  
GA 30016

**BY ORDER** of the court for service by publication dated February 11, 2019 you are hereby notified that on September 24, 2018 (date of filing), Felicia Campbell (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 Samuel D. Ozburn, Judge of said Court.  
**THIS, THE** 12th day of February 2019.  
LINDA D. Hays  
CLERK OF Superior Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114522**  
**2/24,3/3,10,17**

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

PRECIOUS ALUYI,  
PLAINTIFF,  
-VS-  
EFOSA ALUYI,  
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2018-CV-2264-3

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

TO: EFOSA Aluyi 3 2 5 2  
WINDSCAPE Village NORCROSS,  
GA 30093

**BY ORDER** of the court for service by publication dated February 11,

2019 you are hereby notified that on November 9, 2018 (date of filing), Precious Aluyi (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 Samuel D. Ozburn, Judge of said Court.  
**THIS, THE** 12th day of February 2019.  
LINDA D. Hays  
CLERK OF Superior Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114521**  
**2/24,3/3,10,17**

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

TONYA LAWSON Stewart,  
PLAINTIFF,  
-VS-  
DESMOND ANTHONY Stewart,  
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2019-CV-174-4

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

TO: DESMOND Anthony  
Stewart J A M A I C A ,  
KINGSTON

**BY ORDER** of the court for service by publication dated January 29, 2019 you are hereby notified that on January 24, 2019 (date of filing), Tonya Lawson Stewart (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 Horace J. Johnson, Jr., Judge of said Court.  
**THIS, THE** 29th day of January, 2019.  
LINDA D. Hays  
CLERK OF Superior Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114448**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

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

LEONARDO SANCHEZ Romero,  
PLAINTIFF,  
-VS-  
ISABEL ORDUNA Mora,  
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2018-CV-1970-4

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

TO: ISABEL Orduna Mora

**BY ORDER** of the court for service by publication dated the 3rd day of October, 2018, you are hereby notified that on the 27th day of September, 2018, the above plaintiff filed suit against you for divorce.

**YOU ARE** required to file witht he Clerk of the Superior Court, an serve upon Petitioner or his/her attorney, William A. Tikku, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication.

WITNESS THE Honorable Horace J. Johnson, Jr. Judge of said Court.  
**THIS, THE** 16th day of January, 2019.  
LINDA D. Hays  
CLERK OF Superior Court

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114355**  
**1/27,2/3,10,17**

**Foreclosures**

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

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Jamie Lloyd** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., dated October 29, 2010, and recorded in Deed Book 2862, Page 56, Newton County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded April 4, 2014 in Book 3219, Page 308 in the amount of Ninety-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Seven and 87/100 (\$97,477.87) Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to SunTrust Bank by assignment recorded on October 31, 2012 in Book 3061 Page 287 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 One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Seventy-Three and 0/100 dollars (\$143,073.00), 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 5, 2019, the following described property:

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 259 and 267, GMD 1248, of the 4th District, Newton County, Georgia, and being Lot 4, as recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 135, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference hereto. Being the same property as conveyed in a Deed Under Power dated July 6, 2010, recorded in Deed Book 2854, Page 362, Newton County, Georgia Records. **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). **THE ENTITY** having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Selene Finance they can be contacted at (877) 735-3637 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 9990 Richmond Avenue, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77042, 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 party in possession of the property is Mary A Harrington or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **410 Berkshire Drive, Covington, GA 30016**. **THE SALE** will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure. **WILMINGTON SAVINGS** Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust as Attorney in Fact for Mary A. Harrington. **BROCK & Scott, PLLC** **4360 CHAMBLEE** Dunwoody Road **SUITE 310** **ATLANTA, GA** 30341 **404-789-2661** **B&S FILE** no.: 16-02727

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114386**  
**2/10,17,24,3/3**

**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 **Jessica T. Cannon**, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to Acopia, LLC, a Corporation recorded in Deed Book 3317, beginning at page 91, 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

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 party in possession of the property is Jamie Lloyd or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **145 Gum Creek Tail, Oxford, GA 30054**. **THE SALE** will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure. **SUNTRUST BANK** as Attorney in Fact for Jamie Lloyd. **BROCK & Scott, PLLC** **4360 CHAMBLEE** Dunwoody Road **SUITE 310** **ATLANTA, GA** 30341 **404-789-2661** **B&S FILE** no.: 18-22967

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114273**  
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Mary A. Harrington** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated July 12, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1964, Page 60, Newton County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded December 23, 2016 in Book 3516, Page 273 in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Eighteen and 53/100 (\$148,618.53) Newton County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded April 27, 2015 in Book 3321, Page 281 in the amount of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Eight and 01/100 (\$139,838.01) Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by assignment recorded on January 17, 2019 in Book 3794 Page 43 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 One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Five Hundred and 0/100 dollars (\$142,500.00), 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 5, 2019, the following described property:

**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 43 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 48 OF BERKSHIRE SUBDIVISION, UNIT FOUR, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGES 278-280 (MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON PAGE 280) 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). **THE ENTITY** having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Selene Finance they can be contacted at (877) 735-3637 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 9990 Richmond Avenue, Suite 400, Houston, Texas 77042, 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 party in possession of the property is Mary A Harrington or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **410 Berkshire Drive, Covington, GA 30016**. **THE SALE** will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure. **WILMINGTON SAVINGS** Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust as Attorney in Fact for Mary A. Harrington. **BROCK & Scott, PLLC** **4360 CHAMBLEE** Dunwoody Road **SUITE 310** **ATLANTA, GA** 30341 **404-789-2661** **B&S FILE** no.: 16-02727

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114414**  
**2/3,10,17,24,3/3**

**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 **Norris Freeman**, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. dba Element Funding recorded in Deed Book 2891, beginning at page 245, 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 2019, 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 53 of the 10th Land District of Newton County, Georgia and being shown as that Estate Lot containing 4.51 acres in Tara Place, in accordance with that Plat of Survey prepared for Phillip Johnson by Mark Patrick, Georgia R.L.S. No. 2791, said plat being dated July 21, 2000 and recorded in Plat Book 35, Pages 12-16 (said 4.51 acre tract being more particularly shown on page 16), Public Records of Newton County, Georgia and said plat by reference thereto being incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular description of the captioned property. This being that same property as described in that Warranty Deed from Leguinn Properties, Inc. to Peter Gazhenko dated April 25, 2002 and recorded at Deed Book 1210, Page 217, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia.

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 1795 Oak Hill Road, Covington, GA 30016  
**MAP REFERENCE** No. 007B-044  
**SAID LEGAL** description being controlling, however, the Property is more commonly known as: **1795 Oak Hill 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. State Home Mortgage, as loan servicer is the entity with full authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the Note and Security Deed. State Home Mortgage's address is 60 Executive Park South, N. E., Atlanta, GA 30329. State Home Mortgage may be contacted by telephone at 404-679-0574. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be Norris Freeman, or tenant(s).

**GEORGIA HOUSING** and Finance Authority, **AS TRANSFERREE**, Assignee, and Secured Creditor **AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT** for the aforesaid Grantor **CAMPBELL & Brannon, LLC** **ATTORNEYS**

**HIGHLANDS II** **5 5 6 5** **GLENRIDGE** Connector, Suite 350 **ATLANTA ,**

**GA** 30342 **(770) 392-0041** **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 #114414**  
**2/3,10,17,24,3/3**

**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 **Jessica T. Cannon**, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to Acopia, LLC, a Corporation recorded in Deed Book 3317, beginning at page 91, 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 2019, 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 30 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 188, Mountainview Estates Subdivision, Unit Three, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 32, Pages 110-113, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference. **SAID LEGAL** description being controlling, however, the Property is more commonly known as: **400 Mountainview Drive, 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. State Home Mortgage, as loan servicer is the entity with full authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the Note and Security Deed. State Home Mortgage's address is 60 Executive Park South, N. E., Atlanta, GA 30329. State Home Mortgage may be contacted by telephone at 404-679-0574. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be Jessica T. Cannon, or tenant(s).

**GEORGIA HOUSING** and Finance Authority, **AS TRANSFERREE**, Assignee, and Secured Creditor **AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT** for the aforesaid Grantor **CAMPBELL & Brannon, LLC** **ATTORNEYS**

**HIGHLANDS II** **5 5 6 5**

**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. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 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: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, 3415 Vision Drive, Columbus, OH 43219, 800-446-8939. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Carolyn Turley-Moore and Ernest Moore or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **110 Glen Echo 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. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as Attorney in Fact for Carolyn Turley-Moore and Ernest Moore McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, Georgia 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 40 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 64 OF GLEN ECHO SUBDIVISION, PHASE ONE, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 42, PAGES 195-198 (MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON PAGE 197), NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF. PARCEL #: 0029B-34 MR/hq1 3/5/19 Our file no. 588416 - FT3

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114343****2/3,10,17,24,3/3****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 **David L. Cathcart** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Bank of America, N.A. its successors and assigns, dated October 8, 2010, recorded in Deed Book 2858, Page 44, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3453, Page 309, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3178, Page 132, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTEEN AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$17,418.00), 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, 2019, 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: M&T Bank, P.O. Box 1288, Buffalo, NY 14240, 800-724-1633. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is David L. Cathcart or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **40 Ivy Pointe Ct, 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. Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC as Attorney in Fact for David L. Cathcart McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, Georgia 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 220 & 223 OF THE 9TH DISTRICT, OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 72, STONE RIDGE SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 43, PAGE 19-24, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE. MR/h4 3/5/19 Our file no. 5129117 - FT5

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114382****2/3,10,17,24****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 **Eric P Hey and Louise A Hey** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prestige Mortgage Co., Inc., its successors and assigns,

dated October 21, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 2046, Page 535, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3659, Page 296, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2899, Page 200, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$144,395.00), 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, 2019, 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 Eric P Hey and Louise A Hey or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **50 Lamar Lane, 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. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Attorney in Fact for Eric P Hey and Louise A Hey McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, Georgia 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net \*Auction services provided by Auction.com (www.auction.com) EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 5 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 51, Phase One of Country Roads Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 41, page 134-137, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description. MR/cjo 3/5/19 Our file no. 5291618 - FT5

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114311****2/3,10,17,24,3/3****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 **Previs B. Seldon** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company, a California Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated November 10, 2015, recorded in Deed Book 3382, Page 248, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3601, Page 490, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Guild Mortgage Company, a California Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3535, Page 207, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TEN AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$197,810.00), 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, 2019, 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 Previs B. Seldon or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **115 Regency 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, a California Corporation as Attorney in Fact for Previs B. Seldon McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, Georgia 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, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 126, Westminster, Phase I, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 50, pages 157-160, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description. MR/mtj 3/5/19 Our file no. 5376519 - FT17

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114388****2/3,10,17,24,3/3****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 **Robert Edward Hamby and Sara Dawkins Hamby** to Amerquest Mortgage Company, dated November 15, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 2342, Page 93, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3300, Page 231, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$94,560.00), 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, 2019, 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. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 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: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, 3415 Vision Drive, Columbus, OH 43219, 800-446-8939. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Robert Edward Hamby and Sara Dawkins Hamby or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **676 Paines Crossing Rd, Social Circle, Georgia 30025**. 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. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as Attorney in Fact for Robert Edward Hamby and Sara Dawkins Hamby McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, Georgia 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Brick Store District of Newton County, Georgia, containing three (3) acres, and being the Home Place of Deway G. Hamby, Sr., at this time of his death, and lying on the North Side of Paine's Road, and bounded as follows: North and East by lands of John Farrish and others; South by Paine's Road; and West by lands of Betty McKinley. For informational purposes only: the APN is shown by the county assessor as 0110-011, source of title is Book 1912, Page 337 (Recorded 05/19/05). MR/hq1 3/5/19 Our file no. 5741014 - FT3

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114359****2/3,10,17,24,3/3****NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF  
NEWTON**

**UNDER AND** by virtue of the power of sale contained with that certain Security Deed dated August 30, 2017, from **KAREN PUSEY** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., recorded on September 7, 2017 in Deed Book 3606 at Page 546 Newton County, Georgia records, having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Caliber Home Loans, Inc. by Assignment and said Security Deed having been given to secure a note dated August 30, 2017, in the amount of \$251,363.00, and said Note being in default, the undersigned will sell at public outcry during the legal hours of sale before the door of the courthouse of Newton County, Georgia, on March 5, 2019 the following described real property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"): ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 168 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 111, HINTON CHASE SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 46, PAGES 167-183, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. The debt secured by the Security Deed and evidenced by the Note and has been, and is hereby, declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make the payments as required by the terms of the Note. The debt remaining is in default and this sale will be made for the purposes of paying the Security Deed, accrued interest, and all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees. Notice of intention to collect attorneys' fees has

been given as provided by law. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the person(s) in possession of the property is **KAREN PUSEY**. The property, being commonly known as **150 Julia Ann Ln , Covington, GA, 30016** in Newton County, will be sold as the property of **KAREN PUSEY**, subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien and not yet due and payable), any matters affecting title to the property which would be disclosed by accurate survey and inspection thereof, and all assessments, liens, encumbrances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record to the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the above described mortgage is as follows: CALIBER HOME LOANS, 13801 Wireless Way, Oklahoma City, OK 73134, 1-800-401-6587. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under U.S. Bankruptcy code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Albertelli Law Attorney for Caliber Home Loans, Inc. as Attorney in Fact for **KAREN PUSEY** 100 Galleria Parkway, Suite 960 Atlanta, GA 30339 Phone: (770) 373-4242 By: Cory Sims For the Firm THIS FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. - 18-031816 A-4680709 02/03/2019, 02/10/2019, 02/17/2019, 02/24/2019

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114366****2/3,10,17,24****NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER  
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

**BY VIRTUE** of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **CHRIS BEATRICE** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS NOMINEE FOR SOUTHSTAR FUNDING LLC dba CAPITAL HOME MORTGAGE, dated February 12, 2003, recorded February 20, 2003, in Deed Book 1371, Page 452-467 and re-recorded April 10, 2003 in Deed Book 1403, Page 373., Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$222,200.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Citibank, N.A., not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee of NRZ Pass-Through Trust VI, 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, 2019, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 386 OF THE 9TH LAND DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 58, PHASE 2, UNIT 2, NORTHWOOD SUBDIVISION, AS PER A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY LOUIE D. PATRICK, GEORGIA REGISTERED SURVEYOR NO. 1757, DATED JULY 12, 2000, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 34, PAGE 299, CLERK'S OFFICE, NEWTON SUPERIOR COURT, THE METES AND BOUNDS OF SAID LOT BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO.**

**SUBJECT TO DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS NORTHWOOD SUBDIVISION PHASE TWO, UNIT ONE AND UNIT TWO DATED JULY 1, 2001, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1069. PAGES 394-403. CLERK'S OFFICE, NEWTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT.**

**SAID LEGAL** description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **150 CLEAR SPRINGS LANE, OXFORD, GA 30054**.

**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. 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: 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 **CHRIS BEATRICE, CAROLE BEATRICE, 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: NewRez LLC, F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC, D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, Loss Mitigation Dept., 75 Beattie Place, Ste. 300, Greenville, SC 29601, Telephone Number: 800-365-7107. **CITIBANK, N.A.**, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF NRZ

**PASS-THROUGH TRUST VI AS ATTORNEY** in Fact for **CHRIS BEATRICE**. **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:** Ruben Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071 **TELEPHONE NUMBER:** (877) 813-0992 Case No. SHP-18-07554-1. **AD RUN** Dates 02/03/2019, 02/10/2019, 02/17/2019, 02/24/2019 **RUBENLUBLIN.COM/PROPERTY-LISTING**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114280****2/3,10,17,24****NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER,  
NEWTON COUNTY**

**PURSUANT TO** the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Sharon M. Gordon** to Wells Fargo Bank N.A. dated 3/30/2007 and recorded in Deed Book 2431 Page 302 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-WFHE3, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-WFHE3, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$322,000.00, 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 5, 2019 (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 Lots 13 & 14 of the 8th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 73, of Weatherford Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 40, pages 166-173, Records of Newton County, Georgia, which plat is by reference incorporated herein 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** is commonly known as **15 Providence 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): Sharon M. Gordon or tenant or tenants.

**WELLS FARGO** Bank, NA is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

**WELLS FARGO** Bank, NA **LOSS MITIGATION**

**3476 STATEVIEW Boulevard**

**FORT MILL, SC 29715**

**1-800-678-7986**

**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 Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-WFHE3, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-WFHE3 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Sharon M. Gordon

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

**1000-12896A**

**THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** 1000-12896A

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114350****2/3,10,17,24,3/3****NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER,  
NEWTON COUNTY**

**PURSUANT TO** the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Vicky R. Mooneyhan and Felix A. Mooneyhan** to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. dated 4/22/2004 and recorded in Deed Book 1709 Page 191 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. s/b/m Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$95,700.00, 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 5, 2019 (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 85 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 18 OF TROTTERS WALK SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 25, PAGE 178, NEWTON COUNTY GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE.** **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 **145 Trotters Walk, 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): Vicky R. Mooneyhan or tenant or tenants.

**WELLS FARGO** Bank, NA is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

**WELLS FARGO** Bank, NA **LOSS MITIGATION**

**3476 STATEVIEW Boulevard**

**FORT MILL, SC 29715**

**1-800-678-7986**

**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.

**WELLS FARGO** Bank, N.A. s/b/m Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. as agent and Attorney in Fact for Vicky R. Mooneyhan and Felix A. Mooneyhan

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

**1000-12810A**

**THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** 1000-12810A

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114344****2/3,10,17,24,3/3****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 **FELICIA PALMER** to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. , dated 05/01/2013, and Recorded on 05/16/2013 as Book No. 3128 and Page No. 263 273, NEWTON County, Georgia records, as last assigned to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$105,360.00, 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, 2019, the following described property: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN COUNTY OF NEWTON, STATE OF GEORGIA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 134 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 66, WINDSCAPES, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37, PAGE 123 126, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY** **BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO FELICIA BAILEY BY LIMITED WARRANTY DEED FROM LEGACY COMMUNITIES OF WINDSCAPES, LLC, DATED JANUARY 28, 2003, RECORDED FEBRUARY 18, 2003 IN BOOK 01369, PAGE 00556, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA** **BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO FELICIA BAILEY AND MR. ERIC VIDAL BAILEY, SR., AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SUPERVISORSHIP BY QUITCLAIM DEED FROM FELICIA BAILEY, DATED JANUARY 28, 2003, RECORDED FEBRUARY 18, 2003 IN BOOK 01369, PAGE 0**

**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). WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. (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, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. may be contacted at: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., 3476 STATEVIEW BLVD., FORT MILL, SC 29715, 800 288 3212. 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 **35 ROBERTFORD CRT, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016** is/are: FELICIA PALMER 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. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. as Attorney in Fact for FELICIA PALMER. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 0000008091530 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114390**  
**2/3,10,17,24**

**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 **JOLYON ASSANAH** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS") AS NOMINEE FOR WILMINGTON FINANCE INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS , dated 10/02/2007, and Recorded on 10/17/2007 as Book No. 2518 and Page No. 583 599, NEWTON County, Georgia records, as last assigned to WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2014 C (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$403,000.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the NEWTON County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2019, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 150 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 75, LYNHURST SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 40, PAGE 46, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. SAID PROPERTY BEING KNOWN AS 200 FOX GLOVE DR ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING PROPERTY IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA. PARCEL ID NUMBER: 0013A 076. SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. 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). WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2014 C holds the duly endorsed Note and is the current assignee of the Security Deed to the property. FAY SERVICING LLC, acting on behalf of and, as necessary, in consultation with WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2014 C (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, FAY SERVICING LLC may be contacted at: FAY SERVICING LLC, 440 S. LASALLE ST., 20TH FLOOR, CHICAGO, IL 60605, 800 495 7166. 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 **200 FOX GLOVE DR, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016** is/are: JOLYON ASSANAH 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. WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2014 C as Attorney in Fact for JOLYON ASSANAH. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000007306569 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114392**  
**2/3,10,17,24**

**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 **MARJORIE R TODD SPEIGHT** to CHASE BANK USA, N.A. , dated 08/17/2007, and Recorded on 09/04/2007 as Book No. 2498 and Page No. 92 106, NEWTON County, Georgia records, as last assigned to JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC (the Secured Creditor), by assignment, conveying the after described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$37,400.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the NEWTON County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2019, the following described property: ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 119 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING LOT 259, BLOCK "D", THE SILOS OF ELLINGTON, PHASE I, AS PER PLAT OF SAME FILED FOR RECORD AT PLAT BOOK 36, PAGES 190 THROUGH 203, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS. THE DESCRIPTION OF SAID LOT IS AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAT IS BY THIS REFERENCE, SPECIFICALLY INCORPORATED HEREIN.

**ADDRESS: 200 DAIRYLAND DR.; COVINGTON, GA 30016**  
**TAX MAP OR PARCEL ID NO:** 0013B 017 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). JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC 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 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC (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 200 DAIRYLAND DR, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30016 is/are: MARJORIE R TODD SPEIGHT 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. JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC as Attorney in Fact for MARJORIE R TODD SPEIGHT. THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT.

ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 00000008099624 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TURNER & ENGEL, LLP 4004 Belt Line Road, Suite 100 Addison, Texas 75001 Telephone: (972) 341 5398.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114389**  
**2/3,10,17,24**

**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 Penny Dial to **Martha Dubois** dated November 5, 2012 filed for record November 6, 2012 and recorded in Deed Book 3064, Pages 154-159, Newton County, Georgia records. Said Deed to Secure Debt having been given to secure a Note dated November 5, 2012 in the original principle sum of EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$85,000.00), 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 within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, to wit: March 5, 2019, the property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. 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.

**MARTHA DUBOIS** holds the Note and your loan. The entity and/or individuals that have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor are W. Michael Waters at Post Office Box 150 Covington, Georgia 30015. Please understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

**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.

**SAID PROPERTY** will be sold as the property of **MARTHA DUBOIS**.

**W. MICHAEL WATERS**  
**AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT**

for **MARTHA DUBOIS**  
**B A L L A R D** ,  
**STEPHENSON & Waters, PC**  
**1117 CHURCH** Street  
**POST OFFICE** Box 150  
**COVINGTON, GEORGIA**  
  
**30015**  
  
**(770) 786-8123**  
**THIS LAW** firm is acting as a debt collector. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
**EXHIBIT "A"**

**ALL THOSE** three (3) tracts or parcels of land lying and being in Newton County, Georgia and being more particularly described as follows:

**TRACT ONE:**  
**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 364 of the 9th Land District of Newton County, Georgia and being more particularly described as Tract 4C, containing 3.75 acres in accordance with that Plat of Survey by John Elwin Knight, Georgia RLS No. 1945; said plat being dated July 15, 1977 and recorded at Plat Book 13, Page 289, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia; said plat by reference thereto being incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular description of said property.

**THIS BEING** a portion of that property as described in that Deed of Assent from Martha Goss Dial as Executor of the Estate of Alfred Lee Dial to Martha Goss Dial dated October 17, 2005 and recorded at Deed Book 2379, Pages 406-407, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia.

**TRACT TWO:**  
**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 364 of the 9th Land District of Newton County, Georgia and being shown as Tract 1 containing 0.954 acres in accordance with that Plat of Survey for Martha G. Dial by Robert McCollum Buhler, Georgia RLS No. 1403; said plat being dated October 20, 1992 and not recorded at Plat Book 27, Page 180, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia; said plat by reference thereto being incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular description of said property.

**SAID PROPERTY** (Tracts One and Two) being known as **207 Boogers Hill Road, Oxford, Newton County, Georgia 30054** in accordance with the present system of numbering houses in Newton County, Georgia.

**THIS BEING** a portion of that property as described in that Deed of Assent from Martha Goss Dial as Executor of the Estate of Alfred Lee Dial to Martha Goss Dial dated October 17, 2005 and recorded at Deed Book 2457, Pages 215-216, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia.

**ALSO CONVEYED** herein is the one-half undivided interest of Grantor in that following described property to wit:

**TRACT THREE:**  
**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 364 of the 9th Land District of Newton County, Georgia and being shown as Tract 4D containing .49 acres, in accordance with that Plat of Survey for Billy Ray Dial and Alfred Lee Dial by John Elwin Knight, Georgia RLS No. 1945; said plat being dated July 15, 1977 and recorded at Plat Book 13, Page 289, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia; said plat by reference thereto being incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular description of said property.

**THIS BEING** a portion

of that property as described in that Deed of Assent from Martin Goss Dial as Executor of Estate of Alfred Lee Dial to Martha Goss Dial dated October 17, 2005 and recorded at Deed Book 2457, Pages 215-216, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia and the same property which is he subject of that agreement dated July 19, 1977 and recorded at Deed Book 161, Page 612, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114367**  
**2/3,10,17,24**

**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 **MICHELLE D. GOOCH** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR OPTEUM MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF METROCITIES MORTGAGE, LLC dated January 3, 2008, filed for record January 11, 2008, and recorded in Deed Book 2554, Page 471, NEWTON County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3394, Page 468, NEWTON County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2893, Page 93, NEWTON County, Georgia Records. Said Deed to Secure Debt having been given to secure a Note dated January 3, 2008 in the original principal sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY TWO AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$124,692.00), 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, 2019, the following described property: **ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 71 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 25 OAK HILL, PHASE I, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 64-70, NEWTON COUNTY, RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.**

**TO THE** best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is MICHELLE D. GOOCH or a tenant or tenants. Said property may more commonly be known as: **210 CREEKSIDE TRAIL, COVINGTON, GA 30016.** **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# X7801-013, 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.

**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 OWNIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-6 AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT for RODNEY JONES TARA ROBINSON PHELAN HALLINAN Diamond & Jones, PLLC 11675 GREAT Oaks Way, Suite 375 ALPHARETTA, GA 30022 TELEPHONE: 770-393-4300 FAX: 770-393-4310 PH # 41040**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #114352**  
**2/3,10,17,24,3/3**

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

**BECAUSE OF** a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Charles Dyes** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for LoanDepot.com, its successors and assigns dated May 10, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 3702, Page 98, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$95,136.00, 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, May 7, 2019, 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 72 AND 89, 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 127, PHASE VI. COUNTRYWOODS, ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAME RECORDED IN PUT BOOK 26, PAGE 61, 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. SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF NEWTON, STATE OF GEORGIA.**

**SAID PROPERTY** is known as **165 Countryside Lane, 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 Crystal G. Chilson, a/k/a Crystal G. Rose a/k/a Crystal Gail Chilson and Billy Van Rose, successor in interest or tenant(s).

**WELLS FARGO** Bank, N.A. as Attorney-in-Fact for Crystal G. Rose and Bill Van Rose

**FILE NO.** 19-072388  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #114394**  
**2/3,10,17,24,3/3**

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

**BECAUSE OF** a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Ramona Virgo** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Taylor, Bean and Whitaker Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns dated August 4, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 2002, Page 603, as last modified in Deed Book 3595, Page 273, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Selene Finance LP, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$129,960.00, 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 5, 2019, 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 109 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 44, Block A, Phase One of Christian Woods Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 23, Page 263, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

**SAID PROPERTY** is known as **100 Christian Woods Drive, Conyers, GA 30013**, 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),

DOLLARS (\$129,920.00), 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, 2019, the following described property: **ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 234 OF THE 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 6, PHASE 3, UNIT 2 OF STERLING LAKES SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 38, PAGE 214, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS SPECIFICALLY INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY THIS REFERENCE.**

**PARCEL ID** NUMBER: C064A-171

**TO THE** best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is TARA ROBINSON or a tenant or tenants. Said property may more commonly be known as: **8153 STERLING LANE, COVINGTON, GA 30014-3784.** **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 OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, 1100 VIRGINIA DRIVE, FORT WASHINGTON, PA 19034; (800) 746-2936.

**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.

**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 OWNIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-6 AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT for RODNEY JONES TARA ROBINSON PHELAN HALLINAN Diamond & Jones, PLLC 11675 GREAT Oaks Way, Suite 375 ALPHARETTA, GA 30022 TELEPHONE: 770-393-4300 FAX: 770-393-4310 PH # 41040**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #114352**  
**2/3,10,17,24,3/3**

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

**BECAUSE OF** a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Charles Dyes** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for LoanDepot.com, its successors and assigns dated May 10, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 3702, Page 98, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$95,136.00, 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, May 7, 2019, 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 72 AND 89, 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 127, PHASE VI. COUNTRYWOODS, ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAME RECORDED IN PUT BOOK 26, PAGE 61, 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. SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF NEWTON, STATE OF GEORGIA.**

**SAID PROPERTY** is known as **165 Countryside Lane, 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 Crystal G. Chilson, a/k/a Crystal G. Rose a/k/a Crystal Gail Chilson and Billy Van Rose, successor in interest or tenant(s).

**WELLS FARGO** Bank, N.A. as Attorney-in-Fact for Crystal G. Rose and Bill Van Rose

**FILE NO.** 19-072388  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #114394**  
**2/3,10,17,24,3/3**

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

**BECAUSE OF** a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Ramona Virgo** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Taylor, Bean and Whitaker Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns dated August 4, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 2002, Page 603, as last modified in Deed Book 3595, Page 273, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Selene Finance LP, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$129,960.00, 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 5, 2019, 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 109 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 44, Block A, Phase One of Christian Woods Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 23, Page 263, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

**SAID PROPERTY** is known as **100 Christian Woods Drive, Conyers, GA 30013**, 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),

(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 Charles Dyes, successor in interest or tenant(s).

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC** d/b/a Mr. Cooper as Attorney-in-Fact for Charles Dyes

**FILE NO.** 19-072825  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #114517**  
**2/24,3/3,10,17,24,31,4/7,14,21,28, 5/5**

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

**BECAUSE OF** a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Crystal G. Rose and Bill Van Rose** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Sunshine Mortgage Corporation dated December 30, 2002, and recorded in Deed Book 1353, Page 579, as last modified in Deed Book 3695, Page 481, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Wells Fargo Bank N.A. securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$101,631.00, 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 5, 2019, 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 71, 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 78, COUNTRY WOODS EAST, PHASE TWO, ON PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAME RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 24, PAGE 276, 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.**

**SAID PROPERTY** is known as **90 E Country Woods Drive, 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 Crystal G. Chilson, a/k/a Crystal G. Rose a/k/a Crystal Gail Chilson and Billy Van Rose, successor in interest or tenant(s).

**WELLS FARGO** Bank, N.A. as Attorney-in-Fact for Crystal G. Rose and Bill Van Rose

**FILE NO.** 19-072388  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #114394**  
**2/3,10,17,24,3/3**

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

**BECAUSE OF** a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Ramona Virgo** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Taylor, Bean and Whitaker Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns dated August 4, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 2002, Page 603, as last modified in Deed Book 3595, Page 273, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Selene Finance LP, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$129,960.00, 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 5, 2019, 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 109 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 44, Block A, Phase One of Christian Woods Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 23, Page 263, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

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**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 Ramona Virgo, a/k/a R. Virgo a/k/a Ramona Virgo- Johnson a/k/a Ramona Johnson-Virgo a/k/a Ramona Johnson, successor in interest or tenant(s).

**SELENE FINANCE LP** as Attorney-in-Fact for Ramona Virgo

**FILE NO. 15-050936**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #114408**  
**2/3,10,17,24,3/3**

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

**BY VIRTUE** of the power of sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **Sheppard2 Developer & Builder, LLC** to O.D.D. Family Revocable Trust Oren David Dinkel II, Trustee recorded at Deed Book 3668, Page 503, Newton, Georgia Records (hereinafter referred to as "Deed to Secure Debt"), there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse at Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, the property described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The debts secured by said Deed to Secure Debt have been and are hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to make payments. The debts remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, including attorneys' fees.

**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, easements, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Deed to Secure Debt first set out above, including, but not necessarily limited to, senior encumbrances that will not be extinguished by the foreclosure sale contemplated by this Notice.

**PLEASE NOTE** that O.D.D. Family Revocable Trust Oren David Dinkel II, Trustee is the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage, and that O.D.D. Family Revocable Trust Oren David Dinkel II, Trustee can be contacted through the following representative:

**BRENDAN H. Parnell, Esq.**  
**300 CENTURY** Springs West  
**6000 LAKE** Forrest Drive, NW  
**ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30328**  
**404-252-1425**

**TO THE** best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the Party in possession of the property is Sheppard2 Developer & Builder, LLC and said property is more commonly known as **140 Sweetwater Social Circle, Newton County, Georgia 30025**. However, please rely only on the legal description contained in this notice for the location of the property. The undersigned reserves the right to sell the property, or any part thereof, together in its entirety or in one or more parcels as determined by the undersigned in its sole discretion.

**SHEPPARD2 DEVELOPER & Builder, LLC**  
**ATTORNEY IN** Fact for O.D.D. Family Revocable Trust Oren David Dinkel II, Trustee

**BRENDAN H. Parnell, Esq.**  
**QUIRK & Quirk, LLC**  
**300 CENTURY** Springs West  
**6000 LAKE** Forrest Drive, NW  
**ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30328**  
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**EXHIBIT "A"**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

**ALL THAT** TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOTS 133 AND/OR 151, 1ST DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT NO. 20, SECTION III, CONTAINING 2.111 ACRES, IN COUNTRY WALK SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY JOHN F. BREWER, REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2115, DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2000 REVISED 03/26/2001, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 35 PAGES 238-240, CLERK'S OFFICE, NEWTON SUPERIOR COURT. REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE TO SAID PLAT OF SURVEY FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

**PARCEL ID:**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE #114370**  
**2/3,10,17,24**

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN THE INTEREST OF:**  
**K.B. SEX: Male**  
**DOB: 12/30/2005**  
**CASE #107-18J-0865**  
**K.B. SEX: Male**  
**DOB: 12/29/2009**  
**CASE #107-18J-0866**  
**CHILDREN UNDER 18** Years of Age

SUMMONS

**TO: KRISTOPHER BEGGS,**  
Legal Father

A PETITION

To Terminate Parental Rights has been filed in this Court on November 19, 2018, by the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, concerning the above child(ren). In accordance with O.C.G.A. §15-11-281, you are hereby notified that this proceeding and the hearing(s) specified herein is/are for the purpose of terminating your parental rights and to place permanent custody of said child(ren) with the Georgia Department of Human Services, by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services, pending adoption. The Court shall mail a copy of said Petition to the last known address of the above-named parent(s) within fifteen (15) days of filing of said Petition. This is a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to Court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE,

you, the party(ies) named above, are commanded to be and appear on the date and time stated below, and to remain in attendance from hour to hour, day to day, month to month, year to year, and time to time, as said case may be continued, and until discharged from the court, and you are commanded to lay any and all business aside and to be and appear in said Court at the time and place below stated, each of you then and there to make defense thereto and to show cause why the said child(ren) and all parties named herein should not be dealt with according to the provisions of the law.

NOTICE OF EFFECT OF  
TERMINATION JUDGMENT

**GEORGIA LAW** provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A Petition to Terminate Parental Rights has been filed requesting the Court to terminate your parental rights to your child(ren). A copy of the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights is attached to this notice. A court hearing of your case has been scheduled for the 6th day of June, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., at the Newton County Juvenile Court, 1132 Usher Street, Covington, Georgia 30014.

**IF YOU** fail to appear, the Court can terminate your rights in your absence.

**IF THE** Court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child(ren), the Court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child(ren).

**IF THE** judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child(ren). This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child(ren) or make any decisions affecting your child(ren) or your child(ren)'s earnings or property. Your child(ren) 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 child(ren)'s care unless and until your child(ren) are adopted;

(2) **YOUR** child(ren) can still inherit from you unless and until your child(ren) are adopted.

**THIS IS** a very serious matter. A party is entitled to an attorney in the proceedings. 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 clerk's office which is 770-784-2060.

**THIS IS** a summons requiring you to be in Court. If you fail to come to court as required, you may be held in contempt of court and punished accordingly.

**WITNESS THE** Honorable Sheri C. Roberts, Judge of said Court, this 4th day of February, 2019.

**/S/ JANELL Gaines**

**DEPUTY CLERK**

**JUVENILE COURT** of Newton County, Georgia

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114531**  
**2/24,3/3,10,17**

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
NEWTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE** the name change of:  
**BRITAIN TRACHSEL Westberry**  
**PETITIONER,**  
**CIVIL ACTION** File Number:  
**2019-CV-153-5**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
CHANGING NAME OF ADULT

**BRITAIN TRACHSEL Westberry** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on January 22, 2019 to change the name from: **Britain Trachsel Westberry** to **Britain Trachsel Kennedy**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**DATED: 1/22/2019**  
**BRITAIN TRACHSEL Westberry**  
**255 TABOR** Forest Drive  
**OXFORD, GA 30054**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114400**  
**2/3,10,17,24**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE** the name change of:  
**JEFFERY ARNOLD Saunders**  
**PETITIONER,**  
**CIVIL ACTION** File Number:  
**2019-CV-267-3**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
CHANGING NAME OF ADULT

**JEFFERY ARNOLD Saunders** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on February 5, 2019 to change the name from: **Jeffery Arnold Saunders** to **Obadiah Ben Israel**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**DATED: 2/05/2019**  
**JEFFREY ARNOLD Saunders**  
**40 IVEY** Ridge Ct  
**CONYERS, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114486**  
**2/17,24,3/3,10**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
NEWTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE** the name change of:  
**JOHN JOSEPH Westberry**  
**PETITIONER,**  
**CIVIL ACTION** File Number:  
**2019-CV-152-5**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
CHANGING NAME OF ADULT

**JOHN JOSEPH Westberry** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on January 22, 2019 to change the name from: **John Joseph Westberry** to **John Patrick Kennedy Jr.** Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**DATED: 1/22/2019**  
**JOHN JOSEPH Westberry**  
**255 TABOR** Forest Drive  
**OXFORD, GA 30054**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114401**  
**2/3,10,17,24**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
NEWTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE** the name change of:  
**MADISON KATIE Young-Bradford**  
**PETITIONER,**  
**CIVIL ACTION** File Number:  
**2019-CV-307-2**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
CHANGING NAME OF ADULT

**MADISON KATIE Young-Bradford** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on February 11, 2019 to change the name from: **Madison Katie Young-Bradford** to **Madison Katie Bradford**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**DATED: 2/11/2019**  
**MADISON KATIE-YOUNG Bradford**  
**111 BENTON** Road  
**COVINGTON, GA 30014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114520**  
**2/24,3/3,10,17**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
NEWTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE** the name change of:  
**TERRENCE CALLOWAY**  
**PETITIONER,**  
**CIVIL ACTION** File Number:  
**2019-CV-282-3**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO  
CHANGING NAME OF ADULT

**TERRENCE JACKSON** filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on January 29, 2019 to change the name from: **Terrence Calloway** to **Terrence Dion Jackson**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed.

**DATED: 1/29/2019**  
**TERRENCE DION Jackson**  
**190 MOUNTAINVIEW** Drive  
**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114523**  
**2/24,3/3,10,17**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
NEWTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE:** Larry Jones  
**CIVIL ACTION** File No.  
SUCV2019000112

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE  
NAME

**NOTICE IS** hereby given that LARRY JONES, the undersigned, filed his petition to the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia on the 17th day of January, 2019, praying for a change of name from Larry Jones to LARRY JAMES. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said Court within thirty (30) days of filing of said Petition.

**THIS 16TH** day of January 2019  
**MARIO S. Ninfo**  
**GEORGIA BAR No. 544490**  
**ATTORNEY FOR** Petitioner

**BY: LINDA D. Hays**  
**CLERK OF** Superior Court of Newton County

**PUBLIC NOTICE #114385**  
**2/3,10,17,24**

Notice of Proceedings

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
NEWTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY**  
**PLAINTIFF,**  
**V.**  
**ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN**  
**HEIRS OF SHARON ANN LESLIE** (deceased), and **ARTHUR PAUL LESLIE,**  
**DEFENDANTS.**

**CIVIL ACTION** File  
SUCV2018002424  
**THE HONORABLE** John M. Ott

**TO: ARTHUR PAUL LESLIE AND ANY AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN**  
**HEIRS OF SHARON ANN LESLIE,**

DECEASED

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

**BY ORDER** for Service by Publication, dated the 24th day of January, 2019, and filed on this Court's docket the 28th day of January, 2019, you are hereby notified that on the 4th day of December, 2018, CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and Equitable Relief and named you as a Defendant.

**YOU ARE** required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorneys, Matthew F. Totten and Monica K. Gilroy, an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Publication.

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**THIS THE** 7th day of February, 2019.

**/S/ MATTHEW F. Totten**

**A K. GILROY**  
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**MATTHEW F. TOTTEN**  
**GEORGIA BAR No. 798589**  
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