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NCSS Announces 2020 Governor's Honors Semifinalists

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Twelve Newton County School System (NCSS) high school students have been named semi-finalists for the 2020 Governor's Honors Program (GHP). The GHP, open to all sophomores and juniors, is a free residential summer program for gifted or highly talented students who are passionate about the subject. Students interested in attending must participate in a series of interviews and should be able to speak eloquently and in great detail about the subject they choose. They are students who desire to work with their subject outside of

school and go above and beyond. Students may be nominated in Communicative Arts (ELA), all the Foreign Languages, Math, Science, Social Studies, Dance, Music, Theater, Visual Arts, Engineering, and Agriscience.

According to Dr. Nikkita Warfield, NCSS director of secondary education, each school has a school level GHP coordinator.

"The coordinator informs teachers about the program and asks teachers to nominate students who are highly talented and qualified to meet the criteria of the program," Warfield explained. "After the teachers provide the coordinators with student names, the coordinator



Twelve Newton County School System high school students have been named semifinalists for the 2020 Governor's Honors Program. Left to right: Lilliquin Farino, Matthew Walker, Rafael Soria, Brennen Reilly, Brie Worton, Cason Kauffmann, Kyle Stoddard, Hannah Gaston, Warth Haymore, and Sean Ware. Not Pictured: Joyce Li and Russell Danilchuk. Contributed photo

meets with students to provide them with an overview of GHP and how the nomination process works. Additionally, the school-level GHP coordinator checks to ensure students meet the criteria. If the student meets the criteria, the coordinator informs the teacher and has

the teacher complete the GHP nomination form. The teacher completes his or her portion as well as assists the student with filling in his/her nomination information (essays). After this process, each school has a school-level interview to select winners to compete in

the district."

She added, "The next layer of this rigorous process is the district level interviews. All identified students from each school compete in the district level interviews. If selected as district winners,

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Council waives fees to stoke apartment development

By DARRYL WELCH
Managing Editor

At a Feb. 19 called meeting, the Covington City Council voted to waive \$1.4 million in fees and costs to try to spur construction of 350 units of what was described as a "luxury, Class A, high end, multi-family development" at Covington Town Center and in turn, try to boost

commercial and retail development at the site.

The council vote came after Dave Tracht of Elevation Development Group of Atlanta, the company looking to develop the project, told members that the company was having trouble raising capital for the project.

"We have struggled in the capital markets to find capital partners to bring this

project to fruition," Tracht said. "We have a lack of comp projects we can point to in the Covington marketplace. You really would have to get closer to Decatur to find a comparable project."

Tracht said investors that his company has approached, including some who have come to tour the

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Covington car theft suspect nabbed in Fla. Panhandle

By DARRYL WELCH
Managing Editor

An Atlanta teen suspected in the January theft of credit cards and a truck from a local gym was arrested last Sunday after the case was featured on the television show "Live PD," police said.

Covington Police Department Captain Ken Malcom said 17-year-old Tarquinius Mack was arrested in Panama City Beach, Florida on Feb. 24.

Mack is suspected of walking into the Planet Fitness in Newton Plaza on Highway 278 on Jan. 6 and using false information to get a temporary pass. He then allegedly went into the locker room and stole credit cards and a set of truck keys.

Authorities said he then went to the Kroger in the same shopping plaza and bought \$1,000 worth of gift cards before stealing a 2017 Ford F-150 and leaving the area.

According to a Feb. 25 press release from Malcom, Mack's case was featured on the A&E television show "Live PD" on Feb. 21. Malcom said CPD had been working with the show and after the segment aired, the detective working the case began to get additional tips.

"Detective Travis Pierce began getting additional tips immediately after the segment aired," Malcom wrote in the release, "We knew that Mack had been traveling to several states in the eastern portion of the country and that this segment could be prove to be helpful to law enforcement in getting additional credible tips to catch this suspect."

Malcom told The Covington News that detectives had been tracking Mack's movements by following his social media. He said Mack had been tracked to South Carolina, Ohio and Lexington, Kentucky where another theft at a Planet Fitness occurred.

According to the release, CPD had been working with Conyers police and had attempted to locate Mack during a joint surveillance operation in Atlanta working with U.S. Marshals and the Newton County Sheriff's Office.

Malcom said Monday that Mack's arrest was unrelated to his appearance on the TV show. Mack was arrested at a hotel after authorities located a car reported stolen from Tennessee. He had also reportedly stolen credit cards from an area fitness center.

Bailey announces school board run

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Newton County native and retired military veteran Anderson Bailey announced Feb. 27 that he is running for the District 4 seat on the Newton County Board of Education.

"I have chosen to run for the Newton County Board of Education to represent District 4," Bailey said in a press release announcing his candidacy. "I want to be a part of building the minds of tomorrow's leaders by communicating with other school board members. I also feel the need to help carry on the legacy of excellence in the school system with my knowledge, experience and support of what it takes to keep Ideas and resources current in each school to



Anderson Bailey. Contributed photo help students become successful citizens."

According to the release, Bailey and his wife, Angela M. Bailey, have been married for 37 years and have three children - Courtney, the oldest who graduated from Newton High School, Yasmine and Anderico, who graduated from Eastside High School. The Baileys also have two grandchildren, Jaylin Gunn who attends Clements Middle School and Parker Bailey who attends

daycare in Covington.

Employed by the City of Covington for 14 years as a meter reader, Bailey has been a member of GHSA Multi-county Basketball Officials for 25-plus years, has volunteered as a coach with the Newton County Recreation Department for many years and earned Certification of Local Government Management from the University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government. He also serves as Minister of Music at Murray C.M.E. Church.

"I will work with other board members to support programs that help students recognize their gifts and help them develop their unique individuality," Bailey said.

Bailey can be reached at andersonbaileyforall@gmail.com.

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Piedmont Rockdale Cardiology Department Earns Echocardiography Reaccreditation



Photographed (L-R): Janet Stephens, RN, clinical manager of Piedmont Rockdale's cardiology department with Cardiac Sonographers Richard Holle, Anthony Anyakwo, and Jiketha Gatewood.

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Conyers – Piedmont Rockdale Hospital's cardiology department has earned an additional three-year term of accreditation by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) in Echocardiography in the area of Adult Transthoracic. The department, which has been continuously accredited by the IAC since 1988, completed an extensive application and review process that assesses metrics and validates demonstration of consistent quality care and dedication to improvement. Echocardiography, also called Echo, is a painless test that uses ultrasound to create a moving picture of the heart. This allows a cardiologist to see how well the heart's chambers and valves are working.

Piedmont Rockdale echocardiography technicians undergo extensive training to gain skills in the most effective echocardiography studies in order to examine heart muscle contractions, blood flow within the heart, to assess injury from a previous heart attack, to identify blood clots in the heart, or identify fluid buildup in the pericardium, or the sac around the heart. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly half (47%) of Americans have at least one risk factor that contributes to heart disease: high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and smoking. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in men and women in the United States, with one death every 37

seconds. The use of echocardiography to diagnose heart problems and/or monitor changes of the heart helps cardiologists determine if there is a need for additional testing, as well as the next steps in treatment. Piedmont Rockdale has a variety of cardiac and preventative health services available to patients in order to help them lower their risk of heart disease and to continue to lead healthy and active lives after a diagnosis of heart disease. These include general cardiology, interventional cardiology, heart failure clinic, advanced cardiovascular imaging services, electrophysiology, and cardiac rehabilitation. More information on heart services is available at Piedmont Rockdale, visit www.piedmontred.org.

Covington, Newton County taking different approaches to economic development

By **DARRYL WELCH**
Managing Editor

The City of Covington and Newton County appear to be taking different paths on economic development with the county looking to work through its industrial development authority and the city bringing the program in-house. The moves come after the Covington/Newton County Chamber of Commerce voted late last year to get out of the business of economic development and instead focus on growing its membership base and providing value for its current members. The Newton County Board of Commissioners voted Feb. 20 to approve the structural framework of an Intergovernmental Agreement to move economic development services to the Newton County Industrial Development Authority. According to terms of the agreement, members of the economic development staff will be employees of the IDA but subject to the county's human resources and purchasing policies as approved by the Board of Commissioners. The county will also provide funding to the IDA from April until June 2020 equivalent to what it would have paid the Chamber of Commerce for economic development services. Commissioners voted earlier this year to approve moving economic development to the IDA contingent on approval of an IGA with the Authority.

At its Feb. 17 meeting, the Covington City Council took no action on an agreement with the IDA to provide economic development services, opting instead to move the program under the city's control. Before the vote, Mayor Steve Horton said that it's important that the city continue to collaborate with the county on economic development. "I would like a commitment that that we continue to pursue collaborative efforts with the county because that's critical," he said. The vote was 5-1 in favor of the move with Hawthentia Williams casting the dissenting vote. The council also voted to move the Main Street program under city control by the same vote total.

Oxford council to vote on Yarbrough House and speed humps Monday

By **DARRYL WELCH**
Managing Editor

The Oxford City Council will decide on its next steps for the Yarbrough House and vote on speed humps for E. Soule Street/Williams Road, among other measures, when it meets Monday evening. The city has grappled with the best way to utilize the Yarbrough House since purchasing it for \$200,000 in 2017. In October of 2018, a month

after breaking ground for renovations on the historic structure, the council voted to spend \$13,000 to mitigate termite damage in the house, including \$8,500 to tear down the garage adjacent to the house. Among the proposed uses for the house, which sits directly across from city hall on W. Clark Street, have included a welcome/history center with meeting rooms and a coffee shop. Council members are also slated to tackle the issue of speeders on E. Soule Street/Williams Road, voting on the installation of two traffic calming devices or speed humps. They will also vote on two storm drain replacement and repair projects, fencing at the George Street Park and a landscaping contract for the new Asbury Street Park. The council meets at 7 p.m. on March 2.

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area, have looked at the project and decided they weren't comfortable making the investment. "A number of groups will ask us if we are getting some sort of contributory incentive from the city, which we haven't been able to give an affirmative answer to that," he said. "There are capital groups that we have come across that that is a requirement for them- to see participation from the city or county." Tracht told council members that his company had requested \$3.5 million through the Office of Economic Development but was told that the amount was not feasible. "Depending upon the result we get here, with the city - for which we will be grateful- we will determine our next best path," he said. The \$3.5 million included \$1 million for permit/tap fees, a parking lot at a cost of \$1.8 million, five acres of greenspace for a cost of \$277,000 and electric infrastructure costing \$456,000. Tracht told the council that the city's participation was critical to the project moving forward. Mayor Steve Horton suggested that any incentives approved by the council should be contingent on the city successfully negotiating contracts to secure its interests. The council voted unanimously to waive the \$1 million in permitting costs and water and sewer tap fees along with \$456,000 electric infrastructure costs "in an effort to stimulate growth beyond just residential development at the Covington Town Center overlay as it has been strongly suggested that future commercial and retail development can be hindered without this development being brought to fruition." Tracht said his company hopes to break ground on the project before too long.

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Lilburn man jailed after showing up to claim bag with drugs

By DARRYL WELCH
Managing Editor

Deputies arrested a Lilburn man at a local auto auction on Feb. 17 after he showed up to claim items left in a vehicle that included a bag of drugs.

According to a Newton County Sheriff's Office incident report, deputies responded to Insurance Auto Auction on Old Highway 138 in Oxford just after 8 a.m. after employees found a firearm in a Chevrolet Tahoe.

A NCSO spokesman said investigators responding to the firearm report found drugs in a bag in the vehicle.

35-year-old Jerry Lew-

is Lonzo was arrested when he showed up at the business to claim the bag.

According to the report, Lonzo was jailed on multiple charges, including possession of cocaine, possession of MDMA (Ecstasy), possession of MDMA (Ecstasy) with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of drug related objects.

The firearm had been reported stolen in DeKalb County. The spokesman said Lonzo was not charged with the theft of the gun.

Phone stolen during sale

By JASMINE FLOYD
Staff writer

What was supposed to be a fair trade off turned into a theft on Feb 23.

Last Sunday, around 5:27 p.m., an officer was dispatched to a report of a theft of a phone on Green Street.

According to Covington Police Department incident report, the victim met the man on an app called Letgo.

The victim told police that she and her husband went to meet the suspect who was potentially going to purchase the phone.

Police said when the woman handed the black Iphone 7 to the suspect, he ran with it behind a house toward a storage building.

The phone was valued \$600, and couldn't be tracked since the suspect cleared out the database.

Authorities issued the victim a Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) card.

A CPD spokesman said anyone is welcome to come to the Covington Police Department to meet individuals when they are selling or buying items. CPD's new location is 13183 Harland Dr.

If you can't come to the police department the spokesman suggested meeting in a public place that has security cameras.

Newton County Jail Log

Covington Police Department

Wendy Lee Bates, 46, 46 Bates Road, Apt A, Covington, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with knowingly driving motor vehicle on suspended, cancelled or revoked registration and possession of a schedule II controlled substance.

Terrance Lemont Collins, 37, 35 Railside Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 21 and charged with driving without headlights in the dark, driving while license suspended or revoked, drug related objects, giving false name, address or birthdate to law enforcement officer and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.

Clifton C. Davis, 21, 14 Laurel Street, Covington, was arrested Feb. 21 and charged with drug related objects, improper lane usage, possession of marijuana and held for other agency.

Tennessee Davis, Jr., 36, 9134 Puckett Street, Covington, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with driving without a valid license.

John Joseph Furteney, 56, 290 East Felton Road, Cartersville, was arrested Feb. 22 and charged with criminal trespass.

Seniend Garland, 53, 468 McGiboney Road, Covington, was arrested Feb. 23 and charged with disobeying a traffic control device and driving while license suspended or revoked.

Moeshia Edwina Giliard, 23, 7110 Willowgreen Court, Covington, was arrested Feb. 21 and charged with driving without a valid license.

Danianna Bianca Green, 19, 200 Princeton Way, Covington, was arrested Feb. 22 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and operation of vehicle without current plate/expired plate.

Marco A. Hamilton, 46, 1128 Country Farm Circle, Covington, was arrested Feb. 20 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked.

Bryan Christopher Harris, 21, 25 Mountain View Terrace, Covington, was court sentenced to serve seven days Feb. 25.

Katherine Frances Jones, 50, 1957 Highway 81, Oxford, was arrested Feb. 22 and held for other agency.

Tommy Lee Kell, 22, 212 Blueharron Drive, Monticello, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

Jada Eve Lawrence, 20, 116 Townson Lane, Apt F, Stone Mountain, was arrested Feb. 22 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Jaquese D. Lloyd, 50, 1005 31st Street, Covington, was arrested Feb. 23 and charged with battery and cruelty to children.

Aundrey Isiah Lynch, 22, 180 Flowers Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 24 and charged with probation violation.

James Randall McCullough, 42, 985 Granite Lane, Loganville, was arrested Feb. 22 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Billy Lawrence New, 25, 115 Shelby Oaks Trail, Covington, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with forgery, possession and use of drug related objects, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of firearm or knife during commission or attempt to commit a crime, possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, probation violation, receipt, possession or transport of firearm by convicted felon and trafficking in cocaine, illegal drugs, marijuana, methamphetamine or amphetamine.

Travis Jerel Nolley, 25, 2791 Coventry Green, Conyers, was arrested Feb. 23 and charged with DUI-alcohol and improper lane usage.

Quinta Kelvin Parker, 42, 5144 Lackey Street, Covington, was arrested Feb. 23 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

David Paul Pike, 59, 2322 George L. Pike Pkwy, Monroe, was arrested Feb. 21 and held for other agency.

Ronnie Reed, 51, 175 Brown Road, Covington, was arrested Feb. 22 and charged with aggravated assault and probation violation.

Thomas Richard Robinson, 65, 4104 Cannon Street, Covington, was arrested Feb. 20 and charged with maintaining a disorderly house.

Salva Mauricio Rodrigues-Avila, 44, 10151 Henderson Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with driving without a license and improper lane usage.

David Vaughn Slack, 57, 9182 Bent Pine Court, Covington, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with terroristic threats and acts.

Courtney Sherretta Smith, 39, 9327 Settlers Grove Road, Covington, was arrested Feb. 23

and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Demarcus Antonio Smith, 18, 7147 Harmony Place, Covington, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with probation violation.

Kristina Lynne Smith, 30, 1229 Cannon Farm Road, Oxford, was arrested Feb. 21 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Nicholas Lawayne Smith, 20, 822 Highway 16, Monticello, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

Christina Denise Taylor, 42, 1558 Parker Drive, Conyers, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Taylor Michelle Travis, 18, 115 Shelby Oaks Trail, Covington, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with expired registration, headlight violation, no insurance and possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

Keionna Tamei Tumin, 37, 5133 Lackey Street, Covington, was arrested Feb. 20 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked.

Quinterius Kendrick Watson, 27, 701 Redland Drive, Jonesboro, was arrested Feb. 20 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and held for other agency.

Georgia State Patrol

Sierra Elisabeth Ingram, 27, 884 Halls Bridge Road, Jackson, was arrested Feb. 22 and charged with DUI-alcohol and failure to signal when turning or changing lanes.

Sarah Alexandra Markesky, 46, 5137 David Circle, Covington, was arrested Feb. 22 and charged with DUI-alcohol, improper lane usage and notice of change of address or name.

Austin James Stapp, 22, 2109 Highway 81, Oxford, was arrested Feb. 23 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked, failure to appear for fingerprintable charge, possession of a schedule III controlled substance (Xanax), and probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Newton County Sheriff's Office

Brian Shane Aaron, 36, Walton County Jail was back for court Feb. 21.

Rodney Stephen Baker, 51, 1025 Mount Zion Road, Oxford, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with DUI-multiple substances, duty to report accident, improper lane usage and open container.

Candis Nicole Beggs, 33, Emmanuel State Prison, was back for court Feb. 19.

Darian Nathan Biggs, 56, 2052 Lenoa Lane, Austell, was arrested Feb. 21 and charged with DUI-alcohol and speeding (14-24 over).

Tonya Elaine Blair, 43, 499 West Dixie Highway, Rutledge, was arrested Feb. 21 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Brandy Alissa Blankenship, 31, 145 Johnson River Road, Covington, was back for court Feb. 19.

Emanuel Izell Bristow, III, 44, 155 Snapdragon Lane, Covington, was arrested Feb. 24 and charged with failure to register as a sex offender/failure to comply with requirements provided.

Kamryn Michael Browning, 17, 10 Oaklake Court, Covington, was arrested Feb. 20 and charged with burglary.

Anthony O'neal Card, 35, 1603 Iris Walk, Jonesboro, was court sentenced Feb. 22.

Connie Gail Carrell, 58, 1025 Monroe Jersey Road, Monroe, was arrested Feb. 24 and charged with battery.

Kathy Lashon Carter, 42, 100 Rolling Ridge Drive, Athens, was back for court Feb. 19.

Jeffrey Sekai Cook, 19, 13 Hemlock Street, Conyers, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with theft by deception.

Kendarious Devontae Cook, 20, 70 Windridge Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 22 and charged with possession of marijuana, less than one ounce.

Dustin Scott Daniel, 25, 240 Boyd Street, Canton, was arrested Feb. 19 and held for other agency.

Shamair Nair Davis, 18, 8179 North Links Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 20 aw financial transaction card fraud.

Paul Fredrick Dreese, Jr., 41, 3919 Preston Place, Powder Springs, was court sentenced Feb. 25.

Tony Lorenzo Elder, 42, Arbor Lake, Covington, was arrested Feb. 20 and held for other agency.

Meony Treshawn Farmer, 19, 609 Allen Drive, Riverdale, was court sentenced Feb. 19.

Michael Christopher Garcia, 34, 5190 Avery Street, Covington, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Lechrystopher Isiah Gilbert, 30, 225 Cypress Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with battery and theft by taking.

Jason Adam Gill, 42, 31 Hazel Street, Porterdale, was arrested Feb. 21 and charged with probation violation.

Dannett Lorease Gipson, 57, 1662 Nordic Trace, Marietta, was court sentenced to serve 48 hours Feb. 22.

Leigh Adriel Glasband, 41, 1515 Range Heights Terrace, Loganville, was arrested Feb. 21 and held for Gwinnett County.

Lige Joseph Graves, III, 25, 4610 Greenbriar Trail, Atlanta, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Troy Anthony Green, 57, 2425 Brighton Trail, Jonesboro, was court sentenced to serve four days Feb. 19.

Renata Monique Greene, 39, 101 Foreman Street, Claxton, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Morrell Grier, 30, 569 Ivy Drive, Nicholson, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with probation violation.

Ahmad Darius Hamby, 18, 15 Wexford Way, Covington, was arrested Feb. 24 aw financial transaction card fraud.

Quintavious Charod Hanchett, 28, 7095 Eunice Drive, Riverdale, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with failure to appear and surety bonds.

Anika Jovet Harold, 32, 40 Halley Court, Covington, was arrested Feb. 20 and charged with probation violation.

James Robert Harris, Jr., 37, 20 Plum Orchard Road, Apt A, Covington, was court sentenced to serve two days Feb. 20.

Tony Curtis Harris, Jr., 31, 90 Mountain Court, Covington, was back for court Feb. 20.

Dionte' Bijan Hayes, 28, 150 Robin Road, Covington, was arrested Feb. 25 and held for other agency-Clayton County.

Andrew Allen Hendry, 22, 1904 Rockbridge Road, Conyers, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with probation violation.

Teresa Anne Hunt, 33, 1602 Jessica Lane, Winder, was arrested Feb. 20 and charged with probation violation.

Latasha Keyonna Jones, 34, 3171 Clark Street, Covington, was arrested Feb. 20 and charged with brake lights and turn signals required, driving while license suspended or revoked, giving false name, address or birthdate to law enforcement officer, and probation violation.

Dervid Allen Lambert, 33, 14352 Highway 36, Covington, was arrested Feb. 20 and charged with probation violation.

Charles Sloucm Marlee, 45, 15 Willow Tree Terrace, Covington, was arrested Feb. 20 and charged with driving w/o headlights when raining, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, possession of marijuana, less than one ounce and tampering with evidence.

Ashley Rose Marie McCallum, 28, 75 Cypress Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 24 and charged with criminal damage to property.

Colin Darren McDuffie, 23, 231 Brooks Road, Jackson, was arrested Feb. 24 and charged with probation violation.

Tydrrell Mitchell, 17, 15 Manderly Way, Covington, was arrested Feb. 21 and charged with simple battery.

Alexus Chantelle Moore, 19, 405 Barshay Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 21 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Herman Paul Morgan, 58, 1977 Henderson Mill Road, Covington, was back for court Feb. 25.

Lindsay Adamson Morgan, 32, 120 Sampson Court, Covington, was arrested Feb. 23 and charged with battery-family violence.

Michael Austin Morris, 25, 420 Cowan Road, Covington, was arrested Feb. 24 and charged with contempt of court-failure to appear and held for parole.

Daquan Travon Moton, 23, 100 Hall Street, Unit 8, Hinesville, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with probation violation.

Joyneka Karlina Nelson, 18, 50 Wynsted Place, Covington, was arrested Feb. 21 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Timothy Matthew Parker, 56, 75 Pebble Crossing, Covington, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with aggravated assault and terroristic threats and acts.

Dwayne Douglas Peppers, 52, 5713 Lee Street, Morrow, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with probation violation.

William Palacios Perez, 34, 10921 Highway 36, Lot 8, Covington, was arrested Feb. 23 and

charged with DUI-alcohol, hit and run; duty of driver to stop at or return to scene of accident and improper lane usage.

Katie Marie Perkinson, 27, 5121 David Circle, Covington, was arrested Feb. 24 and charged with public drunkenness.

Nicole Lea Pressley, 33, 157 A.C. Carey Road, Danielsville, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with probation violation.

Casey Thomas Raburn, 25, 3378 Milledgeville Road, Augusta, was arrested Feb. 22 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and failure to signal when turning.

James Russell Rainey, 37, 4660 Loganville Road, Loganville, was arrested Feb. 22 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Daylon Omaniqa Rainwater, 42, 1935 Alison Court, Atlanta, was arrested Feb. 21 and charged with probation violation.

Traci Michelle Rutherford, 30, 125 Raby Road, Covington, was arrested Feb. 20 and charged with probation violation.

Tommy Eugene Satter, 58, 125B Russell Braden Road, Covington, was arrested Feb. 24 and charged with probation violation.

Eddie Lamar Shy, 54, 6153 Water Oak Circle, Covington, was court sentenced Feb. 24.

Donald Willie Smith, 52, 814 Social Circle Road, Social Circle, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with criminal trespass-family violence.

Destiny Lashawn Sutton, 23, 23109 Vera Street, Warrensville, OH, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with probation violation.

Zachary William Todd, 32, 955 Ridge Road, Lawrenceville, was back for court Feb. 25.

Ronny Eugene Walker, 43, 5456 Cheyenne Drive, Acworth, was arrested Feb. 22 and charged with battery-family violence.

Gregory Leon Woods, Jr., 17, 120 Mildred Lane, Covington, was arrested Feb. 22 and charged with disorderly conduct.

Oxford Police Department

Todd Jopheth Peterson, 28, 1718 Crimmon Oak Drive, Proper, UT, was arrested Feb. 21 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and operation of vehicle without current plate/expired plate.

Porterdale Police Department

Isaac Armando Avila, 23, 10127 Westview Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 23 and charged with DUI-alcohol, impending traffic flow and improper stopping in highway.

Walter Nicholas Britt, 41, 170 Cheyenne Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with probation violation.

Neville Richard Liverpool, 43, 19 Elena Drive, Covington, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with failure to appear.

Ronshuntae Diera Murray, 42, 6071 Highway 81, Riverdale, was arrested Feb. 19 and charged with driving without headlights in dark, possession of marijuana, less than one ounce, no tag lights, possession and use of drug related objects, possession of a schedule I controlled substance and possession of firearm or knife during commission or attempt to commit a crime.

Lester Lydell Norman, 52, 13 Pink St., Porterdale, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged with battery-family violence.

Rachel Necole Whitmore, 30, 3384 Mount Zion Road, Stockbridge, was arrested Feb. 25 and held for other agency.

Weekenders

Felicia Monique Adamson, 42, Covington

Terrance Benjamin Allen, 35, Milledgeville

Omayell Jason Amuka-Pemu, 32, Winder

Michael James Bean, 30, Conyers

Billy Clyde Bentley, 36, Hull

Scottie Lee Broughter, 32, Madison

Harry Charles Carson, 57, Covington

Alex Kelvin Carter, 59, Monticello

Randy Lee Couchman, 54, Winder

April Mary Davis, 42, Covington

Mark Steven Erickson, 57, Porterdale

Sharia Lakel Franklin, 27, Conyers

Brian Dior Goggins, 33, Stockbridge

John L. Golden, 49, Covington

Sebreana Domitilla Gordon, 50, Atlanta

Kelton Donell Greene, 22, Lithonia

Johnny Terence Grier, 42, Marietta

Devine Letice Hawkins, 28, Covington

Dedric Deshun Jackson, 46, Conyers

Quintavious Lodi Jeff, 23, Oxford

Derek Lee Meinert, 29, Social Circle

Andrew Thomas Payne, 30, Covington

Kayla Nashea Rawls, 35, Covington

Mark Kevin Spigner, 51, Covington

Ronald Aulshihud Stephens, 30, Decatur

Tony Stephen Stinchcomb, 62, Covington

Eddie Lee Stinson, III, 24, Covington

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Wetland

To: All interested Agencies including all Federal, State, and Local, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Oxford, under Part 58, has conducted an evaluation, as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The proposed project is located at West Clark Street, Hull Street, Oxford Road, Keel Street, Beakhead Court, Cat’s Paw Court, and Perry Circle. The City of Oxford is applying \$750,000 to replace the water main line that covers the roads above. The new water main will serve 76 households. The proposed project area is adjacent to freshwater forested/shrub wetland and a riverine. The project will impact approximately 0.2 acres of wetlands. Due to the fact that impact is less than 0.5 acres, a Nationwide Permit will be obtained for wetland impacts.

The City of Oxford has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values.

Alternative A: No Action

This alternative is not acceptable since it would not correct the need to replace the water main. If not fixed it will lead to health or sanitation issues. In addition, not correcting the issue will pose environmental issues because the water main will expose the environment to sanitation issues.

Alternative B: Installation above the Creek Culvert

The least expensive option to cross the creek involves installing the proposed water main above the existing creek culvert. There is adequate cover above the culvert and space between the edge of pavement and the parapet wall to install the proposed water main. This alternative would allow the water main to be installed in the road right-of-way without encroaching any areas that are classified as wetlands or riparian buffers. This alternative has a lower project cost than Alternative C, and is a viable and practical alternative.

Alternative C: Installation under the Creek

Another option to cross the creek is to jack and bore steel casing under the creek and install the proposed carrier pipe through the casing. The casing would extend twenty-five feet beyond wrested vegetation on each side of the creek and would avoid encroachment on the wetland and the buffer. This alternative has a higher project cost than Alternative C, and is not a viable and practical alternative.

Table 1: Comparison of Costs for Alternative B and C

Costs	Alternative B	Alternative C
Construction Costs	\$10,000	\$27,000

Alternative B is the viable alternative because it remedies the water issues in the target area, has insignificant environmental effects, and is the less expensive alternative.

The Northeast Georgia Regional Commission has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the wetland and has determined that it has no practical alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetlands facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission at the following address on or before March 16, 2020, and may be mailed to the following address: 305 Research Drive Athens, Georgia 30605, Attn: Stuart Swinea, Project Specialist. Comments may also be submitted via email to sswinea@negrc.org. A full description of the project may also be reviewed Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at 110 West Clark Street, Oxford, GA 30054. For additional questions or concerns please contact Stuart Swinea at (706) 369-5650, Monday - Friday during the hours of 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, or email at sswinea@negrc.org.

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Dave Belton state representative

Halfway there: Session Week 5

This week marked the halfway mark of this year's Session. Thus, we are starting to take up a lot of bills that are finally on the Floor. President Calvin Coolidge once said

"it is much more important to kill bad bills than to pass good ones." His sentiment echoed the wisdom of our Founding Fathers to make it hard to create new laws. They saw the chaotic democracy of the Greeks (which often devolved into mob rule), and chose, instead, the much steadier approach of the Roman Republic on which to base our Constitution. Thus, it takes a great deal of work and a frustrating amount of compromise to get any legislation done...as it should be.

So far, we haven't seen a great number of big bills this year. We are taking a hard look at the Film Tax situation after an audit found that it costs us \$870M a year. Georgia made 319 movies last year alone to a tune of almost \$5B, and we may add the music industry and video-gaming to the mix. To be sure, Georgia is the envy of many states, who are now offering huge tax incentives of their own to copy our success. But it seems we need to much stricter with our accounting processes.

I'd like to discuss a few bills I am working on. The first is a fiscal transparency bill for state charter schools. I passed an education fiscal transparency bill a few years ago, and hope to do the same for charter schools. Georgia is one of two best states in America in term of school fiscal transparency.

Another bill I am offering would allow teachers who work in hi-needed subjects to retire and then return back to work. Baby Boom era teachers are retiring in record numbers and the new teacher pipeline is shrinking as the number

of children is increasing. The bill is slowly moving through the process and should soon be on the Floor.

I'm also working on two military bills that would allow military spouses in the Physical Therapy, Psychology, Audiology, and Speech Pathologists fields to work in Georgia if they have a license in another state. We have passed 34 new laws in the past few years to help our military families.

I'm also working with the University System to partner with our military recruiters. You should be proud that Georgia has the 2nd highest military recruitment numbers of any state. You should also be proud that Georgia State is the No. 1 Military Friendly University in the nation and UGA is No. 2. Other Georgia winners are Kennesaw State, Georgia Southern, Coastal Georgia, UNG, West Georgia, SW Georgia, Ft Valley State and ABAC, Columbus University, Augusta University and Valdosta State.

The final bill I am working on has garnered more attention than all my others combined. It's a loan forgiveness plan for teachers who volunteer to teach at low-performing schools OR a remote rural schools. The idea has been tried in 46 other states with very positive results.

I was proud to stand with Representative Pam Dickerson this week to honor the late Almond Turner and his beloved wife, Anita, with a Special Invitational Resolution on the Floor of the People House and in the private office of Governor Brian Kemp. Assistant Chief of Police, Peace Officer for 45 years, School board Member for 20 years, Deacon at Springfield Baptist Church, loving father and husband, Almond Turner leaves a legacy of Christian service that will not be forgotten.

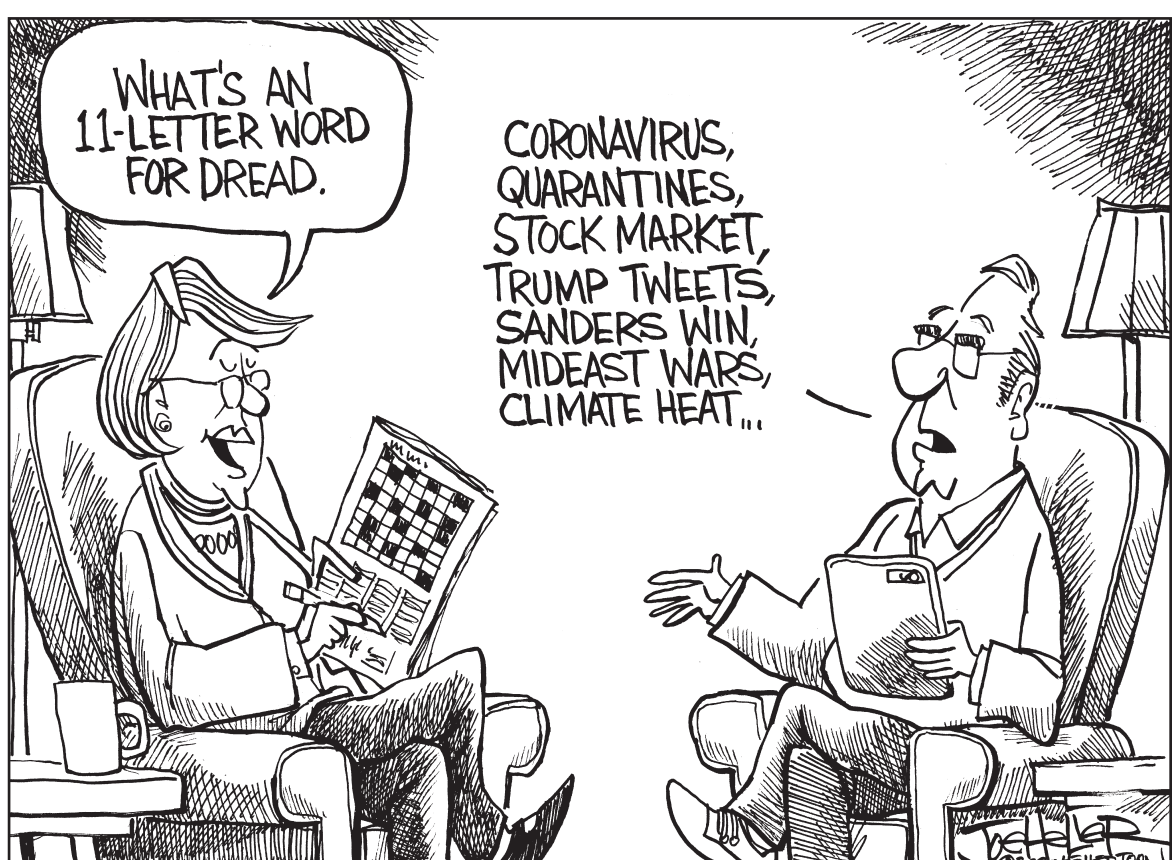
I hope you will pray for me as I try to serve the good peoples of Morgan and Newton counties. You may contact me at dave-belton112@gmail.com.

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Editorial Cartoon



Madison Graham publisher

Simply the Best

That's the theme for this year's "Visions" magazine, our annual in-depth look at different aspects of the community you both want and need to know.

This theme was selected because we wanted to explore the different local people and organizations that are the best in important areas like education (Learning), business and industry (Enterprise), health and fitness (Wellness), and among Newton County's communities (Community).

With everything happening in Newton County and



the changes that are constantly taking place, this publication gives us the chance to reflect on the biggest and best aspects of our home.

One of the things that makes Newton County the best, though, is its people, and we honor some of the most outstanding among us in our Faces section. These folks are doing such great work in our community. It is a real privilege for us as a staff to have the opportunity

to tell their stories with you. I think you'll be impressed by what you learn about them.

I am proud to be a part of Newton County and I think after reading this magazine, you'll be even more impressed with the great place we call home.

Be sure to mark it on your calendar and pick up your copy on Sunday, April 26. You won't want to miss it.

Madison Graham is the editor and publisher of The Covington News. Her email address is madison@covnews.com

David Carroll columnist

I Love You, But I Hate Your Politics

This column usually offers a safe space from politics, but occasionally I have to wade into the deep water. After all, everyone is talking about the coronavirus, the stock market, and the presidential election.

So, despite popular demand, I will field three questions on these hot topics.

How bad is this coronavirus? Somewhere between Donald Trump and Nancy Pelosi. He says, "We've got it under control." She says the need for more action is "urgent." I'd say the correct answer is somewhere in the middle. You remember the middle, right? It's where most Americans don't go these days.

How about this stock market? We've had better days, for sure. I've made some good moves over the years, and a few other moves that deserve the "losing horn sound" on The Price Is Right. If I've learned anything, it's this: When the headlines are screaming doom and gloom, I look the other way. History will tell you that it is a marathon, not a sprint. Wait it out. This is some of that bad medicine we are forced to swallow. But eventually we get better, and often we're stronger than before.

This presidential election is unbearable. Can you make it stop? I would if I could. From the president's loud rallies, to the Democrats' loud debates, to the annoying commercials, it's an assault on our eyes and ears. I opened a box of Cheerios the other day, and Mike Bloomberg jumped out, talking about how he cleaned up New York City. That may have been a dream, but I can't be sure.

I often write about the past, and some say I get too nostalgic. Guilty as charged. There are some things about 20th



century America I miss very much.

We've had some presidents who were wildly popular for a while, and others who were embroiled in scandals. Ronald Reagan is an example of both. During his first two years in office, he brought optimism to a nation recovering from a hostage crisis and a sluggish economy. He also survived an assassination attempt, and his wit served him well during his recovery. His approval ratings were high. Near the end of his presidency, the Iran Contra affair ("arms for hostages") angered many Americans. Still, during both his peaks and valleys, we as individuals were not defined by our opinion of him. In that pre-social media, pre-cable shoutfest era, we were free to quietly go about our business, and not judge one another on whether we were "pro" or "anti" Reagan.

A decade later, Bill Clinton presided over a relatively strong economy. His personal behavior resulted in some well-deserved scorn, and some spirited debates on whether he should be impeached and removed from office. (He was, and he wasn't.) But again, I can't recall many arguments that resulted in loss of friendships.

Look at us now. Longtime relationships have been re-defined over politics. "Hey, let's get some guys together to go to the game. I'll call Johnny and Ron, and you get in touch with Sam and Kevin." Long pause. "I don't know about Kevin," your friend says. "He's a lefty. I'm not sure I want to ride in the same car with him."

"What? You guys worked together for twenty years. He mowed your mom's grass for

free, until the day she died. He would jump in and save you if you were drowning." The friend replies, "Yeah, but have you seen his political posts on Facebook? I don't associate with people who lean that way."

This is not an unusual conversation. It is one of many in which people choose their friends (and enemies) based on who they prefer for president of the United States of America. Are we still united?

In California, a woman has divorced her husband of 22 years because he has decided to support President Trump. "I feel betrayed," she said. She did not elaborate on whether he was a good father, a good provider, or a good companion. It is sad to see anyone seek a divorce, but one would hope it is over something more serious than their political preferences. Back in the 1950s, did anyone break up a marriage because their spouse liked Ike?

Jeanne Safer has just written a book titled, "I Love You, But I Hate Your Politics." It is described as "a guide to maintaining respect and intimacy in our increasingly divided nation."

If this disease is infecting your household, turn off the TV, get off Facebook, and start a garden together. Life is too short to let politicians disrupt your relationships.

The presidential election is eight months away, so it's too early to predict a winner. Sadly, no matter who wins, half the nation will be dead-set against him or her, from Day 1. Where's Ike when we need him?

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SPORTS

Rams fall short in Elite Eight

By MASON WITTNER
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MILTON, Ga. — The Newton High School boys' basketball team's quest for a state title came to an end Tuesday night when the No. 3 Rams were defeated by top-seeded Milton, 68-62, on the road in the Class AAAAAAA state quarterfinals.

It was Newton's second trip to the Elite Eight in three years, and its first under head coach Charlemagne Gibbons. Although the club failed to bring home any hardware, this season should ultimately be remembered as a resounding success.

In his first campaign at the helm, Gibbons led the Rams to 21 wins. Furthermore, Newton produced an unblemished record against local rivals Alcovy, Eastside and Rockdale County, while also being the only team to hand national powerhouse

Grayson a loss this season.

"I've been doing this for a long time and this team has exceeded expectations more than any team that I've ever had before," Gibbons said. "And I'm super proud of those guys because they fought, man. Those guys fought. They fought [Tuesday,] they fought last week, they fought the week before."

On a night when Atlanta Hawks point guard Trae Young surprised fans by showing up and taking in the game, another rising star took over on the court. Milton sophomore point guard Bruce Thornton finished with a game-high 28 points, 23 of which came in the second half.

Undeterred by a slow start, Thornton knocked down a 3-pointer midway through the third quarter and followed up with a pair of layups.

He went on to score 16 of the Eagles' 21 points in the fourth quarter, salting the game away at the charity stripe by going 10-for-10 on free throws.

"Bruce Thornton was really tough [Tuesday] getting to that free-throw line when they had to," Gibbons said. "He made a couple of shots, then I thought we had him winded. If it was a boxing match, we stunned him and I thought we had him. Then, all of a sudden, he kind of recouped and jabbed back and got himself back going. He's a really tough player and he's got a bright future."

Playing in the final game of his prep career, senior Caleb Byrd continued to lead the Rams offensively as he'd done throughout the postseason. The Georgia Southern signee poured in 22 points and was joined in double figures by freshman Qua Brown, who scored 13, and fellow senior Shawn Smith, who chipped in 11.

Behind a strong effort from that Newton trio, the Rams put up a valiant fight in the opening half. Despite trailing the Eagles for the majority of the first two quarters,

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Building the Nest



The Eastside High School swim team produced the most successful season in program history this winter by sending 10 state qualifiers to compete at Georgia Tech in February. Contributed photo

By MASON WITTNER
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What a year it was for the Eastside High School swim team.

Under the guidance of second-year head coach DeAnna O'Brien, the Eagles produced the most successful season in program history this winter. After winning a regular-season meet for the first time ever in 2018, they raised the bar during their 2019-20 campaign by earning five first-place finishes. They then capped off the year by sending 10 qualifiers to Georgia Tech for the state meet — nine more than they sent a season ago.

Making such a monumental leap in just a one-year span is no small task. So, how did the Eagles accomplish the feat?

"We redesigned the entire program and the atmosphere," O'Brien said.

"A big thing this year was teaching them how to be a team and what it meant to be a team, and that swimming is a team

sport," she continued. "If you're here to be for an individual, you do not need to be a part of this team. It is a team sport and that's what we're about."

When O'Brien first took over the program, there was a stigma at Eastside about varsity swimmers who also swam for club teams. Club swimmers were viewed in a negative light, as if their loyalty to another organization equated to a lack of dedication to the Eagles. This mentality caused a rift in the program, stalling attempts to congeal as a cohesive unit as the year unfolded.

Although a notable concern, O'Brien didn't address it right away. She didn't want to rock the boat in her first season at the helm when she was still trying to establish herself at a new program. Going into her second year, however, she decided it was time to implement a change in culture at Eastside.

Everything the Eagles did this season— at

practice, at meets and in activities outside of the pool — was centered around teamwork.

If one swimmer messed up in a workout, the whole team started over. If one swimmer skipped a practice, the whole team suffered the consequence. If one swimmer was struggling to grasp a new concept, the whole team came together to find a solution.

It didn't happen overnight. Student-athletes came and went in the first weeks of the season, some attracted to and others repelled by the team's new philosophy. But by season's end, the Eastside of old was borderline unrecognizable.

The Eagles are no longer a collection of divisive individuals. They're a team.

"Last year I had two teams. I had the club team, and then I had the school team. And so this year we had to bring that together where you couldn't see the divide, and now you can't," O'Brien said. "When you watch them now — when you watch them on the pool deck, when you watch them at dryland, when you watch them in those lanes — you cannot see the divide. You just see Eastside swimming."

Once a bond was established, the results in the pool quickly fol-

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

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City of Covington Community Development Block Grant

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Project Closeout Public Hearing

The City of Covington has completed its FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant Project. The following activities were completed:

Recurring flooding issues were addressed by resurfacing aging drainage facilities and further enhancing the local stream flows on the Covington Housing Authority property. Surrounding groundwork was also reinforced and all drainage issues were resolved.

The City of Covington will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on March 11, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the City of Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory St. NW, Covington GA 30014 for the purpose of discussing the completed activities and receiving citizen comments. All citizens are invited to attend this Hearing. A copy of the Final Quarterly Report will be made available at City Hall for review. Any person desiring to comment on the performance of the project may write to the City at P.O. Box 1527, Covington GA 30015.

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Volunteer firefighters to see training tweaks in Georgia Senate bill

By BEAU EVANS

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - The Georgia Senate passed legislation Tuesday aimed at loosening training requirements for volunteer fire departments in the state.

Senate Bill 342 would create a council tasked with establishing training and certification rules for volunteer fire departments in Georgia that are separate from those required for full-time professional fire departments.

The bill passed the Senate unanimously and heads to the Georgia House for consideration.

Its sponsor, Sen. Burt Jones, said the measure's intent is to loosen training requirements for volunteer firefighters. Currently, volunteers receive the same kind of stringent training that professional firefighters

are required to take.

Jones, R-Jackson, said tougher training may scare off qualified people interested in volunteering, particularly in rural areas where volunteer firehouses are often critical to a community's public safety readiness.

"This will alleviate those requirements and hopefully improve our volunteer network again," Jones said.

The bill would hand oversight functions to a new seven-member Georgia Volunteer Fire Service Council tasked with establishing training programs for volunteer firefighters and certifying anyone who has received training as a federal firefighter.

It would also prohibit persons with felony convictions from joining a volunteer firehouse, un-

less more than five years have passed since the conviction and the person has both completed a training program and been recommended by the trainers.

Last week, Senate Public Safety Committee Chairman John Albers, R-Roswell, said changing the rules for volunteer firefighters would greatly help rural parts of the state that are stretched thin in terms of fire-safety resources.

"We all need to remember that the grand majority of the land mass of this state is covered by rural volunteer firefighters," Albers said. "We want to make sure we set them up for success and we're doing the right things in order to maintain safety in each one of those communities."

OBITUARIES

Betty Freeman Copeland

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Betty Freeman Copeland of Douglasville, formerly of Covington, passed away Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020, at the age of 94. Mrs. Copeland was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Covington, Georgia. She served as president of the Edna Miller Circle, president and Secretary of the Callie Cohen Circle, member of the Christian Fellowship Class and volunteered in the altar and tape ministries. Mrs. Copeland was president of The Green Thumb Garden Club and a member of the Covington Circle Guild. For pleasure, she loved to travel, entertain and play bridge. She was a member of several bridge clubs.

Mrs. Copeland was preceded in death by her husbands, Tom Freeman and Weldon Copeland. Surviving are her daughters, Mary Ann Isbill, Rebecca Freeman, and Cathy Shannon; son-in-law, Ron Isbill; sons, Donald Copeland and Harry Copeland; daughters-in-law, Margaret Copeland and Dianne Copeland; grandchildren, Brent Isbill, Brad Isbill, Andrea Miller, Jennifer Mask, Brandon Copeland, Garrison Copeland, and Abigail Copeland; and eleven great-grandchildren.

A Graveside Service for Mrs. Copeland was held Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, 2:30 P.M., in Lawnwood Memorial Park, 1111 Access Road, in Covington, with Brent Isbill officiating. Brent is Mrs. Copeland's grandson who serves as a pastor in New Braunfels, Texas.

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SEMIFINALISTS

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the students' names are submitted to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA). The students are next contacted by GOSA to complete a state application in efforts to be selected for state interviews. If selected, students become semi-finalists and then compete in state interviews. Students selected as finalists from state interviews will have the opportunity to participate in the GHP summer program."

NCSS students who have successfully passed the school and district-level interviews and had their applications approved by GOSA to be named a semifinalist in the program are as follows:

- Lilliquin Farino, Alcovy High, 10, World Languages--French
- Brennen Reilly, Alcovy High & NCCA STEM

Institute, 11, Mathematics

- Hannah Gaston, Eastside High, 11, Social Studies

- Warth Haymore, Eastside High, 11, World Languages--Latin

- Cason Kauffmann, Eastside High, 11, World Languages--Latin

- Joyce Li, Eastside High, 11, World Languages--Latin

- Rafael Soria, Eastside High, 11, Music--Woodwind: Flute

- Matthew Walker, Eastside High, 10, Communicative Arts

- Brie Worton, Eastside High & Newton College & Career Academy, 10, Visual Arts

- Russell Danilchuk, Newton high & NCCA STEM Institute, 11, Engineering--Mechanical & Electrical Engineering

- Kyle Stoddard, Newton High & NCCA STEM Institute, 11, Music--Brass: Tuba

- Sean Ware, Newton High, 10, Visual Arts

"Congratulations to our students who have been named semi-finalists in the 2020 Governor's Honors Program," said Warfield. "These students have successfully completed two rigorous interviews and had their applications approved by the state to move forward to the next round of competition. It is nice to see so many students so passionate about a subject area, that they wish to participate in a program to learn more in-depth information about the topic. I commend them and wish each of them well in the next phase of the Governor's Honors Program."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF MANSFIELD MAYOR & COUNCIL

The City of Mansfield's Mayor and Council will meet on March 2, 2020 @ 7:00PM in the Mansfield Community Center 3158 Hwy 11 Mansfield GA to hear comments regarding the Variance request made by McJohn Properties LLC to reduce the minimum lot size to 1 acre and side building setback lines to 15 feet on parcel M129 021.



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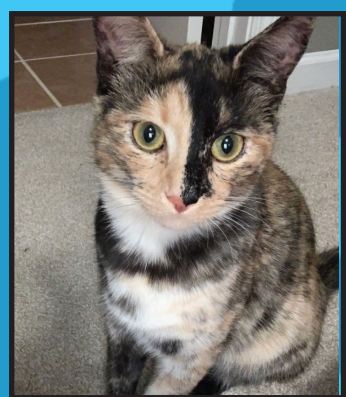
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NEST

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lowed. Eastside garnered confidence through success against its local rivals in Alcovy, Heritage, Rockdale, Ola and Salem. It then carried that outside of the NewRock area, earning a pair of first-place finishes at Adairsville and one at Morgan County. Weeks passed, individual records melted away and a buzz grew around Eastside swimming. For the first time since its inception, the program was being viewed as a legitimate title contender rather than a glorified hobby. “It went from being an after-school fun activity to being a varsity sport,” junior co-captain Austin O’Brien said. Fellow co-captain and senior Corinne Hanson

echoed O’Brien’s sentiments. She noted that while the team was oftentimes perturbed about the new approach early in the year, it didn’t take long to realize they were becoming better student-athletes as a result.

“The days when you’re mad at your teammates because they skipped and now we have to start over. The days where you throw up. The days where you push yourself to be more and to do more than you ever thought you could. Those are the days that you really can advance as an athlete and the days that you really become a better person overall,” Hanson said. “So it was totally worth it.”

Eastside’s 2019-20 sea-

son was historic on an individual level as well.

During her freshman campaign, Alice Kennedy became the first female swimmer in the history of the program to qualify for a state meet. In February, the sophomore etched her name into the record books once again by qualifying for two events and becoming a state finalist in the 200 freestyle.

“I was kind of shocked that I made finals because it was never a goal of mine. I was mostly focused on my times, so when I made it, I was just mind-blown,” Kennedy said. “And the experience was crazy because everybody’s so fast. It made me realize, ‘Wow. I’m up there, too.’”

Kennedy hopes to qualify for three events at state in 2021. Coach O’Brien also has lofty expectations for next season, including winning at least five regular-season matches and taking four relay teams — two female and two male — to the state meet.

The nest has been built. The standard has been set. Now, it appears there’s no limit to what Eastside swimming can become in the future.

“Most athletes don’t get the opportunity to see a team grow from how I saw it was to what it has become today,” Hanson said. “I’m so excited for what this team is going to do in the future. I know I’m going to be following it.”

ELITE

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Senior Shawn Smith (0) and the Newton Rams were eliminated from the Class AAAAAA state playoffs Tuesday night with a hard-fought loss to top-seeded Milton in the Elite Eight. Photo by Anthony Banks

they continued to battle and went into the locker room encouraged by a 30-25 deficit.

Newton hit lulls in each of its first two state playoff games, but each time broke out of the funk by producing game-altering runs. The club appeared to be repeating that formula once again in the third quarter when Brown’s layup at the 2:46 mark capped an 8-0 run that put the Rams back in front at 40-39.

But, after trading blows over the next two minutes, Milton scored four points in the final 20 seconds of the period to take a 47-42 advantage — as well as virtually all momentum — into the fourth quarter.

Thornton caught fire for the Eagles in the fourth quarter, but the Rams still found themselves with several opportunities to shoot their way back into the game down the stretch. Unfortunately for them, the shots just didn’t fall at the right time.

Newton must now bid farewell to a group of

eight seniors that played an instrumental role in leading the Rams to 70 wins over the past three seasons. Although their on-court production will surely be missed, the legacy they’ve established will remain for years to come.

“I tell these guys all the time, ‘Set the precedence for what this program is going to be moving forward.’ I thought that’s what these guys did this year,” Gibbons said of his senior class. “Anybody who puts a Newton jersey on for the rest of time knows how hard they’ve got to play to be a part of what we’re doing. If you ain’t going to play hard, this ain’t the program for you. I thought those guys demonstrated that all year long.”

Milton will travel to Buford City Arena on Saturday, Feb. 29, for the Final Four. The top-seeded Eagles will face the winner of Wednesday night’s state quarterfinal matchup between No. 1 seeds Wheeler and Berkmar. Saturday’s game will tip at 4 p.m.

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CITY OF COVINGTON

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for the position of **Downtown Coordinator** in the **Marketing Communications** Department with a starting annual salary of \$50,356 to a maximum annual salary of \$73,985, depending upon qualifications. This position provides management of the Downtown Covington Area to include administrative, coordination of select projects, special events, fundraising initiatives, volunteer management activities, grant writing and other responsibilities deemed appropriate. The position is responsible for creating a festive, welcoming atmosphere to Downtown Covington. This position also involves regular contact with volunteers, downtown property and business owners, community organizations and businesses and the general public. Downtown Covington is the district as defined by the Downtown Development Authority. Minimal education and experience qualifications include Bachelor's degree in business administration, marketing, public administration, planning or a field related to downtown development. Supplemented by five (5) years of experience with concentration in event management or economic development. Any equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities for this job. Qualified applicants may apply via our website by downloading an application packet at www.cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. Position will remain open until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2020. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately:

BUSINESS NAME: K-2 Towing LLC

ADDRESS: 9179 Aaron Dr
Covington, GA 30014

TELEPHONE #770-786-3323

PUBLIC NOTICE #116560

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ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

YOU ARE hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the Magistrate Court of Newton County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all amounts owed. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is:

125 OLD Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-4814

ANYONE WITH an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before:

03/20/20
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Adoptions

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

WILLARD SUTTON & HAZEL SUTTON PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
OBJECTORS.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2019-AD-33-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: NATHANIEL BREWINGTON
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AUGUSTINE, FL 32084

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated FEBRUARY 21, 2020 you are hereby notified that on AUGUST 8, 2019 (date of filing) WILLARD SUTTON & HAZEL SUTTON (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Adoption.

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 Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 21st day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116548

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Alcoholic Beverage

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

ALMON PRIME, LLC
SHAHNEWAZ HUSSAIN

66 ALMON ROAD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116527

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE #116518

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Bids

ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN-BUILD – Renovate Existing Fire Station No. 2 – 3687 Highway 162, Covington, GA, 30016 and Construct New Fire Station No. 4 NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RFP #20-15

SEPARATE SEALED PROPOSALS For Design-Build services related to renovations of the existing Fire Station No. 2 located at 3687 Highway 162, Covington, GA, 30016 and the Construction of a New Fire Station No. 4, (site to be determined), on behalf of the Newton County Board of Commissioners will be received by Newton County at the Newton County Administration Building, Purchasing Office, Suite 204 located at 1113 Usher Street, Covington, GA 30014 until 1:30 P.M. Local Time on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. REFER TO RFP Exhibits A & B for specific scope of work.

THERE WILL be a MANDATORY Pre-Proposal Conference on Tuesday, March 03, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. Local Time at Newton County Administration Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, located at 1113 Usher Street, Covington, GA 30014.

NOTE: CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors must obtain a business license and be fully insured.

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THE SUCCESSFUL Proposer shall secure and pay for all permits, assessments, charges or fees required in connection with the proposed construction.

ANY INQUIRIES regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing no later than Noon-Local Time, Friday, March 13, 2020 to: Newton County Purchasing Office, Attn: Randi Fincher, 1113 Usher Street, Suite 204 Covington, GA 30014 or email: rfincher@co.newton.ga.us. Questions will be answered at the mandatory pre-submission conference and/or in writing by addendum. Questions received after this time will not receive a response.

EACH PROPOSAL will be considered by the OWNER, taking into consideration specific evaluation factors, listed in their order of relative importance, as set forth in the Request for Proposals.

NEWTON COUNTY reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, including without limitation, the right to REJECT ANY Proposal that the OWNER believes would not be in the best interest of the Project.

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DIGITAL COPIES of the PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the Purchasing office at no charge by VISITING WWW.CO.NEWTON.GA.US or contacting Randi Fincher at 678-625-1237 or rfincher@co.newton.ga.us. Hard copies of the PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS may be obtained upon a non- refundable payment of \$25.00 for each set. The County is not obligated to consider the contractor's proposal if they are not on record with the issuing office as having received complete Proposal Documents.
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

LLOYD KERR, County Manager
NEWTON COUNTY Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC NOTICE #116508

2/23

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

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

REQUEST FOR Bids and additional information may be obtained at City Hall or by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website

at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116515

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Citations

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of DIANE KAY NUNEZ, DECEASED

BEVERLY RUTH KONIDARE, Executrix, has petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability.. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before April 6, 2020, at ten o'clock am.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116542

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Corporations

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate WEB GENERAL 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 345 Saint Annes Place, Covington, GA, 30016 and its initial registered agent at such address is Orlando Dwaine Irving.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116551

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NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Woodland Capital Franchising, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. Princ. place of business: 5090 Hwy. 212, Covington, GA 30016-5019. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 5090 Hwy. 212, Covington, GA 30016-5019, and its initial registered agent at such address is Timothy S. Davis.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116500

2/23,3/1

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Woodland Capital Holdings, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. Princ. place of business: 5090 Hwy. 212, Covington, GA 30016-5019. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 5090 Hwy. 212, Covington, GA 30016-5019, and its initial registered agent at such address is Timothy S. Davis.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116499

2/23,3/1

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116503

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NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

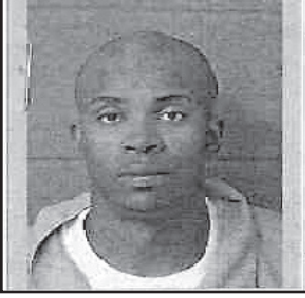
NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation which incorporate COVINGTON DOWNTOWN AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION, INC. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 1118 Conyers Street, SW. Covington, Georgia 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is Frank B. Turner, Jr.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116539

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Convictions

SECOND/SUBSEQUENT DUI CONVICTION



NAME: DEMARIO SHONTREZ NASH
ADDRESS: 360 LAMAR LANE COVINGTON, GA 30016
DATE OF ARREST: MARCH 18, 2018

DATE OF OFFENSE: MARCH 18, 2018
TIME OF OFFENSE: 12:33 AM
PLACE OF OFFENSE: HWY 142 EAT DIXIE RD

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SENTENCE DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2020

NAME OF COURT: SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY.

GEORGIA

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SECOND/SUBSEQUENT DUI CONVICTION



NAME: JOHN L. GOLDEN, III
ADDRESS: 150 SUNFLOWER LANE, COVINGTON, GA 30016
DATE OF ARREST: N/A
DATE OF OFFENSE: JULY 12, 2018
TIME OF OFFENSE: 2:55AM
PLACE OF OFFENSE: SALEM RD AT COWAN RD

DISPOSITION: P L E A OF GUILTY - DEFENDANT IS SENTENCED TO A TOTAL OF 24 MONTHS W/ THE FIRST 30 DAYS TO BE SERVED IN CONFINEMENT AND THE REMAINDER TO BE SERVED ON PROBATION- \$1,500.00 IN FINES PLUS ALL APPLICABLE FEES AND SURCHARGES - DEFENDANT SHALL PERFORM 40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE & SHALL ATTEND AND COMPLETE A DUI RISK REDUCTION CLASS

SENTENCE DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2020
NAME OF COURT: SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

PUBLIC NOTICE #116529

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Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116473

2/16,23,3/1,18

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS 10TH day of February 2020.

TIMOTHY STEVEN Coe
365 HODGES Farm Road
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116473

2/16,23,3/1,8

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

NANCY LYNN HIGGINBOTHAM
115 COUNTRY WALK
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #116486

2/16,23,3/1,8

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

PHILLIP RILEY KIMBLE
430 BERE A CHURCH ROAD
COMMERCE, GEORGIA 30530

PUBLIC NOTICE #116494

2/16,23,3/1,8

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of BETTY LOUIS FOUCHE, 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, 2020.

VICKY F COGAR
10 LAZY HOLLOW LN
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116546

3/1,8,15,22

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

2020.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116489

2/16,23,3/1,8

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THEDFORD PARKS
110 OTELIA LANE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116484

2/16,23,3/1,8

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

JOHN E. HUNT
60 FOX CHASE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116488

2/16,23,3/1,8

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116485

2/16,23,3/1,8

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

SHERRI OGLETREE MICHAELIS
4204 LAUREL OAK WAY
PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL 32082
PUBLIC NOTICE #116544

3/1,8,15,22

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of FORREST A. THACKER, 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 19th day of FEBRUARY, 2020.

ROBERT A. THACKER
774 DIXIE ROAD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116545

3/1,8,15,22

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

MARSHALL ALMAND
2581 HARVEST DRIVE SE
CONYERS, GA 30013

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

WITNESS THE Honorable **W. Kendall Wynne, Jr.**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 18th day of **FEBRUARY, 2020.**

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116528
3/1,8,15,22

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

CHIQUEITA LACKEY

PLAINTIFF,

-VS-

ANTONIO LACKEY
DEFENDANT.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: **ANTONIO LACKEY**
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SALEM ROAD

COVINGTON, GA 30016

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

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

WITNESS THE Honorable **W. Kendall Wynne, Jr.**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

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

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116474
2/6,23,31/8

Foreclosures

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

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

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

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

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

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

MIDFIRST BANK, Assignee, and Secured Creditor

AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT for the aforesaid Grantor

CAMPBELL & Brannon, LLC

ATTORNEYS AT Law

GLENRIDGE HIGHLANDS II

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GLENRIDGE Connector,
Suite 350

GA 30342

ATLANTA,

(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 #116438
2/2,9,16,23,3/1

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER
POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON
COUNTY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Dionne E Stokes-Hicks** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns, dated April

Mortgage Company, a California Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated September 17, 2018, recorded in Deed Book 3752, Page 2, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Guild Mortgage Company by assignment to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$283,623.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. Guild Mortgage Company is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Guild Mortgage Company, PO BOX 85304, San Diego, CA 92186, 800-365-4441. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Dionne E Stokes-Hicks and Isabella Hatch or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **480 St. Anne's Place, Covington, Georgia 30016.** The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. Guild Mortgage Company as Attorney in Fact for Dionne E Stokes-Hicks McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 104 and 105 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 110 of Westminster (fka Garden View), Phase III, as shown on a plat recorded in Plat Book 51, Pages 2-5, Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated by this reference and made a part of this description. MR/cn 3/3/20 Our file no. 5827820 - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #116418
2/2,9,16,23,3/1

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER
POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON
COUNTY

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116418
2/2,9,16,23,3/1

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER
POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON
COUNTY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Kyle Graves** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Guild Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns, dated April

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116370
2/2,9,16,23,3/1

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER
POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON
COUNTY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Nicolas Gutierrez and **Irene Gutierrez** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Aegis Wholesale Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated December 15, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 2354, Page 499, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3943, Page 228, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of NINETY-ONE THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$91,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing as Attorney in Fact for Nicolas Gutierrez and Irene Gutierrez McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 95 OF THE 10TH LAND DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA CONSISTING OF 1.192 ACRES AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF GA HWY 162 (80 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MORNINGSIDE DRIVE (50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) AND RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY OF MORNINGSIDE DRIVE (50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) 139.03 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY OF MORNINGSIDE DRIVE (50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) AND RUNNING NORTH 40 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST 220.17 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 99.10 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 15 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 213.72 FEET TO A POINT FOUND ON THE

NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF NORTH LAKE DRIVE (30 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY OF NORTH LAKE DRIVE (30 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) SOUTH 70 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST 209.20 TO A POINT FOUND ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF MORNINGSIDE DRIVE (50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) NORTH 42 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST 63.46 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY OF MORNINGSIDE DRIVE (50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) NORTH 45 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST 57.55 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY OF MORNINGSIDE DRIVE (50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY) NORTH 48 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 28.94 FEET TO A POINT AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID TRACT BEING SHOWN ON A SURVEY DATED JULY 27, 2000 FOR KIMBERLY S. HARTSFIELD PREPARED BY JOHN ELWIN KNIGHT, GA. RLS NO 1945. MR/mtj 3/3/20 Our file no. 5719319 - FT18

PUBLIC NOTICE #116332
2/2,9,16,23,3/1

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER
POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON
COUNTY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Reginald Essex** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns, dated October 5, 2016, recorded in Deed Book 3490, Page 501, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3950, Page 484, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$153,223.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK 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 Reginald Essex or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **15 Huntington St, 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. USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK as Attorney in Fact for Reginald Essex McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 58 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 102 OF LIVINGSTON WILLOWS PHASE 1 ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 30, PAGE 72, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE THERETO. MR/bdr 3/3/20 Our file no. 5800220 - FT2

PUBLIC NOTICE #116405
2/2,9,16,23,3/1

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER
POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON
COUNTY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Ronald Cochran, Jr** to Bayrock Mortgage Corp., dated September 30, 2003, recorded in Deed Book 1549, Page 519, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Certificateholders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2003-HE1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3149, Page 543, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$122,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2003-HE1 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: **Tomoka Holyfield** to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated September 27, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 1766, Page 369, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to The Bank of New York, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-SD4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-SD4 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2999, Page 597, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$151,200.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property: **ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 241 OF THE 9TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 13 OF HIGHGROVE SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGES 7-14, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF THIS REFERENCE.**

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

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

THE INDEBTEDNESS secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed and Note, including but not limited to the nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed and Note.

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

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

BUTTERFLY HOMES & INVESTMENTS, LLC

AS ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR VERNARD WILLIAMS

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

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

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 877-565-7708

CASE NO. 19SHA.00002

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

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER
POWER 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 **Tomoka Holyfield** to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated September 27, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 1766, Page 369, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to The Bank of New York, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-SD4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-SD4 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2999, Page 597, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$151,200.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, 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 103 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 33 OF BRICKSTONE SUBDIVISION, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 51, Page 20-28, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference for a more detailed description. Map Ref No: 0029G 00000 033 000. MR/cne 3/3/20 Our file no. 5776019 - FT17**

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

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER
POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON
COUNTY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed and Agreement dated August 16, 2019, recorded August 16, 2019 at Deed Book 3882, page 24, et. seq., Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, as subsequently assigned to Bank of Madison for Transfer and Assignment filed for Record and Recorded August 20, 2019, Deed Book 3883, Pg. 274, Newton County Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of **Jody Parker** dated August

Association, as Trustee for the Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2003-HE1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-HE1 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: Select Portfolio Servicing, 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Ronald Cochran, Jr or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **385 Branchwood Drive, Covington, Georgia 30016.** The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2003-HE1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-HE1 as Attorney in Fact for Ronald Cochran, Jr McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, GA 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 72 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 21, Unit Five, Dove Point, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 29, Page 80, Newton County Records. Reference to said plat is hereby made for a complete description of the property herein described. Said property is improved property known as 385 Branchwood Drive, according to the present system of numbering property in Newton County, Georgia. Map/Parcel#: 00150 600 MR/bdr 3/3/20 Our file no. 5354315 - FT1

16, 2019 in the original principal amount of Fifty Thousand (\$50,150.00) and No/100 (\$50,150.00) dollars, 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, 1132 Usher Street, Covington, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in April, 2020, the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN G.M.D. 1616, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 2, Wyndemere aka Leakton Subdivision, Phase 1, as per plat therof recorded in Plat Book 446, Pages 22-29, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed and Agreement 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 and Agreement. 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 Agreement and by law, including reasonable attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

SAID PROPERTY will be sold as the property of Jody Parker 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 and Agreement first set out above.

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

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the mortgage is Bank of Madison, 133 North Main Street, Madison, Georgia 30650 (706-342-1953). Please understand that the secured creditor is not required to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the mortgage instrument.

BANK OF Madison as Attorney in Fact for Jody Parker, **GREER, STANSFIELD & Turner, LLP**, P.O. BOX 1617, COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015-1617 (770) 786-4390

PUBLIC NOTICE #116498
3/1,8,15,22,29

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT To the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Antonio Aiken** to Asmes Funding Corporation DBA Aames Home Loan dated 5/22/2006 and recorded in Deed Book 1777 Page 457 and modified at Deed Book 3252 Page 283 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$106,463.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on March 3, 2020 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

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

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **170 Lazy Hollow Lane, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Antonio Aiken or tenant or tenants.

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION 4801 FEDERICA Street OWENSBORO, KY 42301 1-855-698-7627

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

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

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as agent and Attorney in Fact for Antonio Aiken **ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP**, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT To the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given

by **Frederick Fowler** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Success Mortgage Partners, Inc., its successors and assigns dated 5/22/2019 and recorded in Deed Book 3846 Page 589 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$163,975.00, 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 April 7, 2020 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 14 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 77F, PHASE SIX OF THE FALLS SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGES 151-156, REVISED PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 200-206, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD

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 2016 Alley Cir., Covington, GA 30016-9013 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): Frederick Fowler or tenant or tenants.

CENLAR IS the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

CENLAR MORTGAGE SERVICING Representative 425 PHILLIPS Boulevard EWING, NJ 08618 C U S T O M E R S E R V I C E @ L O A N A D M I N I S T R A T I O N . C O M 1-800-223-6527

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.

AMERIHOME MORTGAGE Company, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Frederick Fowler **ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP**, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

1010-1672A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1010-1672A

PUBLIC NOTICE #116504
3/1,8,15,22,29,4/5

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

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

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

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **150 Glynnshire Ct, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Jamina Kalie Lawrence and Shawn Clarke or tenant or tenants.

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

PHH MORTGAGE Corporation **ONE MORTGAGE WAY** MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054 (800) 750-2518

NOTE, HOWEVER, that such entity

or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

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

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

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **205 Shenandoah Drive, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Sherrelyn L. Harper or tenant or tenants.

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

PHH MORTGAGE Corporation **ONE MORTGAGE Way** MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054 (800) 750-2518

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

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

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

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

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

1017-3621A
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PUBLIC NOTICE #116354
2/2,9,16,23,3/1

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

PURSUANT To the power of sale

contained in the Security Deed executed by **JANE S. WHITE** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HOME STAR MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, its successors and assigns, in the original principal amount of \$72,826.00 dated February 27, 2003 and recorded in Deed Book 1387, Page 596, Newton County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING in Deed Book 3966, Page 71, Newton County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on May 05, 2020, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF COVINGTON, NEWTON COUNTY, STATE OF GEORGIA, AND BEING LOT NO. 96, AS SHOWN ON A PLAT OF SURVEY MADE BY PICKELL AND PICKELL, REGISTERED ENGINEERS, ON APRIL 27, 1956, AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, IN PLAT BOOK NO. 1, PAGE 192.

THIS IS THE SAME PROPERTY AS CONVEYED TO THOMAS BRODERICK BY COVINGTON MILLS, INCORPORATED BY DEED DATED AUGUST 23, 1956, AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 47, PAGE 155, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, AND THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS AND RESERVATIONS SET FORTH IN SAID DEED, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE.

SAID PROPERTY being known as: **6109 SORRELL STREET NE, COVINGTON, GA 30014**

TO the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are **JANE S. WHITE** or tenant(s).

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

SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and

INSPECTION of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

SAID SALE will be conducted subject to the following: (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.

THE NAME, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:

SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE Servicing 75 Beattie Place, Suite 300, Greenville, SC, 29601 **866-825-2174**

NOTE that pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NEW REZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, as Attorney-in-Fact for JANE S. WHITE **ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, Schneid & Crane LLC** 10700 Abbott's Bridge Road Suite 170 Duluth, GA 30097 Phone: 470.321.7112 **FIRM FILE NO. 20-0137555 - OIV**

PUBLIC NOTICE #116554
3/1,4/5,12,19,26,5/3

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

BY VIRTUE of the power

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

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 153 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 32, CREEKVIEW HEIGHTS, PHASE ONE, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGE 270-274, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF NEWTON COUNTY, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 310 LONG DR. COVINGTON, GA 30016

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

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

THE INDIVIDUAL or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan is **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.**, 3476 STATEVIEW BLVD, MAC# 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. "Auction services to be provided by Auction.com (www.auction.com)"

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR CORY O. ANDERSON A/K/A COREY O. ANDERSON **PHELAN HALLINAN** Diamond & Jones, PLLC **11675 GREAT Oaks Way, Suite 320 ALPHARETTA, GA 30022** **TELEPHONE: 770-393-4300** **FAX: 770-393-4310** **PH # 445575**

THIS LAW firm is acting as a debt collector. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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

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 **PAMELA GANT** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR GUARANTY RESIDENTIAL LENDING INC. dated August 25, 2003, filed for record September 10, 2003, and recorded in Deed Book 1523, Page 56, NEWTON County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3245, Page 6, NEWTON County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2934, Page 484, NEWTON County, Georgia Records. Said Deed to Secure Debt having been given to secure a Note dated August 25, 2003 in the original principal sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$125,987.00), 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 April, 2020, the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 134, 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING LOT 32, BLOCK B, PARKSCAPES, UNIT TWO, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 188-194, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF SAID PROPERTY.

TO the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is **PAMELA GANT** or a tenant or tenants. Said property may more commonly be known as: **110 CINNAMON OAK CIRCLE, 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. "Auction services to be provided by Auction.com (www.auction.com)"

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR PAMELA GANT **PHELAN HALLINAN**

of \$230,000.00) dated February 10, 2017 secured by a Security Deed of even date therewith recorded in Deed Book 3534, Pages 287-303, Newton County Records; and the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable as therein provided, under the powers contained in said deed and in accordance with the terms thereof, there will be sold on the courthouse steps in said county at public outcry, during the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in March, 2020, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:

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

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

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

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

NEWTON FEDERAL BANK, AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR ROBERT A. COLEMAN and LESLIE B. COLEMAN
EDGAR LAW Firm
1132 FLOYD Street
COVINGTON, GA 30014

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

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

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

ALL THAT TRACT or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 401 of the 16th District, Newton County, Georgia, being 3.946 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat of survey entitled "Boundary Survey for Thiep Huynh", dated August 4, 2014, prepared by Alcovy Surveying and Engineering, Inc., certified by Ronald Calvin Smith, R.L.S. 2921, and filed at Plat Book 50, page 101, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description. **SAID PROPERTY** being known as **280 Haynes Creek Circle, Oxford, Georgia** in accordance with the present system of numbering properties in Newton County, Georgia.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HANH THI HUYNH is the person who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor. Her address is 485 Edwards Road, Oxford, Georgia 30054 and her telephone number is 678-713-8752. In addition, she can provide a current payoff amount for a day certain at any time.

HANH THI HUYNH as Attorney-in-Fact for **PLEASANT PROPERTIES OF GEORGIA, INC.**
BY: DAVID A. Henderson*
Attorney at Law

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FILE NO.: 20-128(N)

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

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER
POWER

BECAUSE OF a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Alan Milhouse** to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated July 14, 2011, and recorded in Deed Book 2923, Page 143, as last modified in Deed Book 3774, Page 389, Newton County Records, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$78,275.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the

entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, March 3, 2020, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WELLS FARGO Bank, N.A. as Attorney-in-Fact for Alan Milhouse
FILE NO. 19-075377
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PUBLIC NOTICE #116315
2/2,9,16,23,3/1

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER
POWER

BECAUSE OF a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Alice F. Cox** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for First Magnus Financial Corporation, its successors and assigns dated April 4, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 2417, Page 246, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Nationstar Mortgage LLC and secured by a Note in the original principal amount of \$65,365.00, 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, April 7, 2020, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT TRACT or parcel of land lying and being in the LeGuinn District of Newton County, Georgia, containing 1 1/2 acres, more or less, and being bounded nor or formerly as follows: On the North by property of L. J. Borders, on the East and South by property now or formerly of C.C. Bartlett, and on the West by Highway 36. This being a portion of the property deeded to Carl Bailey by S. A. Ginn by Warranty Deed dated January 23, 1963, and recorded in Deed Book 66, page 14, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia. There is located on said property a dwelling known as 11653 Highway 36 according to the present system of numbering houses in Newton County, Georgia with all the rights, members and appurtenances to the said described premises in anywise appertaining or belonging.

SAID PROPERTY is known as **11653 Highway 36, Covington, GA 30014**, 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 Alice F. Cox, successor in interest or tenant(s).

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper as Attorney-in-Fact for Alice F. Cox
FILE NO. 17-063485
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PUBLIC NOTICE #116506
2/23,3/1,8,15,22,29,4/5

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER
POWER

BECAUSE OF a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Elizabeth Santana** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for 1st Choice Mortgage/Equity Corporation of Lexington, its successors and assigns dated August 20, 2010, and recorded in Deed Book 2866, Page 14, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to BankUnited, N.A. securing a Note

in the original principal amount of \$85,843.00, 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, April 7, 2020, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 199 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING LOT 9, BLOCK 'B', UNIT ONE OF MAGNOLIA MANOR SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 27, PAGE 160, NEWTON COUNTY GEORGIA DEED RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION, BEING PROPERTY KNOWN AS 80 MAGNOLIA WALK ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING PROPERTY IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

SAID PROPERTY is known as **80 Magnolia Walk, 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 PROPERTY is or may be in the possession of Elizabeth Santana, successor in interest or tenant(s).

BANKUNITED N.A. as Attorney-in-Fact for Elizabeth Santana
FILE NO. 18-071632
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PUBLIC NOTICE #116477
2/23,3/1,8,15,22,29,4/5

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER
POWER

BECAUSE OF a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Gwendolyn Brandon** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for CrossCounty Mortgage Inc., its successors and assigns dated October 16, 2017, and recorded in Deed Book 3630, Page 213, 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 \$73,514.00, 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, April 7, 2020, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 184 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 693, BUILDING 69 OF HIGHLAND TOWNHOMES, PHASE ONE AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF HIGHSATE TOWNHOMES-PHASE ONE, PREPARED BY F. ALLAN FARR, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2588 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGES 289-292, RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE PART HEREOF.

BEING ALL the premises conveyed to Gwendolyn Brandon, from Gwendolyn Lee, n/k/a Gwendolyn Brandon, by deed dated August 02, 2016, recorded August 09, 2016, in Book 3466, Page 364, in the Official Public Records of Newton County, State of Georgia.

SAID PROPERTY is known as **3120 Lakeside Circle, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

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

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

THE PROPERTY is or may be in the possession of Gwendolyn Brandon, a/k/a Gwendolyn Lee, successor in interest or tenant(s).

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper as Attorney-in-Fact for Gwendolyn Brandon
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PUBLIC NOTICE #116509
3/1,8,15,22,29,4/5

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER
POWER

BECAUSE OF a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Loretta Heard** to Wells Fargo Financial Georgia, Inc. dated July 11, 2003, and recorded in Deed Book 1477, Page 172, Newton County Records, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$58,898.18, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, March 3, 2020, during the legal hours of

sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being known as Lot 1 of the Clarence Freeman Subdivision as shown Plat of Survey made by J.A. Wells, dated March 19, 1957 and recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 68, Newton County Records; which said plat together with the metes, bounds, dimensions, courses and distances as shown thereon is incorporated herein by this reference and made a part hereof as fully as if set out herein.

SAID PROPERTY is known as **5214 Avery Street, Covington, GA 30014**, 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 Loretta Heard, successor in interest or tenant(s).

WELLS FARGO USA Holdings, Inc. successor by merger to Wells Fargo Financial Georgia, Inc. as Attorney-in-Fact for Loretta Heard
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***THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

PUBLIC NOTICE #116427
2/2,9,16,23,3/1

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

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

SUMMONS

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

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

A COPY of said Petition for Dependency can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court, at the Newton County Judicial Center, 1132 Usher Street, Covington, GA 30014.

READ CAREFULLY

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

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

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

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

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

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

JANELL GAINES
CLERK
NEWTON COUNTY Juvenile Court

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

Name Changes

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

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME

TO ANY AND ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:

GREETINGS:

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

THIS 31ST day of January, 2020
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PUBLIC NOTICE #116459
2/9,16,23,3/1

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF
COURTNEY SHERLOCK
CIVIL ACTION No.
SUCV20200000160

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

OF ADULT

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

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

WHEREFORE

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

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO

BUSINESS

BBB Warns Consumers to Be Wary of Coronavirus Scams

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
news@covnews.com

Consumers need to be skeptical of emails and websites promoting coronavirus prevention products and tips, according to Better Business Bureau (BBB) of St. Louis.

“Scammers know that by using a hook from the day’s top headlines, they’ll be able to catch lots of fish,” said Michelle L. Corey, BBB St. Louis president and CEO. “Right now, issues associated with coronavirus and a potential pandemic are of global interest, and that means scammers have a very large pond to go phishing in.”

Phishing emails are unsolicited messages that request personal information or money from the intended victim. They often are a precursor to identity theft.

Media reports on the outbreak of coronavirus (2019 Novel Corona-

virus, or 2019-nCoV) in the Wuhan region of China already have prompted a social media scam targeting Chinese-Australian citizens in Wuhan with a phony online evacuation form, according to a report by Australia’s ABC news outlet.

During the 2009 swine flu epidemic, McAfee Avert Labs, an online security company, reported that messages promoting virus treatment and prevention, or otherwise sensationalizing the outbreak, accounted for 2 percent of all spam sent in the days following the first media reports of the outbreak. And various websites promoted “survival guides,” masks, prevention tips and treatments, most of them of little value in fighting flu.

Free information on the virus, the outbreak and preventive measures is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website.

BBB offers the following advice to avoid coronavirus-related scams:

- Avoid opening e-mail from an unknown source. Do not click on links in the body of the e-mail or open any attachments. Instead, delete the e-mail. If you suspect that it is a scam, report it to BBB Scam Tracker.

- Disregard online offers for vaccinations against coronavirus because a vaccine does not exist. For more information on the virus and updates on progress in fighting the outbreak, go to the CDC’s website at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

- Make sure the antivirus and anti-malware programs on your computer are up to date and all operating system security patches have been installed. If your computer becomes infected as the result of a spam e-mail about coronavirus, you can report it to the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

DPH Preparations for Potential Spread of COVID-19

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ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is working closely with the CDC, and state partners to prepare for a potential outbreak of COVID-19 in the U.S., including Georgia. The goal is to quickly identify cases of COVID-19 and take the appropriate public health action to reduce its spread and protect the general public.

It is important to note that at this time, the overall risk of COVID-19 to the general public remains low. “We urge Georgians to prepare for hurricanes or flooding or take measures to prevent flu, so preparing for an outbreak of COVID-19 is no different,” said Kathleen E. Toomey, M.D., M.P.H., DPH commissioner. “DPH is working to make sure our health systems, first responders and county health departments have the resources they need to respond to a COVID-19 outbreak.”

DPH Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) is providing CDC information and guidance about COVID-19 to all health care and hospital facilities throughout Georgia, and holding weekly calls with the entire public health and hospital/health care community to update information and answer questions. DPH epidemiologists are on-call

24/7 to help health care providers evaluate individuals presenting with symptoms of COVID-19 to ensure that possible cases are managed safely, support laboratory testing and implement recommendations from the CDC.

In the event of COVID-19 in Georgia, epidemiologists would also be monitoring outbreaks and recommending control strategies, including guidance regarding testing and isolation. Should it become necessary, DPH may recommend appropriate community mitigation measures for affected communities, such as temporary closure of child care facilities and schools/colleges and universities, school and workplace social distancing measures, and postponement or cancellation of mass gatherings. Additionally, businesses should consider ways to implement strategies to reduce the impact of a potential COVID-19 outbreak on their workforce, including teleworking and cross-training employees on essential job functions.

The same measures that are urged to prevent the spread of any respiratory virus are increasingly important for all Georgians:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth

with unwashed hands.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue to cover it, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Passenger screening at Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport is ongoing. This is to identify people coming from China who may have been exposed to and are at risk of developing COVID-19, and to provide appropriate assessment and monitoring to protect the general public. COVID-19 is rapidly evolving and guidance is subject to change.

DPH will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation, and work with state partners and health care communities to incorporate the most up to date guidance in our planning and preparation efforts. DPH will continue to update Georgians through our website <https://dph.georgia.gov/> novelcoronavirus, our Facebook page and our Twitter account. It is important to remember that the most accurate and timely information regarding this outbreak is available through DPH or the CDC’s website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Georgia tax credit oversight bill passes Georgia Senate

By BEAU EVANS
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - The Georgia Senate passed legislation Monday that would bring additional scrutiny to the state’s lucrative tax credit and exemption programs.

Senate Bill 302, sponsored by Sen. John Albers, would let the governor’s budget office contract with outside auditors to examine up to five tax-incentive programs each year, upon request from certain committee heads.

The measure passed unanimously and heads to the Georgia House.

Gov. Brian Kemp vetoed a similar bill brought last year by Albers, R-Roswell, that did not give the budget office the ability to contract with independent auditors to complete the audits.

Under this year’s bill, auditors would dive into the economic pros and cons of the state’s many tax credits, exemptions, rebates, deferrals and other business incentives that can fly under state lawmakers’ radar during busy legislative sessions.

Only the chairs of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee could order the audits.

“I believe this is great fiscal policy for us,” Albers said from the Senate floor Monday.

Albers’ bill followed a Senate study committee report done in 2017 that found shortcomings in how the state monitors whether a given tax incentive is spurting business and job creation as it was intended to do.

It also came amid back-to-back reports from the state Department of Audits and Accounts that found Georgia’s film tax credit has been poorly managed while being touted as having more economic impact on the state than it actually does.

Some local economists have pushed back on the findings of those two audits, noting they ignored the huge impacts the state’s film industry has even if the tax credit’s metrics and rules may be looser than they should be.

Even so, the film-credit audits spurred calls from state lawmaker to keep closer watch over tax breaks and credits in Georgia.

Ribbon is cut for new Chamber Members

The Joint Chiropractic



Dr. Wesley Campbell, head chiropractor (left) Dr. Patrick Greco, the owner of Joint Chiropractic, joined by chamber members and local officials cut the ribbon on the new Joint Chiropractic located at 3168 Highway 278, suite 2, Thursday morning. Photo by Jasmine Floyd

Axis Risk Services



Mike Owens, CSP, president and chief consultant of Axis Risk Services, cuts the ribbon on the new Axis Occupational Health location on Gordy Street Feb. 20. The ribbon cutting was moved inside because of heavy rains in Covington. Joining in the ribbon cutting were members of the Axis staff and members of the Covington-Newton County Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Darryl Welch

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