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Covington man killed in Nelson Heights

By JASMINE FLOYD
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A Covington man died from multiple gunshot wounds the night of Saturday March 28, following an incident in the Nelson Heights community.

According to the police report, there were gunshots fired on Puckett Street and Chaney Drive around 7:30 p.m. Officers found several spent rounds from two different caliber weapons around the street on scene.

After the incident, officers and EMS were flagged down by a bystander who was transporting a shooting victim to the hospital.

The victim was 33-year-old Michael Stanley. Stanley had been shot multiple times and would later die as a result of his injuries.

According to Capt. Ken Malcom, the Covington Police Department Investigative Division is still investigating the case and is working on leads. Anyone who witnessed the incident is asked to call Detective Travis Pierce at 678-625-5562.

"The motive is still under investigation. Detectives have gathered evidence from the scene, identified suspects and continue to follow up on credible leads to solve this case," Malcom said.

Newton County records first death from COVID-19

By BRETT FOWLER
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The state of Georgia now has 184 deaths from COVID-19 including one from Newton County.

The Georgia Department of Public Health reported Friday at noon that a 61-year-old man from Newton County with underlying health conditions had fallen victim to the novel coronavirus.

Out of the 184 deaths in Georgia, just four were confirmed to not have underlying health conditions, all of which were over the age of 50. It is still unknown if 58 of the deaths due to COVID-19 in Georgia had underlying

health conditions. One of those 58 includes the youngest person in the state to die from the virus: A 29-year old female from Peach County.

As of DPH's noon Friday update, Georgia has 5,831 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Out of those 5,831 cases, 1,158 are hospitalized. Newton County has 40 confirmed cases of COVID-19, an increase of 25 cases since last week.

Much of the increase can be contributed to an increase in testing. Gov. Brian Kemp announced Tuesday a large surge in the ability to test for COVID-19 in Georgia thanks to a partnership with two

state universities.

Kemp said there will be an increase in the availability of polymerase chain reaction testing, featuring pooled resources of the University System of Georgia, Georgia Public Health Laboratory and Emory University.

"Adequate testing for COVID-19 has continued to be a top priority for the Coronavirus Task Force as we fight this pandemic," Kemp said. "With this innovative partnership between state government agencies, our world-class research institutions and private-sector

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Abuse cases on rise during shutdown

By DAVID CLEMONS
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Hospitals aren't just dealing with a rise in cases related to the growing COVID-19 crisis. They're also seeing more people who are victims of abuse.

That's according to Gov. Brian Kemp, who said there are ripple effects to the coronavirus outbreak that has disrupted nearly every aspect of life across the state and world.

"As we continue to fight this virus, our office is receiving reports that are concerning and deserve the public's immediate attention," Kemp said Wednesday in a news conference outside the state Capitol.

"We have been told by one Atlanta-area hospital that they are seeing a 15% increase in domestic violence

cases in their facility. This is disturbing and cannot be tolerated."

Kemp urged people who are victims of domestic violence, or who know victims, to call the state's hotline at 800-334-2836.

However, with schools being closed since mid-March — and Kemp later announced campuses won't be reopening until the fall — the state actually has taken fewer reports of abuse.

"Teachers and administrators are often the first ones to see the signs of abuse, and with schools closed, we must remain vigilant about this problem and work to remedy it," he said.

The Georgia Division of Family and Children Services may be reached at 855-GACHILD (855-422-4453).

Kemp issues statewide shelter-in-place order

Grocery stores, food pick-up, deliveries exempt

By BEAU EVANS
Capitol Beat News Service

Amid the push to curb coronavirus, a statewide shelter-in-place order that will shutter in-person patronizing of bars, gyms, restaurants, theaters and many other activities began at 6 p.m. Friday and will last through April 13.

Gov. Brian Kemp issued an executive order Thursday evening that exempts a range of activities deemed "essential services" like food and medical supply pick-ups and deliveries, critical infrastructure and those that help maintain minimum business operations.

Many types of businesses deemed essential will remain open but under tightened rules to keep work areas clean and for people to keep six feet of distance at minimum between each other, as well as a maximum of 10 people per any given space.

Restaurants will have to close in-person dining areas, but food pick-ups and deliveries will be allowed. People in Georgia will also be able to travel to grocery stores, medical appointments and pharmacies, according to the governor's office.

"Preference should be given to online ordering, home delivery and curbside pick-up services wherever possible as opposed to in-store shopping," the order says.

Exercising is allowed out-



Gov. Brian Kemp issued a statewide shelter-in-place order Thursday that went into place Friday at 6p.m. and will last through April 13. Contributed photo

side so long as people keep their distance from each other, the order says.

Critical infrastructure, per federal guidelines, includes health-care sectors, law enforcement and first-responder agencies, food and agriculture industries, energy companies, water and sewer utilities, trucking, public transit, information technology and more.

The order also requires rules at businesses that remain open, including health screenings, hand washing, staggered shifts and teleworking where possible.

Gov. Brian Kemp announced Wednesday he would sign the order following changes to federal modeling and guidelines earlier this week that account for the fact that the respiratory virus can spread from infected persons who do not show symptoms.

As of noon Thursday, more than 5,400 Georgians had tested positive for COVID-19,

the disease caused by the novel strain of coronavirus that has sparked a global pandemic. It had killed 176 patients from Georgia.

Kemp also signed an executive order Wednesday to close in-person classes for all Georgia public schools for the rest of the current school year. Thousands of schools across the state are poised to lean on online instruction to finish the spring term.

Per the order, enforcing the shelter-in-place will be left to Georgia State Patrol officers and any state agency members deputized by the governor or the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency.

Those officials, along with state Department of Public Health officers, will have authority to close any business or organization not complying with the order. Individual violators will be charged with a misdemeanor.

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Atlanta doctor braces for COVID-19's worst days

By BEAU EVANS
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — Denial, fear, anxiety and worry have been the constant companions of Dr. Colleen Kraft and her colleagues at Emory University Hospital in recent weeks.

Coronavirus has pummeled the physical resources and mental toughness of hospital staff, and the patient "super surge," as Kraft describes it, has not even arrived yet.

"We have all collectively and individually gone through that grief cycle," said Kraft, an associate chief medical officer at the hospital who gave a video briefing for

reporters Friday.

As of noon Friday, more than 5,800 people in Georgia had tested positive for COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel strain of coronavirus that has sparked a global pandemic. It has killed 184 Georgians.

Hospitals are grinding across the state under the reality of dwindling amounts of protective gear and bed space for critically sick patients. State health officials say the peak period for hospital capacity is likely still three weeks away, on April 23.

At Emory, hospital workers who have been battling

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US 278 repave coming for Newton County

STAFF REPORT
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Pittman Construction is set to begin working on the \$2.58 million resurfacing of State Route 12/US 278 from east of State Route 142 up to the Morgan County line on Monday.

It will be an 8.4-mile project that will take

part in 5.96 miles of Newton County and 2.43 miles in Walton County.

Contract crews will start on the SR 142 side Monday and will put in work daily until they reach completion. Single-lane closures are to be expected during construction hours until repaving is complete.

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partners, we will be able to dramatically increase testing capacity.”

The partnership allows Georgia’s universities to transfer equipment needed for COVID-19 testing from their research labs to accredited clinical labs at Georgia State University, Augusta University, Em-

ory University and the Georgia Public Health Laboratory.

The state has now reported to have conducted 16,181 tests with the majority of those being done at commercial labs. The Georgia Department of Public Health’s lab has tested just 1921 cases with 326 returning positive while the other 3,791 positive tests have come from the 14,260

tests completed by commercial labs.

COVID-19 seems to be affecting males and females evenly in Georgia, with females accounting for 52% of cases in the state. The virus is also affecting those in the 18-59 age group the most at 59% of confirmed cases. Meanwhile 36% of confirmed cases involve those over the age of 60.

Nearly every county

in the state now has at least one confirmed case. Taliaferro, Hancock, Glascock, Crawford, Marion, Quitman, Treutlan, Montgomery, Telfair, Jeff Davis, Evans, Wayne, Brantley, Treutlen, Montgomery, Evans, Jeff Davis, Wayne, Brantley, Atkinson and Echols counties are the only counties out of 159 in the state to not register confirmed cases.

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the highly infectious virus for two months now are “definitely gearing up” for an even tougher fight ahead, said Kraft.

In-house lab work is now turning around diagnostic test results in 24 hours. Local universities are making 3-D face shields to help reuse protective masks. The hospital has purchased 50 new ventilators. And Emory staff are figuring out flow plans for moving patients to free up the most space possible

in anticipation of the coming surge.

Still, the thought of what the rest of this month could bring is daunting.

“It’s been a difficult time of preparation to think about how we haven’t hit the peak yet,” Kraft said.

But Kraft, who was part the university hospital’s Ebola treatment team in 2014, said the statewide shelter-in-place order set to start Friday at 6 p.m. should lessen the stress for hospitals like Emory if it helps slow transmission rates of the virus.

Gov. Brian Kemp ordered the loose state-

wide shutdown a month after the first people in the state, a father and son from Fulton County, tested positive for the virus.

Restaurants, bars and other common social spots will shutter through April 13, per the order, while grocery stores and other businesses can largely remain open so long as patrons and workers can keep at least six feet apart from each other.

“As we take the fight to COVID-19, I’m asking Georgians to hunker down, follow the directives we’ve issued and help us flatten the curve,” Kemp said

Thursday.

Through the struggle, Kraft has also witnessed daily acts of strength and courage at Emory. Teamwork, she says, has kept up their spirits as staff clean their face masks with ultraviolet radiation and it remains a toss-up for how many new masks, gowns and gloves there will be whenever the latest supply shipment comes.

“What I’ve seen personally is on the days that I’m not feeling best, there’s someone there to lift me up,” Kraft said. “I think we’re focusing on trying to be a team and breaking down as many silos as possible.”

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SPORTS

GHSA cancels spring sports, questions remain about fall

By MASON WITTNER AND BRETT FOWLER
THE COVINGTON NEWS

Following Wednesday's announcement from Gov. Brian Kemp that all schools would be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, the Georgia High School Association officially announced Thursday that all spring sports were canceled for the remainder of the academic year.

"Given the announcement yesterday by Governor Kemp, it is with a heavy heart that I inform you that all GHSA activities and sports are cancelled for the 2019-2020 school year," GHSA Executive Director Robin Hines said in a statement. "I especially want to commend the graduating seniors who have not only missed most of the spring season but prom, senior nights, awards



Jordan Beam and the Eastside's boys' soccer team finished the year at 5-3-1 overall and 2-0 in Region 4-AAAA.
Photo by Mason Wittner

ceremonies, possibly graduation, and spent the last few months away from their friends and classmates. Our

seniors have a great deal to be proud of and while this is not the way any of us wanted it to end, I want to thank them for a

job well done."

The GHSA's sanctioned spring sports include baseball, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, riflery, soccer, slow-pitch softball, tennis and track and field.

At the time of cancellation, all three Newton County varsity baseball teams were sporting unblemished records in region play. The Alcovy Tigers finished the year at 5-6 overall and 1-0 in Region 3-AAAAA, the Eastside Eagles finished 6-7 overall and 2-0 against Region 4-AAAA competition and the Newton Rams closed out the season at 6-4 and 3-0 in Region 8-AAAAAAA.

The cancellation also brought a premature finish to Newton County athletics on the pitch. Eastside's boys' soccer team finished its 2020 campaign at 5-3-1 and 2-1 in the region. The Lady Eagles, meanwhile, were sitting at 5-3-0 and

ranked No. 10 in Class AAAA before their season came to an abrupt halt.

While the NCAA is granting an extra year of eligibility to college athletes in spring sports, that won't be the case for high school seniors.

"There have been quite a few requests for the GHSA to allow a fifth year of eligibility to students due to this crisis. There are no plans to grant an additional year," Hines said. "As sad and disappointing as this spring has been, there is a backward trickle effect and there are many unintended consequences associated with waiving this by-law. GHSA activities and sports are education-based and exist as an extension of the classroom."

The bigger issue now is if the effects of COVID-19 will affect the fall sports season. Unfortunately, that something that no one can predict at this moment. What is for sure, however, is that fall sports that train months in advance like football won't be able to have workouts for the foreseeable future.

"As I stated in the newsletter earlier this week, I am concerned about the summer as well as the fall," Hines said. "I am hoping for the best but there is no information available that would allow for any decision regarding when practices and workouts will be allowed. There are no GHSA activities or practices allowed until further notice."

Eastside's Elizabeth Ozburn signs with Middle Georgia State for soccer



By MIKE HARRISON
FOR THE COVINGTON NEWS

Elizabeth Ozburn signed to play soccer at NAIA Middle Georgia State University Wednesday afternoon at Eastside High School.

A two-year captain and four-year varsity starter for the Lady Eagles soccer team, Ozburn became the thirteenth Eastside girl, the eleventh under Coach Joel Singleton, to continue her playing career in college.

Ozburn helped lead the Lady Eagles to the Sweet Sixteen in 2018 and their first ever Elite 8 appearance in 2019, an Eastside soccer program record. The Lady Eagles also set the all-time soccer program record for wins in a season with 15 and finished the season ranked No. 8 in the state in 2019.

The Knights of Middle Georgia earned their

first ever NAIA Women's National Soccer Tournament bid in 2019. MGA head coach Vinny Gill cited Ozburn's

obvious leadership skills and said he is looking to her to help lead his team back to the NAIA tournament this fall.

Elizabeth Ozburn surrounded by her Eastside High School teammates after her signing her National Letter of Intent to play soccer at Middle Georgia State University.

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Chris Bridges columnist

Interest in Isakson's former US Senate seat

Despite the wishful thinking of some there will be plenty of choices for voters when it comes to the November special election to fill the remaining term of Johnny Isakson.

In the world of reality, that's how it should be.

After Isakson, one of our state's most respected officials, resigned due to health reasons it allowed Governor Brian Kemp the opportunity to appoint someone to the position, bypassing Georgia voters in the process. A special election will still be held to fill the remainder of the term but Kelly Loeffler, Kemp's choice, has the power of "incumbency" even though she has yet to be elected to anything by the voters in Georgia.

Some inside GOP circles didn't want anyone else in the party challenging Loeffler in the special election, which will be Nov. 3. The "jungle election" will feature all candidates on the ballot at once with no party primaries leading up to the November vote.

Collins officially qualified for the race last week. It's ironic that some didn't want Republican infighting for fear it might allow a Democrat to take the coveted seat in the US Senate.

Doug Collins wasn't the only Republican to qualify though. Four other Republicans also signed up for the race including: network engineer, Derrick Grayson; businesswoman, Annette Davis Jackson; business executive, A. Wayne Johnson; and educator, Kandiss Taylor.

Eight Democrats are in the race as well including: attorney, Deborah Jackson; Air Force veteran and businesswoman, Jamesia James; advocate, Tamara Johnson-Shealey; Matt Lieberman (son of former US Senator Joseph Lieberman); physician, Joy Felicia Slade; attorney, Ed Tarver; pastor, Raphael Warnock; and University

of Georgia professor, Richard Dien Winfield.

Libertarian Brian Slowinski, who once ran for the Congress from the 10th district as a Republican, is running. In addition independents Al Bartell (a business consultant), Allen Buckley (a lawyer, accountant and former Libertarian candidate for US Senate), Michael Todd Greene (a former educator) and Valencia Stovall (a business owner) will also be on the ballot. Green Party candidate John Fortuin joined the race on the final qualifying day and will be on the ballot.

Georgia voters will have their choice from 20 total candidates for the seat. Choice is always a good thing, although some in political circles were hoping for less choice. Some Democrats wanted the race cleared so Warnock could benefit from more than one Republican being in the race, and some Republicans wanted Loeffler to be the lone GOP choice.

With this many candidates on the ballot at once a runoff is a certainty. Candidates will have eight months to make their case to the voters.

A poll conducted by the University of Georgia (prior to qualifying) showed Collins with a slim overall lead in the race followed by Loeffler and Lieberman.

And if those 20 candidates don't do it for you, there is always Rod Mack, a member of the Board of Appeals for the City of Hapeville, who qualified as an official write-in candidate. An official write-in candidate means votes for the candidate will officially count and be recorded.

This is going to be fun to watch.

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Editorial Cartoon



Madison Graham publisher

Stay home. I'm begging you.

Picking up this tied up grocery bag brought me to tears on Thursday night.



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I can't begin to explain the emotions that flooded me while sitting in my parents' driveway filled with cars, knowing that inside was a house full of people — my people — and not being able to go in and join them because of COVID-19.

Take this shelter-in-place order seriously. Quit going out unnecessarily and



spreading germs. Cover your mouth and wash your hands.

If you want this to be over and for things to "go back to normal" —whatever that looks like after this — then I'm begging you to sacri-

fice some of your wants for what's needed right now.

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David Carroll columnist

When Dr. Fauci Speaks, We Should Listen

We're in the midst of a pandemic that could result in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Americans, and the experts call that a "best-case scenario."

It will touch the lives of us all, for decades to come.

Many who live in the south will never forget April 25, 2011. In my neck of the woods, we lost 80 lives in a 60 mile radius, in the span of a few hours. The property damage was also devastating. Ever since that day, we get nervous if there's a strong breeze in the forecast. When the wind starts whistling and the trees begin to sway, we head for our safe space. Our survival instinct kicks in.

We don't know how long this pandemic will last, nor do we know how it will end. What will "normal" be like a year from now? Will you eagerly reach out and shake someone's hand? If a good friend rushes in for a hug, will you move forward, or back away? If the man next to you in church sneezes, will you move to a different pew? At what point will you feel comfortable in a crowded theater? It's much like our first steps. We're unsteadily moving forward.

This much I know. Just as firefighters, police officers and EMT's became heroes to us after 9/11, we are now adding doctors, nurses, and their assistants to that category. We have long thanked our military personnel for their service, as we should. Now, the brave men and women who staff our hospitals and medical offices are on the front lines, working long hours. They're fighting an unseen enemy, at great risk to themselves and their families. They are in the line of fire, trying to save our lives. In some cases, they are unable to do so, and they



will carry that burden forever. We will always salute our heroes in fatigues. Let's add those in scrubs to the list.

We must now honor our doctors' requests to isolate ourselves, to help them help us. Our strong nation must join hands, even when we cannot touch each other.

I get upset when I see cocky conspiracy theorists and selfish religious leaders not only ignore this directive, but actually encourage people to act as if they are invincible. Many say their personal liberties are being threatened. Freedom will be the last thing on their mind when they, their spouse, their parents or their children get sick. We must follow the medical recommendations, and reject the notion that helping quell a national emergency is a sign of weakness. It is the most courageous, and patriotic action we can take. Take a look at the death toll and turmoil in Louisiana and Florida, to name a few. We can do better.

Others are still playing the blame game. They expend more energy on how we got here, rather than focusing on what is important now: helping Americans get back to full health as soon as possible. You can point fingers all you want, but let's beat this, and then support our elected officials and medical experts as they identify the preventative measures we must take to ensure better outcomes in the future.

Trust me on this. At some point, a lot of time and effort will go into figuring out how to prevent a pandemic from shutting down our nation again. We have made adjust-

ments after every war, every terrorist attack, every mass shooting, and every natural catastrophe to make our lives safer. We invented oven mitts, seat belts, life jackets, helmets, and safety masks because our scientists and engineers value life.

Speaking of experts, I am grateful for Dr. Anthony Fauci, who at age 79 is the nation's top authority on infectious disease, and he's also leading the fight to limit the fatalities. Some on the political fringe have criticized his efforts to keep us out of harm's way, calling him a "deep state operative" who is trying to destroy our economy. Unfortunately, the dark corners of social media give such people a megaphone to cause disruption. Ignore them. When Dr. Fauci speaks, we should listen and learn. When we were growing up, our respected elders taught us not to play with fire. This wise doctor is trying to keep us out of today's raging flames.

Finally, let's cherish each moment of hope, progress, and normalcy. My friend Harold Stockburger said it best one recent evening as he looked skyward. He told me, "I saw this amazing crack in the clouds with the sun shining through. It made me think that one day soon this dark cloud over our world will crack, and we will see sunlight again." Yes we will, Harold. I know we will.

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

Adoptions

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: PETITION OF JOSHUA A. MILLERMON & JENIFER S. MILLERMON, for the Adoption of **BRYNLEE LANE LAWLEY,** ONE MINOR child. CIVIL ACTION Adoption FILE NO. 2020-AD-10-4

TO: FATHER UNKNOWN.

GREETINGS:

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

BY ORDER of Service by Publication, you are hereby notified

that JOSHUA A. MILLERMON and JENIFER S. MILLERMON have filed a petition to adopt BRYNLEE LANE MILLERMON, and when adopted to be known as BRYNLEE LANE MILLERMON, Adoption No. 2019-AD-10-4, in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia and you make known any objections you might have to the prayers in said petition at the hearing on May 20, 2020, the Motion for Adoption and show cause why your rights in the above-named child should not be terminated.

JUDGE HORACE J. Johnson, Jr. at the Court House in Newton County, Georgia. WITNESS, the Honorable Horace J. Johnson, Jr., Judge of the Superior Court. Honorable Linda D. Hays.

CLERK, SUPERIOR Court of

Newton County **ALCOVY JUDICIAL** Circuit **THIS 11TH** day of March, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116670 3/22,29,4/5,12

Bids

ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST OF PROPOSAL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING Services for Solid Waste RFP #20-16

SEPARATE SEALED proposals for Professional Engineering Services for Solid Waste, will be received by the Newton County Board of Commissioners electronically until **11:00AM, local time, Tuesday, May 12, 2020. ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH VENDOR REGISTRY'S ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

INSURANCE: THE contractor shall maintain in full force and effect throughout the lease term liability and property damage (casualty) policies. The policy of liability insurance shall cover all of the contractor's operations on the leased premises, including bodily injury and property damage; shall provide a per-occurrence limit of at least \$1,000,000 and at least double that amount in general aggregate; and shall name the County as an additional insured. The property damage policy shall cover the replacement value of the structures and equipment the contractor installs on site. The contractor shall also maintain workers' compensation insurance as required by law, and employers' liability coverage of at least \$1,000,000. The County will consider proposals offering reasonable exceptions to the

requirements stated above. All policies shall be issued by an insurer of substantial size and financial stability. Upon request, contractor shall deliver to the County a certificate or policy of insurance evidencing contractor's compliance with this paragraph. Contractor shall abide by all terms and conditions of the insurance and shall do nothing to impair or invalidate the coverage.

EACH PROPOSAL will be considered by the County, taking into consideration specific evaluation factors, as set forth in the Request for Proposal. Newton County reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, including without limitation, the right to reject any Proposal that the County believes would not be in the best interest of the Project.

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.

APRIL 3, 2020
KEVIN J. Walter, P.E., Solid Waste Manager
NEWTON SOLID Waste

Management Authority
PUBLIC NOTICE #116720
4/5

Citations

CITATION

ALLESSA HARLEY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LULA B. H. SMITH**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before May 4, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116710
4/5, 12, 19, 26

CITATION

CHARLES GILMON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LEE ANN GILMON**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before May 4, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116711
4/5, 12, 19, 26

CITATION

CHERYL PRICE ANDERSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ALETHIA CLEMMONS PRICE**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before May 4, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116718
4/5, 12, 19, 26

CITATION

KIMBERLY GONZALEZ has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CATHRYN LAFAYETTE**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before May 4, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116713
4/5, 12, 19, 26

CITATION

THE PETITION of **LINDA S SCHELL**, widow/widower of **JOHN S. SCHELL, JR.**, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before May 4, 2020, next at ten o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116716
4/5, 12, 19, 26

CITATION

THOMAS WAYNE BLACKWELL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **FRANCES TAYLOR BLACKWELL**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before May 4, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116714
4/5, 12, 19, 26

CITATION

THOMIKA RILEY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JEREMY TREYON RILEY**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before May 4, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116712
4/5, 12, 19, 26

Corporations

NOTICE IS given that articles of Incorporation that will incorporate LMR Farms, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. This initial registered office of the corporation is located at 185 Ewing Drive, Social Circle, GA 30025 and its initial registered agent at such address is Crystal Dyan Dunning.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116689
3/29, 4/5

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Phipps Quick Cash Homes Corporation 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 134 Fieldcrest Drive, Covington, Georgia 30014 and its initial registered agent

at such address is Jaquin Phipps.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116706
4/5, 12

NOTICE IS given that Articles of Incorporation which have incorporated CTN Lawn Services, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Profit Corporation Code.

THE INITIAL registered office will be located at 1198 Clark Street, N.W., Covington, Georgia 30014 and its registered agent at such address is "Mario S. Ninio."

PUBLIC NOTICE #116707
4/5, 12

Debtors Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of **Diane F. Duke**, late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment to:

NAME OF Executor or Administrator:
KIMBERLY D. Voegell and **LISA D. Weickardt**
EXECUTOR/ADMINISTRATORS
ADDRESS:
3121 CRANBERRY Ln.
BUFORD, GEORGIA 30519

PUBLIC NOTICE #116684
3/29, 4/5, 12, 19

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **BONNIE C. HALL**, 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 MARCH, 2020.**

MICHELE GAY HALL SMITH
2061 POUNCEY ROAD
ALMORE, AL 36502

PUBLIC NOTICE #116692
3/29, 4/5, 12, 19

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **CLEVELAND JOHNSON**, 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 31st day of MARCH, 2020.**

TAMARCUS SHARMAINE JOHNSON
90 EAST LAWN WAY
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116715
4/5, 12, 19, 26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EMILY WHITTED**, 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 9th day of MARCH, 2020.**

KARINE CHANG
609 BROKEN ARROW COVE
MCDONOUGH, GA 30252

PUBLIC NOTICE #116642
3/15, 22, 29, 4/5

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **HARRY QUIGG DAVIS, 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 3RD day of MARCH, 2020.**

NANCY HARVILL
40 ROLLING ROAD
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #116645
3/15, 22, 29, 4/5

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **LAURA MIKULA LYONS**, 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 9th day of MARCH, 2020.**

DANIELLE MIKULA ANDERSON
2146 THOMPSON AVE SE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116640
3/15, 22, 29, 4/5

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **TINA DENISE KEY**, 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 9th day of MARCH, 2020.**

BRANDON JOEL KEY
75 WEST HOLLY COURT
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116644
3/15, 22, 29, 4/5

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WILLIAM TOD HOOPER**, 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 9th day of MARCH, 2020.**

BILLY RAY HOOPER
295 SPRING BRANCH ROAD
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #116643
3/15, 22, 29, 4/5

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ROSE MARIE WILLIAMS-WIGGAN
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
MICHAEL ORAL WIGGAN
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-634-5
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: MICHAEL ORAL WIGGAN
C/O IRWIN
COUNTY
DETENTION
CENTER 1 3 2
COTTON DRIVE
OCILLA, GA 31774

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MARCH 16, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **FEBRUARY 12, 2020** (date of filing) **ROSE M. WILLIAMS-WIGGAN** (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).

WINTENS THE Honorable **W. KENNELL WYNN, JR.**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 16th day of MARCH, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116683
3/29, 4/5, 12, 19

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ROSITA C MCTAGGART
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
GREGORY WELLINGTON
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-451-4
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: GREGORY WELLINGTON
6 3
COLUMBUS DRIVE
N E W
HAVEN, KYN 20

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MARCH 11, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **FEBRUARY 24th** (date of filing) **ROSITA MCTAGGART** (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).

WINTENS THE Honorable **HORACE J. JOHNSON, JR.**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 11th day of MARCH, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116658
3/22, 29, 4/5, 12

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ASHLEE GRIFFIN,
PLAINTIFF,
V.
BRADLEY GRIFFIN,
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION Number
2020-CV-616-4

NOTICE
TO: BRADLEY GRIFFIN

BY ORDER of the Court for service by publication dated **MARCH 18, 2020**, you are hereby notified that on **MARCH 11, 2020**, the Plaintiff, **ASHLEE GRIFFIN**, filed suit against you for divorce. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, **Stephen L. Coxen, Coxen & Worthington, LLC**, 5109 Highway 278 NE, Suite B, Covington, Georgia 30014, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of **March 18, 2020**.

WITNESS, THE Honorable **Horace J. Johnson, Jr.**, Judge of Newton County Superior Court.

THIS 18TH day of March, 2020.

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #116677
3/29, 4/5, 12, 19

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **David D Littlejohn and Tiffany V Littlejohn** to Newton Federal Bank, dated March 28, 2007, recorded in Deed Book 2408, Page 167, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3066, Page 19, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to **McCormick 106, LLC** by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3817, Page 516, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$251,250.00)**, 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 April, 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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116633
4/5, 12, 19, 26, 5/3

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Adam R. Lockhart** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for American Financial Network, Inc., its successors and assigns dated 6/5/2018 and recorded in Deed Book 3711 Page 495 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by **PENNYMAC LOAN**

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. **McCormick 106, LLC** is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: **BSI Financial Services**, 11350 McCormick Road, EP II, Ste 903, Hunt Valley, MD 21031, 866-581-4495. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is **David D Littlejohn and Tiffany V Littlejohn** or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **485 Stewart Road, 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. **McCormick 106, LLC** as Attorney in Fact for **David D Littlejohn and Tiffany V Littlejohn** 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 Rocky Plains District, in Land Lot 003 of the 8th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Tract 5 of E. F. Johnson Estate, 2.47 acres on Stewart Road, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 22, page 94, Newton County Records, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference thereto for a more complete description. This is the same property conveyed by Warranty Deed from Triple P Enterprises, Inc. to David D. Littlejohn dated June 23, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2218, pages 129-130, Clerk's Office, Newton Superior Court. MR/mlj 4/7/20 Our file no. 5521519 - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #116561
3/8, 15, 22, 29, 4/5

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 **Sandra Pitts** to **NEWTON FEDERAL BANK**, dated July 8, 2009, recorded in Deed Book 2735, Page 490, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3100, Page 588, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to **McCormick 106, LLC** by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3801, Page 42, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of **ONE HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$108,000.00)**, 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 May, 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. **McCormick 106, LLC** is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: **BSI Financial Services**, 11350 McCormick Road, EP II, Ste 903, Hunt Valley, MD 21031, 866-581-4495. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is **Sandra Pitts** or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **75 Otelia Lane, 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. **McCormick 106, LLC** as Attorney in Fact for **Sandra Pitts 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 307, 9th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, and known as Lot 37 of Pine Top Hill Subdivision, as shown on Plat of Survey for Robert L. Stewart dated March 30, 1973, prepared by James P. Knight, Ga. RLS #1776, as recorded in Plat Book 11, page 94, Newton County Records, the same incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference for the purpose of more particularly describing said lot, and being more particularly described as follows: **BEGINNING** at a point on the eastern right-of-way line of Otelia Lane (60 foot right-of-way) 200 feet as measured in a southerly direction along said right-of-way line from the point of intersection thereof with the southern right-of-way line of Stewart Drive (60 foot right-of-way) and running thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes East along the southern boundary of Lot 36 of said subdivision 200 feet to a point; thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes West along the western boundary of Lot 16 of said subdivision 100 feet to a point; thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes West along the northern boundary line of Lot 28 of said subdivision 200 feet to a point on the eastern right-of-way line of Otelia Lane; thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes East along the eastern right-of-way line of Otelia Lane 100 feet to the point of beginning. MR/lwa 5/5/20 Our file no. 5534119 - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #116567
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Frederick Goins** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Success Mortgage Partners, Inc., its successors and assigns dated 12/11/2018 and recorded in Deed Book 3780 Page 350 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 **\$186,558.00**, 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 108 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING TRACT #11, UNIT TWO, BLOCK C OF SHOALS CREEK SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGE 127, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS. BEING MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 155 SHOALS CREEK ROAD, COVINGTON, GA 30016**

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 **155 Shoals Creek Rd, 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): **Frederick Goins** 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

LOAN ADMINISTRATOR.COM
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. **U.S. BANK** National Association, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-KS4

SERVICES, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of **\$103,098.00**, 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 46 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 26, DEER RIDGE SUBDIVISION, UNIT ONE, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 26, PAGE 228, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE.**

PARCEL 00080 00000 152 000 **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 **495 Robin Road, 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): **Adam R. Lockhart** or tenant or tenants.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

Book 2603 Page 26 and modified at Deed Book 3115 Page 283 and modified at Deed Book 3152 Page 124 and modified at Deed Book 3581 Page 140 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$201,477.00, 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 43 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 20 of Browning Estates Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 43, pages 83-86, 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 35 Browning Drive, Covington, GA 30016-6216 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): Nancy L. Hollaway or tenant or tenants.

PENNYMAC LOAN Services, LLC is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

PENNYMAC LOAN Services, LLC LOSS MITIGATION 3043 TOWNSGATE Road #200, Westlake Village, CA 91361 1-866-549-3583

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.

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC as agent and Attorney in Fact for Nancy L. Hollaway

ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637 1120-22995A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1120-22995A

PUBLIC NOTICE #116588 3/8,15,22,29,4/5

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

BECAUSE OF a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by Pamela Y. Hicks to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as a nominee for Platinum Community Bank, its successors or assigns dated July 9, 2009, and recorded in Deed Book 2735, Page 474, as last modified in Deed Book 3654, Page 98, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Selene Finance LP, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$126,271.00, 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 161 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 12, PHASE TWO OF BROWN BRIDGE CROSSING SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 40, PAGE 234-236, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 9366 Tara Drive SW Covington, GA 30014

SAID PROPERTY is known as 9366 Tara Drive SW, 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 to (1) 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 Pamela Y Hicks-Gude, a/k/a Pamela Y. Hicks, successor in interest or tenant(s).

HASTY, LLP* ATTORNEYS AND Counselors at Law

211 PERIMETER Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 300 ATLANTA, GA 30346 (770) 220-2535/CH SHAPIROANDHASTY.COM

THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116618 3/8,15,22,29,4/5

Juvenile Court IN THE FAMILY COURT TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2019-DR-04-1143 2017-DR-04-1523 SUMMONS, NOTICE OF HEARING, EXPLANATION OF THE RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY [TPR ACTION]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ANDERSON SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES,

PLAINTIFF, VS.

XOUA HER CHHUE VANG

DEFENDANTS, IN THE INTEREST OF:

MINOR CHILD Born in 2017 MINOR(S) UNDER THE AGE OF 18

TO: DEFENDANT YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and you are not required to answer the complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you and to serve a copy of your answer upon Plaintiff through its attorney at Anderson County Department of Social Services, P.O. Box 827, Anderson, South Carolina 29622, within thirty (30) days from the date of service, and if you fail to answer the complaint, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. §63-7-1620 (2) (Supp. 2008), that you have a right to legal counsel in these proceedings. If you are unable to afford legal representation, counsel will be appointed to you by the Family Court upon verification of your financial need. A Financial Declaration may be obtained from the Anderson County Clerk of Court's office and should be submitted to the Court ten (10) days after these proceedings are served on you.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that: (1) the guardian ad litem (GAL) who is appointed by the court in this action to represent the best interests of the children will provide the family court with a written report that includes an evaluation and assessment of the issues brought before the court along with recommendations; (2) the GAL's written report will be available for review twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the hearing; (3) you may review the report at the GAL Program county office.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ANDREW POTTER, S.C. BAR: 3768 PO BOX 827 ANDERSON, SC 29622-0827 (864) 260-4100 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF DATED: MARCH 16, 2020 ANDERSON, SOUTH Carolina

PUBLIC NOTICE #116655 3/22,29,4/5

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GREENE COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: F.R. SEX: F AGE: 1 DOB: 02/24/2019 C A S E # : 066-2020-036 CHILD UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS & EFFECT OF TERMINATION JUDGMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND Patrick Rodriguez and any and all unknown biological father of F.R., a minor child born to Jessica Herrin:

GEORGIA LAW provides that you can permanently lose your rights as a parent. A petition to terminate parental rights has been filed requesting the court to terminate your parental rights to your child. A court hearing for your case has been scheduled for the 6th day of May, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., at the Juvenile Court of Greene County, Georgia. A copy of the petition may be obtained by the parents from the Clerk of the Juvenile Court at Greene County Courthouse, Greensboro, Georgia, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 o'clock am until 5:00 o'clock p.m. exclusive of holidays. A free copy shall be available to the parent. Upon request, the copy will be mailed to the requester - parents or alleged parents only. The general nature of the allegations are abandonment and failure to comply with your reunification case plan.

IF YOU fail to appear, the court can terminate your rights in your absence. If the court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the petition to terminate parental rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interest of your child, the court can enter a judgment ending the rights to your child. If the judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child. This means that you will not have the right to visit, contact, or have custody of your child or make any decisions affecting your child or your child's earnings or property. Your child will be legally free to be adopted by someone else. Even if your parental rights are terminated: (1) You will still be responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child's care unless and until your child is adopted; and (2) Your child can still inherit from you unless and until your child is adopted.

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

TO PATRICK Rodriguez and any and all unknown biological fathers of F.R.: Greene County DFCS has filed a petition to terminate your parental rights. Therefore, set-out below is an exact copy of O.C.G.A § 15-11-283, which has important information to a biological father concerning his illegitimate child when there is a petition for termination of parental rights.

THE CODE Section is as follows: WHEN NOTICE is given pursuant to this Code section, it shall advise such biological father who is not the legal father that he loses

all rights to the child and will not be entitled to object to the termination of his rights to the child unless, within 30 days of receipt of such notice, he files:

(1) A petition to legitimate the child pursuant to Code Section 19-7-22; and (2) NOTICE of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the court in which the action under this Code section is pending. IF YOU have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone of the clerk's office which is 706-453-3340.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE PHILIP B. SPIVEY, Judge of said Juvenile Court. THIS 9TH day of March, 2020.

/S/SHARON Willis CLERK, JUVENILE COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, GEORGIA PREPARED BY: LEE R. Moss SPECIAL ASSISTANT Attorney General

288 SOUTH Main Street MADISON, Georgia 30650 TEL: (706) 707-8500 FAX: (706) 342-0447

PUBLIC NOTICE #116631 3/15,22,29,4/5

NOTICE TO APPEAR STATE OF GEORGIA SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY

CASE NO.: 2020CV334408 IN THE INTEREST OF B.B.W., a MALE MINOR CHILD DOB: FEBRUARY 7, 2020 POB: ROCKDALE County, GA LEGAL MOTHER: Jamella Williams

TO ARCO HURST, last known to reside in Covington, GA and ANY UNKNOWN, UNNAMED BIRTH FATHER OF B.B.W.: You are hereby advised that a petition has been filed seeking to terminate your rights and obligations with respect to the referenced child, and of the child arising to him from the potential parental relationship, including the right to inheritance, and requesting that the child be committed to the care and custody of my client for the purpose of adoption.

YOU WILL lose all rights to the child and will neither receive notice nor be entitled to object to the adoption of the child unless, within 30 days of receipt of this notice, you: (1) file a petition to legitimate the child in the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, pursuant to Georgia Code Section 19-7-22 as a separate civil action; (2) provide notice of the filing of the petition to legitimate with the Adoption Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County at 136 Pryor Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 and (3) provide notice of the filing to Josie Redwine, Esquire, 2440 Sandy Plains Road, Building #7, Marietta, GA 30066, (770) 579-6070.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116654 3/22,29,4/5

STATE OF Minnesota DOUGLAS COUNTY

DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL District COURT FILE Number: 21-JV-20-242

RYAN T. GRAGG 152 CANNON FARM ROAD SW LOT 11B OXFORD GA 30054

SUMMONS CHILD IN Need of Protection or Services Petition

IN THE Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Amy Melissa Whelchel and Ryan Todd Gragg, Parents

PLEASE TAKE notice that on February 11, 2020, a Petition was filed with the above-named court alleging that the child(ren) of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) to be in need of protection or services. A copy of the Petition is attached.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN COURT at the following date, time, and place where a hearing regarding the Petition and the best interests of the child(ren) will be held:

MAY 13, 2020 ADMIT/DENY PERMANENCY Petition Hearing 3:00PM DISTRICT COURT Judge MICHELLE L. Clark DOUGLAS COUNTY District Court 305 8TH Avenue W ** COURTS ENTRANCE- east side off of Elm St ** ALEXANDRIA, MN 56308 320-762-3033

YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH THIS SUMMONS because, pursuant to statute or court rule:

- YOU are a parent to the child(ren) named in the petition; or
YOU are a party to this proceeding pursuant to Juvenile Protection Rule 32.01 or an attorney for a party, or
YOU have legal custody of the child who is the subject of the Petition; or
YOU are a person whose presence the court believes is important to a determination concerning the best interests of the child(ren) who are the subject of the Petition.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING:

- THE court may conduct the hearing without you; and
THE court may find that the factual allegations and statutory grounds set forth in the petition have been proved; AND
THE court may enter an order granting the relief requested in the petition, which may include:
REMOVING the child(ren) from the home of the parent or legal custodian and placing the child(ren) in foster care;
PERMANENTLY severing the parent's rights to the child(ren) pursuant to a termination of parental rights petition; or
PERMANENTLY transferring the child(ren)'s legal and physical custody to a relative; or o an order for other permanent placement of the child(ren).

A STATEMENT OF YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IS ATTACHED, including the right to be represented by an attorney as authorized under the statutes and court rules. It is your responsibility to immediately notify the court administrator if your address changes.

TO RECEIVE an eReminder for future court dates via e-mail or text, visit www.mncourts.gov/Hearing; eReminders.mnc or scan QR code to enroll. Dated: March 31, 2020

COURT ADMINISTRATOR ADVISORY OF PARTY AND PARTICIPANT RIGHTS- CHIPS WHO IS A PARTY

YOU ARE a party to this case pursuant to Rule 32 of the Rules of Juvenile Protection Procedure if you are one of the following:

- THE child's legal custodian, including a parent or legal guardian who has sole or joint legal or physical custody of the child.
IN the case of an Indian child, the child's parent, child's Indian custodian, or child's Indian birth parent.
THE person or social services agency who filed the petition.
THE social services

agency when someone else has filed a termination of parental rights or other permanency petition.

- THE child's guardian ad litem.
A relative to whom the social services agency proposes to transfer the child's permanent legal and physical custody.
THE child in a case where the only allegation in the petition is that the child is an habitual truant or a runaway.
THE school district in a case where the only allegation in the petition is that the child is an habitual truant.

ANY person who intervenes as a party pursuant to Rule 34 or who is joined as a party pursuant to Rule 35.

ANY other person who is determined by the court to be important to a resolution that is in the best interests of the child.

WHO IS A PARTICIPANT YOU ARE a participant to this case pursuant to Rule 33 of the Rules of Juvenile Protection Procedure if you are one of the following:

- THE child who is the subject of petition.
THE child's parent if you are not the child's legal custodian or if you are the child's alleged, adjudicated, or presumed father.
THE child's grandparent if the child has lived with you at any time during the two years before the filing of the petition.
THE child's relative or other person providing care for the child.

THE child's foster parent or a person proposed as a long-term foster parent.

THE child's spouse.

THE responsible social services agency, when the responsible social services agency is not the petitioner.

THE guardian ad litem for the child's legal custodian.

ANY other person who is determined by the court to be important to a resolution that is in the best interests of the child.

YOUR RIGHTS AS A PARTY OR PARTICIPANT ARE AS FOLLOWS: PARTY PARTICIPANT Your Rights X X To receive a copy of the Petition regarding this Juvenile Protection Matter

X X To receive notice of all hearings (only if you keep the court administrator informed of your address)

X X To attend all hearings, unless excluded by the Court.

X TO receive copies of your social services file and other records.

X TO bring motions before the court and to present evidence.

X T O participate in settlement discussions and agreements.

X T O subpoena witnesses to testify on your behalf.

X TO make argument in support of or against the petition.

X TO examine and cross-examine witnesses.

X TO request review of the referee's findings and order, if your case is heard by a referee.

X TO ask the court to review its disposition upon a showing of a substantial change of circumstances or that THE PREVIOUS disposition was inappropriate.

X TO bring post-trial motions and to appeal from final orders of the court.

X X To be represented by an attorney. If you are the child (ten years of age or older), the Court shall appoint an ATTORNEY UNLESS that right is waived. If you are the child's parent, or the child's legal custodian, the Court may appoint an attorney to represent you if the Court determines that you qualify financially and that the appointment is appropriate. If you are the parent or Indian custodian of an Indian child, the court is required to appoint an attorney to represent you if you qualify financially. The Court cannot appoint an attorney to represent you if the only allegation is that the child is a truant, unless out-of-home placement is being considered by the court. The Court may order a parent or legal custodian to reimburse some or all of the attorney's fees.

X X If you are the child's foster parent, preadoptive parent, relative providing care for the child, or a relative to WHOM THE social services agency proposes to transfer permanent legal and physical custody of the child, you have a right to offer information at each hearing. Any other person may request an opportunity to be heard, but the court is not required to grant your request.

X T O automatically become a party to the case if you are the child who is the subject of this proceeding, or the child's parent, or the child's grandparent and the child has lived with you at any time during the two years prior to the filing of the petition in this matter. All other persons may ask the Court's permission to become a party to the case. Ask the court administrator for the correct form to intervene as a party.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS should be addressed to your attorney or to the Court at any hearing.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116720 4/5,12,19

Name Changes IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of: KENNIE LEE HEFLIN PETITIONER CIVIL ACTION File Number: 2020-CV-607-3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

KENNIE LEE HEFLIN filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on March 10, 2020 to change the name from KENNIE LEE HEFLIN to KENNETH LEE HEFLIN. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

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DATED JANUARY 13th, 2020 WENDY A NASH 5232 ODUM ST, NW COVINGTON, GA 30014

NOTICE #116682 3/29,4/5,12,19

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of: EVA JASMINE LEWIS-POUSADA, MINOR CHILD, CIVIL ACTION #SUCV2020000558

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

YOU ARE hereby notified that on the 3rd day of March, 2020, Joseph Anthony Pousada and Rhesa Anna Lewis-Pousada filed a Petition in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, Case No. SUCV2020000558, to change the name of minor child EVA JASMINE LEWIS-POUSADA which, if granted will be known as KHAIFANI ERIK LEWIS-POUSADA. Notice is hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and to file objections to such name changes. Objections must be filed with said Court within 30 days of the filing of said Petition.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, DEMING, PARKER, HOFFMAN, CAMPBELL & DALY, LLC JANELLE N. Richards ATTORNEY FOR Petitioners GEORGIA BAR No. 940357 2200 CENTURY Parkway, NE SUITE 800 ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30345 (404) 636-4900 JRICHARDS@DEMINGLAW.COM

PUBLIC NOTICE #116636 3/15,22,29,4/5

Notice of Proceedings IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

TO: DASHAWN Lewis DASHAWN LEWIS

CIVIL ACTION No. SUCV2019001226-4

TAMIMAH YEHUDAH VS. DASHAWN LEWIS and MATTHEW LEWIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER for service by publication dated March 18, 2020, you are hereby notified that on June 17, 2019, Tamimah Yehudah filed suit against you for \$TBD principal, \$TBD interest, and \$TBD attorney's fees.

YOU ARE required to file with the Clerk of Superior Court, and to serve upon Plaintiff's Attorney, Rita Tucker Williams, an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Publication.

WITNESS, THE Honorable Horace J. Johnson, Judge of this Superior Court.

THIS 19TH day of March, 2020.

LINDA D. Hays, Clerk SUPERIOR COURT of Newton County

PUBLIC NOTICE #116694 3/29,4/5,12,19

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

MOCK PROPERTIES – I, LLLP PETITIONER,

V. ROBERT L. BROWN or any Unknown Estate REPRESENTATIVE OR Unknown Heirs-at-Law; TENANT/OWNER/OCCUPANT OF 000 SIMS ROAD, NEWTON COUNTY TAX PARCEL NUMBER 00140000015400

RESPONDENTS. CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. SUCV2019002196

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: A. TENANT/OWNER/OCCUPANT OF 000 SIMS ROAD; B. ROBERT L. BROWN OR ANY UNKNOWN ESTATE REPRESENTATIVE OR UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW;

YOU ARE hereby notified that the above styled action, seeking to remove clouds on the Petitioner's title to certain real property caused by the equities of redemption following a tax sale, as specifically provided by O.C.G.A § 23-3-44, related to property located at 000 SIMS ROAD, NEWTON COUNTY TAX PARCEL NUMBER 00140000015400 was filed against you in the Superior Court of Newton County on the 18th day of October 2019, and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication entered by the Court on the 12th day of March, 2020, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon John Coleman, Attorney at Law, whose address is 675 Seminole Ave., Suite 302, Atlanta, GA 30307 an Answer to the Complaint within sixty (60) days of the Order for Publication.

WITNESS, THE Honorable Eugene Benton, Judge of said Court.

THIS THE 12th day of March, 2020. CLERK OF Superior Court, Newton County

County PUBLIC NOTICE #116651 3/22,29,4/5,12

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

NANCY MOCK PETITIONER, V. PHOENIX XXX, LLC a/k/a PHOENIX CAPITAL XXX, LLC; JOHN F. NUNES; TENANT/OWNER/OCCUPANT OF 490 MCGIBONEY LANE, NEWTON COUNTY TAX PARCEL NUMBER 0013K0000023000

RESPONDENTS. CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. SUCV2019001709

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: A. TENANT/OWNER/OCCUPANT OF 490 MCGIBONEY LANE; B. PHOENIX XXX LLC a/k/a PHOENIX CAPITAL XXX, LLC; C. JOHN F. NUNES;

YOU ARE hereby notified that the above styled action, seeking to remove clouds on the Petitioner's title to certain real property caused by the equities of redemption following a tax sale, as specifically provided by O.C.G.A § 23-3-44, related to property located at 490 MCGIBONEY LANE, NEWTON COUNTY TAX PARCEL NUMBER 0013K0000023000 was filed against you in the Superior Court of Newton County on the 19th day of August, 2019, and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication entered by the Court on the 12th day of March, 2020, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon John Coleman, Attorney at



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Deandre Monte Bailey, 28, 5012 Galahad Court, Ellenwood, was arrested March 27 and charged with financial transaction card fraud.

D'Angelo Bacardi Haney, 17, 8225 Collier St., Covington, was arrested March 25 and charged with aggravated assault (6) and reckless conduct (6).

Andrew Eugene Hayward, 20, 460 Highway 142, Lot 72, Covington, was arrested March 28 and charged with possession of methamphetamine.

Tammy Laraine Holloway, 48, 6148 Indian Creek Circle, Covington, was arrested March 27 and charged with battery-family violence.

Sheila Lotitia Hurst, 54, 8152 Dorothy Lane, Covington, was arrested March 31 and charged with aggravated assault-family violence.

Newton County Sheriff's Office

Jamal Antoine Barnes, 32, 125 Cornus Drive, Covington, was arrested March 31 and charged with battery-family violence, cruelty to children and terroristic threats and acts.

Debbie Michelle Cartledge, 41, 65 Alcovy way, Covington, was arrested March 25 and charged with battery-family violence.

Michael Wayne Christian, 45, 1061 Rankin Road, Watkinsville, was arrested March 27 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Michael Andre Con-

ley, 35, 261 Lassiter Drive, Ellenwood, was arrested March 30 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Loomis Joe Edmonds, 30, 540 East McIntosh Road, Griffin, was arrested March 30 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

David Lamar Ewing, Jr., 39, 1089 McDonald Road, Covington, was arrested March 29 and charged with improper stopping on highway, willful obstruction of law enforcement officers and

willful obstruction of law enforcement officers by use of threats or violence.

Christopher Marquis Farley, 31, 1908 Henderson Mill Road, Mansfield, was arrested March 31 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Mathew Charles Hall, 40, 340 Dry Pond Road, Covington, was arrested March 28 and charged with entering automobile or other motor vehicle with intent to commit theft or felony.

Donald Christopher

Lyle, 62, 1392 Gum Creek Road, Oxford, was arrested March 25 and charged with child molestation; aggravated child molestation.

Steven Matthew Mooney, 28, 319 Live Oak Loop, Ellabell, was arrested March 27 and charged with probation violation.

Ethan Paul Richard, 21, 120 Gum Creek Circle, Oxford, was arrested March 27 and charged with criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.

Alfred Richard Riley, 53, 105 Meadowbrook Court, Covington, was arrested April 1 and charged with aggravated stalking.

William Allan Shaidi, 37, 7028 Ray St., Riverdale, was arrested March 25 and charged with failure to appear.

Jonathan Andre Sims, 44, 228 Dave Bailey Road, Flovilla, was arrested March 27 and charged with probation violation.

Oxford Police Department

Elijah Omarie McClendon, 17, 207 Emory

way, Oxford, was arrested March 25 and charged with disorderly conduct, driving without a valid license, failure to stop at stop sign, knowingly driving motor vehicle on suspended, cancelled or revoked registration and no proof of insurance.

PTs Larry Demond Robinson, 20, Homeless, was arrested March 27 and charged with burglary, criminal damage to property, failure to appear for fingerprintable charge and stalking-family violence.

Smiles of the Month

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BUSINESS

Georgia Power offers tips, resources for managing “stay-at-home” energy use amid COVID-19 crisis

By MASON WITTNER
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Spring has arrived in Georgia, meaning the needle on the thermometer will be making a steady climb for the foreseeable future. As temperatures continue to rise across the state, and families find themselves in their homes more often due to the COVID-19 pandemic, electric bills are expected to escalate.

In response, Georgia Power sent out a press release this week offering tips and resources for customers to conserve energy throughout the coronavirus crisis. Here are six tips the company believes will help customers save money on their bill without making drastic changes to their lifestyle:

- Set it for the season: When the warm weather comes rolling in during the spring and summer, keep the thermostat set to 78 degrees. Georgia Power suggests that

each degree above 78 can result in a 3% to 4% decrease in energy use. Also remember that fans are your friends, and they can cool the air with less energy in spite of a higher thermostat setting.

- Phase out phantom energy loss: Unplug devices when they aren't in use to eliminate a phantom loss in energy. Smart power strips also work great to combat this issue if customers remember to turn off the strip when it's not in use.

- Chose wisely with appliances: Georgia Power urges customers to be mindful of the types of appliances they use throughout the day. Avoid using a device that gives off heat during warmer parts of the day, for example, as well as frequent opening of the refrigerator or freezer.

- Feel the flow; free your filters: It's essential to clean or replace air conditioning filters on a monthly basis. Georgia Powers notes that a dirty filter can

result in a higher bill due to the load it puts on other equipment to work harder. Customers should make sure vents and return air registers are not obstructed by furniture, rugs, curtains or other items.

- Follow on and off advice: Similar to the phantom energy loss tip, Georgia Power urges customers to keep elec-



Georgia Power

tronic devices off when not in use. Additionally, many newer TVs, computers and other types of electronics have energy-saving settings to help keep your bill at a reasonable rate.

- Save with LEDs: Swapping our your standard light bulbs for LED light bulbs is one way to significantly cut down the amount of

energy you use. Tests show LEDs use 90% less energy than a standard bulb while also lasting up to 15 times longer. The Georgia Power Marketplace offers saving and direct deliver on LED options, such as an ENERGY STAR-qualified LED bulb.

Georgia Power announced last month it

would be temporarily suspending residential disconnections for 30 days beginning Saturday, March 14, 2020, in response to COVID-19. However, the company urges customers to follow these energy-saving tips and continue making payments if possible to avoid facing large balance due amounts when the suspension is over.

Customers also need to be wary of an influx of scammers during the ongoing pandemic.

Georgia Power stated it will never ask its customers for credit card or pre-paid debit card information over the phone. If someone receives a call from someone claiming to work for Georgia Power and demanding a payment to avoid disconnection, the customer should end the call and contact the company's customer service line at 888-660-5890.

To find more tips tailored toward customers who either own their own home or rent, visit www.GeorgiaPower.com.

Newton County makes amendments to shelter at home resolution

By MASON WITTNER
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The Newton County Board of Commissioners held an emergency meeting via teleconference Wednesday evening to modify the shelter at home ordinance the county put in place March 25.

The original resolution went into effect Thursday, March 26, and was set to run through 11:59 p.m. on April 7. The amendments made Wednesday became effective at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday night and will continue through 11:59 p.m. on April 8, unless altered by way of being extended, rescinded, superseded or amended in writing by the Chairman and Board.

The commissioners passed an amendment updating the dates and statistics listed in the original ordinance to better reflect the latest information regarding the impact of COVID-19. They also made three notable modifications to the ordinance, which are as follows:

- Religious assemblies are encouraged to voluntarily limit activities to no more than 10 people.
- Funeral homes and crematories are to limit

attendance at funeral services, visitations or other gatherings to the maximum number recommended by either the CDC or President Trump. As of Wednesday, April 1, that number is 10.

- Outdoor recreational businesses and businesses licensed to sell firearms and ammunition are considered essential and are permitted to stay open, so long as they follow the six-feet social distancing requirements.
- These changes were largely influenced by the modifications the city of Covington made to its shelter at home ordinance Friday, March 27.

Following these amendments, the commissioners added language authorizing the Newton County Sheriff's Office to enforce the Shelter in Place Ordinance. Discretion is

advised for the Sheriff's Office when making arrests for criminal activity considered less serious while enforcing the ordinance.

The commissioners also approved additional temporary funding for the Sheriff's Office to help cover costs related to COVID-19. They agreed to set aside up to \$164,685 per month to go toward supporting nursing at the Newton County Jail and paying school resource officers, as well as auto repairs, fuel and overtime for patrol deputies.

Sheriff Ezell Brown noted an additional pod has been opened in the jail and is being used as a quarantine unit for inmates infected with COVID-19. Additionally, overtime has increased in recent weeks due to the necessity for more staffing to take temperatures and cleaning.



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At a news conference Wednesday, Kemp called revised guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on asymptomatic spreading of coronavirus as “a game changer.”

“We are taking action to protect our hospitals, to help our medical providers and prepare for the patient surge that we know is coming,” Kemp said Wednesday. “Now is the time to fight and continue to be strong and courageous.”

The governor's shelter-in-place order follows mounting pressure from health experts and politicians from both parties who have called for a statewide approach. Up to this point, Kemp has largely deferred to city and county authorities to decide whether to issue stay-at-home orders for

their areas.

Kemp drew criticism Thursday from local officials and political opponents who blasted his reliance on this week's new federal guidelines, arguing the governor and state health officials should have known much sooner about the ability of the virus to spread without symptoms.

Officials with the governor's office stressed Kemp's decision was also based heavily on the worsening strain hospitals are facing with shortages in protective gear and life-saving equipment, as well as new projections for patient capacity at Georgia hospitals to peak later this month.

In a news release Thursday, the state Department of Public Health pointed to information from CDC Robert Redfield that as many as 25% of people infected with coro-

navirus do not show symptoms and can be infectious up to 48 hours before symptoms appear. Redfield provided that information on Monday, the state public health agency noted.

The best way to halt the spreading virus and ease the burden for hospitals is for everyone to keep their distance from each other and practice good sanitary habits, said Dr. Kathleen Toomey, the state public health commissioner.

“Until now, containing the spread of COVID-19 has been based on early detection and isolation of people with symptoms of the virus,” Toomey said in a statement Thursday. “Social distancing and keeping people apart from each other are now more than just recommendations; they are the best weapons we have to stop the spread of COVID-19.”

Newton County Sheriff's Office to offer online C.H.A.M.P.S. courses

STAFF REPORT
news@covnews.com

Newton County Sheriff Ezell Brown and his C.H.A.M.P.S. Division announced they will continue providing school-aged children with the necessary tools to tackle any challenge they may face.

C.H.A.M.P.S., which stands for Choosing Healthy Activities and

Methods Promoting Safety, is taught to fifth graders across Newton County. While face-to-face interaction is not permitted at this time, the Sheriff's Office will be providing C.H.A.M.P.S. courses through its social media pages and official website.

The courses will be designed to benefit all children, regardless of

age. “While this is totally different from teaching them face to face, these online course are still a way for us to connect and make a difference in our students' lives,” Deputy Favel Edwards, C.H.A.M.P.S. instructor, stated in a press release.

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