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Covington man arrested, 15 charges

Jailed after shooting at coworker

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COVINGTON — D'andre Wilson-Epps, a 29-year-old man from Covington, was arrested last Friday, six days after allegedly pulling a gun on his co-worker during an argument and opening

fire in the SKC parking lot. According to reports, Wilson-Epps now faces 15 charges in connection with the incidents.

The Covington Police Department stated that Wilson-Epps shot at a house on Harmony Place in January 2020 and warrants were obtained for his arrest. The alleged incident in the SKC parking lot then took place on April 18, leading to the CPD posting a lookout on their social media pages.



D'Andre Wilson-Epps

There were no injuries in the shooting incident.

According to authorities, an officer spotted Wilson-Epps driving without a license plate last Friday and pulled him over before arresting him.

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Kemp lifts shelter-in-place order for most Georgians

Extends state of emergency thru June 12

By MASON WITTNER
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Gov. Brian Kemp will allow the statewide shelter-in-place order to expire for most Georgians on Friday as the state moves forward with its gradual reopening.

On Thursday afternoon, Kemp announced that he would allow the current shelter-in-place ordinance to expire at 11:59 p.m. on April 30, although he implores Georgians to continue to stay inside when they can. "I want to thank the people of our great state who heeded public health advice, afforded us time to bolster our healthcare infrastructure and flattened the curve," Kemp

said. "We were successful in these efforts, but the fight is far from over."

Kemp extended Georgia's public health state of emergency and the shelter-in-place order for the "medically fragile and elderly" through June 12, 2020. In Georgia, those age 65 or older are considered to be elderly.

Kemp expressed his desire to continue

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'I really thought I was gonna die'



Calvin Dickerson, a 54-year-old Covington resident with stage 4 kidney disease, survived his fight with COVID-19. He's pictured here with his wife, Monifa, who was his sole caretaker throughout his quarantine. Special to The Covington News

Local man battled COVID-19 and won

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COVINGTON — One month ago, bedridden and unable to properly breathe, Calvin Dickerson feared for his life.

It began with stomach pains. When Dickerson, the 54-year-old Covington resident, arrived at his home from dining out in Commerce on the evening of St. Patrick's Day, he felt under the weather. He experienced an upset stomach and diarrhea, but he assumed he was suffering the effects of a

common stomach virus.

The following week, however, more symptoms began to creep in. He recalls biting into a hamburger on Monday, March 23, and having his mouth immediately filled with the taste of salt. As a result, he cut solid food from his diet and resorted to water and protein shakes. Two days later, Monifa Dickerson came home to find her husband running a high fever and drenched in sweat.

"She told me, 'Come on, let's go to the ER at Piedmont Newton Hospital,'"

Dickerson said.

Dickerson was tested for COVID-19 but initially diagnosed with pneumonia and admitted to the hospital on Wednesday, March 25. There was no question that his body was fighting something, but he didn't feel miserable. He thought he'd be out of the hospital in no time.

"When they admitted me on the 25th, I was fine," Dickerson said. "I just had a high fever, but I was still strong."

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Juvenile Court Judge Roberts passes away

Previously set to retire on Friday, May 1

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COVINGTON — Newton County Juvenile Court Judge Sheri Capes Roberts died Sunday from ongoing health complications five days before she was set to retire.

Funeral arrangements weren't immediately made available.



Judge Sheri Capes Roberts

Earlier this month, Roberts announced she would be retiring effective May 1 after serving on the bench of

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Georgia unemployment nearing 1.4M since start of COVID-19 pandemic

Food service industry takes hard hit

By DAVE WILLIAMS
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ATLANTA - More than 266,000 Georgians filed initial unemployment claims last week, up about 19,000 from the previous week, the state Department of Labor reported Thursday.

That brings to nearly 1.4 million the number of claims the labor agency has processed during the six weeks since schools and businesses began shutting down prompted by the coronavirus pandemic.

The industry sector in Georgia by far the hardest hit by job losses is accommodations and food services, with 396,209 initial unemployment claims during the past six weeks. Health care and social assistance is next with

157,496 claims, followed closely by retail trade with 156,123.

Workers in administrative and support services have filed 109,483 unemployment claims during the past six weeks, while 105,122 claims have come from those in manufacturing. "The accommodation and food service sector has truly suffered during this pandemic," Georgia Commissioner of Labor Mark Butler said Thursday. "We hope that employers and employees can work together to find a return-to-work plan that can work for both parties allowing for continued financial support from state and federal programs as we gradually reopen Georgia for business."

Employers and their employees have worked together closely when it comes to filing claims. About 75% of the initial

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Piedmont Newton EMTs shed light on COVID-19 reality

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COVINGTON— Carli Cuendet is the director of EMS Operations at Piedmont Newton Hospital. She's worked at Piedmont Newton EMS since May 1998 and has held her current title since July 2015. Patrick Miller is a paramedic at Piedmont Newton, where he's worked since June 1996. Together, they're packing more than 40 years worth of experience working along the frontlines and providing the citizens of Newton County with top-notch care. They recently spoke with The Covington News to share their perspective on the global pandemic and the impact it's had on the health care industry.

When asked to compare the first four months of 2020 to the previous 23 years he spent working at Piedmont, Miller searched for the right adjective before settling on "unique."

"It's been a huge change in our lives. Things that I guess we never thought we'd ever encounter," he said. "We've always utilized PPE [personal protective equipment] but it's typically just wearing gloves, things like that. We didn't have to don a mask for every patient that we encounter, which is what we're doing now."

Health care workers are not only preaching the importance of social distancing and protective gear, but they're practicing it on a daily basis.



Carli Cuendet, left, and Patrick Miller were recently recognized for their 20-plus years of service at Piedmont Newton. Special to The Covington News

"We are learning how to protect ourselves differently each and every day," Cuendet said. "Keeping a six-to-eight-foot distance if at all possible until we can get the appropriate questions answered. 'Do you have a cough? Do you have a cold? Do you have a fever?'"

This isn't the first time Cuendet and Miller have had to deal with a viral outbreak. They both remember the fallout from H1N1 and SARS, among others, but agree that the difference with COVID-19 is the lack of information we have about the novel virus at this point in time.

"There's still a lot of unknown," Cuendet noted, "and that's the scary part."

Miller agreed. "We really didn't have this sense of we're going to come in contact with a SARS

patient. You know, like it might happen, but it's unlikely. That was kind of our attitude. Whether that was right or wrong, that was kind of our attitude," he recalled. "Now, every day we are anticipating coming in contact with someone who has been exposed to COVID-19. We're really taking it, as a level of seriousness, much higher."

But they both know they still have a job to do. They're still reporting to car accidents, to people suffering from cardiac issues, to people with severe illnesses.

The staff at Piedmont Newton want the citizens of Newton County to know that they are not alone in this battle. In spite of the uncertain times, the local

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ramping up testing across the state while ensuring emergency response operations remain effective. He's also going to order long-term care facilities to follow protocols that will promote the safety of residents and staff from COVID-19.

"The health and well-being of Georgians are my top priorities, and my decisions are based on data and advice from health officials," Kemp said. "I will do what is necessary to protect the lives – and livelihoods – of our people."

As of 2:25 p.m. Friday, May 1, the Georgia Department of Public Health

reported that 27,270 people had tested positive for COVID-19 while 5,269 had been hospitalized and 1,154 had died. According to the DPH, there had been a total of 200 confirmed cases in Newton County and 7 deaths.

During a press conference on Monday, Kemp said the state has been adhering to federal guidelines for allowing businesses to reopen while also listening to advice from local health officials. Additionally, they've factored in the severity of the situation businesses across Georgia are facing after being forced to close their doors for several weeks.

"We are looking at depression-like unemployment," he said Monday. "It

has all tumbled off a cliff like it has in every state. But we will come back, and we will come back even stronger."

Kemp and Dr. Kathleen Toomey, the state's public health commissioner, also urged Georgians who were experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 to seek testing. While the volume of administered tests was previously limited to those most vulnerable, the state has since ramped up testing up across all regions.

"We have the tests, we have the physicians, we have the sites and we have the bandwidth. We just need more Georgians to participate," Kemp said Monday.

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Over the next three days, Dickerson's health steadily declined. Menial tasks like sitting up and taking deep breaths had suddenly become increasingly difficult. He felt his physical strength and well-being dissipating by the hour.

Dickerson's test results came back that Saturday. He'd tested positive for COVID-19 and was transferred to the ICU department at Piedmont Atlanta.

"After a couple of days, man, I went from 100% to 10%. Just taking a deep breath was tasking. I couldn't do it," he said. "My chest was hurting, and I really thought I was gonna die."

Dickerson was quarantined and overcome with fear. As a 340-pound man in his mid-50s suffering from stage 4 kidney disease, he understood that he was at an increased risk of fatality from the virus. But he wasn't about to let his anxiety about the diagnosis prevent him from

fighting for his life.

On April 2, Dickerson received a phone call from mother-in-law in Texas. She encouraged him to start rehabilitating himself through breathing exercises and physical activity to incrementally build up his strength. With the support of his wife, Monifa, and his loving family at his side, he began to do just that.

"I started sitting up and started walking around. I started taking real deep breaths and holding them to give my lungs oxygen," he said.

Over the coming weeks, Dickerson built his strength back up. The virus further damaged his kidneys to the point of needing dialysis — he's now on it three days a week, four hours a day — but he was able to beat it.

Dickerson recovered from the coronavirus and tested negative on April 22. On Friday, May 1, after being quarantined for more than a month, he was able to step back outside of his house as a healthy man.

"God is good," Dickerson exclaimed this week.

"We're still fighting the fight, fighting the battle."

He hopes his story will help give other people who test positive for the novel virus hope. Even with underlying health conditions, he said, it's not a death sentence. He's continued to fight back, and encourages others to do so.

"My message to people would be to keep their faith in God. Get up, get out of that bed, walk around, breathe deep and just move," Dickerson said. "[The coronavirus] wants us to lay around in the bed where the phlegm and mucus can fill up our lungs. So get around and try to get your lungs back right, and stay active if you can."

He also expressed his gratitude for his loving wife, Monifa, for her endless support throughout his battle.

"My wife, she kept me fighting. She was there for me. I mean, she was just awesome in this process and still is," Dickerson said. "My wife has been a tremendous blessing in my life."

JAILED

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Wilson-Epps now faces 10 felony charges and five misdemeanors. He's charged

with five counts of aggravated assault, two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possessions of a firearm during the commission of a felon, first-degree criminal damage to

property, two county of reckless conduct, one count of criminal trespass, one count of point a gun at another and two counts of probation, according to police.

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Chris Bridges columnist

Kemp's big gambles may backfire

The race for Georgia's US Senate seat, currently held by Kelly Loeffler, continues to shape up as an intriguing contest.

Loeffler was appointed to the position by Governor Brian Kemp after long-time politician Johnny Isakson stepped down due to health reasons.

Even before Kemp made his choice there was a split among some conservatives in Georgia as to who should be placed in the coveted position.

President Trump wanted Congressman Doug Collins to be appointed but Kemp went a different direction with Loeffler. It was a risky move and one that could backfire in terms of the Republicans losing the seat later this year.

While the vote for this race is still approximately six months away, indications are Loeffler is not going to remain in the position. Despite the pleas of some Republicans for him not to do so, Collins entered the race and has been leading in every poll released to this point.

In fact, all polling as of late April shows Collins with a comfortable lead.

News broke that Loeffler, in addition to Georgia's other Republican US Senator David Perdue, benefited personally from insider information concerning the COVID-19 health crisis. Collins correctly pointed out in the days following that news that while many Georgians were losing their paychecks due to the health crisis that Loeffler was benefiting from secret information not available to Georgia citizens.

"People are losing their jobs, their businesses, their retirements, and even their lives and Kelly Loeffler is profiting off their pain? I'm sickened just thinking about it," Collins tweeted after the news broke about his opponent.

Loeffler's defense of "I don't personally sell or buy my own stocks" didn't hold water as no one with her amount of wealth personally buys and sells their own stocks.

With 20 candidates competing on the ballot, there is no guarantee at this point in the race that Loeffler will even be in the runoff.

Democrat Matt Lieberman, son of former US Senator Joe Lieberman, is polling well as is fellow Democrat Raphael Warnock, who has the backing of the state's party

establishment.

Voters should also not overlook former state senator Ed Tarver, another Democrat in the race.

Former Libertarian and now independent Allen Buckley, an attorney and accountant, is also working to make some noise in the November contest.

There are six Republicans, eight Democrats, four independents, one Libertarian and one Green Party candidate in the race. There is also a certified write-in candidate for a total of 21 choices.

While this race has been somewhat quiet in recent weeks due to the COVID-19 situation, a loss by Loeffler could prove embarrassing for Governor Kemp.

Kemp is probably not overly concerned about his race in late April as he normally would be. The governor has taken some criticism, from both Democrats and Republicans, for handling of the COVID-19 crisis. Even President Trump stated he was against Kemp's decision to "re-open" Georgia in terms of businesses.

In addition, the mayors of two of the state's largest cities said Kemp did not even make a phone call to them regarding his decision. Even if the governor's mind was made up on what he was going to do it would have been smart to at least inform these mayors of his decision.

Let's all hope the decision to re-open is the correct one. Certainly, businesses have to re-open again in order to survive. Some may not even survive in the end as you never make up lost revenue. "Lost revenue is lost revenue," one Georgia business owner said.

Another Georgia politician who could very well be on the hot seat, if he isn't already, is Labor Commissioner Mark Butler. Thousands of Georgians are still trying to get their unemployment benefits started weeks after being placed out of work.

Numerous citizens have reported being unable to speak with any Labor Department official. Offices have been closed and phone calls are not answered and phone and email messages are not being returned, reports have indicated.

It's probably a good thing Kemp and Butler are not on the ballot this year.

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Andy Offutt Irwin columnist

WASTE AND WANT

A friend of mine has been in the landscaping business in Atlanta for years, an intriguing vocation if you think about it: she chooses to live in the city and she chooses to work the land, tilling and tending urban soil. Now, she is beginning a flower farm north of the Perimeter. But the plans are on hold. It isn't that her business has slowed down during the pandemic, it's that the seed companies are backlogged and they are no longer taking orders. Too many people are at home, planting.

Meanwhile, the news is full of reports about farmers and their unsold produce. Vegetables are being buried with bulldozers. Dairy farmers are dumping milk. Chickens and pigs are being euthanized.

The flower seed companies can't keep up with demand. The farmers have a surplus.

Thinking about supply and need — waste and want — opened up a memory.

... Back in the 1980s when I lived in Orlando, a couple of times a month I volunteered at a homeless shelter that had once been the Trailways bus terminal.

On my appointed nights, I arrived at the bus station for my shift at 7 in the evening, so at about midnight I would begin to get all giddy at the prospect of a clandestine field trip to a doughnut shop. On the outskirts of town there was a Dunkin' Doughnuts owned by a sensible fellow who discreetly donated... well, not donated, exactly — but created a situation in which the shop's past-their-prime doughnuts could be taken in a covert operation. While it's true that I was young enough to bounce back from such things, an all-nighter is an all-nighter, and the escape from the pink fluorescent-lit ex-bus station was a middle-of-the-night welcome escape. (Those lights were always on.)

The church ladies who served breakfast usually arrived around 5, but on one particular night, a sweet lady named Ruth appeared at the beginning of the shift. After the (so-called) lights-out, Ruth and I sat down over a cup of weak, cheap coffee. She explained to me that she had arrived early because she wouldn't sleep. She was excited about helping out at the shelter for the first time. Recently widowed, she had never been involved in a service project such as this. There seemed to be a subtext informing me that this

sort of activity was something she could not have done when her husband was alive.

I was telling her the ropes, explaining to her that she needed to keep herself on the side of the room where the women — and a few children — were separated from the men by a row of cubicle walls. I told her that I would be leaving around 1:40 for the doughnut run.

She lit up, "Oh, may I go with you?"

I became a 1930s gangster. "Look, sister, the all-night Dunkin ain't no place for a nice dame like you, see?. I gotta move fast, so the coppers don't catch me. I don't need the likes of you slowin' me down, see?"

At a quarter-till-2 Ruth was in the passenger seat of my little Nissan pickup.

She was quiet as we headed north without stopping on deserted Orange Avenue. After a while, she asked, "Is our taking the doughnuts really against the law?"

"Yes, ma'am." "I'm seventy-three years old and I've never broken the law in my life."

Keeping my gangster persona, "Well, the minute you walked into that bus stop you began hanging out with the wrong crowd, see? And now you're in this truck with the intent of trafficking illegal commodities. You're an accessory."

"Trafficking doughnuts! Ooo, now that's exciting! What if we get caught?"

"Well, there's a pretty good chance that we'll run into the law. As The Bangles say, 'If you want to find all the cops, they're hanging out in the donut shop.'" "Who are the Bangles?"

"Don't ask too many questions. There are some things you're better off not knowing, sister. But listen to me — and this is serious— if we get caught, walk like an Egyptian."

Ruth and I were right on time, 2 in the morning. We swung to the back of the shop where the doughnuts had been tossed in black garbage bags and left on the sidewalk against the building, as if the worker tasked with hauling the old doughnuts to the dumpster had stopped to light a smoke. We returned to the terminal with the contraband. Later that morning the rest of the church ladies arrived. They donned

food-service gloves and — as I put it — began to re-inflate the doughnuts, literally reshaping some of the smushed ones and placing them in neat rows, all the while laughingly and lovingly talking about the importance of appetizing food presentation, even with ill-gotten goods.

... In our procuring of the doughnuts, our 2 AM precision had been important. We didn't want to leave too early because it wasn't good for us to be away from the shelter too long. And the owner of the shop didn't want doughnuts laying around in the garbage bags, either. If we were late, the doughnuts would be tossed.

There were nights when we couldn't get the doughnuts at all. Sometimes one of our guests might be having a bad night. Some nights required more security than others. Or one of the other volunteers didn't feel comfortable with one less person on the staff for thirty-five minutes.

Of course, if the run was missed, some of the regular clients were disappointed. More than disappointed, really. We humans love sugar because it's basic energy. And for people utterly deprived of comfort, doughnuts are especially comforting.

... In thinking about the current problems of repackaging and redistribution of food, many folks will think my anecdote silly, my comparison absurd — immeasurably infinitesimal.

Mayhap.

I have heard all kinds of reasons why food redistribution is difficult to surmount. But I would argue that the redistribution of food is also a problem of will.

As my grandmama would say, "where there's a will..."

Well, the people in charge need to have a Willingness of Service. I utterly believe there is a way.

Service requires care, we need caring leaders who are servants.

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The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for the position of **Electric Line Worker** in the Electric Department with an entry-level hourly rate of \$26.46 to a maximum annual rate of \$38.87 depending upon qualifications. **Potential to reach top pay within 4 years if all 4 levels of lineman test are passed.** This is skilled journeyman worker level electrical work involved in the installation, maintenance, alteration and repair of overhead electrical lines, underground lines and electrical substations. An employee in this class works under the direction of the crew supervisor or lead line worker on electric power lines typically up to 25,000 volts. Required training and experience include graduation from high school or GED equivalent, certification as a journey line worker, and a minimum of 5 years' experience in "HOT LINE" work including new construction and overhead primary line re-conductoring. Underground experience desirable. Special Requirements include valid Georgia Commercial Driver's License Class A or ability to obtain one, with proper endorsement and a journeyman line worker's license or certification. Qualified applicants may apply by downloading an application via our website at www.cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. Position will remain open until 4 p.m. on May 13, 2020. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for the position of **Gas Crew Member I** in the Gas Department with a starting hourly rate of \$14.65 to a maximum hourly rate of \$21.51 depending upon qualifications. This position assists in the maintenance and repair of the natural gas utility system. This is an entry-level position. The purpose of this position is to repair and maintain the gas utility system. Must be able to respond to after-hours emergencies and work overtime if required. Education and experience include graduation from high school or GED. **Special Requirements include possessing a valid class C driver's license.** Qualified applicants may apply via our website by downloading an application packet at www.cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. Position will remain open until 4 P.M. May 14, 2020 The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

Level: Advanced

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

Abandoned Vehicles

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

YOU ARE hereby notified, in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 40-11-19.1, that petitions were filed in the **MAGISTRATE COURT** of Newton County to foreclose liens against the vehicles listed below for all **AMOUNTS OWED**. If a lien is foreclosed, the Court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The present location of the vehicles is: 125 Old Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-4814. **ANYONE WITH** an ownership interest in a vehicle listed herein may file an answer to the petition on or before: 05/15/20

ANSWER FORMS may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 1132 Usher St Room Covington, GA

FORMS MAY also be obtained online at www.georgiamagistratecouncil.com.

VEHICLE/VEHICLE MAGISTRATE YEAR MODEL Vehicle ID # State **MAKE LICENSE#** Court Case No

FORD	2005	Escape
1FMCU931X5KA93272	20-	1866AV
LEXUS	2001	IS
JTHBA1D2XG5011087	20-	1867AV
CHEVROLET	2014	Camaro
2G1FB1E38E9172246	20-	1868AV
HONDA	2007	Odyssey
5FNRL38707B063838	20-	1869AV
FORD	2011	Fusion
3FAHP0GA0BR337497	20-	1870AV
TOYOTA	2011	RAV4
2T3KF4DVXBW066249	20-	1871AV
KIA	2007	Optima
KNAGE123675122515	20-	1872AV
DODGE	2013	Journey
3C4PDCBG1DT640726	20-	1873AV
DODGE	2010	Avenger
1B3CC5FB6AN234661	20-	1874AV
HONDA	2012	Civic
19XFB2F81CE041326	20-	1875AV
VOLKSWAGEN	2009	Jetta
3VWRM71K79M054956	20-	1876AV
CHEVROLET	2010	Impala
2G1WB5EK1A1183435	20-	1877AV

PUBLIC NOTICE #116768
4/26,5/3

Adoptions

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

TO: KALEY LYNN WILLIAMS, the legal mother, and to any known or unknown biological, legal, or putative fathers of Samya Annette Williams, a female child, born on October 4, 2006 in Conyers, Georgia.

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

YOU ARE hereby notified that on March 23, 2020 a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Superior Court of Newton County, State of Georgia, Civil Action No. 2020-AD-15-4 to adopt the child named above. A hearing will be held on June 17, 2020 at 9:17 AM at the Newton County Courthouse before Judge Horace J. Johnson, Jr.

THE PETITIONERS Aundre R. Dixon, Jr. and Ryan E. Dixon have requested that your paternal rights and obligations in and to the child named above be terminated. You may appear at the place and time shown above and show cause why your rights should not be terminated.

FELITA CORNOG
ATTORNEY FOR the Petitioners
GEORGIA BAR No. 747370
P. O. Box 1182
CONYERS, GEORGIA 30012
(404) 298-7373

PUBLIC NOTICE #116673
4/26,5/3,10

Alcoholic Beverage

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

NAME OF Store: Kroger # 621

NAME OF Licensee: Jennifer Kuller

STORE LOCATION: 3700 Salem Road Covington, GA 30016

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116765
4/26,5/3

Citations

CITATION

SHANETHA L. MURRAY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of JONATHAN MURRAY, SR.**, deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or

before June 1, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116763
5/3,10,17,24

CITATION

TO: JESSICA D. ESTRADA

BILL COOPER AND **CYNTHIA COOPER** have filed for Temporary Letters of Guardianship of the Person(s) **SARA GOODRICH** minor(s). All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before MAY 18, 2020 at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116787
5/3,10

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS 28TH day of April, 2020.

FRANK B. Turner, Jr.,
EXECUTOR OF the Estate of Edward A. Crudup, Jr.
P. O. Box 1617
COVINGTON, GA 30015-1617
(770) 786-4390

PUBLIC NOTICE #116781
5/3,10,17,24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ALVIN ANTHONY ROBINSON, 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 28th day of APRIL, 2020.

ALVIN AND LISA ROBINSON
255 RIVER CREST LANE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116779
5/3,10,17,24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of DOLLIE MELISSA WATSON**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 28th day of APRIL, 2020.

DANA INSCORE
4831 HWY 212
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116776
5/3,10,17,24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

TIMOTHY LAMAR PRICE
105 COWAN RIDGE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116762
4/26,5/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of JOHNNY ALAN DUNN**, 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 APRIL, 2020.

DIANA H. WESTBERRY
1280 TIMBER RUN
HAVANA, FL 32333

PUBLIC NOTICE #116760
4/26,5/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of JOSEPH NORMAN**, 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 20th day of APRIL, 2020.

DANA INSCORE
4831 HIGHWAY 212
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116777
5/3,10,17,24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND

CREDITORS

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

JEFFREY HEDRICK
340 E. COUNTRY WOODS DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116761
4/26,5/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of PAUL RICKY LOYD, SR.**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 28th day of APRIL, 2020.

PAUL LOYD, JR.
20 RIVERBEND DR.
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116775
5/3,10,17,24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of RONNY B. BECKWORTH**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 24th day of APRIL, 2020.

KIMBERLY LORRAINE
BECKWORTH
485 RIVER COVE ROAD
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #116780
5/3,10,17,24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

DENISE ENDSLEY
W164 N8778 MILL ST
MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051

PUBLIC NOTICE #116759
4/26,5/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of WILLIAM CALVIN DANIEL**, 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 20th day of APRIL, 2020.

WILLIAM KENDALL WYNNE, JR.
170 TABOR FOREST DRIVE
OXFORD, GA 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #116778
5/3,10,17,24

NOTICE

IN RE: Estate of DAVE PARRISH, SR

TO: QUINCY T. Parrish

A PETITION for Letters of Administration having been filed, this is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to said Petition for Letters of Administration filed by Sharita Rivera.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. All objections must be filed by **JUNE 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

MELANIE M. BELL
PROBATE JUDGE
BY: MARCIA WYNNE
CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET
COVINGTON, GA 30014
770 784 2045

PUBLIC NOTICE #116774
5/3,10,17,24

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

RHONDA WILLIAMS

PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
RASHANN GLOVER
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2019-CV-

1964-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER of the Court for Service by Publication dated the 4th day of December 2019 you are hereby notified that on 17th day of Sept 2019 the Plaintiff herein filed suit against you for Divorce.

YOU ARE required to file with Clerk of the Superior court of Newton County, and to serve upon the counsel for the Plaintiff, Miriam Arnold-Johnson, P.C. at 2330 Scenic Highway, Suite 218, Snellville, GA 30078, and answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Order for Publication.

THIS, THE 19th day of **December**, 2019.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116757
4/26,5/3,10,17

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

TENNETHIA LESTER

PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
CURRY LESTER
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-1452-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: CURRY LESTER 5 0
SHENANDOAH DR

COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MARCH 30, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **MARCH 9, 2020** (date of filing) **TENNETHIA LESTER** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce. **YOU ARE** required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable **SAMUEL D. OZBURN**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 9th day of **APRIL**, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116755
4/26,5/3,10,17

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

TRACY NICOLE JONES

PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
TONY RICO JONES
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-599-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: TONY R. JONES 1 6 5
SUNSET AVE ATLANTA,
GA 30314

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MARCH 30, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **MARCH 10, 2020** (date of filing) **TRACY NICOLE JONES** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce. **YOU ARE** required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable **EUGENE M. BENTON**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 9th day of **APRIL**, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116756
4/26,5/3,10,17

Foreclosures

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

TO: 1) Crooked Creek Development, Inc., 2) Unknown Successors and Assigns of Crooked Creek Development, Inc., 3) Coldwater Creek Community Association, Inc., 4) tenants/occupants/residents, 5) Ameris Bank f/k/a McIntosh State Bank, 6) Newton County Tax Commissioner, and 7) all persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as 175 Coldwater Dr., Covington, Georgia 30016

TAKE NOTICE THAT: **THE RIGHT** to redeem the described property as 175 Coldwater Dr., Covington, Georgia 30016 (Tax Parcel 0008A 00000 051 000), as follows, to wit: **ALL AND** only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0008A 00000 051 000, Land Lot 12 of the 10th Land District Newton County, Georgia, being 5.02 acres, more or less, being shown as Lot 52 of Coldwater Creek Subdivision

in accordance with the Plat of Survey prepared by Patrick and Associates, Inc., certified Louie D. Patrick, Georgia R.L.S. No. 1757, said plat being dated August 22, 2002 and recorded in Plat Book 58, pages 158-162, known as 175 Coldwater Drive.

THIS BEING a portion of that property as contained in that Warranty Deed from Kraft Homes, Inc. to Crooked Creek Development, Inc. dated April 24, 2002 and recorded at Deed Book 1213, page 178, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia.

WILL EXPIRE and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December, 2018 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3786, Page 603.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116705
4/12,19,26,5/3

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

TO: 1) Crooked Creek Development, Inc., 2) Unknown Successors, Assigns Crooked Creek Development, Inc., 3) Regions Bank, 4) Coldwater Creek Community Association, Inc. 5) Newton County Tax Commissioner, 6) Tenants/Residents/Occupants, and 7) all persons known or unknown who claim 185 Edinburgh Ln., Covington, Georgia 30016

TAKE NOTICE THAT: **THE RIGHT** to redeem 185 Edinburgh Ln., Covington, Georgia 30016 (Tax Parcel 0008A 00000 067 000), as follows, to wit:

ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0008A 00000 067 000, Land Lot 12 of the 8th District Newton County, Georgia, being 1.35 acres, more or less, being shown as Lot 67 of Coldwater Creek Subdivision, Unit Two on the Plat of Survey recorded in Plat Book 43, Pages 67-71, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia, said plat by reference thereto being incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular description of the property known as 185 Edinburgh Ln.

WILL EXPIRE and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December 2018 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3786, Page 604.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116704
4/12,19,26,5/3

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

TO: 1) David C. Moyers, 2) Unknown Heirs and Assigns of David C. Moyers, 3) Newton County Tax Commissioner, 4) Tenant/Resident/Occupant, and 5) all persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as Alcovy Rd. a/k/a 12771 B Alcovy Rd., Covington, Georgia 30014

TAKE NOTICE THAT: **THE RIGHT** to redeem the described property as Alcovy Rd. a/k/a 12771 B Alcovy Rd., Covington, Georgia 30014, (Tax Parcel 00950 00000 022 B00), as follows, to wit:

ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00950 00000 022 B00, Land Lot 343 of the 9th District, Newton County, Georgia being 1.17 acres, more or less, shown on the plat of survey prepared for Paul E. Moyers by John E. Knight. Georgia Registered Land Surveyor Number 1945, dated October 7, 1986 and recorded in the Public Records of Newton County, Georgia and being further described in Deed Book 690, Page 667, located on Alcovy Road.

WILL EXPIRE and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December 2018 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3787, Page 1.

THE PROPERTY may be

redeemed at any time before the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton

Tax Commissioner, 9) Tenants/Residents/Occupants, and 10) all persons known or unknown who claim an interest in property known as Hwy 212, Covington, Georgia 30016

TAKE NOTICE THAT:
THE RIGHT to redeem Hwy 212, Covington, Georgia 30016, (Tax Parcel 00320 00000 023 000), as follows, to wit:

ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00320 000000 023 000, Land Lot 70 of the 8th Land District, Newton County, being 0.61 acre, more or less, according to the survey prepared by Robert M. Buhler, R.L.S.1403, dated January 10, 1973, further described in Deed Book 147, Page 1610, located on Highway 212.

WILL EXPIRE and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 12th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December 2018 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3786, Page 1609.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the 12th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116745
4/26,5/3,10,17

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

TO: 1) Estate John David Sheffield Sr., 2) Unknown Heirs and Assigns Estate John David Sheffield Sr., 3) Dorothy Jean Sheffield, 4) Unknown Heirs and Assigns Dorothy Jean Sheffield, 5) Newton County Tax Commissioner, and 6) all persons known or unknown who claim an interest in 2872 Hwy 212, Covington, Georgia 30016

TAKE NOTICE THAT:
THE RIGHT to redeem 2872 Highway 212, Covington, Georgia 30016, (Tax Parcel 00330 00000 066 C00), as follows, to wit:

ALL THAT parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00330 000000 066 C00, Land Lot 92 and 69 of the 8th Land District Newton County, Georgia, being 1.22 acres, more or less, being a portion of Tract 5, on plat of survey for Rodney H. Ogelsby, Jr., and Roy Kuhn by John F. Brewer, Registered Land Surveyor, dated August 24, 1988, recorded Plat Book 23, Page 35, Newton County Records. Said plat and the record thereof is hereby incorporated by reference for description, known as 2872 Highway 212.

WILL EXPIRE and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December 2018 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3787, Page 10.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116722
4/19,26,5/3,10

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

TO: 1) Estate of Carl W. Hull, 2) Unknown Heirs and Assigns of Estate of Carl W. Hull, 3) Newton County Tax Commissioner, 4) all tenants/residents/occupants, and 5) all persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as **85 Jack Neely Road, Covington, GA 30016**

TAKE NOTICE THAT:
THE RIGHT to redeem the described property as 85 Jack Neely Road, Covington, GA 30016 (Tax Parcel 0025A 00000 003 IA00), as follows, to wit:

ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0025A 000000 003 A00, Land Lot 187 of the 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.92 acres, more or less, further described in Deed Book 257, page 217, known as 85 Jack Neely Road.

WILL EXPIRE and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 12th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December, 2018 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3786, Page 1610.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the 12th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116729
4/26,5/3,10,17

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

OF NEWTON

TO: 1) Estate of Curtis L. Jones, 2) Unknown Administrators, Heirs and Assigns of Estate of Curtis L. Jones, 3) Estate of Lillian M. Jones, 4) Unknown Administrators, Heirs and Assigns of Estate of Lillian M. Jones, 5) tenants/occupants/residents, 6) Newton County Tax Commissioner, and 7) all persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as Lake Road, Covington, Georgia 30014

TAKE NOTICE THAT:
THE RIGHT to redeem the described property as Lake Road, Covington, Georgia 30014 (Tax Parcel 0074B 00000 070 000), as follows, to wit:
ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0074B 00000 070 000, Land Lot 82 of the 8th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, being 0.61 acre, more or less, located within Lakeside Grove Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 49, located on Lake Road.
WILL EXPIRE and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December, 2018 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3786, Page 612.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116709
4/12,19,26,5/3

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

TO: 1) Estate of Joyce Godfrey, 2) Unknown Administrators, Heirs, and Assigns of Estate of Joyce Godfrey, 3) Estate of Thelma Godfrey, 4) Unknown Administrators, Heirs, and Assigns of Estate of Thelma Godfrey, 5) Estate of Jacqueline Godfrey Evans , 6) Unknown Administrators, Heirs, and Assigns of Estate of Jacqueline Godfrey Evans, 7) John P. Godfrey, Jr., 8) tenants/occupants/ residents, 9) Newton County Tax Commissioner, and 10) all persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as Oxford Road, Oxford, Georgia 30054

TAKE NOTICE THAT:
THE RIGHT to redeem the described property as Oxford Road, Oxford, Georgia 30054 (Tax Parcel X0610 00000 004 000), as follows, to wit:
ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel X0610 00000 004 000, 9th Land District of Newton County, Georgia, being 5.55 acres, more or less, located on Oxford Road.
WILL EXPIRE and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December, 2018 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3786, Page 605.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116700
4/12,19,26,5/3

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

TO: 1) Free Life Church, Inc. f/k/a The Shepherd's Door Community Church, Inc., 2) Unknown Successors and Assigns of Free Life Church, Inc. f/k/a The Shepherd's Door Community Church, Inc., 3) Newton County Tax Commissioner, 4) Tenants/Residents/Occupants, and 5) all persons known or unknown who claim an interest in 4210 Highway 138, Covington, Georgia 30052

TAKE NOTICE THAT:
THE RIGHT to redeem 4210 Highway 138, Covington, Georgia 30052, (Tax 00360 00000 032 000), as follows, to wit:
ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00360 00000 032 000, Land Lot 266 of the 4th Land District Newton County, Georgia, being 3.85 acres, more or less, as shown on a plat of survey prepared by Louie D. Patrick, R.S., dated May 31, 1983, and recorded in Plat Book 18, page 167, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court records, Newton County, Georgia, which said plat is incorporated herein by reference, known as 4210 Highway 138.
WILL EXPIRE and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December 2018 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3787, Page 11.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC,

301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116721
4/19,26,5/3,10

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

TO: 1) Jackie Dale Jones, 2) Unknown Heirs and Assigns Jackie Dale Jones, 3) Saira C. Sandoval, 4) Unknown Heirs and Assigns Saira C. Sandoval, 5) Newton County Tax Commissioner, 6) all tenants/residents/occupants, and 7) all persons known or unknown who claim Kirkland Road, a/k/a Kirkwood Drive, Covington, Georgia 30016

TAKE NOTICE THAT:
THE RIGHT to redeem Kirkland Road, a/k/a Kirkwood Drive, Covington, Georgia 30016 (Tax Parcel 00027E 00000 023 A00), as follows, to wit:

ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0027E 00000 0230A00, Land Lot 135 of the 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia being 8.37 acres, more or less, being known and designated as Tract "B2", being more particularly described in a survey for Ray Bridges by Robert Jordan, R.L.S. Number 2902, dated 3/31/2003, said plat is filed for record and recorded in Plat Book 39, Page 202, and revised in Plat Book 41, Page 203, located on Kirkwood Drive.

WILL EXPIRE and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December, 2018 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3786, Page 613.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116703
4/12,19,26,5/3

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

TO: 1) Jeffrey B. Riley, 2) Unknown Heirs and Assigns Jeffrey B. Riley, 3) Newton County Tax Commissioner, 4) River North Estates Phase 1 Architectural Control Committee, 5) Tenants/Residents/Occupants, and 6) all persons known or unknown who claim an interest in 125 River North Court, Covington, Georgia 30016

TAKE NOTICE THAT:
THE RIGHT to redeem 125 River North Court, Covington, Georgia 30016, (Tax Parcel 00440 00000 178 000), as follows, to wit:
ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00440 00000 178 000, 9th Land District of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia being 0.35 acre, more or less, and being shown as Lot 23, River North Estates, on a plat of survey of same recorded in Plat Book 23, Page 72, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia, which plat is by reference thereto incorporated herein and made a part thereof for a more particular and complete description, known as 125 River North Court.
WILL EXPIRE and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December 2018 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3787, Page 4.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116699
4/12,19,26,5/3

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

TO: 1) Walter Marks, 2) Unknown Heirs and Assigns of Walter Marks, 3) Cynthia Marks, 4) Unknown Heirs and Assigns of Cynthia Marks, 5) Newton County Tax Commissioner, 6) Tenant/Resident/Occupant, and 7) all persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as Oak Street, Covington, Georgia 30014

TAKE NOTICE THAT:
THE RIGHT to redeem the described property as Oak Street, Covington, Georgia 30014 (Tax Parcel 0085A 00000 070 C00), as follows, to wit:
ALL AND only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0085A 00000 070 C00, Land Lot 282 of the 1st District, Newton County, Georgia being 5.0 acres, more or less, located on Oak Street.
WILL EXPIRE and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

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

618.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the 5th day of June, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116702
4/12,19,26,5/3

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Under and by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **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 #116633
4/5,12,19,26,5/3

NOTICE OF Sale Under Power GEORGIA, NEWTON County

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **Deatra M. Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., dated December 5, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2378, Page 454, Newton County, Georgia records, as last transferred to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Asset Backed Notes by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 3787, Page 115, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure

a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$111,600.00, 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, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 2020, to wit: June 2, 2020, the following described property: **ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 69 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 10, Block A, Unit II of Lakeside Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 111, revised at Plat Book 24, Page 7, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

THE DEBT secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. 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 Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **130 Lakeside Drive, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Deatra M Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander or tenant or tenants.

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

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1; and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is:

SELECT PORTFOLIO Servicing, Inc.
ATTENTION: LOSS Mitigation Department
3217 S. Decker Lake Drive
SALT LAKE City, Utah 84119
1-888-818-6032

THE FOREGOING notwithstanding, nothing in OC.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein.

THIS SALE is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being

DEUTSCHE BANK National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Asset Backed Notes
AS ATTORNEY in fact for **DEATRA M.** Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander
RICHARD B. Maner, P.C.
180 INTERSTATE N Parkway, Suite 200
ATLANTA, GA 30339
404.252.6385
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. FC19-312

PUBLIC NOTICE #116771
5/3,10,17,24,31

NOTICE OF Sale Under Power GEORGIA, NEWTON County

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **Lia M. Bostic** to HomeBanc Mortgage Corporation, dated May 31, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1930, Page 280, Newton County, Georgia records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, in trust for Holders of the HomeBanc Mortgage Trust 2005-4, Mortgage Backed Notes by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 2664, Page 79, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$166,800.00, 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, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 2020, to wit: June 2, 2020, the following described property: **ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 154 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 71, Block B, The Meadows at Saddlebrook, Phase 2, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 40, Page 210-214, Newton County, Georgia records, said plat being incorporated herein and made reference hereto.

THE DEBT secured by said Deed to Secure Debt has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the

Note and Deed to Secure Debt. 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 Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **210 Meadowbrook Court, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Lia M. Bostic or tenant or tenants.

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

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; (2) O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1; and (3) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph.

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2, the entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is:

SELECT PORTFOLIO Servicing, Inc.
ATTENTION: LOSS Mitigation Department
3217 S. Decker Lake Drive
SALT LAKE City, Utah 84119
1-888-818-6032

THE FOREGOING notwithstanding, nothing in OC.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein.

THIS SALE is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being

U.S. BANK National Association, as Indenture Trustee, in trust for Holders of the HomeBanc Mortgage Trust 2005-4, Mortgage Backed Notes
AS ATTORNEY in fact for **LIA M.** Bostic
RICHARD B. Maner, P.C.
180 INTERSTATE N Parkway, Suite 200
ATLANTA, GA 30339
404.252.6385
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. FC18-381

PUBLIC NOTICE #116

GHSA releases 2020 football schedules

By MASON WITTNER
mwittner@covnews.com

The Georgia High School Association officially released prep football schedules for the 2020 season on Tuesday.

Due to a recent region realignment that will go into effect beginning at the start of the 2020-21 school year, the slates for the local teams will look slightly different

this fall than in years past.

Eastside, which previously resided in Region 4-AAAA, bumped up a class and will now share Region 8-AAAAA with the likes of Loganville, Walnut Grove and Clarke Central. Meanwhile, Newton will remain in Class AAAAAAA but will shift from Region 8 to Region 4, which will include the subtraction of Archer and addition of Parkview.

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Contact me and I’ll tell you all about it.

Randy
randyuscgaux@gmail.com
404-805-7211



As we inch closer to the fall, the GHSA released all schedules for the 2020 football season this week. Above are some highlights from the local teams’ 2019 seasons. File Photos | The Covington News

Some key local matchups to keep an eye out for this fall include Social Circle’s trip to George Walton Academy on Aug. 21; Newton’s four-game gauntlet against Eastside, McEachern, Houston County and Parkview in consecutive weeks; Eastside’s trip to Walton County to take on Loganville on Oct. 9; and Alcovy’s home game against Heritage on Oct. 30.

The complete schedules for Alcovy, Eastside, Newton and Social Circle are as follows:



Alcovy
8/21 @ North Forsyth
8/28 @ Newton (Sharp Stadium)
9/04 Eastside (Sharp Stadium)
9/25 Rockdale County (Sharp Stadium)
10/02 @ Lowndes
10/16 @ Grovetown
10/09 @ Colquitt County
10/23 Lakeside, Evans
10/30 Heritage, Conyers
11/06 @ Evans

Eastside
8/28 @ Winder-Barrow
9/04 @ Alcovy (Sharp Stadium)
9/11 Newton (Sharp Stadium)
9/18 @ Johnson, Gainesville
9/24 Apalachee (Sharp Stadium)
10/02 @ Clarke Central
10/09 @ Loganville
10/22 Jackson County (Sharp Stadium)
10/30 Walnut Grove (Sharp Stadium)
11/06 @ Greenbrier

Newton
8/21 Woodward Academy (Sharp Stadium)
8/28 Alcovy (Sharp Stadium)
9/11 @ Eastside (Sharp Stadium)
9/18 @ McEachern
9/25 @ Houston County
10/02 @ Parkview
10/16 Brookwood (Sharp Stadium)
10/23 @ Mill Creek
10/30 @ Grayson
11/06 South Gwinnett (Sharp Stadium)

Social Circle
8/21 @ George Walton Academy
8/28 @ Providence Christian
9/04 Walnut Grove
9/11 Putnam County
9/18 @ Oglethorpe County
10/02 Washington-Wilkes
10/09 @ Lincoln County
10/23 Commerce
10/30 @ Towns County
11/06 Greene County



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Here’s how to enter! As part of our “Visions – Simply the Best”

magazine that is inserted in the April 26 issue of The Covington News, we are conducting a **FACT Contest**.

The **FACT Contest** entry form contains questions that can only be answered by reading the stories and advertising contained inside the “Visions – Simply the Best” magazine.

The entry form will need to be filled out completely before you turn it in. We must receive your entry forms **by 5 pm on Friday, May 22, 2020** in order for your entry to be considered for the contest. You can mail your completed entry form to: The Covington News, PO Box 1249, Covington, GA 30015 or drop it by our downtown Covington office.



All correctly answered entry forms will be placed in a drawing to be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. The winner of the drawing will receive \$300 cash and will be announced in the May 31, 2020 weekend edition of The Covington News.

You must be 18 years of age or older to enter. Employees of The Covington News and their immediate family are not eligible to win.

FACT Contest OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

LEARNING

Who was photographed performing a science experiment?

Answer: _____ Page: _____

Which school displays Proverbs 17:27?

Answer: _____ Page: _____

ENTERPRISE

When was Ramsey’s Furniture first established?

Answer: _____ Page: _____

What is one of Bill Hardy’s most memorable moments as a business owner?

Answer: _____ Page: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

WELLNESS

Where would Newton Trails like to see a connection made that would give people the ability to travel to Atlanta?

Answer: _____ Page: _____

What makes the Covington YMCA one of the best wellness organizations according to Louly Hay-Kapp?

Answer: _____ Page: _____

COMMUNITY

What does the City of Covington team focus on?

Answer: _____ Page: _____

Who should you contact for the “Clash of the Clubs” golf tournament?

Answer: _____ Page: _____

LEADERS

When was Dr. Shannon Buff’s first introduction to life as a Ram?

Answer: _____ Page: _____

Which Unsung Hero served as a former city council member?

Answer: _____ Page: _____

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Be sure to send completed form to our office by 5 pm on May 22, 2020.

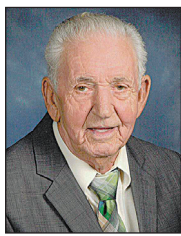
OBITUARIES

RALPH J. LUMPKIN
Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home

Ralph J. Lumpkin, of Covington, passed away Sunday, April 26, at the age of 85 and was happily reunited in heaven with his wife of 67 years, Barbara Jean Lumpkin. Mr. Lumpkin was a native of Heflin, Ala., and a supportive member of Solid Rock Baptist Church in Covington. He dedicated 41 years to Blue Mountain Industries in Anniston, Ala., before he retired from Beaulieu America, formerly American Polycraft, after five years. He was a man whose hobbies and interests took him to the great outdoors. It was there Mr. Lumpkin developed and grew his skills as a hunter, fisherman and golfer. Woodworking was another pastime he loved, and it was an endeavor that yielded various pieces of furniture and such. Mr. Lumpkin had a fondness for his grandchildren and will be remembered as a caring and thoughtful family man.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Brooke Compton; parents, William Joseph and Minnie Lee (Clark) Lumpkin; sisters, Lucille Cavender, Margaret Yates, Mary Shackleford; and brothers, Willie Lee Lumpkin, Clyde Lumpkin, Rudolph Lumpkin.

Mr. Lumpkin's memory will be held closely by his daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Chuck Compton of Covington, Ga; sons and daughters-in-law, Ricky and Vicki Lumpkin of West Pueblo, Colo., William and Amy Lumpkin of Oxford, Ga., Greg and Jill Lumpkin of Covington, Ga.; grandchildren and their spouses, Rickey, Jr., and Julie Lumpkin, Sara and Matthew Meadows, Joshua Lumpkin, Matthew and Emily Lumpkin, Katie Lumpkin, Victoria Lumpkin, Olivia and Wyatt Rabon, Alec



and Elise Lumpkin, Tyler Lumpkin, Kyle Lumpkin, Paul Lumpkin, Andrew Lumpkin, Faith Standley, Charlie Compton, Brandon Compton; fourteen great-grandchildren; sisters and brother-in-law, Ruby Woods, Katie and Russell Cobb, Katherine Collins; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family service for Mr. Lumpkin was held at his residence, and a private graveside service was held at Anniston Memorial Gardens in Anniston, Ala. Flowers are acceptable or memorial donations may be made to Solid Rock Baptist Church, Wild Game Supper, P.O. Box 1144, Covington, Ga 30015.

Arrangements were handled by Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home, 1215 Access Road, Covington, Ga 30014.

Due to the current COVID-19, and coronavirus pandemic recommendations, the family regrets that the services must be private.

FREDERICK LEE MILLS
Bernard's Family Funeral Care

Frederick Lee Mills was born in Morgan County, Georgia, on May 17, 1967, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Izeal and Reverend Ruby Mills.

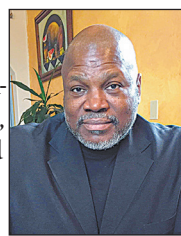
Frederick was preceded in death by his mom, Reverend Ruby Mills, his brother, Undrea M. Mathis, and sister-in-law, Sandra Wilson.

At an early age, he received Christ and was baptized and became a member of New Enon Baptist Church. Frederick met the love of his life, Balinda E. Mills, 28 years ago in April of 1992. Frederick and Balinda joined in holy matrimony on September 18, 1999, in McDonough, Ga. He was a devoted family man and all those who came in contact with him knew it.

In 1986, Frederick graduated from Morgan County High School, where he enjoyed playing all sports. When it came to playing football, he was the best running back ever. He joined the Army after high school. While in the Army, he worked as an administration specialist.

Later in life, he began working for Ivex, then moved on to start his career at Georgia Pacific, in Madison, Ga. He was employed at Georgia Pacific for 32 years. Between his employment at Georgia Pacific and the Dallas Cowboys, his love ran deep. Frederick was a very proud man.

He leaves to cherish the memories: his devoted, best friend and love of his life, his wife of 28 years, Balinda E. Mills; his first born, Pierre Burke of Atlanta, Georgia; Derwin Mills of Alabama, Alexis Mills of Atlanta, Georgia, Reko Smith of Covington, Georgia, and Shanitra Smith of Covington, Georgia; father-in-law, Robert Williams, Sr.; a caring mother-in-law, Florre E. Williams of Eaton, Georgia; two brothers, Eddie (Odessa) of Madison, Georgia, and Willie (Angela) of Columbia, South Carolina; four sisters, Linda (Frankie), Salema, Patricia, and Rosalind of Madison,



Georgia; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Travis Monday (Quala), Robert Williams Junior (Annie), James Wilson, and Melissa Williams (Lagaria); and a host of aunts, uncles, godchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, and family members.

"Let the work that I have done speak for itself"

Graveside Services were held 12:00 P.M. Saturday, April 25, 2020 at New Enon Baptist Church Cemetery, 240 Godfrey Road, Madison, Ga 30650, Reverend W.J. Smith, Officiating.

Professional Services entrusted to Bernard's Family Funeral Care, LLC, The Madison Chapel, 1086 Ward Road, Madison, Ga.



ROBERTS

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the Juvenile Court in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit for more than 10 years. Juvenile Court Judge Stanley J. Rhymer in Walton County appointed Jenny Simchick Carter, Roberts' associate judge, to succeed her until Dec. 31.

Roberts, a Newton County native, became the Alcovy

Circuit's first female jurist when she was appointed to the Juvenile Court bench in 2009. She went on to establish a Family Treatment Court accountability court during her tenure, as well as the SHIFT Foundation. She received her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Georgia and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1993. Following graduation, she

returned to Covington and opened a private practice. Roberts earned a bevy of honors and appointments during her tenure, including a MacArthur Foundation Champion For Change Award and an appointment to the Board of Directors of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

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PERSPECTIVE

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health care professionals are committed to treating patients and providing them with around-the-clock service to ensure their safety and well-being.

"We are open for business. We are here 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. We're even here when the mail service is not here. Rain, sleet or snow, it's not going to stop us," Cuendet said. "We are here, we're going to provide a service and we're going to do the best that we can for every citizen that we incur."

The local citizens have taken notice of the care Piedmont Newton has provided during these trying times, and they've made an effort to give back.

"Our community has reached out and support us and wrapped their arms around us," Cuendet said. "Bradley's BBQ has provided meals for us. Covington United Methodist Church has provided meals for us. It's just amazing, the outpour from the community. It's absolutely phenomenal."

Miller echoed his co-worker's sentiments.

"I'm a Newton County resident myself — my family and I have lived out here for almost 27 years — and I feel extremely blessed to be a part of this commu-



Car Cuendet, the director of EMS Operations at Piedmont Newton Hospital, stands with members of the EMS team. Special to The Covington News

nity the way they've come together," Miller said.

He cited numerous examples of the gratitude he and his fellow health care workers have received for their work along the frontlines. From having cloth masks sewn for them, to having local owners of local businesses thank them for their efforts, to having local religious leaders offering to pray from them — there's been no shortage of support from the Newton County community.

"It just really makes us feel good," Miller added. "We really appreciate all of that."

On Friday, May 1, the statewide shelter-in-place

order expired for most Georgians. As the state slowly reopens and people search for a return to normalcy, the staff at Piedmont Newton urge people to continue making their personal health — as well as the health of everyone they may come into contact with — their top priority.

"Stay safe, stay healthy and continue distancing," Cuendet said. "And definitely wash your hands. Follow the basic hygiene that your mother, your grandmother, your parents always shared with you. That's always the best practice."

CLAIMS

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unemployment claims during the past six weeks have been filed by employers on behalf of their workers.

The labor department paid out more than \$155 million in unemployment benefits last week, bringing the total for the

past six weeks to \$388 million. That's more than the annual total for each of the past four years.

"Our employees are managing unprecedented numbers of claims and are getting people paid," Butler said.

Many of the remaining unpaid claims are awaiting eligibility determination. The Georgia Department of Labor has

issued more than \$700 million in federal funds during the past six weeks, including more than \$336 million last week alone.

Meanwhile, the agency is continuing to post job opportunities. More than 106,000 jobs are listed online at www.EmploymentGeorgia.com

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BUSINESS

Piedmont Newton Hospital nationally recognized with ‘A’ in Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade



Piedmont Newton Hospital received an exemplary award from The Leapfrog Group for the fourth consecutive reporting period. Special to The Covington News

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Covington – Piedmont Newton Hospital was awarded an ‘A’ in the spring 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a national distinction recognizing Piedmont Newton’s achievements providing safer health care. The hospital has received an ‘A’ in the last four reporting periods. The Leapfrog Group is an independent national watchdog organization committed to health care quality and safety. The Safety Grade is a letter

grade assigned to all general hospitals across the country and updated every six months, assessing how well the hospital prevents medical errors and other harms to patients.

“Being recognized by The Leapfrog Group with our fourth ‘A’ grade in a row demonstrates Piedmont Newton’s dedication to providing excellent, safe care for our community,” said David Kent, chief executive officer of Piedmont Newton. “Every member of our team is dedicated to providing the

highest quality of care and ensuring our patients have a very good experience when they receive care at our hospital.”

“As the Nation copes with a challenging pandemic, our gratitude extends to hospital leadership and health care workers everywhere for their tremendous dedication,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “We hope this ‘A’ helps to thank the people who work and volunteer for Piedmont Newton Hospital. They are role

models in putting patients first, and their service has been extraordinary in our country’s time of need.”

Developed under the guidance of a national Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses up to 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to more than 2,600 U.S. acute-care hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade’s methodology is peer-reviewed and fully transparent, and the results are free to the public.

About The Leapfrog Group

Founded in 2000 by large employers and other purchasers, The Leapfrog Group is a national non-profit organization driving a movement for giant leaps forward in the quality and safety of American health care. The flagship Leapfrog Hospital Survey and new Leapfrog Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Survey collect and transparently report hospital and ASC performance, empowering purchasers to find the high-

est-value care and giving consumers the lifesaving information they need to make informed decisions. The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, Leapfrog’s other main initiative, assigns letter grades to hospitals based on their record of patient safety, helping consumers protect themselves and their families from errors, injuries, accidents and infections.

Covington Rotary teams up with Dollar General to give back

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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COVINGTON — On Saturday, April 25, Covington Rotary received a bevy of items from Dollar General to distribute to local organizations in need.

The Covington Rotary Project was dedicated to giving back to those who have been temporarily displaced from their homes. Through this, Covington Rotary was able to donate thousands of dollars worth of items to establishments throughout Newton and Rockdale counties.

Tarrence Houston, a member of Covington Rotary, made a connection with Dollar General and offered his trucking company to transport over 35 pallets of items so Covington Rotary could distribute the items.

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Auvronette Guilbeaux, Executive Director of Phoenix Pass, assists with the Covington Rotary Project. The project serves women and children experiencing temporary homelessness. Special to The Covington News



Georgia welcomes 800 new Amazon jobs

Fulfilment center comes to the state

By DAVE WILLIAMS

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - While many Georgia businesses have struggled during the weeks since the coronavirus pandemic took hold, Amazon is expanding its already robust presence in the state.

The Seattle-based e-commerce giant announced Monday plans for a new fulfillment center in Columbia County that will create 800 full-time jobs.

Workers at the new facility along Interstate 20 in Appling will use innovative robotics technology to pack and ship smaller customer orders, including books, toys and small household goods.

Amazon already has

more than 3,500 employees in Georgia working at facilities in Jefferson, Braselton, Lithia Springs, East Point, Kennesaw, Macon and Union City, representing an investment of \$3.6 billion. The company plans to add another 1,000 at a new fulfillment enter in Stone Mountain and 500 at the Newnan fulfillment center announced in January.

“We are proud to continue our investment in Georgia with great jobs and a new, state-of-the-art fulfillment center in Columbia County to serve our customers across the state,” said Robert Packett, regional director of Amazon operations. “The Peach State and its incredible workforce have been vital to our ability to provide great selection, competitive prices and the Prime services we know our customers love.”

Pat Wilson, commissioner of the state Department of Economic Development, welcomed the additional

investment and job growth Amazon will bring to Georgia.

“Especially now, during COVID-19, we are proud of our team’s hard work to continuously meet the needs of world-renowned companies like Amazon,” he said. “We are also grateful for our economic development partners in Columbia County and the region, who again have shown their strong commitment throughout this project.”

Hank Evans, the economic development department’s assistant director, represented the agency’s Global Commerce Division in landing the project, in partnership with Georgia EMC and the Development Authority of Columbia County.

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