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Newton mourns death of coach

Rollerson passes away suddenly

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COVINGTON — Newton High School track and field assistant coach Jay Rollerson died in his home last weekend from an apparent heart attack, Newton head coach Demetrice Perry-Stokes announced. He was 66. Funeral arrangements were not immediately made available.

Perry-Stokes took to Facebook on Monday to make the announcement and share a heart-felt message about the loss she and the Newton Ram community suffered.

"My heart is sooo heavy right now, I am really in disbelief at this moment," she said in the social media post. "I lost a great friend, mentor, and legendary coach who stuck with me from the

beginning to the end."

Rollerson, referred to by many as 'Coach Rollo,' was an assistant on Perry-Stokes' staff for the past seven years after retiring from teaching. He oversaw an extremely successful period of the Rams program, which included back-to-back region championships.

Perry-Stokes spoke with The Covington News about what Rollerson meant to the track program at NHS.

"Coach Rollo was a mentor to me. He was like a dad and he treated me like his daughter. You could talk to him about anything because he was so laid back," she said. "We worked together really, really well. The girls on the team loved him and he loved the girls. He'd give them the world if he could."

In addition to his charismatic personality, it was Rollerson's devotion to his job that helped earn the admiration of his peers. After spending years

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Lendmark makes the difference



Lendmark Financial Services COO Joe Burgamy, left, stands with executive assistant of branch operations Cassandra Conner, middle, and executive support administrator of branch operations Erin McCool. Special to The Covington News

Employees distribute 2,200 masks

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COVINGTON — Amid the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the need for person-

al protective equipment continues to be a prevalent matter across the nation.

Frontline workers in essential businesses must remain stocked up on PPE such as masks and gloves to ensure their safety, as well as the health and well-being of anyone they come into contact with.

While these items have been distributed throughout the state and country, some manufacturing companies are struggling to supply enough protective equipment to match the growing demand. Furthermore, as more businesses now seek a return to normalcy and standard

operations following Gov. Kemp lifting the statewide shelter-in-place order, the need for accessible PPE is perhaps more imperative than ever.

In response, employees at a company in Covington have taken it upon themselves to make a

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In the wake of COVID-19, Covington's biggest event of the year is at risk of being postponed or canceled. Decision on the City of Covington's annual Stars and Stripes Fest coming soon. File Photo | The Covington News

Judicial emergency extended

Set to expire on June 12

FROM STAFF REPORTS
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ATLANTA — Georgia's coronavirus-prompted judicial emergency has been extended for another month. Chief Justice Harold Melton signed an order last week extending the emergency from May 13, the current expiration date, until June 12.

All criminal and civil jury trials will continue to be suspended, and courts will be barred from summoning and impaneling new trial and grand juries.

While Georgia businesses are gradually reopening following Gov. Brian Kemp's

lifting of his shelter-in-place order on May 1, Melton said the courts are different from most private establishments and public places.

"We compel people to attend court proceedings, and that requires us to be extra cautious," he said.

Since Melton issued the first judicial emergency order in mid-March, courts have remained open to handle critical and essential court services.

Under the new extension order, courts will be urged to develop plans for restoring non-critical operations that can be conducted remotely by videoconferencing or by maintaining adherence

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Newton County records eighth COVID-19 death

Georgia tops over 30,000 positive cases

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COVINGTON — An eighth COVID-19-related death was confirmed in Newton County this week as testing continued to become more accessible

across the state.

According to the Georgia Department of Public Health, the two latest deaths in the county were females ages 58 and 73. It remains undetermined if either of the females had underlying health conditions prior to contracting the coronavirus.

On April 3, the DPH confirmed a 61-year-old male with underlying

health conditions was the first person from Newton County to die from COVID-19. Shortly thereafter, males ages 84 and 77, both of whom were said to have had compromised immune systems, died from the novel virus.

During the week of April 24, three more deaths were reported. The first was a 62-year-old female with compromised

health, followed by males ages 66 and 52. The prior health conditions of the two males remains unknown.

On Thursday afternoon, Gov. Brian Kemp addressed the media at the Georgia State Capitol and announced that the criteria for testing has now been expanded beyond those showing symptoms, health care workers, the

elderly and those with chronic illnesses. Thanks to numerous partnerships with universities and corporations around the state, as well as the federal government, Georgia has seen a significant boost in the number of tests that have been administered in recent weeks.

As of Thursday, Georgia had moved from being

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Decision coming on Covington’s Stars and Stripes Fest

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COVINGTON — The Covington City Council has agreed to make a decision regarding the city’s annual Stars and Stripes Fest by May 18.

The fireworks display Covington holds on the Square each July is widely renowned as one of the top Independence Day events in Georgia. However, while the state continues to slowly reopen in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, this year’s Stars and Stripes Fest is in jeopardy of being postponed or canceled.

Covington City Manager Scott Andrews addressed the issue during a City Council meeting on Monday, April 20.

Just hours before the meeting took place, Gov. Brian Kemp announced the state would begin scaling back its coronavirus orders prior to the expiration of the statewide shelter-in-place

order on April 30. Consequently, Andrews believed citizens would like to see similar progress made at the local level.

“This is a huge event for us,” Andrews said of the fireworks display, “and I think as we’ve started to see some light here based off the governor’s conversation earlier, we want to give people something to be excited for. But we want to take social distancing and safety into account.”

Council member Anthony Henderson asked what the deadline would be for the council to come to a decision. Andrews said the city could wait “a couple council meetings” before putting it to a vote.

In response, Henderson expressed his desire to hold off on deciding whether or not to host the event on July 4.

“I think we should be patient and see how events play out as far as the governor’s restrictions,” he said.

Henderson added that he believed making a decision in mid-May or late May would be more efficient. Fellow council member Fleeta Baggett publicly agreed with him, and the rest of the council followed in voicing their agreement.

Mayor Steven Horton stated that Covington can push the event back without facing a penalty. However, he urged the council members to decide one way or another in a timely fashion.

“I will say for the record that we do have a letter in hand right now from the fireworks company that says we can reschedule to another date between now and the end of the year with no penalty,” Horton said. “I think the further out you get, the harder it may be to get a date.”

The council then unanimously approved a motion to table the decision until their meeting on May 18.

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peers. After spending years coaching football prior to his time as a Ram, he completely bought into the track and field program at Newton. He repeatedly went out of his way to ensure those around him would have the chance to be successful.

“He loved what he did. He went over and beyond for everything,” Perry-Stokes said. “He was always the first one to come and the last one to leave. School let out at 3:15 p.m., so he’d be out on the track around 2:50 p.m., exercising before the girls got there. I mean, he was just one of a kind.”

Newton athletic director Vincent Byams also spoke about Rollerson’s impact.

“It’s obviously a tough one because coach [Rollerson] meant a lot to everybody, not just the track program,” Byams said in a phone interview. “I think he really, truly found his calling coaching girls’ track in his retirement. He’s been like a father figure to a lot of our girls here at Newton.”

Byams’ relationship with Rollerson predates his time on staff at NHS. The two first met when Byams was in 11th grade at Clarkston High



Rollerson, left, and Newton head coach Demetrice Perry-Stokes, right, helped lead the Rams to back-to-back region championships during his tenure.
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School during the 1993-94 school year.

“When I was a junior, he came on staff at Clarkston High School. Once I graduated, he coached football and was one of our P.E. coaches there,” Byams explained. “I actually had the privilege to know him when I was student, know him as coworker when I worked at Clarkston and then also known him as a

coach at Newton when I took the athletic director job. So, I’ve known coach for a good while.”

Rollerson had been tabbed to become the first head coach of Newton’s girls’ flag football team, which is scheduled to become a GH-SA-sanctioned sport during the 2020-21 school year.

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ranked No. 43 out of 54 states and territories in testing per capita to No. 29. Additionally, the state ranked No. 12 in per capita testing among the 23 states with a population greater than 5 million people.

“I’m proud to report that we are seeing record highs in testing,” Kemp said, crediting the state’s numerous partnerships for the ability to ramp up the number of tests. “While

I’m proud of what we’ve accomplished, there’s more we can do to realize our full potential.”

Dr. Kathleen Toomey, the state’s public health commissioner, announced that an estimated 110,000 tests were administered in Georgia over the last two weeks. That’s nearly half of the 225,937 total tests that were reported by the DPH early Friday morning.

She added that the state now has roughly 550 employees and student workers performing con-

tact-tracing tasks. That is over halfway to the goal of the 1,000 tracers which are needed.

“We want to be able to identify everyone in the community who may be infected, whether symptomatic or not, so that we can ensure we can stop that spread,” Toomey said.

Tending to elderly patients in long-term care facilities continues to be a top priority for the state. Kemp stated that more than half of Georgia’s coronavirus deaths — as well

as 20% of all confirmed cases as of Thursday — were related to residents of those facilities.

“These are heartbreaking statistics,” Kemp said, “and we are doing everything in our power to keep these Georgians safe.”

The federal government is gearing up to send 210,000 test swabs to Georgia throughout May, according to Homer Bryson, the state’s emergency management director. Furthermore, CVS and Walmart have aided the

cause by setting up testing sites around the state.

As of 8:25 a.m. on Friday, May 8, the DPH reported that there had been 31,624 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 across Georgia. Additionally, 5,875 patients had been hospitalized due the virus and 1,351 deaths had been reported.

In Newton County, 236 people have now contracted the coronavirus, leading to 39 hospitalizations and eight deaths.

Fulton County leads

the state in total confirmed cases at 3,260, as well as hospitalizations with 607 and deaths with 137. Dekalb now has the second-most confirmed cases of any county in the state with 2,397, followed by Gwinnett at 2,257 and Cobb at 2,024.

In neighboring Walton County, 147 people have contracted the coronavirus and five have died. Two of those deaths have been long-term care facility residents at Park Place Nursing and Rehab in Monroe.

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COVID-19 Budget

Up to now, the focus on the pandemic has been on the Healthcare side of the equation. This week, the Joint Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly met (virtually) to discuss what it has cost us.

The economic fallout is even worse than the Recession of 2009.



Georgia's revenue for April was down 36 percent – a stunning \$1B loss from last year in one

month alone. The May numbers will be worse. Overall, we expect a 15 percent tax shortfall or \$3.8B for the year. Even more shocking, a third of all previously employed Georgians have filed for unemployment.

Yes, you read that right. A third of all Georgians are now out of work.

Thankfully, the state's previous conservative fiscal policy has built a rainy-day reserve balance of \$2.7B. But even if we drained that entire account, it would still not balance our budget. We would also lose our AAA Bond Rating, which will make borrowing money to overcome short-term short falls vastly more expensive.

Thus, the Governor has instructed every state agency to reduce their budget by 14 percent for FY2021. That is on top of the 4 percent we already took for FY 2020. Since 90 percent of the state budget is tied up in 11 large budget areas, that is where 90 percent of the cuts will have to come from. Education will probably lose about \$1.5B, Community Health \$500M, our Universities \$361M, Transportation \$280M, Corrections \$170M, Student Finance \$141M, Human Services \$116M, Early Care and Learning \$61M, and our Technical Colleges \$52M. Another \$333M will have to come from the remaining 38 agencies. The Governor has said there will be no exceptions.

Obviously, this crisis is much different than the Recession of 2009, because the problem was not caused by a weak economy, but rather a foreign virus. Tens of millions of lives are being shattered, and a grim new study predicts that half of all small businesses will be shuttered in six months. We're hoping when we start up the economy again, the recovery will be robust. But that depends on consumer confidence, which doesn't look promising. 75 percent of Georgians fear to go to a mall, 60 percent won't go into a restaurant, 68 percent don't want to go on a vacation, and 53 percent

of us don't want to go shopping. Until those numbers turn around, we will continue to face further hardships.

I believe it's time to get back to work. The majority of states have begun that process, and many states never shutdown in the first place. Following the science, the numbers in the states that were never closed are no worse off than the ones who did. And it must be noted that no governor is mandating that businesses must open; rather, they are giving their citizens the freedom to open...if they so choose.

Freedom is a word we haven't heard a lot these days. What we have heard is the need to flatten the curve to keep hospital beds open. Well, the curve has been lowered – way down from that fearful “2.2 million deaths” model the media hyped so much. And despite all their dire predictions, no one in this nation who needed a ventilator or a hospital bed didn't get one. In fact, hospitals across the nation are actually furloughing nurses and doctors – in the middle of a pandemic – because no one will go there for fear of contracting this virus.

Poverty is deadlier than any virus. Poverty leads to hunger, want, homelessness, alcoholism, domestic abuse, suicides, and an array of heartbreaking circumstances that no government – no matter how much money they print – is able to fix.

The truth is that everyone accepts a certain level of risk every time we walk outside our door... and we always will. Shutting ourselves in indefinitely is a false choice that cannot be maintained.

Of course, we need to take protective measures to keep ourselves safe. Governor Kemp recently urged all Georgians to schedule a coronavirus screening, regardless of whether they have symptoms. Of course, the elderly and people with co-morbidities need to remain quarantined. Of course, no business should be forced to re-open. But I believe that healthy Americans should have the freedom to go back to work – safely – if they choose to. The consequences if we do not restart our economy will be misery and strife on a scale hitherto unimaginable.

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Dick Yarbrough columnist

In praise of our first responders both here and away

It seems to take a pandemic for us to get our priorities in order. With the death toll in the country having passed 60,000 and with over a thousand of those here in Georgia, suddenly we realize that those who entertain us — like actors and ballplayers — are nothing more than diversions. They are paid obscene amounts of money to make us forget the vicissitudes of our daily lives. In fact, they are as irrelevant as a bump on an elephant's rump.

The real heroes are the first responders. They are the doctors, emergency room personnel, nurses (including one in my family for whom I pray every day), police officers, firefighters, EMTs and others on the front lines in the battle with the deadly coronavirus battle. They don't get paid nearly what they are worth for the risks they are taking and the enormous pressures they are under.

Not only are they on the front lines, in many cases this is an added responsibility to an already dangerous job which often goes unappreciated until we need them. When we have a life-or-death situation, who do we want to see — a first responder or Col- ick Kaperdoodle who, if we are lucky, has crawled into a rat-hole, never to be heard from again?

There is another set of first responders we sometimes overlook — the National Guard. It was my privilege some years ago to be embedded with Georgia's 48th Brigade Combat Team in a part of Iraq aptly known as the Triangle of Death. These unsung warriors are not only soldiers of the first rank, back home they are schoolteachers, electricians,



prison guards, truck drivers, plumbers and our neighbors.

Today, members of Georgia's National Guard are fighting a different battle as fearlessly as they did in Iraq. Only this time it isn't bombs or bullets. As we speak, men and women of the Guard are disinfecting nursing homes, assisting hospital staff so they can focus on saving lives, packaging food and delivering it to needy Georgians across the state and a host of other responsibilities.

Many members of the National Guard still find themselves far away from home. A friend recently shared a Facebook post with me from April McDaniel, an E4 Specialist with the North Carolina National Guard, who is posted somewhere in the Middle East (For security reasons, she can't say where).

If you are feeling sorry for yourself these days because of having to shelter in place or fretting as to whether you have hoarded enough toilet paper to last you through this decade and beyond, consider yourself fortunate. You could find yourself in the sweltering heat of some god-forsaken cesspool in the Middle East, worrying about the health of your family thousands of miles away and that the coronavirus might find you up-close-and-personal, not to mention some nutcase trying to kill you. That is the case of April McDaniel.

McDaniel has been deployed in the Middle East since October 2019. More importantly, she is a wife and mother of eight children, the oldest a 14-year-old

daughter.

On Facebook she says, “This coronavirus is affecting everybody. You hear some people complaining about being with their kids. I have to be able to get a good signal just to be able to call home and parent my children and to be a wife.

“It's a hard time for us. Pray for everybody, not just your situations and your family but for us overseas, too. PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome) is real. Suicide is real. Depression is real. These are things that people wake up thinking about and feeling every day.

“Appreciate this time you get to spend at home with your kids, reading a book or something. I read a book in the USO, made a recording of myself reading to my child and sent it in the mail home. I don't even know if it made it yet.

“Embrace and enjoy the little things: Cooking dinner, tucking your kids in at night, making sure you are saying your prayers with them, watching TV on the couch on weekends, telling your parents you love them, going to see your mama.”

May this pandemic one day be history, but may we never forget who the real heroes are in our society, be they first responders on the front lines here at home or in some godforsaken cesspool in the Middle East. Thank you one and all and please stay safe. Can I get an amen?

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David Carroll columnist

No graduation? It Could Be Worse

High school graduations have gotten a lot of attention lately, because if not for the pandemic, another group of 18-year-olds would finally get to “walk,” and accept their diploma and the accompanying cheers.

Instead, many commencement programs have been delayed or canceled. So we are honoring the seniors with yard signs, neighborhood parades, or social media salutes.

I feel bad for them. After all, they have worked hard for twelve-plus years, leading up to this one moment. They deserve a moment. I remember my moment, or at least some of it.

Unlike the mega-high schools of today, with hundreds of graduating seniors, my class consisted of only twenty-four students. I proudly tell people that I graduated in the top twenty. I then change the subject before anyone starts asking questions.

With only two dozen people in line to shake hands with the principal, grab the diploma, and smile for the camera, my graduation could have been over in about four minutes. But Grandma and Grandpa did not get all dressed up to walk in, take a seat, and then turn around and leave. So the principal felt obligated to have a speaker on the program before we were shooed out of the cafe-gym-atorium.

I don't remember the man's name, but he was introduced as a preacher. I believe he was somewhere between the ages of 30 and 95. You see, when you're in high school, all grown-ups are just varying degrees of old, from kind of old, to really old.

That cafe-gym-atorium was hot, and my fellow scholars were ready to disrobe. Don't get the wrong idea. We didn't have any sordid plans for that night. Well, come to think of it, there were a few wild ones in that class.



The evening seemed to last forever. The visiting speaker opened with a couple of

allegedly funny stories (because “dad jokes,” then and now, always land with a thud to anyone under 18).

As he launched into his speech, he promised to share his “Rules for a Rewarding Life.”

This shouldn't take long. Most of us were pretty good at following rules. Back in 6th grade, there were 44 of us. The herd had been thinned to 24. The 20 who were not among us, were not rule followers. Only the chosen few were sweating under our gaudy robes. Those other kids were out breaking more rules, and probably having a good time.

Okay, preacher man. Lay down a few of those rules so we can put this joint in our rear view mirror and start changing the world.

He led off with honesty, kindness, and respect, while giving detailed instructions on each of those traits. My 18-year-old brain started calculating, and I figured, this isn't too bad. Maybe he'll stop at five important Rules, and then we can go somewhere with a working AC.

Nope. Eventually he started in on Number Six. It was either persistence or perseverance, which seems to be the same thing. Either way, I was sure he would stop at ten. That's a nice round number.

But he was just getting warmed up. In fact, I think determination was Number Eleven on his list. As in, he was determined to make someone pass out before he wrapped up his Rules.

A dozen would have been fine, but no. Fifteen seemed about right, but he kept on going. I'm pretty sure he got lost, and repeated a rule or two. Who

knows? By this time, we were daydreaming about something more enjoyable, like picking cotton or patching a roof.

One of my classmates was pregnant when the program began. By the time he finally finished, with Rule Number 25, her son had learned to walk.

Many years later, I was invited to be a graduation speaker. My own graduation had prepared me well. First, don't tell any jokes.

And by all means, keep it short. I cautiously surveyed the class for any expectant moms. Who could be sure, with those robes?

I began with a promise. I told the seniors I would be brief.

“I just want to talk to you for ten minutes,” I said. So I told a story or two, offered some quick snippets of old-man advice, and wished them well.

I was honored to be in the receiving line as each senior walked up to accept their diploma. From most of them, I got a handshake and a smile. One young lady walked up to me, offered her hand, and pointed at her watch. “Eleven minutes, and twenty seconds,” she said, rolling her eyes.

You may wonder if I was insulted by that. Absolutely not. I felt like I had completed her high school education, by sharing an important life lesson: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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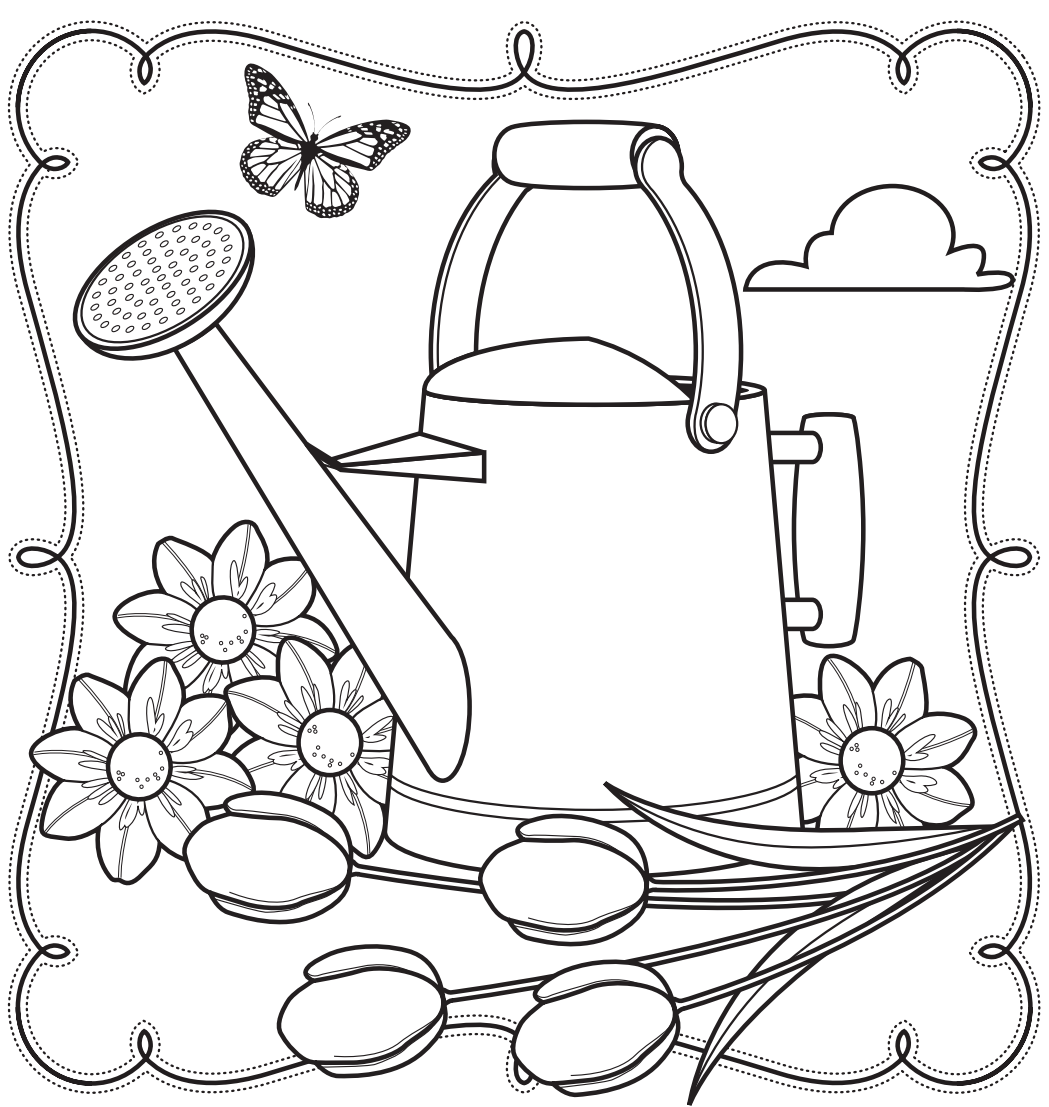


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ROSCOE'S TREASURE By Frances Milburn



Chapter 8: Looking for Dan

The story so far...

By the second Saturday, Belle's mom has given up hope that they will find the owner of the teeth. She takes Belle to neighboring Marysville to grocery shop. They get a flat tire, and a stranger changes it for them. Just before departing, he mentions that he's taking his father to the dentist because he lost his teeth.

Mom put the car in gear and raced after the stranger. But there was no sign of his gray pickup as we entered Marysville. "We've got to find him. It's a small town. We ought to be able to spot his truck," I said, searching the streets. But we drove around several blocks and didn't see his pickup truck anywhere.

"Too bad I didn't catch the license plate," Mom said sadly. "I guess we'll have to give up. I just don't know where else to look." She headed to the big grocery store and pulled into the parking lot.

"We shouldn't give up. Dan said he had to pick up his dad. So maybe he lives in one

of those senior living places. Can't we look around for one of those?"

"Oh Belle, I think you're getting carried away. I don't know where any of those places are here in Marysville. We don't know his last name." She sighed and looked over at me. I was feeling very disappointed. "Besides, his dad could live in his own house, or in a different town."

She opened the car door. I just sat in the car with my arms folded around my chest, feeling angry. "Come on," she said. "Let's go get the food. You can pick out something fun for dessert."

"How can you give up so easily?" I said. "After two weeks of nothing, we finally get a real clue. We probably found the owner, and now you want to give up? Go get the groceries. I don't care about picking out a dessert."

Mom shut the door and remained in the driver's seat. "Seriously, we don't even know that he's the right person."

"Well we should at least try to find him! He's the first real possibility we've found."

"Well, what do you suggest?"

"I don't know! You're the grown up. Don't you have any ideas?" I felt so close to tears that I looked out the window.

Mom started the car and headed back out of town towards home. We both were silent. Suddenly, Mom stopped. "Wait, Dan said he was going to take his dad to the dentist. There can't be that many dentists in Marysville." She pulled out her phone and began to search online. "Get out the notebook and pen from the glove compartment and write these names down..."

I wrote down the name and phone numbers of five dentists. Mom called the first three and got a message that said the office

was closed on Saturday. The fourth number got a live person. But after stumbling over how to phrase her question, Mom got a big fat zero. No patient with false teeth and no further assistance.

So it came down to the last dentist. Mom put her phone on speaker, and we waited while it rang...

"Hello, Dr. Whirley's office. How may I help you?" a friendly voice asked.

"My name is Sherri Mason. We found a set of dentures, and we're looking for an older gentleman who might be getting fitted for a new denture today with Dr. Whirley." Mom was speaking fast, so that she could get in the whole story before the voice hung up. "His son Dan helped us with a flat tire and happened to mention the dentist appointment. We found the denture plate a couple of weeks ago and have been looking for the owner ever since..."

"Just a minute, please." The voice wasn't quite as friendly. There was a long pause.

Finally a male voice came on. "Hi, this is Dan." Mom and I smiled with delight at each other.

"Listen, I'm the woman who had the flat tire. I know this will sound strange, but we may have found your dad's missing denture. Can we please come over and talk to you?"

When we walked into the dentist's office, the man who'd changed our tire came over with a puzzled look on his face. He didn't seem a bit scary without his hat and big jacket. "So, what is this about a denture you found? Dad's with the dentist. I just can't imagine that you could've found his teeth. We weren't even here in town when he lost it."

We sat down in the waiting room, Mom and I across from Dan. I was so excited I could hardly sit still. "My dog Roscoe came home with a set of false teeth a couple of weeks ago," I said.

Dan looked questionably at Mom. "It's true. He'd been gone a couple of days. When he returned, he had a denture plate in his mouth. Anyway we cleaned off the teeth, put an ad in the paper and talked to all the dentists in Atkins. We'd just about given up."

"Hmmm. You guys live in Atkins?"

"Yes. I know that's fifteen miles from here, but Roscoe was gone two days."

"When did you say this happened?" Dan knit his brow.

"Well, it was two weeks ago today." Mom replied. She looked at Dan, "Does that in any way match up to when your Dad lost his teeth?"

He laughed. "Well, our story started two weeks ago Wednesday when we took Dad out to dinner for his 80th birthday at Fannie's in Atkins. You see, we'd moved him into Hopkin's Assisted Living after his house sold. He was not very happy about the change, but we felt he just couldn't live on his own. Anyway, we'd taken him out for this nice dinner."

"Mr. Brewer?" A pretty girl with a black ponytail and a flowery lab coat was standing near the hallway to the back. "Dr. Whirley is ready to see you."

Dan stood up. "Listen, wait here. I'll put a hold on the new denture until we hear the rest of your story. I'd like Dad to hear this too." He followed the pretty girl into the back.

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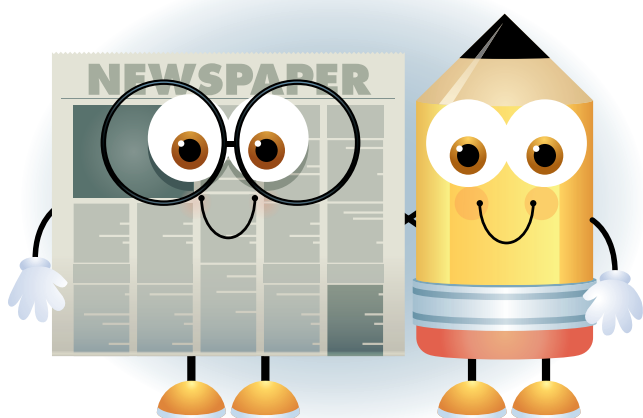
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CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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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.

FELTJA 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

Bids

NEWTON COUNTY School System
Current Solicitations

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(IFB C-393-13)
THE NEWTON County School System is soliciting sealed bids to obtain a qualified vendor to provide food for the School Nutrition Program.

INSTRUCTIONS
ALL SOLICITATION documents are located on the School System's e-procurement website at the following link:

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NOTE: YOU must be a registered supplier to obtain solicitation documents and participate in the solicitation. New suppliers must first complete the online registration process by selecting "Supplier Registration" at the link above to register your company, and obtain a username and password. All responses must be submitted electronically using the Newton County School System's e-procurement system.

IF YOU have any questions, please contact the Newton County School System's procurement department at 770-385-6874.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116804
5/10

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
5/5/3,10,17,24

CITATION

TO: JESSICA D. ESTRADA

BILL COOPER AND **TYNTHIA 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

Corporations

NOTICE IS given that Articles of Incorporation which incorporate **ENCORE EVENTS GEORGIA INC.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code O.C.G.A. Section 14-2-201.1. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 859 County Line Rd. W., Covington, Newton County, Georgia 30016, and its initial registered agent at such address is Tiffany J. Humphries.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116792
5/10,17

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate **Global Clarion Call Ministries Inc** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of

the corporation is located at 2135 Reynolds Street SW, Suite 106, Covington, GA, 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is Annette Stanley.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116791
5/10,17

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Phipps Quick Cash Homes Corporation have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 134 Fieldcrest Dr., Covington, GA, 30014 and its initial registered agent at such address is Jaquin Phipps.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116790
5/10,17

NOTICE OF INTENT TO VOLUNTARILY DISSOLVE A CORPORATION

NOTICE IS given that a notice of intent to dissolve **LINE HAUL, INC.,** A Georgia Corporation will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 14-2-1403.1 of the Georgia Business Corporation Code. All persons with claims against the Corporation shall file their claims, with all supporting documentation at the registered office of the Corporation within ninety (90) days after the filing of the notice of intent to dissolve or which arises after the filing of such notice, any claim against the Corporation will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two (2) years after publication of this notice, as provided in O.C.G.A. Section 14-2-1407 (B) of the Georgia Business Code.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116795
5/10,17

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

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 ANDRONY 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 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
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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.
P.O. BOX 1475
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

LINELL MARIE HARMON

Plaintiff,
-VS-
PATRICK JOHN HARMON
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-0808-5

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: PATRICK JOHN HARMON
S H E L L
COURT W

COLUMBUS, OH

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **APRIL 30, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **APRIL 6, 2020** (date of filing) **LINELL MARIE HARMON** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce without minor children.

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

WITNESS THE Honorable **W. KENDALL WYNNE, JR.,** Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 1st day of **MAY, 2020.**
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116805
5/10,17,24,31

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

LUSHAUNA GUNN

PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
FRED GUNN
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.:
SUCV2020000799-5

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: FRED GUNN
396 SWEET GUM ST
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA
30025

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **APRIL 20, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **APRIL 6, 2020** (date of filing) **LUSHAUNA GUNN** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce.

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

WITNESS THE Honorable **W. KENDALL WYNNE, JR.,** Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 24th day of **APRIL, 2020.**
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116794
5/10,17,24,31

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
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
165 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) Estate Harvey E. Hooks, 2) Kevin Eugene Hooks, individually and Co-Executor Estate Harvey E. Hooks, 3) Frank Wesley Potts, Co-Executor Estate Wesley E. Hooks, 4) Margaret M. Brady, 5) Unknown Heirs and Assigns Margaret M. Brady, 6) Estate Margaret M. Brady, 7) Unknown Administrators, Heirs and Assigns Estate Margaret M. Brady, 8) Newton County 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 00000 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 610, 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 609.

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 00000 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. Ogels

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
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **David D Littlejohn** and **Tiffany V Littlejohn** to Newton Federal Bank, dated March 28, 2007, recorded in Deed Book 2408, Page 167, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3066, Page 19, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to McCormick 106, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3817, Page 516, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$251,250.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 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 David D Littlejohn and Tiffany V Littlejohn or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **485 Stewart Road, Covington, Georgia 30016**.

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

MCCORMICK 106, LLC
AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **DAVID D** Littlejohn and Tiffany V Littlejohn

MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce, LLC
1544 OLD Alabama Road **ROSWELL, GA** 30076
WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET

EXHIBIT "A"
ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Rocky Plains District, in Land Lot 003 of the 8th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Tract 5 of E. F. Johnson Estate, 2.47 acres on Stewart Road, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 22, page 94, Newton County Records, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference thereto for a more complete description.

THIS IS the same property conveyed by Warranty Deed from Triple P Enterprises, Inc. to David D. Littlejohn dated June 23, 2006, and recorded in Deed book 2218, pages 129-130, Clerk's Office, Newton Superior Court.

MR/LWA 6/2/20
OUR FILE no. 5521519 - FT 17

PUBLIC NOTICE #116751
5/3,10,17,24,31

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER,
NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by Russell Barnes to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Novastar Mortgage Inc., its successors and assigns dated 12/28/2006 and recorded in Deed Book 2353 Page 550 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2007-1 NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$117,600.00, 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 (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on June 2, 2020 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 166 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 46 OF BERMUDA RUN SUBDIVISION, UNIT TWO, AS PER A PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGES 207-209, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS; WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

SAID PROPERTY IS KNOWN AS 180 BERMUDA RUN DRIVE, COVINGTON, GA 30016, TOGETHER WITH ALL FIXTURES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ATTACHED TO AND CONSTITUTING A PART OF SAID PROPERTY, IF ANY.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 180 Bermuda Run Drive, Covington, GA 30016

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **180 Bermuda Run Drive, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Russell Barnes or tenant or tenants.

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

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

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

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

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy

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

DEUTSCHE BANK National Trust Company, as Trustee for NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2007-1 NovaStar Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-1 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Russell Barnes

ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.
1017-3753A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1017-3753A

PUBLIC NOTICE #116758
5/3,10,17,24,31

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF NEWTON

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

BECAUSE OF a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **James F. Moss, Jr.** to New Century Mortgage Corporation dated May 24, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1920, Page 340, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC3 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$93,500.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, June 2, 2020, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 199, 9th Land District of Newton County, Georgia, and being shown as 1.171 acres on Moss Road on that plat of survey for James F. Moss Jr. prepared by Knight Surveying, Inc. and certified by John Elwin Knight, Georgia R.L.S. No. 1945; said plat being dated February 8, 2000, revised May 30, 2000, and being recorded in Plat Book 34, Page 89, Public records of Newton County, Georgia, and said plat by reference thereto being incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular description of the property hereby conveyed.

SAID PROPERTY is known as **118 Moss Road, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

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

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

THE PROPERTY is or may be in the possession of James F. Moss, Jr., successor in interest or tenant(s).

DEUTSCHE BANK National Trust Company, as Trustee, for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2005-NC3 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates as Attorney-in-Fact for James F. Moss, Jr.

FILE NO. 08-003395
SHAPIRO PENDERGAST & HASTY, LLP*

ATTORNEYS AND Counselors at Law

211 PERIMETER Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 300
ATLANTA, GA 30346
(770) 220-2535/HG
SHAPIROANDHASTY.COM
***THE LAW FIRM** IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116789
5/3,10,17,24,31

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF NEWTON

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

BECAUSE OF a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Willie Heard, Jr. and Vickie L. Heard a/k/a Vicki L. Heard** to Westminster Mortgage Corporation dated March 2, 2001, and recorded in Deed Book 1016, Page 36, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Indenture Trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2018-GS3, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$90,195.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, June 2, 2020, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 89 and 104 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, and being shown as Lot 21, of Creekside Manor Subdivision, Phase II, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 35, Page 46, and revised at Plat Book 35, Page 150, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference for a more complete and particular description.

SAID PROPERTY is known as **80 Cross Creek Drive, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and

personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

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

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

THE PROPERTY is or may be in the possession of Willie Heard, Jr. and Vicki L. Heard, a/k/a Vickie L. Heard, successor in interest or tenant(s).

U.S. BANK National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Indenture Trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2018-GS3 as Attorney-in-Fact for Willie Heard, Jr. and Vickie L. Heard a/k/a Vicki L. Heard

FILE NO. 06-4123

SHAPIRO PENDERGAST & HASTY, LLP*

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PUBLIC NOTICE #116788
5/3,10,17,24,31

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

IN RE the Name Change of:
JAMIE LYNN FARMER
PETITIONER
CIVIL ACTION File Number:
2020-CV-869-1

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE
NAME OF ADULT

JAMIE LYNN FARMER filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on April 23, 2020 to change the name from JAMIE LYNN FARMER to JAMIE LYNN SORROW. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED APRIL 23rd, 2020

JAMIE L. FARMER
150 RIVER MIST DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

NOTICE #116793
5/10,17,24,31

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Sanchez Antonio Mann
PLAINTIFF
V.
OBJECTORS AND
MARZUETTE ANTONIA Smith
DEFENDANT
CIVIL ACTION No: 2020-CV-629-1

TO: MARZUETTE Antonia Smith

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER for service by publication dated the 24th day of March, 2020, you are hereby notified that on the 12th day of March, 2020, Kadey Dominique Mann filed suit against you for a petition to change the name of Sanchez Antonio Mann.

YOU ARE required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and to serve upon plaintiff's attorney, James E. Carter, Esq. an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication.

WITNESS, The honorable Eugene M. Benton, Judge of this Superior Court.

THIS 9TH day of April, 2020.

LINDA D Hays
CLERK, SUPERIOR COURT
FOR: **JAMES E.** Carter, Esq.
C A R T E R
CROMWELL Law Grp
199 WEST
Jefferson Street
MADISON,
GA 30650

PUBLIC NOTICE #116767
4/26,5/3,10,17

Notice of Proceedings

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF
RIGHT TO REDEEM
[REF. O.C.G.A., Section 48-4-5 et seq.; 48-4-45 & 48-4-46]

TO: **LITTON** LOAN
SERVICING LP or its Unknown
Successors, Assigns, or Shareholders
T E N A N T / O W N E R /
OCCUPANT OF 6120 RUTH
STREET, AND ALL PERSONS
KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HAVING
OF RECORD IN NEWTON COUNTY
ANY RIGHT, TITLE, INTEREST
IN, OR LIEN UPON 6120 RUTH
STREET

RE: **FORECLOSURE** OF
EQUITY OF REDEMPTION FOR
TAX SALE DEED (REF. O.C.G.A. §
48-4-45, 46)

TAKE NOTICE that:

THE RIGHT to redeem the following described property, to wit will expire and be forever foreclosed and barred as of four o'clock (4 p.m.) on and after April 2, 2020, or within 30 days after legal service of the Notice pursuant to OCGA 48-4-45 et seq., whichever date is later:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lots 236, 237, and 250 of the 9th District, Newton County, Georgia; being known and designated as Lot 110 of Walkers Bend Subdivision. Said tract being more particularly described in a survey for Walker's Bend by John F. Brewer, R.L.S. Number 2905,

dated 10/06/2004, Said plat is filed for record and recorded 10/21/2004 in Plat Book 42, page(s) 46-59, Newton County Records, the same is incorporated herein, and made a part hereof by reference.

THAT PROPERTY known as **6120 RUTH STREET** according to the present system of numbering homes and having tax parcel identification number C063A 110 (a/k/a C063A 00000 110 000).

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated December 4, 2018, and is recorded at Deed Book 3786, Page 614 in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed on or before the time and date stated above by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address:

CF PROPERTIES GROUP, LLC
C/O JOHN Coleman, Esq.
COLEMAN LAW, LLC
675 SEMINOLE Avenue, Suite 302
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30307
404.974.4537

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116743
4/19,26,5/3,10

Public Hearings

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON County

A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP20-000002) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO:

ALEXANDR RUSU

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 41 KENT ROCK RD & OLD HWY 138 CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 10.22 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCELS 36-23 & 36-23A.

APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ESTABLISH A TRUCK PARKING AND REPAIR BUSINESS.

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE:

26TH DAY OF MAY, 2020 AT 7:00PM

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE:

16TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020 AT 7:30 PM

THE PUBLIC hearing will occur in the Newton County Historic Courthouse, located at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, Georgia 30014, Second Floor. In light of the public health emergency, the meeting may be held telephonically instead of at the above-listed address – in which case, public call-in information will be published in advance of the meeting. The purpose of the public hearing shall be for public review. All Newton County residents and any other affected and/or interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information on this case please contact Tracy Hernandez at 770-784-2018, Shena Applewhite at 678-625-1231 or Judy Johnson at 678-625-1656. Updated information will also be posted at the following link as it becomes available https://www.ncboc.com/196/Development-Services

PUBLIC NOTICE #116802
5/10

REZONING PETITION
GEORGIA, NEWTON County

A PETITION (REZ20-000003) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A REZONING FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO

ALEXANDR RUSU

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 41 KENT ROCK RD & OLD HWY 138 CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 10.22 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCELS 36-23 & 36-23A.

THE PETITIONER HAS INITIATED A REZONE REQUEST FROM AR (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL TO CH (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL)

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE:

26TH DAY OF MAY, 2020 AT 7:00PM

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PUBLIC NOTICE #116801
5/10

OBITUARIES

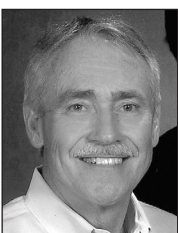
STEPHEN WAYNE NORMAN

Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home

Stephen Wayne Norman of Newborn, passed away Saturday, May 2, 2020, at the age of 72. Mr. Norman was a 1965 graduate of Newton County High School where he played both baseball and football. He attended Middle Georgia College, from 1966-1967, before transferring to the University of West Georgia where he graduated in 1970. Following graduation, Mr. Norman began his career as patrolman with the Atlanta Police Department, in 1971, and was later promoted to Sergeant and Detective of Intelligence Division. Additionally, he courageously served as a member of the SWAT team. In 1989, he transitioned and took the role of Director of Strategic Security with the Coca-Cola Company. This new opportunity allowed him to travel the world extensively – attending many Olympic games and World Cup soccer games before retiring in 2009. Mr. Norman also proudly served in the Army National Guard. He was a member of Central Community Church, in Covington, and an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and riding his Harley Davidson. Most importantly, though, he loved his family immensely and cherished the time spent with them. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lubie C. and Mary Alice (Mask) Norman.

Survivors include his loving wife, Rita Dimsdale Norman; children and their spouses, Aimee Bragg, Michael and Rhonda Norman, Lisa Norman, Jeffrey and Christa Norman, Abbey and Matt Bruno, Ashley and Caleb Smith; grandchildren, Dennis Knowles, Jr., Dawson Knowles, Jesse Porch, Madison Norman, Caroline Phillips, Westyn Porch, Silas Smith, Navia Mann, Shepherd Smith, Sully Smith, River Norman; sister and brother-in-law, Rhonda and Judge Samuel D. Ozburn; as well as two nephews.

A Private Cryptside Service was held Wednesday, May 6, 2020, 11:00 AM, at Memory Chapel Mausoleum in Lawnwood Memorial Park, 1111 Access Road, in Covington, with Pastor Darrell Allen, Judge Samuel D. Ozburn and Mr. Don Dimsdale officiating. Donations may be made in Stephen’s memory to the Alzheimer’s Association Georgia Chapter, 41 Perimeter Center East, Suite 550, Atlanta, GA 30346.



ROBERT WAYNE ELLIS

Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home

Robert Wayne Ellis of Oxford, passed away Friday, May 1, 2020, at the age of 76. Mr. Ellis valiantly served his country in the United States Army Reserves. Strong in his faith, he was a longtime member of Macedonia Baptist Church, in Oxford, and was the proud owner and operator of Ellis Masonry. Mr. Ellis enjoyed trout fishing in the mountains

of Hiawassee and listening to traditional country and blue grass music. He loved his family dearly and will be missed by all who knew him. Mr. Ellis was preceded in death by his parents, Bob Ellis and Sue Bartlett; brother, Rickie Ellis.

Survivors include his loving wife of 55 years, Martha Ellis; daughter and son-in-law, Sheilah and Melvin Coles; son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Sherry Ellis; grandchildren and their

spouses, Jeremy Coles, Jared and Ashley Coles, Anna Grace and Trevor Allen, Chase Ellis, Caleb Ellis; great-grandsons, Camden, Case, Mason, and one on the way; sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Jimmy Ward; brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Gayla Ellis; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service for Mr. Ellis was held Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 12:30 P.M., at Macedonia Baptist

Church Cemetery, 108 W. Macedonia Church Road, in Oxford, with Pastor David Shelton officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Memorial Honor Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

RAYMOND TERRELL THOMAS

Lester Lackey and Sons Funeral Home

Raymond Terrell Thomas was born July 23, 1977, to the late Raymond & Shirley Thomas. He was the youngest of two children. Terrell was educated in the Newton County School System and graduated from Newton High School in 1997.

On the evening of April 9, 2020, Terrell transi-

tioned to his heavenly home as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Shirley Thomas and a remarkably close friend—Tony Hubert.

Terrell leaves precious memories with his sister Mr. & Mrs. Henry (Shari) Clay; nieces, Shemaiah Lawrence and Messiah Thomas; nephew, Tobiah Thomas; four

great-nieces, McKenzie Lawrence, Carlyn Anderson, Morgan Cook, Kennedy Thomas and a great-nephew, Mace Baynes; aunts, Mr. & Mrs. Richard (Rebecca) Hubbard, Mrs. Louise Sanford, Mrs. Roxie Patton, Mrs. Kathryn Smith, Mrs. Patricia Benton, Mr. & Mrs. Robert (Carolyn) Aiken; uncles, Mr. & Mrs. Linton (Marva) Thomas and Mr. & Mrs. Allen (Shirley) Thom-

as; Lifelong friend and nephews; Gayla Smith, Rodriquez Smith, Jr. (RJ) and Jayden Smith; special cousin, friend, co-worker—Greg Usher and a host of other relatives and several friends.

A service was held on Friday, April 17, 2020, 11 A.M, at Springfield Memorial Gardens, with Dr. Eric Wendell Lee, Sr. officiating.

SHEILA DENISE MARKS

Lester Lackey and Sons Funeral Home

Sheila Denise Marks was born on May 19, 1961, in Newton County to Mrs. Thelma Banks and Mr. Arthur Zachery. She attended school in Newton County, at an early age she joined James Paschal Baptist Church, she later joined New Growth Baptist Church.

On Sunday, April 26, 2020, at 11:30 A.M., she slipped the boards of earth and departed this earthly life. She is preceded in death by her father, Mr. Arthur Zackery; devoted stepfather, Mr. Fillmore Banks; loving grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Homer (Willie M.) Marks.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories, loving sons, Mr. Ronny D.

Smith, Mr. Lavoris Hardeman and Mr. Shadarrian Smith; loving mother, Mrs. Thelma Banks; grandchildren, Tyquan Dickerson, Sharya Smith, Cassius Law, Shadarrian Smith, II; siblings, Mr. Danny Banks, Mr. & Mrs. Willie (Pam) Lackey, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne (Terrell) Banks, Monticello, GA; Mr. Gabriel (Melissa) Banks, Conyers, GA. A special aunt Patricia

Marks; special nephews, Rico & Jaylen Lackey; a devoted friend, Mr. Anthony Smith and a host of other loving family and friends.

A service was held on Saturday, May 2, 2020, noon, at Bethabara Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery with Reverend William H. Gaither officiating.

GERALD JEROME PORTER

Lester Lackey and Sons Funeral Home

Mr. Gerald Jerome Porter was born January 19, 1955, to the late Luther and Elzora Pledger Porter.

Gerald was preceded in

death by parents Luther and Elzora Porter, sister, Dorothy Lue Bell.

He leaves to cherish his memories his “Saving Grace”, sister, Mother Sir Lillian Knox; loving sons, Christopher (Olivia Jones) Smith,

Seneca (Onitara Key) Williams, Contrairious Porter, Shantrell Porter, Monquavius Russell; sister, Burnice Jackson; brother, Charles (Mary) Porter; daughter, Shy-nethia Russell; thirteen grandchildren and a

host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A service was held on Thursday, May 7, 2020, 1 P.M. at Pleasant Hill A.M.E. Zion Cemetery, with Reverend Gwendolyn Moore officiating.

JAMES ROLLERSON

Young-Levett Funeral Home

Mr. James Rollerson of Covington, Georgia passed on May 3, 2020. Funeral service will be held in Charleston, S.C.

CONCURRENT NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF FINDING NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

AND NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 9, 2020
City of Oxford
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Oxford.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 27, 2020 the City of Oxford will submit a request to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the West Oxford Water Project for the purpose of replacing the water main along Oxford Road, Perry Circle, Keel Street, Cat’s Paw Court, and Beakhead Court. The estimated funding amount is \$750,000 with a required match of \$584,630.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Oxford has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, the City of Oxford has decided that an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the City of Oxford at 110 West Clark Street, Oxford, Georgia 30054. The document may be examined or copied between the hours of 9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Oxford. All comments received by the close of business on May 25th, 2020 will be considered by the City of Oxford City Council prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Oxford certifies to DCA that David Eady in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. DCA’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Oxford to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCA will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Oxford City Council’s certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Oxford City Council; (b) the City of Oxford City Council has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DCA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs at the Office of Community Development, 60 Executive Park South NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30329. Potential objectors should contact DCA at (404) 679-4840 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

David S. Eady, Mayor of the City of Oxford

BETTY JEAN HENRY
J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home

Mrs. Betty Jean Henry, age 83, of Covington passed away Friday, May 1, 2020. She was born September 12, 1936 in Stone Mountain, Georgia to Omer and Elizabeth Thompson Sharpton who have preceded her in death. Mrs. Henry grew up in Avondale Estates and was a graduate of Avondale High School. She enjoyed spending time with her family and always enjoyed having everyone at her home for “Family Sunday’s”. Mrs. Henry was a member of Eastside Baptist Church and currently a member of Belmont Baptist Church. She worked for several banks throughout her career and worked her way from a Teller, to Head Teller, and was a Loan Officer at her time of retirement. Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her husband William F. Henry and her son Tony Henry.

Mrs. Henry is survived by her daughter Dianne Vater

of Macon, her son William F. “Bill” Henry of Covington, her daughter-in-law Trudy Henry of Covington, her grandchildren Nicole Hill (Jesse), Jessica Vater, Delayney, Jacob (Courtney), Barrett, Jared, Peyton, Jackson, and Neely Henry, her great grandchildren Georgia, Grant, and Ansley Hill, and Lakley Henry. Her brother J.C. Sharpton of Acworth also survives her along with many nieces, nephews, other family, and close friends as well as her friends from The Oaks and Ashton Hills.

Graveside services will be held at 3 o’clock Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at New Covington Cemetery. The family regrets that due to the Covid 19/Coronavirus recommendations the services must be private. Those desiring may leave condolences on-line at www.harwellfuneralhome.com.

The family has selected J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home to assist them with the arrangements.

ELLEN FRANCES BAGBY
Lester Lackey and Sons Funeral Home

Ms. Ellen Frances Bagby was born on January 27, 1947, to the late Mrs. Hazel Bagby (Chaney) and Mr. Elie Bagby of Covington, GA.

Ellen was known to mostly everyone as “Nanny”, regardless of who you were she would always say I’m everyone’s “Nanny”. She was employed by Hercules Manufacturing before her retirement in 1997.

After her retirement, she was focused and dedicated to taking care of her family as usual.

She enjoyed cleaning her yard, cooking, cleaning her house, doing word searches and dedicated to raising all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Tiki Chaney; sister, Bertha Chaney and two brothers, Johnny Bagby and Leonard Bagby.

many years. After leaving Universal Rental, he started doing Construction work until his health declined. He loved Drag Racing, sitting around with his buddies drinking his Colt 45 while listening to Al Green Old School and watching Western movies.

Charles transitioned to his earthly home on April 16, 2020. He is preceded in death by one daughter, Ms. Tawana Bradley

Mr. Charles Peters was born on July 8, 1949, to the late Mr. & Mrs. Tommie Lee (Ollie Mae) Peters.

He attended and received his education at Carver High in Monroe, Georgia. He married his High School love of his life in 1972.

Charles was employed at Universal Rental for

and one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Shalter Rogers Jennings.

He leaves to mourn a loving, caring wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Peters; four children, Mr. Alexander Jennings, Ms. Jackie Bradley, Mr. Brian Kelly and Mr. Kenyon Kelly; one sister, Mr. & Mrs. William (Mary Pumpkin) Scott; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Hattie Kate Rooks and Ms. Geneva M. Jennings; eighteen

grandchildren, Mr. & Mrs. Jerenate (Anastasia) Thomas, Kimberly Stanley, Shaneka & Shameka Stanley, Jamal Bradley, Keyon Kelly, Shakina Henderson, Jr., Kimberly Johnson and Alex DeCarson Jennings; ten great-grandchildren and a host of uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Local healthcare professional answers COVID-19 questions

Dr. Arona speaks with Newton BOC

By **MASON WITTNER**
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COVINGTON — During the Newton County Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday night, Dr. Audrey Arona, district health director and CEO of Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale County Health Departments, joined the call and spent 30 minutes fielding questions from the commissioners.

Below you’ll find a transcript of some the most pertinent answers she provided in an attempt to shed more light on COVID-19:

Q: We are excited to have you in the meeting with us

tonight. If you will, could you please give us an update on COVID-19?

A: “Thank you, chairman. Thank you so much. I am just so grateful to be able to be here with you guys tonight. I feel led to have taken this position for such a time as this. I’m just daily in prayer asking for guidance and wisdom every day. I’m just so grateful to work for counties, including yours, that are just so supportive and so wonderful in terms of keeping community’s hearts as a priority. I’m just grateful to you, commissioners, and chairmen. Let me start with some numbers.

First of all, worldwide we have over 3.6 million cases now and we have over a quarter of a million deaths. The United States has over 1.2 million cases now, and

we topped over 70,000 deaths. Georgia has 29,769 cases now — almost 30,000 — with 292 deaths. In our district, Gwinnett has 2,094 cases with 77 deaths, Newton County has 213 cases with eight deaths, and Rockdale has 203 cases with six deaths. Our median age for cases is 48. For the deaths, the median age is 79 years old. And, of the deaths, 86% of those were hospitalized. We do have a COVID-19 snapshot that’s on our website now at gnrhealth.com.

If you click on ‘More Information’ under the COVID-19 bullet and scroll down, you’ll see a document and right below the map, information will come up. This is basically information about male/female, race, ethnicity. It’s also got our case history — confirmed and presumptive cases —and a graph on



Dr. Audrey Arona

the back wits one other data as well. That is updated right now weekly every Monday night at midnight, so if you look at that [Tuesday] it’s up-to-date information. I’m trying to update it more than once a week right now, but it’s pretty labor-intensive, so we’re going to try to do that. Of our testing, we have increased and ramped up our testing to where we’ve conducted over 6,150 tests now. We have about a 10% positivity rate overall. We tested at the Georgia International Horse Park last Friday and did 1,189 tests, and there was a 5% positivity rate for that. So, our largest spot has a lower positivity rate, but overall it’s around a 10% positivity rate.

Right now, we’re testing Monday through Thursday — everywhere in Gwinnett County, and in central locations for Newton and Rockdale. We have been at Cousins Middle School this week, but this is the last week we’re going to be able to use that facility because they want to get back into the school and do something things there. So we’re going

to shift over now to the Newton Career Academy, which is a really nice play. Thank you for that, commissioner. We’re still going to do Monday through Thursday.

We do have a test site in Gwinnett on Saturday mornings, and we will if there was a need for it in Newton and Rockdale, but we haven’t

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CITY OF OXFORD PUBLIC HEARING FY2021 BUDGET REVIEW AND ADOPTION

A Public Hearing on the FY2021 Budget is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. At this meeting, the Mayor and Council will receive both written and oral comments about the Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Oxford. A copy of the budget is available in the office of the City Clerk at City Hall for public inspection.

The City Council will review the Budget during its meeting after the Public Hearing on May 18, 2020. The Council is scheduled to adopt the Budget at its regular meeting on Monday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be held via teleconference.

A link will be posted on the city’s website for those interested in joining the public hearing via the internet. To join via telephone, please call 650-215-5226. The access code is 140 882 030.

Marcia Brooks
City Clerk

GRANT

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Since Melton issued the first judicial emergency order in mid-March, courts have remained open to handle critical and essential court services.

Under the new extension order, courts will be urged to develop plans for restoring non-critical operations that can be conducted remotely by videoconferencing or by maintaining adherence to public health guidelines.

Increasing the use of remote judicial proceedings where legally permitted is aimed at

limiting the backlog once the emergency order is ended.

The state Supreme Court has set an example by starting to hold hearings via remote videoconferencing.

Melton has created a special task force to help courts conduct remote proceedings and develop plans for the safe resumption of more extensive in-court proceedings, including jury trials and grand jury proceedings.

The task force will include judges from every category of courts, civil trial lawyers, court clerks and sheriffs.

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ARONA

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week now, and our goal is to get to 4,000 tests per week. We're on track to do that.

We're just trying to build up our test kit supplies in order to be able to do that. So, we're looking also at a second location in Gwinnett County to fit more in the Norcross area because we believe that there's a lot of the population that doesn't have vehicle access to get to our other places, so we're looking for sites in that location as well. We also have ramped up our case investigation epidemiology team because all the positives in Georgia are reported for our district to the health department. We've also had to increase our contact-tracing staff because every time we have a positive, we now have to track their contacts, so we've been doing that as well. Our system is set up so that all the negatives are in portal access for patients, so we don't have to record all the negatives, just those who don't want to or can't use the portal.

The National Guard has been testing and all of their results need to be called upon, so we're doing about 1,000 to 1,200 results for them every week as well. That's getting a little bit easier, but I still do request that if anyone is test by the National Guard, if they would please let me know so I can reach out because we are sometimes unaware that the National Guard has been there.

I really want people to get timely results so that we don't have any trouble.

You guys have probably all heard about this new drug called Remdesivir, which is an IV medication given to patients who are severely ill with COVID-19. It's shown to be about 31% of the patients that get this are better recovered quicker, so it's showing some promise. It's made by Gilead, and Gilead is donating over a million doses for this. This was a medication that was investigated at the time of our ebola days, so that looks very promising. Although in China, they have some reports that it wasn't working as well. But here we've had some luck. Oxford University is also looking at a vaccine, and it's very promising looking in monkeys. So they've accelerated to human studies now, so we're hoping that by the first of the year that might be available."

"I'll now open up for any follow-up questions you may have for me."

Q: You turn on the news and you hear of a new possible vaccine every day. The vaccine that you mentioned, do you believe the fourth quarter of the year is quickest we'll see some type of vaccine on that scale?

A: "There are nine vaccines that I know of that are being developed and looked into. This is the one that showed the most promise that I'm aware of out of Oxford University. I can't imagine we'll an available vaccine before the fall. We're very close to the fall

anyway. Dr. Fauci thinks it might be available by January, and I did some research and they're really pushing to try to get this out sooner. That's the one I know has the most progress."

Q: Do you know any statistical data on if we're testing our first responders on a consistent basis?

A: "We have been testing symptomatic first responders. Now we're testing asymptomatic first responders and health care workers. We're still testing those who have developed symptoms, but we've been testing that group all along. That's why our positivity rate was higher to begin with. It was 16% initially because our health care workers and first responders were the ones we were testing, plus those that have high-risk factors."

Q: For those that have contracted the virus and already recovered, do we know if it's a possibility that they can get reinfected with COVID-19?

A: "We don't know the answer to that question. There have been cases that appear the same person has been infected twice, but the real question is, were they just lingered and then they had a second wave of it before they completely recovered? The antibody test hopefully, over time, will give us more of those types of answers. But until we have more data and research, we won't really be able to answer that question."

Salvation Army reopens Covington Family Store

Now operating three days per week thru May

By **MASON WITTNER**
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COVINGTON — The Salvation Army is reopening its family store in Covington this week.

The Covington Family Store closed its doors at the end of March in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. While its food pantry and financial assistance program for utilities continued standard operations, the store itself was closed throughout the month of April.

"We took that time to close, really go through our cleaning process here in the center and make sure that all of our store operations would be functional for the new way that we opened our business," Director Steve Wallace said.

Beginning on Wednesday, May 6, the location will be open three days a week — Wednesday, Thursday, Friday — from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For the time being, however, donations will only be accepted on Mondays.

Wallace explained the reasoning behind limiting donations to one day a week, noting that donated items must be quarantined for 72 hours before employees can handle them.

"One day a week is probably all that we can handle for now as we rotate those donations out of the warehouse and into the store," he said.

The Covington Family Store will continue following CDC recommendations for keeping its facility safe for employees and customers. Hand-sanitizing equipment will be placed at several locations throughout the store, gloves and masks will be made available and social-distancing measures — such as limiting the number of customers permitted inside at one time — will be enforced.

The end goal is to return to operating six days a week, but the store's top priority at this time is ensuring customer and employee safety.

"On behalf of The Salvation Army, and of all the people that have supported us for so many years, we're blessed and honored to be able to reopen back to the community in a very safe, very protected environment," Wallace said. "We certainly want to continue to provide resources to our community in every way we can. We're honored to have this sort of grand reopening week. We hope the public will come out and enjoy some time with us."

LENDMARK

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difference through the production and distribution of reusable masks.

Lendmark Financial Services, a direct-to-consumer installment lender, was deemed an essential business and has remained in operation throughout the pandemic. All 348 locations in 19 states have continued to engage with consumers to help them navigate through

the crisis and aid them with any financial issues they may face.

"Our driving factor, our goal is to make sure that we provide for the safety and welfare of our employees because they are engaging directly with the consumer throughout this entire process," Joe Burgamy, Chief Operating Officer of Lendmark Financial Services, explained.

Four weeks ago, on a company-wide conference call, more than 60 Lend-

mark employees — they hailed from branches spread out across the country — pledged to begin sewing reusable masks. They began by making masks for themselves and local employees, but eventually began to distribute them to other Lendmark locations.

With the Covington location on Usher Street serving as the primary distribution center, more than 2,200 reusable masks have now been shipped through Lendmark to its various branches in

Georgia and abroad.

"When our employees stepped up like that to make reusable masks on behalf of the company, it absolutely just spoke volumes of the quality of the employees and the spirit that we have in fighting this together," Burgamy said. "I could not be more proud of what Lendmark has done and what our employees have been able to do through this crisis."

Burgamy added that there have been numerous

similar stories of companies stepping up to help provide Lendmark's frontline employees with the necessary PPE to continue operation.

Among those eager to step in and provide assistance was Mayfield Ace Hardware on Elm Street. Lendmark struggled for weeks to order PPE in bulk from any major chain supplier. After striking out from the likes of Office Depot and Home Depot, one of Lendmark's branch administrators reached out and

asked local Ace Hardware owner Lee Mayfield if he could be of assistance.

Mayfield sold Lendmark 400 boxes of latex gloves with 100 pairs of gloves in each box.

"It just speaks to who we are, who we want to be inside the community," Burgamy said. "I've lived in Covington the last 16 years. I just love the community, and I love that we can partner with businesses just like that."

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