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# Celebrate all military this May

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Memorial Day is celebrated each May to commemorate the people who died in service of the United States of America.

Even though barbecues and visions of the upcoming summer weather may command much of the attention come Memorial Day weekend, the holiday really serves as a remembrance for those military members who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country, as well as the personnel who continue to protect and serve today.

## Memorial Day origins

Memorial Day was first known as Decoration Day and was borne out of the Civil War. on May 30, 1868, General John Logan, a national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, decreed General Order No. 11, which designated the day for the "purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." May 30th was

chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

It took several years for the first state to recognize the holiday, which New York adopted in 1873. By 1890, all northern states recognized Decoration Day. When the holiday changed from commemorating those who died fighting the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war after World War I, the South began to recognize it as well.

## Honoring the military

Although Memorial Day pays homage to the

brave people who perished fighting for their country, it also is an opportunity to recognize the military men and women and their families who continue to work to ensure the freedom of Americans.

The United States Armed Forces is renowned for its size and strength. Various sources suggest the size of the United States military is somewhere between 1.4 and 1.6 million active service people. The military is comprised of the Army, Army National Guard, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Each of these military branches also has

its own reserves.

There are many ways to honor active, reserve and former veterans, as well as those who died in service of their country.

- Help Veterans of Foreign Wars distribute red poppies as a visual reminder of the military's efforts.

- Volunteer at a veterans' hospital or visit a wounded veteran at home.

- Offer financial, legal or career expertise through the Corporation for National & Community Service (serve.gov).

- Help to maintain the veteran area of a nearby cemetery. Place flags on all

of the graves.

- Befriend military families who frequently relocate, making a concerted effort to welcome them into your community.

- Educate children about past wars and the services the military provides.

- Visit a military museum or historic site.

- Observe the National Moment of Remembrance at 3 pm local time for one minute.

- Post a message to the troops at the USO website (uso.org).

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# How Memorial Day and Veterans Day are different

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Memorial Day and Veterans Day each honor the military, though the two holidays are not the same. Memorial Day, which is celebrated annually on the last Monday in May, honors the brave men and women who lost their lives while serving in the American military. Many communities host memorial ceremonies honoring their fallen soldiers on Memorial Day, ensuring such soldiers' bravery and sacrifices are never forgotten. While many people

now view Memorial Day weekend as the unofficial start of summer, the weekend should not be celebrated without also pausing to reflect on and recognize the military personnel who lost their lives in defense of freedom and the American way of life. Veterans Day is celebrated annually on November 11 and recognizes all men and women who have served in the military. Veterans Day coincides with Remembrance Day, which is celebrated by the Commonwealth of Nations, an association of 53 member

states with connections to the British Empire. Though Veterans Day and Remembrance Day are each celebrated on November 11, the latter recognizes armed forces members who died in the line of duty, making it more similar to Memorial Day than Veterans Day. It's not uncommon for people to recognize fallen soldiers on Veterans Day, but many use the holiday to express their appreciation to existing veterans.

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On Memorial Day, we pause to reflect on the service and sacrifice of the men and women of our Armed Forces. We honor the memory of those who lost their lives protecting our nation's freedom, and we salute all those who have served in our military past and present. Their selfless dedication reminds us that freedom is not free, and we will never forget their courage and extraordinary contribution to our country.

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# 3 unique ways to give back to service members

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Military service in the United States was once more common than it is today. According to the Council on Foreign Relations, the draft for military service was ended in 1973, a point in time when 2.2 million men and women made up the country's active military personnel. By 2018, the number had dipped below 1.3 million. Military service in Canada is also somewhat uncommon, as the Department of National Defence reports that active military person-

nel totaled just 68,000 as of 2018.

The vast majority of people in countries where military service is not compulsory will never serve in the military. But that does not mean non-military personnel do not appreciate the sacrifices service members and their families make. In fact, a recent report conducted for Canada's Department of National Defence found that while many Canadians seem only vaguely aware of what their military does, appreciation for service members was high.

Service members and their families make many sacrifices to protect the lives and freedoms of their fellow citizens. The following are three unique ways to give back to these selfless men and women, who often benefit greatly from even the simplest of gestures.

## 1. Serve as a driver for veterans.

Unfortunately, many service members return from overseas missions with disabilities, some of which prevent them from driving. Adults who want to help service members can serve

as drivers for veterans who can't drive themselves. Such a gesture ensures they won't miss any appointments with doctors or physical therapists, helping them get on the road to recovery that much quicker.

## 2. Donate your airline miles.

Some disabled veterans receive medical treatments far away from home at facilities that specialize in treating certain types of injuries, which can make it difficult for their families to be there for them during their recoveries. By donat-

ing airline miles to military families, ordinary adults can ensure injured servicemen and -women can still see their families during difficult times in their lives. Access to such support systems can be a big help as veterans work to recover from their injuries.

## 3. Sponsor a service dog.

A significant percentage of veterans return home with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. PTSD has been linked to a host of conditions, including depression and anxiety. However, programs such as

Companions for Heroes, an organization that places service dogs with veterans, has helped many veterans successfully cope with PTSD. By sponsoring a service dog through an organization such as Companions for Heroes, adults who want to help service members can provide an invaluable service to men and women fighting to regain their quality of life.

There are many ways for ordinary citizens to show their support for the brave men and women who selflessly serve in the military.

## ★ Remember... Freedom is not Free!

On Memorial Day, we dedicate our thanks to those who dedicated their lives to this great country. Their courage, service and sacrifice will never be forgotten. We salute the military heroes we have lost, and those who continue to protect our freedom today.

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# Memorial Day BBQ tips

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Memorial Day weekend marks the unofficial start of summer. For many, Memorial Day weekend also signifies their first chance to invite friends and family over for a backyard barbecue. While some never put their grills away for the winter, braving the cold so they can keep grilling year-round, many may need a refresher to ensure their Memorial Day BBQ starts summer off on the right foot.

- Stock up on supplies. Before hosting your first backyard barbecue, take inventory of your supplies, making sure you have a spatula, tongs, oven mitts, a sturdy grill brush, and other accessories you may need during grilling season.

Check each item to make sure it's not worse for wear and do the same with the grill as well. Replace supplies that have too much wear and tear in advance.

- Designate some time to do some cleaning. Even if you cleaned the grill and patio furniture before putting the items in storage for the winter, they likely will need to be cleaned again before you host your first soiree of the season. Remove any dust and check for spider webs or signs of other critters that might have made your furniture home over the cold winter. Droppings from rodents can be dangerous, and spiders can bite unsuspecting grillmasters. Clean patio furniture before putting it out as well.

- Find some new recipes.

Hot dogs and hamburgers are perfectly acceptable backyard barbecue fare, but hosts who want to treat their guests to something new this summer can find a host of recipes online. Consider recipes for grilled vegetables so vegetarian guests can enjoy freshly grilled foods alongside your other guests.

- Get guests home safe. Memorial Day gatherings tend to be festive, but keep an eye on guests to ensure that no one consumes an excessive amount of alcohol. Keep a list of local cab companies on hand or download a car service app to your smartphone so safe means of transportation are always within reach.

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# Combat veterans and the threat posed by PTSD

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Every day men and women in the military put themselves in harm's way to protect the lives and freedoms of their fellow countrymen. These brave men and women pay a steep price for their service, spending time away from their loved ones and putting themselves at risk of long-term physical and mental injuries.

Many men and women, even those who never served in the military, are aware of post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, a mental health problem that

some people develop after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event. Combat veterans are vulnerable to PTSD, and the percentage of veterans who deal with it each day is alarming. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as many as 20 percent of veterans who served during Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom have PTSD. In addition, the USDVA notes that estimates now suggest as many as 30 percent of Vietnam veterans have had PTSD in their lifetime.

Though it's not exclusive

to men and women who have served in the military, PTSD has long been linked to combat veterans. In fact, the American Psychiatric Association notes that PTSD has been referred to as "shell shock" and "combat fatigue" in the past.

While the APA notes that a diagnosis of PTSD requires exposure to an upsetting traumatic event, that exposure can be indirect rather than firsthand. Because some people may assume that only firsthand exposure to trauma can lead to PTSD, many may be suffering in silence.

That makes it all the more important that people learn to recognize the symptoms of PTSD. According to the APA, symptoms of PTSD, which can vary in severity, fall into four categories.

1. Intrusive thoughts: Flashbacks, distressing dreams and repeated, involuntary memories are examples of intrusive thoughts symptomatic of PTSD. The APA notes that some people with PTSD experience flashbacks so vivid that they feel they are reliving the traumatic experience or that it is unfolding before their eyes.

2. Avoiding reminders: Some people with PTSD may avoid people, places, activities, objects, or situations they feel will trigger distressing memories. Soldiers, for example, may avoid interacting with fellow combat veterans. Avoiding discussions about a traumatic event and how they feel about it is another symptom of PTSD.

3. Negative thoughts and feelings: The APA says that negative thoughts and feelings may include ongoing and distorted beliefs about oneself or others; ongoing fear, horror, anger, guilt, or

shame; considerably diminished interest in activities previously enjoyed; and a sense of estrangement and detachment from others.

4. Arousal and reactive symptoms: These symptoms may include irritability and angry outbursts; reckless or self-destructive behavior; being easily startled; or have difficulty concentrating or sleeping.

PTSD poses a significant threat to the men and women who serve in the military. Additional resources about PTSD is available at [www.ptsd.va.gov](http://www.ptsd.va.gov) and [www.psychiatry.org](http://www.psychiatry.org).

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# Veterans still face numerous obstacles

By **CHRIS BRIDGES**  
For The Covington News

One of the issues candidates running for local, statewide or national office like to champion is support for veterans.

Promises made on the campaign trail, however, often don't see results once those candidates are in office. The VA hospital system continues to be not up to par and it's not necessarily because of those working there. You can only stretch certain things such as staff and funding so far.

So in the end veterans continue to go without the care they need, both physical and mental. It's a continuous blight on our country that has been going on much longer than any of us have been alive.

In the 2016 primary and general election President Trump campaigned on helping veterans. During the 2016 Republican primary, in fact, he even made a seven-figure donation to provide assistance for veterans.

One veteran I spoke to recently said things have been improved some.

"I guess we should be thankful things aren't worse," he told me.

Another veteran said recently it's really the same overall when dealing with the VA.

"It's such a large mess that no one president would ever be able to fix it completely," said a former classmate of mine who has served several tours overseas, often in combat zones.

The number of veterans

with PTSD is at an all-time high. Suicide rates among veterans are shocking. Many end up homeless if they don't have the proper family support. That will continue as our country, since the early 1990s, has been involved in wars that seemingly have no end. That means more returning servicemen and servicewomen are going to need medical as well as emotional care.

Waits for doctors within the VA system are still too long but veterans are able to seek assistance at other medical locations.

Campaign talk is always cheap. The real story should be what is done when a candidate gets elected. Did he or she keep their promises or were they just giving shallow talk?

We need to continue to

stress to our elected officials (and those campaigning for office) that action is more important than talk when it comes to our veterans. Until then we continue to disrespect all those who paid such a high price so we could live in the greatest country on this planet.

Many advocate free health care for life for all veterans, whether they served in combat or not. If we can afford to send our servicemen and women into combat then we can afford to help them for what they have sacrificed.

**PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE**

Michigan congressman Justin Amash recently announced he is seeking the Libertarian Party nomination for president.

A former Republican who turned independent, Amash

has been critical of President Trump and as a result has certainly gained some enemies within GOP circles. Amash has always cast his votes in congress based 100 percent on the Constitution.

Many Libertarians are supporting the candidacy by the Michigan resident. Chances are he will get the nomination although there are an extremely high number of candidates running.

There is always speculation about whether Libertarian candidates hurt Republicans or Democrats more. It's that way with all third-party candidates. Some Democrats still blame Ralph Nadar for costing them the 2000 presidential election. When the election is as close as the 2000 contest was then every vote does truly matter.

The Libertarians will select their presidential candidate at their upcoming (virtual) convention. Amash could very well be a factor in Michigan which is one of the few tossup states.

Georgia resident John Monds, who has run for Governor and the Public Service Commission, is also seeking the nomination. Monds became the first Libertarian statewide candidate in Georgia to receive more than a million votes when he ran for PSC several years back.

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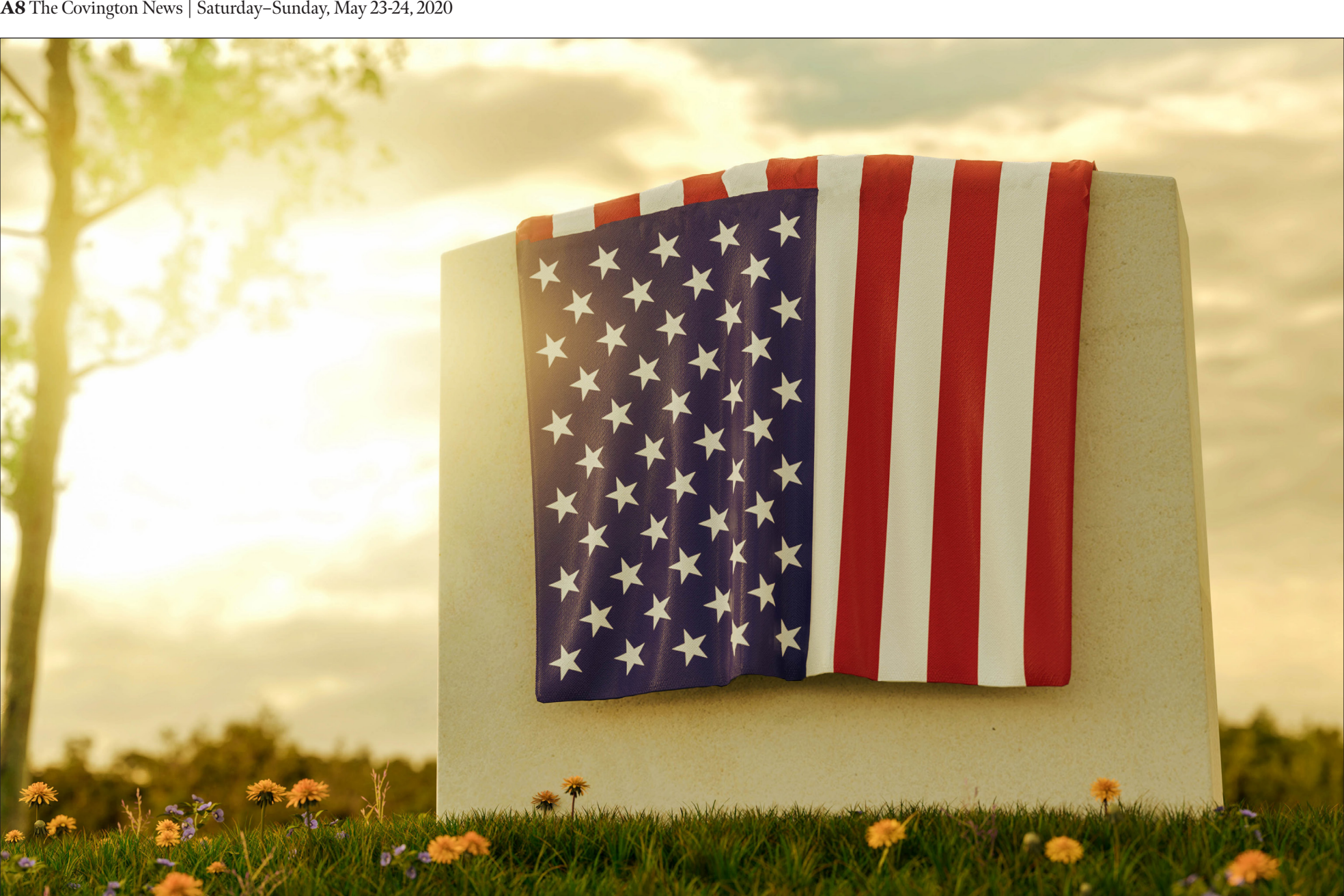
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# Coping with the suicide of a loved one

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The loss of a loved one can be overwhelming, and that sense of loss can be even greater when a friend or family takes his or her own life.

Many people have no experience coping with the suicide of a loved one, which is why it can be so devastating when someone you love takes their own life. Lifeline Australia, an organization that offers crisis support and suicide prevention services, notes that people who

recently lost a loved one to suicide often experience a complicated form of grief. This grief can be characterized by shock and can affect survivors' physical and mental health.

Survivors may experience emotions such as guilt, anger, despair, and/or depression, all of which only makes it more difficult to cope. Lifeline Australia offers the following tips to people struggling to cope with the suicide of a loved one.

- Take some time off from

the pain. Survivors may feel as though it's inappropriate to do something other than grieve after the suicide of a loved one. But Lifeline Australia notes that it's alright to take time to do something you enjoy in the aftermath of a loved one's suicide.

- Stay connected to loved ones. Friends and family, even those who did not know the deceased, will likely offer their support in the wake of this tragedy. Accept that support and make a conscious effort to stay connected with your loved ones.

Grief can cause feelings of isolation and loneliness. Relying on your support network and accepting their support is a great way to overcome those feelings.

- Honor the deceased. Don't hesitate to share memories, photos and stories about your loved one who committed suicide. The Suicide Prevention Lifeline notes that some people find it helpful to write to a lost loved one, as doing so can provide a means to say some of the things survivors were unable to say before a loved

one's death.

- Don't be afraid to ask for help. Organizations like Lifeline Australia and the Suicide Prevention Lifeline encourage survivors to utilize their helplines and/or speak with counsellors and psychologists trained in helping people deal with the suicide of a loved one. Many hotlines make help available 24 hours a day year-round, so it's never a bad time to call and seek help.

- Join a support group. Feelings of loneliness are common after a loved one

commits suicide, but survivors must remember that they're not alone. Support groups for survivors allow you to share your experience with others in similar situations.

More information about coping after the suicide of a loved one can be found at [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au) and [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org). Survivors are urged to accept and seek support.

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## Officer Cooper reporting for duty



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Officer Matt Cooper and his wife, Kristen.

### CPD officer opens up about return

By **MASON WITTNER**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. —  
On Monday morning, less  
than two years after being  
shot in the head while on  
duty, Officer Matt Cooper

returned to work with the  
Covington Police Depart-  
ment.

Cooper's life was forever  
altered on the afternoon  
of Sept. 3, 2018, when he  
responded to a call at the  
Walmart on Industrial  
Boulevard. While in pursuit  
of a shoplifting suspect, he  
suffered a gunshot wound to  
the head. The bullet clogged  
his carotid artery, clotting  
his blood and ultimately

preserving his life while also  
causing a brain injury.

Following a multitude  
of operations and months  
of intense therapy, Officer  
Cooper has officially been  
cleared to return to duty for  
the CPD.

On Thursday afternoon,  
Matt Cooper sat on a black  
couch beside his wife, Kris-  
ten, for a press conference  
via Zoom. Seated beneath a  
black and blue flag embla-

zoned with 148 — Officer  
Cooper's badge number —  
in white letters, the Coopers  
expressed to reporters how  
excited they are for Matt to  
be back at work.

"I've been doing therapy  
for like a year and a half now,  
so to mix it up a little bit and  
be able to say I'm going back  
to work — even though it's  
not full duty yet, but just  
being in the atmosphere —

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## Stars and Stripes Fest postponed



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In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, Covington decided to push its annual Independence Day festival back to September.

## Covington's annual Independence Day festival delayed to Sept. 6 due to COVID-19

By **MASON WITTNER**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. —  
The Covington City Coun-  
cil unanimously passed a  
motion to postpone the city's  
annual Stars and Stripes  
Fest to Sunday, Sept. 6,  
during a called meeting Mon-  
day night.

The issue of potentially  
delaying Covington's Inde-  
pendence Day festival and  
firework display in response

to the COVID-19 crisis was  
first addressed during a City  
Council meeting on April 20.  
Following a brief discussion,  
the council approved a mo-  
tion to table the matter until  
ready to make a decision on  
May 18.

Mayor Steve Horton began  
Monday night's discussion  
of the topic by speaking on  
behalf of the council members  
who've expressed their appre-  
hension for holding the event

on July 4.

"All of you at some point,  
amongst yourselves and to  
me, have voiced concerns that  
the coronavirus and all the  
safety issues that come with  
it is a bit much when you  
consider such a large crowd  
on the Square," Horton told  
the council.

He added that ample  
research has been done to  
assess how other munici-

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## Zon appointed as Superior Court judge

District attorney is  
newest jurist in Newton,  
Walton counties

By **DAVID CLEMONS**  
The Walton Tribune

MONROE, Ga. — Gov. Brian  
Kemp appointed District Attorney  
Layla H. Zon as the newest judge in  
the Alcovy Circuit.

Zon will succeed  
Samuel D. Ozburn,  
who retired April  
30 after 24 years as  
a Superior Court  
judge for Newton  
and Walton coun-  
ties. He is now a se-  
nior judge.

The governor an-  
nounced his choice Thursday after-  
noon.

"I am honored to appoint Layla to  
serve as a Superior Court judge of the  
Alcovy Judicial Circuit," Kemp said.

"As a judge, she will prioritize the  
business of the court and uphold jus-  
tice, fairness and decorum."

The Judicial Nominating Commis-  
sion received about a dozen names  
for consideration, although not all  
were interested in proceeding. Of  
those, the JNC whittled the list to  
two for the governor's consideration:  
Zon and Loganville attorney Lori B.  
Duff.

Kemp conducted video interviews  
at the end of April.

Zon has served as the circuit's top  
prosecutor since the previous district  
attorney, Ken Wynne, was appointed  
to a new seat on the Superior Court.

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Layla H. Zon

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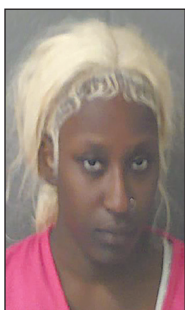
## Covington shooting suspect charged with murder

By **MASON WITTNER**  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A  
Covington woman who  
was a victim in last week's  
shooting incident at Field-  
crest Walk Apartments died  
Tuesday.

La'Peachah Nash was re-  
portedly shot in the head by  
22-year-old Conyers woman  
Dalanna Bailey at Field-  
crest last Wednesday night.

According  
to Newton  
County  
Coroner  
Tommy  
Davis,  
Nash was  
pro-  
nounced  
brain dead  
Friday,  
May 15, and  
later transported to the GBI  
Headquarters in Decatur for



Dalanna Bailey

an autopsy. She was 27.

Bailey was arrested last  
Thursday on two counts  
of aggravated assault for  
allegedly shooting Nash  
and male victim Deshawn  
Grayson, 20, following an  
argument at the apartment  
complex. The Covington  
Police Department stated  
that warrants have now  
been taken out to charge  
Bailey with Nash's murder.  
"We've been in constant

contact with Ms. Nash's  
mother throughout our  
investigation and knew that  
our victim would unfortu-  
nately not recover from her  
injuries," CPD Captain Ken  
Malcom said. "We are now  
taking additional warrants  
for the suspect in this in-  
vestigation, Dalanna Bailey,  
for murder. Our hearts and  
prayers go out to Ms. Nash's  
family."

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# Newton County reaches 11 COVID-19 deaths

## Kemp urges patience with coronavirus data collection

By MASON WITTNER  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Three more COVID-19-related deaths were confirmed in Newton County this week, raising the county's death toll to 11.

According to the Georgia Department of Public Health, a 64-year-old female with unknown health conditions and a male of at least 90 with a compromised immune system died over last weekend. On Friday, an 11th death was confirmed to be a 71-year-old male who was compromised by preexisting health conditions prior to contracting the virus.

In total, Newton County had reported a total of 281 confirmed cases of the novel

virus and 60 hospitalizations as of 9 a.m. Friday, May 22.

Gov. Brian Kemp provided Georgians with another COVID-19 update at his press conference Thursday afternoon. He addressed the backlash public health officials have received for inconsistent reporting of positive cases in the state in recent weeks.

DPH acknowledged media reports that claim they're coupling test results for viral and antibody testing, which is believed could skew data trends and impact Georgia's response and economic recovery.

"We're not perfect," Kemp said. "We've made mistakes [and] when we do that, we'll own that, change it and make sure people are aware of that. Please afford them some patience and steer clear of personal



Gov. Brian Kemp

attacks."

Kemp provided promising news, stating that he and the state's public health officials are encouraged by the number of active COVID-19 hospitalizations dipping below 1,000 patients this week following several weeks of decline.

As of 9 a.m. Friday, May 22, there had been a total of 41,127 confirmed cases in Georgia, leading to 7,294 hospitalizations and 1,655 deaths. However, the daily numbers continue to indicate trends in a positive direction.

Dr. Kathleen Toomey, the state's public health commissioner, spoke Thursday and stressed the difficulty of what health officials are facing in collecting data at the scale they have been.

"This is an unprecedented ask of surveillance to be this agile and expand this quickly," Toomey said. "We're working diligently." She added roughly 500 contract tracers have been hired so far, and they're on

track to hit their goal of 1,000 by mid-June.

The DPH reported Newton County's first death from COVID-19 on April 3. The initial deceased victim was stated to be a 61-year-old male with underlying health conditions. Males ages 85 and 77, both of whom were said to have had compromised immune systems, were reported to have died from the virus in the days that followed.

Three more coronavirus deaths — a 62-year-old female with compromised health and two males, 66 and 52, with unknown health conditions — were confirmed during the week of April 24.

For the latest reports, go to <https://dph.georgia.gov>. COVID-19 information is updated three times per day.

## COOPER

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it felt really good," Matt said. "It was like going back to school again."

Officer Cooper is currently assigned to the CPD's Support Services department and will be helping out on the administrative side. While he's made immense physical progress, he admitted that he still frequently finds himself struggling with mental fatigue.

"Every day that passes is taxing on my mind," Matt said. "I don't know the right way to put it, but just trying to stay awake with a traumatic brain injury is my biggest challenge yet."

Kristen opened up about the "whirlwind of emotions" she and her family have faced over the past 20 months, likening their journey to riding a roller coaster.

"Some moments we have are really good, and we're like, 'Yes! We've got this.' And then others, it's like, 'OK, what just happened?'" she said. "I think we've kind of learned to acclimate to each situation."

After being shot on Labor Day in 2018, Officer Cooper — a six-year veteran of the CPD at that time — was life-flighted to WellStar Atlanta Medical Center and spent over a week at Grady Memorial Hospital before transferring to Shepherd Center in Atlanta for rehabilitation. On Dec. 19, 2018, he graduated from the Shepherd Center's impatient brain injury rehabilitation program and returned home for the holidays.

In the months that followed, as he continued his recovery and rehabilitation process through occupational, physical and vision therapy, Officer Cooper notes that he found personal

strength through a renewed relationship with God.

"There were many days I was broken during my recovery," he said. "I just didn't think I could do much more, mentally and physically. So I broke down and starting praying again and renewed my faith in God."

He also thanked the CPD and local community for their willingness to jump in and support him in numerous ways throughout his journey.

"The community really stuck behind me in this whole process," Matt said. "I was not able to take care of my family, but guys came by, cut our grass and helped us with stuff. Just being there as another support really helped me out, and I'm proud of that."

Asked if this week had been a target date for Matt to make his return, he and Kristen both said they

didn't have a set date in mind. However, Matt was eager to get back to work as soon as he knew he could.

Kristen was initially apprehensive about Matt returning to the line of duty, but was overwhelmed with joy when she saw how happy her husband was to report to the CPD on Monday.

"I definitely had some fears about him returning to work because for the past 20 months, my role has been to really be a protector of him. Whether it be his medical treatment, or his emotional health," she said. "I've had to learn to kind of change my mindset also and know that he is going to make mistakes, and it's OK. We can pick ourselves back up from them."

Friday was Matt Cooper Day in Georgia, a proclamation from Gov. Kemp's office that was first announced last May.

## ZON

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bench.

Zon is a graduate of Liberty University and the Georgia State University law school. She joined the Alcovy district attorney's office as an assistant district attorney in 2000 and rose to the level of senior assistant district attorney in Newton County, where she lives.

Gov. Sonny Perdue appointed Zon as the district attorney after he appointed Wynne as the circuit's fifth judge in 2010.

She has prosecuted several high-profile cases, including the murder convictions of Christopher Michael McNabb and Cortney Marie Bell, accused of killing their infant daughter, Caliyah McNabb, in Newton County in 2017; and 16-year-old Antavian Love, accused of killing Enrique Ramirez Trejo, whom he picked up at a Covington gas station in 2016.

Ozburn originally planned to serve out his term, which was to expire

at year's end. But early this year he decided to retire at the end of April, throwing the decision to the governor instead of voters.

Zon already had announced her intentions to run for the seat, but because the JNC had not chosen finalists by the time of qualifying for the 2020 primaries, Zon also qualified to run for reelection as district in the Republican primary.

Kemp now will have the chance to appoint a district attorney, delaying the race to 2022. That's when Zon will face voters for the first time as judge.

Zon is a member of the board of A Child's Voice Child Advocacy Center, which serves Newton and Walton counties, and is the president of the District Attorneys Association of Georgia.

She is a former chair of the Newton County Community Partnership board and has been involved in Leadership Georgia and the Covington Rotary Club.

She is a member of First Baptist Church in Covington.

## MURDER

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According to the CPD, Bailey arrived at the scene with her 11-month-old child and proceeded to get into an argument with Grayson, the father of her child. In the midst of their dispute, Nash, Grayson's girlfriend, allegedly made an attempt to flee from the scene in her vehicle

before suffering a gunshot wound to the head and crashing her vehicle in the parking lot.

Bailey also allegedly shot Grayson, wounding his shoulder, and fled from the scene Wednesday night before being arrested in Lithonia on Thursday morning. She was located at a Knight's Inn motel with her 11-month-old child, who was found unharmed.

## FESTIVAL

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palities around the state are handling similar situations. From this assessment, he noted that "many local governments" have rescheduled their respective Independence Day events, including the AJC Peachtree Road Race delaying its date from July 4 for the first time in its history.

Furthermore, Horton reminded the council that the city received a letter from the fireworks company it contracts stating the event could be postponed to any day before the end of 2020 without facing a monetary penalty.

He pointed to Labor Day weekend as a viable option should the council choose to reschedule the Stars and Stripes Fest. He stated his belief that holding the event on that Sunday rather than Mon-

day, Sept. 7, could result in a minimal negative impact on downtown businesses that are usually already closed on Sundays.

"And for those who are normally closed on Sunday," Horton added, "if they choose to open for the event, it may actually provide some extra benefits for them."

Assistant City Manager Trey Sanders noted that the band the city scheduled to play at the event has made it clear that they're flexible and willing to perform over Labor Day weekend as well. City Manager Scott Andrews added that the city staff's preference was scheduling for that Sunday as opposed to Labor Day as well, expressing his desire to give employees "a little bit of a break."

A motion was then made to push the event back to Sept. 6 and passed unanimously by the council.



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Dave Belton state representative

## Calling for a return to normalcy

Two months ago, in a remarkable show of unity, Americans obeyed the onerous request to give up their livelihood and quarantine themselves in their homes. We voluntarily, temporarily, gave up our civil liberties to “flatten the curve”. We stopped working, we stopped assembling, we even stopped going to church. We should never forget what an extraordinary infringement this has been to our First Amendment Rights.

Thankfully, the curve has been flattened. The vast majority of our nation's hospitals were never overwhelmed. The situation was dire in a very few areas, like New York. But nationwide, not one American perished due to a lack of a ventilator. In fact, we are now exporting ventilators all over the world. Even New York never lacked for hospital beds or ventilators. Our remarkable healthcare system once again proved it is the very best in the world.

It's now time to go back to work: not just to save the economy, but also to save lives. “It's not health vs. the economy,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, “It's actually health vs. health. There are serious consequences of keeping us shut down.”

His concern is shared by global leaders. Last week, the International Food Policy Research Institute stated that if global GDP declines by 5 percent, that 147 million people could be plunged into extreme poverty. Even worse, the United Nations World Food Program said it expects that 260 million people will face starvation because of this shutdown. “We could be looking at famine in about three-dozen countries,” said their director. “There is also a real danger that more people could potentially die from the economic impact of COVID-19 than from the virus itself.”

UNICEF doubled down on that assessment. “Covid isn't a children's disease,” said their chief of health. “Pneumonia, diarrhea, measles, death in childbirth; these threats far outweigh any threat presented by the coronavirus.” These are real world problems that are being negatively impacted by this prolonged shutdown.

And over 600 doctors have written the President a letter, warning that this long lockdown has created a “mass casualty incident” with “exceptionally growing

health consequences.” Noting that millions of Americans are already at a “red triage level” of danger to medical problems that are NOT Covid related, they wrote, “We are alarmed...for the future of our patients. The downstream health effects are being massively under-estimated and under-reported.” They reported that hundreds of thousands of Americans are not being treated for cancer, heart disease, stroke, and child abuse and that Suicide calls have ballooned by 600 percent. “Losing a job is one of life's most stressful events...the millions of casualties of a continued lockdown will be hiding in plain sight, but they will be called alcoholism, suicide, heart attack, stroke, or kidney failure. In youths it will be called unemployment, despair, drug addiction, unplanned pregnancies, poverty, and abuse.”

Governor Kemp is looking like a genius as Georgia is seen as a model for states to safely reopen. Now, every state is following his lead. Even Europe is open again. Now we need healthy people (who do not have the previously identified risk factors) to safely return to their businesses.

Of course, the number of cases will go up as we rapidly increase our testing. Tragically, the total number of deaths will also rise. That will occur no matter what we do. The goal we should be seeking is for the daily number of deaths to go down, as well as the daily number of critically ill patients. Thankfully, those numbers are going down in Georgia, as well as most of the nation.

We are certainly not out of the woods. The state budget will be extremely painful...just like your budget back home. More people will get sick, and unfortunately, some will die regardless of what we do. But hundreds of millions more will perish if we don't get back to work.

I'd like to close with a special thanks to our farmers who are – literally – feeding the world. Like our courageous healthcare workers, we depend on them every day. Our own former Governor Sonny Perdue (now the Secretary of Agriculture) just announced (with the President) a new \$16B national direct aid program for our farmers. Welcome news to a vital industry that we cannot do without.

A famous Democrat president once said, “The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself.” It's time to strap on our courage and safely get back to work.

### Editorial Cartoon



### Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

The State Bar of Georgia congratulates graduating seniors Hannah Bodus of Newton High School and Faith Reed of Social Circle High School on being honored as the first recipients of the Beyond the Bar Scholarship.

The \$1,000 scholarships were provided by the Beyond the Bar Foundation, a collaboration of the NewRock Legal Society, Newton County Bar Association, Rockdale County Bar Association and Walton County Bar Association to assist local students with furthering their education after high school. With 4.0 grade point averages, Hannah and Faith have earned these honors and deserve the recognition.

We further salute our colleagues in the local bar associations for their efforts to give back to the youth in their communities, thus living up to the lawyer's duty to serve others.

Sincerely,  
Darrell Sutton  
President, State Bar of Georgia

Andy Offutt Irwin columnist

## Two Evil Fingers: A Poem

### Preamble

*I wrote the prose-poem that appears below in the wee hours of Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day. Later in the day, I received a text from my old friend, The Rev. Dr. Avis Williams. In her text, I learned that there was to be a ceremony at Legion Field that very afternoon, followed by a 2.23-mile jog/walk in the honor of Ahmaud Arbery.*

*The ceremony was emceed by Covington City Manager, Scott Andrews. Dr. Williams, an Associate Pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church, quoted scripture, spoke and prayed. The Rev. Dr. Doug Gilreath, Sr. Pastor of Covington First United Methodist Church, quoted scripture, spoke and prayed. Covington's Mayor, Steve Horton, quoted scripture, spoke and prayed. Those of us gathered, be-masked, and six feet away from handshakes and hugs, were unified in a desire for comfort and justice.*

### Two Evil Fingers

In comedy, there's a particular



by no means, will take responsibility for.

There are two or three common catchphrases for such characters, the most tired and sigh-inducing of which is,

“Now, look what you've gone and made me do.”

The character says this when the situation he himself has created goes particularly and predictably awry.

The audience recognizes the stupidity. If there is a laugh at all, it is a weary laugh. We have seen it all, too many times.

George E. Barnhill, the District Attorney of the Waycross, Georgia Judicial Circuit, after recusing himself of the Ahmaud Arbery murder

character trope: a

shallow, brutish, man, a bully, always selfish, prone to bad judgment and blunders that he,

case wrote:

“...while we know McMichael had his finger on the trigger, we do know who caused the firings. Arbery would only had (sic) to pull the shotgun 1/16th to 1/8th of 1 inch to fire the weapon himself and in the height of the altercation this is entirely possible.”

Mr. Barnhill is playing that brutish role in the third person.

He is pointing his finger, blaming the one whose finger was not on the trigger.

As if to say, “Now, look what Arbery went and made McMichael do.”

What a sickening contrivance. Like vile water seeking ever-lower levels, racism is in constant search of new rationalizations.

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Lyn Pace columnist

## What Does Your Life Depend On?

“Come tell us what is saving your life now.” That was how a wise old priest responded to popular author and preacher, Barbara Brown Taylor, after she asked him, “What do you want me to talk about?” He had invited her to come and talk to his church in Alabama. She shared this story as part of the “Introduction” to her book, *An Altar in the World*.

“Come tell us what is saving your life now.” This line has been at the front of my mind lately. Taylor's book is one of my favorites and this story has always stuck with me as a way to focus on what or who is right before me. She talks about how relieved she was at his response, because he gave her the permission to let go of having to say things that were true for everyone or to use theological language that conformed to the tradition of the church. Instead, she says, I just had to figure out what my life depended on.

What does my life depend on? We all have to figure this out, every single day.

Let me illustrate this with a brief snapshot of my own journal from three days of this past week.

On Saturday, I woke up and all I could think about was how different Oxford College's Commencement would be this year for our commu-



nity. I thought about all of the loss. Then, I watched our virtual commencement video, and I was surprised at how moved I was by it. The people, awards and recognitions, images of the college – all came together to remind me of how my students, colleagues, and the value of higher education in our lives save me on a daily basis.

On Sunday, I woke up and thought about all the people in my life who have been like a mother to me. I thought about my own mother, my spouse, grandmothers, mothers of my friends, mothers I have never met in person, and more. That was life giving, certainly. More than that, though, as I sat across from my seven year old at the breakfast table and watched him honor his own mother with his homemade creations; I caught a glimpse of his mother. Then I looked beyond her and saw into his future and the sea of mothers he will likely have over the course of his life. I realized how the privilege of that moment was saving my life.

On Monday, I woke up and walked outside. It was chilly, but the sun was shining. I thought to

myself, “It's week nine of being at home.” I took a walk around the block, because I can do that safely. As I came back around the block and approached our home, I saw a neighbor walking her dog. We waved hello, kept our distance, and caught up about our respective weekends. Every single piece of those twenty-five minutes are what my life depended on this morning.

What does your life depend on? I believe we should repeatedly ask this question. For me, I use it as a journal prompt. Sometimes, I respond to it in my head and other times I write it down, but having this guide me helps me pay attention.

Focusing our attention in this way is sacred work that any of us can do regardless of our religious, spiritual or philosophical tradition. By paying attention to the ways the ordinary becomes extraordinary (and vice versa) in our lives – well, we may find that our life depends on just that.

*The Rev. Dr. Lyn Pace is the college chaplain at Oxford College of Emory University.*

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Completed job applications may be dropped off in person or mailed to:

Oxford City Hall  
Attn: Jody Reid  
110 West Clark Street  
Oxford, GA 30054

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# The Covington News

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Public Notices

#### Abandoned Vehicles

##### ABANDONED VEHICLES

**PURSUANT TO** OCGA Subsection 40-11-2, Ron Prince through its Agents states that the following vehicles are Abandoned and will be sold at a later date if not picked up as stated, 660 Island Shoals Drive, Covington, GA 30016

**ABANDONMENT DATE:** 10/7/2019  
**2008 BLUE BMW 750LI**  
**VIN# WBAHN83578DT86928**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116823**  
**5/17,24**

#### Bids

##### INVITATION TO BID

##### PART 1: GENERAL

**1.1 COMPETITIVE** Cost Sealed Bids

**SEPARATE SEALED** Bids for construction of **Gravity Sewer Upgrades and Improvements for the City of Covington** will be received until 10:00 am on **June 23, 2020** at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, GA 30014. Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud at the City of Covington Municipal Court / Council Chambers Building located at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA 30014. Any bid received after **10:00 am on June 23, 2020** will not be considered by the Owner. Following the closing time for the receipt of bids no bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days.

**1.2 SCOPE** of Work

**THE WORK** to be performed and provided under this Contract shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment, safety equipment, permitting, erosion and sedimentation control measures, taxes, profit, overhead, and other costs and effort required to complete the following:

**CONTRACT A: Pace Street Improvements:** Installation of 10" and 8" gravity sewer mains to replace existing sewer mains. The work shall include installation of approximately 730 L.F. of 10" D.I. gravity sewer and 200 L.F. of 8" D.I. gravity sewer along with associated manholes, connections, and other related work. The time allotted for final completion of work is 60 consecutive calendar days.

**CONTRACT B: Lackey Street Improvements:** Installation of 12" and 8" gravity sewer mains to replace existing sewer mains. The work shall include installation of approximately 2,080 L.F. of 12" PVC gravity sewer and 920 L.F. 8" PVC gravity sewer along with associated manholes, connections, and other related work. The time allotted for final completion of work is 120 consecutive calendar days.

**CONTRACT C: Indian Creek Circle Improvements:** Installation of a 24" gravity sewer main to replace an existing sewer main and alleviate surcharging caused by an acute angle. The work shall include installation of approximately 100 L.F. of 24" D.I. gravity sewer along with associated manholes, connections, and other related work. The time allotted for final completion of work is 30 consecutive calendar days. The bid will also include an alternate for replacement of an additional 320 L.F. of 24" gravity sewer main.

**CONTRACTOR WILL** be required to coordinate all work with the City of Covington and other utility owners who have facilities within the project corridor. The project will be managed by GWES, LLC, located at 733 Carroll Street, Perry, GA 31069, telephone number (478) 235-0307.

**ALL WORK** shall be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications. The Work will be awarded in three (3) Contracts.

**1.3 PLANS,** Specifications and Contract Documents

**THE INSTRUCTIONS** to Bidders, Bid Forms, Contract Agreement, Drawings, Specifications and forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond, Payment Bond and other Contract Documents may be obtained upon payment (non-refundable) of \$200 from:

**GWES, LLC.**  
**733 CARROLL Street**  
**PERRY, GA 31069**  
**(478) 235-0307**

**1.4 CONTRACTOR** License

**THE BIDDER** shall affix to the outside of its Bid envelope, its Georgia Utility Contractor License Number, not the license number of a Utility manager or a subcontractor's Georgia Utility Contractor License Number. No bid will be opened unless the Contractor's Utility License Number is affixed to the envelope.

**1.5 BONDS**

**EACH BID** must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or certified cashier's check, in the amount of 10% of the base bid, prepared on the form of Bid Bond, section 00410, attached to the Contract Documents or a Surety Company's Standard Bid Bond, duly executed by the Bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company licensed to do business in

the State of Georgia and listed in the latest issue of U.S. Treasury Circular 570 with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability". Each Bond shall be accompanied by a "Power of Attorney" empowering the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.

**1.6 MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Meeting

**A MANDATORY** pre-bid meeting will be held at **10:00 am on June 9, 2020** at the Municipal Court / Council Chambers Building located at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA 30014.

**1.7 PERMITS**

**CONTRACTOR WILL** acquire all necessary Federal, State and local permits preceding the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

**1.8 EASEMENTS & Rights-** of-Way

**OWNER HAS** or will acquire all necessary easements and rights-of-way for permanent installations preceding the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

**1.9 RESERVATION** of Rights

**THE OWNER** reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive informalities and to re- advertise.

**2.0 CONTRACTOR** E-Verify

**CONTRACTOR SHALL** supply E-Verify documentation with the bid to be deemed responsive.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116844**  
**5/24,6/7**

**RFQ – LICENSED GENERAL CONTRACTORS**  
**FAMILY COMMUNITY Housing Association, Inc.**

**SEEKING QUALIFIED** General Contractors  
**COMMUNITY HOME** Investment Program (CHIP)

**THE FAMILY** Community Housing Association, Inc. (FCHA) is seeking licensed General Contractors for its 2020 federally funded CHIP owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program. FCHA has funding available to rehabilitate approximately four (4) owner-occupied homes. These homes will be located within out targeted area of the city of Covington, Newton County GA.

**THIS PROGRAM** is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and will be subject to all federal program requirements and CHIP policies and procedures.

**INTERESTED GENERAL** contractors are encouraged to attend a pre-qualification meeting and must complete a contractor's application form and provide licensing and insurance documents as specified in the CHIP application. A pre-qualification meeting will be on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM at 2047 Gees Mill Road, Conyers, GA 30013.

**ANY QUESTIONS** can be directed to Mr. Julius Webb at 404-246-3047 or via email at fcha2002@aol.com.

**FCHA, IS** committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116820**  
**5/17,24,31,6/7**

**THE CITY** of Covington is seeking bids for Concrete Maintenance, to furnish all labor, material and equipment to construct various concrete structures on various city roads in the City of Covington. Contractors are required to have a current utility contractor license for the state of Georgia

**SEALED BIDS** must be delivered to City Hall, 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, GA 30014, Attn: Scott Cromer no later than 10:00am on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 10:00 am at City Hall located at 2194 Emory Street NW, Covington, Georgia 30014.

**REQUEST FOR** Bids and additional information may be obtained at City Hall or by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at <https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities>

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116819**  
**5/17,24**

#### Citations

##### CITATION

**RE: ESTATE of KATHRYN ELIZABETH KELLY, DECEASED**

**RONALD V. KELLY, CO-EXECUTOR AND JEREMY PEARSON, CO-EXECUTOR,** have petitioned to be discharged from Office and all Liability. All interested

parties are hereby notified to show cause as to why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before June 8, 2020, at ten o'clock am.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116835**  
**5/24**

##### CITATION

**SHANETHA L. MURRAY** has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of JONATHAN MURRAY, SR,** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before June 1, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

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

#### Corporations

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Beyond Decor by Selita, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia For-profit Corporation Code. The initial registered agent is Selma Selita Victoria located at 110 Emerson Trail, Covington, GA 30016.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116840**  
**5/24,31**

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate Compassionate Care Wellness Initiative, 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 70 Lances Lane Covington, GA 30016 and its initial registered agent at such address is Marsha Gail McDonald.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116826**  
**5/24,31**

##### NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of amendment which will change the name of True North Transportation, Inc. to Exodus Performance Industry, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The registered office of the corporation is located at 20 Oxford West Court, Oxford, Georgia 30054, in Newton County.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116811**  
**5/17,24**

##### NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

**NOTICE IS** given that articles of incorporation which incorporate Alexandria's Hair Design Salon, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 4609 **JERSEY COVINGTON** Road, Covington, Newton County, Georgia 30014. The initial registered agent **OF THE** corporation at such address is JULIE LANGLEY.

**LISA M. GABLE**  
**ROBERTSON & GABLE, LLC**  
**5875 PEACHTREE Industrial Blvd., Suite 170**  
**PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA**  
**30092 (770) 736-5182**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116813**  
**5/17,24**

##### NOTICE OF INTENT TO VOLUNTARILY DISSOLVE A CORPORATION

**NOTICE IS** given that a notice of intent to dissolve **Flowers by Lii, 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 #116806**  
**5/17,24**

#### 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 ANTHONY ROBINSON, JR.,** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 28th day of APRIL, 2020.

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

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

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**DANA INSCORE**  
**4831 HWY 212**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

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

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**THOMAS WAYNE BLACKWELL**  
**512 DUKES ROAD**  
**MANSFIELD, GA 30055**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116834**  
**5/24,31,6/7,14**

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

**MELANIE C. HODGES**  
**916 ADAMS CIRCLE**  
**SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116833**  
**5/24,31,6/7,14**

##### 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 LULA B. H. SMITH,** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 11th day of MAY, 2020.

**ALLEASSSA HARLEY**  
**260 QUEENSLAND LANE**  
**COVINGTON, GA 30016**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116831**  
**5/24,31,6/7,14**

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MARK NOEL INNIS,** 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** 29th day of APRIL, 2020.

**STANLEY RAPHAEL BRYAN**  
**2552 WESTCHESTER WAY, SE**  
**CONYERS, GA 30013**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116832**  
**5/24,31,6/7,14**

##### NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS** hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of MORRIS LEE HAMILTON,** 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** 5th day of MAY, 2020.

**KEVIN LEE HAMILTON**  
**4712 COACHMANS LANDING**  
**COURT**  
**GLEN ALLEN, VA 23059**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116830**  
**5/24,31,6/7,14**

##### 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 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

**IN RE:** The Marriage of: **BIKETA LINTY COLEMAN-MOSLEY** PETITIONER, **V.** **RUFUS MOSLEY JR.** RESPONDENT.

**CASE NO. 2020-CV-603-3**

##### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

**TO: RUFUS MOSLEY, JR.**

**RESPONDENT**

**BY ORDER** of the court for service by publication dated the **11th day of May, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **March 10, 2020** the Plaintiff herein filed suit against you for Divorce. **YOU ARE** required to file with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, and to serve upon the Plaintiff, Beketa Linty Coleman-Mosley an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication.

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

of Newton County.

**THIS, THE** 13th day of **MAY, 2020.**  
**LINDA D. Hays**  
**CLERK OF Superior Court**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116829**  
**5/24,31,6/7,14**

##### 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**  
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4) Tenant/Resident/Occupant, and 5) all persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as 2105 Butler Bridge Rd., Covington, Georgia 30016

**TAKE NOTICE THAT:**  
**THE RIGHT** to redeem the described property as 2105 Butler Bridge Rd., Covington, Georgia 30016, (Tax Parcel 0009000000036D00), as follows, to wit:

**ALL AND** only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00090-00000-036-D00, lying and being in Land Lot 13 of the 8th Land District, Newton, County, Georgia and being designated as Tract 4, containing 3.80 acres, as shown on that plat of survey prepared for Hubert White and Robert Young by Mark Patrick, GA RLS #2791, dated 02/23/01 and recorded in Plat Book 35, Page 200, Clerk's Office, Newton Superior Court, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference thereto for more complete description of the property conveyed herein.

**THIS BEING** the same parcel conveyed to Centennial Investors Inc in a deed recorded in Deed Book 2681, Page 456, and known as 2105 Butler Bridge Road, Covington GA.

**WILL EXPIRE** and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 10th day of July, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

**THE TAX** deed to which this notice relates is dated the 6th day of October 2015 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3381, Page 488.

**THE PROPERTY** may be redeemed at any time before the 10th day of July, 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 #116799**  
**5/24,31,6/7,14**

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

**TO:** 1) Centennial Investors Inc., 2) Unknown Successors and Assigns of Centennial Investors Inc., 3) Newton County Tax Commissioner, 4) Tenant/Resident/Occupant, and 5) all persons known or unknown who may claim an interest in property known as 2123 Butler Bridge Rd., Covington, Georgia 30016

**TAKE NOTICE THAT:**  
**THE RIGHT** to redeem the described property as 2123 Butler Bridge Rd., Covington, Georgia 30016, (Tax Parcel 0009000000036C00), as follows, to wit:

**ALL AND** only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 00090-00000-036-C00, lying and being in Land Lot 13 of the 8th District, Newton County, Georgia and being designated as Tract 3, containing 4.8 acres as shown on that plat of survey prepared for Hubert White and Robert Young by Mark Patrick, GA RLS #2791, dated 02/23/01 and recorded in Plat Book 35, Page 200, Clerk's Office, Newton Superior Court, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference thereto for more complete description of the property conveyed herein.

**THIS BEING** the same parcel conveyed to Centennial Investors Inc in a deed recorded in Deed Book 2681, Page 456, and known as 2123 Butler Bridge Road, Covington GA.

**WILL EXPIRE** and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 10th day of July, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

**THE TAX** deed to which this notice relates is dated the 6th day of October 2015 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3381, Page 489.

**THE PROPERTY** may be redeemed at any time before the 10th day of July, 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 #116800**  
**5/24,31,6/7,14**

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

**TO:** 1) Rhonda Darlene Johnson, 2) Unknown Heirs and Assigns Rhonda Darlene Johnson, 3) Newton Tax Commissioner, 4) Tenant/Resident/Occupant, and 5) all persons who may claim an interest in 110 Oxford Way, Oxford, Georgia 30054

**TAKE NOTICE THAT:**  
**THE RIGHT** to redeem the described property as 110 Oxford Way, Oxford, Georgia 30054, (Tax Parcel X001000000078000), as follows, to wit:

**ALL AND** only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel X0010 00000 078 000, lying and being in the 9th Militia District, City of Oxford, Newton County, Georgia and being Lot Number 9 of Block "C" Unit Five of Oxford Square as recorded in Deed Book 2511, page(s) 456, Public Records of Newton County, Georgia. Said property being known as 110 Oxford Way, Oxford, Georgia 30054, according to the present numbering system of houses in Newton County, Georgia.

**THIS BEING** the same parcel conveyed to Rhonda Darlene Johnson in a deed recorded in Deed Book 2710, Page 419.

**WILL EXPIRE** and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the 10th day of July, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice.

**THE TAX** deed to which this notice relates is dated the 2nd day of September 2014 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior

Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3267, Page 450.

**THE PROPERTY** may be redeemed at any time before the 10th day of July, 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 #116810**  
**5/24,31,6/7,14**

**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 - FT17

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

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF NEWTON**

**BY VIRTUE** of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **Rick F Stubbs** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as grantee, as nominee for Opteum Financial Services, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated July 28, 2005 and recorded on July 29, 2005 in Deed Book 1968, Page 41, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date, in the original principal amount of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-One and 00/100 dollars (\$118,531.00) with interest thereon as provided therein, as last transferred to New Rez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded in Deed Book 3987, Page 582, aforesaid records, 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 has or may be lawfully designated as an alternative location, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2020, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

**ALL THAT** tract or parcel of land

lying and being in Land Lot 246 of the 1st District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 5, Block B of Graystone Subdivision, as per plat of survey recorded in Plat Book 24, Page 222, Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference for a more particular and complete description.

**SAID PROPERTY** may more commonly be known as **95 Graystone Drive, Covington, GA 30014**.

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

**THE INDIVIDUAL** or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the loan is New Rez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, 55 Beattie Place, Suite 100 MS 561, Greenville, SC 29601, 1-800-365-7107.

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

**NEW REZ LLC** d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing as Attorney-in-Fact for Rick F Stubbs

**CONTACT: PADGETT** Law Group: 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312; (850) 422-2520

**AD RUN** Dates: 05/24/2020; 06/07/20; 06/14/20; 06/21/20; 06/28/20

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116847**  
**5/24,6/7,14,21,28**

**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\***

**ATTORNEYS AND Counselors at Law**

**211 PERIMETER** Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 300

**ATLANTA, GA 30346**  
**(770) 220-2535/CH**

**SHAPIROANDHASTY.COM**  
**\*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL**

BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #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**

**Notice of Proceedings**

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA**

**CREEKVIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**PLAINTIFF**

**V. LATASHA D. PARSONS AND MICHAEL A. PARSONS**  
**DEFENDANTS**

**CIVIL ACTION** File Number: **SUCV2019000210**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

**TO: LATASHA D. Parsons** and Michael A. Parsons, 220 Creekview Blvd, Covington, GA 30016

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the above-styled action seeking damages for non-payment of assessments was filed against you in said Court on January 31, 2019, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the Court on April 20, 2020, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon the firm of Lazega & Johanson LLC, P.O. Box 250800, Atlanta, GA 30325, an Answer to the Complaint within sixty (60) days of the date of the order referenced above.

**WITNESS THE** Honorable, John M. Ott, Judge of said Court. This 1st day of May, 2020.

**LINDA D. Hays**  
**CLERK OF Court**  
**SUPERIOR COURT** of Newton County, Georgia

**NOTICE #116812**  
**5/17,24,31,6/7**

**Public Hearings**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given that the Newton County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider a Resolution adopting Ordinance changes to implement state restrictions on local regulation of Timber operations. The purpose of this resolution is to update the Unified Development Ordinance in both Chapter 1 Newton County Zoning Ordinance and Chapter 2 Newton County Development Regulations to reflect the Georgia General Assembly adoption of certain restrictions on the ability of local governments to regulate timber harvesting, codified at O.C.G.A. Section 12-6-24, and the County desires to update its ordinances to comply with these restrictions. The affected sections are as follows: Section 405-030; Section 415-100; Section 420-080; Section 420-130; Section 425-040; Section 1110-020; Section 1200-010; Section 1425-020; Section 1430-030; Section 1430-130; This Resolution will also to amend Article 2.1 ("Roads, Bridges, and Right of Way Pulpwood and Logging Operation Ordinance") of the Newton County Traffic Control Ordinances by repeal and replacement.

**THIS AMENDMENT** was tabled from the Board of Commissioners meeting on April 7, 2020, April 21, 2020 and May 19, 2020 and has been rescheduled for hearing and adoption.

**ALL NEWTON** County residents and any other affected and/or interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend. A copy of the proposed revised ordinance will be on file with the Clerk in the Newton County Historic Courthouse at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, GA 30014 at least a week in advance of the public hearing for purposes of examination and inspection by the public.

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

**2ND DAY OF JUNE 2020 AT 7:00 PM**

**MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AS A ZOOM CALL WHICH WILL BE POSTED ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE PRIOR TO THE MEETING. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETINGS.**

**PLEASE NOTE** THAT COPIES OF DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.NCBOC.COM AND AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1113 USHER STREET, COVINGTON GA 30014

**PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING, COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO JUDY T. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, 678-625-1656 OR jtjohnson@co.newton.ga.us.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116838**  
**5/24**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

**THIS IS TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC**

OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR:

**TRANSMITTAL RESOLUTION FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENTS & SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM**

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

**2ND DAY OF JUNE, 2020 AT 7:00 PM**

**MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AS A ZOOM CALL WHICH WILL BE POSTED ON THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE PRIOR TO THE MEETING. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THE MEETINGS.**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE #116837**  
**5/24**

**Public Notice**

**CITY OF COVINGTON NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given that, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.12.140, Ravoy Wright has submitted an application for a Special Use Permit to operate An Adult personal care home for 4 to 6 persons in a NR-2 (Neighborhood Residential -2) Zoning District on a 0.35 acre lot located at 7125 Puckett Street, SW in Covington, Georgia. The property is referenced as

**TAX PARCEL** C015 0005 006, Covington, Georgia. The Covington Planning Commission will hold a virtual Public Meeting on June 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

**DUE TO** circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. **THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING BY CALLING** 1-929-436-2866, use the following Meeting ID Number: 336 686 1958. To view online use the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3366861958>.

**ALL INTERESTED** parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mary Darby, Planning and Zoning Director at [mdarby@cityofcovington.org](mailto:mdarby@cityofcovington.org), or 770-385-2179.

**CITY OF COVINGTON LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given, in compliance with the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Title 14: Development Regulations, Chapter 14.08-Platting Procedure, of Article 1, Section 14.08.010: Permitting Authority that the city proposes a Text Amendment to further outline the building permit issuance process. The Covington Planning Commission will hold a Virtual Public Meeting on June 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and the Mayor and City Council may hold a public meeting on said text amendment on June 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**DUE TO** circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. **THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING BY CALLING** 1-929-436-2866, use the following Meeting ID Number: 336-686-1958. To view online use the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/3366861958> with the Meeting ID: 336 686 1958

**ALL INTERESTED** parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mary Darby, Director of Planning & Zoning at [mdarby@cityofcovington.org](mailto:mdarby@cityofcovington.org), or 770-385-2179.

**CITY OF COVINGTON LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS** hereby given, that the City of Covington proposes to amend text in the Code of Ordinances for Title 16 of Section 16.16.020: Permitted Uses to review and consider the Keeping and Raising of Farm Animals in Neighborhood Residential (NR-1) and Neighborhood Residential (NR-2) June 9, 2020 Virtual Covington Planning Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. and the Mayor and City Council may hold a public meeting on said text amendment on June 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**DUE TO** circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. **THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING BY CALLING** 1-929-436-2866, use the following Meeting ID Number: 336-686-1958. To view online use the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/3366861958> with the Meeting ID: 336 686 1958

**ALL INTERESTED** parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mary Darby, Director of Planning & Zoning at [mdarby@cityofcovington.org](mailto:mdarby@cityofcovington.org), or 770-385-2179.

**PUBLIC NOTICE #116841**  
**5/24**

**NOTICE OF FILING OF BANK MERGER ACT APPLICATION**



vehicles.

**2003 FORD F350**  
**2015 FREIGHTLINER M2**  
**2003 MACK MR688S**  
**2007 PETERBILT 320**  
**2011 FREIGHTLINER M2 106**  
**2005 INTERNATIONAL 4300**  
**2001 STERLING M7500 Actera**  
**2000 MACK MR688S**  
**2011 FREIGHTLINER M2 106**  
**2019 INTERNATIONAL MV607**

**THE AUCTION** will end on Wednesday, June 10, 2020. For questions concerning these vehicles and equipment or to schedule an inspection, please contact Tom Mason, Equipment Manager at 678-212-6137. All interested parties may place a bid at any time through the end of the auction by accessing GovDeals auction website at [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com).

**TERMS AND Conditions**  
**GUARANTY WAIVER.** All assets are offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS." City of Covington (Seller) makes no warranty, guaranty or representation of any kind, expressed or implied, as to the merchantability or fitness for any purpose of the property offered for sale. The Buyer is not entitled to any payment from the seller for loss of profit or any other money damages – special, direct, indirect or consequential.

**DESCRIPTION WARRANTY.**  
Seller warrants to the Buyer the property offered for sale will conform to its description. Any claim for misdescription must be made prior to removal of the property. If Seller confirms the property does not conform to the description, Seller will keep the property and refund any money paid. The liability of the Seller shall not exceed the actual purchase price of the property. Please note upon removal of the property, all sales are final.

**PERSONAL AND** property risk. Persons attending during exhibition, sale or removal of goods assume all risks of damage of or loss to person and property and specifically release the seller and GovDeals from liability therefore.

**INSPECTION. MOST** assets offered for sale are used and may contain defects not immediately detectable. Bidders may inspect the property prior to bidding. Bidders must adhere to the inspection dates and times indicated in the asset description. See instructions on each asset page for inspection details.

**CONSIDERATION OF Bid.** City of Covington (Seller) reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw from sale any of the assets listed, and to waive formalities for any bids.

**BUYER'S CERTIFICATE.**  
Successful bidders will receive a Buyer's Certificate by email from GovDeals.

**\*PAYMENT. PAYMENT** in full is due not later than 5 business days from the time and date of the Buyer's Certificate. Acceptable forms of payment are:

- U. S. Currency
- **CERTIFIED** Cashiers Check
- **MONEY** Order
- **CONFIRMED** Wire Transfer
- **COMPANY** Check (with Bank Letter guaranteeing funds – mandatory)

**CHECKS SHALL** be made payable to: City of Covington. Payments shall be made at the location listed in the Buyer's Certificate.

**REMOVAL. ALL** assets must be removed within ten (10) business days from the time and date of issuance of the Buyer's Certificate. Purchases will be released only upon receipt of payment as specified. Successful bidders are responsible for loading and removal of any and all property awarded to them from the place where the property is located as indicated on the website and in the Buyer's Certificate. The Buyer will make all arrangements and perform all work necessary, including packing, loading and transportation of the property. Under no circumstances will Seller assume responsibility for packing, loading or shipping. See instructions on each asset page for removal details. A daily storage fee of \$10.00 may be charged for any item not removed within the ten (10) business days allowed and stated on the Buyer's Certificate.

**VEHICLE TITLES.** Seller will issue a title or certificate upon receipt of payment. Titles may be subject to restrictions as indicated in the asset description on the website.

**DEFAULT. DEFAULT** shall include (1) failure to observe these terms and conditions; (2) failure to make good and timely payment; or (3) failure to remove all assets within the specified time. Default may result in termination of the contract and suspension from participation in all future sales until the default has been cured. If the Buyer fails in the performance of their obligations, Seller may exercise such rights and may pursue such remedies as are provided by law. Seller reserves the right to reclaim and resell all items not removed by the specified removal date.

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**STATE/LOCAL SALES** and/or Use Tax. Buyers may be subject to payment of State and/or local sales and/or use tax. Buyers are responsible for contacting seller or the appropriate tax office, completing any forms and paying any taxes that may be imposed.

**OTHER. A** 7.5% administration fee will be added to final bid amount.

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**5/24**

**Trade Names**

**TRADE NAME**  
**REGISTRATION**  
**AFFIDAVIT**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

**TO WHOM** It may Concern:  
**PLEASE BE** advised that **JIMMY L. MARTIN, JR.**, whose address is 70 Kinloch Court, Covington, GA 30014 AND **LESLIE M MARTIN.**

whose address is 70 Kinloch Court, Covington, GA 30014 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 70 Kinloch Court, Covington, GA 30014 in the following trade name, to-wit: **STRAIGHT LINE LANDSCAPING SERVICES**; and that the nature of said business is: LANDSCAPING SERVICES.

**THIS STATEMENT** is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.

**THIS THE 27TH** day of APRIL, 2020.

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**5/17,24**

**TRADE NAME**  
**REGISTRATION**  
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**THIS STATEMENT** is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.

**THIS THE 2ND** day of APRIL, 2020.

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**5/17,24**

**TRADE NAME**  
**REGISTRATION**  
**AFFIDAVIT**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

**TO WHOM** It may Concern:  
**PLEASE BE** advised that **SUPREME PLANT SERVICES, LLC.**, whose address is 3236 HIGHWAY 278, UNIT C, COVINGTON, GA 30014 is/are the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 3236 HIGHWAY 278, UNIT C, COVINGTON, GA 30014 in the following trade name, to-wit: **SUPREME PLANT SERVICES**; and that the nature of said business is: PROVIDING ASPHALT STORAGE TANK AND LINE CLEANING SERVICES.

**THIS STATEMENT** is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.

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**5/17,24**

**TRADE NAME**  
**REGISTRATION**  
**AFFIDAVIT**  
**GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY**

**TO WHOM** It may Concern:  
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**THIS STATEMENT** is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.

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# SPORTS

## GHSA clears way for conditioning to begin June 8

By BRETT FOWLER  
The Walton Tribune

COVINGTON, Ga. — Georgia High School Association officials approved a plan Thursday afternoon that would allow schools to begin summer conditioning June 8.

The move is a promising sign that fall sports will happen despite lingering concerns over COVID-19. However, several guidelines will be in place limiting what athletes are allowed to

do and how long they will be allowed in the facilities at each time.

Competition between schools is still prohibited at this time.

Officials originally proposed a June 1 start date, but discussion led to the June 8 date in an effort to give schools more time to prepare for the restrictions that will be in place once activities resume.

"We thought June 1 from the get-go was the date we wanted," GHSA Executive

Director Robin Hines said in response to the board. "We were going to look at Gov. Brian Kemp's guidance, what the medical professionals were telling us and that's what we did. If we want to go to June 8, then I will change the date to June 8 and put it out there.

"It's been a lot of work, and we've been working on this for quite some time now."

No more than 20 people will be allowed to use a school's facility at a time,

including coaches, and the rules will require each group of 20 to remain the same to limit exposure. There should also be a 15-minute window between sessions to clean and sanitize.

The GHSA-mandated workouts are to be conditioning only and should not include any sport-specific equipment. Use of school locker rooms is prohibited, as athletes are required to dress and shower at home. Athletes are also required to use their own water bottle.

It was also stressed that all summer workouts are voluntary. While not required, face masks are recommended for the weight room.

The GHSA suggests athletes and staff be screened for COVID-19 before each session, though the organization stopped short of requiring an "infectious disease prevention plan," instead leaving that up to individual schools.

July 27 is the first official start date for fall sports

activities for the 2020-21 school year. The GHSA suspended all activities in March in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19. Since that time, schools around the state have been in limbo about when activities could resume.

The announcement came just one day after the NCAA approved a plan that would allow collegiate student-athletes back on campus starting June 1.

## Newton's Peacock signs with Bryan College for baseball

By MASON WITTNER  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton High School senior Blake Peacock signed his National Letter of Intent to play college baseball at Bryan College on Thursday afternoon.

"Bryan was one of those places where I showed up and just felt like I belonged," Peacock said. "The decision after that was really easy."

Peacock, who primarily pitched in relief for the Rams this spring, was recruited as a both a pitcher and infielder. He's set to report to Bryan College on Aug. 12, with conditioning currently scheduled to begin the following week.

Peacock's first exposure to college baseball came when he was 10 years old. Since



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Newton High School senior Blake Peacock signed his National Letter of Intent to extend his academic and athletic career at Bryan College next year. He's pictured here with his family and members of the NHS baseball team.

then, he's dreamed of extending his talents to the next level when his prep career drew to a close.

After seeing his final season in a Rams uniform cut short due to the COVID-19 crisis, he's more eager than ever to get back on out on the diamond.

"My entire school career

led up to this. I've been working to get to the collegiate level for a while now. I'm very excited," Peacock said.

Newton head coach Darrell Helm offered high praise for his former player on his signing day.

"Blake' one of the hardest-working kids I've ever been around," Helm said.

## Alcovy's Reed realizes dream with Carver Bible College

By MASON WITTNER  
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Following an emotional ceremony, Alcovy High School senior Unique Reed signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball at Carver Bible College on Thursday evening.

"It feels really good to sign," Reed said. "I've been waiting on this for a long time. It was rough, but I finally made it. It was all God."

When the Lady Tigers' 2019-20 campaign drew to a close this winter, Reed didn't believe she'd ever step foot on a basketball court again. She hadn't planned to pursue a collegiate career, and was



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Alcovy High School senior Unique Reed furthered her academic and athletic career Thursday evening by signing a full-ride scholarship to play basketball for Carver Bible College.

initially content with focusing on academics in her next phase of life.

But following a late change of heart, Reed's coaches began reaching out to see any schools would be interested. The coaching staff at Carver Bible College watched Reed's film, contact her family and offered her

a full-ride athletic scholarship.

"This means a lot," Reed said. "It's my dream to play basketball, and I just love playing basketball."

Alcovy head coach Justin Hunter lauded Reed's drive and determination to get better each time she picks up a basketball.



## Newton County Board of Education Resolution Honoring and Commending Newton County School System's Class of 2020

**WHEREAS** Governor Brian P. Kemp, in a March 12, 2020 televised press conference, encouraged school districts to close due to the increasing proliferation of the pandemic caused by COVID-19;

**WHEREAS** at the end of the school day, March 13, 2020, all Newton County Schools were closed through April 10, 2020;

**WHEREAS** Governor Brian P. Kemp, in an Executive Order issued on April 1, 2020, required all Georgia school systems to close for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year;

**WHEREAS** the Class of 2020 experienced an abrupt, unexpected change in the last quarter of their senior year which is a time seniors enjoy special activities designed to celebrate the closure of their K-12 educational experience;

**WHEREAS** the changes caused by the necessity to close schools prevented seniors from returning to school campuses to officially close out their senior year;

**WHEREAS** the spread of COVID-19 impacted the Class of 2020 in a variety of ways, but most specifically it eliminated their opportunity to experience certain time-honored rites of passage that were anticipated and traditional for thousands of seniors before them such as senior week, prom, awards nights, honors programs, and graduation;

**WHEREAS** the Class of 2020 is the first to experience the impact of a global pandemic since the last event of this kind was more than 100 years ago;

**WHEREAS** the seniors of the Class of 2020 have exhibited extraordinary resilience and perseverance during these unprecedented times;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the members of the Newton County Board of Education congratulate, commend, and honor the Class of 2020. We are proud of them and anticipate that their individual and collective impact on our community, state, and nation will be tremendous.

This 19th day of May, 2020.

Shakila Henderson-Baker, District 3, Board Chair

Abigail Coggin, District 5, Board Vice-Chair

Trey Bailey, District 1

Eddie Johnson, District 2



# AGRICULTURE

## Right to Farm Act update facing tight deadline in General Assembly

By DAVE WILLIAMS

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA — While the state's coronavirus-induced budget deficit will grab the most attention when the General Assembly reconvenes next month, lawmakers also may revisit an issue that's roiling rural Georgia.

A proposed update of the Georgia Right to Farm Act enacted during the 1980s enjoys the backing of agricultural organizations including the Georgia Farm Bureau, Georgia Agribusiness Council and Georgia Poultry Federation.

“Every serious ag group is in support of this, and it comes from the grass-roots level, from farmers across the state,” said Will Bentley, president of the agribusiness council.

Opposition to the legislation is spearheaded by environmental groups — many based in rural Georgia — who say it not only is unnecessary but would

harm farm communities.

“This bill is purported to protect real Georgia farmers,” said Gordon Rogers, executive director of Albany-based Flint Riverkeeper. “Nothing could be further from the truth.”

The legislation would make it more difficult for property owners living in areas zoned for agricultural use to file nuisance lawsuits against nearby farms generating offensive noise, dust, smells or sludge runoff.

In order to sue, owners would have to live within five miles of the alleged nuisance. In addition, lawsuits would have to be brought within two years after a nuisance occurs, down from four years under the current law.

The Georgia House of Representatives passed the bill last year, and it cleared the Senate Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee in February. But the full Senate tabled the measure when it became clear it

didn't have the votes to pass.

Committee Chairman John Wilkinson, R-Toccoa, said this month he plans to bring it back before the Senate in June when lawmakers reconvene a 2020 legislative session suspended in March due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

“We think this is a good bill, not just for the farmers of Georgia but for the citizens of Georgia,” Wilkinson, who is running for a Northeast Georgia congressional seat, said May 3 during a Republican candidate debate televised statewide.

Bentley said the impetus behind the legislation is a series of lawsuits in Georgia and other states that have led to court rulings narrowly interpreting the current law in favor of plaintiffs. Updating the law with specific statutory restrictions on lawsuits would strengthen protections for farmers, he said.

“We're just trying to close

the loopholes in existing law so farmers can continue to operate without being subject to frivolous lawsuits,” he said. “[The bill would] ensure farmers have the protections we've thought we've had since the 1980s.”

But Rogers said the bill is a veiled attempt by Georgia agribusiness interests to open the door to more large livestock operations such as pig farms and chicken houses run by out-of-state corporations. The fight over the legislation pits Georgia's small and mid-size family farmers against corporate agriculture and vegetable and row-crop farming against “highly concentrated protein production,” he said.

“The bill is really for farmers who are not even here,” Rogers said. “They're not Georgians. They're multi-national operations.”

Bentley dismissed the argument that updating the Right to Farm Act is

focused solely on animal agriculture. He said the bill also would protect row-crop farmers, since they, too, make noise and raise dust in sufficient quantities to expose themselves to nuisance suits.

“They're just as vulnerable as any type of livestock operator from being sued,” he said. “They're at risk as well.”

The coronavirus pandemic also is playing a role in the debate over the bill.

“The coronavirus outbreak has shown us the importance of having Georgia-grown products,” Wilkinson said. “I believe this will be a big step toward doing that.”

But Rogers said the supply-chain interruptions that have accompanied the pandemic point to the significance of having a diverse mix of small farmers on the front lines of American agriculture.

“U.S. farm policy is to go more and more corporate

with farms,” he said. “It gets a lot of product to market at reasonable prices, but it's extremely vulnerable to disruption. ... Diversity is more reliant to a shock than much fewer operations.”

With just 11 days left in this year's legislative session when the General Assembly returns to the Gold Dome, the bill's prospects are uncertain.

Bentley said the measure faces difficult timing, having lost momentum to the suspension of the session and to the legislature's singular focus on plugging a \$3 billion to \$4 billion fiscal 2021 budget gap.

Rogers said lawmakers may not be willing to put in the time required to pass the bill on the Senate floor.

“It's highly controversial,” he said. “There's a lot to be said for not burning up two hours of floor time with indeterminate results.”



## USDA Georgia Crop Progress and Condition Report

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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### General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Georgia, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, May 17, 2020. Precipitation ranged from no rain to 1.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the high 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the mid 60s.

### Crops

Cotton and peanut planting continued throughout most of the state; however, many producers expressed concern about the lack of soil moisture and its potential impact on recently planted row crops. Other producers stopped planting dryland crops hoping the soil moisture improves soon. Several growers reported being behind schedule on planting. Corn growers throughout the central and southern parts of the state reported fields beginning to yellow and wilt due to the dry conditions. Some hay was harvested in the northern and central parts of the state, and small grains were harvested in the central part of the state. The tobacco crop was looking good in the southeastern part of the state. Growers in the western part of the state reported strawberries producing at high levels, squash and tomato planting, and early variety peach harvesting activities. Producers in the southeastern part of the state expected to begin harvesting midseason blueberries in the near future.

### Livestock and Pastures

Cattle remained in mostly good condition throughout the state. Warm season pastures continued to struggle due to cooler temperatures earlier in the month combined with a lack of soil moisture in recent weeks. Several livestock producers began feeding hay.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending 05/17/20

Blueberries - Harvested: Prev Year (68%), Prev Week (40%), This Week (56%), 5-Year Avg (55%)

Corn - Emerged: Prev Year (96%), Prev Week (92%), This Week (96%), 5-Year Avg (97%)

Corn - Silking: Prev Year (1%); Prev Week (NA); This Week (2%); 5-Year Avg (1%)

Cotton - Planted: Prev Year (56%); Prev Week (26%); This Week (41%); 5-Year Avg (48%)

Hay - 1st Cutting: Prev Year (73%); Prev Week (57%); This Week (72%); 5-Year Avg (67%)

Oats - Harvested: Prev Year (20%); Prev Week (18%); This Week (32%); 5-Year Avg (16%)

Onions - Harvested: Prev Year (89%); Prev Week (74%); This Week (86%); 5-Year Avg (85%)

Peaches - Harvested: Prev Year (4%); Prev Week (1%); This Week (15%); 5-Year Avg (7%)

Peanuts - Planted: Prev Year (63%); Prev Week (28%); This Week (48%); 5-Year Avg (57%)

Soybeans - Planted: Prev Year (35%); Prev Week (22%); This Week (31%); 5-Year Avg (28%)

Soybeans - Emerged: Prev Year (16%); Prev Week (5%); This Week (17%); 5-Year Avg (9%)

Winter wheat - Harvested: Prev Year (25%); Prev Week (20%); This Week (31%); 5-Year Avg (14%)

### Conditions for Week Ending 05/17/20

Blueberries: Very Poor (2%); Poor (5%); Fair (19%); Good (66%); Excellent (8%)

Cattle: Very Poor (1%); Poor (5%); Fair (26%); Good (57%); Excellent (11%)

Corn: Very Poor (1%); Poor (5%); Fair (23%); Good (57%); Excellent (14%)

Oats: Very Poor (0%); Poor (2%); Fair (29%); Good (62%); Excellent (7%)

Pasture and range: Very Poor (2%); Poor (8%); Fair (29%); Good (52%); Excellent (9%)

Peaches: Very Poor (0%); Poor (1%); Fair (15%); Good (56%); Excellent (28%)

Tobacco: Very Poor (0%); Poor (1%); Fair (45%); Good (52%); Excellent (2%)

Winter wheat: Very Poor (1%); Poor (3%); Fair (24%); Good (65%); Excellent (7%)

## USDA seeks nominees for National Organic Board

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking nominations of qualified individuals to fill five vacant seats on the National Organic Standards Board.

The deadline to nominate is June 1, 2020.

The 15-member advisory board considers and makes recommendations on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances and other issues involved in the production, handling and processing of USDA certified organic products.

Each member of the board serves a five-year term and represents specific sectors of the organic community. The five vacant positions that the USDA is hoping to fill for January 2021 are as follows: two individuals who own or operate an organic farming operation of their employees; two individuals who can represent public or consumer interest groups; one USDA-accredited certifying agent.

Members attend two in-person meetings each year and participate in bi-monthly subcommit-

tee conference calls. The USDA reimburses NOSB members for approved travel and associated lodging expenses.

All nominations are required to include a resume and an AD-755 application form, which can be located online at usda.gov.

Those interested in submitting a nomination are urged to do so by emailing Michelle.Arsenault@usda.gov or mailing them to USDA-AMS-NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue S.W., Room 2642-S., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268.



## Agriculture in Georgia

*Firsts*

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

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

## Washington County Farm Bureau

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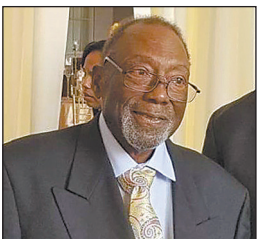
## LARRY J. SHIELDS, SR.

Trice Funeral Home

Mr. Larry J. Shields, Sr., 71, of 205 East Soule Street, Oxford, Ga passed on Thursday, April 30 in the Piedmont-Newton Hospital in Covington, Ga.

Graveside service was held on Tuesday, May 5th in the Oxford Historical Cemetery in Oxford, GA. Rev. Dr. Donna M. Calix officiated assisted by Evangelist Sandra T. Trice.

Mr. Larry Shields was educated in the public schools of Newton County, graduated with the class of 1967 from R.R.L. Cousins highs School. He was a member of the Rust Chapel United Methodist Church in Oxford, GA. He was employed by Golden States Foods for many years. After retirement, he started his



own business beginning as a licensed barber, licensed cosmetologist, auto detailing and finally his own lawn service.

During his leisure time, Larry treasured spending time with his family and friends - especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed grilling, gardening, bowling, golf, chess, card games, and watching all sports. He delighted in tailgating at football games at Fort Valley State, University of Georgia, Georgia-Florida games and the Atlanta Falcons.

He was survived by his wife of forty-eight years,

Rev. Marilyn Tanks Shields of Oxford, Ga; three sons, Mr. Ronnie Fuller and Mr. Morris Brandon (Sara) Shields both of Covington, Ga and Mr. Julius (Alexis) Shields of Conyers, Ga; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sisters and brothers-in-law include Marvin J. Tanks and Brenda T. (Ron) Hewitt all of Atlanta, Ga, Evangelist Sandra T. Trice of Thomaston, Ga, and Retired Navy Commander Wendell D. (Jeanie) Tanks of San Diego, Ca; two devoted and long time friends, Leon (Frieda) Ward of Enterprise, Ala and Maurice Veal of Pittsburg, Ca; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

## MARVIN LEWIS RAMGE

Wheeler Funeral and Cremation Services

Marvin Lewis Ramge, 86, of Covington, passed away at his home, Tuesday, May 19, 2020. He was born in Milwaukee, Wi to the late Victor H. and Ottilia Hausler Ramge. In addition to his parents, Marvin was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Ruth Joyce Ramge; brother, Victor Carl (Rev. Sebastian); and grandson, Steven Smith. Marvin proudly served his country during the Korean conflict with the United States Marine Corps and then retired with the United States Air

Force. He enjoyed NA-SCAR, crossword puzzles, bowling, and fishing, was an avid Green Bay Packers Fan, and enjoyed his cats. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother. His presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, David and Lorraine Cannon of Newborn, Ga and Steve and Cindy Cannon of Covington, Ga; brother, Robert Ramge of Covington, Ga; grandchildren, Russell Cannon and Karrie Randolph; several great-grandchildren. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions,

a private interment service will be held Thursday, May 21 at 11 a.m. at Georgia Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Milledgeville. A Mass will be held in his honor at Monastery of the Holy Spirit at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate). Guests may sign the online register at [www.wheelerfuneralhome.com](http://www.wheelerfuneralhome.com). Wheeler Funeral and Cremation Services, 11405 Brown Bridge Rd, Covington (770) 786-7111

## GEORGE DAVIS GREER

Cremation Center of Chattanooga

Colonel George Davis Greer of Avondale Estates, Georgia passed away May 13, 2020 at the age of 90. He was predeceased by his best friend and wife of 60 years, Mary whom he met while both were students at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Also preceding him in death were his parents, Frank and Alma Greer, his sister Anne Greer Townsend and his brother William Greer.

Surviving George and Mary are their three daughters Mary Greer Cielinski (John), Cynthia Greer Ryan (Michael) and Delinda Susan Greer; five grandchildren Kelly Kilgore, Wes Kilgore (Joanna), Dave Gibbs (Natalie), Kirsten Gibbs Nieto (Mario) and Molly Locklear Sloan (Rial); and 14 amazing great grandchildren.

Colonel Greer served 28 years as a commissioned active duty officer in the



U.S. Army. He served tours of duty in Korea and Vietnam as well as in numerous other locations. Though he never mentioned it he was a highly decorated officer having earned 2 Silver Stars, 3 Bronze stars, 2 Legions of Merit, a Distinguished Flying Cross, The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, the Combat Infantry Badge and numerous other medals and citations. While in Vietnam he received nine air medals and he was shot down in three helicopters. Upon retirement he refused to tempt fate by ever flying again.

On November 23, 2012, Mary Greer lost a long battle to overcome the effects of a stroke suffered

in January of 2000. Mary was born and raised in Ridgewood, New Jersey, the daughter of the late Inglee and Beatrice Dewson. She had one sister, Beatrice Dewson Johns, who is also deceased.

She served in a number of executive positions in the Officers' Wives Club, taught etiquette to the West Point Graduates and was the surrogate mother to many cadets. While living in Avondale Estates, she was active in many organizations to include the Georgia Federation of Garden Clubs, the Avon Garden Club and served on several boards for the City of Avondale Estates. She was a good friend to all and loved by many.

George and Mary will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Arrangements are by Cremation Center of Chattanooga, 1345 Hickory Valley Rd. Chattanooga, TN 37421 (423) 362-5999.

## GENEVIEVE "JANE" JONES

Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home

Genevieve "Jane" Jones of Covington, passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, at the age of 89. From 1964 – 1969, Mrs. Jones proudly served her country in the United States Air Force as a courageous flight nurse who supervised those caring for wounded veterans in medical evacuation from the Philippines to Vietnam. Mrs. Jones was an avid UGA alumni and Atlanta Braves fan. She enjoyed flowers, especially the ones she received from friends and family, but most of all,

she relished in sharing her Japan love story about how she met her late husband, Ralph, in Okinawa, to anyone who would listen. Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph T. Jones; grandson, Ryan M. Jones; parents, Edward M., and Genevieve Mostiezer Seitz.

Survivors include her daughters, Teresa Boman, Tracy Harris; sons and daughter-in-law, Ralph Michael Jones, Alan Danny and Cathy Jo Jones; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Jerry Wiediger; sister-in-

law, Retha Bone; as well as two nephews, one great-niece and one great-great-nephew.

A Cryptside Service for Mrs. Jones was held Monday, May 18, 2020, 2 p.m., in Lawnwood Memorial Park in the Memory Chapel Mausoleum with Pastor David Armstrong – Reiner officiating. Flowers are accepted or donations may be made to Epiphany Lutheran Church, 2375 Highway 20 SE, Conyers, Ga 30013.

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