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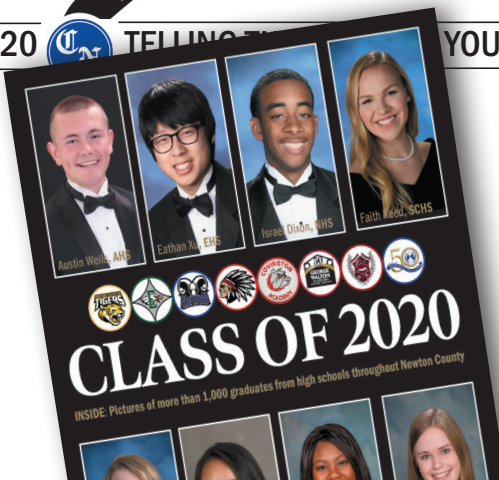
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— Luke 5:26



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INSIDE TODAY

Loeffler cleared Exonerated after look at transactions in investigation

By **DAVE WILLIAMS**
Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA - The Justice Department has dropped an investigation of stock transactions U.S. Sen. Kelly Loeffler, R-Ga., and two Senate colleagues made following a closed-door briefing in January on the looming coronavirus pandemic, Loeffler's office confirmed Tuesday.

Loeffler, a wealthy Atlanta businesswoman, and Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., turned over documents to investigators after political opponents and media reports called attention to the buying and selling of millions of dollars in stocks by the three senators shortly after the briefing.

A fourth senator, Republican Richard Burr of North Carolina, remains under investigation, the Wall Street Journal reported.

Loeffler has said the stock transactions were made by a third-party advisor without her input.

Last month, she liquidated her holdings in indi-

Covington man arrested for murder

Victim remains unidentified, pending next of kin notification

By **MASON WITTNER**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Covington man was arrested and charged with murder fol-

lowing an alleged shooting incident at the Super 8 Motel on Alcovy Road on Wednesday night.

According to the Covington Police Department, Terry Yates, 30, was taken into custody late Wednesday and is currently being held on murder charges for his alleged role in the incident.

The report states that CPD Patrol and CID



Terry Yates

were called out to a shooting at the Super 8 Motel at ap-

proximately 9:20 p.m. Detectives then gathered evidence and interviewed witnesses throughout the night. The weapon used in the incident was found early Thursday morning in a field by Rocky Plains Road.

The CPD stated that the shooting victim has died from his injuries. The identification of the deceased victim will continue to be withheld until next of kin are

notified.

"This case is still under investigation." CPD Captain Ken Malcom said Friday morning. "We are awaiting an autopsy. We also have a number of witnesses to interview and reinterview. This is all that we can release at this time."

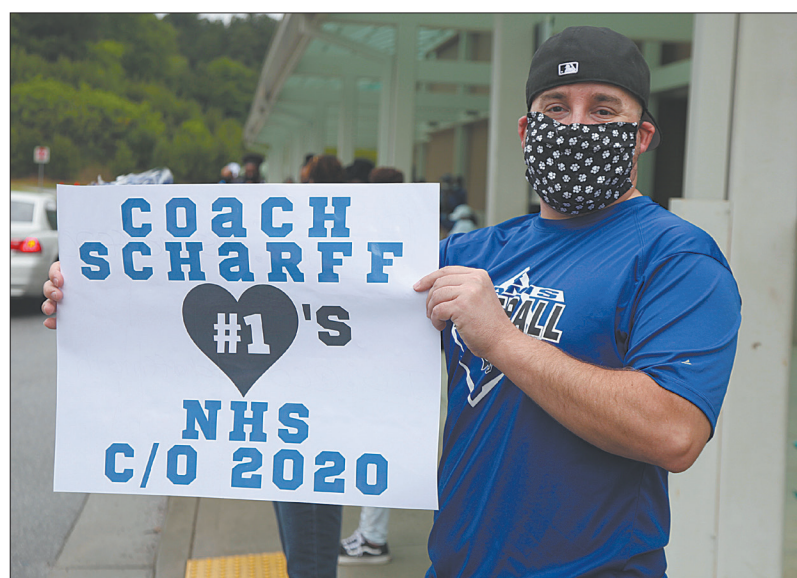
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Julia Bravo, Newton High School senior, cheers throughout the graduation parade.



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Teacher David Scharff shows support for the class of 2020 during the NHS graduation celebration.

By **MASON WITTNER**
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Newton High School hosted its seniors on campus one final time Wednesday for a drive-through graduation celebration.

The Class of 2020 was encouraged to arrive in their cars wearing their cap and gown to retrieve their yearbooks and high school diplomas. They were then guided along a path filled with faculty, staff and alumni showering them with praise.

Unique celebrations like these have taken place all over the county. For more pictures from Wednesday and the other celebrations, please visit our website at CovNews.com.

Glossy keepsake magazine inside today.

Kemp to open bars, summer school

Public health emergency extended through July 12

By **MASON WITTNER**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Gov. Brian Kemp held a press conference Thursday to provide an update on COVID-19 and announced that he will permit bars, nightclubs, summer school classes and overnight summer camps to resume operations in the coming weeks.

Additionally, Kemp stated that he is extending the public health emergency in Georgia through 11:59 p.m. on July 12, which allows him to continue issuing executive orders.

Kemp signed an executive order Thursday allowing bars and nightclubs to reopen starting June 1 following nearly two months of remaining closed. In order to open their establishments, they must follow a strict set of guidelines, which includes limiting occupancy to 25 people — or 35% of the building's occupancy — and



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Piedmont Newton sheds light on measures

Hospital's CMO, CEO dispel notions about lack of safety

By **MASON WITTNER**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — As the fight against COVID-19 wages on, Americans are oftentimes overwhelmed with fear, uncertainty and financial hardship due to the ongoing pandemic.

While the social distancing and shelter-in-place recommendations have been successful in flattening the curve and

preventing the spread of the coronavirus, they've also had a negative impact on the mindset of many citizens.

In several noted cases, apprehension has led patients suffering from advanced severe illness to be harmed or suffer a death that could've otherwise been prevented under normal circumstances.

Dr. Norris Little, the chief medical officer for Piedmont Newton Hospital, recently spoke about the effect the coronavirus has had on patients in the local community.



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Mytex Polymer invests over \$7 million in Newton County expansion

By DAVID CLEMONS
The Walton Tribune

COVINGTON, Ga. — Mytex Polymers US Corp. will make a \$7 million investment to expand its Newton County facility. Gov. Brian Kemp announced the expansion Tuesday and said it will create 15 jobs. Mytex develops, tests and makes polymer solutions used in a variety of products including car parts, household appliances, recreational vehicles, industrial equipment, specialty packaging and other goods. Jefferson, Indiana-based Mytex came to Newton County in 2018 when it merged with Comusa. The companies had been collaborating on product



development and solutions for the automotive industry since 2014. Tokyo-based Japan Polypropylene Corp., which is part of Mitsubishi Chemical Corp., owns Mytex. Mytex was founded in 1987, and Covington-based Comusa Inc. was founded in 2005. Funcster, a long glass reinforced injection molded grade polypropylene, is the main Mytex product from Covington. It's used for structural applications in automobiles or in conjunction with other materials such as PVC.

Mytex has a facility on Alcovy Road and will build a new production line in an existing 140,000-square-foot space. "We are excited to expand our footprint in Newton County," Mytex President Yasuhiro Mochizuki said. "The area has a talented workforce, and we look forward to having individuals join our team. We appreciate the support of the local municipalities and look forward to continuing a successful partnership over the coming years." Serra P. Hall, the senior project manager of the

Newton County Industrial Development Authority, said it was "a pleasure" to work with Mytex on its expansion efforts. "Mytex brings an invaluable resource to Newton County from their additional job creation to their expertise in the polymer market, to their commitment to the community," Hall said. "We are excited about their new expanded footprint along with use of rail in Georgia. We are grateful for Mytex and thankful they have added to our diverse business ecosystem."

Newton County Probate Judge completes statewide certification programs

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ATLANTA, Ga. – Judge Melanie Bell of the Newton County Probate Court was recognized last week as one of 28 probate judges across the state of Georgia who recently completed the Georgia Probate Court Judges' Certificate Program and one of 78 probate judges who completed the Georgia Probate Court Judges' Traffic Certificate Program.

The Georgia Probate Court Judges' Certificate Program was an original creation of the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government and the Probate Court Judges Training Council and the Georgia Probate Court Judges' Traffic Certificate Program was created as a collaboration between the Institute for Continuing Judicial Education and the Probate Court Judges Training Council.

The primary objective of both the Georgia Probate Court Judges' Certificate Program and the Georgia Probate Court Judges' Traffic Certificate Program is to provide a rigorous, multi-year curriculum of specialized training for every probate court judge and associate probate judge in Georgia. Both programs



Newton County Probate Judge Melanie Bell was recently honored for her completion of both the Probate Court Judges' Certificate Program and the Georgia Probate Court Judges' Traffic Certificate Program.

are mandatory, and it is possible to complete each program within a four-year term of office. Judge Tammy Brown of the Barrow County Probate Court, who currently serves as the president of the Constitutional Officers Association of Georgia and served as the president of the Council of Probate Court Judges of Georgia when the certificate program was created, high-

lighted the importance of the program. "When we created the program, the original idea was to provide specialized training for each judge," said Brown. "We felt it was important to do so because probate court is a very unique class of court and regardless of the prior experience and education that a judge has prior to taking office, we wanted every judge to receive training that is tai-

lored specifically for what is needed to successfully serve as a probate judge." The Georgia Probate Court Judges' Certificate Program is currently facilitated by the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education. ICJE provides basic training and continuing education for every judge in the state of Georgia and other court personnel.

ABOUT THE COUNCIL OF PROBATE COURT JUDGES

Established and given jurisdiction by O.C.G.A. § 15-9-15 to further improve the administration of probate courts across the state. The Council lends assistance to its respective judges in the execution of their duties and promotes professional training. Each elected probate judge in each respective county in Georgia is a member of the Council.

CITY OF MANSFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2020-2021 BUDGET: A Public Hearing on the FY2020-2021 Budget is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Mansfield Community House located at 3158 Hwy 11, Mansfield GA 30055. At this meeting, the Mayor and Council will receive both written and oral comments about the Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Mansfield, Georgia. A copy of the budget is also available for public inspection at Mansfield City Hall.



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State troopers arrest Covington man in Oconee

By DAVID CLEMONS
The Walton Tribune

BOGART, Ga. — State troopers arrested a Covington man on obstruction charges Thursday. Kenneth Rush Scott Jr., 27, was booked into the Oconee County Jail at 7:38 p.m. Thursday. He is charged with willful obstruction of law enforcement, driving with a suspended license, giving false name and driving without registration. The GSP public information office did not immediately respond to a request for more information about the arrest. Chief Deputy Lee Weems of the Oconee County Sheriff's Office wouldn't say if the

arrest was linked to an intense search earlier in the day for a man who ran from a traffic stop. At least four agencies combed the woods east of the intersection of U.S. 78 and Hog Mountain Road on Thursday afternoon. Walton County Sheriff Joe Chapman said his office's K-9 unit was called in to help. The Oconee County Sheriff's Office and Auburn police also were on the scene, and a helicopter was used to search as well.



Kenneth Rush Scott, Jr.

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vidual stocks and converted those assets into broader exchange-traded funds and mutual funds. At the time, she said she was doing so not because of any wrongdoing but to end the distraction over false allegations. "Today's clear exoneration by the Department of Justice affirms what Senator Loeffler has said all along – she did nothing wrong," Loeffler campaign spokesman Stephen Lawson said Tuesday. "This was a politically motivated attack shamelessly promoted by the fake news media and her political opponents."

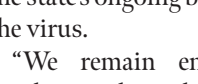
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having designated areas to serve drinks. Summer school will begin in June so long as schools can maintain a sanitized facility and ensure students remain separated inside classrooms to practice social distancing. Meanwhile, overnight summer camps will have the authority to open beginning May 31 under similar sanitizing and social distancing guidelines. "We continue to strongly encourage all Georgians and visitors to wear face coverings in public to mitigate viral spread," Kemp said, "and restrictions remain intact for nearly every Georgia business to keep employees and customers safe." Kemp believes recent trends in the number of positive coronavirus cases and hospitalizations give great reason to be optimistic about the state's ongoing battle with the virus. "We remain encouraged by the numbers that we are seeing in testing, hospitalizations and a wide variety of other data points across the state," he said. Kemp also stated that starting in June, restaurants and other gathering spots will now be permitted to have groups of up to 25 people so long as six feet of space is maintained. The six-foot rule previously applied to groups of up to 10 people. Beginning next week, professional sports teams will have permission to operate under guidelines set by their respective sports leagues. Amusement parks, water parks, carnivals and circus-

es will be allowed to reopen their facilities under strict restrictions June 12. Live performance venues will remain closed until further notice. "I know these closures are tough on business owners, but we will continue to watch the data to ensure the health and safety of our citizens," Kemp said of the venues. "We are working closely with business owners, associations and stakeholders to prepare for the future." As of 9 a.m. Friday, May 29, the Georgia Department of Public Health reported that there had been a total of 45,572 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state. This had led to a total of 7,838 hospitalizations and 1,972 deaths. Newton County's death toll remained unchanged this week at 11, while the total number of confirmed cases rose to 347 and the number of hospitalizations climbed to 65. There has been a notable increase in COVID-19 cases on the DPH website in recent days. Kemp and public health officials attributed this bump to a backlog of old tests results being received over the weekend. In spite of these increased numbers, Dr. Kathleen Toomey, the state's public health commissioner, publicly supported the move to scale back restrictions on businesses in the weeks ahead. "I felt very comfortable," Toomey said, "Particularly because the data trends have been staying very, very favorable."

Beginning Tuesday, June 2, DPH will move its Daily Status Report updates back to one per day at 3 p.m.



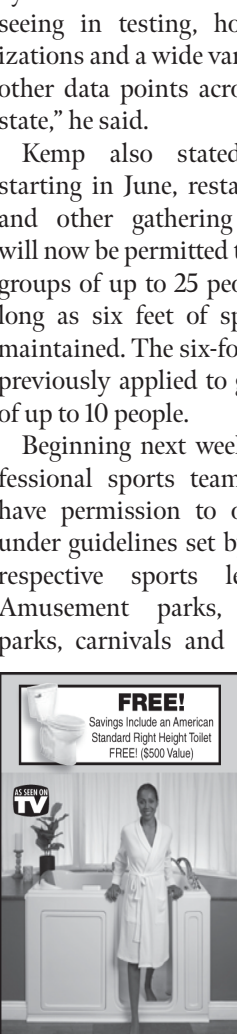
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David Carroll columnist

Your Call Is Very Important To Us

Like many of you, I have worked from home for the past three months, and it has given me a chance to familiarize myself with my new surroundings. It turns out that this place I've slept and watched ballgames on weekends for thirty years needed a few repairs. My wife says she has informed me about these problems in the past, but I was apparently distracted by the Braves and SEC football.

I took a look around, and saw a malfunctioning printer, a sputtering computer, and other devices in need of the two words I fear most: "technical support."

The state of customer service is not good. Recently, I switched internet providers because of a certain company that wrote the book on bad service.

Since I made the change, my previous provider has flooded my mailbox with invitations for me to "come back." They are offering me faster speed, better service, and I think they promised to paint my garage. Honestly, if they had even answered the phone when I was their customer, I would have never left.

My first few weeks of quarantine were spent listening to "hold music." You know, that screechy noise they play between the insincere messages: "Your call is very important to us. Please remain on the line for the next available agent." After a few rounds of that, I hear a phone ringing. Success! I'm about to speak to a human. Nope. The next message informs me, "We are experiencing a high volume of calls. Wait times may be longer than usual. You may want to call back during the next leap year."

I know that my call is not that important to them. If it was, a real person would answer, and I wouldn't have to navigate the annoying phone tree. "For English, press one. Para español, oprima dos." That's not so bad. But it gets worse.

"If you have questions about your warranty, press three. If you are checking on an order, press four. If you're going to San Francisco, press five. If you're planning to wear a flower in your hair, press six. If you've ever trimmed your weeds and found a bicycle, you might be a redneck. To speak with Jenny, call 867-5309."

Eventually, a live person speaks to me. I'm stunned. When he asks

how he can help, I have to think for a minute. Why DID I call? I can't remember. When I first called, the leaves were brown, and Bush was president.

I finally remember. "My printer stopped working," I said. "No problem," he responds cheerily. "I will need your name, address, the phone number it's registered under, the printer's model number and serial number, date and location of purchase, your mother's squash casserole recipe, and the nuclear code known only to the guy in the dark suit who travels with the president. And just like Jeopardy, you must respond in the form of a question."

Of course, I have the nuclear code in my wallet, but which phone number did I give them? I have no idea.

"One more thing," he says. "In case we get disconnected, I'll need a call-back number." I dutifully respond, and sure enough, moments later the line goes dead, and I hear silence. I never hear from him again. I'm too exhausted to climb back up that phone tree.

When we begin to rebuild our economy, here's how we put people back to work. We require these huge companies to hire enough folks to make customer service a priority.

Instead of having to wait on hold for a month, someone from the phone company would contact us every week, just to check in. "Dave, how's it going? Is there anything we can do to help?"

If that happens, I already have my phone greeting ready to go. "You have reached the Carroll residence. Please listen carefully, because our options have changed. Earlier today, we were thinking pizza for dinner, but we are suddenly craving Mexican. It may be dine-in, or it could be carry-out. It's good to have options. Please hold, and the next available family member will take your call." After a few minutes of 1960s bubblegum music like "Yummy Yummy Yummy," another recorded message will play. "Due to an unusually high volume of calls, we may not be able to respond until the Atlanta Falcons make it to the Super Bowl. Goodbye."

Maybe, just maybe, if they got a taste of their own medicine, they would understand how to do customer service again.

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Chris Bridges columnist

Recording another trip around the sun



Truth be told, birthdays have never been that big of a deal for me.

Oh, I'm sure I probably enjoyed them until the time I was 10 or so, but, to me in 2020, a birthday is just another day on the calendar. "You are the age you are," has always been a favorite saying of mine.

The day itself doesn't seem different from any other. More likely than not I will be working or at a minimum working in my yard.

Truthfully, birthdays in recent years have been tougher. I am not quite at the big 5-0 but I am getting close, very close. Maybe even too close. I am officially 49 now. At times it doesn't seem possible. Other times it seems like I am even older than my years.

Yet on May 27, 1971 I arrived in this world, the first son of Paul and Melba Bridges. For it's worth I was born in Macon and grew up in the central Georgia town of Monticello.

Recent years have brought the loss of loved ones. That is actually what I think most about, certainly more so than my current age. Knowing the older I get it means family members from previous generations and friends will be lost. It has been 30 years since I graduated high school and we have already lost one member of our small class.

It's all a part of life I know but still tough to wrap my head around. Or maybe I just don't want to.

I have tried to look at age 49 as simply another birthday. No bigger a deal than turning 39 or 29 or 19. Without a doubt, one is no longer young at my age. I am middle-aged for sure and getting closer to being described with that adjective termed "old." Carefree days of youth, while in reality long



since departed, are officially in the rear view mirror now.

My birthday was two days after Memorial Day this year and I spent more time being appreciative for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for me and our country.

In so many ways, my mind still thinks I'm a teenager, still in school, still hanging with my friends and still worrying about things that don't really matter.

When I remind myself that so many of those childhood friends now have teenagers themselves, it makes me wonder how in the world I've reached this point. It doesn't seem possible. Wasn't it us a couple of years ago roaming the halls at our school, playing sports, hanging out on weekends, enjoying every minute of life?

How has all of that been replaced by jobs, paying bills, an overload of stress and the realization that those carefree times have indeed long since slipped away?

It helps to think about the things I am blessed with as I turn this historic page. Family support when that is not always guaranteed for everyone. Friends I would do anything for and, in return, I feel they would do the same for me. It's not a large group of friends I have because friendship is not something everyone appreciates.

So what is it about being 49 that gives me a punch in the stomach at times? Realizing that life is more than half over could be it. Or it could be the knowing that you truly look old to those who are young. Or perhaps realizing this year's senior class was not even close to being born when you finished high school. Ouch.

Kasey Carty Jordan columnist

Life as we know it has changed

I am not quite sure how I expected to start this column when I wrote my last column in March. I laugh, because I wrote about being ten days into the shelter in place, and days seeming the same. Now, more than two months later, my days seem even more the same. Except now I measure the days by how much my newly planted vegetables grow and how much higher my newly-hatched chicks can jump out of their containment.

Yes, I am now a farmer, teacher, and professional chef as I pass on my knowledge to my sou-chefs—my children. Each night, I take turns with my children, letting them pick the menu and help cook dinner. We have cooked Thai food, Japanese hibachi, fondue, pizza from scratch, Vietnamese pho noodles and some run-of-the-mill meals like spaghetti, chili and tacos. I hope that is what my children remember from this time, the moments we spent together that we would have normally missed-playing tennis in the driveway, checking to see what plants have sprouted, and laying in their beds and reading stories from the Bibles they got for Easter.

Each week, the only day that is different than the day before is Sunday. We have not been perfect and there have been weeks, like on Mother's Day when my eight-year old was making fondue and after spending a couple hours in the kitchen getting everything ready and cleaned up from dinner, ten o'clock rolled around and we realized that we somehow did not celebrate mass. But spending time as a family, watching mass online has been the



one thing that has been mostly consistent, whether it is on a youtube channel on a laptop,

or on television watching the pope celebrate masses during Holy Week in an almost empty church or square. We started on the couch but we have now moved it outside under the tiki torches. For a moment last week, as I looked up at the colors of the setting sun in the sky, I marveled that I could worship Him in mass with His beauty all around me.

It made me think about whether I would want to go back to our slightly-dark church building early on a Sunday morning. Why not just worship God my own way? It is a question we all have to answer, as some things get back to normal and we have to choose what our new normal will be. Will a more-secluded way of life become normal, or a life that, while still interacting with people, may be from a little more afar? Times like this always make us think about what is important. Is God what we make of Him, conveniently fitting into what is most comfortable, or is He the ruler of our lives?

We need the answer to that question in order to answer my original question. Will I choose to sit in the light of my tiki torches where it is convenient for me to celebrate mass in the safety of just my family? Or will I take the opportunity to celebrate with my church family when it is safe to do so? I think it will be the tiki torches as long as it is deter-

Then at work when the younger generation says "hello, sir" or "thank you, sir." I want to turn and look at my father.

Birthday parties, by the time you reach this age, are long gone. For me, it's usually a quiet night at home with a favorite movie that I've seen at least 50 times. It's about trying to relax, if only for one evening.

The sun will come up the day after this milestone. People turn 49 all the time, every day and without notice. Do I feel I'm wiser at this age? In some respects I do. However, there's plenty I still don't know and plenty I will never know, even if I make it another 49 years.

Birthdays aren't a big deal unless you make them into one. No doubt being close to 50 is light years from being 18. Yet, I'm not so old that I still can't remember being young. While nothing about me is "young" anymore, the ability to go back to a time when I was, is still working just fine thankf

So, here's to another trip around the sun and enjoying the beauty that comes with every new day. It's true you appreciate the little things more when you reach this age like a nap and the beauty of the blue, summer sky in Georgia.

Perhaps being 49 won't be such a big deal. I've convinced myself that with the right attitude, it's no different than turning 21. After all, we only get one of these days each year. They are still special even if less people notice and remember.

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mined that to do otherwise could compromise the health of another human being. Or if one of my family members is sick, and we could cause someone else to get sick. But when it is safe to celebrate together, I want to hear a child whisper a little too loud when the mass is of course at its most quiet moment. I want to talk to my students and find out how they are doing, even if it is from six feet away and I can't give them a hug like I would normally do. And most importantly of all, I want to receive Jesus in the Eucharistic. God's grace is bigger than a pandemic and He has allowed us to stay close to Him as we receive spiritual communion at home. But how much more my soul longs to receive His body in the Eucharist when I have the chance to safely do that, and in the safety of the Church that He has provided to guide us in His truth. How I long for Him!

Yes, things are guaranteed to look different, if in fact, we are still looking out for the vulnerable around us. And finding creative ways to connect with those in our church families and the community at large can be an adventure instead of a chore. But the call to rely on God, and then in turn, to share His love with those around us has never changed. May we be led by His Holy Spirit in the coming weeks and months so we can still be salt and light in the world.

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**POSITION AVAILABLE:
REFUSE COLLECTION
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The City of Oxford is accepting applications for the position of Refuse Collection Worker.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Ability to read, write and perform mathematical calculations at a level commonly associated with the completion of high school or equivalent.
- Sufficient experience to understand the basic principles relevant to the major duties of the position, usually associated with the completion of an apprenticeship/internship or having had a similar position for one to two years.
- Must have a valid driver's license issued by the State of Georgia, with a 3-year clean record.

Top candidates will possess the following knowledge and skills experience at a minimum:

- Knowledge of safety procedures pertaining to public works activities.
- Knowledge of the geographic layout of the city, including street names.
- Knowledge of yard waste and debris collection procedures.
- Skill in operating the yard debris pickup equipment such as a chipper and leaf vacuum.
- Skill in verbal communication.

Entry salary for this position is \$25,391.30. Actual salary will be determined based on qualifications and experience.

For a complete list of job responsibilities and application, visit our website at <https://www.oxfordgeorgia.org/> or contact Jody Reid at jreid@oxfordgeorgia.org.

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

Resumes submitted without completed applications will not be considered. Applications will be accepted through Friday, June 19, 2020.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Public Notices

Abandoned Vehicles

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE (TOWING OR STORAGE COMPANY)

1998 MERCEDES-BENZ E320 VIN - WDBJH82FXWX002561

YOU ARE hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19 (a) (2), that the above-referenced vehicle is subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.

THE VEHICLE is currently located at 3195 Hwy 81 South, Covington, GA 30016. Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the following business immediately.

BUSINESS NAME: King's 24 Hour Towing and Repair, LLC
ADDRESS: 3195 Hwy 81 South

COVINGTON, GA 30016
TELEPHONE#: 770-787-6243

PUBLIC NOTICE #116864
5/31,6/7

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

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

125 OLD Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-4814

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

06/19/20
ANSWER FORMS may be found in the Magistrate Court Clerk's office located at: 1132 Usher St Room Covington, GA

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

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FORD 2015 Focus
1FADP3F22FL250831
20-1987AV

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1G4CW54K224153457
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1C3CDZAB3EN227607
20-1993AV

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JTD8U4EE1BJ102753
20-1994AV

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KNDJT2A54C7464566
20-1995AV

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1C3CDZCB8CN144698
20-1996AV

DODGE 2005 Magnum
2D8GV58275H116433
20-1997AV

VOLKSWAGE 2014
Passat 1VWAT7A32EC108734
20-2000AV

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JTDKN3DU8A0154272
20-1999AV

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1N4AL21E79N438537
20-2000AV

CHEVROLET 2006
Express 1GCGG25V061260329
20-2001AV

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S-Class WDBNG75J6YA119638
20-2002AV

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KNADM4A34E6392844
20-2003AV

FORD 2005 Taurus
1FAFP53245A285728
20-2004AV

KIA 2015 Optima
5XXGM4A73FG416363
20-2005AV

FORD 2011 Fusion
3FAHP0JG6BR320586
20-2006AV

PUBLIC NOTICE #116858
5/31,6/7

Alcoholic Beverage

NOTICE – APPLICATION ALCOHOL LICENSE

NOTICE IS hereby given that an application has been made to the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington to obtain a license to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption only for:

8109 WASHINGTON Inc.

DBA SHELL Food Mart

8109 WASHINGTON St,

SW
APPLICANT: SAHIL Dakshesh Lala

THE APPLICATION will be heard on June 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM at City of Covington Council Room, 2116 Stallings Street, NW, Covington, GA. This notice is published pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.12.080(C), Covington Municipal Code.

ATTEST:
JENNIFER HISE, PERMITTING AND LICENSE SPECIALIST
CITY OF Covington, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #116856
5/31

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

BROWN BRIDGE MANAGEMENT, LLC
DBA FOODLAND
ADOLPHE DJIKINDE
15036 BROWN BRIDGE ROAD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PLEASE CONTACT the Business License Department for hearing dates at 678-625-1659.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116855
5/31,6/7

Bids

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 our 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 accepting proposals from qualified firms to provide pre-pay integration services to our existing Utility Billing System. Sealed proposals are due by 10:00 am on Wednesday, June 24, 2020.
REQUEST FOR Proposals 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](https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=BUSINESS-OPPORTUNITIES)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116860
5/31,6/7

Citations

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of **BRIANNA ELIZABETH ADAMS, FORMER MINOR**

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116865
5/31

Corporations

NOTICE IS given that a notice of intent to dissolve **NEWTON COUNTY LAND TRUST ALLIANCE, INC.**, a Georgia nonprofit corporation with its registered office at 1118 Conyers Street,

SW, Covington, GA 30014, will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. Persons with claims against the corporation are requested to present the name of the claimant and amount of the claim to the corporation by mail to 1118 Conyers Street, SW, Covington, GA, 30014. Except for claims that are currently contingent or that arise after the date of filing of the notice of intent to dissolve with the Secretary of State, a claim against the corporation not otherwise barred will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after last publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116857
5/31,6/7

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

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of EDDIE LEE ELLISON, 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** 20th day of MAY, 2020.

EDDIE LEE ELLISON, JR. EXECUTOR
209 WILLOWS COURT
RIVERDALE, GA 30274

PUBLIC NOTICE #116852
5/31,6/7,14,21

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 GAYNELL D. ELLISON**, 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 MAY, 2020.

EDDIE LEE ELLISON, JR. EXECUTOR
209 WILLOWS COURT
RIVERDALE, GA 30274

PUBLIC NOTICE #116853
5/31,6/7,14,21

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 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

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ADRIENNE BRADSHAW PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
KEITH BRADSHAW DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2019-CV-1216-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: KEITH BRADSHAW, SR. 2 0 8

WESTWINDS TRAILS

MCDONOUGH, GA 30253

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MAY 14, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **MAY 1, 2020** (date of filing) **ADRIENNE BRADSHAW** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . **YOU ARE** required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

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

THIS, THE 14TH day of **MAY**, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116850
5/31,6/7,14,21

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

HEATHER MITCHELL PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
ADRIAN BROWN DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-608-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: ADRIAN BROWN 3 0 0

LAKESIDE PT

COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MAY 11, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **APRIL 12, 2020** (date of filing) **HEATHER MITCHELL** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . **YOU ARE** required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

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

THIS, THE 11TH day of **MAY**, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116851
5/31,6/7,14,21

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

JADONNA MARIE COPES PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
ANGELO BERNARD JONES, JR. DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-858-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: ANGELO B. JONES, JR

PAINTER VA

N O R T H

HAMPTON

COUNTY

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MAY 11, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **APRIL 21, 2020** (date of filing) **JADONNA M COPES** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce . **YOU ARE** required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable **JOHN M. OTT**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 20TH day of **MAY**, 2020.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116861
5/31,6/7,14,21

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

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

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

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

LUSHAUNA GUNN PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
FRED GUNN DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: **SUCV2020000799-5**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **APRIL 20, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **APRIL 6, 2020** (date of filing) **LUSHAUNA GUNN** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce. **YOU ARE** required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

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

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 (Tax Parcel 0009000000036C00), as follows, to wit:

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 00090-000000-036-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 29, 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

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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: KAMMERON NEWTON AS NEXT friend of: CAMERON TOLBERT

CIVIL ACTION Number SUCV2020001012

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 20th day of May, 2020, KAMMERON NEWTON as next friend of CAMREN TOLBERT, filed a Petition in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia seeking a name change from CAMREN TOLBERT to CAMREN NEWTON. Any interested party has the right to appear and file objections. At the expiration of thirty (30) days from the filing of the Petition, upon proof of publication, and if no objection is filed, the Court shall proceed to hear and determine all matters raised by said Petition.

STEPHEN L. Coxen
GEORGIA BAR NO. 192725
ATTORNEY FOR Petitioner
5109 HIGHWAY 278 SUITE B COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014
(770) 784-7660
(770) 784-7665 Facsimile

PUBLIC NOTICE #116848
5/31,6/7,14,21

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 Notice

CITY OF Covington
NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

NOTICE IS hereby given that, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 14.04 – Platting Procedure, Patrick & Associates, Inc. has submitted a final plat application to subdivide Covington Town Center, LLC into 16 parcels totaling 179.53 acres in a Corridor Mixed-Use/Town Center Overlay Zoning District on property located at 10227 Alcovy Road, in Covington, Georgia. The property is referenced as TAX PARCEL C080 002A.

THE MAYOR and Council will hold a hearing on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA. ALL INTERESTED parties are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mary Darby, Director of Planning & Zoning 770-385-2719.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116863
5/31

CITY OF COVINGTON
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52 that applicant Randy Vinson has submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness Application to be considered by the Covington Historic Preservation Commission.

THE APPLICANT proposes to construct a 12 x 12 screened pavilion, a 36 x 22 carport, and a 10 x 32 deck at the rear of house using pressure treated lumber. The subject property is within a historic district located at 3186 Monticello Street- TAX PARCEL C018 0003 007, Covington, Georgia. The Covington Historic Preservation Commission will hold a Public Meeting on June 17, 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, Planner and Zoning Director at mdarby@cityofcovington.org, or 770-385-2179.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116868
5/31

NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL P. I. 0015096 NEWTON COUNTY

NOTICE IS hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

THE DATE of location and design approval is: MAY 8, 2020.

THE PROPOSED project would replace the existing bridge at Brown Bridge Road over Yellow River located in Newton County west of the City of Covington within Land Lots 130 & 159 in Land District 10 and 100% in Congressional District No. 4. The project begins approximately 400-ft west of the intersection of Ram Drive and Brown Bridge Road and ends approximately 1400-ft east of the existing bridge and has a total project length of 0.6 miles. The proposed typical section would consist of two 12-foot travel lanes (one in each direction) divided by a 14-foot flush median and 12-foot urban shoulders (including 5-foot

sidewalks) on both sides except for a section on the south side from Ram Drive to a point approximately 100 feet east of the end of the proposed bridge that would have a 17-foot urban shoulder with a 10-foot sidewalk. There will be a new signal installed at the intersection of Ram Drive and Brown Bridge Road.

THE NEW bridge will be constructed in 2 stages so that traffic will be open on Brown Bridge Road for the duration of the approximate 24 months construction time.

DRAWINGS OR maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at Newton County Public Works:

CHESTER CLEGG, Newton County Transportation Director
CCLEGG@CO.NEWTON.GA.US
65 PIPER Road,
COVINGTON, GA. 30014
(678)-414-9353

ANY INTERESTED party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:

KIMBERLY NESBITT, State Program Delivery Administrator
GDOT OFFICE of Program Delivery
ATTN: BRUCE Anderson
BRANDERSON@DOT.GA.GOV
600 WEST Peachtree St NW
ATLANTA, GA 30308
(478) 538-8595

ANY WRITTEN request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116862
5/31,6/7,14,21

NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL P I NO. 0013603 NEWTON & Jasper Counties

NOTICE IS hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

THE DATE of location and design approval is: May 4, 2020

THE PROJECT proposes to replace the existing bridge on SR 212 at Lake Jackson 14 miles south of Covington, GA. The project is in Newton and Jasper Counties and Land Districts 18 and 19; Land Lots 88 and 141; and GMD 905 and 296.

A NEW bridge over Lake Jackson will be constructed parallel to the existing bridge on the east side. Two walls are proposed at the northwest and southeast approaches to minimize fills in the lake. One wall at the northeast approach will minimize property impacts. Traffic will be maintained on the existing bridge during construction. The proposed project is approximately 0.5 miles in length.

DRAWINGS OR maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:
MARK GILES, Area Manager District 2, Area 5 mgiles@dot.ga.gov
1570 BETHANY Rd
MADISON, GA 30650
(706) 343-5837

NOTE: ORDINARILY the maps or plats would be available for public review at our area office. Due to current COVID-19 measures, members of the public are not allowed to enter state buildings at this time. We apologize for the inconvenience. Anyone with questions or concerns about the project should call or email the area engineer listed above. To obtain copies of the drawings, maps or plats, please follow the instructions outlined below.

ANY INTERESTED party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:

KIMBERLY W. Nesbitt
OFFICE OF Program Delivery Attn: Recheal McMullin (rmcmullin@dot.ga.gov)
600 WEST Peachtree Street 25th Floor (334) 233-2231

ANY WRITTEN request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the P. I. Number as noted at the top of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116817
5/17,24,31,6/7

NOTICE TO Voters in Newton County, Georgia
OF INTENT to Tabulate Absentee Ballots
PRIOR TO the Closing of the Polls **FOR THE** June 9, 2020
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE Primary/ General Primary/ Nonpartisan General Elections

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 21-2-386(a)(3)(4), you are hereby notified that it is the intent of the Newton County Board of Elections to begin tabulating the paper absentee ballots cast during the June 9, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary/ General Primary/ Nonpartisan General Elections at 9:00 AM on June 9, 2020 at the Board of Elections Office located at 1113 Usher Street, Suite 103, Covington, Georgia. The process for tabulating absentee ballots on the day of a primary, election, or runoff before the closing of the polls shall be a confidential process to maintain the secrecy of all ballots and to protect the disclosure of any balloting information before 7:00 P.M. on Election Day.

FOR ADDITIONAL information you may contact the Board of Elections Office at (770) 784-2055.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116859
5/31

Public Sales Auctions

AFFORDABLE SELF Storage, 5272 Ga Hwy 20 S, Covington, Ga. Pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, shall conduct a Public Auction for the following units for non- payment.

MANCUSO C-19 household

items

IRA WITCHETT B12 E34
House hold items

KANG J10 Store shelving

MCGUINESS L25 household items

AUCTION WILL be held on June 12 th at 10:30am

PUBLIC NOTICE #116845
5/31,6/7

PUBLIC SALE/AUCTION

NOTICE IS hereby given that Dixie Self Storage located at 1447 Access Road, Covington, Ga. 30014. **THE UNDERSIGNED** intent to sell household goods and personal property, to enforce imposed lien on said **PROPERTY PURSUANT** of the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, Georgia Code Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell at Public Sale to the highest Bidder or

JUNE 22, 2020 at 10:30 A.M.

CASH ONLY, will be accepted at the time of purchase.

Newton's Akridge signs with Albany Tech

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Newton High School senior Alise Akridge recently put pen to paper and signed a National Letter of Intent to further her academic and basketball career at Albany Tech. “It was a surreal feeling,” Akridge said of the signing. “I’m excited to go to college.”

Akridge had her mind made up about where she would be playing basketball at the next level before entering the Rams’ 2019-20 season. She built a strong connection with the coaching staff at Albany Tech and felt it was the best fit for her to continue growing as a basketball player.

“I had a better relationship with that organization than I did with anybody else,” she explained.

Newton head coach Tiffani Johnson shared high praise for her lengthy shooting guard.

“Alise brought a lot of leadership to our program. She grew a whole lot this season from a maturity standpoint and consistently provided a lot of energy,” Johnson said. “She’s a good rebounder, a good defender and just a good overall teammate to be around.”

Akridge primarily served as a shooting guard for the Rams, but had the versatility to fill several roles and defend up and down the court.

“I know Alise is going to be great at Albany Tech and bring them the same energy and athleticism that she brought to us over the years,”



Special to The Covington News

Newton High School basketball standout Alise Akridge recently signed a National Letter of intent to play basketball at Albany Tech next year.

Johnson said.

Akridge is incredible thankful for her time at Newton. She lauded Johnson for helping her develop both as a basketball player and as a person.

“Coach Johnson pushed me. She pushed me real hard. She basically told me I can do anything I put my mind to, so she helped me grow as a player and as a woman.”

Newton's Wright realizes college basketball dream with signing

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Earlier this spring, Newton High School basketball standout Ashanti Wright furthered her academic and athletic career by signing a National Letter of Intent to play for Chattahoochee Valley Community College.

“I just think it was the best decision for me. I still have more time to develop, and I wanted to get to a place where I know I can do my best and get to another level,” Wright said. “I didn’t get to visit the campus due to COVID-19, but the staff called me every single day and made the process easier.”

Wright was a team captain for Newton during the 2019-20 campaign. She helped lead the Lady Rams to a 16-12 record this winter while going 6-4 against Region 8 competition.

They advanced to the Class AAAAAAA state playoffs before being eliminated by eventual state runner-up Collins Hill in the opening round.

Wright’s leadership and athletic abilities helped fuel her team on a daily basis throughout her prep career.

“Ashanti is the type of kid that’s going to be everywhere she’s supposed to be. She’s going to be on time. She’s going to give her best effort. She’s just a great asset to a team,” Johnson said. “She’s a leader on and off the floor, and an overall great kid to have in your program.”



Special to The Covington News

Newton High School basketball star Ashanti Wright recently signed a basketball scholarship with Chattahoochee Valley Community College to extend her academic and athletic career to the next level.

Like her teammate Alise Akridge, who recently signed with Albany Tech, Wright’s length and versatility allowed to her be an elite defender at any spot on the court.

Wright is currently scheduled to report to campus Aug. 8, but that remains fluid due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

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“The pandemic has really created a lot of fear and uncertainty for people,” Norris said. “Over the last few months, we’ve learned a great deal and have been able to provide good care for these patients that have come to the hospital.”

“I think, though, that for many people, the consequences of the pandemic — both because of the illness and because of the isolation — has created a lot of fear and anxiety that has

kind of carried forward. And there hasn’t been a lot of guidance about what to do.”

As a result, Norris noted, Piedmont Newton has observed a steep decline in the number of patients who are seeking emergency care. He and David Kent, the hospital’s chief operating officer, recently spoke with The Covington News in an effort to provide citizens with more clarity and ease their tensions about visiting the hospital during these uncertain times.

“We have put in multiple

measures in place in the hospital to both provide care for the patients that have COVID, but also to provide care for all the other people that don’t have COVID but need medical attention,” Norris said.

Among the preventative measures is universal masking, which requires all staff, patients and support personnel to wear masks at all times. Additionally, COVID-19 patients are placed in a separate wing of the hospital that reduces the risk of spreading infection to other patients.

Piedmont Newton also regularly sanitizes all commonly-touched surfaces.

“One of the things I tell people is I’m over 65, so I’m in a high-risk group, but I really have no fear or concern of exposure to COVID at the hospital. I’m out on the floors, making rounds, wearing a mask like everyone else,” Norris said.

MIRACLE PRAYER

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I've asked for many favors. This time I ask for a special one. (Mention here) take it dear Heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then, in His merciful eyes it will become your favor not mine.

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Obituaries

ALFONZA (AL) ROBINSON, JR.

Lester-Lackey & Sons Funeral Home

Mr. Alfonza (Al) Robinson, Jr. was born on June 22, 1953, in Covington, Georgia to Mr. & Mrs. Alfonza, (Dorothy) Robinson, Sr and entered eternal rest on May 15, 2020.

He attended school at Washington Street Elementary and R.L. Cousins High School, where he met his high school sweetheart Myrella Hinton. In July 1971, Al and Myrella married and two this union three children were born Tony, Phil and Kisha and

five grandchildren.

Al was a lovable and incredibly fun and funny person to be around. He loved to tell jokes. Al was employed at Sweetheart Plastic for many years and later retired. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing checkers, playing cards, cooking his famous Ribs on the grill, sitting on his porch, spending time with his momma, and enjoying time with his grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father, Alfonza Robinson, Sr; his son, Minister Altonio (Tony) Robinson; sister, Gerry Robinson and

two brothers, Walter, and Johnny Glenn Robinson.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his son, Pastor Felix (Twawanna) Robinson; daughter, Minister Kisha (Demetrius) Enoch; mother, Mrs. Dorothy Robinson; sister, Cherry Robinson; grandchildren, Tiana, Maliyah, Mia, Jehden and Mariah. A host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and remarkably close friends. Four God children, Shawn Grier, Shemette Grier, Peter Grier and Terrence Grier; two devoted friends, Bertha Williams, and Latasha Williams.

LAURA L. JACKSON

Wheeler Funeral and Cremation Services

Laura L Jackson 52 passed away May 21, 2020 in Covington. She is survived by her husband Lonnie Jackson; sister Emily Riley; brother Dennis Riley; mother Linda Riley; as well as 7 children and 9 grandchildren.

A private family viewing was held May 24 and cremation to follow. The family will place Laura’s cremated remains with her beloved pets at a later date by her husband. Requests donations made to K9sofValor.org. Arrangements were made through Peachtree Cremation Services 11407 Brown Bridge Rd. Covington (678) 413-0104.

Obituary announcements are published by funeral homes in print once per week and online regularly, as received, at CovNews.com. Death notices are published as a public service by the newspaper. Funeral directors should call Lee Ann Avery at 770-728-1418, or write laavery@covnews.com for pricing and publication details.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CITY OF COVINGTON WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 2116 STALLINGS STREET, COVINGTON, GA 30014 MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M. A COPY OF THE BUDGET IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CITY HALL ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR INSPECTION BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 AM AND 5:00 PM, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY.

AUDRA M GUTIERREZ
CITY CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET REVIEW AND ADOPTION

BUDGET AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW: Newton County’s FY 2021 proposed budget will be available for public inspection during regular office hours (Monday – Friday; 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) on the porch outside the Historic Courthouse, located at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, Georgia 30014 beginning Tuesday, May 19. A copy of the budget can also be found on the County’s website at <http://co.newton.ga.us>.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON FY 2021 BUDGET: Two Public Hearings on Newton County’s FY 2021 proposed budget are scheduled for Tuesday, June 16 at 6:00 PM and Tuesday, June 23 at 5:00 PM at the Newton County Historic Courthouse, located at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. At this meeting, the Chairman and Board of Commissioners will receive both written and oral comments about the proposed budget for Newton County, Georgia.

BUDGET ADOPTION: The Chairman and Board of Commissioners of Newton County, Georgia are scheduled to adopt the FY 2021 Budget at a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, June 23 at 6:00 PM at the Newton County Historic Courthouse, located at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, Georgia 30014.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION: The alternate location for the Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:00 PM will be a Zoom Meeting.

By Computer:
<https://zoom.us/j/91290444041>

By Phone:
646-876-9923
Meeting ID: 912 9044 4041

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION: The alternate location for the Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 23 at 5:00 PM and the Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, June 23 at 6:00 PM will be a Zoom Meeting.

By Computer:
<https://zoom.us/j/99796884238>

By Phone:
646-876-9923
Meeting ID: 997 9688 4238

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