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New President

Debbie Harper appointed as new president of Covington/Newton County Chamber of Commerce.

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Zon sworn into office as **Superior** Court judge

McGinley takes office as interim **District Attorney**

> **Bv DAVID CLEMONS** The Walton Tribune

ATLANTA — Layla Zon became the newest member of the Superior Court in Newton and Walton counties in a decade on Tuesday.

Gov. Brian Kemp swore in the former district attorney as a judge in





McGinley

is the first female Superior Court judge in the circuit, which was created in 1972. She has served as a prosecutor in the circuit since 2000, when

she graduated from law school at Georgia State University.

Gov. Sonny Perdue appointed her district attorney in 2010 after he named Ken Wynne to a judgeship when the Superior Court expanded to have five judges.

'She's been a great leader in this community and a great prosecutor, but also she's a great person," Kemp said before swearing her in at the state Capitol.

"As I told him when he called to appoint me, I am honored to have his trust and confidence, and I told

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Voices for the voiceless



Mason Wittner | The Covington News

A multitude of citizens peacefully protested police brutality in America on the Covington Square on Wednesday.



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Newton County citizens gathered on the Covington Square on Wednesday for a peaceful demonstration in the wake of the death of George Floyd.

Peaceful protest held on square in downtown Covington

By MASON WITTNER

COVINGTON, Ga. — Covington Square was filled with droves of concerned citizens for five hours Wednesday as a peaceful demonstration took place to protest police brutality in America.

In the wake of the death of George Floyd, a 46-year-old black man who was killed

in a police incident in Minnesota on May 25, protests have broken out across the nation. Earlier this week, one Covington resident took it upon himself to provide the citizens of Newton County with a platform to share their voice amid the

Timothy Birt, a 22-yearold graduate of Eastside

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Local man dies after crash in stolen truck on Wednesday

By DAVID CLEMONS The Walton Tribune

MONROE, Ga. State troopers said a Covington man was killed after a crash in a truck that had been stolen minutes earlier at a gas station in Social Circle.

The driver was killed at the scene after the truck ended up flipped into a stand of trees just south of downtown Monroe. He was identified as 37-yearold Mathew Shane Lester. Troopers responded

about p.m. Wednesday. white truck Ford reportedly had been stolen from

a gas station and driven north at high speed on Georgia 11 into Monroe.

The truck tried to pass a white pickup truck on the



David Clemons | The Walton Tribune

State troopers said the truck that crashed on South Broad Street in Monroe, Ga., on Wednesday afternoon, June 3, 2020, had been stolen. A 37-year-old Covington man died.

left, which was driven by an off-duty state trooper and struck the corner of the white truck with its right outside mirror.

The stolen Ford then struck a southbound vehicle and rotated out of control and overturned,

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Newton County's economic development moved to Development Authority. A11

FACT CONTEST

Find out who won \$300 for reading our annual Visions

Covington man faces felony murder, tampering charges

By MASON WITTNER mwittner@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — This week, Covington police chief Stacey Cotton released more details about the homicide that took place at the Super 8 on Alcovy Road on May 27.

According to the Covington Police Department, Terry Yates, 30, was taken into custody late that night for his role in the alleged shooting incident.

"Initial statements at first pointed to an accidental shooting and the careless handling of the firearm. An arrest of Terry Yates was made at the time and warrants were taken for Felony Involuntary Manslaughter," Cotton explained in a press release Tuesday. "During the arraignment of Mr. Yates, the judge determined the words contained in the arrest warrant were not consistent with the evidence presented at the arraignment and the subject was

released." Following Yates' release

from custody, CPD detectives continued to conduct interviews and re-in-

terviews before gathering additional evidence that concluded that Yates took the life of Nijee Anderson.

On the evening of Friday, May 29, CPD Captain Ken Malcom confirmed that Yates was officially charged with felony murder, aggravated assault and tampering with evidence.

"We've been working on this investigation since incident occurred

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Kemp addresses statewide protests, COVID-19

By MASON WITTNER mwittner@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Gov. Brian Kemp held a press conference Tuesday to provide an

update on the ongoing fight against COVID-19, as well as address the recent unrest in the nation following the death of George Floyd.

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Covington man's body recovered from lake after car chase

FROM STAFF REPORTS news@covnews.com

JACKSON, Ga. — A Covington man's body was recovered the day after he jumped in Lake Jackson to end a police chase.

The Newton County Sheriff's Office tried to pull over a vehicle between 9-10 p.m. Thursday on Georgia 36, and the pursuit reached high speeds and crossed into Butts County.

At Hickory Point Drive, the suspect stopped and jumped into Lake Jackson. Officers tried to rescue him but were unsuccessful.

Caitlin Jett, communications officer for the Newton County Sheriff's Office, said the deputies continued

working into Friday to locate the suspect, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation was asked to join in the search.

The GBI said the body of 19-year-old Gavin Campbell was found at about 2:30 p.m. Friday.

A GBI medical examiner will conduct an autopsy, and the state Department of Natural Resources will investigate the death. The GBI will investigate what led to the death.

The Georgia State Patrol; DNR; Butts, Newton and Jasper sheriffs offices; and Butts County Fire and Rescue Dive Team were involved in the

PROTEST

High School, felt led to organize a peaceful protest following a prayer session earlier this week.

"First and foremost, I'm a man of God. I was praying early Monday morning around 2:30 a.m. and I just asked God to come over me and use me as a vessel to show people who He really is," Birt said. "At that moment, He hit me with the idea that I wanted to do a protest."

When Birt got off work Monday, he went to the Covington Police Department and spoke with Stacey Cotton, Chief of Police. Following lengthy conversations with Cotton and Newton County Sheriff Ezell Brown, Birt obtained a permit to hold a peaceful protest on the Square on Wednesday from 10 a.m.-3 Shortly after 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Birt was encircled by protestors in the center of the Square and began to deliver a message. He urged those in attendance to remain nonviolent and express their frustration through words rather than physical actions. He said that he wanted justice and didn't believe violent behavior would lead to that. He harped on the importance of voting and making a difference in America through participation at the polls.

Ultimately, he called for tions.

Mason Wittner | The Covington News Timothy Birt, 22, organized Wednesday's peaceful demonstration and asked that participants gather on the square for a showing of solidarity. "I look at this more as Horton was one of several "means progress." a community event than elected officials in attena protest, but we call it a dance Wednesday. He exprotest because that's the pressed his gratitude for language of the people for the cooperation of the pro-

back from elected officials so they know what's actually going on." The protestors were then guided to the concert pad on the southeast corner of the Square. They stood and listened as Birt, Chief Cotton, Sheriff Brown and several other elected officials addressed them. Heartfelt messages were shared seek-

in next week's primary elec-

ing unity and change, as

well as voter participation

people to be heard, and I

their voices to be heard," testors to remain peaceful and productive. Birt said later. "I just want "I think it's been a great

want the people to hear day. I think a lot of people have had the opportunity to make their voices known," Horton said. "The city of Covington is fully committed to justice for all people. We're just glad to have a forum here and an ranged from "Hand's up, opportunity for people to put their hearts and their breathe" to "No justice, no voices behind a cause."

> Cotton also commended those in attendance for exercising their right to protest in a peaceful manner.

"We want to come out and be the protectors and let these folks know that they don't have to worry about their safety," Cotton said. "You can say what you need to say, feel what you need to feel and know that we've got your back like you've got our back. And I want them to know that we're standing there with them. We're hurting, too."

sentiments, stating his with aiding and abetting

"This is a fight that we all must gravitate to and continue to move forward. I'm hoping that in years to come, your grandkids and their grandkids will see a better America," he said.

The early afternoon saw a second wave of protesters flock to the Square. Dozens marched along sidewalks holding signs and crying out chants, which don't shoot" to "I can't peace, no racist police."

The protestors then kneeled together in solidarity before circling around and establishing a forum for individuals to speak out over the final hour of the demonstration.

On Wednesday, the Minneapolis Police officer who kneeled down on Floyd's neck, leading to his death, was charged with a new count of second-degree murder. Additionally, the other three officers who were on scene at the time Brown echoed similar of his death were charged hope that a peaceful protest second-degree murder.



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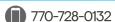
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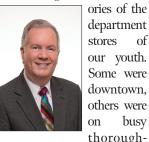
David Carroll columnist

What Happened to Your Favorite Store?

is open.

Do these names mean anything to you? Zayre. Miller Brothers. Loveman's. Proffitt's. Hill's. G.C. Murphy's. Gibson's. Woolworth's.

For those of us who have been around a few years, those names bring back fond mem-



department stores of our youth. Some were downtown, others were busy

thoroughfares, and the rest were in malls. The names K-Mart, Sears,

JC Penney, and Macy's appear to be fading as well. Many of these stores have already closed several locations, and they're never coming back. JC Penney announced last week that 154 of its stores are about to close. Also this year, Pier 1 has closed 450 stores, The Gap has closed 230, Macy's announced it will soon shut down 150 stores, and Sears followed the next day, adding 50 more to the closing list. Adding insult to injury, Sears merged with K-Mart a few years ago, which only seemed to weaken both retailers. K-Mart is closing another 40 stores soon.

It's not uncommon to see abandoned or half-empty malls where customers were once plentiful. Are these malls going the way of the dime store, the telegraph and the rotary

Considering how quickly the Internet took over America, it's a wonder we have as many "brick and mortar" stores as we do. The current fears of terrorism and gang violence are keeping many Americans out of public shopping areas. People who traditionally jammed the mall the day after Thanksgiving now begin their Christmas shopping online, whenever

they wish. Certainly, there are still plenty of folks who enjoy the sights and sounds of the mall. We love the Easter Bunny, a chance to put our screaming baby on Santa's lap, and free samples at the Food Court. It's a great place to walk, and as any bored husband will tell you, the people-watching isn't that bad while waiting for the wife to finish shopping.

But Amazon and other online retailers are making a strong argument that malls are an endangered species. You want to buy something when you can't sleep in the wee hours? You can do it in your pajamas with the click of a mouse. The stores don't keep your size in stock? Those odd 34-31 pants are all over the web (I know this for a fact). What's that? You don't like to pay shipping charges? "Buy just one

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more item, and we'll ship for free!" Everywhere you look, there's an offer you can't refuse. Plus, there are no traffic jams,

no long lines, and every counter

Try as we might, it's hard to find that kind of selection and service at your nearest department store. During this pandemic, they've been forced to lay off workers. We want to do business with them, and we want them to succeed. But even in normal times, it seems like one counter is open, and the clothing shelves look like they've been hit by a dust

Those of us who grew up in rural areas eagerly anticipated our occasional visits to a big department store like Zayre. The one nearest me (30 miles away) was in downtown Chattanooga. Zayre had everything, or so it seemed. One trip, and your Christmas shopping was done. Then one day, Zayre went away.

Many of us also looked forward to the Sears catalog, every season of the year. Now every website offers an unlimited selection, and Sears is just one of thousands of retailers desperately seeking our attention. Unlike online merchants, Sears is burdened with big buildings to heat and cool. Give them credit: Sears was founded in 1886, and any business that survives 134 years has my respect. But the company is well past its prime.

I've always been a proponent of shopping locally. Having grown up in a country store, I understand the need for hometown merchants who know your name, and can offer your personalized service. It's good to see some small supermarkets, hardware stores and pharmacies thriving against big-volume competitors. But how long can they last?

You may have noticed one name I haven't mentioned in this conversation about retailers: Walmart. They provide a lot of jobs, a huge selection, and some genuine bargains, but at what cost? How many locally owned retailers have struggled, and then failed, to compete with Walmart? And what happens if Walmart is the last store standing? When competition is diminished, prices go up, and the quality of service goes down.

Times change, and we have to adjust. But I'll bet I'm not the only one who gets a little misty-eyed when I see a store from my childhood close its doors for the last time.

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Top: Protestors circle together and pray during Wednesday's peaceful demonstration on the Covington Square. Bottom right: Signs advocating for social justice were littered throughout downtown Covington Wednesday as part of the protest on the Square.





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Bottom left: Officer Matt Cooper reported for duty last week less than two years after being shot in the head during a foot chase.

Differences in stories couldn't be more black and white

The contrast couldn't be more, well, black and white. Covington police Officer Matt

Cooper

recently

reported

for duty

less than

two years



after being shot in the head during a foot chase over a holiday week-

Cooper was just doing his job, trying to catch a shoplifting suspect, a penny ante charge at best, and he nearly paid for it with his life.

In Minnesota, the same week Cooper made his return locally, a Minneapolis police officer, Derek Chauvin, killed a suspect in custody by keeping his knee on the back of the suspect's neck until he breathed his last, even as he begged for

That suspect, George Floyd, was accused of passing a counterfeit \$20 bill, a penny ante crime at best, and he did pay for it with his life.

The suspect who shot Cooper, who is white, is

Floyd, who is black, was killed by an officer who is

The Covington community rallied around Cooper unlike anything I've ever seen. His recovery after being wounded in the line of duty became not just a huge story locally, but nationally and even internationally, with the Covington Police Department receiving correspondences from all over the world from those wanting to

show their support. In Minneapolis there are riots going on to protest yet another black man's death at the hands of a white officer. Riots that have spread across the country in metro

areas like Atlanta, clouding the issue at a time when it needs laser focus for change

Thankfully, the protests held locally and in the area have been peaceful thus far, with protestors doing a tremendous job of staying on point, making sure their actions don't detract from their incredibly important message concerning social injustice.

Despite everything I've just laid out for you, I'm not going to try to make the argument that bad people who do bad things come in all colors. I could, because I do believe it is true, as you can see from the examples in this

That line of thinking, however, is why some have violently taken to the streets in a misguided attempt to prevent denial of the truth.

The truth is a black suspect was killed by a white officer, despite there being no indication the black man was in any way a threat.

Again. Yet again.

I urge you not to paint all law enforcement with the same brush, we have plenty of great ones locally just like Officer Cooper, but I believe racism is a part of what happened in Minneapolis, and I think if you look at this incident objectively you have to come to that conclusion.

It isn't the first time. This happens far too often, which is why law enforcement is painted with that broad brush I warned about, fairly or unfairly.

God help us, I pray it will be the last.

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Letter to the Editor

A plea for honesty

Trump often traffics in conspiracy theories. However, even conservative media outlets are saying that his latest accusation against MSNBC host Joe Scarborough is ugly, even for him. Trump has been tweeting the suggestion that Mr. Scarborough had an affair

with and murdered a young woman who worked for him while he served as a GOP Congressman. There's no evidence of foul play or an affair. The local coroner ruled that she fainted for an undiagnosed heart condition and died of head trauma. The parents and husband of the young woman have begged Twitter to correct Trump's misleading fabricated gossip.

Trump has only doubled down. Trump's refusal to delete the tweets, and post the truth is one of the more despicable things he's done. I'm sure there are some Trump devotees who enjoy this. There is a difference between mocking Mr. Scarborough's ratings and hurting an innocent family

with the memories of their daughter's tragic death because of a petty feud. To the people who like his policies, is this really the kind of person you want as President of the United States? Based on your values, when does his abhorrent behavior ever overshadow his accomplishments? Never? Debasing the office of the presidency and promoting division over unity is hurting our country.

There is been no denouncement of Trump's behavior from our preacher Congressman or our Christian Senators. Is their silence a reflection of their moral compasses and patriotism?

> Jacqueline Elsner Athens, Georgia

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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:

TIES 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

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

www. online georgiamagistratecouncil.com. YEAR Model MAKE Vehicle ID # License#

Court Case te **FORD 2015** F 1FADP3F22FL250831 Focus 20-1987AV **BUICK** 2002 P 1G4CW54K224153457 Park

20-1988AV **FORD 2018** N 1FA6P8CF0J5116345 Mustang

20-1989AV
CHEVROLET 2 0 0 4
Venture 1GNDX03E34D180844
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WVWHN7AN6BE710646

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20-1991AV

TOYOTA 2011 Corolla JTDBU4EE1BJ102753 Soul

SIDBU4EE1BJ102753 20-1994AV KIA 2012 S C KNDJT2A54C7464566 20-1995AV DODGE 2012 AV 1C3CDZCB8CN144698 20-1906AV Avenger 20-1996AV **DODGE 2005** M 2D8GV58275H116433 Magnum

ZU-199/AV
VOLKSWAGE 2014
Passat 1VWAT7A32EC108734
20-1998AV
TOYOTA 2010 Prius
UTDKN3DU8A0154272
20-1999AV
NISSAN 2009 Altima
1N4AL21E79N438537
20-2000AV

20-2000AV CHEVROLET 2006 1GCGG25V061260329 20-2001AV

MERCEDES- 20 WDBNG75J6YA119638

WDBNG/5J6YA119638 20-2002AV KIA 2014 R i KNADM4A34E6392844 20-2003AV FORD 2005 Ta 1FAFP53245A285728 20-2004AV Taurus

20-2004AV **KIA** 2015 Optima 5XXGM4A73FG416363 2005AV

FORD 2011 F 3FAHP0JG6BR320586 Fusion 20-2006AV

PUBLIC NOTICE #116858

Alcoholic Beverage

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

BROWN BRIDGE 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

INVITATION TO BID

PART 1: GENERAL

COMPETITIVE Cost Sealed Bids SEPARATE SEALED Bids for construction of Gravity Sewer Upgrades and Improvements

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 **PUBLIC NOTICE #116844**

/ 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

SCOPE of Work

sixty (60) days.

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: of 10" and 8" gravity sewer mains. The work shall include 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. connections, and other related work. The time allotted for final completion of work is 120 consecutive calendar days.

CONTRACT C: Indian Creek 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 with associated mainlies, 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.

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

CONTRACTOR 1.4 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.

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 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 "X" 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.

MANDATORY Pre-Bid 1.6 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.

PERMITS

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

EASEMENTS Rights-of-Way

OWNER HAS or will acquire all necessary rights-of-way installations preceding the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

RESERVATION

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

2.0 E-Verify CONTRACTOR

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

RFQ - LICENSED GENERAL

CONTRACTORS
FAMILY COMMUNITY Housing
Association, Inc.

SEEKING QUALIFIED General COMMUNITY HOME Investment Program (CHIP)

THE FAMILY Community Housing Association, Inc. (FCHA) is seeking licensed General 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 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.

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 prequalification meeting will be on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM at 2047 Gees Mill Road. Conyers, GA 30013.

to Mr. Julius Webb at 404-246-3047 or via email at fcha2002@

ANY QUESTIONS can be directed

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 origin, religion, sex, 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 prepay integration services to our existing Utility Billing System. Sealed proposals are due by 10:00 am on Wednesday, June REQUEST FOR Proposals

and additional information may be obtained at City Hall or be obtained at City Hall of by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at HTTPS://WWW.
CITYOFCOVINGTON.
ORG/INDEX.
PHP?SECTION=BUSINESSOPPORTUNITIES

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116860 5/31,6/7

ALANNA

Citations CITATION

has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of DIANE MARY HART, deceased.

JEANNE HARRIS

DIANE MARY HART, 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 All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116879 6/7,14,21,28

CITATION

CATHERINE RENEE CLANTON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of JOSEPH BRADLEY CLANTON, 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 in writing, and filed with this Court on or before July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116890 6/7,14,21,28

CITATION

DERWIN DAVIS, ESQ has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of ERNESTINE SILVERMAN, deceased. (The applicant has or EHNESTINE SILVEHMAN, 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 why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA **PUBLIC NOTICE #116889**

CITATION

DONNA KAY GRAY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of RICHARD M. GRAY, JR., 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 why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116888 6/7,14,21,28

CITATION

GENEVIEVE AIRYANNE
ANTOINE has petitioned to
be appointed Administrator of
the Estate of MARGUERITE
PATRICE ANTOINE, 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. application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116882 6/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JAMES GUYNN has petitioned to JAMES GUYNN has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of TIMOTHY LAMONTTE GUYNN, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock. a.m. ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116883 6/7,14,21,28

CITATION

JUDITH ANN ODOM has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of FRED ODOM, 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 JUDITH ANN ODOM and filed with this Court on or before July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116887

CITATION

LEANNA WALIGORA has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of MICHAEL SCOTT WALIGORA, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116880 6/7,14,21,28

CITATION

PAIGE **STODDARD** PAIGE STODDARD has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of ELLA FAY PATTERSON, 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 why said application should not be granted. All objections must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116886

CITATION

SADIE MARIE MURPHY has SADIE MARIE MURPHY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of MICHAEL ELIJAH MURPHY, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

MELANIE M. Bell, Judge BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK, PROBATE Court NEWTON COUNTY, GA PUBLIC NOTICE #116885

6/7,14,21,28 CITATION

SHARI THOMAS-CLAY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of RAYMOND TERRELL THOMAS, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116881

CITATION

TARA LEI DAY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of SUSAN YVONNE the Estate of SUSAN YVONNE WEBB, 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 July 6, 2020, next, at ten o'clock, a.m. ten o'clock, a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116884

CITATION

THE PETITION of BARBARA LEE METZGER widow/widower of THOMAS JOHN METZGER, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly Support for naving been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this Court on or before July 6, 2020, next at ten o'clock a m o'clock a.m.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116898 6/7,14,21,28

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 filling 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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116857 5/31,6/7

NOTICE OF Incorporation NOTICE IS given that Articles of Incorporation which incorporate Stemnificent, 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 40 Wellbrook Ct.,

Wellbrook Ct.,
COVINGTON,
COUNTY, Georgia 30016. The initial registered agent of the Corporation at SUCH ADDRESS is Diana Roldan, 40 Wellbrook Ct., Covington, Georgia 30016.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116870 6/7,14

NOTICE OF INTENDED DISSOLUTION OF M&M, LIMITED

ON THE 18th day of April, 1986, M&M Limited, a Georgia Limited Partnership ("Partnership") was formed by a Limited Partnership Agreement ("Agreement") and a Certificate of Limited Partnership ("Certificate") which the general ("Certificate"), which the general and limited partners have amended from time to time;

THE GENERAL and limited partners intend to dissolve the limited partnership because the limited partnership has wound up its affairs and has no assets or liabilities and liabilities; and,

the general and limited partners of the Partnership, by affixing their signatures hereto, hereby consent to the foregoing. /S/ CINDY Ann Lawson CINDY ANN LAWSON Date: June

THE UNDERSIGNED, are all of

CHEROKEE PROPERTIES of BY: /S/ Robert H. Stansfield ROBERT H. STANSFIELD Its: Designated Representative Date: June 1, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE #116899 6/7,14,21,28

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of

Thomas John Metzger, 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 22ND day of May, 2020.

JASON P. METZGER EXECUTOR

OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS JOHN METZGER
C/O ROBERT H. Stansfield, Esq. GREER, STANSFIELD & TURNER, LLP P.O. Box 1617 COVINGTON, GEORGIA 300151617 (770) 786-4390

PUBLIC NOTICE #116869 6/7,14,21,28

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of ALETHIA CLEMMONS **PRICE,** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative

according to law.

THIS THE 11th day of MAY, 2020. CHERYL PRICE ANDERSON 9127 S STERLING LAKES DR

COVINGTON, GA 30014 PUBLIC NOTICE #116891

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

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 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 FRIEDERICH HASCHKE, 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.

according to law. **THIS THE** 28th day of MAY, 2020. DOROTHEA HASCHKE 340 TULIP WOOD CIRCLE

COVINGTON, GA 30016 **PUBLIC NOTICE #116895**

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

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 JEANETTE HOLMES ELLINGTON, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make navenets to the and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 11th day of MAY, 2020.

MARY FOSTER 2635 SUMMIT HILLS LANE **TUCKER, GA** 30084

PUBLIC NOTICE #116892 6/7,14,21,28

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of JOHN ALBERT FUCHS, 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 22nd day of MAY, 2020.

MARY ANN FUCHS 1200 SKYLINE DRIVE COVINGTON, GA 30014 PUBLIC NOTICE #116893 6/7,14,21,28

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the

A6 The Covington News | Saturday–Sunday, June 6-7, 2020 MOSLEY PETITIONER, to wit:

debtors and creditors of the Estate of JUDITH ANN MOLLUS, 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.

PAUL J. MOLLUS 1917 CAMPBELL RD COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116896 6/7,14,21,28

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, Geographicate of Newton County, Geographicated 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 IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of MARK NOEL INNIS,

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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,

2552 WESTCHESTER WAY, SE CONYERS, GA 30013 PUBLIC NOTICE #116832 5/24,31,6/7,14

STANLEY RAPHAEL BRYAN

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 ZELMA STEWART, 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 22ND day of MAY,

DEBBIE R. HILLMAN 2233 GLEN BRIAR WAY LITHONIA, GA 30058 PUBLIC NOTICE #116894

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ADRIENNE BRADSHAW PLAINTIFF, KEITH BRADSHAW DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2019-CV-1216-1 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: KEITH BRADSHAW. SR

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.

Divorce .

YOU ARE required to file an YOU AHE 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,

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-

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: ADRIAN BROWN

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. 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, LINDA D. Hays CLERK OF Superior Court

GEORGIA

PUBLIC NOTICE #116851

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF

TAKE NOTICE THAT: THE RIGHT to redeem the described property as 2105 Butler Bridge Rd., Covington, Georgia 30016, (Tax Parcel 00090000000036D00), as follows, IN RE: The Marriage of: BIKETA LINTY COLEMAN-

RUFUS MOSLEY JR. CASE NO. 2020-CV-603-3

RESPONDENT

NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: RUFUS MOSLEY, JR.

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

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,

ANGELO BERNARD JONES, JR. DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION No.: 2020-CV-858-

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: ANGELO B. JONES, JR PAINTER $\mathsf{N} \; \mathsf{O} \; \mathsf{R} \; \mathsf{T} \; \mathsf{H}$

HAMPTON 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.

VOU 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,

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

LINDA D. Hays CLERK OF Superior Court

SHARON MADDOX PLAINTIFF,

ALFRED LEE

DEFENDANT. CIVIL ACTION No.: 2019-01464

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION TO: ALFRED LEE

1710 STILL **ROCK DRIVE**

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MAY 11, 2020 you are hereby notified that on MAY 5, 2020 (date of filing) SHARON MADDOX (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).

BY ORDER of the court for service

WITNESS THE Honorable HORACE J. JOHNSON, JR., Judge Superior Court of Newton THIS, THE 11TH day of MAY,

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116849 5/31,6/7,14,21

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA CIVIL ACTION SUCV2020000975 NUMBER

ROBERTSON, ANGELA Mrs. Hollingsworth
PLAINTIFF

VS. ROBERTSON, NEVILLE Mr. DEFENDANT

TO: ROBERTSON, NEVILLE MR. SUMMONS

YOU ARE hereby summoned and required to file with the Clerk of said court and serve upon the PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY, whose name and address is:

LEKEYIA REID REID LAW Group, P.C. 2008 EASTVIEW Pkwy. Suite 800 CONYERS, GEORGIA 30013

AN ANSWER to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

THIS 12TH day of May, 2020. CLERK OF Superior Court LINDA D. Hays, Clerk

NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia PUBLIC NOTICE #116836 5/24,31,6/7,14

Foreclosures

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 2105 Butler Bridge Rd., Covington, Georgia 30016

Covington, Georgia 30016

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 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 accordingly. BE governed

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 THE RIGHT to redeem the described property as 2123 Butler Bridge Rd., Covington, Georgia 30016, (Tax Parcel 00090000000036C00), as follows, to with

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 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, Page 489. in Deed Book 3381,

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

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure

Debt given by Deatra M. Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., dated December 5, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2378, Page 454, Newton County, Georgia records, as last transferred to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Asset Backed Notes by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 3787, Page 115, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$111,600.00 with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2020, to wit: July 7, 2020, the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 69 of the 10th District, Newton County, Coorgia being 1st 10. Block 6. Georgia, being Lot 10, Block A, Unit II of Lakeside Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 111, revised at Plat Book 24, Page 7, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

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

due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

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

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

liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, covenants, etc.

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

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

PURSUANT TO

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

ATTENTION: LOSS Mitigation Department 3217 S. Decker Lake Drive SALT LAKE City, Utah 84119 1-888-818-6032 FOREGOING THE

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

conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being **DEUTSCHE BANK** National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Asset Backed Notes
AS ATTORNEY in fact for
DEATRA M. Royal nka Deatra M.

RICHARD B. Maner, P.C.

180 INTERSTATE N Parkway, Suite 200
ATLANTA, GA 30339
404.252.6385
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING
AS A DEBT COLLECTOR
ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT
A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION
OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR
THAT PURPOSE.
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NOTICE OF Sale Under Power GEORGIA, NEWTON County

PUBLIC NOTICE #116866

6/7,14,21,28,7/5

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given

in a Deed to Secure Debt given by Lia M. Bostic to HomeBanc Mortgage Corporation, dated May 31, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1930, Page 280, Newton County, Georgia records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, in trust for Holders of the HomeBanc Mortgage Trust 2005-4, Mortgage Backed Notes by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 2664, Page 79, Newton County. Georgia Page 79, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$166,800.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be seld by the therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2020, to wit: July 7, 2020, the following described property: ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Let 154 of ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 154 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 71, Block B, The Meadows at Saddlebrook, Phase 2, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 40, Page 210-214, Newton County, Georgia records, said plat being incorporated herein and made reference hereto.

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

the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Deed to Secure Debt. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Deed to Secure Debt and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having

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

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

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

PROPERTY

known

been given).

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

the preceding paragraph.

PURSUANT

TO

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

ATTENTION: LOSS Mitigation Department 3217 S. Decker Lake Drive

OC.G.A. Section 44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require the

FOREGOING

nothing in 44-14-162.2

SALT LAKE City, Utah 84119 1-888-818-6032

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notwithstanding, OC.G.A. Section

secured creditor to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described THIS SALE is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned

security instrument, specifically

being
U.S. BANK National Association as Indenture Trustee, in trust for Holders of the HomeBanc Mortgage Trust 2005-4, Mortgage **Backed Notes** AS ATTORNEY in fact for LIA M. Bostic RICHARD B. Maner, P.C. 180 INTERSTATE N Parkway, Suite 200

ATLANTA, GA 30339 ATLANIA, GA 30339
404.252.6385
THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING
AS A DEBT COLLECTOR
ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT
A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION
OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR
THAT DIEDDOGE THAT PURPOSE.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116867 6/7,14,21,28,7/5

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY BY VIRTUE of a Power

of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from TONY J. LOWE, JR., JR. AKA TONY J. LOWE, JR. to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS AS NOMINEE FOR TAYLOR BEAN & WHITTKER TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., dated August 17, 2007, recorded August 27, 2007, in Deed Book 2495, Page 183, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five and 00/100 dollars (\$116,975.00), with interest thereon as provided. with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V-B, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, 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: property:

THE INDEBTEDNESS

secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an "as-is" basis without

be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the abovenamed or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: 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: now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed. TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party

in possession of the property is TONY J. LOWE, JR., JR. AKA TONY J. LOWE, JR., TRACY LOWE, CLARKSTON LOWE, JR., ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF TONY J. LOWE, JR., or tenants(s) LAW OF TONY J. LOWE, JR., or tenants(s).

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.

PLEASE NOTE that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification

of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: an terms of the loan (attribugh not required by law to do so) is:
American Mortgage Investment Partners Management LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 3020 Old Ranch Parkway, Ste 180, Seal Beach, CA 90740, Telephone Number: 562-735-6555 x100.

WILMING FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST V-B AS ATTORNEY IN Fact for TONY J. LOWE, JR., JR. AKA TONY J. LOWE, JR., JR. AKA TONY J. LOWE, JR., JR. AKA TONY J. LOWE, JR.
THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION, OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THAT PURPOSE THAT PURPOSE.
ATTORNEY CONTACT: Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-0992 Case No. AMI-12-04763-26
AD RUN Dates 06/07/2020, 06/14/2020 06/14/2020 06/07/2020, 06/21/2020, 06/14/2020, 06/28/2020

RLSELAW.COM/PROPERTY-LISTING PUBLIC NOTICE #116854

6/7,14,21,28

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 Frank R. Foster and Carmen M. Foster On Newton Federal Bank dated to Newton Federal Bank, dated November 29, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 2333, Page 561, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to HVRML Trust 2019-1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3927, Page 390, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$109,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein there will be sold at public 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,

of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due 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). having been given).
SAID PROPERTY will be sold

superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

HVRML TRUST 2019-1 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 Frank R. Foster and Carmen M. Foster or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 1275 Mote Road, Covington, Georgia 30016.

THE SALE will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the LLS Bankrusty Code and

to the southeastern boundary line of Lot 15, said subdivision; thence in a southwesterly direction a distance of 200 feet along the southeastern property line of Lot 15 to its intersection with the northeastern right-of-way line of Mote Road; thence in a northwesterly direction along the northeastern right-of-way line of Mote Road a distance of 476 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

LESS AND EXCEPT, HOWEVER, the following described property

within the legal hours of sale on
the first Tuesday in July, 2020, the
following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT AT ATTACHED
HERETO AND MADE A PART
HEREOF THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because

SAID PROPERTY will be sold valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yel due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property any assessments of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record

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.

HVRML TRUST 2019-1

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for
FRANK R. Foster and Carmen
M. Foster

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for FRANK R. Foster and Carmen M. Foster MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 OLD Alabama Road ROSWELL, GA 30076 W W W FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET EXHIBIT "A" ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 10th Land District of Newton County, Georgia, and being all of Lots 14 and 15 and part of Lots 16, 17 and 18, Block A, of Spring Hill Acres, as shown on plat of survey of same prepared by George W. O§Neill, R.S., dated May 22, 1964, and recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 224, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, which plat is incorporated herein by reference thereto, and being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCE AT the intersection of the northeastern right-of-way line of Mote Circle; thence in a northeasterly direction along the southeastern right-of-way line of Mote Circle; thence South 67 degrees 56 minutes East 137.89 feet; thence North 75 degrees 59 minutes East 39.07 feet; thence South 67 degrees 56 minutes East 39.07 feet; thence South 67 degrees 56 minutes East 39.07 feet; thence South 67 degrees 56 minutes East 39.07 feet; thence South 67 degrees 56 minutes East 39.07 feet; thence South 67 degrees 56 minutes East 137.89 feet; thence In a northwesterly direction along the northeastern line of property now or formerly of Cooksey and Eubanks 400 feet, more or less, to the southeastern boundary line of Lot 15, said subdivision; thence in a southwesterly direction and distance of 200 feet along the

LESS AND EXCEPT, HOWEVER, the following described property to wit: All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 35 of the 10th Land District, Newton County, Georgia, and being all of Lot 14 and part of Lot 18 of Block A of Spring Hill Acres Subdivision, and being shown on plat of survey for Carla Foster dated 9/17/94 prepared by John Elwin Knight, Georgia R.L.S. #1945, which plat is incorporated herein by reference thereto for a

herein by reference thereto for a more complete description, and being more particularly described as rollows:

BEGINNING AT the intersection
of the southeasterly right-of-way
of Mote Circle (40-foot rightof-way) with the northeasterly
right-of-way of Mote Road (40foot right-of-way) at an iron pin set; thence run North 56 degrees 04 minutes 5 seconds East a distance of 342.00 feet to an iron pin found on the southeasterly right-of-way of Mote Circle; thence run North 56 degrees 28 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 135.09 feet along the southeasterly right-of-way of Mote Circle to an iron pin found; thence run South 00 degrees 21 minutes 00 seconds East 119.98 foot to an iron pin found; the feet to an iron pin found; thence run South 35 degrees 47 minutes 04 seconds West a distance of 329.00 feet to an iron pin set on the northeasterly right-of-way Mote Road; thence run North 59 Mote Hoad; thence run North 59 degrees 20 minutes 31 seconds West along the northeasterly right-of-way of Mote Road a distance of 238.00 feet to its intersection with the southeasterly right-of-way of Mote Circle and the POINT OF BEGINNING.

MR/LWA 7/7/20

OUIR FILE NO 5410119 - FT17 MR/LWA 7/7/20 OUR FILE no. 5410119 - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #116843 6/7,14,21,28,7/5

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

BY VIRTUE of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from CHARICE COPELAND-GREENE and THANE GREENE to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN dated July INVESTMENT & LOAN dated July 27, 2005, filed for record August 5, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 1973, Page 385, NEWTON County, Georgia Records, and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 2871, Page 571, NEWTON County, Georgia NEWTON COUNTY, GEOFGIA
RECORDS, AS LAST TRANSFERRED TA ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE
UNDER THE POOLING AND
SERVICING AGREEMENT
DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1,
2005 EREMONT HOME LOAN DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005, FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-D by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2646, Page 474, NEWTON County, Georgia Records. Said Deed to Secure Debt having been given to secure a Note dated July 27, 2005 in the original principal sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$128,000.00), with interest from date at the rate stated in said Note on the unpaid balance until paid, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door at NEWTON County, Georgia,

at 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, the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 138 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY. GEORGIA. NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 390, THE FIELDS OF ELLINGTON SUBDIVISION, OI ELLINGTON SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 41, PAGES 138-152, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, SAID PLAT BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN AI MADE REFERENCE HERETO.

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is CHARICE COPELAND-GREENE and THANE GREENE or a tenant or tenants. Said property may more commonly be known as: 35 CARRINGTON CIRCLE, COVINGTON, GA 30016. THE DEBT secured by said Deed to Secure Debt 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 diven). been given).

THE INDIVIDUAL or entity that has full authority to

elling that has full authority in negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan is PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, 1 MORTGAGE WAY, MT LAUREL, NJ 08054; (800) 746-2936. NJ 08054; (800) 740-2550.

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. liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

THE SALE will

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. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power nonjudicial sales in the State of Georgia, the Deed Under Power and other foreclosure documents may not be provided until final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan as provided in the preceding paragraph. *Auction services to be provided by Auction.com (www.auction.com)*

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2005-D, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-D

AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT for CHARICE COPELAND-GREENE THANE GREENE

PHELAN HALLINAN Diamond & Jones, PLLC

Jones, PLLC 11675 GREAT Oaks Way, Suite

320
ALPHARETTA, GA 30022
TELEPHONE: 770-393-4300
FAX: 770-393-4310
PH # 47187
THIS LAW firm is acting as a debt collector. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116796

STATE OF GEORGIA NEWTON COUNTY

UNDER AND by virtue of the power of sale contained in Security Deed and Agreement from Rodney Brown to Ron Lipsitz, as Trustee for Realty Resources Corporation Profit Sharing Plan (as to a 1/3 undivided interest), AJN Lending, Inc. (as to a 1/3 undivided interest) and LIA Funding, LLC (as to a 1/3 undivided interest), said Security Deed and Agreement dated undivided interest), said Security Deed and Agreement dated January 8, 2019, filed for record and recorded January 9, 2019 in Deed Book 3790, page(s) 97-106, Newton County records; securing a note, in the principal amount of \$50,000.00; Assignment of Leases and Rents filed for record in Deed Book 3790, Pages 107-113, Newton County. Georgia records:

Newton County, Georgia records, and Transfer and Assignment from LIA Funding, LLC to AJN Lending, LLC dated 12/05/2019, filed for

record 01/21/2020 in Deed Book 3951, Pages 508-509, Newton County, Georgia records, will be

sold by the undersigned in front of the Courthouse door in Newton County, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in July, 2020 during the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder for cash, the following

bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 30 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 204, Mountainview Estates, Unit Four, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 33, Pages 43-47, Newton County, Georgia, records, which plat Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference for a more complete

description.
THE DEBT secured by Security Deed and Agreement has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of failure and payable because of failure to comply with certain terms and conditions in said Security Deed and Agreement. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness including all accrued and unpaid interest accrued and unpaid interest thereon, and attorney fees and all expenses of said sale, and the remainder, if any, shall be applied

as provided by law.

TO THE best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief the property is in the possession of Rodney Brown and said property will be sold as the property of Rodney Brown. Notice of the initiation of proceedings to exercise the said power of sale and to collect attorney fees as provided in said note has been given to Rodney Brown, as provided by law in Section 44-14-162.2 and Section 13-1-11, respectively, Official 13-1-11, respectively, O Code of Georgia Annotated.

THIS 29TH day of May, 2020.

RON LIPSITZ, AS TRUSTEE
FOR REALTY RESOURCES CORPORATION SHARING PLAN, AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT FOR RODNEY BROWN STRICKLAND & Strickland, LLP P.O. BOX 70 COVINGTON, GA 30015-0070 770-786-5460 PHONE

770-786-5499 FAX PUBLIC NOTICE #116871

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

BRANDY LEE ELDRED. IN RE the Name Change of Child(ren):

BRINLEE ADELINE JOHNSON MINOR CHILD PETITIONER. NUMBER

CIVIL ACTION SUCV2020001011 NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD

NOTICE IS hereby given that Brandy Lee Eldred filed her Petition in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia on or about May 14, 2020, praying for a change in the name of a minor child from Brinlee Adeline Johnson to Brinlee Adeline Fldred

NOTICE IS hereby given pursuant to law to any interested or affected party to appear in said court and to file objections to such name change. Objections must be filed with said court within thirty (30) days of the filing of the Petition to Change Name of Minor Child.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 29th day of April, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116875

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: KAMMERON NEWTON AS NEXT friend of: CAMERON TOLBERT

CIVIL ACTION Number SUCV2020001012

6/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 20th day of May, 2020, KAMMERON NEWTON as next friend of CAMREN TOLBERT, filed 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. 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: RONALD LEE THOMPSON PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION File Number: 2020-CV-1060-3 NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

RONALD LEE THOMPSON filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on May 26, 2020 to change the name from RONALD LEE THOMPSON to RONALD LEE WALKER. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after Petition was filed.

DATED MAY 26, 2020

RONALD LEE THOMPSON 540 HINTON CHASE PKWY COVINGTON, GA 30016

NOTICE #116874 6/7,14,21,28

Notice of Proceedings IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA CREEKVIEW HOMEOWNERS

ASSOCIATION, INC.
PLAINTIFF 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

Public Hearings CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT GEORGIA, NEWTON County

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

ALEXANDR RUSU

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

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

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE: 23RD DAY OF JUNE. 2020 AT

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

21ST DAY OF JULY, 2020 AT 7:30

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116904

Services

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS hereby given that the Newton County Board of 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 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; 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.

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

23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2020 AT

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

21ST DAY OF JULY, 2020 AT 7:30 PM

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. The Public Hearing is held public. The Public Hearing is held at the Newton County Historic Courthouse at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, GA 30014

MEETINGS MAY 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 THE MEETINGS.

PLEASE NOTE THAT
COPIES OF DOCUMENTS
ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT
THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES,
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
1113 USHER STREET,
COVINGTON 6A 20014 USHER STREET,

THE

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то HEARING, COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO JUDY T. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, 678-625-1656 OR jtjohnson@ co.newton.ga.us. **PUBLIC NOTICE #116903**

REZONING PETITION **GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

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

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS 41 KENT ROCK RD & OLD HWY 138 CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 10.22 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCELS 36-23 & 36-23A **THE PETITIONER** HAS INITIATED A REZONE REQUEST

BOTH MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 3RD FLOOR BOARDROOM. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD

FROM AR (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIALTO CH (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL)

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

23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2020 AT

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

21ST DAY OF JULY, 2020 AT 7:30

PUBLIC NOTICE #116905

ATTEND THIS MEETING.

REZONING PETITION GEORGIA, NEWTON County

A PETITION (REZ20-000006) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A REZONING FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO

BETTY BATES SMITH

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS BATES RD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 19.82 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL 106-40

THE PETITIONER HAS INITIATED A REZONE REQUEST FROM A (AGRICULTURAL) TO AR (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL) A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE:

23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2020 AT

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE EARD BY THE BOARD OF HEARD BY THE BOARD COMMISSIONERS ON THE:

21ST DAY OF JULY, 2020 AT 7:30

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116901

REZONING PETITION **GEORGIA, NEWTON County**

A PETITION (REZ20-000007) HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A REZONING FOR THE PROPERTY BELONGING TO BETTY BATES SMITH

WHOSE SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS/LOCATION IS DIGBY RD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 5.56 ACRES BEING ON TAX MAP & PARCEL THE PETITIONER HAS INITIATED A REZONE REQUEST FROM A (AGRICULTURAL) TO AR (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL)

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

23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2020 AT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HEARD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE:

21ST DAY OF JULY, 2020 AT 7:30

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116902

Public Notice

NOTICE IS hereby given that at 6:30 p.m. on June 1, 2020 at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, Georgia the Mayor and Council of the City of Covington, Georgia, shall provide for a hearing on the passage of an ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, GEORGIA, TO AMEND THE COVINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, ENACTED AND ADOPTED ON THE 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2001, AS AMENDED BY PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS, TO ALTER CERTAIN PROVISION OF TITLE 8 OF THE SAID CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING CHAPTER 8.26 (BOARDED UP STRUCTURES) THERETO, TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." PURPOSES.' A COPY of said proposed

ordinance is posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia.

THIS 2ND day of June 2020.

THE CITY OF COVINGTON AUDRA M. Gutierrez CITY CLERK PUBLIC NOTICE #116900

NOTICE OF FILING OF BANK MERGER ACT APPLICATION

NOTICE IS hereby given that Newton Federal Bank, a federal savings bank with its main office

at 3175 Highway 278, Covington, Georgia 30014, has filed a Bank Merger Act Application (the "Application") with the Atlanta Regional Office of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") to dissolve, and thereby acquire any assets and liabilities of its wholly owned operating of, its wholly owned operating subsidiary, ABB OREO Holdings, LLC, 400 Galleria Parkway, SE, Suite 900, Atlanta, Georgia 30339. ABB OREO Holdings, LLC was acquired as a subsidiary by Newton Federal Bank through its sequicities by mercars of Affinity. acquisition by merger of Affinity Bank, 400 Galleria Parkway, SE, Suite 900, Atlanta, Georgia 30339, which was consummated on January 10, 2020.

ALL OF the offices of Newton Federal Bank will continue to operate following the dissolution of ABB OREO Holdings, LLC.

PERSON wishing

comment on the Application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the FDIC at its Atlanta Regional Office, 10 10th Street NW, Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30309-3849, not later than June 23, 2020. The nonconfidential portions of the Application are on file at the Regional Office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the Application file will be made available upon request.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116825 5/24,6/7

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

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.

of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at Newton County Public Works: CHESTER CLEGG, Newtor County Transportation Director CCLEGG@CO.NEWTON.GA.US

65 PIPER Road, COVINGTON, GA. 30014

KIMBERLY NESBITT,

(678)-414-9353

DRAWINGS OR maps or plats

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:

Program Delivery Administrator
GDOT OFFICE of Program Delivery
ATTN: BRUCE Anderson
DEBSON@DOT.GA.GOV BRANDERSON@DOT.GA.GO 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

NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL PI 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

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 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 WRITTEN request or

Floor (334) 233-2231

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

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

IRA WITCHETT B12 E34

House hold items KANG J10 Store shelving

MCGUINESS L25 household

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116845

PUBLIC SALE/AUCTION

NOTICE IS hereby given that Dixie Self Storage located at 1447 Access Road, Covington, Ga. THE UNDERSIGNED intent to sell household goods and personal property, to enforce imposed lien

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

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

UNIT 3018, Kelli Huggins, Household Goods, Furniture, Boxes Ryan Marks, 3030, Household Goods, Boxes,

SALE IS subject to cancellation in

the event of settlement between Owners and the obligated party. WE RESERVE the right to refuse CALL 770-787-3039

PUBLIC NOTICE #116828 5/31,6/7

APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER A TRADE NAME

Trade Names

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON UNDERSIGNED hereby certifies that they are conducting a business in the City of Covington, County of Newton, State of Georgia under the name of: Guardian Automotive Corporation and that the nature of the business is manufacturing automotive parts and that said business is composed of the

following: (LIMITED LIABILITY) Business address: SRG GLOBAL Automotive, LLC 10116 INDUSTRIAL Boulevard COVINGTON, GA 30014

THIS AFFIDAVIT is made in compliance with Georgia Code Annotated Title 10 Chapter 1 Section 490.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116878

APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER A TRADE NAME

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON THE UNDERSIGNED hereby certifies that they are conducting a business in the City of Covington, County of Newton, State of Georgia under the name of: SRG Global and that the nature of the business is manufacturing automotive parts and that said business is composed of the following:

(LIMITED LIABILITY) Business SRG GLOBAL Automotive, LLC 10116 INDUSTRIAL Boulevard COVINGTON, GA 30014

THIS AFFIDAVIT is made in compliance with Georgia Code Annotated Title 10 Chapter 1 Section 490.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116876 6/7,14

APPLICATION TO REGISTER A BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER A TRADE NAME

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby certifies that they are conducting a business in the City of Covington, County of Newton, State of Georgia under the name of: SRG Global Covington and that the nature of the business is manufacturing automotive parts and that said business is composed of the following: composed of the following:

(LIMITED LIABILITY) Business

SRG GLOBAL Automotive, LLC 10116 INDUSTRIAL Boulevard COVINGTON, GA 30014 THIS AFFIDAVIT is made in compliance with Georgia Code Annotated Title 10 Chapter 1 Section 490.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116877

6/7,14

NEWTON SUPERIOR COURT TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

PERSONALLY APPEARED the

PEHSONALLY APPEARED the undersigned who on oath despose and says that: MENDING MINDS COUNSELING AND COACHING GROUP, LLC, 70 BRITTNEY LANE, COVINGTON, GA 30016 is doing business in Newton County, Georgia under the name of THE MIND MENDER, 70 BRITTNEY LANE, COVINGTON, GA 30016 and that the nature of the business to be carried on at

the business to be carried on at such address is HEALTHCARE -HYPNOTHERAPIST ALOHA J. McGregor, Member **PUBLIC NOTICE #116872**

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OBITUARIES

ANNIE GRACE CHRISTIAN

Lester-Lackey & Sons Funeral Home

Mrs. Annie Grace Christian was born on November 5, 1939 in Covington, Ga. She entered eternal rest on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

She is preceded in death by her late husband, Leo Christian; two sons, Michael Christian, and Tommy Hill; mother, Annie Louise Hill; sisters, Hattie Horton, Eva Mae Latimore, Marg Ward; brothers, Jim-

FRED & SANDRA CHRISTIAN

Lt. Col. (Retired) Fred

and Sandra Christian, of

Oxford passed away May

31, 2020. Sandra was born

April 12, 1950, in Atlanta

and Fred was born April 29,

1948, in Porterdale. Both

were graduates of Newton

County High School, Fred

in 1966 and Sandra in 1968.

Mr. Christian went to

Washington D.C. to work

for the F.B.I. However, his

career as an agent was cut

short when he received his

draft notice in 1967. He

had always dreamed of be-

coming a pilot and for the

next three years he worked

on and flew an OV-1 Mo-

hawk. During his career

that spanned 34 years

with the Georgia National

Guard and his years with

Rescue Air 1, Mr. Chris-

tian has logged well over

10,000 hours of flight time

and flew the UH-1 Huey

Colonel.

graduation

Following

J.C. Harwell & Son Funeral Home

my Lee Hill and Willy Ray

She is survived by five children, Mrs. Regina (Joe Durham) Christian, Mrs. Patricia Horton, Mr. Johnny Christian, Ms. Sheila Christian, Ms. Sharon Christian and Mr. & Mrs. Barbara (Dexter) Scott; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Annie Benton, sixteen grandchildren, twenty-five great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren;

with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A home-going celebration was held on Saturday, May 30, 2020, at 1 p.m. at the Sims Chapel Baptist Church cemetery, located at 61 Sims Chapel Road, Covington, Ga., 30014. Reverend Cecil J. Rozier was the pastor. Reverend Darrell Scott was the eulogist.

and with Newton General Hospital where she started as a candy striper and then a Registered Nurse. Sandra worked on all the floors of the hospital and as the Director of Nursing for the operating room. Sandra later worked for and retired from Amedisys Home Health Care where she was also the Director of Nurses.

The Christians were members of Gum Creek Presbyterian Church, Sandra a lifelong member. Fred was a wonderful friend to more people than could be counted. Sandra was an exceptional caregiver and loving friend to all she knew. They loved to travel, spend time with their family and friends and entertain at their lake house on Jackson Lake. The two shared a wonderful life together and their most cherished title was Mimi and Poppy to their grandchildren James and Ben.

Fred was preceded in helicopter. In 2003, Fred death by his parents, C.W. Christian retired from mili-Christian and Georgia Ann tary service as a Lieutenant Fincher and Sandra by her mother Johnnie Kathryn Mr. Christian returned home following his first Reagan Kitchens. They are survived by their children three years of active duty and married his high Lori Clifton (Derek) of school sweetheart, Sandra Atlanta, and Todd Chris-Jean Kitchens. Mrs. Christian (Hannah Hanson) of Madison and their grandtian was a graduate of Piedchildren James and Ben mont Nursing School. She Clifton. Sandra is also worked for several physicians' offices in Covington survived by her father Julian "Preacher" Kitchens, her aunt Jane Parker, her uncle Bobby Reagan (Martha) and her cousins Mark Reagan (Lynda) and Steve Reagan (Wanda). Fred is also survived by his brothers Bobby Christian (Susan) of Covington, Jimmy Christian (June) of Jersey, and Billy Christian (Denise) of Clarksville, TN. They are both survived by numerous other family members and a host of close friends.

The family will receive

friends from 12 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2020, at J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home. The extended hours are to meet the current COVID-19/ Coronavirus Pandemic restrictions and guidelines. We ask that you respectfully adhere to the guidelines during this time together. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 5, 2020, at Lawnwood Memorial Park with Reverend Kerry Duncan and Reverend Bobbie Wren Banks officiating. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Gum Creek Presbyterian Church, 2700 Gum Creek Road, Oxford, Ga., 30054 or to the United States Army Aviation Museum Building, 6000 Novosel Street, Fort Rucker, Ala.,

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 pubic service by the newspaper. Funeral directors should call Lee Ann Avery at 770-728-1418, or write lavery@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

JESSE LEE BROWN

Lester-Lackey & Sons Funeral Home

Mr. Jesse Lee Brown was born April 10, 1947, to the late Jack and Annie Brown. He entered eternal rest on Monday, May 25, 2020.

He was the eldest of four children. He graduated from R.L. Cousins in the class of 1966. After graduating, Jesse went on to serve his country for two years enlisting into the United States Army.

Jesse accepted Christ as his personal savior at an early age when he joined Peek's Chapel Baptist Church. Jesse was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Annie Brown; sons, Jessie Brown and Jerome Hammond; brother, Johnny Brown; niece, Monica Brown and nephew, Johnny Brown, Jr. Jesse was united in holy

matrimony to Annie Nell Brown and to this union three children were born. He was continually active in sports in his late teens and early twenties. He played baseball on several teams: Springfield Reds, Livingston Cardinal and Kellytown. Jesse had a great love for cooking and any outdoor sports, especially Fishing and Hunting. He retired from C&D Battery in Conyers, GA after over thirty-five years.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories; wife, Mrs. Annie Nell Brown; daughter, Ms. Tonia Brown; step-daughter, Mrs. Priscilla Harrison; grandchildren, Caleb Brown and Caitlyn

Brown; sister, Mrs. Jacqueline Smith; brother, Mr. Charles (Dora) Brown; uncles, Mr. Eddie Floyd and Mr. Johnny (Dorothy) Floyd; aunt, Ms. Mary Brown; great aunt, Mrs. Mary Williams; two brothers-in-law, two sisters-inlaw; two devoted friends, Rev. Willie Smith and Mr. David Wise and a host of other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life was held on Saturday, May 30, 2020 at 3 p.m. at Peeks Chapel Baptist Church cemetery, located at 3185 Old Salem Rd., Conyers, Ga., 30013. Rev. James H. Battle was the pastor. Rev. Willie Smith was the eulogist.

BRENT LESTER COOPER Lester-Lackey & Sons Funeral Home

The seasonal earthly journey for Brent Lester Cooper

began on Monday, May 31, 1965, in Newton County, Ga. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny (Nadine) Cooper. He passed away on Friday, May 22, 2020. He attended Newton

County Schools and was a graduate of Newton County High School. He was joined in holy matrimony for nineteen years to the love of his life, the late Lisa Johnson Cooper. He confirmed his faith by joining the Pleasant View Baptist Church where he served as a member of the gospel choir. He was preceded in death by his wife, two grandmothers, two uncles and two aunts.

Lester was a fun-loving person with many talents. He was a self-proclaimed grill master and baker. He never hesitated to use his grilling skills at family functions or whenever called upon. His sense of style was like no other. He was a huge fan of famous name brand attire. He took pride in coordinating every outfit. His clothes and shoes had to perfectly match. His ensemble was not complete without a splash of his favorite cologne. The seasonal earthly journey for Lester quietly came to completion on Friday, May 22, 2020. We can only imagine the joy he experienced seeing Jesus' face and reuniting with his forever love, Lisa.

He leaves to celebrate his life and legacy, parents; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny (Nadine) Cooper, four children; Mr. Antarios Cooper, Mrs. Tiffany (Quincy) Cullins, Mrs. Brittney (Jontavis) Briggs and Mr. Rashad Cooper, ten grandchildren; Tamia, Jada, Quincy, Aniyah, Madison, Cameron, Lauryn, Jontavis, Ashton, and Erysin, three brothers; Mr. Stanley Cooper, Mr. Neal (Janice) Cooper, and Mr. Lamonte (Woangie) Cooper, one sister; Ms. Barbara Cooper, four uncles; Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Annie) Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Sandra) Cooper, Mr. Terrell Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Lanette) Cooper, one aunt; Mrs. Maxine (Sammie) Driskell, special cousins; Mrs. Martha Pope, Mr. Ken Roberts, Mr. John White and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life was held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at noon at Lawnwood Memorial Park, located at 1111 Access Road, Covington, Ga., 30014. Pastor Derwin Davis was officiating, and Pastor Timothy S. Starks was the eulogist.

DEWEY LAWSON HENRY

Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home

Dewey (Dubbie) Lawson Henry, of Covington, passed away Monday, June 1, 2020, at the age of 84. From May 1957 until May 1963, Mr. Henry proudly served his country as a tank commander in the Army National Guard. As a devoted and faithful man of God, he was an active member at Canaan Baptist Church where he was both a bus driver and a deacon. During his membership at Trinity Baptist, he served as a deacon and lent his talents as choir leader. In more recent years, he was a supportive congregant at Newton Baptist Church in Covington. Mr. Henry was a machinist at C.R. Bard, and as a testimony to his tireless work ethic, did not retire until the age of 73. In his free time, he used his skills

as a machinist to build and create various items. He was a friendly soul who enjoyed meeting people from all walks of life. Mr. Henry, a family man through and through, delighted in making memories with his many loved ones, especially his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Henry; parents, Charlie Ruben and Margie (Canup) Henry; sister, Margaret Bagley; and brothers, Johnny, Boyce, Edward, William, Obie, Eugene, Bernard, and Leon Henry.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Jerry Melville; son and daughter-in-law, Wade and Stephanie Henry; sisters and brother-in-law, Annie Sue Rowe, Linda and Ralph Roman; grandchildren, Jessica and Kevin Parker, Joshua and Layne Atkinson, Natalie Henry.

A Private Funeral Service for Mr. Henry was held Friday, June 5, 2020, 11:00 A.M., at the Chapel of Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home, 1215 Access Road, in Covington, with Pastor Chris Allen and Pastor Tony Howeth officiating. Interment followed in Lawnwood Memorial Park in Covington. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorial Honor Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38405, Samaritans Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607, or Shriners Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 1525, Ranson, WV 25438.

NOTICE

The City of Social Circle Mayor and Council does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the Social Circle City Schools Activity Center (MS Gym) 154 Alcova Dr. on June 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years. In addition there will be public hearings held at Social Circle City Schools Activity Center (154 Alcova Dr) on May 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM and the Social Circle City Schools Activity Center (154 Alcova Dr) on June 16, 2020 at 12 Noon and 6:30 PM.

CURRENT 2020 TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

CITY OF SOCIAL CIRCLE WALTON/		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
NEWTON							
VALUE	Real & Personal	173,322,133	204,969,871	221,470,036	232,532,874	232,897,131	262,072,353
	Motor Vehicles	5,455,410	4,200,770	3,393,170	2,740,690	2,463,390	1,915,960
	Mobile Homes	99,740	89,730	89,050	78,188	74,830	74,660
	Timber - 100%		46,350				
	Heavy Duty Equipment						
	State Forest Land Assistance Grant Value	612,487	424,491	226,877	591,417		
	Gross Digest	179,489,770	209,731,212	225,179,133	235,943,169	235,435,351	264,062,973
	Less Exemptions	46,254,093	48,780,740	46,606,127	49,131,694	43,867,116	52,824,738
	Net Digest Value	133,235,677	160,950,472	178,573,006	186,811,475	191,568,235	211,238,235
RATE	Gross M&O Millage	11.502	11.260	10.939	11.040	11.240	11.450
	Less Rollback (LOST)	4.091	3.360	3.039	3.140	3.340	3.550
	Net M&O Millage Rate	7.411	7.900	7.900	7.900	7.900	7.900
TAX	Total City Taxes Levied	\$987,410	\$1,271,509	\$1,410,727	\$1,475,811	\$1,513,389	\$1,668,782
	Net Taxes \$ Increase	\$34,610	\$284,099	\$139,218	\$65,084	\$37,578	\$155,393
	Net Taxes % Increase	3.63%	28.77%	10.95%	4.61%	2.55%	10.27%

ELLA MAE ENGLISH

Lester-Lackey & Sons Funeral Home

Mrs. Ella Mae English, age 88 of Covington, GA entered eternal rest on May 23, 2020. Services will be held Saturday, May 30, 2020, at 11:00 A.M. at Sims Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, 61 Sims Chapel Road Covington, GA 30014. She leaves to cherish her memories a host of loving family and friends. Family and Friends will assemble at the residence of Mrs. English at 10:00 A.M. Visitation will be held Friday, May 29, 2020, 12:00 Noon until 8:00 P.M. We are asking everyone to help us follow all government guide-

lines due to the COVID-19.

Obituaries

continued

LARRY SMITH

I.C. Hawell & Son Funeral Home

Mr. Larry Smith, age 76, a lifelong resident of Newton County passed away Thursday, May 28, 2020. He was born in Porterdale on May 8, 1944 to Ollie and Eddis Smith who have preceded him in death. Mr. Smith proudly served in the United States Army. He owned and operated Larry Smith Grading and was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, greatgreat grandfather, brother, and friend. He enjoyed golf, hunting, gambling, he loved the beach and the pool and his favorite past time was being with his family. Mr. Smith was one of 13 children and was not only preceded in death by his parents but also 9 of his siblings. He is survived by his wife Kelley Smith of Covington, his children Vivian and Joel Robinson of Convers, Bubba Smith of Eatonton, Teresa and Robert Bowden of Monticello, Elizabeth and Jeff Brake of Jackson, Ramona and Steve Nicholson of Loganville, Candance Shellnutt of California, Kimberly and Chris Stephens of Monroe, T.J. and Kelly Gay of Covington, and Connie and Donnell Delaney of Conyers. Mr. Smith is also survived by 26 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild and his remaining siblings Beverly Kanda, Joe Smith, and Terry Smith along with a host of other family and close friends. Graveside services for Mr. Smith will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday, May 31, 2020 at Zion Church Cemetery with Reverend Don Hardison officiating. The family will offer a drop in visitation with social distancing limitation from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2020, at J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home 2157 East Street SE,

uating from Mercer, and

Covington, GA 30014.

He was named chief as-Melanie Bell after her election as probate judge and chief magistrate in Newton

Kemp will choose the next

counties still have one

a nonpartisan race are Loganville attorney Jeff Foster, Henry County Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheveda McCamy of Covington and Covington attorney

Chief Judge John Ott, Horace J. Johnson Jr. and Wynne are running for re-

election unopposed. The district attorney elec-

moved to the Walton DA's office a few years later.

sistant district attorney in January 2017, succeeding

district attorney.

Newton and Walton contested Superior Court judge's race. It's for the spot held by Eugene M. Benton, who has served since 2005 but is retiring at year's end.

Competing for the seat in Bob Stansfield.

tion, and Zon's seat for a full term, will go before voters in

Newton County partners with C4 Cycling to provide proper signage

By MASON WITTNER mwittner@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. -On Thursday, May 28, 2020, Newton County announced a partnership with the Covington Convers Cycling Club (C4) to erect 50 signs throughout the county that will promote safety for cyclers on the road.

C4 intends to create more than 300 miles worth of trails throughout Newton, Rockdale, Walton and Jasper counties for cyclists to ride on. Through their partnership with Newton County, they hope to provide a safer environment for cyclists and encourage local citizens to stay active.

"Bike trails are huge in our community. They promote a healthy style of living," Newton County Chairman Marcello Banes said. "We're so excited to be partnering with the Covington Conyers Cycling Club for this initia-

John Keck, president of C4, expressed how vital the

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coming to rest in the trees.

Lester was found dead at

Monroe police and fire,

the Walton County Sheriffs

Office, the Walton County

coroner and the Georgia State

Lester gained notoriety

for testifying in the 2019 tri-

al of Christopher Michael

McNabb and Cortney Ma-

rie Bell, who were convicted

for the death of their infant

Lester was out on parole

since Nov. 6, 2019, after serv-

ing time in state custody on

convictions for fleeing or

eluding police in Newton

daughter two years earlier.

Patrol responded.



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Covington Conyers Cycling Club president John Keck (front left) stands with Newton County Chairman Marcello Banes (front right) and the C4 cyclists at the Newton County Historic Courthouse after announcing their partnership with the county Thursday afternoon.

partnership with the local government is for the mission of his organization.

"[Thursday] was really the culmination of eight months of effort and energy put into developing routes in this four-county area," Keck said. "We've identi-

fied the routes and gotten the cooperation of Newton County and the city of Covington. The marking of these routes gives people the opportunity to live that healthy lifestyle we promote in a safer fashion." Keck's vision for C4 is to

provide a safe riding environment for cyclists within the local four-county area through well-marked bike lanes and routes. It is his hope that by doing so, his organization will continue to adhere to their three pil-

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CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for an **Engineering Technician** in the Engineering Department, with a starting hourly rate of \$18.55 to a maximum hourly rate of \$27.25 depending upon qualifications. The purpose of this job is to perform routine and complex technical engineering related work for environmental, water, sewer, street, and other public works projects and programs. Assists an Engineer in application of principles, methods, and techniques of civil engineering technology. Education and experience include graduation from a high school or GED, supplemented by two years of related technical or college training in drafting, Computer-Aided-Design (CAD), engineering technology, civil engineering or a closely related field; and Minimum of two years related experience; or Any equivalent combination of education and experience. **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS** Must possess a valid State Driver's license or have the ability to obtain one prior to employment. Must have or be able to obtain GSWCC Level 1B Advanced Fundamentals (Red Card) Certification within 6-months. Must be physically capable of moving about on construction work sites. We offer a generous benefits package, which includes; 401A and 457 employee retirement plans; 10 paid holidays annually; vacation and sick leave; health, dental, vision, disability, accidental death, and dismemberment, health, and childcare spending accounts. Qualified applicants may apply via our website by downloading an application packet at www.citvofcovington.org or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. Position will remain open until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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our community to have confidence in the court system. We are fortunate in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit to have great judges. ... It's going to an honor to serve with all of you, and I promise to work hard and my goal is to strive to increase the confidence in our court system."

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him I won't let him down,"

"I echo what the governor

just stated, that now more

than ever, it is important

for the public and people in

Zon grew up in Gwinnett County and is a 1996 graduate of Liberty University.

Zon's appointment as a judge creates a vacancy for district attorney. Walton County resident Randy Mc-Ginley was sworn in Tuesday afternoon in Monroe as the interim district attorney.

McGinley has spent more than eight years as a prosecutor. He has a degree from Georgia Tech and worked as a real estate appraiser before going to law school at Mer-

cer University. He joined the Newton County district attorney's office in 2011, just after grad-

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NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Social Circle has tentatively adopted a 2020 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 3.39 percent.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on this tax increase to be held at the Middle School Activity Center located at 154 Alcova Drive, Social Circle, GA 30025 on May 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase are June 16, 2020 at 12 Noon and 6:30 PM at the Middle School Activity Center located at 154 Alcova Drive, Social Circle, GA 30025.

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 7.90 mills, an increase of 0.259 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 7.641 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$10.36.



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Harper named Chamber of Commerce president

By MASON WITTNER mwittner@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — The Covington-Newton County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors approved a decision Thursday to appoint Debbie Harper as president of the CNCCC.

"On behalf of the CNC-CC Board of Directors, we are thrilled to have Debbie lead this organization going forward," Mark Ross, Chairman of the CNCCC Board of Directors, stated in a press release Thursday morning. "As a lifelong resident and community member of Newton County, Debbie is poised to take our mission of adding value to our members through promotion, partnership, and education, to a new level."

Harper was named Interim President of the



CNCCC on June 1, 2019, after serving as the membership director since 2013. She and the staff are committed to supporting current and prospective numbers in spite of complications due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic. Among their recent actions is advocating for and receiving grant support for local small business from Facebook.

"It is an honor and a privilege to lead on behalf of all local businesses in our

community" Harper stated. "My unwavering commitment to Newton County, and the ability to listen to the voice of our customers, will help us continue to grow both in number and in service."

The CNCCC is made up of more than 660 businesses, civic organizations, institutions and individuals. The organization strives to provide leadership that promotes a healthy economy and a high quality of life for all those working in, living in and visiting the area.

To learn more about available support for the CNCCC, reach out via email at info@newtonchamber.com or via phone at 770-786-7510.

Newton County Chairman calls for week of prayer

Banes releases statement in wake of deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a statement from Marcello Banes, Chairman of the Newton County Board of Commissioners, which was issued Wednesday morning.

COVINGTON, On May 7, 2020, my 16-year-old daughter sent me a video of the killing of Ahmaud Arbery. I must admit that prior to this text, I had not heard about this story. As I watched Mr. Arbery get gunned down and stagger to his death, a strong sense of sadness came over me. As more information became known of this horrific event, my sadness, admittedly, turned to anger. No sooner than I could temper my outrage of the Arbery case, I witnessed the video of the killing of George Floyd and the unrest that followed. For the record, I am outraged at the lack of action of the officials in Brunswick and the police officers' actions in Minneapolis. As a black man, I am tired of seeing this over and over again. As Chairman of Newton County, it is my duty to ensure that this does not

happen in my community. I have worked diligently to handle the affairs of the County, and also have vig-



orously and without ceasing, worked to stop any social injustices that attempt to plague our community. In my duties, I am in constant communication with Newton County Sheriff Ezell Brown and Covington Police Chief Stacy Cotton and received assurances that the Newton County Sheriff Department and the City of Covington Police Department does not celebrate nor tolerate the actions or behavior that this nation witnessed in Minne-

On Monday, following the publicized protest events that occurred in Atlanta over the weekend, some citizens in Newton County voiced strong concerns about safety and potential unrest in our community. Ironically, on that same day, my office received several phone calls from outside groups wanting to protest in our community. While there are concerns about protesting in our community, we must be reminded that the same constitutional provision that protects the freedom of speech also protects the right to peaceful protest. However, protest without an eye on a solution is fruitless. To that end, my spirit leads me, again, to call for community prayer for

unity, guidance and understanding.

I am asking for all public officials, community leaders, ministers, mothers, fathers and people who love this community and believe in the power of prayer to join me for seven days of prayer beginning on Thursday, June 4, through Wednesday, June 10, at 6 a.m. each day for prayer for the Floyd and Arbery families. I also want us to pray for guidance for our national, state and local public officials. I want us to pray for the protections of black men and women who are encountered by individuals that don't know the meaning of protect and serve. I want us to pray for the protection of our law enforcement who take an oath to protect all, even those that wish them harm. I want us to pray against the spirit of division. I want us to pray against the spirit of racism in all forms. We must definitely pray for our young people. Most of all, I want us to pray for peace, understanding, respect and tolerance among our Newton County community and other communities around

the nation. I am always reminded that faith without works is dead. While I believe that prayer answers all, we must follow with action. I realize that I must lead by example. I am asking for your help. In the upcoming weeks, I will call on community leaders to join me for a think tank to come up with preventive measures to keep our community unified and pro-

Economic slowdown sending Georgia highway tolls plunging

By DAVE WILLIAMS Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA, Ga. — The COVID-19 pandemic has sent revenues on Georgia's network of toll roads plummeting despite a significant uptick in traffic since businesses began reopening, the head of the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) said Thursday.

Tolls paid by motorists traveling the toll lanes on interstates 75 and 85 in metro Atlanta declined by up to 90% during the last quarter, SRTA Executive Director Chris Tomlinson told members of the state Senate Appropriations Transportation Subcommittee during a of traffic at the time. budget hearing.

As a result, SRTA is projecting it will end the current fiscal year June 30 with only about \$33 million of the \$46 million the agency had expected to receive in fiscal 2020.

The outlook for the coming fiscal year is worse, with SRTA expected to bring in only \$19.5 million in toll revenue, Tomlinson said.

"We've seen an unprecedented decline in toll revenues," he said.

The plunging toll receipts seem to contradict the increase in traffic that has Kemp began lifting the shel- Atlanta.

ter-in-place restrictions he imposed to discourage the spread of COVID-19.

Georgia Commissioner of Transportation Russell Mc-Murry told the subcommittee Thursday traffic on the state's highways is back to within 20% of normal levels after bottoming out in early April. Truck traffic is at normal to slightly above-normal levels, he said.

But Tomlinson said the rise in traffic is not helping to boost toll revenues because of the nature of SR-TA's tolling system, which charges motorists willing to pay to travel in toll lanes rather than general-purpose

"Congestion is lighter and lasts a shorter period of time," he said. "The average toll amount is going to de-

For example, Tomlinson said the average toll for motorists on Interstate 85 has fallen from as high as \$15 in February to just \$4.

SRTA is forecasting declines in toll revenue of about 60% during the coming year on I-85 northeast of Atlanta and on the Northwest Corridor, which runs along I-75 and I-575 in Cobb and Cherokee counties. The forecast calls for a decline of 35% in occurred since Gov. Brian toll receipts on I-75 south of

"We are looking at budget cuts in the order of 20% to 25% to deal with this issue," Tomlinson said.

In the short run, SRTA plans to use about \$10 million from the state Department of Transportation to help make ends meet, along with \$3 million of SRTA's \$8 million in reserves.

But Tomlinson warned the agency must hold back some of its reserves to convince private lenders it depends on to finance future toll-lane projects that the agency's finances are sustainable.

"We think [toll revenues] are going to come back," he said. "Come the fall, we'll have a better idea. [But], it's going to be a lag."

Kemp has instructed departments throughout state government to cut their fiscal 2021 budgets by 11% to help offset falling tax revenues resulting from the economic downturn brought on by COVID-19.

Starting with the Senate, the General Assembly will begin putting together a leaner state budget when lawmakers reconvene the suspended 2020 legislative session June 15.

Newton County's economic development moved to **Development Authority**

By MASON WITTNER mwittner@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — The Newton County Board of Commissioners recently approved an intergovernmental agreement with the county's Industrial Development Authority to allocate \$350,000 in the next fiscal year toward economic development and human re-

sources. The board voted 4-1 in favor of the intergovernmental agreement, with only District 4 Commissioner J.C. Henderson standing opposed.

Henderson stated his desire that economic development employees report directly to County Manager Lloyd Kerr to ensure the county have control over funds.

District 1 Commissioner Stan Edwards initially excounty-wide economic de- on projects within the city ber of Commerce.



velopment, choosing to bring limits, that we bill the city of on a staff member to work for the city instead.

However, following a discussion with his fellow commissioners, he eventually voted in favor of passing the

"My pressed his apprehension would be, if the economic IDA is comprised of memfor approving the agreement development team is going as well. He pointed out that to fund solely at the county Covington no longer funds level [and] is going to work

Covington a 50% rate of that bill," Edwards said.

The Newton County BOC previously voted to place economic development unrecommendation der the IDA in January. The bers which are appointed by the city, county and Cham-

Georgia unemployment claims continue to steadily decline

By DAVE WILLIAMS

Capitol Beat News Service

ATLANTA, Ga. — Initial unemployment claims in Georgia are continuing to trend lower, the state Department of Labor reported Thursday.

Jobless Georgians filed 149,163 unemployment claims last week, down more than

16,000 from the week before and the fourth decline during the last five weeks.

Since March 21, when Georgia businesses began shutting down to discourage the spread of COVID-19, the state has distributed more an \$1.3 billion in regular unemployment bene-

The agency issued more than \$51 million in benefits last week to self-employed Georgians, gig workers, independent contractors and laid off employees of churches and other nonprofits through the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program.

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Fact Contest Winner



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Emma McCollough of Covington was the winner of our 2020 Fact Contest and has received a check for \$300. The questions and correct answers have been provided below.

Learning:

Who was photographed performing a science experiment? Yashara Barnes & Caitlin Jeske, pg. 11

Which school displays Proverbs 17:27? GCA Crusaders, pg. 16

Enterprise:

When was Ramsey's Furniture first established? 1919,

What is one of Bill Hardy's most memorable moments as a business owner? Being runner up for Small Business of the Year two years in a row, pg. 26

Where would Newton

Wellness:

Trails lke to see a connection made that would give people the ability to travel to Atlanta? Rockdale County, pg. 30 What makes the Coving-

ton YMCA one of the best wellness organizations according to Louly Hay-Kapp? The people, page 33

Community:

What does the City of Covington team focus on? Self-improvement, pg. 35

Who should you contact for the "Clash of the Clubs" golf tournament? Katie Collins, pg. 47

Leaders:

When was Dr. Shannon Buff first introduction to life as a Ram? 2005, pg. 50

Which Unsung Hero served as a former city council member? Michael Whatley, pg. 64

Prior to discussing the coronavirus, the governor spoke about the protests that have broken out across the nation over the past week. Kemp said he understood the anger being expressed in protests after Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, died in Minneapolis from a police officer kneeling on his neck for more than eight minutes on May 25.

However, Kemp stated that he will not tolerate violence and property destruction by way of looting and rioting.

"Violence and destruction is unacceptable, and we will continue to do our part — in conjunction with local leaders — to plan, mobilize and respond appropriately to threats that undermine our safety," he said. "We will do what's necessary to keep the

Last Friday night, peaceful protests in Atlanta turned violent and led to destruction. More demonstrations were held in communities throughout Georgia this week, many of which remained peaceful. The governor urged citizens to continue standing up for what they believe without inciting unlawful

"We have to have people who follow the law," Kemp said. "And when you don't, it puts us in a bad spot."

Due to multitudes of individuals gathering together for protests across the state, public health officials are now concerned about a potential spike in coronavirus cases in the coming weeks.

Dr. Kathleen Toomey, the state's public

health commissioner, noted that officials continue to be encouraged by lower positive case rates and fewer hospitalizations. But as protests continue, the risk of spreading the virus continues to be a prominent issue.

"When you have this many people gathered together in close proximity, you run the risk of viral transmission," Toomey said.

She added that she and the state's public health officials are hoping to "assist in this time to mitigate any potential spread from this demonstration."

"We want to make sure that the pandemic doesn't spread because of this," she added.

As of Friday, June 5, a total of 49,847 confirmed cases of COVID-19 had been reported in the state. According to Georgia Department of Public Health, there had been 2,147 deaths from the virus and 8,557 hospitaliza-

In Newton County, the DPH reported a total of 382 total cases while the death total remained at 11.

Kemp backed Toomey's words, reminding

Georgians that the virus has not gone away and a vaccine has not yet been found. "We are still battling a pandemic and we

need to stay vigilant," he said. "Continue to keep your distance, wash your hands and do all the other things we have been saying for weeks and week now."

For more updates on COVID-19, visit the Georgia Department of Public Health's website at https://dph.georgia.gov. COVID-19 information is updated daily at 3 p.m.

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MURDER

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and were able to get credible information [Friday] to validate those three charges with additional interviews and reports from the medical examiner," Malcom said.

According to Cotton's press release, Yates was one of several people attending a party in room 250 at the Super 8 on the night of May 27. All in attendance were reportedly friends or acquaintances. Alcoholic beverages and marijuana were consumed throughout the night.

It was during this party that Yates allegedly pulled out a handgun and shot Anderson, killing him. Cotton also made an effort to dispel ru-

mors that the shooting incident was racially-charged. "During the course of the investigation no

information was received by the Covington Police Department to lead our detectives to believe this was true," he stated. "It is clear from the investigation that this shooting was not accidental but also not motivated

Yates remains an occupant of the Newton County Jail.

CYCLYING

lars: advocating for safer conditions, promoting healthy lifestyles and giving back to the local communities.

"This is a great area to ride in. It's a low-traffic area," Keck said. "And now we have signs that protect our safety, so I think it's going to be a tremendous benefit to the community as well as to the Covington Conyers Cycling Club riders."

Newton County began to place signs on C4 trails last week to raise awareness about drivers sharing the road and watching out

"Working to support trails of all kinds is not only part of our strategic plan, but it also brings another amenity and shines another light on our county," Banes said. "By just placing some signs on our roads we have shown that we support trails, are encouraging added quality of life and are providing a safe and secure environment for those living in and traveling to Newton County."

OB ANNOUNCEMENT Covington/Newton County Chamber of Commerce

Located in the historic downtown district, the Covington/ Newton County Chamber of Commerce has been

serving Newton County for more than 60 years. We are currently conducting a search for a Membership Director. This is a full-time, 40 hours per week position. Interested candidates should provide a cover letter and resume by June 15, 2020 to jobs@newtonchamber.com. We are not accepting phone calls regarding this position at this time, but will contact qualified candidates to schedule interviews before the end of June.

Reports to: Chamber President

General responsibilities

Plans, directs, coordinates, and administers membership acquisition, renewal, and benefits program for institution by performing the following duties personally or through subordinates.

Essential job functions include, but are not limited to:

Establishes short-range and long-range goals to achieve Chamber institution membership objectives.

Develops and implements individual and corporate membership acquisition strategies, such as on-site and Internet membership programs.

Develops and implements strategies for renewing annual support of current members.

Evaluates effectiveness of strategies, such as fee and membership category structures, services, materials, benefits, and policies relating to retention of current members and acquisition of new members, and recommends changes as appropriate to attain goals.

Processes new and renewed memberships and distributes member benefits materials.

Manages membership services, benefits, and policies.

Plans and directs membership campaigns, events and ribbon cuttings.

Produces membership lists for use in institution publications.

Actively participate in the planning, organization and implementation of the Chamber's annual signature events. Any other duties as designated by the Chamber President.

Cover letters and resumes are due to jobs@newtonchamber.com by June 15.

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