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His Word

If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.
— Romans 6:5



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

By 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 the Alcovy Circuit. She succeeds Samuel D. Ozburn, who retired at the end of April. Kemp appointed Ozburn as a senior judge.

Zon, of Covington, 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



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.

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Peaceful protest held on square in downtown Covington

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The 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 unrest.

Timothy Birt, a 22-year-old 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-year-

old Mathew Shane Lester.

Troopers responded

at about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

A white Ford truck

reportedly had been

stolen from

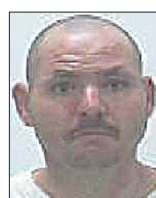
a gas station and driven

north at high speed on

Georgia 11 into Monroe.

The truck tried to pass a

white pickup truck on the



Lester



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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Covington man faces felony murder, tampering charges

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. — This week, Covington police chief Stacy 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 con-

sistent 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-interviews 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 the incident occurred

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Yates

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Kemp addresses statewide protests, COVID-19

By MASON WITTNER
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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
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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 sheriff's offices; and Butts County Fire and Rescue Dive Team were involved in the search.

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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 p.m.

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 unity.



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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 a community event than a protest, but we call it a protest because that's the language of the people for their voices to be heard," Birt said later. "I just want people to be heard, and I want the people to hear 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 seeking unity and change, as well as voter participation in next week's primary elections.

Covington Mayor Steve Horton was one of several elected officials in attendance Wednesday. He expressed his gratitude for the cooperation of the protestors to remain peaceful and productive.

"I think it's been a great 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 opportunity for people to put their hearts and their 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."

Brown echoed similar sentiments, stating his hope that a peaceful protest

"means progress."

"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 protestors flock to the Square. Dozens marched along sidewalks holding signs and crying out chants, which ranged from "Hand's up, don't shoot" to "I can't breathe" to "No justice, no peace, no racist police."

The protestors then knelt 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 knelt 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 of his death were charged with aiding and abetting second-degree murder.

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What Happened to Your Favorite Store?

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 memories of the department stores of our youth. Some were downtown, others were on 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 phone?

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

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 is open.

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 storm.

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.



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



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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 weekend.

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 mercy.



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 black.

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

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 to occur.

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 column.

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

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

Oxford City Hall
Attn: Jody Reid
110 West Clark Street
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Resumes submitted without completed applications will not be considered. Applications will be accepted through Friday, June 19, 2020.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Public Notices

Abandoned Vehicles

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE (TOWING OR STORAGE COMPANY)

1998 MERCEDES-BENZ E320 VIN - WDBJH82FXWX002561

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116864
5/31,6/7

ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE PETITION ADVERTISEMENT

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

125 OLD Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-4814

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

06/19/20

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

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

MAKE	YEAR	Model	Vehicle ID #	License #	No. St	Court Case
FORD	2015	Focus	1FADP3F22FL250831	20-1987AV		
BUICK	2002	Park	1G4CW54K22A153457	20-1988AV		
FORD	2018	Mustang	1FA6P8CF0J5116345	20-1989AV		
CHEVROLET	2004	Venture	1GNDX03E34D180844	20-1990AV		
VOLKSWAGE	2011	C	WVWVHN7AN6BE710646	20-1991AV		
AUDI	2009	A 6	WAUSG74F39N016668	20-1992AV		
DODGE	2014	Avenger	1C3CDZAB3EN227607	20-1993AV		
TOYOTA	2011	Corolla	JTDBU4EE1B102753	20-1994AV		
KIA	2012	Soul	KNDJ2TAS54C7464566	20-1995AV		
DODGE	2012	Avenger	1C3CDZCB8CN144698	20-1996AV		
DODGE	2005	Magnum	2D8GV58275H116433	20-1997AV		
VOLKSWAGE	2014	Passat	1VWAT7A32EC108734	20-1998AV		
TOYOTA	2010	Prius	JTDKN3DU8A0154272	20-1999AV		
NISSAN	2009	Altima	1N4AL21E79N438537	20-2000AV		
CHEVROLET	2006	Impala	1GCGG25V061260329	20-2001AV		
MERCEDES-	2000	S	WDBNG75J6YA119638	20-2002AV		
KIA	2014	Rio	KNADM4A34E6392844	20-2003AV		
FORD	2005	Taurus	1FAFP53245A285728	20-2004AV		
KIA	2015	Optima	5XXGM4A73FG416363	20-2005AV		
FORD	2011	Fusion	3FAHP0JG6BR320586	20-2006AV		

PUBLIC NOTICE #116858

5/31,6/7

Alcoholic Beverage

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116855
5/31,6/7

Bids

INVITATION TO BID

PART 1: GENERAL

1.1 COMPETITIVE Cost Sealed Bids

SEPARATE SEALED Bids for construction of Gravity Sewer Upgrades and Improvements for the City of Covington will be received until 10:00 am on **June 23, 2020** at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, GA 30014. Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud at the City of Covington Municipal Court

/ Council Chambers Building located at 2116 Stallings Street, Covington, GA 30014. Any bid received after **10:00 am on June 23, 2020** will not be considered by the Owner. Following the closing time for the receipt of bids no bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days.

1.2 SCOPE of Work

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.3 PLANS, Specifications and Contract Documents

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

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

1.4 CONTRACTOR License

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

1.5 BONDS

EACH BID must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or certified cashier's check, in the amount of 10% of the base bid, prepared on the form of Bid Bond, section 00410, attached to the Contract Documents or a Surety Company's Standard Bid Bond, duly executed by the Bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed in the latest issue of U.S. Treasury Circular 570 with an "A" minimum rating of performance and a financial strength of at least five (5) times the contract price as listed in the most current publication of "Best's Key Rating Guide Property Liability". Each Bond shall be accompanied by a "Power of Attorney" empowering the attorney-in-fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond.

1.6 MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting

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

1.7 PERMITS

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

1.8 EASEMENTS & Rights-of-Way

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

1.9 RESERVATION of Rights

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

2.0 CONTRACTOR E-Verify

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116844
5/24,6/7

RFQ - LICENSED GENERAL

CONTRACTORS FAMILY COMMUNITY Housing Association, Inc.

SEEKING QUALIFIED General Contractors
COMMUNITY HOME Investment Program (CHIP)

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE CITY of Covington is accepting proposals from qualified firms to provide pre-pay integration services to our existing Utility Billing System. Sealed proposals are due by 10:00 am on Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

REQUEST FOR Proposals and additional information may be obtained at City Hall or by accessing the request for proposals on the City's website at [HTTPS://WWW.CITYOF COVINGTON.ORG/INDEX.PHP?SECTION=BUSINESS- OPPORTUNITIES](https://www.cityofcovington.org/index.php?section=business-opportunities)

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116860
5/31,6/7

Citations

CITATION

ALANNA JEANNE HARRIS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the **Estate of 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, 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 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 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 #116889
6/7,14,21,28

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 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. 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 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.

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 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
6/7,14,21,28

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 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 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
6/7,14,21,28

CITATION

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
6/7,14,21,28

CITATION

TARA LEI DAY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of 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.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116884
6/7,14,21,28

CITATION

THE PETITION of **BARBARA LEE METZGER** widow/widower of **THOMAS JOHN METZGER**, deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having 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.

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 filing of the notice of intent to dissolve with the Secretary of State, a claim against the corporation not otherwise barred will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after last publication of this notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116857
5/31,6/7

NOTICE OF Incorporation

NOTICE IS given that Articles of Incorporation which incorporate Sternifantic, 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., **NEWTON** 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 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,

THE UNDERSIGNED, are all of the general and limited partners of the Partnership, by affixing their signatures hereto, hereby consent to the foregoing.

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, 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.

LEALLESSA HARLEY
260 QUEENSLAND LANE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 29th day of APRIL, 2020.

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

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

THIS THE 5th day of MAY, 2020.

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

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of 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, 2020.

DEBBIE R. HILLMAN
2233 GLEN BRIAR WAY
LITHONIA, GA 30058

PUBLIC NOTICE #116894
6/7,14,21,28

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ADRIENNE BRADSHAW
PLAINTIFF,

-VS- KEITH BRADSHAW
DEFENDANT.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: KEITH BRADSHAW, SR.
208 WESTWINDS TRAILS
MCDONOUGH, GA 30253

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MAY 14, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **MAY 1, 2020** (date of filing) **ADRIENNE BRADSHAW** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

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

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

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

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

HEATHER MITCHELL
PLAINTIFF,

-VS- ADRIAN BROWN
DEFENDANT.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: ADRIAN BROWN
300 LAKESIDE PT
COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MAY 11, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **APRIL 12, 2020** (date of filing) **HEATHER MITCHELL** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

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

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

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

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: The Marriage of:
BIKETA LINTY COLEMAN-

MOSLEY
PETITIONER,
V.
RUFUS MOSLEY JR.
RESPONDENT.

CASE NO. 2020-CV-603-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: RUFUS MOSLEY, JR.

RESPONDENT

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated the **11th day of May, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **March 10, 2020** the Plaintiff herein filed suit against you for Divorce.

YOU ARE required to file with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, and to serve upon the Plaintiff, Beketa Linty Coleman-Mosley an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication.

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

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

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

JADONNA MARIE COPES
PLAINTIFF,

-VS- ANGELO BERNARD JONES, JR.
DEFENDANT.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: ANGELO B. JONES, JR.
PAINTER
NORTH
HAMPTON COUNTY

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MAY 11, 2020 you are hereby notified that on APRIL 21, 2020 (date of filing) JADONNA M COPES (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

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

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

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

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

SHARON MADDOX
PLAINTIFF,

-VS- ALFRED LEE
DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2019-01464

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: ALFRED LEE
1710 STILL
ROCK DRIVE
ATLANTA,
GA 30331

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).

WITNESS THE Honorable **HORACE J. JOHNSON, JR.**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 11TH day of MAY, 2020.
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 NUMBER
SUCV2020000975

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

TAKE NOTICE THAT: THE RIGHT to redeem the described property as 2105 Butler Bridge Rd., Covington, Georgia 30016, (Tax Parcel 000900000036D00), as follows,

to wit:

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

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

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

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

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the 10th day of July, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116799
5/24,31,6/7,14

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the 10th day of July, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116800
5/24,31,6/7,14

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 2nd day of September 2014 and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3267, Page 450.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the 10th day of July, 2020, or 30 days from service of notice, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: David A. Basil, LLC, 301 Bradley Street, Suite B-7, Carrollton, Georgia, 30117.

PLEASE BE governed accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116810
5/24,31,6/7,14

NOTICE OF Sale Under Power GEORGIA, NEWTON County

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

Debt given by **Deatra M. Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., dated December 5, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2378, Page 454, Newton County, Georgia records, as last transferred to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Asset Backed Notes by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 3787, Page 115, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$111,600.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in 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, Georgia, being Lot 10, Block A, Unit II of Lakeside Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 111, revised at Plat Book 24, Page 7, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SELECT PORTFOLIO Servicing, Inc.

ATTENTION: LOSS Mitigation Department

3217 S. Decker Lake Drive

SALT LAKE City, Utah 84119

1-888-818-6032

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

THIS SALE is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being **DEUTSCHE BANK** National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Asset Backed Notes

AS ATTORNEY in fact for **DEATRA M. Royal nka Deatra M. Alexander**

RICHARD B. Maner, P.C.
180 INTERSTATE N Parkway,
Suite 200
ATLANTA, GA 30339
404.252.6385

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
FC19-312

PUBLIC NOTICE #116866
6/7,14,21,28,7/5

NOTICE OF Sale Under Power GEORGIA, NEWTON County

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SELECT PORTFOLIO Servicing, Inc.

ATTENTION: LOSS Mitigation Department

3217 S. Decker Lake Drive

SALT LAKE City, Utah 84119

1-888-818-6032

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

THIS SALE is conducted on behalf of the secured creditor under the power of sale granted in the aforementioned security instrument, specifically being **U.S. BANK** National Association, as Indenture Trustee, in trust for Holders of the HomeBanc Mortgage Trust 2005-4, Mortgage Backed Notes

AS ATTORNEY in fact for **LIA M. Bostic**

RICHARD B. Maner, P.C.
180 INTERSTATE N Parkway,
Suite 200
ATLANTA, GA 30339
404.252.6385

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
FC18-381

PUBLIC NOTICE #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 & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., dated August 17, 2007, recorded August 27, 2007, in Deed Book 2495, Page 183, Newton County, Georgia

<p>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 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 of Mote Road; 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.</p> <p>MR/LWA 77/20 OUR FILE no. 5410119 - FT17</p>		<p>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.</p> <p>WITNESS THE Honorable, John M. Ott, Judge of said Court. This 1st day of May, 2020.</p> <p>LINDA D. Hays CLERK OF Court SUPERIOR COURT of Newton County, Georgia</p>		<p>FROM AR (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL) TO CH (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL)</p> <p>A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON THE:</p> <p>23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2020 AT 7:00PM</p> <p>A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HEARD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE:</p> <p>21ST DAY OF JULY, 2020 AT 7:30 PM</p> <p>BOTH MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE NEWTON COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 3RD FLOOR BOARDROOM. THOSE HAVING CONCERNS ABOUT THIS PETITION SHOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING.</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #116905 6/7</p>		<p>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 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 acquisition by merger of Affinity Bank, 400 Galleria Parkway, SE, Suite 900, Atlanta, Georgia 30339, which was consummated on January 10, 2020.</p> <p>ALL OF the offices of Newton Federal Bank will continue to operate following the dissolution of ABB OREO Holdings, LLC.</p> <p>ANY PERSON wishing to 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.</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #116825 5/24,6/7</p>		<p>Floor (334) 233-2231</p> <p>ANY WRITTEN request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the P. I. Number as noted at the top of this notice.</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #116817 5/17,24,31,6/7</p>	
<div><div><div>STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER</div></div></div>		<div><div><div>Public Hearings</div></div></div>		<div><div><div>REZONING PETITION GEORGIA, NEWTON County</div></div></div>		<div><div><div>NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL P.I. 0015096 NEWTON County</div></div></div>		<div><div><div>PUBLIC SALE/AUCTION</div></div></div>	
<p>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 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 Records, as last transferred to HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT 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 cash before the Courthouse door 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:</p> <p>ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 138 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 390, THE FIELDS OF ELLINGTON SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 41, PAGES 138-152, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, SAID PLAT BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE REFERENCE HERETO.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 given).</p> <p>THE INDIVIDUAL or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan is PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, 1 MORTGAGE WAY, MT LAUREL, NJ 08054; (800) 746-2936.</p> <p>SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.</p> <p>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 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)*</p> <p>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 and THANE GREENE PHILAN HALLINAN Diamond & Jones, PLLC 11675 GREAT Oaks Way, Suite 320 ALPHARETTA, GA 30022 TELEPHONE: 770-393-4300 FAX: 770-393-4310 PH # 47187</p> <p>THIS LAW firm is acting as a debt collector. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.</p>		<p>THIS 29TH day of May, 2020, RON LIPSITZ, AS TRUSTEE FOR REALTY RESOURCES CORPORATION PROFIT 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</p>		<p>A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE:</p> <p>23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2020 AT 7:00PM</p> <p>A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HEARD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE:</p> <p>21ST DAY OF JULY, 2020 AT 7:30 PM</p> <p>THE PUBLIC hearing will occur in the Newton County Historic Courthouse, located at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, Georgia 30014, Second Floor. In light of the public health emergency, the meeting may be held telephonically instead of at the above-listed address – in which case, public call-in information will be published in advance of the meeting. The purpose of the public hearing shall be for public review. All Newton County residents and any other affected and/or interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information on this case please contact Tracy Hernandez at 770-784-2018, Shena Applewhite at 678-625-1231 or Judy Johnson at 678-625-1656. Updated information will also be posted at the following link as it becomes available https://www.ncboc.com/196/Development-Services</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #116904 6/7</p>		<p>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:</p> <p>KIMBERLY NESBITT, State Program Delivery Administrator GDOT OFFICE of Program Delivery ATTN: BRUCE Anderson BRANDERSON@DOT.GA.GOV 600 WEST Peachtree St NW ATLANTA, GA 30308 (478) 538-8595</p> <p>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.</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #116862 5/31,6/7,14,21</p>		<p>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: Guardian Automotive Corporation and that the nature of the business is manufacturing automotive parts and that said business is composed of the following:</p> <p>(LIMITED LIABILITY) Business address: SRG GLOBAL Automotive, LLC 10116 INDUSTRIAL Boulevard COVINGTON, GA 30014</p> <p>THIS AFFIDAVIT is made in compliance with Georgia Code Annotated Title 10 Chapter 1 Section 490.</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #116878 6/7,14</p>	
<div><div><div>STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER</div></div></div>		<div><div><div>Name Changes</div></div></div>		<div><div><div>REZONING PETITION GEORGIA, NEWTON County</div></div></div>		<div><div><div>NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL P.I. 0013603 NEWTON & Jasper Counties</div></div></div>		<div><div><div>STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON</div></div></div>	
<p>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 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 Records, as last transferred to HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT 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 cash before the Courthouse door 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:</p> <p>ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 138 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 390, THE FIELDS OF ELLINGTON SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 41, PAGES 138-152, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, SAID PLAT BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE REFERENCE HERETO.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 given).</p> <p>THE INDIVIDUAL or entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the loan is PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, 1 MORTGAGE WAY, MT LAUREL, NJ 08054; (800) 746-2936.</p> <p>SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.</p> <p>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 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)*</p> <p>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 and THANE GREENE PHILAN HALLINAN Diamond & Jones, PLLC 11675 GREAT Oaks Way, Suite 320 ALPHARETTA, GA 30022 TELEPHONE: 770-393-4300 FAX: 770-393-4310 PH # 47187</p> <p>THIS LAW firm is acting as a debt collector. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.</p>		<p>THIS 29TH day of April, 2020.</p>		<p>A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE:</p> <p>23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2020 AT 7:00PM</p> <p>A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HEARD BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON THE:</p> <p>21ST DAY OF JULY, 2020 AT 7:30 PM</p> <p>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 at the Newton County Historic Courthouse at 1124 Clark Street, Covington, GA 30014</p> <p>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.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE THAT COPIES OF DOCUMENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1113 USHER STREET, COVINGTON GA 30014</p> <p>PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING, COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO JUDY T. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, 678-625-1656 OR jtjohnson@co.newton.ga.us.</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #116903 6/7</p>		<p>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:</p> <p>KIMBERLY W. Nesbitt OFFICE OF Program Delivery Attn: Recheal McMullin (rmcmullin@dot.ga.gov) 600 WEST Peachtree Street 25th</p>		<p>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:</p> <p>(LIMITED LIABILITY) Business address: SRG GLOBAL Automotive, LLC 10116 INDUSTRIAL Boulevard COVINGTON, GA 30014</p> <p>THIS AFFIDAVIT is made in compliance with Georgia Code Annotated Title 10 Chapter 1 Section 490.</p> <p>PUBLIC NOTICE #116877 6/7,14</p>	
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Obituaries

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LARRY SMITH

J.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, 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 Conyers, 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, Covington, GA 30014.

JUDGE

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him I won't let him down," Zon said.

"I echo what the governor just stated, that now more than ever, it is important for the public and people in 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."

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 McGinley 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 Mercer University.

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

uating from Mercer, and moved to the Walton DA's office a few years later.

He was named chief assistant district attorney in January 2017, succeeding Melanie Bell after her election as probate judge and chief magistrate in Newton County.

Kemp will choose the next district attorney.

Newton and Walton counties still have one 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 a nonpartisan race are Loganville attorney Jeff Foster, Henry County Chief Assistant District Attorney Chveda McCamy of Covington and Covington attorney Bob Stansfield.

Chief Judge John Ott, Horace J. Johnson Jr. and Wynne are running for reelection unopposed.

The district attorney election, and Zon's seat for a full term, will go before voters in 2022.

Newton County partners with C4 Cycling to provide proper signage

By MASON WITTNER
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COVINGTON, Ga. — On Thursday, May 28, 2020, Newton County announced a partnership with the Covington Conyers Cycling Club (C4) to erect 50 signs throughout the county that will promote safety for cyclists 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 initiative."

John Keck, president of C4, expressed how vital the



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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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coming to rest in the trees.

Lester was found dead at the scene.

Monroe police and fire, the Walton County Sheriff's Office, the Walton County coroner and the Georgia State Patrol responded.

Lester gained notoriety for testifying in the 2019 trial of Christopher Michael McNabb and Cortney Marie Bell, who were convicted for the death of their infant daughter two years earlier.

Lester was out on parole since Nov. 6, 2019, after serving time in state custody on convictions for fleeing or eluding police in Newton County in March 2018.



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.cityofcovington.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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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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BUSINESS

Harper named Chamber of Commerce president

By MASON WITTNER
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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 CNCCC 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



Harper

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@newton-chamber.com or via phone at 770-786-7510.

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 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 occurred since Gov. Brian Kemp began lifting the shel-

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

Georgia Commissioner of Transportation Russell McMurtry 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 SRTA’s tolling system, which charges motorists willing to pay to travel in toll lanes rather than general-purpose lanes a toll based on the level of traffic at the time.

“Congestion is lighter and lasts a shorter period of time,” he said. “The average toll amount is going to decrease.”

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 toll receipts on I-75 south of Atlanta.

“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.

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 than \$1.3 billion in regular unemployment benefits.

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.

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, Ga. — 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-



Banes

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 Minneapolis.

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 progressing.

Newton County’s economic development moved to Development Authority

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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 resources.

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 expressed his apprehension for approving the agreement as well. He pointed out that Covington no longer funds county-wide economic de-



velopment, choosing to bring 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 IGA.

“My recommendation would be, if the economic development team is going to fund solely at the county level [and] is going to work on projects within the city

limits, that we bill the city of Covington a 50% rate of that bill,” Edwards said.

The Newton County BOC previously voted to place economic development under the IDA in January. The IDA is comprised of members which are appointed by the city, county and Chamber of Commerce.

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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.

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UPDATE

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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 peace."

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 acts.

"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 hospitalizations.

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.

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 rumors 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 by race."

Yates remains an occupant of the Newton County Jail.

CYCLING

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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 Coyers 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 for cyclists.

"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."

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JOB 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:
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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.
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