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'Overwhelmed' staff, new system delayed Newton vote

Chairman believes county will be prepared for future

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — Staff members being “overwhelmed” with absentee ballot issues and using a new voting system for the first time “conspired” to delay a final count of Newton County votes in the June 9 election, the elections board chairman said.

Phil Johnson said he believed staff members and poll workers were trained well but were using a new system for the first time in the election.

“We had staff that understood how the machines worked, he said. “I won’t say there wasn’t a learning curve. We were just overwhelmed.”

The election included political party primaries for county, state and federal offices; nonpartisan elections for judges; and Georgia’s Presidential Preference Primary.

State officials added the presidential primary to the June 9 ballot after postponing it in March because of safety concerns from the coronavirus pandemic.

Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger urged Georgians in April to request absentee ballots and vote by mail to remain safe from

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ALL HAIL BROKE LOOSE



Special to The Covington News

A severe thunderstorm swept through Newton County on Monday evening, resulting in golf-ball sized hail and powerful gusts of wind. Our readers submitted an abundance of photos of the impact the storm had on the area.

Storm leaves golf ball-sized hail and downed trees

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Large hail and heavy rain with winds

strong enough to uproot trees throughout the area left destruction throughout Newton County recently.

The National Weather Service received reports of hail ranging from quarter-sized to golf ball-sized in width in Newton County during the June 15 storm which began

about 5:30 p.m.

The weather service and other government agencies received reports of vehicles sustaining damage from the largest hail, while high winds downed power lines and trees throughout the area.

Lines were reported down at Johnson River and East End

roads in the Starrsville area, according to the weather service.

Winds also did damage to the countryside, with reports of downed trees countywide.

Large trees were seen uprooted along Emory Street in north Covington.

Downed trees blocked the

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Ground broken on new fire station in north Newton

Negotiations ongoing for east Newton

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COVINGTON, Ga. — County officials broke ground Tuesday, June 16, on a new fire station to serve the northern end of Newton County by early next year.

They also revealed more information about two related projects to build another new station and renovate a third.

Construction of the 11,000-square-foot Fire Station 8 on Gum Creek Road near Gum Creek Landing Road will cost \$2.4 million

and be funded by a combination of Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax money approved in 2011 and proceeds of a county fire tax, said Fire Chief Mike Conner.

The new station also could lower insurance rates for area residents after it begins operation in spring 2021 because it will reduce their distances to a fire station, Conner said.

Newton County Fire Service now serves the Gum Creek Road area from Station 9 on Mt. Zion Road in Oxford, which is about five miles from the new station site, and Station 1 in Covington, officials said.

Conner said homes in

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the area are now generally given an ISO rating of 10. The new station could lower their insurance costs by dropping the rating to 4, officials said.

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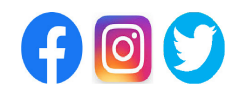


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Eastside High School graduate Timothy Birt, who organized a peaceful Black Lives Matter protest on June 3, organized Covington’s annual Juneteenth observance Friday evening. See JUNETEENTH, Page A2.

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Newton County sees weekly COVID-19 spike

County’s death toll stays put at 11

By **MASON WITTNER**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — While Georgia saw an increase of nearly 6,000 cumulative cases of COVID-19 this week, Newton County’s weekly contraction rate nearly doubled.

Entering Friday, June 12, the Georgia Department of Public Health stated that the county had reported 407 cases of the novel virus, which was an increase of just 25 from the Friday prior. Entering Friday, June 19, Newton County had reported 452 cases — marking a weekly

bump of 45.

Newton County’s death toll continued to remain at 11. There has not been a coronavirus-related death reported in the county since three were confirmed during the week of May 22.

As for the state as a whole, the DPH reported a total of 60,912 confirmed COVID-19 cases in

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Board OKs \$19M radio system for Newton County's first responders

Will eliminate most "dead spots" encountered with current equipment

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — County commissioners have approved a contract with Motorola for a new emergency radio system that will eliminate most “dead spots” emergency workers have encountered while using the current system.

The new, \$19 million system will be paid for in part by a combination of proceeds from the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, 911 fees and possible funding from other first-responder agencies which are part of the 911 system in

Newton County, said County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners took the action during a special called meeting Thursday, June 18, after putting a decision on hold two days earlier because they wanted more specific information on the source of funding.

Safety officials countywide had said the system was badly needed to replace its current system which often cannot be used in “dead spots” in areas like Porterdale.

“That’s a serious situation,” said Chairman Marcello Banes.

Kerr told commissioners the county needed a system that would provide at least 97% coverage throughout the county “and one that would provide communications in areas where public

safety employees are known to have problems.”

“Other priorities included the ability to expand, interoperability with other agencies inside and outside of the county, and one that would provide for our needs well into the future,” he wrote to commissioners.

The total cost will be \$14 million for all equipment, hardware and training and an additional \$5.6 million for service and maintenance on the radios for the next 15 years, Kerr said.

The county will provide two-thirds of funding and will seek additional contributions from Porterdale, Covington and Oxford city governments in intergovernmental agreements, he said.

“That cost would be prorated based on call volume,” Kerr said.

He said the county included replacement or upgrade of the 911 radio system in a 2017 SPLOST voters approved.

“The budget for this project was set at \$3.66 million (in the 2017 SPLOST). Very early on we realized that this project was woefully under budgeted, and that we would need assistance in the procurement process in order to obtain the best system,” Kerr said.

The county then hired 911 communications specialist TUSA Consulting which helped county officials with telling potential bidders the specifics of what it wanted in a new system.

Motorola was selected out of three bidders and pricing negotiations concluded June 11, he said.

Newton elections board not considering state representative's recount request

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Newton County Board of Elections on Thursday, June 18, declined to consider State Rep. Pam Dickerson's request for a recount of her narrow Democratic primary loss and referred her to

the Secretary of State's office to begin the process of reviewing the votes.

Sharon Henderson of Covington defeated Dickerson by 164



Dickerson

votes out of more than 11,000 cast – a margin of 1.5% — in the two-county House District 113 which includes Newton and Rockdale counties.

The board voted to certify Newton County's June 9 election, including the House District 113 Demo-

cratic primary.

Board Chairman Phil Johnson advised Dickerson to take her case to the Georgia Secretary of State's office after citing a state election law he said gave the state office jurisdiction over election challenges in

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CITY OF MANSFIELD PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Mansfield announces a Public Hearing for the beginning of its comprehensive planning process on July 13, 2020 at 6:00PM in the Mansfield Community House, 3158 Hwy 11, Mansfield GA 30055. The purpose of the public hearing is to brief the community on the planning process and opportunities for public participation therein.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This event was planned for a time after The Covington News' deadline for its June 20-21 print edition. Please check our updates on the event on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

COVINGTON, Ga. — The annual Juneteenth observance this year was to be celebrated with a march and speeches in Covington.

Timothy Birt, who also organized a peaceful June 3 demonstration in Covington in response to police

shootings of black people in the U.S., applied and was approved for a permit for a Friday, June 19, event.

Marchers will begin at New Hope Baptist Church at 5:30 p.m., travel along downtown streets to the Courthouse Square and return to the church by 8:30 p.m., Police Chief Stacey Cotton said.

Birt, 22, of Covington, said last week he hoped the “community event” he was organizing will help spark a dialog and hopefully bring about agreement from the entire Newton County community on how to react to recent race-related events in the U.S.

“I want people to under-

stand that if we come together and agree on what is right and what is wrong, then we can make a difference in the world we live in,” Birt said.

He said he did not organize this second event as a reaction to the June 13 death of Rayshard Brooks — a black man an Atlanta police officer shot and killed as Brooks reportedly resisted arrest outside an Atlanta fast-food restaurant.

Birt said, “As a man of God, I allow God to lead my life so everything I do, I do pray to God before I do anything so that I make sure what I’m doing has a purpose.”

“After the first event, I got a turnout that was greater than I thought that I would get and I was very thankful for it and grateful for it. It was nobody who could have brought out all those people but God.”

He said last week speakers at the Friday event will tell about the importance of observing Juneteenth, which is an annual observance based on the last African-American slaves in Texas learning on

both Democrat and Republican board members were required to determine the intent of the voter which also slowed the process, he said.

He said the elections office was able to use volunteers for some tasks but five regular staff members were required to deal with “technical” ballot issues like helping determine the voter's intent.

After polls closed at 7 p.m., the count of absenteees was still ongoing and had to be halted as managers began transporting memory cards from their Dominion Voting System machines to the election office in downtown Covington.

By 1:30 a.m., the count was still incomplete and the Secretary of State's office advised Newton officials to return the following morning. The count was finalized and sent to the state office by 6 p.m., he said.

He said he knew of no major equipment failures at the 22 voting locations the county.

Election officials transported a second machine to more quickly check in voters to the Newton County Library precinct, he said.

Johnson, a veteran Newton County attorney and former state legislator, said he believed the election staff will be better prepared for the August runoff and November general elections — in part because it will be dealing with fewer absentee ballots.

June 19, 1865, they were legally freed two years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

However, Birt said he also planned to “attack the systemic racism we’re experiencing and counter it together” during the event by encouraging agreement on the morality of what America is experiencing now.

“I feel that we can be the model, not only for other counties surrounding us in Georgia but ... we can be a model for the nation to where they can look at us and say, ‘Hey, they did this in Covington, Georgia.’”

Cotton said marchers were set to travel from the church at 2207 Brown St. along Brown and Clark streets to the Courthouse Square, where they will hear from speakers from about 6 to 7 p.m.

They will then return to the church by 8:30 p.m. via Monticello and Ivy streets, the chief said.



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David Carroll columnist

Coming distractions

While doing some research on an upcoming book project, I was looking through some 1930s era newspapers. One theater proudly advertised, “Coming Distractions!” I don’t know if that was a typo, or if they were indeed offering people “distractions” from the Great Depression.



Either way, now seems like a good time to provide some distractions from the relentless parade of bad news that engulfs our lives in 2020. Heard enough about the pandemic? Tired of reading about protests? Had it up to here with politics? Well then, sit back, relax, and enjoy my latest collection of Facebook flubs and AutoCorrect blunders. You can blame these on technology, or a lack of education. I’m not pointing fingers, I’m just looking for distractions. (My wise guy comments are in parentheses.)

“My favorite restaurant is Chili’s. Seems like they give you more bang for your butt.” (Well, their food is a wee bit spicy.)

A typo from a Christmas season event: “Bring the kids, for Breakfast with Satan!” (Wow, they must have REALLY been naughty this year.)

From a church bulletin: “Join us each Sunday morning. We always offer a worm welcome.” (Your congregation takes this “fisher of men” thing seriously, don’t you?)

Also at church: “At the end of the service, the ushers will visit each pew to collect your ties.” (But please, leave your shirt on.)

Back to Facebook. “This man said not to send a check. He said I could use Pay Pow.” (Just don’t shout that out loud in public.)

“My doctor says I need to go on a low-crab diet.” (Red Lobster will be sorry to hear about this.)

“Come to Vacation Bible School. We promise there will be plenty of smacks!” (You must know my kids pretty well.)

Alabama’s defensive line will be strong this year. A good combination of speed, agility and brute forest.” (Well, some of those guys are as big as redwood trees.)

“Police say your anonymous tip will be totally continental.” (And they serve a delicious confidential breakfast too.)

“My son has worked hard on his piano lessons. I would encourage you to come see his recital.” (Eww. I’ve heard of dinner and a show, but this is going way too far.)

“When all this is over, I

bet gas prices will ski rocket.” (Especially if you live near the slopes.)

“If he don’t stop drinking so much, the doctor says he will have to deal with Sir Osis of the Liver.” (I’d much rather interact with Sir Loin Steak of the Out-back.)

“In my opinion, our new mayor just doesn’t pass the mustard.” (Oh, but you should see him toss the ketchup.)

“I now realize, I should of been a teacher.” (Well, there’s just one small problem...)

“Sadly, the days of people using proper English have went away.” (Yes, it is a loosing battle.)

“When I was a kid, my favorite game was bad mitten.” (I had one of those. There were holes in all the finger tips.)

“My son has moved to the country. He has a garage, a pool, and several achers.” (I’m happy about his garage and pool, but I hope his achers heal up soon.)

“I haven’t been out of the house since March. We are on corn teen.” (Well, at least you’re getting lots of fiber.)

Sign outside a closed business: “We apologize for any incontinence.” (You may want to limit your intake of corn teen.)

Sign at entrance of drive-through medical clinic: “Coronavirus testing is in the rear.” (Hey, my doctor didn’t warn me about this.)

“My vote for president don’t count anyway. The only thing they listen to is the electrical college.” (I guess your Daddy was right. You should have gone to technical school.)

“I’ve lived a long life. I must truly have a garden angel.” (Yes, Clementine, that would also explain why your okra always wins the blue ribbon.)

“I was not the one who ran the red light. I believe I am entitled to some condensation!” (Absolutely. Just wear this face mask with your glasses on a hot summer day, and you’ll get all the condensation you want.)

“I wish they would go ahead and legalize marinara.” (I’ve heard rumors that Olive Garden serves it out in the open.)

“They had better open school again soon. Us parent-teachers need a brake!” (I can’t top this one.)

Sign on doctor’s office door: “Do not enter if you have undelined health problems.” (And if your health problems are in ALL CAPS, please stay home until further notice.)

I hope this served as a cheerful distraction for you. This too, shall pass. But only if you practice good high jean.

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Editorial cartoon



Lyn Pace columnist

The Church’s Liturgical Season, the Pandemic, and Black Lives Matter

The last time I led worship in person, or for that matter worshipped with other people in a sacred space and not a zoom box, was on Ash Wednesday. That was February 26. On that day, I took ashes and smeared them in the shape of a cross on everyone’s forehead. “From dust you came, and to dust you shall return,” our assistant chaplain, Mary, said to me as she placed the ashes on me.

As they do year after year, those ashes reminded us of our mortality that day, and we wore them around campus to remind others that we do not live forever. It turned out, though, we would only need a couple of weeks (in the US) before a pandemic revealed how truly vulnerable we are.

Just three days prior to Ash Wednesday, Ahmaud Arbery was murdered as he was jogging near Brunswick in Glynn County, Ga. Like others of you, I had no idea about his death until the video of it went viral on May 5. Since then, we have seen the killings of Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Rayshard Brooks, not to mention the black and brown bodies that have been destroyed in the last several years since “Black Lives Matter” came into our lexicon.

Racism and white supremacy is America’s original sin. Black lives have never mattered here the way they should. Some have asked me why “Black Lives Matter” and not “All Lives Matter.” God has created us in God’s image and when we defame the image of our neighbor, we defame the image of God. This defamation happens to individual lives, but it also happens to groups and communities. The systemic racism in America that began with the enslavement of black and brown people and continues in new forms today is an example of this. Black lives have not mattered



here, and that is why my own protest sign reads “Black Lives Matter.”

Throughout the spring as the virus raged around the world and took its toll especially in the lives and communities of people of color, in the church we moved through the liturgical seasons of Lent, Easter, and into Pentecost. During Lent, we fasted and considered the ways in which we have sinned or missed the mark. We learned repentance. We faced the long journey to the cross where Jesus suffered and died. In Easter, against the backdrop of death all around us, we discovered again an empty tomb. As we zoomed and live streamed our worship, our Alleluias seemed less audible this year, but that made them even more important as we journeyed together through lockdown, grief, and suffering across the globe.

Pentecost is the story of the birthing of the church. It reminds us of the beautiful yet mysterious ways in which God’s spirit moves in the world and through our lives. The mighty wind of Pentecost blew in at the end of May, just days following George Floyd’s last words, “I can’t breathe.” It has not been lost on me at the timing of this. I did not have a pulpit to preach in on the Sunday following his death, Pentecost Sunday, but it was the moment (for folks who look like me) to speak a holy word about what it means for people to be able to breathe in this country. It means ensuring that Black Lives Matter.

I am coming to grips with my own sins in this matter. I have not fully seen or heard my black and brown colleagues and friends. I have much to read and even more listening to do. I am working with others to open conversations in my own

ministry context that will be ongoing as we ensure people are visible, heard and that Black Lives Matter. At home, I am committed to rearing our seven-year-old to be aware of his privilege, engaged in listening to and understanding others, and proactive in his journey to be anti-racist. As we have moved into the streets across the world, I feel mighty winds blowing all around me. It is beautiful and mysterious, but it has come at too high of a price.

The ashes placed on my forehead almost four months ago, weigh heavily as I write these words. Our lives are vulnerable in the age of a pandemic, but they have always been vulnerable. Black lives are vulnerable in America. That has always been the case too. As lawyer and founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, Bryan Stevenson, said in his Commencement address at Emory University this year, “Slavery hasn’t ended; it has just evolved.”

My hope is that the Spirit is at work in the lives of the doctors, scientists, and public health officials who care about all of us to help us remember how to take care of each other (wear a mask, wash your hands, practice physical distancing, and stay home if you are able). My hope is that the Spirit is at work through the protests, webinars, listening sessions, and the work ahead as we move into a world where beloved community is a reality and black lives really matter. My hope is that the Spirit leads you and me to be a part of bending the arc of the moral universe towards justice.

The Rev. Dr. Lyn Pace is a United Methodist minister and college chaplain who lives in Oxford, Georgia with his spouse and seven-year-old.

Dave Belton state representative

Assembly will face tough choices

Legislation moved slowly this week as the General Assembly deals with COVID. Due to distancing requirements, the House is now spread out into 3 different chambers. This means that votes that normally take a minute, now take about a quarter of an hour.

The primary focus is still the budget. By law, we must pass a balanced budget by July 1. The budget the House passed a few months ago is still in the Senate. I’m told they are making good progress, and we are anxious to see what they come up with. They’ll have to make many changes, as they are planning to cut nearly double the 6% the House already cut. I’m told that Pre-K, which is funded by the lottery, is likely to be spared.

The Senate is also working on the Hate Crime bill that the House passed a year ago. I’m



told they want to improve it, as well as add religious tolerance to the language. There’s a possibility that these changes could kill the bill, though I do truly believe that is NOT their intent.

I am pleased one of my military-friendly bills (that also increases telemedicine) passed the Senate. However, as they added yet more military-friendly language, it now needs to go back to the House. This is typical from my friends in the Senate, but it creates a real burden as each and every vote is now a challenge. I also have a fiscal transparency bill for Charter Schools that is being worked on in the Senate.

I’m sure you’re aware that there are nationwide increases in COVID cases. This is logical, as we are also increasing our testing. The real goal

the scientists told us (from the very beginning) is to keep our hospitals from being overwhelmed; which they are not. The initial models predicted millions of US deaths. Due to the President’s quick actions, that number is infinitesimally smaller. Every death is a tragedy, but we are now beginning to realize the additional and sometimes worse tragedies that poverty and depression cause. Thus, I believe, we should continue to try to get everyone safely back to work.

Finally, I feel compelled to state what should be obvious to every clear-thinking American: that many of our brothers and sisters are laboring with huge holes in their hearts. Many have tried – in so many ways – to fill that emptiness with things that are ultimately unsatisfying. This dissatisfaction – in the middle of the most abundant and prosperous age our species has ever

known – has caused a deep and lonely pessimism that has sown sour fields of sadness and resentment. The modern notion that we don’t need God – our cynical belief that cold, heartless science, or even worse, politics, can solve our problems – has resulted, instead, in the harsh realization that no matter how many facts we think we know, something important is missing.

I’ve been described (hopefully, as a compliment) as a “happy warrior.” I thus believe that this crisis will eventually lead to spiritual revival. I truly pray for those who protest, for those who feel resented, for those who have been subjected to hate. I pray they all find peace and justice. But I also know they will not find peace, nor justice, until they, too, learn to pray.

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Adoptions

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

STATE OF GEORGIA
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
IN THE INTEREST OF
BRANTLEIGH LYNETTE ADAMS, a
FEMALE MINOR CHILD
DOB: DECEMBER 4, 2011
POB: CONYERS, Georgia
LEGAL FATHER: JOSHUA
SHUMATE
LEGAL MOTHER: KIMBERLY
LYNN BARRETT
CIVIL ACTION No. 2020-AD-016-5
TO: BIRTH FATHER OF B.L.A.,
whose whereabouts are unknown.

BY ORDER of the Court, you are hereby advised that on or around the 2nd day of April, 2020, a petition for the adoption of the minor child pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 19-8-5 was filed in this court. Said petition included a motion to terminate your rights and obligations with respect to the child, and of the child arising to her from the potential parental relationship, including the right to inheritance. Notice is hereby given to you to file any objections to such adoption with the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, and to serve same upon Petitioners attorney, W. Michael Waters, Esquire, 1117 Church Street, P.O. Box 150, Covington, Georgia 30015, (770) 786-8123, and to make known your objections within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Notice and show cause why your parental rights should not be terminated.

WITNESS THE Honorable Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, this 16th day of June, 2020.

LINDA D. Hays, Clerk of Superior Court
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #116926
6/21,28,7/5,12

Bids

**ADVERTISEMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(RFP)
FOR THE
NEWTON COUNTY TRANSIT
MASTER PLAN (TMP)
NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
RFP #20-19**

THE NEWTON County Board of Commissioners (NEWTON COUNTY) is soliciting Proposals from qualified firm(s) to provide a feasibility study and master plan for transit service in Newton County.

FIRMS THAT respond to this RFP are asked to provide qualifications, a technical approach to the project, and possibly present and/or interview for these services. All respondents are subject to instructions communicated in the RFP document and are cautioned to completely review the entire RFP and follow instructions carefully. NEWTON COUNTY reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, and to waive technicalities and informalities at its discretion.

RFP'S WILL be accepted until 2:00 pm, local time, on Tuesday, July 21th, 2020. A total of six (6) copies of the RFP should be submitted via mail or hand-delivery to Newton County, 1113 Usher Street, Suite 204, Covington, GA 30014: Attention: Randi Fincher, Purchasing.

QUESTIONS ABOUT any aspect of the RFP, or the project, shall be submitted in writing (email is preferable) to Randi Fincher at rfincher@co.newton.ga.us.

JUNE 21ST, 2020
LLOYD KERR, County Manager
NEWTON COUNTY Board of Commissioners

PUBLIC NOTICE #116946
6/21,7/5

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SCOPES OF WORK (including, but not limited to):

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QUOTES MUST be received no later than 12 PM EST on July 10, 2020.

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED Businesses including Disadvantaged, Minority & Women-Owned Business Enterprises and all others are encouraged to participate. Bid Proposals will be received at the following address:

CROWDER CONSTRUCTION
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TELEPHONE: (919) 367-2019
FAX: (919) 367-2097
CONTACT: CHRISTINA Jahrling /
Email: CJahrling@crowderusa.com

WE REQUEST DBE/MBE/WBE companies include a copy of their certificate with their quote. Complete plans and specifications may be viewed at Crowder Construction Company at the address listed above. Contact us at the above phone number for a list of other locations where plans are

available.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116924
6/21

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

RE: ESTATE of CHARLES RAY SEABOLT, DECEASED

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116941
6/21

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of DANIEL BURNS, DECEASED

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116943
6/21

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of JOHN ERIC LODI, DECEASED

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116942
6/21

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 articles of incorporation for the Betterment and Empowerment through Education and Entertainment (the BEEE Group) 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: **4185 PHEDORA St NE COVINGTON, GA 30014-2532** **AND ITS** initial registered agent at such address is: **RENA' E. Starks, CEO.**

PUBLIC NOTICE #116907
6/14,21

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation for the International Association of Medicine Backers (IAMB) TbT Groups 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: **4185 PHEDORA St NE COVINGTON, GA 30014-2532** **AND ITS** initial registered agent at such address is: **RENA' E. Starks, CEO.**

PUBLIC NOTICE #116906
6/14,21

NOTICE IS given that Articles of Incorporation which will incorporate "LJM Communications, Inc." will be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. (O.C.G.A. Section 14-2-201.1)

THE INITIAL registered office of the corporation is located at 11940 Flat Shoals Rd., Covington, GA 30016, and it's initial registered agent at such address is Jameson Morgan.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116921
6/21,28

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

NOTICE IS given that articles of amendment which will change the name of **BURGE PLANTATION CLUB, INC.** to **BURGE CLUB, INC.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The registered office of the corporation is located at 1118 Conyers Street SW, Covington, Georgia 30014.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116927
6/21,28

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.

/S/ CINDY Ann Lawson
CINDY ANN LAWSON Date: June 1, 2020
CHEROKEE PROPERTIES of Florida, LLC

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

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

NOTICE OF Intent to Incorporate

NOTICE IS given that Articles of Incorporation, which will incorporate Candid Edge 360 Photography & Video, Inc., have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Title

14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation will be located at 5557 Strathmoor Manor Circle, Lithonia, GA, 30016, and its initial registered agent at such address is Marie Metellus.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116908
6/21,28

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of Thomas John Metzger, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

THIS 22ND day of May, 2020.

JASON P. METZGER, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS JOHN METZGER
C/O ROBERT H. Stansfield, Esq., GREER, STANSFIELD & TURNER, LLP P.O. Box 1617
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30015-1617 (770) 786-4390

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

CHERYL PRICE ANDERSON
9127 S STERLING LAKES DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116891
6/7,14,21,28

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of BENJAMIN FRED CHRISTIAN**, 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** 15th day of JUNE, 2020.

BENJAMIN T. CHRISTIAN
1400 ENTERPRISE RD
MADISON, GA 30650

PUBLIC NOTICE #116939
6/21,28,7/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of BRENDA B. STUBBS**, 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** 8th day of JUNE, 2020.

KRISTY STUBBS-HENDERSON
2852 DIXIE RD
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #116935
6/21,28,7/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of BRENDA ETTAV LEWELLING**, 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** 8th day of JUNE, 2020.

JAMIA LEIGH BROWN
75 HARVEY AVE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116931
6/21,28,7/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of DONALD GENE AVIS**, 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** 15th day of JUNE, 2020.

GENE A. AVIS
12258 FLAT SHOALD RD
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116938
6/21,28,7/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of EDDIE LEE ELLISON, SR.**, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. **THIS THE** 20th day of MAY, 2020.

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

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

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of ERNESTINE HORTON**, 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** 3rd day of JUNE, 2020.

TERRA D HORTON
120 CHEYENNE DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116932
6/21,28,7/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

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

DOROTHEA HASCHKE
340 TULIP WOOD CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116895
6/7,14,21,28

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 15th day of JUNE, 2020.

STEVEN CANNON
160 MILLCREST DRIV
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #116929
6/21,28,7/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of SANDRA KITCHENS CHRISTIAN**, 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 15th day of JUNE, 2020.

BENJAMIN T. CHRISTIAN
1400 ENTERPRISE RD
MADISON, GA 30650

PUBLIC NOTICE #116940
6/21,28,7/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of SARA BURR**, 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 3rd day of JUNE, 2020.

PHYLLIS MCILWAIN
5433 DOGWOOD LN SW
MARIETTA, GA 30060

PUBLIC NOTICE #116933
6/21,28,7/5,12

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the **Estate of SHERI CAPES ROBERTS**, 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 15th day of JUNE, 2020.

IGIGI CAPES
324 CARNOUSTIE
SAINT SIONS ISLAND, GA 31522

PUBLIC NOTICE #116936
6/21,28,7/5,12

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.
2 0 8
WESTWINDS TRAILS

MCDONOUGH, GA 30253

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MAY 14, 2020** you are hereby notified that on **MAY 11, 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).

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

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

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

HEATHER MITCHELL
PLAINTIFF,
-VS-
ADRIAN BROWN
DEFENDANT.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: ADRIAN BROWN
3 0 0
LAKESIDE PT

COVINGTON, GA 30016

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

WITNESSTHE 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

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: ANGELO B. JONES, JR
PAINTER VA
N O R T H
HAMPTON

COUNTY

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated **MAY 11, 2020**

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

WITNESSTHE 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).

WITNESSTHE 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 60 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
5/24,31,6/7,14,21,28,7/5,12

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Janaee T. Heard** and **Jada Heard** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Grantee, As Nominee For Americahomekey, Inc., dated March 2, 2009, and recorded in Deed Book 2698, Page 278, Newton County, Georgia Records, subsequently modified by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded August 3, 2016 in Book 3463, Page 527 in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Seven and 34/100 (\$225,457.34) Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by assignment recorded on December 18, 2014 in Book 3286 Page 551 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Two and 0/100 dollars (\$157,102.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on July 7, 2020, the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 106 AND 119 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 177, LEGENDS OF ELLINGTON SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 42, PAGE 80-95, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

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

THE ENTITY having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Selene Finance they can be contacted at (877) 735-3637 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 9990 Richmond Avenue, Suite 400 South, Houston, Texas 77042, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

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

TO THE best knowledge and belief

of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Janaee T. Heard and Jada Heard or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **55 Harrison Cir, Covington, GA 30016.**

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed and (3) any right of redemption or other lien not extinguished by foreclosure.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust as Attorney in Fact for Janaee T. Heard and Jada Heard.

BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC
4360 CHAMBLEE Dunwoody Road
SUITE 310
ATLANTA, GA 30341
404-789-2661
B&S FILE no.: 20-04926

PUBLIC NOTICE #116839
6/14,21,28,7/5

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 **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

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 Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five and 00/100 dollars (\$116,975.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V-B, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton

County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2020, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 35 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 80 OF SPRING VALLEY SUBDIVISION, UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 367 PAGES 186 THROUGH 188, NEWTON COUNTY GEORGIA RECORDS WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO FOR A MORE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **125 Spring Valley Trace, Covington, GA 30016.**

THE INDEBTEDNESS secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: 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; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants; and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is **TONY J. LOWE, JR., JR. AKA TONY J. LOWE, JR., TRACY LOWE, CLARKSTON LOWE, JR., ESTATE AND/OR HEIRS-AT-LAW OF TONY J. LOWE, JR., or tenants(s).**

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

PLEASE NOTE that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: American Mortgage Investment Partners Management LLC, Loss Mitigation Dept., 3020 Old Ranch Parkway, Ste 180, Seal Beach, CA 90740, Telephone Number: 562-735-6555 x100.

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

ATTORNEY CONTACT: Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-0992 Case No. AMI-12-04763-26
AD RUN Dates 06/07/2020, 06/14/2020, 06/21/2020, 06/28/2020
RLSELAW.COM/PROPERTY-LISTING

PUBLIC NOTICE #116854
6/7,14,21,28

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Frank R. Foster** and **Carmen M. Foster** to Newton Federal Bank, dated November 29, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 2333, Page 561, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to HVRML Trust 2019-1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3927, Page 390, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$109,000.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, or at such place as may be lawfully designated as an alternative, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2020, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF

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

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

HVRML TRUST 2019-1 is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2.

THE ENTITY that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: BSI Financial Services, 11350 McCormick Road, EP II, Ste 903, Hunt Valley, MD 21031, 866-581-4495.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is **Frank R. Foster** and **Carmen M. Foster** or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **1275 Mote Road, Covington, Georgia 30016.**

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

HVRML TRUST 2019-1
AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **FRANK R. Foster** and **Carmen M. Foster**

MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert

Pierce, LLC
1544 OLD Alabama Road
ROSSELL, GA 30076
WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET
EXHIBIT "A"
ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 10th Land District of Newton County, Georgia, and being all of Lots 14 and 15 and part of Lots 16, 17 and 18, Block A, of Spring Hill Acres, as shown on plat of survey of same prepared by George W. O'Neill, R.S., dated May 22, 1964, and recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 224, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, which plat is incorporated herein by reference thereto, and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCE AT the intersection of the northeastern right-of-way line of Mote Road with the southeastern right-of-way line of Mote Circle; thence in a northeasterly direction along the southeastern right-of-way line of Mote Circle 480 feet; thence South 0 degrees 21 minutes East 120.3 feet; thence South 67 degrees 56 minutes East 137.89 feet; thence North 75 degrees 59 minutes East 309.07 feet; thence South 05 degrees 07 minutes West 396 feet; thence in a northwesterly direction along the northeastern line of property now or formerly of Cooksey and Eubanks 400 feet, more or less, to the southeastern boundary line of Lot 15, said subdivision; thence in a southwesterly direction a distance of 200 feet along the southeastern property line of Lot 15 to its intersection with the northeastern right-of-way line of Mote Road; thence in a northwesterly direction along the northeastern right-of-way line of Mote Road a distance of 476 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

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

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

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

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

BY VIRTUE of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed to Secure Debt from **CHARICE COPELAND-GREENE** and **THANE GREENE** to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN dated July 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 TWENT

DEPUTY CLERK,
NEWTON COUNTY Juvenile Court
PUBLIC NOTICE #116909
6/14,21,28,7/5

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
BABY BOY Unknown, SEX:
Male, DOB: 04/23/2020
Case #107-20J-0209
A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS

TO: **JANE DOE**, Mother, and
JOHN DOE, putative father(s), and
any unknown, unnamed biological
father, or any other persons claiming
to have a parental interest in the
minor child named above, born to
Jane Doe on the date above-listed.

YOU ARE hereby notified that a
Petition (Dependency) was filed May
13, 2020, in this Court, requesting
that the minor child be placed in
the care, custody and control of
the Georgia Department of Human
Services, acting by and through
the Newton County Department of
Family and Children Services.

YOU ARE hereby commanded,
personally or by attorney, to be
and appear at the Newton County
Juvenile Court, 1132 Usher Street,
NW, Covington, Georgia 30014, for
a hearing to be held on the 21st day
of July, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., then and
there to answer why the prayers for
relief as set forth in the Department's
Petition should not be granted.

A COPY of said Petition
(Dependency) can be obtained
from the Clerk of the Newton
County Juvenile Court, at the
aforementioned address.

READ CAREFULLY

THIS IS a very serious
matter. This Summons requires you
to be present at a formal hearing in
the Juvenile Court.

THE CHILD or children
and other parties involved may be
represented by a lawyer at all stages
of these proceedings.

IF YOU want a lawyer, you may
choose to hire your own lawyer. If
you want to hire a lawyer, please
contact your lawyer immediately.

IF YOU want a lawyer, but are not
able to hire a lawyer without undue
financial hardship, you may ask for a
lawyer to be appointed to represent
you. The Court would inquire into
your financial circumstances and if
the Court finds you to be financially
unable to hire a lawyer, then a
lawyer will be appointed to represent
you. Please contact immediately
the Newton County Juvenile Court
at 770-784-2060 if you wish to
request a lawyer to be appointed
to represent you. **DO NOT WAIT**
UNTIL THE DAY OF COURT TO
REQUEST AN ATTORNEY.

WHETHER OR not
you decide to hire an attorney, you
have the right to attend the hearing
of your case, to call witnesses on
your behalf, and to question those
witnesses brought against you.
WITNESS THE Hon. Jenny S.
Carter, Judge of said Court, this 8th
day of June, 2020.

/S/ JANELL Gaines

Deputy Clerk,
NEWTON COUNTY Juvenile Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116911
6/21,28,7/5,12

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

BRANDY LEE ELDERD,
IN RE the Name Change of
Child(ren):

BRINLEE ADELINE JOHNSON
MINOR CHILD
PETITIONER,

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
SUCV2020001011

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME OF MINOR
CHILD

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

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this
29th day of April, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116875
6/7,14,21,28

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of
Child(ren):
MADISON NICOLE MCDONALD

JULIE HARTLEY
PETITIONER,
VS.

BRANDALL MCDONALD
RESPONDENT.
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 2020-CV-
1139-4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME(S) OF
CHILD(REN).

JULIE HARTLEY filed a petition
in the Newton County Superior
Court on JUNE 9, 2020, to change
the name(s) of the following minor
child(ren)

FROM: MADISON NICOLE
MCDONALD TO MADISON NICOLE
HARTLEY.

ANY INTERESTED party has the
right to appear in this case and file
objections within the time prescribed
in O.C.G.A. §§ 19-12-1(f)(2) and (3).

PUBLIC NOTICE #116923
6/21,28,7/5,12

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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

CIVIL ACTION Number
SUCV2020001012

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

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

all matters raised by said Petition.

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

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the Name Change of:
RONALD LEE THOMPSON
PETITIONER
CIVIL ACTION File Number:
2020-CV-1060-3

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

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

DATED MAY 26, 2020

RONALD LEE THOMPSON
540 HINTON CHASE PKWY
COVINGTON, GA 30016

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

SONYA GAIL SMITH-JONES
PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION File
#SUCV2020001037

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

YOU ARE hereby notified that on
the 22nd day of May, 2020, SONYA
GAIL SMITH-JONES filed a Petition
in the Superior Court of Newton
County, Georgia, Case number
SUCV2020001037 to change her
name, which, if granted, she will
be known as NHLAKANIPOH, and
you will make known any objections
you may have to the prayers of said
Petitioner within thirty days from
the above date of filing, in said
Court, before the presiding Judge,
at Newton County Courthouse,
Georgia.

HADLEY RECOR
ATTORNEY FOR Petitioner
GEORGIA BAR Number 021675
3302 MCGINNIS Ferry Road
SUITE 101
SUWANEE, GEORGIA 30024
678-714-3526

PUBLIC NOTICE #116920
6/21,28,7/5,12

Notice of Proceedings

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF
GEORGIA

BRENTON L. FORBES
PLAINTIFF

V. JACQUELINE NADINE FORBES
NKA JACQUELINE NADINE
JONES

DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION No.:
SUCV 2020000647

NOTICE

TO: JACQUELINE NADINE
JONES FKA JACQUELINE NADINE
FORBES

BY ORDER of the court for service
by publication dated May 20, 2020,
you are hereby notified that on
March 13, 2020, BRENTON L.
FORBES filed the suit against you
for Partitioning of Real Property.
You are required to file with the
clerk of the Superior Court, and to
serve plaintiff's attorney, Jeremy
A. Mouton, THE MOULTON LAW
FIRM, 925 Railroad Street, NW,
Conyers, Georgia 30012, and
answer in writing with sixty (60) days
of May 20, 2020.

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

HON. LINDA D. Hays, Clerk
NEWTON COUNTY Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #116915
6/21,28,7/5,12

Public Notice

CITY OF COVINGTON
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE IS hereby given that, per
the City of Covington's Code of
Ordinances Chapter 16.12.140,
Frankie Joseph has submitted an
application for a Special Use Permit
(SUP) to operate auto sales (on a
lot already permitted with a SUP
to operate auto repair) in a NM
(Neighborhood Mixed-Use) Zoning
District on a 1.23 acre lot located at
5199 Jackson Highway (Hwy 36) in
Covington, Georgia. The property is
referenced as TAX PARCEL C017
0006 016, Covington, Georgia. The
Covington Planning Commission will
hold a virtual Public Meeting on July
14, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The proposed
application may be considered at
the July 20, 2020 Mayor & City
Council meeting.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116917
6/21

CITY OF COVINGTON
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE IS hereby given that, per
the City of Covington's Code of
Ordinances Chapter 16.12.140,
Ravoy Wright has submitted an
application for a Special Use Permit
to operate an Adult personal care
home for 4 to 6 persons in a NR-2
(Neighborhood Residential -2)
Zoning District on a 0.35 acre lot
located at 7125 Puckett Street, SW
in Covington, Georgia. The property
is referenced as
TAX PARCEL C015 0005 006,
Covington, Georgia. The Covington
Planning Commission will hold a
virtual Public Meeting on July 14,
2020, this meeting was deferred
from the June 9, 2020 CPC due to
insufficient advertising. The meeting
will begin at 6:00 p.m. The proposed
application may be considered at
the July 20, 2020 Mayor & City
Council meeting.

DUE TO circumstances necessitated

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116918
6/21

CITY OF COVINGTON
SPECIAL CALLED PLANNING
COMMISSION MEETING
NOTICE TO PUBLIC:

NOTICE IS hereby given that, per
the City of Covington's Code of
Ordinances Chapter 16.12.140,
Jennifer Hartman has submitted an
application for a Special Use
Permit to operate an Axe Throwing
business in a Town Center Mixed
Use (TCM) zoning district located at
1113 Church Street in Covington,
Georgia. The Covington Planning
Commission will hold a virtual public
hearing at 6:00 pm to review and
discuss the proposed use. On July
6, 2020 Mayor and City Council may
consider the Special Use Permit
during their regularly scheduled
meeting at 6:30 pm.

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #116945
6/21

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

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

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

THE PROPOSED project would
replace the existing bridge at Brown
Bridge Road over Yellow River
located in Newton County west of the
City of Covington within Land Lots
130 & 159 in Land District 10 and
100% in Congressional District No.
4. The project begins approximately
400-ft west of the intersection of
Ram Drive and Brown Bridge Road
and ends approximately 1400-ft
east of the existing bridge and has
a total project length of 0.6 miles.
The proposed typical section would
consist of two 12-foot travel lanes
(one in each direction) divided by
a 14-foot flush median and 12-foot
urban shoulders (including 5-foot
sidewalks) on both sides except for
a section on the south side from
Ram Drive to a point approximately
100 feet east of the end of the
proposed bridge that would have a
17-foot urban shoulder with a 10-foot
sidewalk. There will be a new signal
installed at the intersection of Ram
Drive and Brown Bridge Road.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED
that on July 6, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.
at the Newton County Judicial
Center, 1132 Usher Street,
Covington, Georgia 30014, Chief
Judge John M. Ott of the Superior
Court of Newton County will hear
the case of **STATE OF GEORGIA**
vs. JOINT DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY OF DEKALB
COUNTY, NEWTON COUNTY AND
WINNETT COUNTY AND VESTA
BOULDERCREST, LLC. Civil Action
File No. SUCV2020001165 in the
Superior Court of Newton County,
the same being a proceeding to
confirm and validate a Taxable
Revenue Bond (Vesta Bouldercrest,
LLC Project), Series 2020, in a
maximum principal amount of
\$41,000,000 (the "Bond"), to be
issued by the Joint Development
Authority of DeKalb County, Newton
County and Gwinnett County (the
"Issuer") pursuant to the terms of
a resolution adopted by the Issuer,
in order to promote and expand
for the public good and welfare,
industry, trade, commerce and
employment opportunities within
DeKalb County, Newton County
and Gwinnett County. The Bond
is to be issued for the purpose of
acquiring a capital project in DeKalb
County consisting of land, one or
more buildings and improvements
to be constructed thereon or
therein, and building fixtures and
building equipment installed and
to be installed thereat (collectively,
the "Project"), which Project is to
be leased to Vesta Bouldercrest,
LLC (the "Company") for use as a
multifamily housing development
and economic development project
under O.C.G.A. § 36 62 2(6)(N). In
such proceeding, the Court will also
(a) hear and determine the validity
of instruments relating to and providing
security for the Bond, and (b) hear
and determine such other questions
of law and fact pertaining to the right
of the Issuer to issue the Bond and
to provide the security therefor. The
Bond shall be a special and limited
obligation of the Issuer, payable from
funds provided by the Company or

its successors, shall not be payable
from taxes or other public funds, and
NO PERFORMANCE AUDIT OR
PERFORMANCE REVIEW SHALL
BE CONDUCTED WITH RESPECT
TO SUCH BOND ISSUE. Any citizen
of the State of Georgia residing in
DeKalb County, Newton County or
Gwinnett County, or any other person
wherever residing who has a right to
object, may intervene and become a
party to these proceedings.

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK, SUPERIOR Court,
NEWTON COUNTY, Georgia

PUBLIC NOTICE #116948
6/21,28

Public Sales Auctions

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GEORGIA
LAW 40-11-2: THE FOLLOWING
DESCRIBED VEHICLE HAS BEEN
ABANDONED AT MIDAS 9131
HWY 278 COVINGTON, GA 30014,
AND IS PRESENTLY STORED AT
SAID LOCATION. IF NOT CLAIMED
THE VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD
AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE
HIGHEST BIDDER ON JULY 1ST
AT 8:00AM.

2000 CHEVROLET G3500
1GAHG39RXY1110747

PUBLIC NOTICE #116914
6/21,28

PUBLIC AUCTION— 212
STORAGE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC
SALE TO ENFORCE A LIEN
IMPOSED ON SAID PROPERTY,
AS DESCRIBED BELOW,
PURSUANT TO THE GEORGIA
SELF STORAGE FACILITY
ACT, GEORGIA CODE 10-4-210
TO 10-4-215, AT 10:00 AM ON
SATURDAY JUNE 27, 2020, AT
212 STORAGE, 67 HWY 212,
COVINGTON, GA
30014. MANAGEMENT RESERVES
THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW ANY
UNIT FROM SALE. REGISTERED
OR MOTOR VEHICLES ARE SOLD
"AS IS/PARTS ONLY." NO TITLES
OR REGISTRATION. TENANT
NAME, CHAD MITCHELL, UNIT
#49, ITEMS STORED FURN, BXS.
TENANT NAME DEBRA CRONAN,
UNIT #47, ITEMS STORED FURN,
BXS. TENANT NAME
GLENN SALTER, UNIT
#43/75, ITEMS STORED FURN,
BXS. TENANT NAME, KENNETH
CHRISTIAN, UNIT# 8, ITEMS
STORED, FURN, BXS. TENANT
NAME BOBBY VINCENT, UNIT#
95, ITEMS
STORED FURN, BXS. TENANT
NAME BECKY FARMER, UNIT
85/105, ITEMS STORED FURN,
BXS.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116910
6/14,21

Trade Names

TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION
AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern:
PLEASE BE advised that **KIMBERLY**
KELLY, whose address is 240
HEATON ROAD, COVINGTON,
GA 30016 is/are the owner(s) of
the certain business now being
carried on at 240 HEATON ROAD,
COVINGTON, GA 30016 in the
following trade name, to-wit: **SHE'S**
MONARCH; and that the nature of
said business is: CLOTHING.
THIS STATEMENT is made in
conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490
et seq. requiring the filing of such
statement with the Clerk of Superior
Court of this county.
THIS THE 9th day of June, 2020.

PUBLIC NOTICE #116922
6/21,28

By TOM SPIGOLON
tspigolon@covnews.com

Newton County residents
lined up last week on the
first days in months they
were able to go in person for
everything from vehicle tags
to registering to vote.

Newton County govern-
ment offices reopened to the
public under the guidelines
set by the governor and
Centers for Disease Con-
trol Monday, June 15, after
most government offices had
closed in mid-March because
of safety concerns from the
coronavirus pandemic.

PLACE YOUR AD TODAY
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RECOUNT

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"If they direct us and
Rockdale County to (re-
count), we'll certainly do it,"
he said.

Dickerson, D-Conyers,
who was seeking a sixth
term, asked the board to
consider ordering a recall be-
cause of what she said were
voting irregularities that
needed investigation before
the election was certified.

She said election officials
turned away some voters
trying to vote in person after
already requesting absen-
tee ballots and being told to
bring their absentee ballots
back to the polling place.

Dickerson had argued the
action was not correct and
had filed an open records
request to find the number
of affidavits that voters had
signed that would legally al-
low them to vote after their
absentee ballots had been
canceled.

She also cited the example
of a student who was not
allowed to vote because he
went to school in a different
county from where he resid-
ed.

Henderson, who sat a few
feet from Dickerson during
the meeting, said afterward
that Dickerson needed to
concede the race after the
Rockdale County election

board also rejected her ap-
peal the day before.

"I'm just saying I won
and Ms. Dickerson needs to
move on," she said.

The June 9 election com-
bined voting for political
party and nonpartisan can-
didates with the state's Pres-
idential Preference Primary
– all of which was delayed
from earlier this year be-
cause of safety fears about
the coronavirus.

Secretary of State Brad
Raffensperger encouraged
voters to request absentee
ballots because of corona-
virus safety concerns. More
than 28,000 cast ballots in
Newton County in the elec-
tion, including more than
13,000 voting absentee by
mail – four times the usual
amount for a primary elec-
tion.

Newton County faced
delays in tallying final re-
sults June 9 in part because
stringent laws governing
how absentee ballots must
be counted in Georgia forced
officials to take the time to
deal with irregularities with
individual ballots, election
officials have said.

SPORTS

Alcovy, Newton kick off summer workouts

Prep football returns amid COVID-19

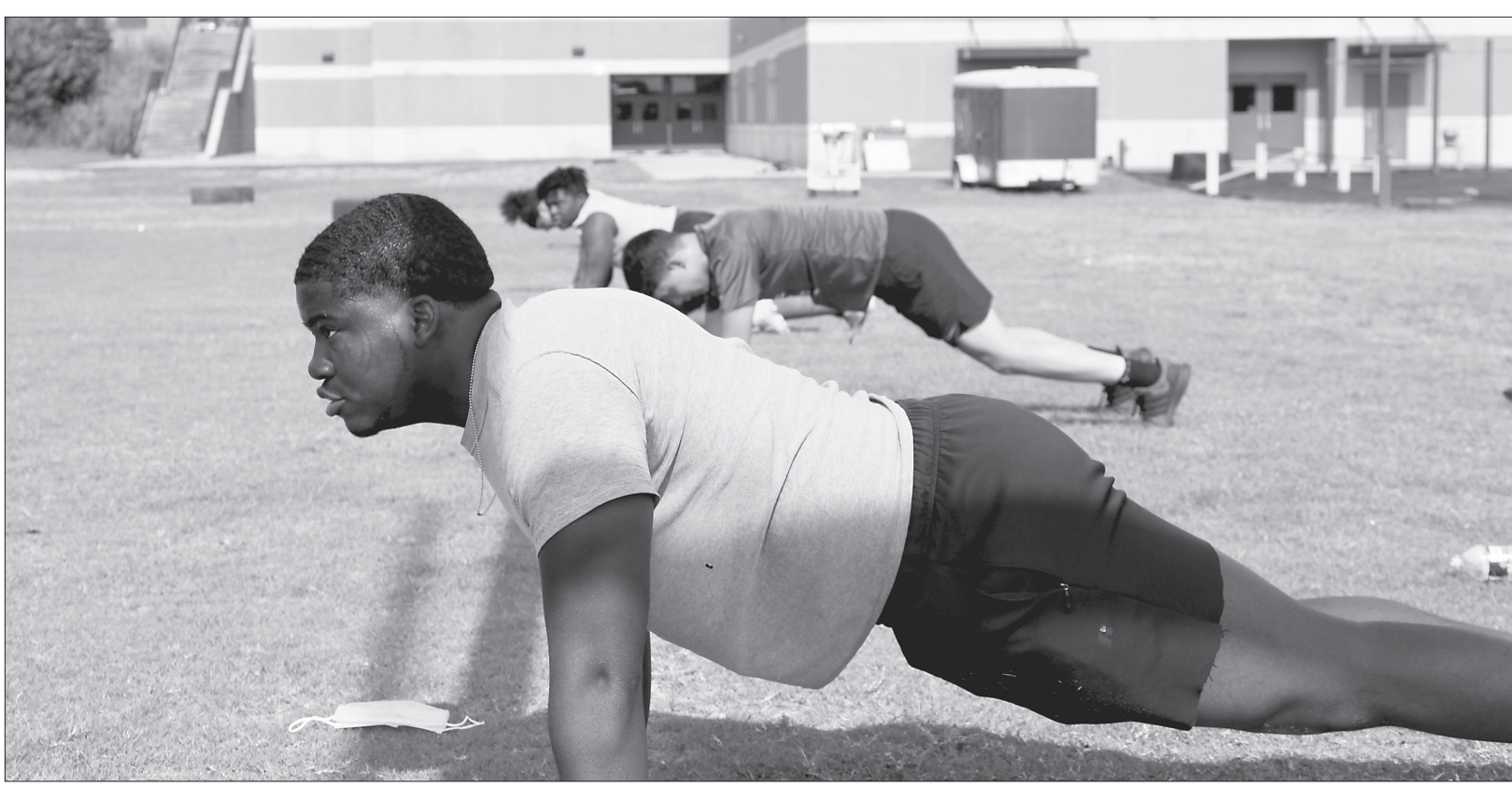
By **MASON WITTNER**
mwittner@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Sweat was dripping. Whistles were blowing. Commands were being barked out.

Monday morning, as temperatures remained moderate for a mid-June day in the Peach State, GHSA football returned to the local scene in full force. It was a welcomed sight in Newton County following nearly three months of inactivity.

The Alcovy and Newton varsity football teams kicked off their respective summer conditioning programs Monday, marking their first organized team activities since the GHSA brought athletics to a halt on March 16 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It’s almost like we’ve gone away and we haven’t seen the kids for a long time. We wish we could hug and put our arms around



Mason Witter | The Covington News

Newton High School football players partake in conditioning drills Monday morning. GHSA schools were permitted to return to activities last week for the first time since March.

each one of them, but the social distancing is requiring us to be little bit apart,” Alcovy head coach Jason Dukes said with a chuckle. “It’s great to see these kids again and get back to something that’s familiar.”

Both Dukes and Newton head coach Camiel Grant Jr. noted that they’ve remained

in contact with their kids through Zoom meetings over the past couple months. However, that pales in comparison to having players back on campus and working with them face to face rather than from behind a computer screen.

“I don’t care whether we were able to go out onto the field or not. It’s good to be able to just see them,” Grant Jr. said. “Yes, I do want to coach football. But just being able to see the kids and know that they’re OK, that’s exciting.”

Newton and Alcovy divided their teams into groups of 25 or fewer and split them up throughout the day. The Tigers had four groups, while the Rams rolled with six.



Mason Witter | The Covington News

Alcovy head coach Jason Dukes (left) gets involved in a speed ladder drill with one of his players.

Upon arrival at both locations, players had their temperatures checked and underwent a series of GHSA-mandated questions before being cleared to participate in team activities. At Newton, they then made their way onto the practice field to begin warming up for conditioning. Meanwhile, Alcovy held the majority of its conditioning drills on the track that encircles its field.

Alcovy, Newton and Eastside — the Eagles were the first Newton County team to begin their summer con-

ditioning program when they did so Wednesday, June 10 — will have workouts Monday through Thursday each week until further notice.

The GHSA has not yet released a tentative timeline for when other activities, such as weight lifting and 7-on-7 camps, will be able to resume. However, the league did release an update Wednesday informing teams that ‘sport specific’ equipment would be permitted for use beginning Monday, June 22. Additionally, the maximum number of

participants for each group will increase from 25 to 50.

In the meantime, the head football coaches in Newton County are grateful for each step they continue to take in the right direction.

“My message to our kids is we don’t know what’s going to happen today or tomorrow. So whatever we’re allowed to do, if you’ve been blessed with the opportunity to come out here and participate in anything, take full advantage of it,” Dukes said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alcovy’s Johnson pens National Letter of Intent to play for Andrew College

By **MASON WITTNER**
mwittner@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — Alcovy High School standout Serai Johnson realized her dream of playing basketball at the next level last Friday when she signed a National Letter of Intent to further her academic and athletic career at Andrew College.

A four-year member of the Lady Tigers varsity squad, Johnson served as a point guard and shooting guard for Alcovy. She helped the team post a 12-13 mark her senior season — the program’s highest win total since the 2015-16 campaign.

“It was unbelievable,” Johnson said of her signing. “I didn’t think I would be able to sign this year because of my injury this past year.”

Johnson tore her ACL prior to the start of her junior season and was forced to miss the entire year. After spending more than 12 months rehabbing the injury, driving “two hours away twice a week just to train,”



Special to The Covington News

Former Alcovy High School basketball star Serai Johnson signed a National Letter of Intent to play at Andrew College in Cuthbert, Ga., last Friday.

she was cleared to return for the Lady Tigers’ 2019-20 season opener against Union Grove on Nov. 12.

After receiving the OK to suit up, she returned to the court in triumphant fashion by registering a team-high 14 points to fuel the club to a 51-36 victory.

“Serai was a significant player. She’s one of those players who definitely leads by example,” Alcovy head coach Justin Hunter said. “She always came ready to practice and grow, which a lot of times showed up in the

game. She was just one of those players a coach would definitely say is easy to manage.”

Hunter lauded Johnson’s perseverance and the work ethic she showed in the face of adversity, saying “everything she’s accomplished, she’s earned.”

“We think she possibly would have been a 1,000-point scorer for us had she stayed healthy all four years,” he said.

Johnson is scheduled to report to Andrew College on Aug. 20.

EDUCATION

Newton elementary students earn state science fair awards



Special to The Covington News

Each Newton County School System student who participated in the Georgia Elementary Science Fair brought home either a first-, second-, or third-place award.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

news@covnews.com

Newton County School System elementary students brought home the hardware from the 2020 Georgia College K-5 State Science and Engineering Fair.

Every student who participated won an award at the statewide competition, officials said.

Christina Phyll, NCSS Elementary Science Curriculum Specialist, said, “This was the first year our elementary school students participated at the state level and they performed extremely well.”

“Overall, they brought home six first place ribbons, eight second place ribbons, and two third place ribbons from the fair. In addition, two teams also won recognition for their achievement during the STEM Design Challenges. We are definitely very proud of our students’ accomplishments!”

NCSS students and their awards include:

FIRST PLACE:

Paul Farmer, The Capillary Effect, Physical Science, East Newton, Grade 4

Connor May and William Sharpe, Which Bridge is Standing Up?, Physical Science, Newton County Theme, Grade 5

Kaylee Ransom, Can Your Plants Grow with Other Liq-

uids?, Biological Science, Live Oak, Grade 5

Tristian Rascoe, What Keeps Apples from Turning Brown?, Biological Science, Live Oak, Grade 5

Payton Tremblay, Hydrate Your Plants, Biological Science, South Salem, Grade 4

Katie Williams, Hydro-power, Physical Science, Mansfield, Grade 5

SECOND PLACE:

Makayla Darnell, You Got Pain - I Got the Answer, Health Science, Heard-Mixon, Grade 5

Madeline Malone, Avoid Halitosis for the Holidays, Chemical Science, South Salem, Grade 5

Aliya Mason, Disappearing Act, Chemical Science, Fairview, Grade 5

Kayden O’Cain, Egg-s-tra Strained, Health Science, Heard-Mixon, Grade 3

Ava Ricci, You Should Not ‘Carie’ Your Teeth, Health Science, Fairview, Grade 4

Rob Thompson, Payload Placement, Physical Science, East Newton, Grade 5

Aiden Walls, Which Liquid is Best?, Biological Science, Mansfield, Grade 3

Josselin Zintzun, Erosion Revisited, Biological Science, South Salem, Grade 5

THIRD PLACE:

Elizabeth Mendez, Crazy Crystals, Chemical Science, Livingston, Grade 4

Kaynise Hawkins and Markita Little, Rocks, Biological Science, West Newton, Grade 4

In addition to their project awards, two teams of students also won awards in the STEM Design Challenges. Team members Payton Tremblay, Josselin Zintzun, Kaynise Hawkins, and Markita Little won second place in the Parachute STEM Design Challenge while Aiden Walls and Katie Williams joined forces to win third place in the Bridge Building STEM Design Challenge.

“I am so impressed by our elementary students and their accomplishments at the State Science Fair,” said Samantha Fuhrey, superintendent of Newton County School System. “For each and every student to bring home an award at the state level on their very first trip to the State Science Fair is huge! I am so proud of these students and I cannot wait to see how they progress in their science studies. If they are already winning state awards now, imagine what they can accomplish in science by the time they reach middle and high school. Congratulations to each of them on a job well done!”

South Salem’s Bassel named specialist of the year

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

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The awards keep coming for South Salem Elementary School media specialist Meghan Bassel.

Earlier this year, she was named Newton County School System’s 2020 Media Specialist of the Year. She just recently learned that she has now been selected South Metro District Library Media Specialist of the Year by the Georgia Library Media Association. With this honor, Bassel is now entered into the competition for the Georgia Library Media Specialist of the Year Award, which recognizes K-12 library media specialists with dynamic, innovative programs and whose instructional collaborations foster student engagement and achievement.

As a region level winner, Bassel will receive a \$100 prize and plaque commemorating her achievement. The state winner will be announced later this month.

“I am excited and honored to have been named Southeast Metro Region Media Specialist of the Year,” said Bassel. “It is humbling to be included among this accomplished group of educators. Media specialists play such an important role within the school building. We support literacy and research goals, maintain the

building collection of technology and printed materials, offer collaborative experiences with staff and community members, and develop supportive and encouraging relationships with our students.”

She added, “I feel that I have the very best job in the world and cannot imagine doing anything else. I am proud to represent both the Newton County School System and the South Metro district in the state competition.”

For Bassel the honor is even more special because she did not originally set out to become a school media specialist.

“After 11 years as a software engineer, I wanted a more internally rewarding career,” Bassel explained. “It was my goal to be able to work with children in a position that allowed me to encourage their dreams and prepare them for their future. I was able to work with a number of media specialists and saw what an important role they play in the lives of students and staff members. It was then that I realized what my calling was. I absolutely love my job and can’t see myself doing anything else! I thoroughly love creating a learning atmosphere that both students and teachers are excited to visit.”

“I would like to thank and



Bassel

congratulate Mrs. Bassel on her outstanding achievement of being named Media Specialist of the Year for not only Newton County Schools but also being named South Metro District Media Specialist of the Year,” said Lenise Bos-tic, principal of South Salem Elementary School. “Ms. Bassel confronts challenges with quality, assurance and certainty and she engages students and promotes a love of reading for all. We are so grateful and proud of her accomplishment!”

“Congratulations to Ms. Bassel for being named the South Metro District Media Specialist of the Year,” said Samantha Fuhrey, superintendent of Newton County Schools. “I have always been impressed with Ms. Bassel’s commitment to providing the very best learning environment for her students. She is known to go above-and-beyond to foster a love of reading in her students and she provides outstanding support for the teachers in her school, so I am definitely not surprised that she has earned this very special recognition. We are very proud of her and wish her the very best in the state competition.”

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NCSS fleet technician wins regional skills competition



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Pictured (L-R): Thomas Baker, NCSS Fleet Supervisor; Josh Secrest, Fleet Technician; and Chad McCaskill, NCSS Director of Pupil Transportation.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Josh Secrest, a Newton County School System transportation fleet technician, was recently honored for his first-place finish at the Regional Technician Skills Competition at Griffin RESA.

Secrest went up against bus technicians from Butts,

Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Pike, Spalding and Upson school districts in the competition. NCSS Transportation Director Chad McCaskill stated that technicians in the competition were given a 50-question multiple choice test, as well as a bus parts assessment test.

“The entire Transportation Department is very proud of Josh and his out-

standing accomplishment,” McCaskill stated in a press release. “He represented our school system extremely well and his success is indicative of the many outstanding employees we have in our Transportation Department.”

Thanks to his first-place finish, Secrest qualified to compete at the State competition.

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Obituaries

WINFORD EUGENE BATES

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Winford Eugene Bates, 84, of Covington, Ga., died June 14, 2020. Gene was born on September 18, 1935, in Covington, to James Lamar and Rosa Claire Bates. He entered the United States Naval Construction Battalion in 1953 as a Seabee, building runways on Midway Island. Gene's service then took him to Sasebo, Japan, where he installed overhead powerlines. When he returned, he enrolled at Georgia State and graduated with a B.A. in 1962. Gene began working for Allstate Insurance as a district sales manager in North Carolina. In 1970, he returned to Covington and started the Gene Bates Insurance Agency in a one-room upstairs office on the Square. The agency is still in business today. Gene had a deep love for his family. He was kind and generous and never met a stranger. Gene was also a devoted caregiver over the years for many family members. He enjoyed spending time on

Jackson Lake, the Jacks River in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and fishing along the Apalachee River.

Gene will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 57 years, Marilyn (Griffith); sons, Daron (C.C.), Kevin (Rebecca), and Landon (Leah); grandchildren, Emilyann and Griffith, Gavin and Gracie, Tyler and Sophia. He is also survived by his sister, Linda Lou Williams; sister-in-law, Katherine Bates; and brothers-in-law, Jim, John (Candy), and Steve Griffith.

A Graveside Service for Gene was held Friday, June 19, 2020, 11 a.m. at Oxford Historical Cemetery, in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Memorial Honor Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or to the American Diabetes Association, 225 Peachtree Street NE, Suite #550, Atlanta, GA 30303.



FRANK STANLEY DAY

Cremation Center of Kansas City

Frank Stanley Day, son of Annie Lee Day and Frank Day, of Covington, Ga., passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2020.

He is survived by his wife, Edna, of 64 years and his daughter, Amanda. His other daughter, Susan, will be there to meet him at the pearly gates as she passed away from cancer five years ago.

There will be a private service for the family at the Leavenworth National Cemetery.

HORACE JOHNSON

Wheeler Funeral & Cremation Services

Horace Johnson, 75, passed away on Wednesday, June 10, 2020. He was born in Porterdale on August 4, 1944.

He leaves behind his wife, Nancy Wallace Johnson; 2 children, William Johnson and Bridget J. Randels; 6 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren and countless extended family and friends.

Horace was loved by many.

Commissioners move closer to asking Newton voters for TSPLOST funding

By TOM SPIGOLON
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Newton commissioners have taken the next step toward putting a sales tax for local transportation improvements before county voters in November.

On Tuesday, June 16, the board of commissioners voted 3-1 for a list of project categories that would be funded by an estimated \$42 million collected from a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for transportation — also known as a TSPLOST.

County Manager Lloyd Kerr said he estimated a 1% sales tax over five years could raise \$42 million.

Commissioners voted to approve the 2017 SPLOST

Oversight Committee's recommendation to list six general categories in which the projects fall rather than specifying the projects.

The categories and amounts approved for each include safety/improvements, \$1.9 million; bridge repair/replacement, \$6.9 million; facility expansion, \$17 million; intersection improvements, \$79 million; paving or resurfacing, \$6 million; and transit service, \$2 million.

Specific projects are not required to be listed on TSPLOST referendums voters approve, Kerr told commissioners.

However, commissioners also saw a list of 13 specific projects the SPLOST com-

mittee recommended be done, with highest priority given to a \$1.2 million project to improve the intersection of County Road 213 and Ga. Hwy. 36 and a \$17 million widening of Brown Bridge Road.

Commissioner Nancy Schulz told Kerr she would like to see sidewalk improvements included with any projects funded in the safety/improvements category.

Kerr said a number of commissioners also asked for a transit service category to be included in funding from the TSPLOST, including Chairman Marcello Banes.

Kerr noted the money also can be used to create

matching funds to secure a variety of available transportation improvement grants.

The next step will include commissioners calling a special meeting to create an intergovernmental agreement with Newton County's six municipalities to decide how the sales tax proceeds would be divided up if approved on the Nov. 3 ballot.

County commissioners met with mayors and council members from Covington, Porterdale, Oxford, Mansfield and Newborn in late January to discuss how a TSPLOST would work and further develop.

FIRE STATION

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contaminate firefighters' clothing from cancer-causing chemicals in smoke they were exposed to at fire scenes, Conner said.

"These were the things we wanted in this project," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting this project going."

County Commissioner Nancy Schulz, who represents the area, said she recalled when a home near her residence went up in flames on a windy day in recent years.

Firefighters were forced to focus on saving nearby residents and their homes, rather than the home on fire, because they lacked enough equipment, she said.

She said "every day I drive by that vacant lot" it was a "powerful reminder of how firefighters risk their lives for us."

Chairman Marcello Banes



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Officials broke ground on a 11,000-square-foot structure on Gum Creek Road where Newton County's Fire Station 8 will be built.

introduced speakers, including County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

Kerr said the county chose the site at 2345 Gum Creek Road in northern Newton County because it was found to be in a central location for most of the homes it would serve.

He also referred to ongoing work to build a new

Fire Station 4 and renovate Station 2 — both recently approved by the Newton County Board of Commissioners.

Kerr said at a meeting after the groundbreaking that county officials are negotiating for a site west of county road 213 near Dixie Road for Station 4.

"There's great access on 213," he said. "It's probably

the most ideal property we have."

Funding for it will come from bond proceeds with repayment from a county fire tax added to insurance premiums, Kerr said.

A planned renovation to Station 2 may be included in the overall project, he said.

STORM

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travel lanes at King Bos-tick and Moores roads in the Rocky Plains area; and large oak and pine trees were reported down on Hickory Hill Drive near

the intersection with Mt. Zion Road in the Gum Creek area, the weather service reported.

In addition, county residents' electric and cell phone service were hit hard by the late afternoon storm and returned to normal service slowly.

Covington-based Snap-

ping Shoals EMC had 284 outages in its service area at about 7 p.m. Georgia Power had 110 outages in Newton County while Walton EMC had 101 customers without power in Newton County as of 7:50 p.m.

UPDATE

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Georgia entering Friday. Additionally, there had been 9,663 hospitalizations and 2,605 deaths.

Nearby Gwinnett has the most confirmed cases of COVID-19 of any county in the state with 5,753. Fulton County is close behind with 5,325 confirmed cases, as well as 301 deaths — the

most in Georgia.

The executive order Gov. Brian Kemp signed on June 11, which continued to scale back the state's coronavirus restrictions, went into place Tuesday and will run through June 30.

The comprehensive order will impact a variety of businesses and organizations across Georgia. It included allowing overnight summer camps to resume operations, permitting sports

leagues to resume practices and games, and eliminating the maximum number of people who can sit together in restaurants and dining rooms.

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

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