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The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah!"
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'They taught me through this what brotherhood really means'

Local family expresses gratitude after community's support

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"I don't talk about it," were one of the first words spoken by Mandie Cushing as she sits inside of a quiet room, tears filling her eyes. It is a beautiful day outside the walls of the old newspaper building; but inside, a mother sheds tears as she finds the strength to share her story of happiness, sorrow and brotherhood.

Mandie's husband, Micah Cushing, serves as a fireman at the Covington Fire Department where he is "not just another fireman," said Mandie. He has been serving the Newton County area for five years as of April 2019.

Mandie and Micah found out they were pregnant the first month they were married; the baby would be their first

child together. Mandie has two daughters and Micah has two sons from previous marriages.

"Everyone was ecstatic," Mandie said.

It was the day the couple was supposed to find out the sex of the baby when they found out the tragic news: their child has gastroschisis. Gastroschisis is a birth defect where the baby's intestines are found outside of the body.

The doctors told the couple that there was a 50-50 chance their child would survive.

"We didn't tell anybody that was going to happen," Mandie said. "We carried that burden."

Mandie began feeling anxious around 32 weeks into the pregnancy, and during this time, she knew she would not have a future with her little daughter, Liza June. She knew

her mother's intuition was a "powerful thing."

"I knew I wouldn't have her," Mandie said.

Four weeks later, the doctors began worrying about the baby's health, and it was recommended for Mandie to begin the delivery process. She received six rounds of steroids every few hours, and as the labor began, she sensed a "peace that lingered in the room." It was estimated that 30 doctors and nurses were inside the room as Liza June Cushing came into this world on Feb. 22, 2019.

"To give birth to her and feel everything, it was almost a gift," Mandie said. "I feel like she deserved that."

Liza June was transported via ambulance to the Chil-

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Newton County purchases Rising Son property for \$30,000

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Newton County Board of Commissioners purchased 1.91 acres of land from the Rising Son Christian Church with a 3-2 vote during a special called meeting Thursday, June 27. This comes after the purchase agreement was tabled during the June 18 meeting.

District 4 Commissioner J.C. Henderson, District 5 Commissioner Ronnie Cowan and District 2 Commissioner T. Demond Mason voted to approve the purchase. District 1 Commissioner Stan Edwards and District 3 Commissioner Nancy Shultz voted in opposition of the purchase.

On June 10, Chairman Marcello Banes signed a purchase agreement, which started a 30-day due diligence period, for the property after the com-

missioners agreed upon the set price of \$30,000 in a previous executive session. County Attorney Megan Martin said the property was appraised at \$19,100 and assessed at \$22,500.

On June 18, the BOC held a meeting with the purchase agreement being listed as an agenda item. Martin announced to the public that phase one of environmental testing was returned as positive, meaning no issues were found, and the title work was ordered. Martin was seeking the board's official approval for the purchase.

Martin confirmed that Rising Son had a \$3,000 outstanding rental payment for the property. The outstanding payment had not been paid as of the June 18 meeting.

Shultz questioned the purchase price of the property during the June 18 meeting, stating it was too high. In return, Henderson pointed out the

price had been agreed upon during the previous executive session.

Henderson stated, "everybody sat around the table and agreed upon the \$30,000 amount." He added that he loved the residents of Nelson Heights and "we should all love one another."

Henderson is a member and the chairman of the deacon board for Rising Son, according to Newton County's website. He called for the executive session minutes to be posted during the June 18 meeting.

"If I tell you something out on the street, I will back it up behind this seat," Henderson said.

The funding for the purchase will come from the 2017 special purpose local option sales tax (SPLOST). The land will be used for recreational activities within Nelson Heights community.



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Located across the street from the Nelson Heights Community Center, Newton County agreed to purchase land owned by the Rising Sun Christian Church.

Fleeta Baggett announces campaign for Covington Council Post 2 East

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Retired businesswoman and community activist, Fleeta Baggett, announced she will run for Covington City Council Post 2 East.

"I'm excited to announce my candidacy for Covington City Council East Ward today," Baggett said in a news release.

"I was born and raised in Covington. I raised my daughter here and I'm proud to call Covington home," she said. "This city has experienced tremendous growth and withstood multiple downturns. I love my community and I think it's time the Council had a fresh perspective on it. And I believe I'm the one to do that."

"There are a lot of challeng-



Fleeta Baggett

es that lay ahead for the City of Covington and I believe I'm prepared to help confront these challenges. We're currently facing a 22% increase in our utilities over the next five years. We must find a solution that doesn't place the burden of Georgia Power's missteps on the backs of our citizens. The City Council must be more fiscally conservative and make necessary cuts. The City

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Horton announces candidacy for Covington Mayor seat

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Former Covington City Manager Steve Horton has announced his intentions to run for the office of Mayor for the City of Covington in the Nov. 5 election.

"I am a life-long resident of Newton County and I have lived in Covington for more than 45 years," Horton said in a news release. "My wife Mary and I have one son and daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren who also live in Covington. Regarding my education, I have a bachelor of business administration degree from Mercer University and a master of public administration degree from Troy State University."

Horton said he is not ready to publicly discuss his political thoughts or platform at



Steve Horton

this time, but encourages citizens to get to know him and his history with the city.

"I am no stranger to government operations at the city of Covington," he said. "I fully retired from employment with the city of Covington after nearly 36 years of service. Some of the positions that I held, while working there, include, but are not limited to city manager, deputy city manager, public works director, safety risk

■ See **HORTON, 5A**

Threets announces candidacy for Covington Mayor seat

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Rev. Eric Threets has declared his intent to run for Mayor of Covington.

Threets is running for Mayor Nov. 5 with the expectation of using his expertise in leadership and business to "Make Covington citizens our first priority."

Threets fell in love with the community where he and his wife chose to raise their family. They have seen some good things put in place over the past several years but realize more is necessary to position Covington for the transitions and diversity of this growing city.

He notes continued revenue growth is necessary to expand the city and secure its infrastructure.

"An industry that has been



Eric Threets

attracted to our wonderful city is threatening to pull out of Georgia and we must be prepared to make adjustments in order to replace jobs and revenue quickly," he said. "We have plans to facilitate growth as well as mitigate any potential losses. Attracting new residents and necessary talent is ideal, but we must also prepare citizens of Covington to occupy and succeed in increased capacities."

Threets has initiatives

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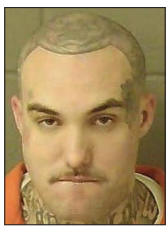
Trial date set for man accused of killing local mother

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The man charged will killing a Newton County mother and leaving her body under a bridge in 2017 will face trial next month.

Alcovy Judicial Circuit Chief Assistant District Attorney Randy McGinley confirmed James Gary Hill has been scheduled for the July 15-19 criminal trial week in front of Superior Court Judge Horace J. Johnson, Jr. Hill faces charges of malice murder, felony murder and aggravated assault.

Hill is accused of killing



James Gary Hill

27-year-old Kelly Marshall and leaving her body under the Mount Tabor Road bridge next to the Yellow River Aug. 12, 2017. He has been jailed since his arrest the following day on traffic charges after running from deputies in Walton County and is currently housed

at Georgia Diagnostic and Classification State Prison because his probation for a previous conviction was revoked.

In December 2017 Newton County Coroner Tommy Davis said an autopsy determined that Marshall's manner of death was homicide caused by asphyxia. Investigators with the Newton County Sheriff's Office later determined that there was enough probable cause to charge Hill with the murder.

The Covington News plans to submit a request to live stream all of Hill's trial.

Social Circle man charged with sex crimes

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A Social Circle man has been booked into the Gwinnett County jail on charges of sex crimes against children.

Jail records show DeShawn Black, 43, of 542 Meadows Lane, Social Circle, was booked into the jail at 5:24 a.m. Monday. He faces felony charges of child molestation and sexual battery against a child, and a misdemeanor charge of failure to appear.

Lawrenceville police were called to a domestic dispute at an apartment on New Hope Road on the morning of March 17. A woman there told officers her 7-year-old daughter told her the mother's new boyfriend victimized her.

The man — identified as Black — had just moved in the day before, and police said he fled the scene on foot before officers arrived.



DeShawn Black

Police arranged for forensic interviews and tests of the girl.

No bond was set on the molestation and battery charges, and a \$280 cash bond was set on the failure to appear charge. He remained in the county jail Wednesday morning.

The Hall County and Douglas County sheriff's offices have holds on Black upon his release.

State insurance regulators make arrests

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State insurance officials said they're cracking down on fraud, and made multiple arrests across the region in recent days.

Eight people were arrested in a 10-day span on a combined 22 felony charges.

Among them were Steven Folkes, of Covington, and Trejour Monea Thomas, who was arrested at her Loganville home.

Thomas was charged with insurance fraud and also held on a first-degree felony warrant from Lawrenceville. She was booked into the Gwinnett County jail at 7:52 a.m. Tuesday and released shortly before 1 p.m. on \$2,950 bond.

The state insurance and fire safety commissioner's office said Thomas, 20, and Folkes, 25, allegedly submitted fraudulent medical bills and work documents related to an accident.

Folkes is charged with insurance fraud and forgery.

The state also reported these arrests:

- Deandre Rasheed Nelson, 28, of Lumpkin, was charged with two counts each of insurance fraud, theft by deception and altering a motor vehicle identification plate.
- Dionte Jones, 25, of Columbus, was charged with insurance fraud, theft by deception and two counts of altering a motor vehicle ID plate.
- Mackery A. Strong, 29, of Columbus, was charged with insurance fraud. Strong also was arrested on two felony bench warrants for failure to appear, and for felony probation violation.



Stephen Folkes

- Kenneth J. Anderson, 28, of Union City, was charged with insurance fraud.

- Faith Ragland, 54, of Decatur, was charged with insurance fraud and forgery.

- Steven Eric Chastain, 56, of Atlanta, was charged with theft by deception.

Nelson, Strong and Jones are accused of altering vehicle identification numbers on cars, obtaining insurance on those cars and then staging accidents or pawning them.

Chastain is a public adjuster accused of stealing a \$204,000 claim after a victim's house burned.

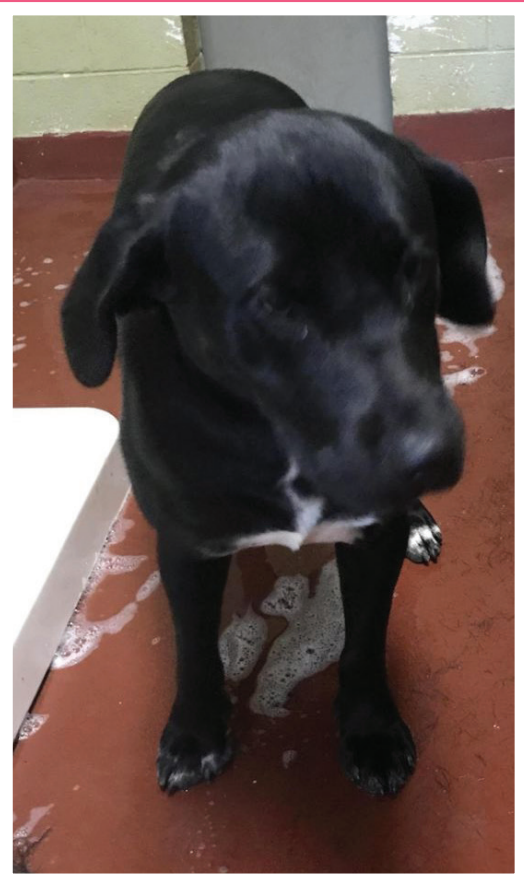
Brandon Wright, a spokesman for acting Insurance and Fire Safety Commissioner John King, said agents planned to make five more arrests as part of the roundup of suspects.

The state fire marshal's office; police from Loganville, Atlanta, Cobb County and Union City; the sheriff's offices in Rockdale and DeKalb counties; and the Fulton County marshal's office assisted in the arrests.

Wright said insurance fraud is a felony punishable by imprisonment for two to 10 years and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.

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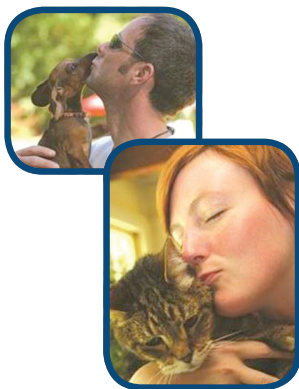


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Roberto Suarez Arciles, Jr., 21, 1268 Country Lane Drive, Conyers, was arrested June 19 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Tremicia Shanice Bradley, 21, 20 West Keel Street, Oxford, was court sentenced June 19 to serve 10 days.

Steven Watson Broach, 42, 214 Alcovy Street, Monroe, was arrested June 23 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and theft by shoplifting.

Raymond Edward Browne, 55, 116 Earl Lane, Clinton, Tennessee, was arrested June 23 and charged with public drunkenness and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.

Brittany Gail Crooms, 20, 313 Elks Club Road, Covington, was arrested June 19 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Jessika Charlise-Jananyh Curry, 18, 9276 Tara Drive, Covington, was arrested June 21 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Sheryl Rowland Denton, 59, 30 Beaver Court, Covington, was arrested June 21 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Jhamari Dyer, 28, 1118 South Main Street, Conyers, was arrested June 23 and charged with driving without a valid license.

Eric Cordell Fleming, 54, 425 Lake Dylan Court, Fairburn, was arrested June 19 and held for other agency (Fayette County).

Ashley Diane French, 28, 889 Spring Oak Court, Loganville, was arrested June 26 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Raishawn Montrell Gunn, 17, 10176 Stone Street, Oxford, was arrested June 24 and charged with disorderly conduct.

Willie Warren Jackson, Jr., 24, 40 River North Court, Covington, was arrested June 25 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Kayla Nicholle Lummas, 29, 70B Church Street, Covington, was arrested June 22 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge and held for other agency (Monroe PD).

Marie Aretha Malone, 52, 2401 Overlook Avenue, Lithonia, was arrested June 23 and charged with identity theft fraud when using/possessing identity information concerning a person-felony when a person is party to a crime.

Kemiya R. Marks, 20, 30 Anderson Circle, Covington, was arrested June 20 and charged with theft by taking.

Joseph Twaune McClellan, 28, 2011 Gwinnett Station Circle, Tucker, was arrested June 23 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Joseph Migan, 70, 17 Ivy Street, Porterdale, was arrested June 24 and charged with DUI-alcohol, improper lane usage/failure to maintain lane and vehicle to drive on right side of roadway.

Jason Lee Mitchell, 41, 290 Bethany Road, Covington, was arrested June 22 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Justin Matthew Moore, 36, 5175 Hudson Road, Loganville, was arrested June 25 and charged with possession of marijuana less than 1 oz., theft by receiving stolen property and receipt, possession or transport of firearm by convicted felon.

Quintavius Jaquan Moton, 24, 205 1st Avenue, Covington, was arrested June 23 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked.

Jerrin Jerron Patton, 30, 6178 Green Acres Drive, Covington, was arrested June 23 and charged with battery-family violence and cruelty to children.

Terry Edward Lee Peavey, 39, 145 Darby Road, Covington, was arrested June 20 and charged with theft of lost/mislaid property and held for other agency (DeKalb County).

John Louis Peppers, 70, 2450 McAlpine Terrec, East Point, was arrested June 23 and charged with forgery, identity theft fraud to create/use/possess counterfeit/fictitious identity information, possession of marijuana less than 1 oz., tampering with evidence and theft by deception.

Anthony Cheyenne Pilgrim, 39, 10 Riverbend Drive, Covington, was arrested June 25 and charged with possession of methamphetamine, receipt, possession or transport of firearm by convicted felon and theft by receiving stolen property.

Russell Scott Shue, 58, 274 Hatley Circle, Concord, North Carolina, was arrested June 23 and charged with public drunkenness.

Johnvonta Laquan Stanley, 19, 10105 Morris Drive, Covington, was arrested June 25 and charged with theft by receiving stolen property.

Freddrick Lamar Thompson, Jr., 30, 122 Temple Road, Covington, was arrested June 19 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and operation of vehicle without current plate/expired plate.

Christopher Cortez Usher, 27, 780 West Lower River, Covington, was court sentenced June 19.

Stephen Kelly Walker, 44, 4202 Harvest Grove Lane, Conyers, was arrested June 19 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Jack Edward Whitaker, 64, 14112 Honeysuckle Ridge, Matthews, North Carolina, was arrested June 21 and charged with public indecency.

Emmanuel Jarmaine Zachary, 29, 102 Harvest Grove Lane, Conyers, was court sentenced June 19 to seven days.

Newton County Sheriff's Office

Takeiyah D. Abrams, 40, 8315 Tara Drive, Covington, was arrested June 19 and charged with theft by deception.

Michael Ryan Allen, 22, 8 Hemlock Street, Porterdale, was arrested June 20 and charged with loitering or prowling.

Koffi Lazare Assogba, 26, 130 Silver Willow Walk, Covington, was arrested June 19 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked, failure to stop at stop sign, hit and run; duty of driver to stop at or return to the scene of an accident and too fast for conditions.

Akiernea Barkley, 36, 5157 Lackey Street, Covington, was arrested June 19 and charged with theft by taking.

Jessica Jalante Barkley, 31, 222 Dover Place, Social Circle, was arrested June 19 and charged with theft by taking.

Kevis Jamar Bell, 25, 65 Trelawney Circle, Covington, was arrested June 20



and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and turning movements.

Carlos Joseph Bishop, 38, 50 Benedict Drive, Covington, was arrested June 20 and charged with failure to appear.

Markysia Jamesse Brister, 25, 15 Lake Charles Crossing, Covington, was arrested June 25 and charged with battery-family violence.

Shermaine Alberto Carlisle, 38, 3319 Colony Drive, Conyers, was arrested June 21 and charged with battery and false statements or writings: conceal facts or fraudulent documents in matters.

Don Edwin Casper, 39, 186 Highway 212, Covington, was arrested June 21 and charged with battery, false imprisonment and obstructing or hindering persons making emergency telephone call.

Jessie James Chambers, 37, 70 Valley Court, Covington, was arrested June 21 and charged with battery-family violence.

Amanda Ruth Clark, 37, 1440 Staci Drive, Greensboro, was arrested June 19-bond revoked.

Alex Devon Crumbley, 20, 178 Murry Avenue, Atlanta, was arrested June 20 and charged with criminal trespass (2), disorderly conduct and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.

Bryan Anthony Dingler, 20, 70 Riverbrooke Trail, Covington, was arrested June 20 and charged with possession of marijuana less than 1 oz. and hands free law.

Keith Richard Dorries, 43, 105 Creek Side Drive, McDonough, was arrested June 25 and charged with Arson, criminal damage to property and terroristic threats and acts.

Ericka Fitzgerald, 45, 1931 Venetian Drive, Atlanta, was arrested June 19 and charged with probation violation.

Tracy Annette Foster, 49, 30 Champions Chase, Covington, was arrested June 21 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Marcus Clyde Freeman, 26 Ivy Street, Porterdale, was arrested June 20 and charged with probation violation.

Vaneshia Keshay Grier, 31, 710 Mills Drive, Covington, was arrested June 22 and charged with criminal damage to property and simple battery-family violence.

Maurice Lewellyn Hankerson, 53, 135 Greenway Drive, Covington, was court sentenced June 20.

Ernest Keith Harper, 65, 15 Brandon Drive, Covington, was arrested June 24 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Benjamin Justin Hill, 35,

100 Zion Wood Road, Loganville, was arrested June 20 and charged with probation violation.

James Gary Hill, III, 26, 1275 Alcovy Station, Covington, was back for court June 25.

Quintavious Malik Hogan, 23, 2638 Ben Hill Avenue, East Point, was arrested June 25 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Jalon Charte Jones, 22, 115 Brighton Drive, Covington, was arrested June 25 and charged with theft by deception and theft by taking.

James Edward Jordan, Jr., 46, 3280 Gum Creek Road, Oxford, was arrested June 21 and charged with probation violation.

Darren James Kippes, 53, 52 Deer Run Circle, Newborn, was arrested June 19 and charged with driving without a valid license and hit and run: duty of driver to stop at or return to the scene of accident.

Margie Lynette Love, 31, 210 Mountain Lane, Covington, was back for court June 19.

Jason Leonard Loyd, 27, 95 Woodfield Road, Covington, was arrested June 24 and charged with probation violation.

Cynthia Denise Maddox, 62, 25 Ivy Street, Porterdale was court sentenced June 19.

Frances Deanna Mattheus, 40, 10445 Highway 36, Covington, was back for court June 19.

Aderius Alton McIntosh, 22, 205 Greenfield Circle, Covington, was arrested June 21 and charged with disorderly conduct.

Gerald Dewayne McKinney, 44, 15 Brandon Drive, Covington, was arrested June 24 and charged with theft by shoplifting.

Tyler Jacob Morgan, 32,659 Rocky Plains Road, Covington, was arrested June 24 and charged with Parole violation.

Melissa Anne Pantin, 28, 5016 Saray Way, Tallahassee, Florida, was arrested June 25 and charged with battery-family violence.

Andrew Benjamin Payton, 30, 920 Village View Circle, Loganville, was back for court June 24.

Belinda Lynne Peters, 53, 1111 Ponder Hines Road, Madison, was arrested June 21 and charged with forgery.

Kendrick LeKeith Reed, 33, 1493 Chestnut Lake Avenue, Lithonia, was arrested June 20 and charged with probation violation.

Nicholas Alan Richardson, 34, 348 Bay Creek Road, Loganville, was back for court June 20.

Roosevelt Rose, 64, 803 Harvest Grove Lane, Conyers, was arrested June 20 and charged with driving while license suspended or

revoked and probation violation.

Lorenzo Comoza Russell, 34, 20 Pebble Brooke Court, Covington, was arrested June 20 and charged with aggravated assault.

Anthony Lee Sharpe, 33, 135 River Lane, Covington, was arrested June 25 and charged with aggravated assault, false imprisonment, possession of firearm or knife during commission or attempt to commit a felony and probation violation for fingerprintable charge (2).

Laci Ann Smith, 37, 1999 Dixie Road, Covington, was court sentenced June 19.

Jalon Luscious Stephens, 17, 185 Providence Parkway, Covington, was arrested June 25 and charged with possession of marijuana less than 1 oz.

Phillip Anthony Strong, 38, Washington State Prison, Georgia, was back for court June 20 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Shaniqua Tranise Swanson, 21, 5436 Panola Way Lane, Lithonia, was arrested June 22 and held for other agency (Clayton County).

Kadesh Khalfanieirenne Taylor, 295 Eastwood Forest, Covington, was arrested June 19 and charged with loitering or prowling and will obstruction of law enforcement officers.

Tahilah Jendayi'hansani Taylor, 28, 295 Eastwood Forest, Covington, was arrested June 19 and charged with loitering or prowling and will obstruction of law enforcement officers.

Zahara Rhemd Taylor, 26, 295 Eastwood Forest, Covington, was arrested June 19 and charged with loitering or prowling and will obstruction of law enforcement officers.

Thomasena Turner, 53, 295 East Wood Forest, Covington, was arrested June 19 and charged with loitering or prowling and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.

Tandra Lishiene Webb, 47, 175 Melton Way, Covington, was arrested June 19 and charged with false statements or writings; conceal facts or fraudulent documents in matters (2) and willful obstruction of law enforcement officers.

Jaron Kyle Yates, 27, 35 Water Oak Trail, Covington, was arrested June 24 and charged with battery, cruelty to children and criminal trespass.

Georgia State Patrol

Christopher Jerome Ballard, 32, 135 Lakeside Drive, Covington, was arrested June 21 and charged with failure to appear for fingerprintable charge.

James Quintette Blocker, 52, 162 Ronther Drive, So-

cial Circle, was arrested June 22 and charged with driver to use due care/proper use of radio or mobile telephone, DUI-alcohol and improper lane usage.

Curtis Fitzgerald Franklin, 55, 108 Glass Lane, Barnwell, South Carolina was arrested June 22 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked.

Sheldrick Arnaz Wilborn, 45, 92 North Pine, Mansfield, was arrested June 21 and charged with DUI-alcohol and improper lane usage.

Oxford Police Department

Valda Bethelmie, 53, 2267 Shady Mable Trail, Loganville, was arrested June 25 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked.

Joseph Wayne Little, 29, 1075 Gum Creek Road, Oxford, was arrested June 20 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked.

Pike

Joseph Eric Carr, 52, 803 Woodard Road, Griffin, was arrested June 19 and charged with probation violation for fingerprintable charge.

Porterdale Police Department

DeJuan Da'Velle Morris, 22, 974 Cavesson Terrace, Lawrenceville, was arrested June 23 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and speeding (15-24 over).

Joe Daniel Thompson, Sr., 68, 30 Saratoga Way, Covington, was arrested June 19 and charged with armed robbery.

Sharon Gay Wallace, 59, 60 Chandler Trace, Covington, was arrested June 24 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and possession of marijuana less than 1 oz.

David Leon White, 26, 6188 Odum Circle, Covington, was arrested June 25 and charged with defective equipment CMV and driving while license suspended or revoked and improper lane usage.

Weekenders

Keith Joseph Banko, 31, Covington

Donald Jermaine Beard, 45, McDonough

Billy Clyde Bentley, 36, Hull

Chasity Meghean Campbell, 30, Oxford

Dakota Slade Clark, 30, Covington

Keambre Latrrese Dumas, 19, Covington

Harvey Lee English, 66, Covington

Julius Jay Hamelin, 28, Covington

Robert Marquise Holt, 23, Covington

Geoffrey Anton Hull, 19, Covington

Kadezmon Denonte Lovett, 30, Lagrange

Johnny Watson McCullough, 50, Johnson City, Tennessee

Anna Mundy Parham, 40, Covington

Anthony William Parker, 62, Covington

Marsha Gail Payton, 61, Oxford

Joshua James Powell, 38, Waynesboro

Christopher Nash Pratt, 25, Eatonton

Jamie Glenn Purvis, 45, Mansfield

Jarius Mychkual Thomas, 26, Stone Mountain

Christopher Lee Torres, 32, Covington

Arthur Harry Wilzman, 30, Conyers

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Harris made Biden appear like a man of yesterday, not tomorrow

The biggest impact of this week's two-night, 20-candidate Democratic extravaganza is that a new star has emerged: Sen. Kamala Harris of California turned in one of the best debate performances I've ever seen. She earned herself a place in the upper tier of the crowded field. Now we'll see if she has what it takes to climb all the way to the top -- and stay there.

Harris' ascent came at the expense of front-runner Joe Biden, who had such a disappointing outing that all he can do is make sure he does better next time. He still leads all comers, and one debate didn't change that. But he showed vulnerabilities that have to make Democratic voters nervous about his prospects in a general election race against President Trump.



Eugene Robinson
COLUMNIST

That, after all, is by far the biggest question for many Democrats: Who is the surest bet to beat Trump? The answer, according to polls thus far, is Biden. But his performance Thursday night has to make never-Trump voters nervous.

With what was clearly a pre-planned assault on Biden -- on his fond reminiscences of white-supremacist Senate colleagues and his late-1970s stance against federally mandated school busing to achieve racial integration -- Harris accomplished three important things. The former California attorney general displayed her world-class skills as a prosecutor, treating Biden like a defendant on the witness stand. She made Biden look defensive and flustered and, frankly, old. And she introduced her personal history as a young black girl in Berkeley who rode a bus to school.

Her attack on Biden wasn't nice, but it wasn't unfair -- his stance on busing is a matter of public record. She was careful to begin by making clear she was not accusing Biden of being a racist. But what she did imply was that he was a man of yesterday, not tomorrow.

It was easy to imagine her utterly demolishing Trump on a debate stage. It was possible to imagine Biden doing the same thing, but you had to wonder.

So Harris got everybody's attention. Now begins the serious vetting -- of her record, her background, her temperament, her positions on the issues. She indicated during the debate that her Medicare-for-all health care plan involves eliminating private health insurance, but her campaign said Friday that she misunderstood the question. So which is it? Biden has vast experience in foreign affairs; Harris doesn't. Is she the one to repair the damage Trump is doing to the nation's standing in the world? She denounces and rejects Trump's immigration policy. What's hers?

If Harris' debate triumph was a revelation, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' performance was familiar. Nobody stays on-message better than Bernie. But unlike four years ago, when he had the progressive wing of the party to himself, this year he has to share it with Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, who dominated Wednesday night's first half of the debate. We'll have to wait until next time, perhaps, to see how her detailed plans for addressing problems and issues compete on a debate stage with Sanders' general call for a political "revolution."

Pete Buttigieg created a moment when he forthrightly took responsibility for not doing more to diversify the police department of South Bend, Indiana, during his time as mayor. Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey, Sen. Michael Bennet of Colorado and former housing secretary Julian Castro really helped themselves this week; New York Mayor Bill de Blasio and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York showed that breaking the debate rules and interrupting constantly gets you noticed, not punished. And God bless Marianne Williamson, because yes, we do need love.

Bottom line: Harris won the two-night debate by a wide margin. And Biden needs to do better next time if he wants to keep his lead.

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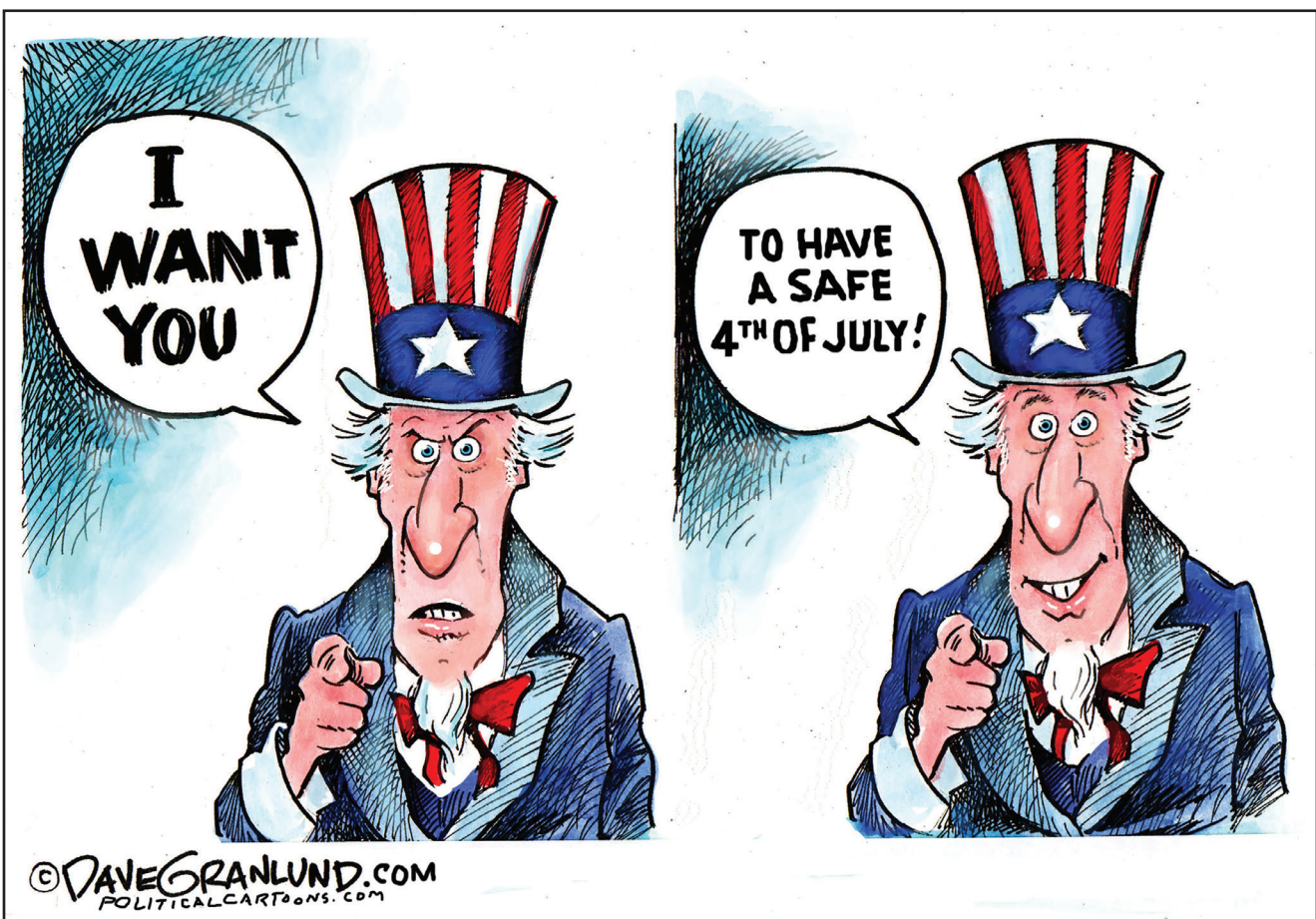
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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Braves Fans: Speak up for Skip, Ernie and Pete!

In 2014, longtime Atlanta Braves broadcaster Pete Van Wieren passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer. Pete was diagnosed shortly after his retirement in 2008, which wrapped up a 33-year stint with "America's Team."

The Braves earned that title because Pete, Skip Caray and Ernie Johnson Sr. were behind the microphones during the Superstation era. Ted Turner beamed his Atlanta station WTBS to cable and satellite viewers nationwide (eventually becoming the TBS network), bringing the Braves to millions outside the southern viewing area.

When you consider how bad the Braves were during most of the Ernie-Pete-Skip years, particularly 1976-1990, credit goes to the trio for building a vast audience despite the team's dismal record. Hall of Fame pitcher Phil Niekro and should-be Hall-of-Fame outfielder Dale Murphy were bright spots, but they had very little help.

Although the Braves national broadcasts ceased in 2007, their influence continues today. We still see fans wearing Braves gear in every city. In some of the more sparsely attended parks, Braves fans sometimes seem more vocal than those of the home team. It isn't unusual to find fans in Washington, San Diego and Miami doing the tomahawk chop, and much of that can be traced back to the Superstation team in the broadcast booth.



David Carroll
COLUMNIST

Ernie Johnson Sr., who died in 2011, is widely regarded as the founder of the Braves Radio Network. The former Milwaukee Braves pitcher followed the team to Atlanta in 1966, and began recruiting radio stations to carry the 162-game schedule on radio, as well as a 20-game TV package that aired in various southern cities.

Skip Caray, who died in 2008, was the opposite of Ernie in his on-air style. Ernie was the cheerful, optimistic straight man, while Skip was acerbic, brutally honest and prone to slightly off-color jokes and comments. Skip loved making Ernie laugh, and their repartee, especially during blowout games, was priceless.

Pete Van Wieren lacked Ernie's folksiness and Skip's roguish humor, but "the Professor" brought his own brand of wit and wisdom to the booth. He said he was not trying to impress owners, managers, or players. Instead, he always put the fan first. His smooth voice delivered an ego-free, no-frills broadcast filled with a stunning array of stats long before Google put them at our fingertips.

During a 2014 tribute to Pete at Turner Field, his son Steve eloquently thanked the fans, and said he hoped to one day "see my Dad in Cooperstown."

I hope he can. The Ford Frick Award, named after a former MLB commissioner, was established in 1978 to honor baseball's great announcers. Each year, one broadcaster, past or present, receives the award. The recipient, if alive, attends the annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony and makes a speech, just like the players do.

The rules change from time to time, as do the election procedures, but this is the bottom line. The current policy is seriously flawed. "Team-specific announcers" like Ernie, Skip and Pete can only be considered every three years. (In the other years, "pioneers" and "national announcers" are the only ones in the running.) Even then, only one of them would be eligible to win. This has effectively kept our Braves guys on the outside looking in. The 2020 award, to be decided upon and announced later this year, is the last chance for our guys until 2023.

Only one Braves announcer from any era (Boston, Milwaukee and Atlanta) has won the award. That is Milo Hamilton, who was hired and fired by several teams, including the Braves, during his long career. The Yankees and Dodgers are represented by four announcers each,

while the White Sox and Cubs each have three. Surprised?

Vin Scully, certainly quite deserving, won the award in 1982, after 32 years with the Dodgers. Each of the Braves' big three served at least that long: Ernie 39, Pete 33, and Skip 32. They all worked only for the Braves, unlike some honorees who bounced from team to team.

When you consider the fact that this trio brought Braves baseball to a massive audience for more than thirty years, and did it very well, it is hard to believe they have been shunned by Cooperstown. Sadly, if and when they make it, none will be around to savor the moment. This is an oversight the Ford Frick Award committee needs to correct. All three should be honored with the award, at the same time. Ernie, Pete and Skip were, are, and will always be Hall of Fame-caliber, and their fans across the nation should make some noise on their behalf.

The Frick Award Committee members will cast their ballots in November, and the results will be announced during the Baseball Winter Meetings in December. Braves fans, let your voices be heard!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOC ignores public trust goal with purchase of Nelson Heights property

To the editor:

Recently, Newton County government unveiled its Strategic Plan for the future. Among its goals is to "cultivate a culture of trust." The Board of Commissioners made a mockery of that goal when they approved the purchase of more property in the Nelson Heights Community at a special called meeting on June 27.

At its regular meeting June 18, the BOC voted to table this purchase and reconsider it at their August meeting. It was obvious then that some commissioners had not been given all the background about the purchase at their executive session.

The 1.9-acre lot being purchased is across Laseter Street from the Nelson Heights Community Center, long operated by the Henderson fam-

ily. The land is owned by the Rising Son Christian Church of which Commissioner J.C. Henderson is or was a prominent member. Henderson claimed the property is needed for recreational facilities to be funded by SPLOST. However, the county already owns 14 acres and the city owns another 54 acres on that same street, which means more property is not necessary.

The church property was independently appraised for \$17,000-19,100 but the county agreed to pay \$30,000 for it. According to the County's Forensic Report of 2016, Rising Son Church and Commissioner Henderson sold other property to the county in 2014 with a \$11,000 lien still attached. The report also stated that the church owed \$3,000 for rental of the Nelson Heights Center. In short, taxpayers lost about \$14,000,

which should have been considered when the offer was made for the 1.9 acres. That did not happen.

As stated earlier, the BOC wisely decided at its June 18 regular meeting to table the purchase for more study. Fast forward to June 26 and the BOC announced a special called meeting for June 27, 2019. The announced agenda said "Property Acquisition" with no further details. Interested citizens had to dig for information about the special meeting to finally learn that the Nelson Heights acquisition was to be reconsidered. Apparently, Chairman Marcello Banes had already signed a contract agreeing to the \$30,000 purchase, so the BOC had to approve or disapprove the contract within 30 days. That information was not revealed to the public at the June 18 meeting.

With a one-day public notice and a vague meeting agenda, the BOC voted 3 to 2 to approve the purchase of the Rising Son Church Property. Only six citizens were present to witness this breach of the public's trust. Commissioners Schulz and Edwards voted no due to legitimate concerns about the price and the need for the property. Commissioners Henderson, Mason and Cowan voted to buy it. Mr. Cowan even admitted that he was likely going against the wishes of his District 5 constituents. And, yes, Henderson voted despite an obvious conflict of interest.

The 2020 elections will soon be here. Let's remember these actions when the time comes to vote.

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Social Circle swears in new superintendent



David Clemons
The Covington
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Robbie Hooker signs his oath of office Wednesday to prepare to become the next superintendent of the Social Circle City Schools. Hooker begins the job Monday morning. 'We are looking for great things here in Social Circle,' he said. Judge Jerry Foster, right, administered the oath of office.

THREETS

■ FROM 1A

to stimulate our youth, leading to higher matriculation rates, as well as preparing youth for post-secondary educational goals and aspirations.

"All of our students are not prepared for college or other opportunities upon graduation. As the saying goes, 'It takes a village to raise a child;' thus it will take our entire community to best prepare them for life," he said. "That begins with en-

couraging our youth to participate and lead community activities, engage in new partnerships for cutting edge educational opportunities, and better prepare our youth for successful transitions into society as well as adulthood."

Professionally, Threets has a well-established and impressive background in leadership with the medical, business and spiritual fields. Having deep roots in Morgan and Putnam counties, he began his career in physical therapy with the Morgan Memorial and Putnam General Hospitals. While there, Threets devel-

oped his skills and phenomenal patient satisfaction which allowed him to work with prominent physicians and eventually relocate to Maryland where he became part of the first trauma program in the United States. From there, Threets was recruited to New Jersey where he was Practice Administrator for the second largest multi-disciplinary healthcare center in the state. Threets was responsible for 250 employees including physicians, specialists, nurse practitioners, mental health professionals, medical staff, and support personnel with an operating budget in excess of \$32

million annually.

In seeking new challenges, Threets decided to transition to the private sector where he climbed the corporate ladder quickly and was recognized on the national level for his achievements. His leadership significantly increased new business, positively impacted revenue, and lead in customer retention.

In 2008, Threets decided to relocate his family back to Covington and not too soon after that, he accepted the call to ministry.

He received his training from the Luther Rice College and Seminary, in

addition to receiving his masters degree in apologetics. He continues to study toward his masters in divinity.

Today, Threets is a licensed and ordained minister and serves his community as a volunteer chaplain at the Piedmont Newton Hospital. He also provides worship services at The Oaks Assisted Living Center on Highway 142 in Covington.

Threets is a husband of 27 years to Kia and father of two young adults educated in the Covington (Newton) School System and are now undergraduate students in Georgia.

HORTON

■ FROM 1A

manager and police chief.

"There are many things that occurred while I was at the city of Covington that I am proud of, too many in fact to list here. However, a number of achievements that I was, to some extent, involved in while employed at the city are worthy of mentioning. While serving as city manager, Covington became a City of Ethics. While serving as public works director, I along with other city and county personnel worked together whereby the city of Covington obtained the 'Signature Communities' designation along with joint partner Newton County. In 2003, the city was named a 'City of Excellence.' In 2005, the city of Covington received an award for planning monies as a result of being named

a recipient of the Atlanta Regional Commission's 'Livable Centers Initiative Program.'

"Additionally, while serving as city manager, Covington was named one of only three cities in the entire country to have four departments as nationally accredited agencies. This occurred when the E911 and public works operations, in addition to the police and fire departments, also became accredited. In 2007, Covington was named a top 20 finalist in the prestigious and national 'All America Cities Award Program.' Through joint efforts put forth by me and other 'Leadership Collaborative' members, Covington and various other local governments within Newton County now operate on the same budget cycle which allows for better joint venture opportunities and joint financial planning efforts.

"While serving as police chief, the Covington Police

Department provided daily assistance with security for the 1996 Olympics that was held in Atlanta and was in charge of providing security for that portion of the Olympic Torch Run that came through Covington and the associated downtown festival. Between 2005 and 2009 I had direct oversight of the Covington Airport expansion activities where the runway was extended from 4,200 feet to 5,500 feet. The airport expansion efforts also included multiple land acquisitions that would later become necessary in the relocation of the Airport Terminal Building to its present-day location. In 2012, I was named Local Government Administrator of the Year by the Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center and one of Newton County's Shining Lights."

Outside of his accomplishments, Horton said he is most proud of the relationships he

was able to develop with the citizens, business people and employees of the city of Covington.

"Each one of you is more than just another face to me," he said. "While serving you, I always did my absolute best to ensure that you were treated compassionately and fairly. If you elect me as your mayor you can expect the same from me in the future."

Horton admitted that his career with the city of Covington wasn't always easy.

"In December 2007, while serving as city manager, the nation including the city of Covington experienced the start of what was obviously one of the worst economic recessions that has taken place in the last 100 years," he said. "With the help of others at the city of Covington, utility and tax rates were kept as low as possible. Though we did evaluate and hold off on filling some non-critical positions

whenever associated employees resigned or retired, we never exposed employees to layoffs or reduced work weeks as did numerous other public and private sector employers during the same time period."

Horton said some citizens have raised concerns of tough economic times that may lay ahead for the city.

"If true, some difficult decision making may be required," he said. "Certainly, and in all cases, government leaders can and should do more to manage and/or scrutinize how we expend government resources. 'Buying what you need and needing what you buy' are good foundations to work from."

"Additionally, we should do more work on improving how Covington partners with other governments, quasi-governmental entities, and private businesses to maximize taxpayer and/or ratepayer monies and resources. Though a

lot has been done, more work can and should be done, along with our community partners, to define and strengthen our local economic development efforts and bring more and better paying job opportunities to our community."

Horton said he looks forward to meeting as many people as possible during the campaign process.

"I worked at the city of Covington during both very good times and very bad times," he said. "Good leadership skills and behavior were critical during both. Ultimately, I believe we need to have our eyes and thoughts set on how we can work together to make things here in Covington truly better for our citizens."

For more information on Horton's campaign, follow his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Vote-Steve-Horton-Mayor-for-City-of-Covington-763167484100733/>.

BAGGETT

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needs to absorb a portion of these increases."

Baggett said maintaining growth in Covington's downtown is one of her top priorities.

"The continued growth of our Downtown Square will also be an-

other priority of mine," she said. "As someone who built and managed a business on the square, I know the challenges that our merchants are facing. The City Council must find a way to provide additional parking downtown and put policies in place that will let our business owners know they're a priority."

"Covington is an amazing place and our close proximity to Atlanta makes us a prime spot for devel-

opment. We must support quality growth and move away from the multitude of apartment complexes that are continually getting zoned. Our zoning regulations need to be tightened and we need to work to build high-quality residential developments that can grow our tax digest. Covington is home to multi-billion dollar corporations, like General Mills and SKC, and I want their employees to call Covington home,

not Lake Oconee or Walton County."

Baggett was born and raised in Covington. She is a graduate of Valdosta State University. She's a life long member of Covington First United Methodist Church and a devoted mother to her only daughter, Madelyn Baggett. She was the owner and operator of Trinkets, which was located on the square in Covington.

In 2012, she moved to Daufuskie, South Carolina for several years to

run the day to day operations of a local golf course. She's also a founding investor in Daufuskie Island Rum Company. She retired in 2016 and moved back to Covington full time. She currently serves on the boards of Alcovy CASA and Action Ministry.

"I truly love living in Covington and I'm committed to working to ensure that Covington remains successful, strong and a great place to raise a family," she said.

CUSHING

■ FROM 1A

dren's Healthcare of Atlanta within an hour of her birth where she stayed for two weeks. During that time, Mandie and Micah stayed in hotels and slept in a hospital recliner so they could be close to her. They only saw their other children about four times during those two weeks.

"When you walked in to see her, she was this big," Mandie said through tears as she showed, with her hands, just how small Liza June had been.

"She was itty bitty," Micah said.

Their daughter had to be fed through a tube and needed a ventilator to breathe. It was hard watching their newborn daughter struggle, and Mandie "had to watch a really strong man be broken" as her husband kept holding out hope for their daughter to be okay.

"I knew at that moment when he was still holding on that I had to be the one to make him let go," Mandie said.

"I felt selfish," Micah said. "I don't think without the medical assistance and them keeping her alive, I don't think that she would have done that on her own." He added that "it

hadn't sunk in yet that it wasn't fair for her."

The doctors showed their support for any decision the couple made in regards to their child, and Mandie knew that meant her daughter would not be getting better. The decision was made to let go - the feeding tube was removed and Liza June was unhooked from the ventilator.

Mandie and Micah took turns holding their daughter as she passed away. It was a two and a half hour process that left them heartbroken.

"We felt helpless," Mandie said.

"I remember panicking," Micah said. "You want to help."

Liza June Cushing died March 1, 2019.

The Covington Fire Department gave Micah an extended amount of leave as he and his family grieved for the loss of their daughter. The department also donated money to the family, which paid for most of the funeral and the flower arrangement for the gravesite.

"All I could see were police uniforms and fireman uniforms at the viewing," Mandie said. "I was lost in a cloud of faces because all I remember is every single one of them were in uniform."

Mandie does not remember much of the funeral; however,



she does remember the line of ambulances, firetrucks and police cars behind them as they drove to the gravesite in Newborn where the owner of Newborn Memorial Cemetery donated a plot. Rockdale Fire Department covered the department so the entire team at the Covington Fire Department could be in attendance.

"It was like out of a movie," Mandie said.

"Every truck in the city

came to the gravesite," Micah said. "It was very overwhelming."

"When they say that the firemen have a brotherhood, you don't really take that to heart until you see something like that happen," Mandie added.

The Covington Fire Department continued to reach out after the funeral, making sure Micah and his family were doing ok. Gift cards, money and



small gifts were sent to the family from city employees and local groups in Covington.

"I'm overly thankful that my husband works for the city of Covington," Mandie said. "No county, no city and no other department would have given the support, the donation and the respect that the city offered."

"They taught me through this what brotherhood really

means," Micah said. "People just came together, and it really was like I was their brother and they were taking care of me." Micah also said, "I don't feel like even 'Thank you' can ever put into words what it meant to us."

As they continue on with their lives, Mandie and Micah will forever hold the memory of their daughter and the actions of their Covington family close to heart.



Left: Lance Flynn takes off in his Cessna 414 Saturday as one of the first planes to use the new Covington Municipal Airport runway. **Right:** The Covington Municipal Airport runway is officially open after a widening project.



Jackie Gutknecht | The Covington News

Covington Airport runway extension, widening project ready for takeoff

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The Covington Airport is officially ready for takeoff, as Saturday marked the re-opening of its runway after the completion of a runway extension and widening project.

The runway was widened from 75 feet to 100 feet and extended 500 feet.

"The intent is not to attract larger aircraft but to invest in our infrastructure," Airport

Manager John King said.

The total project, which was 75% state-funded, totaled \$3,045,939.55 and only cost the city \$761,373.38. King said the city will see an immediate return on that investment through pilot and passenger safety.

"You cannot put a price on that," he said.

The airport will also see an increase in fuel sales because of the project.

"Aircraft will be able to take on more fuel because of

the longer runway," he said.

King said the airport's next project will be the installation of taxiway light, MALSR Approach Lighting System and LED PAPI Approach (glide slope) lights.

"This approach lighting system will greatly enhance life safety at the airport," he said.

Reopening the runway with this extension and widening project complete helps give Covington and Newton County the upper hand when

it comes to new business recruitment.

"Often, companies that are searching for new opportunities to relocate/startup look to see if there is an airport nearby," King said. "Covington/ Newton County will have an advantage when it comes to recruiting companies to relocate/startup in our community. The Chamber's Economic Development team does a great job promoting the airport to potential projects."

David Bernd, vice president of Covington/Newton County Economic Development, agreed and said the airport is a "critical economic engine for our entire region" and will give his office the ability to "recruit higher-end industries and jobs."

"KCV's new terminal and the newly expanded runway will be a significant generator of economic development for all of east metro Atlanta, for decades to come," he said.

Covington Mayor Ronnie

Johnston said the project will have a "tremendous" impact on the city.

"As we continue to position ourselves for economic growth, having a runway wide enough to handle corporate jets is a necessity," Covington Mayor Ronnie Johnston said. "We have a first-class airport already, but the impact this widening project will have on future economic development expansions and new projects will be tremendous."

Former GBI agent sentenced on mail fraud

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A former state law enforcement inspector will serve just over one year in federal prison for making more than 325 personal charges totaling more than \$60,000 on government credit cards.

Sandra J. Stevens, 46, of Covington, worked for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation from 1994 until 2016. She once served as the special agent in charge of the Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit, in charge of about 25 employees, and an inspector of the Investigative Division, over about 55 GBI employees in a job that paid her more than \$100,000 per year.

"No member of law enforcement is above the law," U.S. Attorney Byung J. "BJay" Pak said.

"Stevens traded the years of distinguished service and trust that she built as an agent for personal gain. Citizens must have confidence in the integrity of those entrusted with law enforcement power."

Stevens — formerly known as Sandra J. Putnam — received a purchasing card from the GBI in 1998 and was promoted to the position of special agent a year later.

Prosecutors said that between 2013 and 2016, Stevens used her P-card and those of other GBI employees to make unauthorized purchases of goods and services for the personal benefit of herself and others, including a seven-piece dining set (\$562.99), a cornhole game set (\$229.99), two chaise lounge chairs (\$399.99) and a 65-inch ultra HD smart television set (\$1,597.99).

She also submitted altered receipts to the



Sandra J. Stevens

GBI, changing the description of the items purchased and/or the addresses to which the items were shipped.

Prosecutors said on May 27, 2016, Stevens used another GBI employee's P-card to buy a \$930.12 sofa from Amazon.com and have it delivered to her home in Covington. She then submitted a false receipt to the state, claiming the order was for 12 anti-spyware software discs which were to be shipped to the GBI headquarters in Decatur.

The U.S. attorney's office became involved because federal grant money from the departments of Justice and Homeland Security were affected.

Stevens pleaded guilty Jan. 3 to mail fraud. District Judge Steve C. Jones sentenced Stevens this week to one year and one day in prison, to be followed by two years of supervised release.

"It is imperative sworn officers obey the law while they enforce the law," GBI Director Vic Reynolds said. "This sentence sends a clear message that public corruption will not be tolerated and the violators, no matter who they are, will be held accountable."

A grand jury indicted Stevens in 2018 on four counts of mail fraud and three counts of federal program theft.



NCSS earns district-wide 'No Place For Hate' designation

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Newton County School System is one of only two districts in not only Georgia but also the Southern Region to earn the designation as a "No Place For Hate" system by the Anti-Defamation League as each school in the district participates in the program.

No Place for Hate is an initiative of the Anti-Defamation League offered free to schools. The initiative is designed to rally the entire school around the goal of creating a welcoming community committed to stopping all forms of bias and bullying. Upon completion of the required program components, schools receive a No Place for Hate banner that can be proudly displayed in the school.

Ms. Erin Beacham, education director for the ADL, was on hand recently to present NCSS Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey with the district banner; she also awarded banners to each new school that participated in the program during the 2018-2019 school year. Sev-

eral schools—Clements Middle, East Newton Elementary, Fairview Elementary, Live Oak Elementary, Livingston Elementary, Porterdale Elementary, and Newton County Theme School—have participated in the ADL-sponsored program for multiple years and received flags to attach to their existing No Place For Hate banners.

"Implementation of the No Place for Hate program is actually included in our school system's strategic plan," Amie Cumming, NCSS student services coordinator, said. "The program is designated as an initiative to help improve school climate and thus increase the high school graduation rate. It provides a framework for creating activities geared at fighting bias, bullying and hatred among students. Through No Place for Hate, students learn acceptance and tolerance, which leads to creating and maintaining a positive school climate."

"No Place for Hate is a year-long bullying prevention program," Beacham said. "It's one piece of the puzzle. No Place for Hate is about build-

ing safe and brave and inclusive schools for everyone.

"I used to say it's about all students and then I realized it's about everybody. It's about the students and the administration and the Board of Education and the parents. It's about everybody that is in the community. So just to think that you all are doing this district-wide, again, it's not just about your individual schools, it's about saying that Newton County is doing this and we are getting this buy-in from everybody in our community, which is pretty incredible."

"I am so proud of each of our schools for achieving this milestone," Fuhrey said. "To be one of only two districts in the entire Southern Service Region of the Anti-Defamation League to achieve the district 'No Place for Hate' banner is especially remarkable. Congratulations to each of our schools; I am excited about our continued emphasis to ensure our students attend schools that are focused on creating environments in which all students thrive."

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FAQ: Covington prepares for Stars & Stripes Fest

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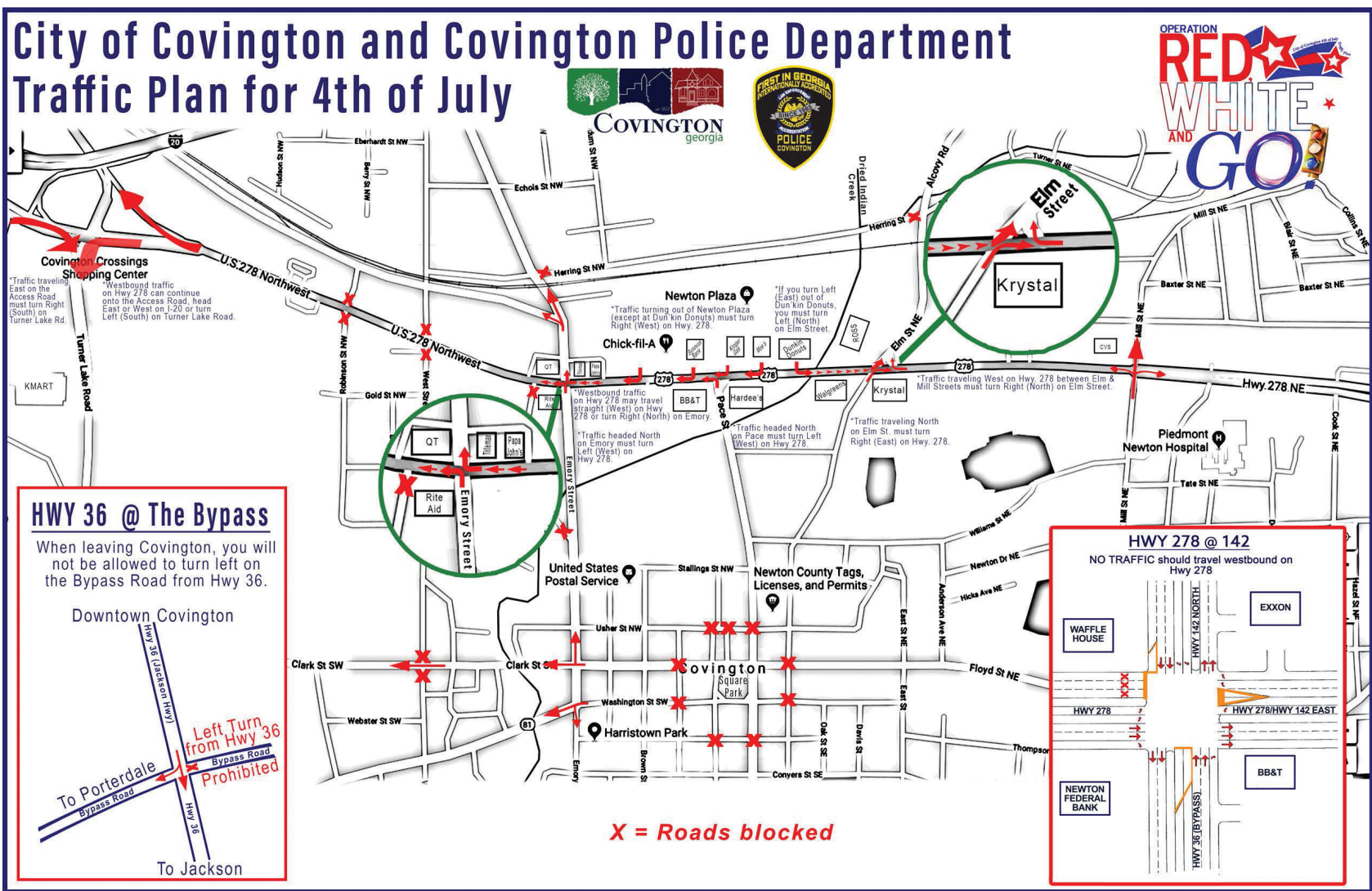
With thousands of guests descending on the City of Covington for the annual Stars and Stripes Fest presented by the City of Covington and JACO Contracting, Covington officials are releasing important information for anyone planning on enjoying one of the south's best fireworks displays.

When does the event start and what activities are planned?

Featuring a full slate of entertainment, shopping and activities, the event officially kicks off at 3 p.m. on July 4. DJ 'Kid Tree' will provide tunes and at 5 p.m. Latin Jazz band Canelita Sabrosa will take the stage. At 6 p.m., the Newton County Community Band & Mass Community Choir will perform crowd favorites and at 7 p.m. local band The Maloy Brothers Bluegrass Band performs. The headlining band Funk Factory 5 is set to perform everything from R&B to Motown to Pop and everything in between at 8 p.m.

In addition to the one-of-a-kind retail stores surrounding the Covington square, a full card of vendors will also be on-site offering everything from clothes to glow items. The vendor midway is located at the intersection of Clark and Pace Streets. Food vendors will also be available to offer even more dining choices than already exist around the Square. Food vendors are located at the intersection of Washington and Church Streets.

Inflatable bounce houses,



a video game truck, appearances from your favorite Disney & Marvel characters and countless more activities will be available throughout the day.

Where can I park? What about ADA Compliant parking?

Parking is available in any public parking lot, the parking deck off Elm Street and on-street parking where typically allowed. Parking in public lots is left to the discretion of the owners of those lots. ADA compli-

ant parking is available in the BB&T Bank parking lot on Clark Street. Golf carts will not be allowed on the Square after 4 p.m.

Golf cart shuttles provided by JACO Contracting and Fat Boys Golf Carts will be patrolling the north and south side of the square ready to assist event-goers as well.

What if I have an issue once I am at the event?

Countless Covington police, firefighters and employees will be visible for

the duration of the event. Help areas will be located on each corner of the Square and a command post will be located indoors at the corner of Clark and Washington Streets.

Just how big is the fireworks show?

According to Friends of Covington Fireworks, LLC Chairman Robert Foxworth, the "show is going to be the biggest display Covington has ever seen. We have added a fourth shooting location and six-inch shells will accompany the three, four and five-inch shell the crowd typically sees. The total cost of this show is \$50,000."

What about traffic leaving the event?

For the 2017 edition of Stars and Stripes Fest, city officials implemented "Operation Red, White and Go!," a traffic masterplan designed to alleviate vehicular congestion for those leaving the event.

"Last year, the Operation Red, White and Go! traffic plan did exactly what it was

intended to do and helped ease traffic congestion," City Manager Leigh Anne Knight said. "Like everything we do, we discussed the successes and possible points of improvement of the plan and made some minor changes for this year's version. We are confident everyone attending will see an improvement in post-event traffic flow this year and that is the goal. To get improve every year."

Featuring traffic alterations for the majority of the city, Operation Red, White and Go! is designed to make traffic egress as expeditious as possible and lane closures will begin to go into effect at 8:15 p.m. on July 4. Everyone is encouraged to be in place before the traffic plan goes into effect. Spectators should note that how they traveled to their destination may be different from the route they are directed to for their travel back home. Below are high-lights from the plan, which can be viewed in its entirety at www.cityofcovington.org.

Access Road @ Turner

Lake Road

Traffic will not be allowed to travel east on Highway 278 from this intersection. All traffic will have to turn onto I-20 West or turn south on Turner Lake Road or continue west on the access road. Traffic heading west upon entering this intersection may turn in any direction.

West Street @ Highway 278

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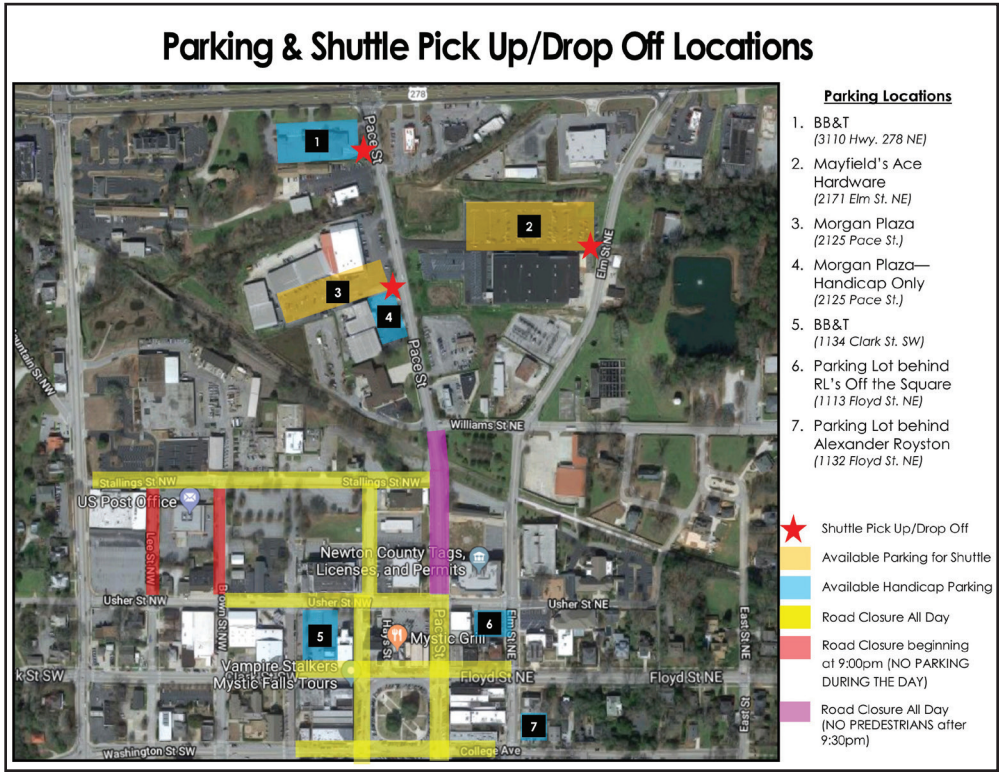
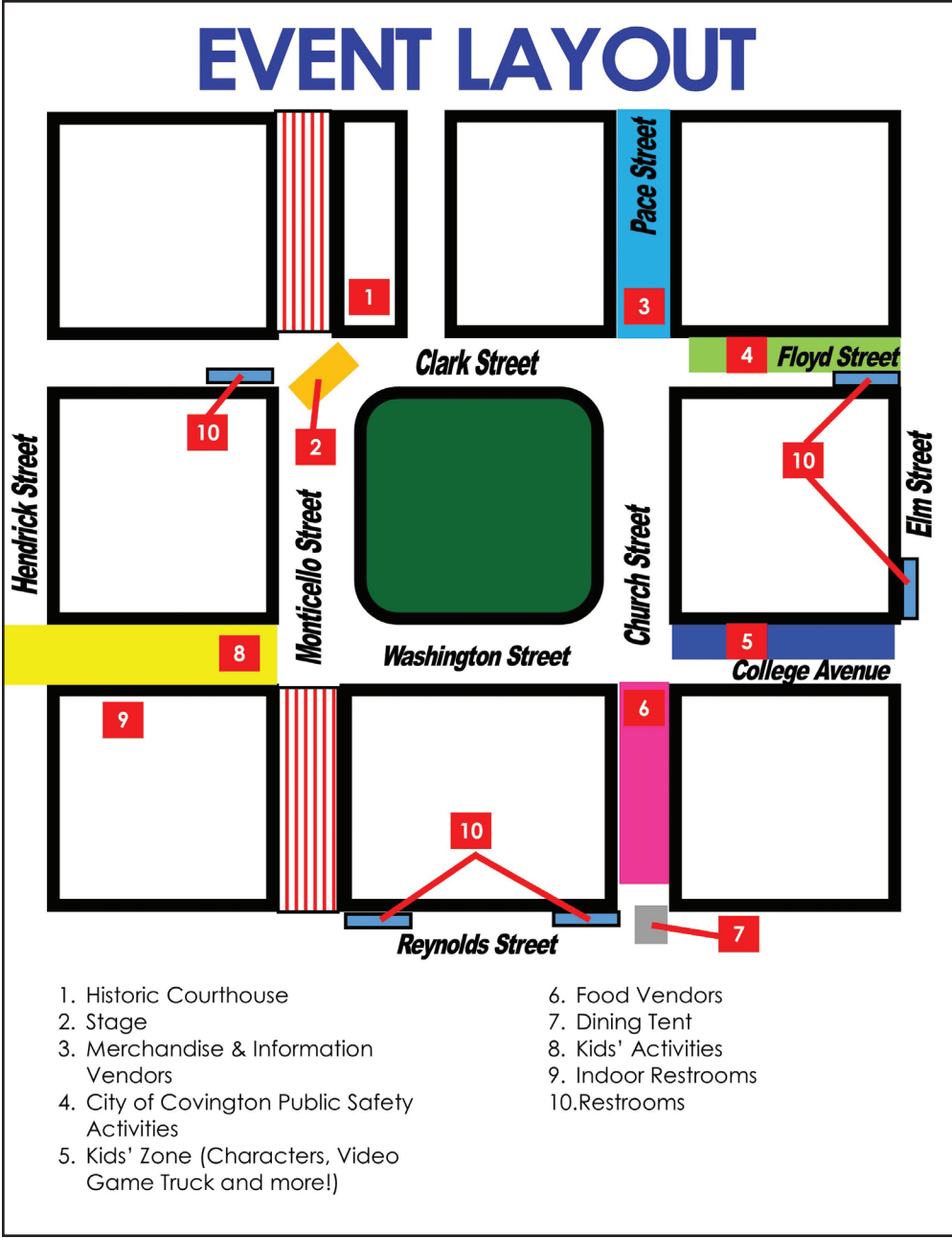
Emory Street @ Highway 278

Traffic traveling west on Highway 278 will be allowed to turn onto Emory Street, north bound. Traffic traveling south on Emory Street will be directed west on Highway 278.

Newton Plaza

If exiting from Newton Plaza (with the exception of the far-east entrance/exit), vehicles will travel west-bound only. If exiting the far-east entrance/exit (near

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Oxford gears up for the annual Fourth of July parade

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The annual July 4th parade is right around the corner.

If you are planning to register for the parade, registrations begin at 9 a.m. at the corner of Allen Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 803 Whatcoat St., Oxford. Any participant in the parade must sign a liability waiver and adhere to the rules set forth by the City of Oxford and Oxford Lions Club:

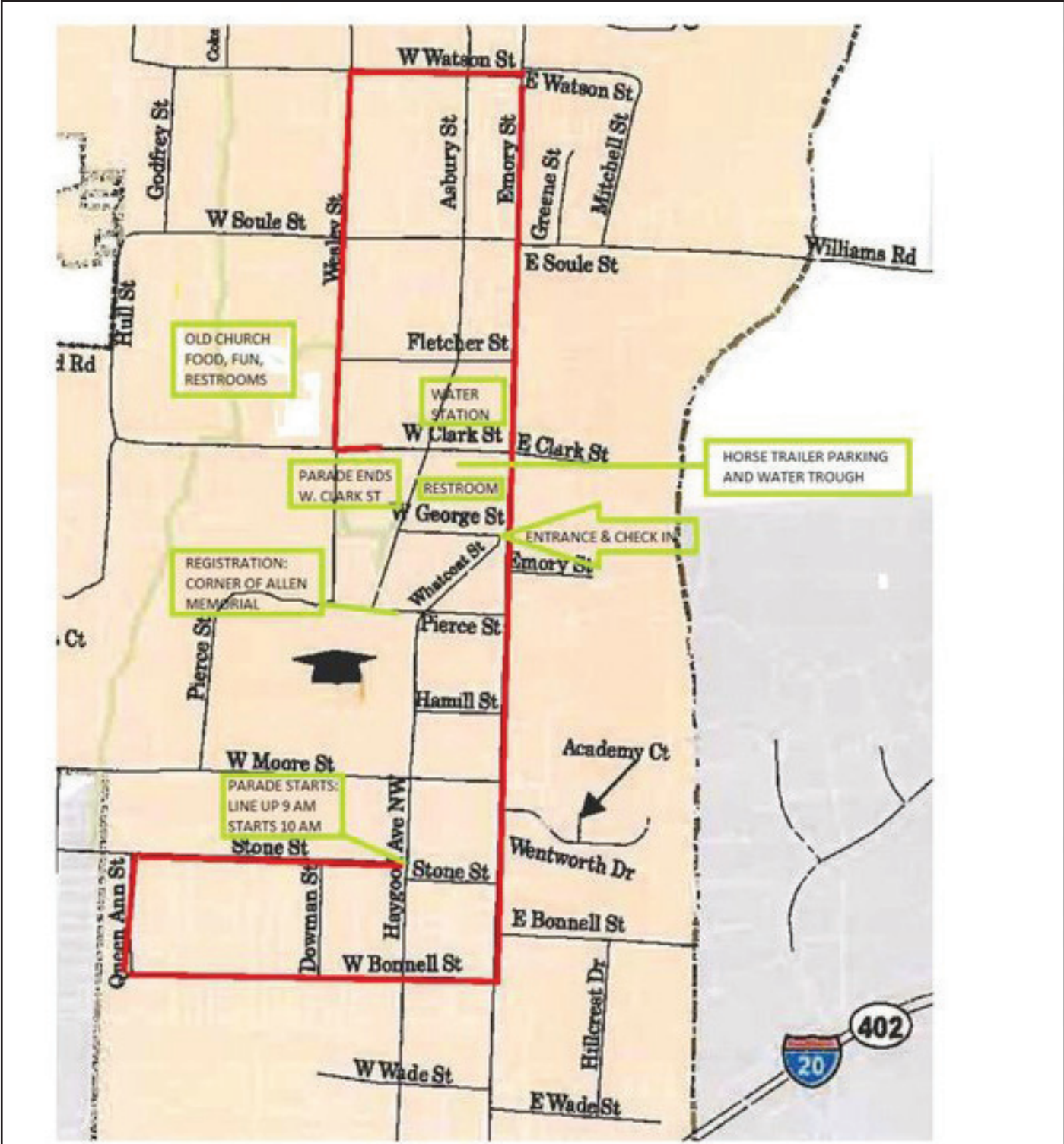
- No one will be allowed to drive a vehicle in the parade without a valid Georgia Driver's License and must be over the age of 18. No tractor trailers allowed or mobile homes/recreational vehicles.
- All children riding on floats and vehicles must be accompanied by an adult.
- It is requested that all entries be decorated in a holiday theme.
- Participants who act, or use music or language that is deemed offensive by the organizers (Oxford Lions Club and the City of Oxford) will be removed from the parade.
- All entries must be lined up and in position as directed by the committee no later than 10 a.m. If you wish to be judged, you must be registered and in the line-up by 9:30 a.m.
- One decorated float is allowed per commercial entry, unless granted prior approval by the committee.
- Candy cannot be thrown from floats. Walkers through the parade route can pass candy or favors.
- Drivers of all vehicles will adhere to parade committee instructions at all times and will follow the directions of the parade route, maintaining a distance of 30 feet between vehicles.
- Participants must display parade number issued at registration.
- All animals must be on a leash or rein at all times.
- Rules and Liability Waiver must be signed by responsible representative of group.

The parade will begin on the corner of Haygood Avenue and Stone Street and will end on West Clark Street.

First and second place ribbons will be presented for the best in class for the following: equine/equine group, car, lawnmower, float, bicycle, truck, antique tractor and go-kart/ATV. Participants, who want to be judged, should be registered and in line no later than 9 a.m.

After the parade, activities will be held at the Old Church, located at 1011 Wesley St., Oxford. The area churches will provide refreshments, popcorn will be provided by the Oxford City Hall and watermelon will be provided by the Boy Scouts and the Oxford Lions Club.

There will be a musical performance by The Josh Millwood Band.



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The City of Oxford and Oxford Lions Club will host the annual Fourth of July Parade and Celebration, Thursday, July 4th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Line formation begins at 9:00 a.m. on Haygood Avenue. Family fun and events at Old Church on Wesley Street following the parade. For more information please contact City Hall at (770)-786-7004, or visit our website at www.Oxfordgeorgia.org.





TOP TWENTY EVENTS

SOUTHEAST TOURISM SOCIETY

Southeast Tourism Society selects Stars & Stripes Fest as a ‘STS Top 20 Event’

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Southeast Tourism Society has named Stars & Stripes Fest one of the STS Top 20 Events in the Southeast for July 2019.

This year's Stars & Stripes Fest presented by the city of Covington and JACO Contracting is July 4. The STS Top 20 Festival and Event Awards have highlighted programs around the Southeast since 1985.

Travel industry experts select 20 events per month, and STS publicizes them throughout the United States. The complete list is published on two websites: Southeast Tourism Society and Travel Media Press Room.

“We’re so excited to receive this honor for Stars & Stripes Fest from the Southeast Tourism Society,” Lauren Singleton, director of Main Street Covington, said. “We always enjoy welcoming residents and visitors to Downtown Covington every year for this fun event.”

“The Top 20 Festival and Event Program is celebrating 34 years of spotlighting the best festivals and events in the Southeast. Our goal is to provide well-deserved accolades for the dedicated event organizers and additional media exposure for their events,” Monica Smith, president and CEO of the Southeast Tourism Society, said. “The Southeast offers so many unique, year-round, opportunities for attendees to create memories and support an industry that is an economic generator for its community.”

Events considered for the STS Top 20 recognition must be at least three years old and have an attendance of at least 1,000. The online nomination link and submission deadlines are available at Southeast-Tourism.org or by calling 770-542-1523.

STS, founded in 1983 and headquartered in Roswell, Ga., is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting travel and tourism within 12 states – Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Main Street Covington would like to thank a few of the sponsors for Stars & Stripes Fest 2019: the city of Covington, GA, JACO Contracting Inc, High Priority Plumbing - Metro Atlanta, Active Pest Control (Conyers), Newton County, Turning Point Church, Fat Boy's Golf Carts & Powersports - Covington, GA Location, Beauty Bar Med Spa, Bulldog Tire Company, Piedmont Newton Hospital, Planet Fitness, Snapping Shoals EMC, Synovus Bank, The Arts Association in Newton County, The Covington News, United Bank of Covington, Wright Expressions Photography LLC and Christina Dahn Designs.

For more information or updates follow Main Street Covington on Facebook and Instagram @downtowncovingtonga and use our hashtag #CovGa4th. You can also visit <https://downtowncovington.wixsite.com/july4th>.

Stay the day and light the night in downtown Covington

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Are you ready for an unforgettable experience on the Fourth of July? Stay the day and light the night in Downtown Covington!

Stars and Stripes Fest 2019 presented by the City of Covington and JACO Contracting, Inc. will feature performances by Funk Factory 5, The Maloy Brothers Bluegrass Band, the Newton County Community Band & Mass Choir and Latin jazz band Canelita Sabrosa.

Several activities for kids of all ages will be available such as large inflatables, spider jump, a dunking booth presented by the Covington Fire Department, a cow train, a video game trailer and so much more. Some of these activities will be available for a fee; however, the event admission is absolutely free.

Food vendors will also be available and will be selling a variety of options such as pizza, hotdogs and hamburgers, barbeque and even “gator-on-a-stick” along with ice cream, shaved ice, and Italian Ice to wash it down. If you have a craving for your favorite Downtown Covington restaurants, they will be open as well as some of the retail stores with special Fourth of July promotions. Arrive early

in the day and do some shopping around the Square.

JACO Contracting Inc. and Fat Boys Golf Carts will have limited golf cart shuttles throughout downtown during the event. Designated handicap parking will be available at the downtown branch of BB&T which is located at 1134 Clark Street SW as well as the BB&T location on Highway 278. The golf cart pickup and drop off locations will be at both BB&T locations, the Elm St. side of Mayfield’s Ace Hardware, and Morgan Plaza.

Light the night with one of the Southeast’s largest firework displays starting around 9:40 p.m. The fireworks display is presented by the City of Covington and Friends of Covington Fireworks, LLC.

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Event Schedule

3:00pm	Event Begins
3:30pm	DJ Kid Tree
5:00pm	Canelita Sabrosa (Latin Jazz music)
6:00pm	Newton County Community Band & Community Mass Choir (Patriotic music)
7:00pm	The Maloy Brothers Bluegrass Band (Bluegrass music)
8:00pm	Funk Factory 5 (R&B, Soul & Funk music)
9:40pm	National Anthem and Fireworks

Fireworks Display presented by
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All times are approximate and may change the day of the event.

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For the most up to date information, please follow Main Street Covington on social media at [www.facebook.com/downtowncovingtonga](#) or [@downtowncovingtonga](#). Be sure to use the event’s official hashtag #Cov-

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GA4th. If you have any questions, please send them to [lsingleton@newtonchamber.com](#).

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Dunkin’ Donuts) traffic will be directed east on Highway 278 then north on Alcovy Rd. The center turn lane will also be a westbound lane, creating three lanes of travel on Highway 278.

Pace Street @ Highway

278

All traffic traveling north from the Square and surrounding area will turn west on Highway 278. No traffic will travel east on Highway 278. All five traffic lanes will travel west towards I-20.

Elm Street @ Highway

278

Motorists traveling westbound on Highway 278

prior to the Elm Street intersection must turn north onto Elm Street / Alcovy Road. Northbound traffic on Elm Street prior to the Highway 278 intersection must turn eastbound on Highway 278. Traffic will not be allowed to turn back towards the Covington Square.

Mill Street @ Highway

278

Traffic will not be allowed to travel south on Mill Street.

Floyd Street @ Highway

278

Traffic will not be allowed to travel west on Floyd Street. All traffic traveling east upon entering Highway 278 must travel east towards the Highway 142 bypass.

Highway 278 and Highway 142 Intersection

Motorists traveling westbound on Highway 278 will not be allowed to travel past the Highway 142 intersection and must turn north on Highway 142. Those traveling south on Highway 142 will not be able to turn westbound on Highway 278 and those traveling north on Highway 142 must continue traveling north or turn east on Highway 278.

Alcovy Road

All traffic will travel north on Alcovy Road. Traffic will not be permitted to travel south on Alcovy Road past the I-20 eastbound ramp.

Washington Street

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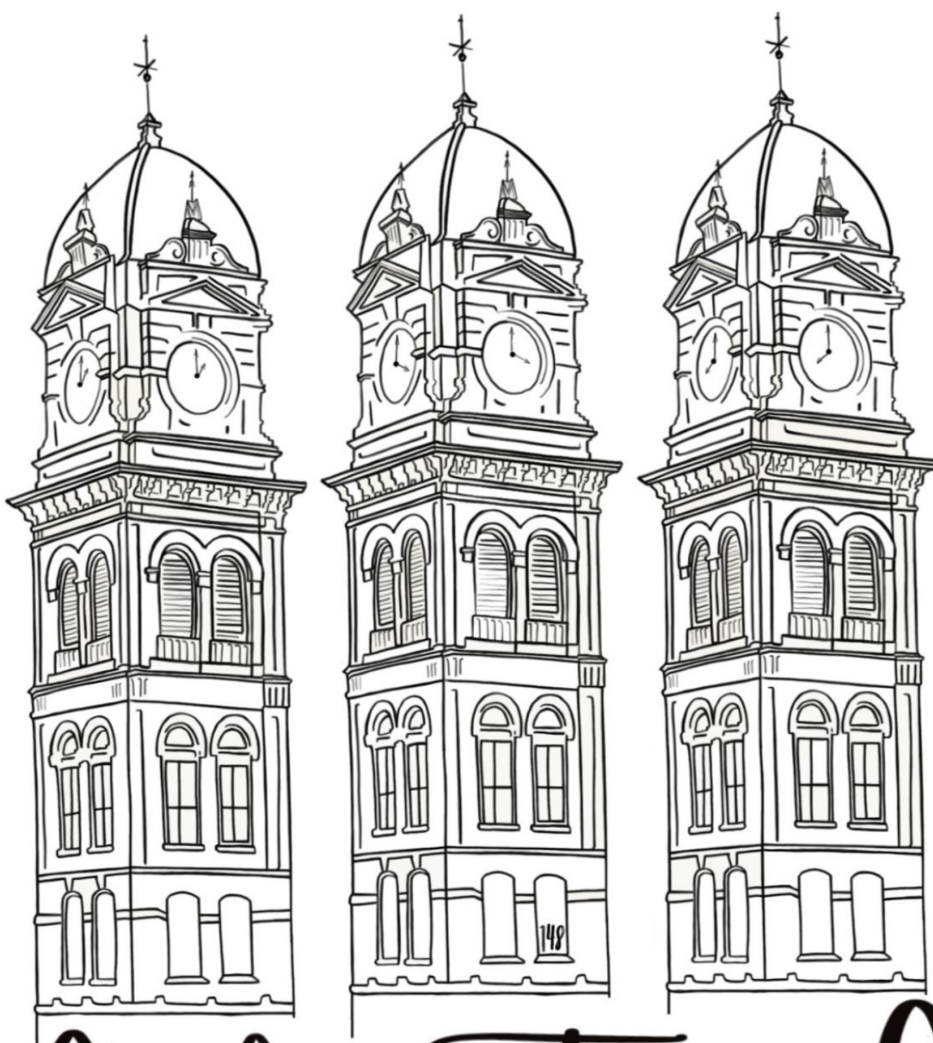
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Newton defensive back/wide receiver Diondre Glover chose Mercer over seven other schools that offered the 6-foot, 170-pound senior.

Newton’s Diondre Glover finds football home at Mercer

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Sometimes, despite the cautious time tables you set for yourself and attempts to make sure you’re not being impetuous — sometimes you just know.

After Newton senior Diondre Glover came back from his Monday visit to Mercer, the defensive back/wide receiver just knew.

Just hours after finishing up his visit to Macon, and only seven days after dropping his top five college choices, Glover made the decision to commit to Mercer, sharing it on Twitter and citing the Football Championship Subdivision school as a family atmosphere that was just right for him and his family.

“When I was a little boy, I told my momma I wanted to play in the NFL, but I knew I had to get that degree before anything,” Glover shared on Twitter. “With that being said, I’m committed to Mercer University.”

Later, Glover shared what made the Macon school so special to him.

“The environment was perfect for me and my family, and we really loved it, and the coaches brought us in like family — especially coach Adams and coach Wright,” Glover said. “I greatly appreciate them for treating us like family and making me feel like I was at home.”

Although Glover has shown a penchant for being a playmaker on both the offensive and defensive sides of the ball, it’s at defensive back where the 6-foot, 170-pound athlete intrigued Mercer recruiters.

Glover chose Mercer over seven other schools, including UNLV, UNC-Charlotte, Southeast Missouri State and Coastal Carolina.

Although Glover had originally stated he’d take all his visits and make a decision sometime in July, Glover said the hospitality of the coaching staff on his Monday visit immediately won him over.

“It felt like home when I first arrived, as

all the coaches were waiting for me and my family at the door,” Glover said. “That really showed me they wanted me there and coach Adams and coach Wright most definitely made me feel like I was at home. They’re big on family, and that’s the type of people I need around me.”

Glover is one of a handful of emerging 2020 prospects across the county that’s starting to draw more recruiting attention to the area. Glover’s role looks on both Newton’s offense and defense looks to increase drastically during the 2019 season.

Glover said he will major in audio-visual graphic design at Mercer, and is just as excited about his opportunities in Mercer’s classrooms as he is for his opportunities on the Bears’ football field. He said he still plans to take a visit to UNLV, but that doesn’t mean he isn’t fully committed to being a Bear.

“I’m looking forward to getting a great education there as well,” Glover said. “I have major love for Mercer.”

Eastside’s Byrd ‘shocked’ by first collegiate offer

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When the work is done with no anticipation of recognition or reward, but with passion, that is when the accolades come. And for Eastside’s Bryant Byrd, who received his first collegiate offer from Louisiana College recently, the work he’s put in came back to him in a tangible way.

Byrd, a rising senior offensive lineman, wasn’t looking for an offer when he attended Nick Saban’s Crimson Tide Football camp in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was only looking to get better at his game with some of the NCAA best football coaches.

“When [coach Bryan Jones] first sent me the text offering me, I was shocked at first, but then I got excited,” Byrd said.

The three-day camp hosted by Saban was a non-contact camp for high school football players that focused on individual skill work.



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Eastside’s Bryant Byrd (61) executes a block during game action last season. The offensive lineman received his first collegiate offer shortly after attending a Nick Saban-sponsored high school football camp in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The Crimson Tide coaches were in attendance, but there were other coaches also on hand -- possibly there scouting some of young, burgeoning talent.

“We split up into two groups where you had agility, Alistair type-thing, and then [across the field] you had these drills with coach [Scott] Cochran to improve your running,” Byrd said. “But after all of that, we would go outside and go through these drills, and

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SEC NOTEBOOK

New faces, rules pepper college basketball landscape

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NCAA basketball has been in the first weeks of summer workouts, and the coaches have begun to take note of the areas of focus for their respective teams.

Of special interest to most Covington and Newton County college hoops fan is the SEC as two former local players -- Ashton Hagans (Kentucky) and JD Notae (Arkansas) reside there. Several SEC coaches took time to address the media via a Thursday teleconference, providing updates as to what the next few months before the season will look like.

The consensus theme seemed to be all of the “new” coming into college basketball as a whole and particularly in the SEC. When the season begins in November, there will be a couple of new rules affecting the college game. In the SEC, there will be a number of new coaches at the head positions.

Roster construction for all 14 teams was a consistent topic for the coaches with all of the teams expected to have some marked differences in that area from this past season.

Here are some of the highlights and notes from the Thursday teleconference.

The NCAA will be moving the three-point line back.

Earlier in June, the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel agreed to move the three-point line back to 22-foot one ¼ inch – the international distance for the line. One of the main reasons for the change as cited by the PROP is to reduce the reliance of college offenses on the three-pointer while also giving the shot more value. Another by-product of the difference would be the opening up of dribble-drives and spreading the floor on offense. The change will come into effect for the 2019-20 school year, but only for Division I programs.

“The three-point line [change] I love it,” said Georgia men’s basketball coach Tom Crean. “And coming from my coaching background, we utilize the three percentage-wise, and the success with that over a period of time – we weren’t very successful with it last year. And that was disappointing to me. We spent a lot of time shooting the ball and we didn’t get the progress that I was hoping we would make. But we had the NBA line down permanently in our practice gym, so we’re really working on range a lot. I’m happy that the line is moved back, I think it plays to the spacing of the game.”

Kentucky head coach John Calipari agreed, but for a different reasons.

“I like the three-point line spreading out because the teams that – I’m not a big proponent of shooting 40 threes – and if you are, that percentage is going to go down now,” University of Kentucky head coach John Calipari said. “I think it’ll make the game more about movement and spacing and open up the lane a little bit more, so I think it’s all good. But it’ll play out.

“For young kids to say ‘that line is moving back and we’ll shoot the same’ -- I just don’t see that happening,” he continued. “I think percentages will come down, and now as a coach, you’ve got to make a choice: Are we going to shoot that many threes, or are we going to be a driving, late touch kind of team?”

Following in the footsteps of the NBA, college basketball will reset the shot clock to only 20 seconds after offensive rebounds.

Much like with the change to the three-point distance, the consensus from the coaches was that the new shot-clock rule was a welcomed change. Coaches noted that the frequency of running a new play in the NCAA after an offensive rebound as it stands is low so, the whole 20 seconds won’t be used. The speed of the game, however, looks to see an uptick -- a welcome outcome from some of the coaches.

Jerry Stackhouse will be taking over at Vanderbilt, and Erick Musselman will be the new lead man at Arkansas.

There will be few new faces on the sidelines of SEC basketball, but Stackhouse and Musselman remain as two of the most anticipated hires in the league, if not the nation. Both are former NBA players with years of basketball experience -- Musselman has previously coached in the NBA and the G-League.

The hires will add a level of attraction and talent to the coaching pool of the SEC. Stackhouse will be taking over a Vanderbilt squad that woefully underperformed last season, going 0-18 in conference play. The Razorbacks weren’t incredibly unsuccessful, but a change was made at the head coaching position. The roster will eventually look different with several transfers coming in, including Covington native and former Newton Rams 1,000 career points scorer JD Notae.

“We’re very excited about the upcoming season,”

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The Covington-based SDG Angels pose with their championship rings after winning a 12u championship this past weekend in Duluth.

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Covington 12u baseball team takes home championship

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Former Heritage High, Georgia Tech and Baltimore Oriole's organization third baseman and pitcher Andy Mitchell led his SDG Angels select travel baseball team to the Southern Sports Summer Slam 12u Championship at Shorty Howell Park in Duluth this past weekend.

The Angels, based in Covington, lost a heartbreaker to begin pool

play Saturday when they left the bases loaded in their last at-bat in a 3-2 loss to the WR Heat from Bonaire. After their opening game, the Angels plated two runs in the last inning in a come-from-behind 4-3 win over the Home Plate Ch Bulldogs of Peachtree City to advance to the single elimination Championship rounds Sunday.

On Sunday the Angels easily handled the FCA/Hitters Park Cardinals of Cumming 17-5 and the Powder Springs Silverhawks

18-2 to advance to the championship game against the Gresham Park Pirates of Decatur.

In a thrilling championship game, the Angels fought back from 1-0, 3-1 and 7-5 deficits to win the game 8-7 in walk-off fashion.

Every player contributed to the Angels title. Caden Brown had nine hits in the five games and scored eight runs. Gehrig Knapp had nine hits and stole 11 bases.

Payton Shaw scored four runs and J.D. Smith had four RBI. Luke Burnett hit a home run and drove


in four RBI. Nolan Mitchell tied the championship game with an RBI sacrifice groundout in the last inning. Braydon Smith hit two home runs and had six RBI. Byron Johnson added a home run and three RBI.

Cooper Duncan scored four runs, including the game-winner in the Championship game. Luke Smith had seven hits, including two home runs and had 8 RBI.

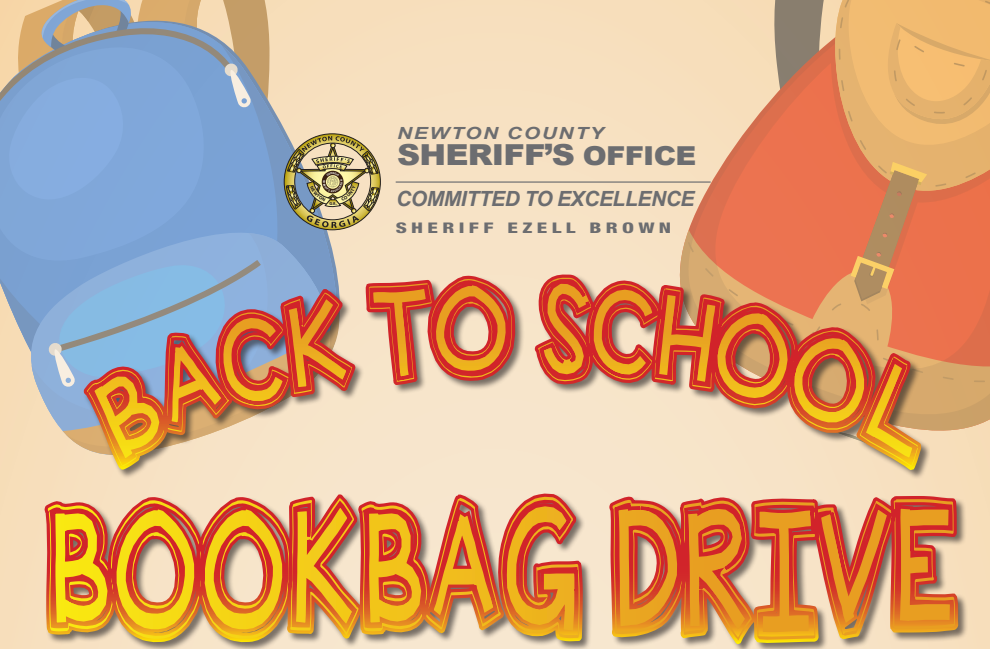
Hunter Hays hit four home runs and knocked in 12 runs while also scoring 9 runs.

The Angels' pitching staff included Knapp who was 2-0 and struck out 17 batters in eight innings pitched. Mitchell went 1-0 in relief work. Luke Smith went 1-1 and recorded the lowest ERA for SDG at 1.90. Hays struck-out six in two innings pitched, and Johnson was credited with a save.

The DHYS Red Devils from Decatur, the Hopewell Hawks from Milton and the MCBA-NJYS Mariners from Stockbridge are the others teams that filled out the 12u group of nine.



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SEC men's basketball coaches sounded off on new rule changes during Thursday's telephone press conference.

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Stackhouse said. "It was obviously a tough season, last year for our guys. But being able to sit down and talk with them and work with them this summer,

they're really excited to put last year behind them, and they're working extremely hard, and we're looking forward to the season."

Musselman said he liked the way his young program is tracking already, just a few months into his tenure.

"We've had a good off-season so far, and obvi-

ously as a new coach there's an adjustment period," Musselman said. "Trying to get to know the players, re-recruit your own roster, as well as trying to form a staff. We're moving in the right direction, the players have been working extremely hard and have great buy-in so far."

BYRD

■ FROM 1B

that was about 40 minutes -- I think It was about five stations. And after that, we would do one-on-one for about 15 minutes."

The intensity of a full day of workouts is underscored by Byrd's casual tone, because to the offensive lineman it's just football; a game he is always prepared to play.

Byrd says he "put all of his effort" into the drills at the camp, utilizing all of the knowledge he has accumulated over the years in football.

The payoff showed up in a major way, but just because he wasn't looking for an offer from the NCAA Division III school doesn't mean the moment did warrant necessary celebration.

On the car ride home with his mom and girlfriend, Byrd got the text from Jones -- a dangerous situation to receive news of that magnitude -- and the excitement ensued.

Byrd had no prior relationship with Jones, so the fact that the Wildcats' running back and O-line coach got his contact information and followed up with an offer says something. It also put Byrd in a mood.

"We cranked up the music after that one," Byrd said.

As it currently stands, Byrd is the only Eastside offensive lineman to receive a college scholarship offer. But that hasn't stopped his fellow trenchmen from offering up accolades and congratulations.

According to Byrd, his teammates are genuinely excited of the news.

"[My teammates] are re-

ally happy for me," Byrd said. "They are just happy I got an offer and have a chance to play at the next level."

The already hard-working Byrd doesn't see the offer as any extra motivation entering next season. For Byrd, the work ethic he's shown speaks for itself, but he does see himself taking it to another level when fall rolls around.

With the new attention from Louisiana College, it is more than likely there will be other suitors for Byrd as the season goes on. As is his way, he says he isn't watching his phone for any more texts.

"I'm not expecting any more [offers], but I'm going to work towards getting more," Byrd said. "I'm just going to do what I do and hopefully, whatever God's plan is I'll go with it."

Covington Branch Library completes renovation project

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Covington Branch Library celebrated the end of its four-month-long renovation with a ribbon cutting Thursday, June 27.

Dr. Steve Whatley, chairman of NCLS board of trustees, gave a speech during the ribbon-cutting ceremony. He expressed his gratitude to GPLS's Julie Walker, state librarian and associate vice chancellor for libraries, and Nate Rall, director of planning and construction.

Whatley stated that the renovation "would not be possible without the partnerships we have formed."

Lace Keaton, library director at the Covington Branch, took a moment to express her gratitude towards the project works, who were awarded chair-shaped pins for the work done on the old chairs within the library - all 121 of them!

In July 2018, Newton Coun-

ty Library System's Covington Branch Library was awarded a State Capital Outlay grand through the Georgia Public Library Services. The grant, which was budget at \$1.1 million, was funded by state Capital Outlay, local library funds and SPLOST. Funds from the grant could only be used for construction, not repairs or maintenance.

Renovations were completed by PRIME contracting and Craig Gaulden Davis, an architectural firm. Both firms have been used in the past by the Newton County Library System.

The renovations included upgrades in both internal and external lighting, new carpet, paint, bathrooms and technology.

Covington Branch Library is now open for reading and researching. The library's hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.



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The Covington/Newton County Chamber of Commerce helps celebrate the completion of the library renovation with a ribbon cutting Thursday, July 27.



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The Covington News
Above: Cynthia Wiemann, director of Newton County's animal shelter, loads a dog into the Planned PETHood's transport van on Wednesday, June 26. The dog will be transported to PETHood's Duluth clinic to be spayed/neutered.
Left: Animals from the Newton County Animal Shelter, both cats and dogs, are loaded into Planned PETHood's transport van to be spayed/neutered.

Planned PETHood gives animals longer, healthier lives in Newton

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Planned PETHood, a Gwinnett-based nonprofit animal welfare organization, formed a partnership with the Newton County Animal Shelter to reduce the euthanasia rate within the shelter.

Inside the shelter's stone walls, animals are heard barking and meowing - their sad cries, looking for a "forever" home. Unfortunately, according to data provided by the shelter, many of those animals do not find their "forever" home as 67% of animals did not make it out of the shelter alive in 2017. In 2018, the number slightly dwindled to 55%.

Planned PETHood has plans to greatly dwindle the euthanization rates with their spay/neuter transport program. The program launched this year, and Newton is the first county in Georgia to benefit from its services.

In June 2019, Planned PETHood announced through a press release, the organization was awarded a \$5,000 innovation grant

from Maddie's Fund, a foundation with a mission to create a no-kill nation. The innovation grant will fund the spay/neuter transport program in Newton, helping 75 animals receive free spay/neuter surgery and rabies vaccination at Planned PETHood's Duluth clinic.

The program will "ensure that more animals leave the shelter sterilized, vaccinated and - most of all - alive," according to the press release.

Lauren Frost, development coordinator at Planned PETHood, believed the reason behind the low adoption rate was because the animals were not fixed, nor healthy. The adoption fee from the shelter only included the microchip and a vaccination, so potential adopters were unsure of the additional costs.

"You go to adopt a kitten for 30 bucks. You have no idea what your cost of all that extra stuff will be when you go to your vet," Frost said. "You can go down the street and get a fully vetted animal for 30, 40 or 50 bucks."

The program allows

Planned PETHood to transport animals from the shelter to their Duluth clinic, where they are spayed/neutered. The animals are later returned to the shelter where they have a better chance of being adopted. Some animals are not returned to the shelter; instead, Planned PETHood transports them to no-kill shelters and rescue groups in Georgia.

Cynthia Wiemann, director at Newton County's animal control, spoke about the visible change happening since the program began in May. According to the press release, 83% of animals in the shelter were adopted out in May.

"To make a difference, you need a community," Wiemann said.

Planned PETHood was recently awarded another grant. This time, the organization will receive \$48,000 from Best Friends Animal Society, a no-kill animal rescue and advocacy nonprofit organization. The details of the grant are still in the works, according to Frost, but it will ensure all animals adopted from the Newton County Animal Shelter will be spayed/neutered.

Target Auction Company announces special sale of Twelve Oaks

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Target Auction Company is offering at auction The Twelve Oaks, located at 2176 Monticello St. SW., Covington. The auction will take place from the premises at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 25.

Built in 1836 and a \$2 million renovation was completed in 2017, this distinctly Southern property was chosen by author Margaret Mitchell as the model for Twelve Oaks in the 1939 movie version of "Gone with the Wind." A private home early on, it more recently served as an award-winning bed and breakfast, event venue, tourist destination and a stunning backdrop for more than 15 movies.

With more than 10,000 square feet, this 12-bedroom, 12.5-bath beauty also offers a grand dining room, formal parlor, informal dining and living spaces and a chef's dream kitchen. Other features include hardwood floors, period lighting, 11-foot ceilings and 12 fireplaces modernized with remote controls.

"This would make a magnificent home, a lucrative business or both," Dewey Jacobs,

president and CEO of Target Auction Company, said. "Operating permits for a B&B, an event venue and a historic tourist site are already in place, and the property receives movie and TV contracts each year. So this could be a huge opportunity for someone. Just last year, the readers of 'Southern Living' chose The Twelve Oaks for their 2018 Best of the South awards and was one of the Top 10 Inns in the U.S. chosen by bedandbreakfast.com."

Outdoor amenities include:
- Approximately three acres of gardens
- Poolside chandelier-lit gazebo
- Massive deck with a pergola
- Four-car carriage house
- Three blocks from Town Square
"We feel we've accomplished what we set out to do, and we are ready to start a new adventure. We have other business ideas we would like to pursue, and another renovation might be in our future," Nicole Munn, owner of Twelve Oaks, said. "This was a dream of mine, and we feel we achieved it beyond our imaginations."

For more details, visit <https://www.target-auction.com>.



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Twelve Oaks, located at 2176 Monticello St. SW in Covington, will be up for auction Thursday, July 25.

KIWANIS KORNER



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Today our club had the privilege of holding our meeting at the Community Resource Center. Juvenile Court Judges Sheri Roberts and Jenny Carter are hosting an educational camp for children this month. Referrals for the camp came from Judge Carter's Truancy project, her Behavioral Health Court, Judge Roberts's Family Treatment Court and other dependency cases.
The Newton County School System has supplied teachers to help with educational activities. The program also includes partnerships with Oxford College and Action Ministries. The college is assisting by helping with an organic garden and teaching the kids about growing plants and food. Action ministries has been providing lunch daily. Today the Kiwanis Club provided lunch from Bradley's Barbecue and got to hear from the kids about the exciting things they have been learning. We also provided a book for each child to take home with them.
This is another way that Kiwanis Club Club of Covington serves the children of the world and of our community.
Email: covingtonkiwanisclub@gmail.com
Facebook: [kiwanis-club-of-covington-georgia](https://www.facebook.com/kiwanis-club-of-covington-georgia)
(Note: the faces of child campers have been blurred to protect their privacy)

Juneteenth parade



Jackie Gutknecht | The Covington News
The Newton County Historical Committee on Black Heritage Preservation held its Juneteenth Parade around the Covington square Saturday. According to juneteenth.com, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19 that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free.

Hampton by Hilton earns 2019 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence

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Hampton by Hilton, in Covington, has received a 2019 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence. Now in its ninth year, the award celebrates hospitality businesses that have consistently delivered a quality customer experience and earned great traveler reviews on TripAdvisor over the past year.

The Certificate of Excellence considers the quality, quantity, and recency of reviews submitted by travelers from around the globe on TripAdvisor. In addition to positive online guest reviews, hotels must have maintained an overall TripAdvisor bubble rating of at least four out of five, have had a minimum number of reviews, and have been listed on TripAdvisor for at least 12 months.

“We are honored to be



Barbara Steers

recognized by TripAdvisor with the Certificate of Excellence,” Barbara Steers general manager, said. “Our team members are committed to customer satisfaction, and I am extremely proud of them for consistently delivering the exceptional service that is valued by our guests.”

Hampton by Hilton has long been known for its unique and unmatched approach to hospitality. Team members proudly exhibit a unique culture described as Hamptonality. This term is defined by each hotel’s approach to friendly customer service, the anticipation of



guests’ needs, and establishing an authentic, caring culture.

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Rotary Club of Covington swears in new board, honors outstanding Rotarian

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Tuesday, July 25 marked the first day of a new Rotary year for the Rotary Club of Covington, as the 2018-2019 board of directors was thanked for their service and the 2019-2020 board was sworn into office.

Keith Adams, of Snapping Shoals, welcomed members for his final meeting as Rotary Club of Covington’s president. During the meeting he individually recognized all of the members with perfect attendance for the year and then announced the 2018-2019 Rotarian of the Year.

Joe Davidson, of PC After Dark, was recognized as this year’s Rotarian of the Year.

“If I could clone this Rotarian, I would,” Adams said. “Without him, things would not get done in this club.”

Then, to turn over a new year, John King, Covington Airport director, was sworn in as the new club president.



Left: John King thanks Keith Adams for his service as 2018-2019 Rotary Club of Covington President. Right: Keith Adams recognizes Joe Davidson as the 2018-2019 Rotarian of the Year.



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Social Circle man wins T-H Marine FLW Bass Fishing League Tournament on Lake Eufaula

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Boater Clabion Johns, of Social Circle, won the T-H Marine FLW Bass Fishing League Bulldog Division tournament on Lake Eufaula Saturday after catching five bass weighing 19 pounds, 9 ounces. Johns netted \$6,237 for his win.

“On Friday, there was a tremendous mayfly hatch. I ran to my first stretch of bugs on Saturday, but couldn’t get a bite,” Johns, who earned his first win in FLW competition, said. “I ran up the Chatahoochee River to above Hatcheechubee Creek, but never found any active mayflies, so I turned around and went with my backup plan – flipping mixed grass. I ran three stretches where I’ve caught them in the past, which had a mix of primrose, pondweed and hyacinth and really picked them apart.”

Johns said his stretches spanned from Cowikee Creek to Florence Marina, and that he flipped a



Hematoma-colored Big Bite Baits Real Deal Craw with a 1½-ounce Picasso weight and 4/0-sized Owner Jungle Flippin’ hook. His set up was paired with a 7-foot, 9-inch Extra Heavy-action Big Bear rod with an Abu Garcia Revo SX reel and spooled with 65-pound-test SpiderWire Stealth braided line.

“In the morning I got a ton of bites, but couldn’t land them. It was frustrating,” Johns said. “I

didn’t lose any big fish, though. The first one I put in the boat was a 5-pounder. I probably had 15 keepers throughout the day and only upgraded once in the afternoon.”

Complete results can be found at FLWFishing.com.

Jerome Hubbard Sr., of Albany, caught a bass weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces – the heaviest of the event in the Boater Division – and earned the day’s Boater Big Bass award of \$272.

Edgar Salva, of Conyers, Georgia, won the Co-angler Division and \$2,169 Saturday after catching five bass weighing 20 pounds even.

Graham caught the heaviest bass in the Co-angler Division, a fish weighing in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces. The catch earned him the day’s Co-angler Big Bass award of \$272.

The tournament was hosted by the Eufaula-Barbour County Chamber of Commerce.

The top 45 boaters and co-anglers in the region based on point standings, along with the five winners in each qualifying event, will be entered in the Oct. 10-12 BFL Regional Championship on Lake Seminole in Bainbridge, Georgia. Boaters will compete for a top award of a Ranger Z518L with a 200-horsepower outboard and \$20,000, while co-anglers will fish for a new Ranger Z518L with a 200-horsepower outboard.

The 2019 BFL is a 24-divi-

sion circuit devoted to weekend anglers, with 128 tournaments throughout the season, five qualifying events in each division. The top 45 boaters and co-anglers from each division, along with the five winners of the qualifying events, will advance to one of six regional tournaments where they are competing to finish in the top six, which then qualifies them for one of the longest-running championships in all of competitive bass fishing – the BFL All-American. The 2020 BFL All-American will be held April 30-May 2 at Lake Hartwell in Anderson, South Carolina, and is hosted by Visit Anderson. Top performers in the BFL can move up to the Costa FLW Series or even the FLW Tour.

For complete details and updated information visit FLWFishing.com. For regular updates, photos, tournament news and more, follow the T-H Marine FLW Bass Fishing League on FLW’s social media outlets at Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

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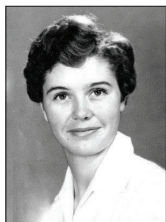
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Margaret Jeanette Nichols Haggard

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Margaret Jeanette Nichols Haggard, 79, was born March 1, 1940, in Randolph County, Alabama. When she was in about ninth grade, her parents purchased a farm in the Ephesus Community of Heard County, not far from where she was born. She spent the remainder of her growing-up years there, graduating from Heard County High School. After two years at Berry College in Rome, she worked in Birmingham, Alabama. She and her cousin, Ruth, then moved to Atlanta where she worked for Georgia Power Company. Soon after, she met the love of her life, Sid Haggard, since their apartment buildings were adjacent. In February 1962, they were married in a private service in Ringgold. That union produced three



Margaret Jeanette Nichols Haggard

outstanding children, Nick, Stephen, and Paula.

Jeanette gave a lot, but the biggest thing was her love. She loved (and worried about) her children and grandchildren. You did not have to be with her long before you heard the stories – Nick preaching or playing the French horn with members of the National Symphony; Stephen graduating from the Air Force Academy and flying over Iraq in his F-16; Paula singing with the Chantilly Show Choir and being the outstanding student in graduate school; Josh graduating from Navy OCS; Michele becoming Sister Merciful Love; and on and on and on. And she has already started with the stories about Eleanor Jeanette Hyde, her first great-grandchild. Unfortunately, she will not get to experience her Great Grandma Haggard playing the piano or eating her fried pies.

Jeanette died June 25, 2019. She was predeceased by her parents, Glover and Pauline (Yarbrough) Nichols; her son, Nick; and her brother, Milford. Those left to cherish her memories include her husband of 57 years, Sid; her children, Stephen (Maeve) Haggard

and Paula Bechtler; daughter-in-law, Phyllis Johnson (Brad); grandchildren, Angela Haggard, Sister Merciful Love, Stephen Haggard, Joshua Hyde (Katrina), Sarah Haggard, CJ Bechtler, and Ben Bechtler; great-granddaughter, Eleanor Jeanette Hyde; and fur-child, Daisy.

The family will receive guests at Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home, 1215 Access Road, in Covington, from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 27. A funeral service will be held at the Covington First Baptist Church, at 11 a.m. Friday, June 28, with Dr. Cody McNutt and Rev. Len Strozier officiating. Flowers are welcome or donations may be made to Winship Cancer Institute, Office of Gift Accounting, Emory University, 1762 Clifton Road, Suite 1400, MS: 0970-001-8AA, Atlanta, GA 30322 or online at www.emory.edu/give.

Mrs. Louise Mutimer

J.C. Harwell & Son Funeral Home and Cremation Chapel

Mrs. Louise Mutimer passed away peacefully on June 17, 2019 at the age of 98. She was born in Augusta on Dec. 24, 1920 to Allen Baxley and Rosa Lena

Brown Mallett who have preceded her in death. Louise moved to Covington in the 1950s and together with her husband owned and operated Dixie Grocery in the Dixie Community of Newton County for many years. She had a very full life and was loved by her family and friends. Mrs. Mutimer was an excellent cook, she enjoyed traveling, and was a devoted mother to her three children: Connie, Peggy, and Glenn, Jr., as well as a loving grandmother. She a woman of strong faith having survived cancer three times in her life. Louise attended Luther Hayes Presbyterian Church with her family and in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Glenn Mutimer, Sr. and brother, Allen Mallett.

Mrs. Mutimer is survived by her son Glenn H. Mutimer, Jr. and Melody, of Dahlonaga, her daughters Peggy Greer and Fred of Hayston and Connie Barber and Benny, of Covington, along with five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 22 at Lawnwood Memorial Park. In lieu of

flowers donations may be made to Heartland Hospice, 2711 Irvin Way Suite 201, Decatur, GA 30030. J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home, 2157 East St., SE, Covington, GA 30014 is in charge of the arrangements. A guestbook may be signed online www.harwellfuneralhome.com.

Robert Lee Ray

Jordan Funeral Home

Robert Lee Ray, 73, of Monticello, formerly of Covington, passed away Thursday, June 13, 2019 at his residence.

Robert Ray was born in Gatlinburg, Tennessee to the late William Ernest Ray and Addie Lee Terry Ray. He was a member of the Led By The Spirit Mission in Covington.

Robert Ray loved to hunt and fish, especially with his best friend, Todd.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Charlene Austin Ray, of Monticello; children, Jimmy Ray of Auburn, Tabitha Ray Baker of Homer, Robert “Bobby” Austin, of Monticello and Terry Ray, of Covington; a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and brothers and sister,

Hughie Brown Ray, of Covington, Ralph Ray, of Brevard, North Carolina and Betty Jo Ray, of Brevard, North Carolina.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 29, at the Led By The Spirit Mission 22 Main St., Porterdales, Georgia 30014.

Gary Saxton

Caldwell & Cowan Funeral Home

Gary Saxton, of Oxford, passed away Saturday, June 22, 2019, at the age of 64. Though Gary faced a great deal of uncertainty in his life, he was always content and at ease any time he was fishing. May he rest in peace. Gary was preceded in death by his mother Bertha Annette LaCount; and father, Elmo Don Saxton.

Survivors include his brother and sister-in-law, Donny and Virginia Saxton; niece, Jenny Andrews and husband, Brian; as well as his great-nephew, Austin Bailey.

A Graveside Service for Gary was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 27 at Rest Haven Cemetery, 200 North Madison Ave., in Monroe, with Pastor David Riffle officiating.

Living on a prayer ... Life

So I am clearly about to show my age. Did anyone else grow up sing-shouting, “Whooooa, living on a prayer!!” at the top of their lungs? I did, and I have subsequently taught my children that Bon Jovi magic to continue on another generation of good musical taste. I honestly never really thought much about the words, as much as I thought about the deep emotional sense that the lyrics conveyed. You would have to be a zombie to not feel that passion!!

God has really been challenging me to ask myself how deeply I long for Him in prayer. Because if I was honest with myself and with you, my longing to be in communion with God has paled in comparison to that full-throated singing of my childhood.

For years, I have been in a state of constant disappoint-



Kasey Carty Jordan
COLUMNIST

ment over my prayer life. I alternately desire to be more intimate with God while at the same time changing nothing about how I actually pray. How many nights I have started the prayer, “Oh God, I’m so sorry...” and make it about three more words before falling asleep and doing the same routine the next day.

I have read about Jesus praying and always wondered why He had to pray when He was one with the Father. Why did He have to

talk to Him when you would think they were of the same mind? But you constantly read of his relationship with prayer, “Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed” (Mark 1:35).

Rising before dawn does not really sound like something I would be into. But as you study the life of Jesus and the saints that came after him, that is what you find—people who went to God before the day began, even when it was not convenient. I will admit that over the years, sleepless babies and long days have kept me from this practice, but as I look at my life, I realize that is what I need. But how can I do this?

Liturgy of the Hours. Sounds a little scary off the bat. And to be honest, I cannot claim to practice this spiritual exercise fully, although I am

making baby steps towards it. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops defines Liturgy of the Hours as the “daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer.” What an amazing way to look at prayer! I must admit that most days of my life, I have not sanctified the day with prayer. I may dabble in it a little, but the word “sanctified” shows an intention and a focus on God that my life often lacks.

The practice of going to God in prayer throughout the day goes beyond the history of Christianity, to the time of the Jewish people. Psalm 118:164 says, “Seven times a day I praise you.” The early Christians still practiced this Jewish practice, even as they depended on the sacrifice of Jesus. The Liturgy of the Hours is a way in which we

can go before God, reading His word, lifting up intercessions before Him and praising Him throughout the day.

The specifics of this practice are a bit in depth (with five different types of “Hours” that include the Office of Reading, Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer), but there are printed books and online materials that guide you through the hours of the day, helping you focus on Him and sanctifying yourself throughout the day. As I mentioned above, I am in the first steps of coming to God for some of these Hours, but the more days I give him my hours, the more my heart longs for God. And the days where I am about me and not Him, missing these meetings with Him, my heart is filled with a genuine sadness, rather than the guilt I used to feel.

I have timers set on my phone for various hours of the day, and when they go off, my daughter now looks at me to make sure I make the sign of the cross to pray. I am imperfect and sometimes I miss it, but it makes my heart happy to see my daughter realizing the importance of prayer at such a young age. There is also a huge element of humility for me as I realize that I was not meant to figure prayer out on my own, and that I can join with others in these prayers throughout the day, even if we are not physically together.

Oh how I need God. May the hours of my day and my life always proclaim that.

Kasey Carty Jordan is a former missionary to China and currently serves in youth ministry with her husband Kurt at their Catholic parish. The Jordans reside in Monticello with their seven children.

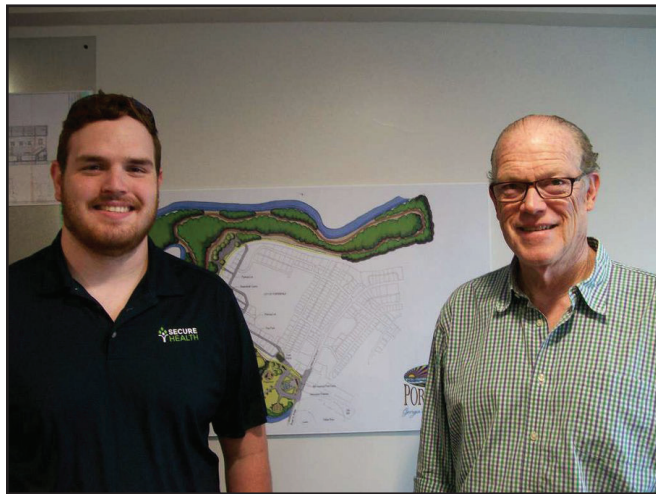
Intern puts Newton County Trails on the map

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Early this year Jon McBrayer hiked Newton County's current and proposed trails carrying a Garmin global positioning system. As he walked, that unit recorded the coordinates of his location every five seconds.

Later, using geographic information system software provided by a grant from the Earth Science Resource Institute, McBrayer connected the dots and created digital trail maps.

Now the data is ready for use in creating interactive maps on platforms such as Google Earth as well as maps suitable for use by local



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Jon McBrayer (left), under the direction of Porterdales city manager Bob Thomson (right), has mapped Newton County's current and proposed trails.

units of government, Newton Trails, and others in their pub-

lications, brochures, planning efforts, and for other purposes.

McBrayer's project will be wrapped up by the end of the summer.

McBrayer is a GIS certified, graduate student in public administration at Georgia College, Milledgeville. He is also president of GeoSpec a mapping, analytics, and consulting company.

His mapping work in Newton County is being done as part of an internship under the direction of Bob Thomson, Porterdales city manager, and with help from Greg Richardson, chair of the Newton Trails board of directors.

The idea for the project came from Thomson, who said, “I was looking at various maps trying to determine if

there was one map with all the trails in their various stages of development; from what I could tell there was no such map.”

McBrayer and Thomson met through a Georgia College faculty member known to both.

Thomson and Richardson

independently stressed a particularly exciting outcome of the project. That is, the Atlanta Regional Commission is integrating McBrayer's maps with its own, thus putting Newton County's trails on its map of trails throughout the Atlanta metropolitan area.

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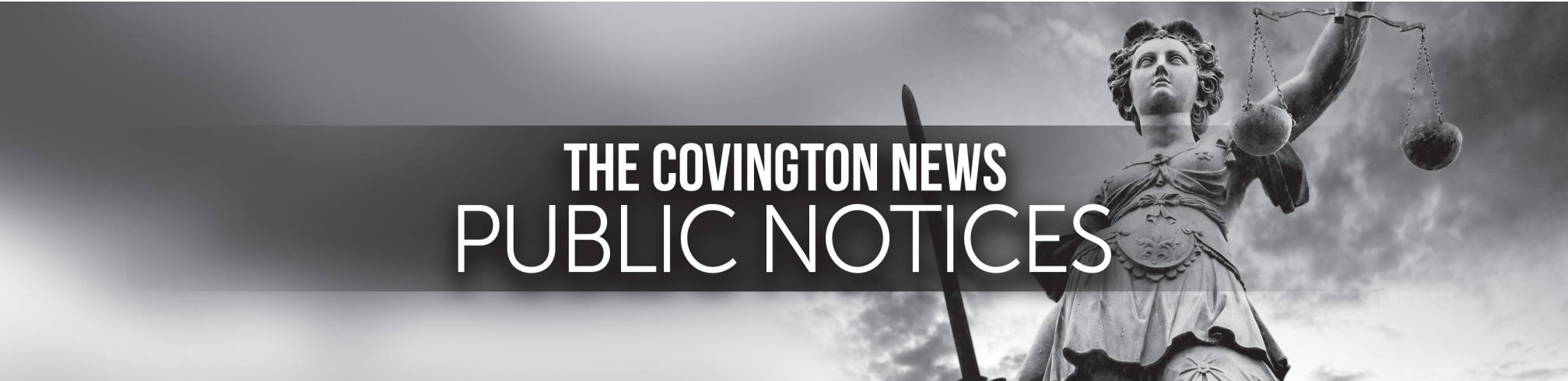




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Public Notices

Abandoned Vehicles

ABANDONED VEHICLES

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PUBLIC NOTICE #115197 6/30,7/7

ABANDONED VEHICLES

THE FOLLOWING vehicles were abandoned and have been impounded by Chancey's Wrecker Service, Inc., 539 McDaniel Mill Road SW, Conyers. GA 30012, 770-483-0698. All attempts have been made to locate owners/lien holders. In accordance with GA OCGA 40-11-5, these vehicles will be foreclosed through Rockdale or Newton County Magistrate Court if not claimed by the legal owner/lien holder.

40 FOOT COREX SEA CONTAINER VIN: NONE, COLOR: RED IMPOUNDED AT THE REQUEST OF ROCKDALE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE CONTAINER WAS REMOVED FROM 1855 OLD COVINGTON HIGHWAY AND STORED AT CHANCEY'S WRECKER SERVICE, 539 MCDANIEL MILL ROAD SW, CONYERS GA

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2014 NISSAN SENTRA VIN: 3N1AB7AP7EY253951 COLOR: SILVER PRIVATE IMPOUND AT THE REQUEST OF SALEM GLEN APARTMENTS, COVINGTON, GA AND STORED AT CHANCEY'S WRECKER SERVICE, 539 MCDANIEL MILL ROAD SW, CONYERS GA

2014 ZUMMER 50 CC MOPED VIN: L9N7EACU3E1165613 COLOR: RED PRIVATE IMPOUND AT THE REQUEST OF MCWHIRTER REALTY PARTNERSHOPS @ LANTERN RIDGE, 3500 N. DECATUR ROAD, SCOTSDALE, GA. AND STORED AT CHANCEY'S WRECKER SERVICE, 539 MCDANIEL MILL ROAD SW, CONYERS GA

1993 DORSEY TRAILER VIN: 1DTV11Z21PA208624 COLOR: WHITE PRIVATE IMPOUND AT THE REQUEST OF PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS AT 1571 HWY. 138 CONYERS. AND STORED AT CHANCEY'S WRECKER SERVICE, 539 MCDANIEL MILL ROAD SW, CONYERS GA.

2007 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN: 1N4BL21EX7N436086 COLOR: GREEN IMPOUNDED AT THE REQUEST OF ROCKDALE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE CONTAINER WAS REMOVED FROM 1561 GA HWY 20, CONYERS GA AND STORED AT CHANCEY'S WRECKER SERVICE, 539 MCDANIEL MILL ROAD SW, CONYERS GA

JET SKI COLOR: RED VIN: ARJ10748C797 COLOR: IMPOUNDED AT THE REQUEST OF NEWTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE CONTAINER WAS REMOVED FROM MACEDONIA RD., CONYERS GA AND STORED AT CHANCEY'S WRECKER SERVICE, 4199 OLD ATLANTA HIGHWAY.

2018 COVERED WAGON TRAILER

VIN: 53FBE162XJF035894 IMPOUNDED AT THE REQUEST OF ROCKDALE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE THIS TRAILER WAS REMOVED FROM 1855 OLD COVINGTON HIGHWAY AND STORED AT CHANCEY'S WRECKER SERVICE, 539 MCDANIEL MILL ROAD SW, CONYERS GA

2015 BIG TEX 14LX 16V0X142XF5095522 IMPOUNDED AT THE REQUEST OF ROCKDALE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE THIS TRAILER WAS REMOVED FROM 1855 OLD COVINGTON HIGHWAY AND STORED AT CHANCEY'S WRECKER SERVICE, 539 MCDANIEL MILL ROAD SW, CONYERS GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #115162 6/23,,30

PURSUANT TO OCGA Subsection 40-11-2, K-2 Towing through its agents states that the following vehicles are abandoned and will be sold at a later date if not picked up as stated, 9179

Aaron Dr. Covington, GA 30014

2004 JEEP G. Cherokee 1J4GX58N54C428152 PYT8764,GA 70 DAYTON Way

2005 HONDA Accord 1HGCM66535A031396 RPN9576,GA WASHINGTON ST

2008 CHEVROLET Aveo KL1TD56668B166847 BMS1440,GA MOORE ST

PUBLIC NOTICE #115181 6/23,30

TOP NOTCH RECOVERY & TRANSPORT,LLC 2222 HWY 212 COVINGTON,GEORGIA 30016 678-342-7855 GEORGIASBESTRECOVERY@GMAIL.COM

ABANDONED VEHICLES pursuant to OCGA subsection 40-11-2,through its agent's state that the following vehicles are abandoned and will be sold at a later date if not picked up as stated. 2222 HWY 212,Covington,GA.30016

2001CADILLAC DEVILLE VIN # 1G6KES7VX1U179244 2314 GA HWY 42 N JENKINSBURG,GA

2000 NISSAN ALTIMA VIN # 1N4DL01DOYC205568 89 BROOKS DRIVE MONTICELLO,GA

2010 LEXUS ES 350 VIN # JTHBK1EG7A2347571 6681JONESBORO RD MORROW,GA

2018 FORD T250 VAN VIN# 1FTVR1ZMSJKA20691 6276 MEMORIAL DRIVE ST.MTN,GA

PUBLIC NOTICE #115199 6/30,7/7

Citations

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of DONALD SPRINGER, Deceased

EILEEN JOY COLLINS, 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 August 5, 2019, at ten o'clock am.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #115217 6/30

CITATION

RE: ESTATE of TERRY LYNN CLAYTON, Deceased

DERWIN DAVIS, ESQ, 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 August 5, 2019, at ten o'clock am.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE #115218 6/30

NOTICE

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

RE: WILLIAM MICHAEL HARPER, DECEASED

TO: UNKNOWN Relatives

BE NOTIFIED THAT:

RALPH CLIFTON J. Ainsworth has filed a Petition for the Court to determine the right of disposition of the remains of the Decedent named above. A hearing has been set by the Court on July 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m in Magistrate Courtroom, Newton County Courthouse. Those persons upon whom service has been ordered may be and appear before the Court at such hearing and be heard concerning the right of disposition of the remains of the Decedent.

MELANIE M. BELL JUDGE OF the Probate Court

BY: MARCIA Wynne CLERK OF the Probate Court 1132 USHER Street COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #115216 6/30,7/7

Corporations

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation that will incorporate VISION Y RESTAURACION-MISION CRISTIANA, INC. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The initial registered office of the corporation is located at 440 Shiver BLVD. Covington, Ga. 30016

and its initial registered agent at such address is David Castaneda.

PUBLIC NOTICE #115106 6/9,16

NOTICE IS given that Articles of Incorporation which have incorporated Advanced Practice Services, Inc., have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Profit Corporation Code.

THE INITIAL registered office will be located at 1198 Clark Street, N.W., Covington, Georgia 30014 and its registered agent ast such address is "Mario S. Ninfo.

PUBLIC NOTICE #115189 6/30,7/7

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

NOTICE IS given that Articles of Amendment which will change the name of Freelance Paralegal Service,Inc.to SyncSys, 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 80 Hoglen Drive, Covington, Georgia 30016.

PUBLIC NOTICE #115175 6/23,30

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

NOTICE IS given that articles of incorporation which incorporate HOLDER GRADING, INC. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The initial registered office ofthe corporation is located at 14075 Brown Bridge Rd., Covington, Newton County, Georgia 30016. The initial registered agent ofthe corporation at such address is VIRGIL RONNIE HOLDER, SR.

LISA M. GABLE ROBERTSON & GABLE, LLC 5875 PEACHTREE CORNERS,GA 30092 (770) 736-5182

PUBLIC NOTICE #115159 6/23,30

Debtors Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the Estate of JUANITA G. ELMORE, late of Newton County, deceased, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to make payment to:

NAME OF Executor: Charles L. Elmore C/O HARGER W. Hoyt, P.C. 1229 ROYAL Drive, Suite D CONYERS, GA 30094

PUBLIC NOTICE #115172 6/23,30,7/7,14

DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA NEWTON COUNTY

ALL PERSONS having claims against Grier Livingston Sims and his estate are required to present the same to the undersigned, properly itemized and proven, within the time required by law. And all persons indebted to said deceased, or his estate, are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

THIS 13TH day of June, 2019.

JOHN P. Gensel EXECUTOR

ATTORNEY: PATRICK C. Smith, Jr. 3549 WHEELER Rd. Augusta, GA 30909

ESTATE OF: Grier Livingston Sims

PUBLIC NOTICE #115174 6/23,30,7/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the ESTATE OF Marion Virginia Welch Gainer A/K/A Peggy Gainer, late of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. THIS 3RD day of June, 2019.

JAMES SAMUEL Gainer, Jr. and William Gilmore Gainer Co-Executors of the Estate of Marion Virginia Welch Gainer a/k/a Peggy Gainer

C/O LIZ J. Pope, Esq. THE POPE Law Firm, P.C. 2115 USHER Street COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014-2442 770-786-1095

PUBLIC NOTICE #115124 6/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

ALL CREDITORS of the ESTATE OF MARY LOUISE COLE, late of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment. THIS 12TH day of June, 2019.

STEVEN LYNDISIE Cole EXECUTOR OF the Estate of Mary

Louise Cole

C/O LIZ J. Pope, Esq. THE POPE Law Firm, P.C. P. O. Box 30 COVINGTON, GA 30015-0030 770-786-1095

PUBLIC NOTICE #115160 6/23,30,7/7,14

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of BESSIE LEE JONES, 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 9th day of June, 2019.

SHIRLEY RUTH PENDLEY 914 LITTLE RIVER ROAD SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #115132 6/16,23,30,7/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of CHARLES GREGORY DARNELL, 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 9th day of June, 2019.

VERNAL L DARNELL 40 RIVER WATCH DRIVE COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #115131 6/16,23,30,7/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of DANIEL BURNS, 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 9th day of June, 2019.

STEPHANIE VIRGINIA BURNS 113 BRICKYARD CIRCLE EPHRATA, PA 17522

PUBLIC NOTICE #115134 6/16,23,30,7/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of DOROTHY ANN WILLIAMS, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 29TH day of APRIL, 2019.

TRAVONNE WALKER 1095 CHURCH STREET UNIT2513 RCH CUCAMONGA, CA. 91730

PUBLIC NOTICE #115108 6/9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of FLORENCE L HUFFMAN, 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 23rd day of June, 2019.

CAROLYN FINCH 3673 GRANDVIEW DRIVE GAINESVILLE, GA 30506

PUBLIC NOTICE #115207 6/30,7/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of JOSEPH PETER ROCKMORE, JR, deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law. THIS THE 9th day of June, 2019.

JOHNNY LEE ROCKMORE 4175 BEVIS ROAD FRANKLIN, GA 30217

PUBLIC NOTICE #115133 6/16,23,30,7/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of JOYCE DEAN 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 13th day of June, 2019.

JAMES SCOTT PRICE 745 WEST CHURCH STREET SANDERSVILLE, GA 31082

PUBLIC NOTICE #115206 6/30,7/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of KATHERINE BURTON DAVIS, 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 16th day of June, 2019.

BELINDA RAE BOWEN 78 POPE TRAIL COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #115143 6/16,23,30,7/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of MARGARET LOUISE SPEARS, 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 16th day of June, 2019.

ELIZABETH BLAIR 5145 PRATT STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #115144 6/16,23,30,7/7

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of MARTHA LYNN WARE, 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 June, 2019.

SARAH A BREEDEN 55 TAYLOR ROAD COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #115208 6/30,7/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of PHYLLIS MARJORIE SHAW, 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 18th day of June, 2019.

JOHN LEONARD SHAW 385 FIVE OAKS DRIVE COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #115205 6/30,7/7,14,21

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of STEPHANIE TALMADGE PETERS, 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 7th day of June, 2019.

EBONY BIANCA THOMAS 50 MOTE CROSSING RD COVINGTON, GA. 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #115128 6/16,23,30,7/7

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

LULA M. Curry PLAINTIFF, -VS- DEROTHA E. Curry, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2019-CV-1108-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: DEROTHA E. Curry 1 2 1 0

CENTRAL City Lane ANISTON, AL 36201

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated June 13, 2019 you are hereby notified that on May 28, 2019 (date of filing) Lula M. Curry (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Petition: Amend/Modify Divorce Decree, Correct Quict Claim Deed.

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

WITNESS THE Honorable Eugene M. Benton, Judge Superior Court of Newton County

THIS, THE 13th day of June, 2019. LINDA D. Hays CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #115170 6/23,30,7/7,14

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

MARISKA FARFAN Copeland PLAINTIFF, -VS- ERROL COPELAND, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2019-CV-1123-4

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: ERROL Copeland 6 5

DOGWOOD Place COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated June 13, 2019 you are hereby notified that on May 29, 2019 (date of filing) Mariska Farfan Copeland (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce.

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

WITNESS THE Honorable Horace J. Johnson, Jr., Judge Superior Court of Newton County

THIS, THE 13th day of June, 2019. LINDA D. Hays CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #115169 6/23,30,7/7,14

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

VERONA ALLENPLAINTIFF, -VS- CYNTRAN GORDON, DEFENDANT.

CIVIL ACTION No.: 2019-CV-691-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: CYNTHRAN Gordon ST. LITITZ JAMAICA WI

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated May 29, 2019 you are hereby notified that on April 3, 2019 (date of filing) Verona Allen (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce.

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

WITNESS THE Honorable John M Ott, Judge Superior Court of Newton County

THIS, THE 29th day of May, 2019. LINDA D. Hays CLERK OF Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #115107 56/9,16,23,30

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE of the pendency of a suit in the Superior Court for the County of Newton, State of Georgia captioned as Civil Action File Number SUCV2019001199 in connection with the claims recorded at Deed Book 209, Page 451 and Deed Book 283, Page 258, recorded in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, being all that tract or parcel of land commonly known as 3175 Washington Street in the City of Covington, County of Newton, State of Georgia, having a tax identification number of C03500030016000, and more particularly described as follows: ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 250 of the 9th District, City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia and described as follows: BEING THAT house and lot on the south side of Washington Street, Covington, Georgia, formerly No. 705 Washington Street but now designated as No. 3175 Washington Street, Covington, Georgia. SAID LOT bounded on the north by Washington Street; east by property now or formerly owned by Lackey; on the south by property now or formerly owned by Manuel; and west by property now or formerly known as Paul Johnson's store. THE LIS pendens notice has been filed and recorded pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-78 and the above-captioned action was initiated on the 13th day of June, 2019 in the Newton County Superior Court where it is pending. THE RELIEF sought as to said real property is an in rem tax foreclosure pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-75, et seq. for delinquent ad valorem taxes assessed against the property by Newton County, Georgia in the amount of \$1,592.78 (amount includes principal amount of taxes owed and any accrued interest and penalties as of this date) for the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

PUBLIC NOTICE #115166 6/23,30

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR IN REM TAX FORECLOSURE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE of the pendency of a suit in the Superior Court for the County of Newton, State of Georgia captioned as Civil Action File Number SUCV2019001200 in connection with the claims against the land described in a deed recorded at Deed Book 189, Page 110 recorded in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, being all that tract or parcel of land commonly known as 3179 Washington Street in the City

of Covington, County of Newton, State of Georgia, having a tax identification number of C03500030016A00., and more particularly described as follows: **ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 250 of the 9th District, City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia and described as follows:** **BEING THAT house and lot on the south side of Washington Street, Covington, Georgia, formerly No. 707 Washington Street but now designated as No. 3179 Washington Street, Covington, Georgia.** **SAID LOT bounded on the north by Washington Street; east by the house and lot referred to in the will of Maggie Hatcher as 705 Washington Street; south by lot of Manuel; and west by property now or formerly known as Paul Johnson's store.**

THE LIS pendens notice has been filed and recorded pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-78 and the above-captioned action was initiated on the 13th day of June, 2019 in the Newton County Superior Court where it is pending. **THE RELIEF** sought is to said real property is an in rem tax foreclosure pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-4-75, et seq. for delinquent ad valorem taxes assessed against the property by Newton County, Georgia in the amount of \$1,592.78 (amount includes principal amount of taxes owed and any accrued interest and penalties as of this date) for the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

PUBLIC NOTICE #115165
6/23,30

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Willie J. Staley and Vallorie P. Staley** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., dated September 1, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 2008, Page 133, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank, N.A., as trustee, in trust for the holders of the J.P. Morgan Alternative Loan Trust 2005-S1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates by assignment recorded on April 17, 2019 in Book 3828 Page 292 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 Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand and 0/100 dollars (\$228,000.00), 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, within the legal hours of sale on July 2, 2019, the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 231, 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 13, THE SOUTH LINKS AT COVINGTON SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1, AS PER PLAT RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 248 - 256, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE 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 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: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. they can be contacted at (888) 818-6032 for Loss Mitigation Dept, or by writing to 3217 South Decker Lake Drive, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119, 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 Willie J. Staley and Vallorie P. Staley or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **145 South Links Drive, Covington, GA 30014.**

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.

U.S. BANK, N.A., as trustee, in trust for the holders of the J.P. Morgan Alternative Loan Trust 2005-S1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates as Attorney in Fact for Willie J. Staley and Vallorie P. Staley.

BROCK & Scott, PLLC
4360 CHAMBLEE Dunwoody Road SUITE 310
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B&S FILE no.: 18-20356

PUBLIC NOTICE #114997
6/9,16,23,30

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER CONTAINED IN SECURITY DEED STATE OF GEORGIA, COUNTY OF Newton

PURSUANT TO a power of sale contained in a certain security deed executed by Winifred S. Alexander and **Charlene D. Thomas**, hereinafter referred to as Grantor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc. d/b/a Sun America Mortgage recorded in Deed Book 2202, beginning at page 613, of the deed records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the aforesaid state and county, and by virtue of a default under the terms of said security deed, and the related note, the undersigned attorney-in-fact for the aforesaid Grantor (which attorney-in-fact is the present holder of said security deed

and note secured thereby) will sell at the usual place of conducting Sheriff's sales in said county within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in July 2019, 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 156, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 72, Oakwood Manor Subdivision, Unit I, as per plat recorded at Plat Book 43, Pages 154-160, said plat being incorporated herein by reference.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however, the Property is more commonly known as: **20 Oak Terrace Drive, Covington, GA 30016** **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 be subject to the following items which may affect the title: 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, and all other matters of record superior to the said Security Deed. 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. MidFirst Bank, through its division Midland Mortgage is the entity with authority to negotiate, amend and modify the terms of the Note and Security Deed. MidFirst Bank, through its division Midland Mortgage's address is 999 N.W. Grand Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73118. MidFirst Bank, through its division Midland Mortgage may be contacted by telephone at 1-800-552-3000. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the party in possession of the property is believed to be Winifred S. Alexander and Charlene D. Thomas, or tenant(s).

MIDFIRST BANK,
AS TRANSFEREE, Assignee, and Secured Creditor
AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT for the aforesaid Grantor

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ATLANTA,
(770) 392-

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THIS 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE #115093
6/2,9,16,23,30

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 **Brian E. Utterback and Lyda R. Davis** to First Town Mortgage Corporation, dated August 25, 1995, recorded in Deed Book 566, Page 232, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Georgia Housing and Finance Authority by assignment recorded in Deed Book 566, Page 240, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$78,900.00), 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, 2019, 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. Georgia Housing and Finance Authority 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: State Home Mortgage, 60 Executive Park South, Atlanta, GA 30333, 404-679-4908/-3133. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Brian E. Utterback and Lyda R. Davis or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **15 Falcon Crest Drive, Covington, Georgia 30209.** 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. Georgia Housing and Finance Authority as Attorney in Fact for Brian E. Utterback and Lyda R. Davis McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, Georgia 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" ALL that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 88 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being shown on Lot 1 and containing 0.83 acres according to survey for Louie D. Patrick and Jason E. Mills by Louie D. Patrick, GA RLS #1757, dated 12/28/94 and recorded in Plat Book 28, page 135, Newton County Records,

which plat is by reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof. MR/ca 7/2/19 Our file no. 5513119 - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #115073
6/2,9,16,23,30

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 **Carlotta Veal, Carlotta Veal FKA Carlotta Johnson, Mark A Veal and Mark A Veal** to America First Home Mortgage Com, dated September 26, 2002, recorded in Deed Book 1293, Page 469, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3084, Page 145, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to MIDFIRST BANK by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3501, Page 539, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-THREE AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$129,293.00), 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, 2019, 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. MIDFIRST BANK 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: Midland Mortgage, a division of MidFirst Bank, 999 N.W. Grand Boulevard Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73118-6116, 800-654-4566. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Carlotta Veal, Carlotta Johnson, Mark A Veal and Mark A Veal or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **125 Trotters Walk, 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. MIDFIRST BANK as Attorney in Fact for Carlotta Veal, Carlotta Veal FKA Carlotta Johnson, Mark A Veal and Mark A Veal McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, Georgia 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 85, 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 16, TROTTERS WALK, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 25, PAGE 178, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE. MR/ved 7/2/19 Our file no. 5630714 - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #115066
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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 **Lisa McNair Hargrove** to HomeBanc Mortgage Corporation, dated November 13, 2003, recorded in Deed Book 1569, Page 547, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as successor-in-interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., formerly JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-AR1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3140, Page 165, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of NINETY-SIX THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$96,000.00), 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, 2019, 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. HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates 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: Select Portfolio Servicing, 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Mycella McPhearson or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **125 Summer Walk Drive, 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. HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates as Attorney in Fact for Manuel Reid McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, Georgia 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and being situate in Land Lot 168, of the 10th District, Newton County Georgia, being Lot 128 of Summerwalk Subdivision, Unit One, as shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 30, Pages 206 and 207, Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference for a more complete description. Map/ Parcel#: 0012C00000036000 MR/bdr 7/2/19 Our file no. 5841207 - FT1

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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 **Lisa McNair Hargrove** to HomeBanc Mortgage Corporation, dated November 13, 2003, recorded in Deed Book 1569, Page 547, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as successor-in-interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., formerly JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-AR1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3140, Page 165, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of NINETY-SIX THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$96,000.00), 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, 2019, 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. The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as successor-in-interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.,

formerly JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-AR1 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: Select Portfolio Servicing, 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Lisa McNair Hargrove or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **250 Ashton Drive, 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. The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as successor-in-interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., formerly JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-AR1 as Attorney in Fact for Lisa McNair Hargrove McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, Georgia 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 52 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 53, ASHTON MANOR, UNIT TWO, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 28, PAGE 108, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS HEREBY REFERRED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. MR/meh 7/2/19 Our file no. 5244518 - FT1

PUBLIC NOTICE #114977
6/2,9,16,23,30

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 **Manuel Reid** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for New Century Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated August 31, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 2275, Page 163, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for The Certificateholders of Ace Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2946, Page 136, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$116,800.00), 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, 2019, 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. HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates 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: Select Portfolio Servicing, 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Mycella McPhearson or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **125 Summer Walk Drive, 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. HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC3, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates as Attorney in Fact for Manuel Reid McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, Georgia 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and being situate in Land Lot 168, of the 10th District, Newton County Georgia, being Lot 128 of Summerwalk Subdivision, Unit One, as shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 30, Pages 206 and 207, Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference for a more complete description. Map/ Parcel#: 0012C00000036000 MR/bdr 7/2/19 Our file no. 5841207 - FT1

PUBLIC NOTICE #114984
6/2,9,16,23,30

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 **Merrel Douglas Norton and Susan S. Norton** to Newton Federal Bank, dated July 9, 2010, recorded in Deed Book 2834, Page 242, Newton County,

Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3660, Page 225, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to McCormick 106, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3801, Page 28, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$315,000.00), 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, 2019, the following described property: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in the Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given). Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above. McCormick 106, LLC is the holder of the Security Deed to the property in accordance with OCGA § 44-14-162.2. The entity that has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage with the debtor is: BSI Financial Services, 11350 McCormick Road, EP II, Ste 903, Hunt Valley, MD 21031, 866-581-4495. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Merrel Douglas Norton and Susan S. Norton or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **60 McDonald Road, Covington, Georgia 30014.** The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed. McCormick 106, LLC as Attorney in Fact for Merrel Douglas Norton and Susan S. Norton McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, Georgia 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 299 of the 1st Land District, Newton County, Georgia, containing 20.000 acres as shown on Plat of Survey for Merrel Douglas Norton prepared by John Elwin Knight, Georgia R.L.S. #1945, dated 6/19/2010 and recorded in Plat Book 49, page 80, Clerk's Office, Newton Superior Court, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference thereto for a more complete description. MR/ca 7/2/19 Our file no. 540719 - FT17

PUBLIC NOTICE #115061
6/2,9,16,23,30

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 **Michael Ross Page** to Sunshine Mortgage Corporation, dated May 22, 1998, recorded in Deed Book 735, Page 87, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment recorded in Deed Book 748, Page 196, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$94,500.00), 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, 2019, 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. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, S/B/M Chase Home Finance LLC, S/B/M to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation 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: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, 3415 Vision Drive, Columbus, OH 43219, 800-446-8939. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Michael Ross Page and Debbie A. Page or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **1924 Oak Hill 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. JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, S/B/M Chase Home Finance LLC, S/B/M to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as Attorney in Fact for Michael Ross Page McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama

Road Roswell, Georgia 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 52, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, and being shown as Lot 33, Ashton Manor Subdivision, on a plat survey of same recorded in Plat Book 27, Page 256, public records of Newton County, Georgia, which plat is by reference thereto incorporated herein and made a part hereof for more particular and complete description. MR/kdh 7/2/19 Our file no. 5585414 - FT3

PUBLIC NOTICE #114025
6/2,9,16,23,30

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 **Tomeka Holyfield** to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated September 27, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 1766, Page 369, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-SD4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-SD4 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2999, Page 597, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$151,200.00), 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, 2019, 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. The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-SD4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-SD4 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: Select Portfolio Servicing, 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Tomeka Holyfield or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **290 Wisteria Boulevard, 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. The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-SD4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-SD4 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: Select Portfolio Servicing, 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, 888-818-6032. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Tomeka Holyfield or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **290 Wisteria Boulevard, 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. The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-SD4, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-SD4 as Attorney in Fact for Tomeka Holyfield McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, Georgia 30076 www.foreclosurehotline.net EXHIBIT "A" All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 135 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 21 Wisteria Manor Subdivision, Phase Four, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 32, Page 266-268 (more particularly shown on page 266), as revised at Plat Book 35, Page 262-266 (more particularly shown on page 263) Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference. MR/bdr 7/2/19 Our file no. 51041206 - FT1

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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. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION 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: U.S. Bank National Association, 4801 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301, 855-698-7627. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is **Keno Turner and Stephanie Nichols** or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as 120 Shadowbrook Trce, 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. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Attorney in Fact for Keno Turner McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 1544 Old Alabama Road Roswell, Georgia 30076 www.foreclosure hotline.net EXHIBIT "A" ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 37 OF THE 8TH DISTRICT, NEWTON, COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING LOT 71 OF SHADOWBROOK ESTATES SUBDIVISION, UNIT TWO, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 39, PAGES 290-292, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION MR/ca 8/6/19 Our file no. 5519319 - FT8

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Clarence D. McPherson** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for BancFinancial Services Corp dated 6/19/2002 and recorded in Deed Book 1243 Page 243 and modified at Deed Book 2826Page 486Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by The Bank Of New York Mellon FKA The Bank Of New York, As Trustee For The CWABS Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-3, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$98,100.00, 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 (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on July 2, 2019 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 29 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 57, MOUNTAINVIEW ESTATES, ON A PLAT OF SURVEY OF SAME RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 30, PAGE 14, PUBLIC RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS BY REFERENCE THERETO INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR A MORE PARTICULAR AND COMPLETE DESCRIPTION.

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 is commonly known as **45 Mountain Drive, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Estate and/or heirs of Clarence D. McPherson or tenant or tenants.

PHH MORTGAGE Corporation is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

PHH MORTGAGE Corporation
ONE MORTGAGE Way
MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054 (800) 750-2518

NOTE, HOWEVER, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial 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 immediately above.

THE BANK Of New York Mellon FKA The Bank Of New York, As Trustee For The CWABS Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-3 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Clarence D.

McPherson
ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.
1017-2924A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1017-2924A

PUBLIC NOTICE #115082
6/2,9,16,23,30

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Jacqueline Z Grant** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Citibank, N.A. dated 8/16/2013 and recorded in Deed Book 3162 Page 221 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by CitiMortgage, Inc., conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$98,352.00, 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 (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on July 2, 2019 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 155 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 10, PRINCETON WOODS, PHASE THREE, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 32, PAGE 158, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS. REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT IS HEREBY MADE FOR A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED. SAID PROPERTY IS IMPROVED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 50 PRINCETON WAY, ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING PROPERTY IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

THIS DEED IS GIVEN SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JACQUALINE Z. GRANT BY DEED FROM MANOR HOMES, INC. RECORDED 12/28/1999 IN DEED BOOK 888 PAGE 227, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

TAX ID# 00260-00000-214-000

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 is commonly known as **50 Princeton Way, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Jacqueline Z Grant or tenant or tenants.

CENLAR IS the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

CENLAR MORTGAGE SERVICING
Representative
425 PHILLIPS Boulevard
EWING, NJ 08618
CUSTOMERSERVICE@LOANADMINISTRATION.COM
1-800-223-6527

NOTE, HOWEVER, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial 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 immediately above.

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. as agent and Attorney in Fact for Jacqueline Z Grant
ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.
1010-1418A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1010-1418A

PUBLIC NOTICE #115007
6/2,9,16,23,30

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Jimmie L. Baker and Mary J. Baker** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Market Street Mortgage Corporation dated 12/7/2005 and recorded in Deed Book 2078 Page 383 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, conveying the after-described property

to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$125,352.00, 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 (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on July 2, 2019 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 72 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 20, BLOCK B, DOVE POINT SUBDIVISION, UNIT 3, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 27 PAGE 133, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY THIS REFERENCE.

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 is commonly known as **60 Dove Landing, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Jimmie L. Baker and Mary J. Baker or tenant or tenants.

RUSHMORE LOAN Management Services, LLC is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

RUSHMORE LOAN Management Services, LLC
PO BOX 52708
IRVINE, CA 92619
888.504.7300

NOTE, HOWEVER, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial 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 immediately above.

U.S. BANK National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT as agent and Attorney in Fact for Jimmie L. Baker and Mary J. Baker
ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.
1208-2845A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1208-2845A

PUBLIC NOTICE #115077
6/2,9,16,23,30

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Rosemary Milner** to Aames Funding Corporation DBA Aames Home Loan dated 8/31/2004 and recorded in Deed Book 1745 Page 584 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee of the Aames Mortgage Investment Trust 2004-1, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$99,120.00, 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 (or such other area as designated by Order of the Superior Court of said county), within the legal hours of sale on July 2, 2019 (being the first Tuesday of said month unless said date falls on a Federal Holiday, in which case being the first Wednesday of said month), the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lot 14 & 19 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia being Lot 50 of The Falls at Butler Bridge Subdivision according to plat recorded in plat book 37, pages 200-206, Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference thereto for a more accurate and complete description.

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 is commonly known as **240 Hugh Drive, Covington, GA 30016** together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or

parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Rosemary Milner or tenant or tenants.

OCWEN LOAN Servicing, LLC is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

OCWEN LOAN Servicing, LLC
FORECLOSURE LOSS Mitigation
1661 WORTHINGTON Road
SUITE 100
WEST PALM Beach, FL 33409
1-877-596-8580

NOTE, HOWEVER, that such entity or individual is not required by law to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the loan.

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) unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not yet due and payable and which may not be of record, (c) the right of redemption of any taxing authority, (d) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, and (e) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

THE SALE will be conducted subject to (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 9-13-172.1, which allows for certain procedures regarding the rescission of judicial and non-judicial 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 immediately above.

DEUTSCHE BANK National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee of the Aames Mortgage Investment Trust 2004-1 as agent and Attorney in Fact for Rosemary Milner
ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.
1017-2764A
THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1017-2764A

PUBLIC NOTICE #115081
6/2,9,16,23,30

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

A DEFAULT having occurred under the terms of the Commercial Promissory Note from **ENTIRELY READY, INC.** to **NEWTON FEDERAL BANK** (in the original principal sum of \$154,317.13) dated August 27, 2015 secured by a Commercial Real Estate Deed to Secure Debt of even date therewith recorded in Deed Book 3361, pages 469-477, Newton County Records; and the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable as therein provided, under the powers contained in said deed and in accordance with the terms thereof, there will be sold on the courthouse steps in said county at public outcry, during the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in July, 2019, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, to wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 94, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING on the east side of Partee Drive a distance of 719 feet from the intersection of Georgia Highway #162 as measured in a southwesterly direction along the eastern side of Partee Drive; thence North 80 50' East a distance of 315.39 feet to an iron pin stake; thence South 04 18' East a distance of 211 feet to an iron pin stake; thence South 80 50' West a distance of 315.39 feet to an iron pin stake; thence North 04 18' West a distance of 211 feet to the point of beginning. For a more minute description, see plat of survey by Robert M. Buhler, RLS No. 1403, for Terrell W. Johnson dated 11/3/70, as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 22, Newton County Records, the same incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference.

NOTICE OF the initiation of this proceeding has been given to ENTIRELY READY, INC., as required by Georgia Laws 1981, p. 834 (O.C.G.A. Section 44-14-162.1 et. seq.).

THIS PROPERTY is being sold as the property of ENTIRELY READY, INC. subject to unpaid ad valorem taxes. The proceeds of said sale shall be distributed in accordance with the terms of said deed to secure debt.

NEWTON FEDERAL BANK,
AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT
FOR ENTIRELY READY, INC.
ALEXANDER ROYSTON, LLP
ATTORNEYS AT Law
1132 FLOYD Street
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #115079
6/9,16,23,30

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

BECAUSE OF a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Charles F. Turk** to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. dated August 29, 2008, and recorded in Deed Book 2665, Page 518, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to BankUnited N.A. securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$195,964.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, July 2, 2019, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 231, 9th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 95, The Southlinks at Covington, Phase II A, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 39, Pages 89-96, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is hereby referred to and made a part hereof by

description.

SAID PROPERTY is known as **120 Fairway Trail, Covington, GA 30014**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

THE PROCEEDS of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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

THE PROPERTY is or may be in the possession of Charles F. Turk, successor in interest or tenant(s).

BANKUNITED N.A. as Attorney-in-Fact for Charles F. Turk
FILE NO. 18-068749

SHAPIRO PENDERGAST & HASTY, LLP*
ATTORNEYS AND Counselors at Law
211 PERIMETER Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 300
ATLANTA, GA 30346
770-220-2535/KMM
SHAPIROANDHASTY.COM

***THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

PUBLIC NOTICE #115001
6/2,9,16,23,30

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

BECAUSE OF a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **James O. Rutledge** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated August 27, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 3747, Page 543, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$181,354.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, July 2, 2019, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 214 OF THE 14TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA. BEING MORE PARTICULARLY KNOWN AND DESIGNATED 2.50 ACRES ACCORDING TO A PLAT MADE BY GERALD T. BATCHELOR DATED JANUARY 5, 1989, A COPY OF WHICH APPEARS OF RECORD IN PLAT BOOK 23, PAGE 75, CLERK'S OFFICE OF NEWTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT SAID PLAT IS REFERRED TO FOR THE PURPOSE OF A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION AND IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE HERETO.

SAID PROPERTY is known as **950 Mill Pond Road, Newborn, GA 30056**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

THE PROCEEDS of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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

THE PROPERTY is or may be in the possession of James O. Rutledge, successor in interest or tenant(s).

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper as Attorney-in-Fact for James O. Rutledge
FILE NO. 19-073600

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PUBLIC NOTICE #115021
5/26,6/2,9,16,23,30

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

BECAUSE OF a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Robert D. Farrar** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for LoanDepot.com LLC DBA iMortgage LLC, its successors and assigns dated February 17, 2017, and recorded in Deed Book 3536, Page 270, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$365,079.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, July 2, 2019,

during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 196 of the 1st District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 7, Block E, East Wood Subdivision, Unit Six, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 28, Page 117, Newton County, Georgia Records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description. Said property being known as 120 DEEP STEP ROAD according to the present system of numbering property in Newton County, Georgia.

SAID PROPERTY is known as **120 Deep Step Road, Covington, GA 30014**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

THE PROCEEDS of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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

THE PROPERTY is or may be in the possession of Robert D. Farrar, successor in interest or tenant(s).

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper as Attorney-in-Fact for Robert D. Farrar
FILE NO. 19-072891

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PUBLIC NOTICE #115078
6/2,9,16,23,30

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF NEWTON
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

BECAUSE OF a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Warren Burgess** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corporation, its successors and assigns dated June 24, 2002, and recorded in Deed Book 1251, Page 148, as last modified in Deed Book 3656, Page 182, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR REPERFORMING LOAN REMIC TRUST CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-R1, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$149,408.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, July 2, 2019, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 124 and 125, of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being known and designated as Lot 222, Trelawney Subdivision, Unit Two, as per plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 34, Page 193-195, Newton County, Georgia, which plat is incorporated herein by reference thereto for a more accurate and complete description.

SAID PROPERTY is known as **165 Trelawney Circle, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any.

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

THE PROCEEDS of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

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

THE PROPERTY is or may be in the possession of Warren Burgess; Yasmeen J. Burgess, successor in interest or tenant(s).

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR REPERFORMING LOAN REMIC TRUST CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-R1 as Attorney-in-Fact for Warren Burgess
FILE NO. 16-051772

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PUBLIC NOTICE #115080
6/2,9,16,23,30

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF Newton
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

PURSUANT TO the power of sale contained in the Security Deed executed by DWAYNE WILLIAMS TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. in the original principal amount of \$133,200.00 DATED AUGUST 15, 2007 and recorded in Deed Book 2497, Page 308, Newton County records, said SECURITY DEED being last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual CAPACITY BUT solely in its capacity as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2018-R4, and recorded in Deed Book 3839, Page 480, Newton County records, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on July 02, 2019, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 161 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND BEING LOT 49, BLOCK A OF BROWNS BRIDGE CROSSING SUBDIVISION, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 23, PAGE 245, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA DEED RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION, BEING PROPERTY KNOWN AS 9239 MELODY CIRCLE, ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING PROPERTY IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

SAID PROPERTY being known as: 9239 MELODY CIRCLE, COVINGTON, GA 30014 TO THE best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are DWAYNE WILLIAMS or tenant(s).

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

SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

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

THE NAME, address, and telephone number of the individual or entity who has full authority to negotiate, amend, and modify all terms of the mortgage is as follows:

FAY SERVICING, LLC
425 S. Financial Place Suite 2000
CHICAGO, IL, 60605
1-800-495-7166

NOTE THAT pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, the above individual or entity is not required by law to negotiate, amend, or modify the terms of the mortgage.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CIM

TRUST 2018-R4, AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT for DWAYNE WILLIAMS RAS CRANE LLC 10700 ABBOTT'S Bridge Road SUITE 170 DULUTH, GA 30097 PHONE: 470.321.7112 FIRM FILE No. 19-271807 - AmE

PUBLIC NOTICE #114987
5/19,6/2,9,16,23,30

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE Interest of:
D.L. SEX: Female
DOB: 02/19/2019 Case #107-19J-0259
A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS AND PROCESS

TO: DANIELLA LESLIE

YOU ARE hereby notified that a Petition (Dependency) was filed in the Juvenile Court of Newton County on March 25, 2019, 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 18th day of July, 2019, at 1:00 p.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. Sheri C. Roberts, Judge of said Court, this 31st day of May, 2019.
/ S / J A N E L L GAINES

CLERK, NEWTON County Juvenile Court

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the name change of:
MARCILYN NICHOL SMITH
PETITIONER,
CIVIL ACTION File Number:
2019-CV-1153-4

NOTICE OF PETITION TO
CHANGING NAME OF ADULT

MARCILYN NICHOL SMITH filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on June 4, 2019 to change the name from: Marcilyn Nichol Smith to Martha Abrianna Israel. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed. DATED: MAY 8, 2019 MARCILYN NICHOL Smith 150 CAPETON Ct. COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #115129
6/16,23,30,7/7

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Merlin Zachary for and on behalf of his minor child, Kennedi Nicole Williams.

TO: OBJECTORS and Tondalia Williams

CIVIL ACTION File No. 2019-485-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BY ORDER for service by publication dated the 17th day of June, 2019, you are hereby notified that on the 7th day of March, 2019, MERLIN ZACHARY, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF HIS MINOR CHILD, KENNEDI NICOLE WILLIAMS filed a PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

YOU ARE required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court and to

serve upon Petitioner's attorney, Mario S. Ninfo, an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication.

WITNESS The Honorable Samuel D. Ozburn, Judge of this Superior Court.

THIS 17TH day of June, 2019.

LINDA D. Hays
CLERK, SUPERIOR Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #115190
6/30,7/7,14,21

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

PLEASE TAKE notice that CAMERON MICHAEL SANVILLE filed a petition for the change of his name to CAMERON MICHAEL POPE in the Superior Court of Newton County on June

14, 2019. Any interested or affected person may appear and file objections with the court within 30 days of that date. Objections shall be served upon Russell W. Pope, Sr., Attorney for Petitioner, P.O. Box 1160, Jackson, Georgia 30233.

PUBLIC NOTICE #115167
6/23,30,7/7,14

Notice of Proceedings

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

NANCY MOCK,
PETITIONER,

V. PETER KOSAL a/k/a PYDA C. KOSAL;

CHANYARY KOSAL; ANY TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF 0 COUNTY LINE ROAD, NEWTON COUNTY TAX PARCEL NUMBER 0032000000027A00

RESPONDENTS.

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.
SUCV2018002526

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: TENANT / OWNER / OCCUPANT OF 0 COUNTY LINE ROAD;

B. PETER KOSAL a/k/a PYDA C. KOSAL;

C. CHANYARY KOSAL;

YOU ARE hereby notified that the above styled action, seeking to remove clouds on the Petitioner's title to certain real property caused by the equities of redemption following a tax sale, as specifically provided by O.C.G.A. § 23-3-44, related to property located at "0" County Line Road, Newton County Tax Parcel 0032000000027A00 was filed against you in the Superior Court of Newton County on the 19th day of December, 2018, and that by reason of an Order for Service of Summons by Publication entered by the Court on the 23rd day of May, 2019, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of said Court and serve upon John Coleman, Attorney at Law, whose address is 675 Seminole Ave., Suite 302, Atlanta, GA 30307 an Answer to the Complaint within sixty (60) days of the Order for Publication. WITNESS, THE Honorable Eugene M. Benton, Judge of said Court. THIS THE 23rd day of May, 2019.

CLERK OF Superior Court, Newton County

PUBLIC NOTICE #115099
6/9,16,23,30

TO MICHAEL Fredrick, late of Covington, Georgia: YOU ARE hereby notified that a complaint for injuries and damages has been filed against you in Superior Court of Newton County, State of Georgia File No. SU-CV-2018-001812. UNLESS YOU answer the petition filed by Plaintiff in the Newton County Superior Court on or before 30 days from the first date of publication of this notice, the Petition will be taken as true and a judgment for the Plaintiff for damages will be rendered accordingly.

PUBLIC NOTICE #115201
6/30,7/7,14,21

Public Notice

NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL
PI 0015930 Newton County

NOTICE IS hereby given that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the use of and the routing of a detour for this project.

THE DATE of detour approval is: June 11, 2019

THE PROPOSED project will replace a structurally deficient bridge on CR 213 over West Bear Creek in Newton County. The proposed project begins approximately 600 feet west of West Bear Creek and ends approximately 800 feet east. The total length of the project is approximately 1,400 feet (0.26 miles). The existing bridge is proposed to be replaced with a 120-ft long by 28-ft wide bridge over West Bear Creek that will be constructed at the existing location, required hydraulic elevation, and roadway centerline. The roadway typical on both sides of the bridge are two 11 feet lanes with 4 feet unpaved shoulder. This project is located 100% in Newton County, GMD 477, Land District 1, Land Lot 257.

DURING CONSTRUCTION, an off-site detour will be utilized to route traffic from Dixie Rd to Elks Club Road then to CR 213/2nd Ave during closure. The additional distance for the detour route

is approximately 3.25 miles.

DRAWINGS OR maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:

ROBERT ROWLAND
AREA 5 – Assistant Area Engineer
1570 BETHANY Road
MADISON, GA 30650
(706) 343-0051

PUBLIC NOTICE #115191
6/30,7/7,14,21

Public Sales Auctions

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF
PERSONAL PROPERTY

IN ACCORDANCE with the GA Self Service Storage Facilities Act notice is hereby given that the undersigned will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder in order to satisfy lien of the owner. The auction will be held at www.lockerfox.com with bids finalizing on July 16, 2019 at 10am for the Space Shop Self Storage facility located at 6177 Jackson Hwy, Covington, GA 30014

UNIT: A26 Johnson, Niesha: Couch, Storage Container, Coffee Table, End Table

UNIT: H16 EDGE, JENNIFER: Mattresses, Storage Containers, Baby Stuff, Vacuum

UNIT: I15 BROWN, JHONNICA: Bed Frame, High Chair, Pictures, Boxes

UNIT: K25 Mote, Jeremy: Mattress, Night Stands, Couch, Vacuum, Dresser

UNIT: L25 CAMPBELL, DANITRESS: Couch, Love Seat, Washer, Dryer, Mini Fridge

UNIT: O07 PERRY, CLAUDETTE: Clothes, Lamps, Rugs, Shoes, Purses, Suitcase

THE AUCTION will be listed and advertised on www.lockerfox.com. Space Shop Self Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

PUBLIC NOTICE #115196
6/30,7/7

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, JULY 13, 2019. 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 ALICIA EDDY UNIT #53, ITEMS STORED FURN, BXS.

PUBLIC NOTICE #115221
6/30,7/7

PUBLIC AUCTION

PURSUANT TO OCGA Subsection 40-11-2, King's 24 Hour Towing through its Agents states that the following vehicles are Abandoned and will be sold on July 10, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. if not picked up as stated, 3195 Highway 81 South, Covington, GA 30016

2002 FORD Mustang VIN 1FAFP40402F203640

2003 MERCURY Grand Marquis VIN 2MEFM74W83X610934

2017 CHEVROLET Equinox VIN 2GNALCEKXH1592876

2006 CADILLAC STS VIN 1G6DW677160146618

2007 KIA Optima VIN KNAGE124575130954

PUBLIC NOTICE #115198
6/30,7/7

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE FOLLOWING vehicle was abandoned and has been foreclosed through Newton County magistrate court this vehicle will be sold at public auction on Saturday August 3 at 11 AM registration begins at 10 AM the auction will be held at All Star automotive 10710 Covington Bypass Rd., Covington, GA 30014 678-438-5965.

1J 4 GK58k02w287412
2002 JEEP Liberty

PUBLIC NOTICE #115204
6/30,7/7

PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS hereby given that Dixie Self Storage located at 1447 Access Road, Covington, Ga. 30014. The Undersigned intend to sell household goods and personal PROPERTY, TO enforce imposed lien on said property pursuant to the Georgia Self Storage Facility Act, GEORGIA CODE Section 10-1-210 to 10-4-215. The undersigned will sell at

Public Sale to the highest BIDDER ON:

JULY 22, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. CASH ONLY, will be accepted at the time of purchase. Unit 1002, Nickeal Williams, Household Goods, Furniture. UNIT 3003, Kenny L. Hunt, Household Goods, Furniture, Boxes

SALE IS subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between Owners and obligated party. We RESERVE THE right to refuse any Bid. CALL 770-770-3039.

PUBLIC NOTICE #115187
6/30,7/7

PUBLIC SALE:

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. SS 40-11-6. Brown Bridge Automotive Specialist is selling the following abandoned vehicle at a public AUCTION. Such auction is to be held at 11507 Brown Bridge Road Covington, Georgia 30016, On Monday, July 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM (404)392-9896.

2002 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN Vin# 1GNEC16Z32J282020

PUBLIC NOTICE #115177
6/23,30

PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. SS 40-11-6. Corley's Garage is selling the following abandoned vehicle at a public AUCTION. Such auction is to be held at 320 Rosebery Road Covington, Georgia 30016, On Monday, July 15, 2019 at 10:00 AM (770)787-1439.

PUBLIC NOTICE #115219
6/30,7/7

READY RENT ALL, INC.
1335 ACCESS Road
COVINGTON, GA 30014
770-787-3200

NOTICE OF SALE

A DEFAULT having occurred under the terms of the rental agreement between Ready Rent All, Inc., and the tenants listed below, notice having been sent to the tenants as required by law, there will be sold at public sale, to the public, all personal property involved, for cash, to satisfy owner's lien for rent due on each warehouse.

LAW GEORGIA Law Ann.

10-4-213

THE PROCEEDS of said public sale shall be distributed in accordance with the terms of said agreement. Ready Rent All, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any bids.

DATE AND Time of Sale: Friday, July 12, 2019 11:00Am
PLACE: STORAGEAUCTIONS.COM

TENANTS NAME
Warehouse Number
Contents

PATTERSON, CALVIN F-28
HOUSEHOLD GOODS
GARNER, NICOLE
A-1
HOUSEHOLD GOODS
PIPPIN, PAULA
H-8
HOUSEHOLD GOODS
ROSS, ANN
I-35
HOUSEHOLD GOODS

PUBLIC NOTICE #115161
6/23,30

Trade Names

NEWTON SUPERIOR COURT
TRADE NAME REGISTRATION

PERSONALLY APPEARED the undersigned who on oath depose and says that: James Pilgrim 270 WOODLAND Ridge Circle, Covington, GA 30016, is doing business in Newton County, Georgia under the name of Clerk of Court, 270 Woodland Ridge Circle, Covington, GA 30016 and that the nature of the business to be carried on at such

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