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Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14, KJV

GBI

Newton inmate death under investigation

Griffin man was being held on assault, weapon charges

By TOM SPIGOLON

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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is investigating the death of an inmate in the Newton County Detention Center.

GBI spokesperson Nelly Miles confirmed the agency is investigating the death of John Willie Ward Jr., 49, of Griffin.

Although other news publications reported it as a suicide that occurred Sunday, Sept. 26, Miles said a determination of the cause and manner of death was pending the official results of an autopsy.

Ward was being held in the jail after his Friday, Sept. 24, arrest on charges of Aggravated Assault, Possession of a Weapon or Knife During Commission of a Crime, and other drugs and weapons charges, records show.

A suspect identified as John Ward, 49, reportedly was part of an incident that Covington Police Department investigated Friday, Sept. 24.

The suspect was arrested on Aggravated Assault and drugs and weapons charges after allegedly demanding money while waving a handgun around inside a residence on Haynes Court at about 6:35 p.m., the incident report stated.

Victims and witnesses told police the suspect, identified as Ward, waved the handgun in the air and demanded money before pointing it at one of them.

After officers searched the suspect and found a needle in his pocket, the suspect told officers he was a diabetic and used the needle

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Check out CovNews.com for live updates as more details are gathered in this developing story.

Downtown Covington



Taylor Beck | The Covington News

Alpharetta-based developer John Adams listens Tuesday night as a Covington resident presents a question about his proposed renovation plan for Conyers Street Gym and Baker Field, located on Conyers Street between Elm and Davis.

Proposal in question

- \$14M renovation plan would add apartments, retail while preserving history of gym, field
- City hosts town hall event to seek community input before deciding beloved facility's future

By TAYLOR BECK

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Residents gave mixed reviews after hearing a \$14 million proposal from an Alpharetta-based developer Tuesday night of how he'd like to renovate the Conyers Street Gym and Baker Field.

During a town hall event outside Conyers Street Gym, developer John Adams of The Revivalist Guild shared his proposed plans for purchasing and revitalizing the facility. He partnered with architect D.Tracy Ward to create a design to transform the existing building and baseball field into a mixed-use area that would bring 40 total apartments and a small amount of retail space, all while preserving its rich history.

The Conyers Street Gym has remained vacant for several years and is in poor condition. City officials said the building has a variety of issues, including an excess of mold and asbestos. To simply renovate the gym as it was originally built would



Special | D. Tracy Ward

Proposed plans to revitalize Conyers Street Gym and Baker Field would involve renovating the gym and constructing a building in the shape of a baseball field for apartments.

cost millions of dollars. The city is currently working to get a grant to help cover the abatement costs.

Baker Field, however, is still used by members of the community today, offering a green space for area sports teams, families and children to utilize.

City officials said the facility, including the gym and field, in their current state, was recently valued at \$850,000.

Adams said the gym's structure would virtually remain the same

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Education

Eastside's O'Brien named Newton County Schools 2022 Teacher of the Year

Eastside High School special education teacher **DeAnna O'Brien** holds flowers she was presented after winning the Newton County School System's 2022 Teacher of the Year award Thursday, Sept. 30. Newton County Schools



Special education teacher says representing district is 'incredible' honor

By TOM SPIGOLON

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COVINGTON, Ga. — Eastside High School special education teacher DeAnna O'Brien says the chance to represent Newton County educators as Teacher of the Year was "incredible."

Newton County Chamber of Commerce President Debbie Harper named O'Brien the county school system's

2022 Teacher of the Year Thursday, Sept. 30, during a ceremony at Newton High School.

O'Brien, who was Eastside's representative in the award competition, praised the other school-level Teachers of the Year for their work.

"The 23 of us sitting up here, that is what we do each and every day," O'Brien

said. "We make their disabilities disappear and their abilities appear so that when they walk out into our world and into our community they can do whatever they dream possible," she said.

O'Brien was chosen from among three finalists who also included Samantha

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Inside

Dawgs battle No. 8 Hogs

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Weekend Weather Forecast



Saturday, Oct. 2
High: 83° Low: 64°
• Mostly sunny.



Sunday, Oct. 3
High: 83° Low: 65°
• 20% chance of rain

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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• The Rotary Club of Covington's 2021 Cars of the Past Car Show is set for Oct. 3 at 8 a.m. on the Covington Square. For more information, call 770-648-5087 or visit www.rotarycovington.org. Classic car enthusiasts are invited to enter the show, with proceeds going toward Rotary projects, including bringing Christmas presents to hundreds of local children.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

• Farmers Market hosted by Newton County Parks and Recreation at Turner Lake Park at 6185 Turner Lake Road in Covington. It is held every Tuesday through Oct. 26 from 4 to 7 p.m.. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/NewtonCountyParksandRecreation/>.

Sunday, Oct. 17

• The Covington Homecoming 2021 concert is set for Oct. 17 at 3 p.m. at Legion Field at 3173 Mill St. in Covington. McKibben Music will host the gospel music-oriented event. Performers will include Calvary Hispanic Baptist Church Group, Dona Bopp Band, Maxine Blake, Maloy Brothers Band, Andy Irwin, Mack McKibben & the Covington Community Choir and more. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/mckibbenmusic1>.

Monday, Oct. 18

• District 1 open meeting on Newton County Parks Master Plan, 6 to 8 p.m., Mansfield Community Center, 3158 Hwy. 11 South, Mansfield. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/NewtonCountyParksandRecreation/>.

Thursday, Oct. 21

• District 5 open meeting on Newton County Parks Master Plan, 6 to 8 p.m., Turner Lake Park, 6185 Turner Lake Road, Covington. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/NewtonCountyParksandRecreation/>.

Saturday, Oct. 23

• Family Movie Night featuring "Hocus Pocus" at Legion Field, 3173 Mill St. NE, Covington. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/NewtonCountyParksandRecreation/>.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

• District 4 open meeting on Newton County Parks Master Plan, 6 to 8 p.m., Turner Lake Park, 6185 Turner Lake Road, Covington. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/NewtonCountyParksandRecreation/>.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

• District 3 open meeting on Newton County Parks Master Plan, 6 to 8 p.m., Newton County Sheriff's Office West Precinct, 3612 Salem Road, Covington. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/NewtonCountyParksandRecreation/>.

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Residents in Creekview Heights subdivision recently changed their homes' porch light bulbs to pink bulbs in honor of all the breast cancer 'overcomers, survivors and warriors' during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, a resident said. The community is planning a walking event Oct. 16 at 6:15 p.m. beginning at the end of Long Drive in honor of the month.
Special Photo

OBITUARIES

Marie Hambrick Hopkins

Henry Funeral Home

Marie Hambrick Hopkins of Conyers, Ga. passed away peacefully at the age of 99 on September 27, 2021. Born July 13, 1922 in Atlanta, she graduated from Girls High and lived her entire life in the metro Atlanta area. She married Edward Hopkins in 1941 and began her life-long role as loving wife and mother. As a homemaker she supported every endeavor in which her children participated. While this included chief cook, chauffeur, cheerleader, supporter and spiritual leader for her family she always found time for her volunteer community service and her church. Marie was active in the PTA, earning a lifetime membership, the Dekalb



Marie Hambrick Hopkins

Memorial Athletic Association, Lithonia Woman's Club, Sparklers Sunday School class and the Georgia Power Ambassadors. A loving Christian servant, she attended Methodist churches including Kirkwood, Martha Brown Memorial (East Atlanta), Lithonia FUMC (for over 50 years) and recently Conyers First Methodist. She participated in the United Methodist Women's organization for over 60 years. Marie also kept her high school friendships alive with the J. U. G club (Just Us Girls) who have gathered since high school graduation. Her greatest joy in life however, was as a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Marie was preceded in death by her parents, Velma and B. H. Hambrick; her loving husband Edward Hopkins; brothers David Hambrick and Virgil (Cicero) Hambrick; and sister Talitha Martin. Survivors include daughters, Carol Ward

(Harold) of Thomson, Ga. and Harriet Harwell (Fred) of Covington, Ga.; sons, Hal Hopkins (Carla) of Conyers, Ga. and Mark Hopkins (Jill Herndon) of Marietta, Ga.; brother, Dr. Charles Hambrick of Franklin, TN. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Flowers will be accepted or donations may be made in Marie's memory to Wellroot Family Services (formerly Methodist Children's Home), 1967 Lakeside Parkway, Suite 400, Tucker, Ga. 30084 or to a charity of your choice.

Visitation was held at 11 o'clock, Saturday, October 2, at Henry Funeral Home, Lithonia, Ga. and the service followed in the chapel at 1 o'clock. Interment will be at 11 o'clock, Monday, October 4, at Fairview Memorial Gardens, Stockbridge, Ga. The Reverend Chris Shurtz of Conyers FUMC will officiate.

Charles Newton Adams, Jr.

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Charles Newton Adams, Jr. of Newton County passed away on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at the age of 97 surrounded by his family.

Mr. Adams graduated in 1940 from Mansfield High School; he received his Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering from Georgia Tech in 1943, where he was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa. He earned his Master of Business Administration degree



Charles Newton Adams, Jr.

from Stanford University in 1948. Mr. Adams was a lifelong learner, enjoyed the ocean and boating, and was a member of Peachtree Presbyterian Church and the American Legion.

Born and brought up in Newton County, Mr. Adams was commissioned into the U. S. Navy during World War II and assigned to Ames Aeronautical Laboratory at Moffett Field, California, where he worked on wind tunnels assisting in the design of military aircraft. Later, the family moved to Huntsville, Alabama, where he worked with Werner Von Braun on the early ballistic missiles and finally returned to Sandy Springs, Georgia, to work at Lockheed

Aircraft to develop the C-5 cargo carrier. Though he spent hours in the air, Mr. Adams admitted that he did not like flying; watching the flexing of the wings made him nervous!

Mr. Adams was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Newton Adams, Sr. and Thelma Lovvorn Adams; his brother, James Lovvorn Adams; his son, Theodore Lovvorn Adams; and his beloved wife of 67 years, Marie O'Connor Adams. He was also predeceased by his son-in-law Richard E. Tiede, Jr. He is survived by his children Nancy Adams Tiede of Social Circle, Georgia; Charles N. Adams III and Jacqueline Yackie Adams of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Mark G. Adams and Elizabeth Tedder Adams of Newnan, Georgia. He has 8 grandchildren: Michael

Tiede (Elena), Christopher Tiede (Jeannie), Heather Adams Johnston (Matt), David Adams (Lauren), Charles Adams IV (Danielle), Mark Adams, Jr. (Denise), Jennifer Adams Sandlin (Matt), and Andrew Adams (Jessica) and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends and family at J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home, Covington, from 11am to 12pm on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. We will meet for the graveside service at Westview Cemetery at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, a donation in his memory may be made to a favorite charity or to the Alzheimer's Association and would be greatly appreciated. J.C. Harwell and Son Funeral Home, TE Davis Funeral Services, 2157 East Street, SE, Covington, GA 30014.

Joshua Tiner

Cremation of Atlanta

Joshua Tiner, born March 20, 1982, raised in Covington and graduate of Crossroads School, passed away Sept. 26, 2021. At age 39, he left behind daughters Joyce Ann and Callie; mother Nancy Salter; sisters Billie Harrison and Betty Stevens; nephews Zackery Hall, Johnny and William Thomas; nieces Maria and Rachel Hall; six great nieces and four great nephews. Joshua was a friend to all, kind and loving, and will be greatly missed. A memorial service will be Oct. 9, 2021, and it will be a closed service to respect the family.

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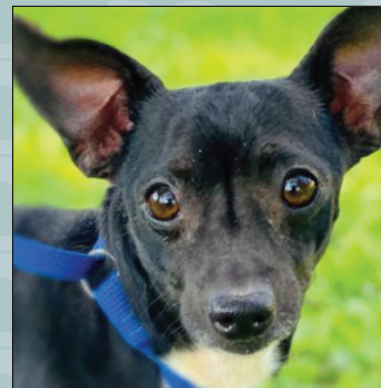
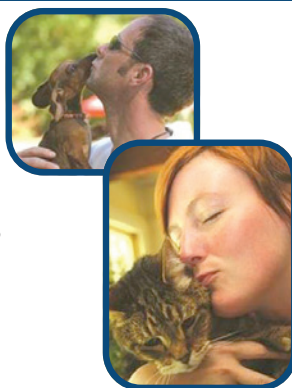
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Witnesses slam state prison system at legislative hearing

Georgia's prison system needs a total overhaul to stem the neglect and violence rampant inside prison walls, a Democratic member of the General Assembly said Thursday.

State Rep. Josh McLaurin, D-Sandy Springs, chaired a hearing that included jarring testimony from mothers of Georgia inmates who have died while in the state's custody or suffered serious neglect.

"The level of human rights abuses is intolerable," said McLaurin, chairman of the Georgia House Democratic Caucus Committee on Crisis in Prisons, which was formed to raise public awareness of conditions in the prisons. "We want to change the system. We want there to be a reckoning."

Thursday's hearing came a week after the U.S. Justice Department announced it has opened an investigation into conditions inside Georgia's prisons following complaints from civil rights groups and others who have expressed concerns about inmate safety.

The federal agency cited deaths of at least 26 inmates in state custody by confirmed or suspected homicide last year and 18 so far this year.

The Georgia Department of Corrections responded to the announcement with a statement denying it has failed to protect inmates in its charge from harm due to violence.

On Thursday, Jennifer Bradley told the committee she is still seeking answers following the stabbing death of her son, Juwon Frye, at Macon State Prison in March of last year. She said it was inmates — not prison officials — who first notified her of his death — and she still has not received his belongings.

Stephanie Lee tes-

tified that her son, Justin Wilkerson, who suffered from bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, made multiple suicide attempts before being killed last January after he was placed in a cell with an inmate serving a life sentence without parole for malice murder.

"The GDC (Georgia Department of Corrections) failed to address and treat his mental illness," Lee said. "[Then], the GDC failed to protect Justin."

Atteyah Hollie, a lawyer with the Atlanta-based Southern Center for Human Rights, said Georgia's prison system is guilty of a lack of transparency.

Hollie said the agency hasn't issued a press release following an inmate suicide in two years. Thirteen inmates died in state custody during the first half of this month, again with no word from the department, she said.

"We shouldn't have to search Facebook to learn about deaths in state-run institutions," she said.

That lack of transparency includes information on the spread of COVID-19 inside the prison system.

Hope Johnson, a data specialist with the UCLA School of Law's COVID Behind Bars Data Project, said the Georgia prison system's COVID-19 fatality rate of 2.4% is second worst in the nation.

However, the data is incomplete because the department stopped reporting new deaths from the virus last March, Johnson said. The agency also removed data on the number of COVID cases among Georgia inmates in July, she said.

A correctional officer at Lee Arrendale State Prison, who declined to identify himself for fear of retaliation, testified via cellphone the prison system is plagued by a shortage of guards and medical staff.

He said Arrendale has six to seven correctional officers on duty "on a good day" to watch 1,200 inmates.

"In these situations, you have to take into

consideration your own safety versus their safety," he said.

McLaurin said Georgia Corrections Commissioner Timothy Ward was invited to testify at Thursday's hearing but declined to attend.

At the end of the hearing, McLaurin said Democrats will continue pressing the agency to make needed reforms.

"The only way we can get change is telling these stories," he said. "These problems won't go away if we ignore them."

— Capitol Beat News



Georgia losing more state troopers, public safety personnel

Thanks to the COVID pandemic, civil unrest and violent crime wave, Georgia's Department of Public Safety (DPS) has suffered a 60% reduction in the number of state trooper applications over the last 18 months.

During a state Senate study committee meeting Thursday, DPS chief of staff Josh Lamb told senators the 745 troopers on the state agency's current payroll and 223 motor-carrier officers are the lowest in his 24 years of service.

"In 2020, the department lost 87 troopers either due to retirement, resignation or termination," Lamb said. "And now, retention has become as big an issue as recruitment. We're having a tough time getting them into the front door and an equally tough time keeping them from

leaving through the back door."

The committee was meeting to hear from different state departments on their current number of employees and the overall health of the state's retirement program.

Lamb was asked by state Sen. Elena Parent, D-Atlanta, how the department's pay scale compares to other jurisdictions.

"We've raised the starting trooper's salary from \$36,832 to \$47,350, and that's still not enough," Lamb said. "Sandy Springs just revamped their pay scale to a starting salary of \$52,641, and for the Atlanta Police Department, for prior-sworn officers, that pay scale begins at \$54,440."

Lamb also said his department has shortened its trooper school for prior-sworn officers from 34 weeks to 13 weeks.

Nonetheless, DPS has seen an overall turnover rate of 22% over the last two to three years. The troopers lost in 2020 alone represented a \$7.8 million DPS investment, Lamb said.

— Capitol Beat News

Georgia State, feds establish National Center for Sexual Violence Prevention

Georgia State University has partnered with the federal government to open the National Center for Sexual Violence Prevention.

The center was established after Amanda Gilmore and Shannon Self-Brown, both staff professors in the school's Health Policy & Behavioral Sciences Department, received a second year of federal funding from the U.S. Department of Defense's sexual

assault prevention and response office.

The center hopes to establish a sexual assault prevention workforce within the military. The combined award totals \$668,677.

"The center will continue to support sexual violence prevention research at Georgia State to reduce violence in high-risk populations like military, college students and adolescents," said Gilmore. "This can have long-lasting impacts by reducing the mental health consequences of sexual assault including substance use, post-traumatic stress disorder and suicide."

— Capitol Beat News



Federal court issues stay on Georgia's abortion law

The U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals has issued a stay on an appeal of Georgia's

controversial abortion law, pending the outcome of an upcoming U.S. Supreme Court abortion case.

The court made the announcement on SisterSong v. Kemp Monday night.

The Supreme Court case in question is Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, which has the potential to challenge Roe v. Wade. The case involves a Mississippi abortion law and will be heard by the Supreme Court on Dec. 1.

Friday, Sept. 24, the appellate court heard arguments appealing Georgia's law, known as the Living Infants Fairness Equality Act, which seeks to prevent abortions after a fetal heartbeat has been detected, typically six weeks into pregnancy, except in special situations.

During the arguments, the justices seemed inclined to stay the appeal until the Supreme Court decides on the Mississippi case.

Lawyers on both sides had no objections to issuing a stay.

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OPINIONS

The Covington News

Dick Yarbrough columnist

Philip Weltner used his pickaxe for public good

He was called “Mr. Anonymous, Jr.” I thought about him the other day, after I read the U.S. Department of Justice has launched a statewide investigation into Georgia’s prisons, focusing on prisoner-on-prisoner violence and whether the state is violating inmates’ constitutional rights by failing to adequately protect them. This past week, members of the Georgia House Democratic Caucus Committee on Crisis in Prisons, held their own hearings as well.



The more things change, the more they remain the same. Long before Tom Murton became warden of the Arkansas prison system in 1968 and discovered massive abuses in the system that led to his dismissal — He was the inspiration for “Brubaker,” a fictional account of that incident and portrayed by Robert Redford — Dr. Philip Robert Weltner was getting himself arrested in Campbell County (now a part of Fulton County) and placed on the chain gang.

The year, 1912, and Dr. Weltner wielded a pickaxe, posing as a convicted forger when he actually was deputy solicitor general of Fulton County. Weltner was seeking to expose abusive prison officials and point out the less-than-ideal treatment of inmates. He allowed himself to be “outed” after a couple of days in order to focus public attention on abusive prison officials and point out the less-than-ideal treatment of inmates. Alas, here we are 119 years later and it is déjà vu all over again.

But I submit Philip Weltner undercover work back then was a lot more dangerous than in today’s 24/7 news cycle and social media blather. He was one of a kind. I was honored to know him. Dr. Weltner was the father of the late Georgia Congressman Charles Longstreet Weltner, a Democrat, who represented the Atlanta area in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1962 to 1966. Charles was one of only two Southern members of Congress to condemn the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham in 1963 that killed four girls and injured a number of others. He was the

only member of the state’s congressional delegation (and the only Democrat from the Deep South) to vote for the Civil Rights Act of 1964. He was liberal when that was not a popular position in our state, to state the obvious.

In 1966, Congressman Weltner refused to run for reelection when the state Democratic Party demanded he sign a loyalty oath that would require him to support Lester Maddox’s gubernatorial campaign against Republican U.S. Rep. Howard “Bo” Callaway. Weltner said, “I love the Congress, but I will give up my office before I give up my principles.” And he did. Cut from his father’s cloth.

Charles Weltner later became a judge in the Fulton County Superior Court and then an associate justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia. In June 1992, he was elected chief justice. He served just a few months before his death in August 1992.

Dr. Philip Weltner was also the father of Callender Weltner Dorsey, a Steel Magnolia of the first rank. She was married to Jasper Dorsey, who became vice president of Southern Bell’s Georgia operations and a valued mentor to me. So was Callender, although she suffered fools poorly and I tried not to give her a lot of opportunities to suffer.

An unabashed Roosevelt New Dealer, Philip Weltner clashed many times with segregationist Gov. Gene Talmadge and had a role in scuttling Talmadge’s senatorial campaign against Richard Russell. He was a social reformer, ahead of his time. He worked tirelessly for prison reform, juvenile justice, public education and race relations.

In 1933, Dr. Weltner was named the second-ever chancellor of the University System of Georgia and later president of Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, from 1943 to 1953. When he arrived, Oglethorpe was unaccredited and facing serious financial problems. When he retired, the school had been reaccredited and was in solid financial shape.

Dr. Weltner was a close associate of philanthropist Robert Woodruff who was known as “Mr. Anonymous,” and who financed so many long-lasting projects including the

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Chris Bridges columnist

It won’t be surprising to see a Democrat win statewide in ‘22

It has always amazed me at how much territory the Peach State covers.

It’s something a statewide candidate must consider before throwing his or her hat into the ring.

In order to be successful campaigning statewide in Georgia, one must be prepared to cover a great deal of territory. From the North Georgia mountains to the coast in Savannah and Jekyll Island and St. Simons, it’s a daunting task to drive our state in one day. Even going from one end of our state to Middle Georgia is not easy.

Georgia is a diverse state and it’s something that makes it such a great one. We have



industry. We have a complex transportation system although I still don’t like driving in downtown Atlanta. We have numerous colleges and technical schools. We have a large agricultural base. We have a very large population.

Politically speaking, Georgia, until recently, leaned heavily Republican. That certainly changed in 2020 when Georgia voters elected two Democratic US Senators and voted in favor of Joe Biden in the presidential election. The tide slowly began to turn in the state with the Democrats’ strong showing in the 2018 governor’s race.

Previously for decades it was Democrats who held the power in statewide politics. Truthfully, one side holding all the power is never a good thing.

It would no longer be earthshattering news if

a Democrat won statewide in 2022.

In theory, it should be easier to campaign in 2021 with items such as social media and YouTube. The best campaigning is still using shoe leather, which means meeting voters in person. That means traveling to events whether they are in Rome, Brunswick, Macon, Columbus, Tifton or Moultrie.

Many candidates without big campaign budgets typically try to do more one-on-one campaigning. Stories of candidates putting many miles on their personal vehicles traveling the state are common.

Of course, it’s always beneficial to have a budget for advertising. The best mediums are television, radio and newspapers (and not necessarily in that order). Ads on internet sites are common in

2021 and many candidates still do direct mailers and the dreaded voice calls (if you want my vote do not call me asking for it.)

In the upcoming weeks and months, the primary candidates for 2022 will be more visible, whether in person or on television. Many will grow weary of the process but to me there’s something downright American about it.

Now if we can just elect one or two candidates who actually follow through on their campaign promises. If so, that candidate would immediately jump to the front of my list.

Chris Bridges is a former sports editor for The Walton Tribune and The Covington News. He welcomes feedback about this column at pchrisbridges@gmail.com.

Jennifer Wilds guest columnist

Suicide is complex, no one cause or solution

Some good things in our community have come out of this time of COVID.

People are reaching out more intentionally to neighbors and loved ones, Zoom and social media conversations among strangers and friends are on the rise and are helping to reduce the stigma around mental health needs such as anxieties, feelings of depression and lack of social connectedness. We are finding new and creative ways to connect to those nearby as well as those who are far away.

Those who are spending time together at home may be sooner able to recognize signs and symptoms and are taking part in trainings and webinars to increase their knowledge to be able to support the people that they care about in these uncertain times. ER visits for psychiatric reasons and calls to crisis lines are on the rise...which may be a good thing for people to get the necessary support before symptoms escalate.

September is designated annually as Suicide Prevention Month but, in our area, it is a year round mission to create Communities of HOPE where zero lives are lost to suicide. We work closely with Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities as well as local partners such as GNR Health Department, local Family Connection Partnerships, Drug Free Community Coalitions, mental health agencies, local school districts, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Category 10

Entertainment and local nonprofit partners to create opportunities to spread hope and health through initiatives that strengthen individual and community wellness.

The Take 5 to Save Lives campaign <https://www.take5tosavelives.org/> is an easy way to support someone that is important to you and can get you started on your way to knowing how to help.

1. Learn the signs – Take a few minutes to learn the warning signs of suicide.

2. Know how to help – Know what to say and do if someone you know is struggling

3. Practice self-care – Make mental wellness a priority in your life.

4. Reach out – Help is available and recovery is possible.

5. Spread the word – Pledge to tell 5 people about Take 5.

Suicide is incredibly complex and does not have one cause or solution but it is known that thoughts of hopelessness may lead to suicidal thoughts in some people — hopelessness is one of the greatest risk factors and also one of the areas where we all can quickly intervene when offering support. Suicide crosses all financial, racial, gender and age categories so we worry about our older adults, Veterans, middle aged men, young people, construction workers, attorneys and first responders, among others. Please take a few moments to learn a bit more about how to save a life today.

Some risk factors

may include:

- Mental disorders, particularly mood disorders
- Easy access to lethal means
- Alcohol and other substance use disorders
- Hopelessness
- History of trauma or abuse
- Physical illnesses
- Previous suicide attempt(s)
- Family history of suicide
- Loss (job, financial, relationship, etc.)
- Lack of social support and sense of isolation
- Exposure to others who have died by suicide (in real life or via the media and Internet)
- Lack of access to appropriate behavioral health care

Some warning signs that indicate a need to take immediate action may include:

- Talking about wanting to die or to killing oneself

- Looking for a way to kill oneself, such as searching online or obtaining a gun
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live, feeling unworthy
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Giving away possessions / pets

The good news, is that there are also multiple protective factors that support people and may be readily available.

- Effective behavioral health care
- Connectedness to individuals, family, community, and social institutions
- Social and emotional skill development (problem solving and coping skills, ability to adapt to change)
- Self-esteem and a sense of purpose or meaning in life
- Parental and

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Greco of West Newton Elementary School and Clayton Hammonds of Veterans Memorial Middle School.

She will now move on to represent Newton County Schools in the Georgia Teacher of the Year competition.

O'Brien said she was happy with being chosen by other Eastside teachers for the school-level award because it showed they "noticed" her students — most of whom are disabled in some way. "What touched me the most when my colleagues voted for me to represent Eastside High School, and what it meant to me, was that they noticed my kids," she said.

"My students who have had disabilities their entire life who often sometimes will go unnoticed — they

noticed my kids. Not only did they notice them but they noticed how amazing they are," O'Brien said.

She also said her award was actually for "Team of the Year" because two paraprofessionals who assist her, Maria Hardeman and Sande Jackson, "walk beside me each and every day, every step of the way."

"I cannot do my job without them," she said.

The Teacher of the Year received a crystal award and check for \$1,000 from the Chamber of Commerce; and a check for \$500 from Covington Ford.

The two runners-up each received crystal awards from the Newton County Chamber of Commerce.

All 23 Teachers of the Year were recog-

nized and presented with commemorative plaques from the Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

O'Brien previously taught in both the Morgan County and Rockdale County school systems. She also taught hospital bound patients with traumatic brain injuries at Scottish Rite Children's Hospital.

She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from Georgia Southern University in 1995 and is currently working on a master's degree in education from the same institution.

A panel of five judges chose the winner after interviewing each of the 23 school-level Teachers of the Year and reading essays submitted by them.

After the three finalists were selected, the Teacher of the Year

selection committee watched each finalist teach in their classrooms on Sept. 21. The person with the highest combined score on the essay, interview and observation was named the winner.

Greco, a fifth-grade teacher at West Newton, began her career as a teacher at West Newton in 2007 and has taught fourth and fifth grades at the school.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from the Defense Language Institute in 1998 and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Education from Beulah Heights University in 2007; and holds a gifted endorsement.

Hammonds, a sixth-grade science teacher at Veterans, joined the Newton school system team in 2018. He previ-

ously taught at Valdosta Middle School for one year. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Middle Grades Education from Valdosta State University in 2017 and his Master in Education degree from Walden University in 2019. He is on track to earn his Education Specialist in Teacher Leadership from Thomas University in 2023.

O'Brien is the first Newton County Teacher of the Year chosen in two years.

The last one chosen, 2020 Teacher of the Year Shannon Price of Flint Hill Elementary School, was a member of the committee that chose this year's win-

ning teacher.

Price told the school-level Teachers of the Year winners that each had each been a "lighthouse" to their students during the "storm we didn't see coming" — the pandemic.

"Thank you for being that beacon of light for your students," she said.

Superintendent Samantha Fuhrey said the teachers — many of whom taught their students virtually during the pandemic — had been "resilient" and "made it work for their students" during the past 18 months.

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personal resiliency

Some local resources include:

The Georgia Crisis and Access Line is available 24/7/365 for help for individuals with developmental disabilities, mental health and substances. Trained behavioral health professionals can provide resources as well as on site intervention if someone is threatening to hurt themselves, increases alcohol or drug use, engages in reckless behaviors or feels hopeless. They can be reached at 800.715.4225 or through the MyGCAL App for text and chat options.

School-based mental health services (APEX) are available in Newton County Schools (Yuki. Reese@vphealth.org).

GUIDE Inc. is a community organizing initiative focusing primarily on reducing underage alcohol tobacco, drug use and suicide.

Free QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) trainings can be scheduled with your group at your convenience. (Contact Jennifer.wilds@vphealth.org or visit guideinc.org to learn more.)

NAMI Georgia is an organization of families, friends and individuals whose lives have been affected by mental illness. Together, they advocate for better lives for individuals who have a mental illness, and offers support, education and advocacy. Learn more at namiga.org.

Education, resources and advocacy are available through the Newton / Rockdale Suicide Prevention Coalition website (zerosuicidecommunities.com) and social media pages.

View Point Health is our local community behavioral health center able to serve those who are uninsured or underinsured through a comprehensive team approach and continuum of care. The services provided contribute to a reduction in homelessness, reduction in crime and subsequent incarcerations, higher graduation rates, lower dropout rates, decreased ER visits and decreased inpatient admissions. Visit myviewpointhealth.org or call 678.209.2411 to learn more.

The most critical component is YOU! You can help save a life

by listening, asking questions if you think someone is at risk, knowing the resources that are available, reducing access to lethal means (prescriptions, firearms, knives), getting connected to treatment for yourself or helping find treatment for loved ones and getting people connected to enjoyable community activities and events. Help us create communities of HOPE where zero lives are lost to suicide!

Jennifer Wilds works with View Point Health and is involved with multiple professional affiliations including multiple Local Interagency Planning Teams, Chairperson of the Newton / Rockdale Suicide Prevention Coalition and local Drug Free Community Coalitions. She is a certified trainer for QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer for suicide prevention) and Youth Mental Health First Aid and is an advocate for youth and families on personal, county and state levels.

PICKAXE:

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no doubt blissfully ignorant of the good works of giants like Dr. Philip Weltner who came before them.

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do things. History has shown he did it right. He used his pickaxe for good.

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pher, political pundit and straight-shooting humorist all rolled into one. Reach him at dick@dickyarbrough.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dickyarb.

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for insulin. The officers then searched the suspect's vehicle and found suspected methamphetamine and other items designed to prepare the drug for use.

Officers collected evidence at the scene including a Glock

.357-caliber magazine and 10 .357-caliber bullets.

A connection between the suspect in the Friday night incident and the victim in the jail death could not be confirmed at the time of this publication.

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while becoming home to 20 apartments. He said the maple, hardwood flooring currently in the building would be rejuvenated for the lower-level units. Adams said they would “make it a point to tell the story” of the 86-year-old, brick tapestry building.

For Baker Field, Adams wants to construct a second building in the shape of the existing field that would house the remaining 20 apartments as well as retail space, “and push it back so that we can actually maintain the exact locations of home plate, first base and third.” He also wants to bring in sculptures to place at first base and home plate that replicate a memorable plays.



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Adams said second base and the pitching mound would be inside the building. He also wants to preserve the dugouts and press box and hang plaques to help tell stories of past games like Floyd’s.

Adams said there would be an ample amount of parking spaces that would be hidden underneath each building. He even called the amount of parking a “surplus” that met the city’s code requirements.

Apartment units would range between 700 and 1,400 square feet and be leased at “affordable” market rates. Adams said there were no plans to place age limitations on potential renters. But if it were what the city and community wanted, units could also be sold as condos, he said.

The development was originally priced as a \$12 million project, but because labor shortages and construction costs have risen, he projected it could take up to \$14 million to fund the renovations. Adams said the project’s conceptual designs shared during the town hall event were simply a “starting point,” and he was open to any and all commu-



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Residents were allowed to walk inside Conyers Street Gym on Tuesday night to see the building’s current condition. It hasn’t been occupied for several years.

nity input.

“I want to build an extraordinary development that serves the community in which it is built and that people can be proud of,” Adams said. “I appreciate everything that you’re saying tonight. I’m just absolutely floored that this many people showed up to voice their concerns. I promise you, if I’m lucky enough to get the development, that I will address every single one of them and try to mitigate every one of your fears to the extent that’s possible. But I intend to make this thing like it was, as close as it can be to like it was when it was built in 1935 and tell those extraordinary stories.”

Adams shared that he and his family used to live in Covington several years ago and had always held a special place for the area. He said it would be an honor to have a role in the revitalization of the facility — whatever that role may be — because its history needed to be preserved.

Adams and The Revivalist Guild have developed and are currently working on similar historically-inspired projects in other parts of the state, including Founders

Hall in Blalock Place in Alpharetta; Crabapple Mercantile Exchange in Milton; and Ellard Mercantile Exchange in Roswell. All of these projects were north of \$18 million developments.

City Manager Scott Andrews said Adams’ plan for the Conyers Street Gym facility was the only proposal received by the city after it sent out formal requests for proposals multiple times.

Covington Economic Development Manager William Smith said about five different people, or groups, showed interest in the property, but he said Adams and his partners were the only one to step up to the plate and put forward a plan.

“They did such a phenomenal job illustrating what this site meant to the community,” Smith said. “And that’s really what’s important to our team — that we do something that commemorated this site and represented Covington.”

In order to provide absolute clarity, Andrews and members of the city council assured residents numerous times that the proposal was just that — a proposal. No deal had been made. No plans had been approved.

“Nothing is decided,” Andrews said. “This was a big part of this tonight was to get the feedback from the community to figure out what you like and what you dislike ... This was the pivotal step in this before any ink dries or gavels drop ... We

really appreciate your feedback.”

COMMUNITY REACTION

After listening to the developer’s initial plan for renovating the Conyers Street Gym facility, the more than 50 residents in attendance voiced mixed reviews.

There were several proponents of an idea to only renovate the gym and update the field to “keep it like it is.”

One resident said if the city were to accept the current proposal, they would be taking away green space while adding more people to an already crowded town with “nothing to do.”

“This is all green space right now,” the resident said of Baker Field. “What I see and what I hear with Newton County is ‘more people.’ More people, more people, more people. What are these people going to do? We already wait to eat on the Square. You’re taking away more places for people and community youth to use.”

She then asked why the city had let the facility get into such bad shape, and also wondered why the city couldn’t further its partnership with the YMCA to allow them to use the field and gym, once renovated.

Community Development Director Trey Sanders said working with the YMCA to make that happen would be a “fantastic” idea, but it would also be a major financial commitment for the YMCA.

“If there was a way to make that happen, good,” Sanders said. “Let’s figure out a way to make that happen. It would be good for the community. But you’re talking about millions of dollars of investment ... and that’s one thing that everyone needs to consider ... That building is not on the verge of collapse—”

“But that’s the city’s fault, though,” a resident interjected. “It’s the city’s building and it should have been maintained.”

“All right, and we’re trying to correct it now,” Sanders said. “It is sad that it’s in that condition, but we’ve gone through the processes that we can to try and get interest to redevelop it, and this is what we have. If you guys don’t want this, that’s fine. But, it’s going to keep sitting there until we can get several million dollars for the Y to do something, or until we can get several million dollars for ... whatever [is decided].”

Another resident urged the city to consider leaving the field alone and only renovating the gym.

“You took our historic school building a long time ago,” she said. “You never should have taken it. We do not want this field taken away. It means something to all of us. To the county, to the city. It’s history. Don’t take this away. You can have that [gym]. It really needs improving. But this is green space, and it means a lot to the city.”

Heather Baker Autry, granddaughter of Buddy Baker, whom the field was named after, briefly voiced her thoughts on the developer’s proposal. Buddy Baker was considered a “pioneer of early baseball in Newton County.”

“I really think he intended, when he started playing here, for kids to continue to be able to play here if they wanted to,” she said. “Not just a memory or something that people can read stories about.”

Prior to the developer’s presentation, as members of the city council encouraged the crowd to “keep an open mind,” some shared their own memories of the facility. Councilman Don Floyd said he and his wife attended first grade together inside the gym, and he remembered eating lunch in the basement. He also recalled the many afternoons spent playing baseball on Baker


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Field.

“One thing I can remember about playing here — there were [four] teams here in Newton County,” Floyd said. “There was the Covington Braves, the Covington Mill Trojans, the Mansfield Red Sox and the Porterdale Yankees. The Covington Braves beat the Porterdale Yankees for the championship on this field. I was pitching. I got a line-drive [to the shoulder] ... everybody got to go to the Dairy Queen to get some ice cream except for me. I had to go to the emergency room.”

Following Autry’s comment, a resident who identified as a 25-year-old professional said the development would potentially give her a place to call home.

“There’s not really anywhere for me to live in the city,” she said. “I live with my parents here on Monticello Street, so my car is not going to add to your traffic. There’s not really a lot of housing options. There’s not a lot of apartments. I’m looking for a house, but as you can see, the housing market is kind of crazy. Atlanta is growing. I kind of think this is something that you need to embrace. It’s going to happen now or in a couple years ... It’s going to happen.”

Another resident agreed and said growth is inevitable, and though she identified as being “neutral” toward the proposal, she appreciated the city’s efforts to allow community input.

“I appreciate that the city is trying to find a way to preserve it. Honestly before this meeting, I had no idea about the history. So the history can either stay with the generation that made the memories here, or the generation that had those great memories can share it with the younger generation and the growth. And if anything is ever going to come here, I want it to be historic and something that we can share those memories with ... I think there is some positive, and I think some people want to see growth, but maybe growth in



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Rob Fowler, who is an 83-year resident of Covington, comments Tuesday night on the proposed development for Conyers Street Gym and Baker Field. He said the community needed to get behind some type of planning to ensure Covington handles its impending “immense” growth in a positive way.

a good way and not a forced way. And I think maybe this could be a good way. But even if it doesn’t happen, I think it’s nice that the city is trying to find a way to grow in a way the people want.”

Later, Rob Fowler, who is an 83-year resident of Covington, took the microphone. Like Floyd, he also attended class inside the gym and spent many afternoons playing on Baker Field.

“If I had my way, I would keep Covington the way it was 20 and 40 years ago,” he said. “But, that is not the case. The case is, Covington and Newton County has already grown and it’s going to double and triple in the next 10 or 20 years. So the question isn’t whether we’re going to grow or not, it’s how can we grow in a positive way? I happen to be a proponent of parks and connectivity. With parks and connectivity, that gives people age 8 to 80 a way to exercise and get out in the open ... Every foot of the trails

we have in Covington now took a debate and an argument. So, if we can get behind planning and some way drawing plans longterm that will last and survive this immense growth that we’re going to have, let’s try to do it.”

Several residents did not support the idea of more apartments being built in the downtown area, citing their belief that most renters would likely be transient.

“You like to know your neighbors,” one resident said. “You like to know that they’re going to be there for two years, five years, 20 years preferably ... I don’t want to know that the person walking their dog down at the cemetery may be gone in six months, or that there’s some person here that I don’t necessarily see around, and then there they are at the cemetery.”

Many residents were also concerned with how such a development would affect traffic. Andrews disclosed that the city had hired a third-party firm to conduct a large-scale

traffic study on the entire downtown area. He said the study was complete and results would be shared soon, and those results would also play a major factor in the future of the proposal.

Smith said the reason for limiting the proposed retail space for Adams’ development was to “try not to disturb surrounding neighborhood” while also providing opportunities for new businesses interested in locating to Covington. If a new business wanted to come to Covington currently, Smith said he had virtually nowhere to take them.

Towards the end of the meeting, Mayor Steve Horton addressed residents and thanked them for participating and providing input for what direction the city should go next.

“Your council wanted you to be here,” Horton said. “This was not something done in the dark or done behind closed doors. I want to reiterate that the city council has not obligated or committed to do

anything but to listen to you and to take your concerns and questions seriously.

“If you go home and think about things that you didn’t really think about here, get back with us,” he added. “Call him. Call me. Facebook — everybody does Facebook, I know. We’ve got the city website, too. Please, if you’ve got anything else to say, say it. But the thing that I want to say ... every public meeting that we’ve had leading up to this, we have said, for your benefit, that we have not made a decision on this project. We’re honored that someone would want to propose something to us, but we’re not obligated to

commit to do anything. So, again, thank you so much for being here, voicing those concerns. Your opinions — every one of them are valuable. None of them are less important than the other, and it doesn’t matter which side of it you’re on.

“In my mind, this is ‘grassroots community’ at its finest,” Horton concluded. “If we lose this, that’s when it’s time to cash in the chips and go home. But as long as we can do this, sit here and talk about things, have opinions in a civil manner, and apply those in the form of government, what else could be better for carrying out the business of the community?”

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Newton commissioner delays land donation for new park

Henderson wants to meet land owner to talk about conditions of gift

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COVINGTON, Ga. — A county commissioner recently convinced fellow board members to delay approval of a donation of land for a new park until he could meet with the owner about some conditions on the gift.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners Sept. 21 voted to delay for 30 days action on accepting a donation of 4 acres of land from John Addison Jr. for a county park on Brown Bridge Road.

District 4 Commissioner J.C. Henderson said the county manager's request for approval of a plan for donation of park land in his district showed "great disrespect" for him because he felt he

was not included in the final decision-making process.

But County Manager Lloyd Kerr said Henderson had been a part of the negotiation process "from the beginning" and could have called for changes before a scheduled vote on acceptance of the site Sept. 21.

Kerr said Addison asked that the property at 11869 Brown Bridge Road be transferred by Oct. 5 with a series of conditions Addison wanted.

"Time is of the essence," Kerr said.

Henderson said he wanted to work with District 2 Commissioner Demond Mason and District 3 Commissioner Alana Sanders on the overall park's development because of its location near the intersection of their three districts.

Debate on the issue included a tense exchange between Henderson, Kerr and Chairman Marcello Banes

about the events leading up to the request to accept the donation.

Henderson said he did not agree to the conditions already negotiated for the donation and wanted the opportunity to negotiate them with Addison himself.

He said Kerr should have contacted him to find out his position on the project before bringing it to the Board.

"If tabling it is going to offend anybody, I'm sorry," Henderson said.

"I've just been given a document that says, 'Here it is, that's the way we're going to do it,'" he said. "I personally think that's a great disrespect for me. Maybe not for me but for the District 4 seat."

Henderson added that the county worked to make sure all commissioners were informed about other county projects in their districts, such as fire stations.

"But when it comes to District 4 — J.C. Henderson — it doesn't work that way," he said. "I'm asking for the same respect we give

to all the other commissioners around this horseshoe."

Kerr responded that Henderson "had been involved from the beginning."

"This is not a new issue for you, commissioner. You've known about this for a long time," Kerr said.

"The only thing we're doing now is accepting the property. The conditions have not changed. There's been no plan made on the property," Kerr said.

"To effectuate the donation, there were certain things he wanted to see on the property," Kerr said.

He said he, Banes and Henderson met with Addison on the site of the property and "talked about several things."

"You and I just have a different recollection of things. You and I and the chairman were there," Kerr said.

Conditions that Addison set on the donation included construction beginning on the new park within 12 months; Addison being included in the park's planning

process; and the park being named for his parents, John Addison Sr. and Ruth Addison, Kerr said.

The property also includes a 111-year-old house that Addison wants the county to convert to a facility for an educational "resource center" named for his mother, who was a longtime Newton County teacher, Kerr said.

Banes told Henderson the three county officials met with Addison about the donation both at the Brown Bridge Road site and at the Historic Courthouse.

Banes also denied Henderson's claim that he told Henderson he would "take the project away" from the commissioner if he did not agree to the conditions.

Sanders defended Henderson and said other commissioners had wanted to discuss similar county projects with constituents before the full commission approved them.

"I believe in courtesy of a commissioner that we've done for everybody else so gracious-

ly," she said. "We just ... table it and come back in 30 days."

After the meeting, Henderson said he had been working with Addison for about two years on plans for the donation and wanted more public involvement in the negotiations — which he said had included Addison funding the construction of the resource center.

Kerr told the Board of Commissioners Sept. 21 that acceptance of the donation would allow the county to combine the land with an adjacent 11-acre site the county already owns and develop a new park.

Ownership of the property also would give the public access from a main thoroughfare to the proposed park, rather than going through a residential neighborhood.

"We do believe it will be a valuable asset to the county and, particularly, to the neighborhood in that area as well," Kerr said.

Addison did not immediately return an email for comment.

Second annual Vampire Run set for Oct. 23

Local businessman hosts annual 5K fundraiser for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

STAFF REPORTS
news@covnews.com

COVINGTON, Ga. — One year ago, local businessman Scotty Scoggins introduced the Vampire Run — a 5K fun run event held during the month of October in Covington — to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Inspired by the passing of his parents, Scoggins said he's raised money for the society through a group called Team in Training for three years and has garnered more than \$30,000. But it wasn't until last year that he came up with the idea to create the Vampire Run.

"It dawned on me that I lived in the home of Vampires (among other supernatural beings) and have been supporting the LLS," he said. "Since blood cancer sucks and vampires suck blood, it just made sense to combine them into one epic event."



Covington is the film location for the hit TV series "The Vampire Diaries" and its spinoff shows, "The Originals" and "Legacies."

Last year Scoggins was forced to hold the race in a virtual setting due to the pandemic. This year, Scoggins said the race would be held in a live format,

as well as virtual. On Saturday, Oct. 23, starting at 8:30 a.m., the race trail will run throughout the city, passing many of the Vampire Diaries filming locations.

Registration to participate in the race is currently open, but closes Oct. 16 at 11:59 p.m. Cost to enter is \$50 plus a \$3.90 processing fee. Race participants each receive a medal, finisher shirt and race bib.

Participants leaning toward the virtual option have until Oct. 31 to complete the 5K run and post their results online.

In-person participants are encouraged to "dress as your best Vampire, Werewolf, Witch, hybrid, vampire victim, or simply as your human self" on race day — extra prizes may be awarded for the best dressed, Scoggins said.

Visit runsignup.com/Race/GA/Covington/VampireRun to learn more.

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The Covington Elkadettes hosted a State Auxiliary workshop at the Covington Elks Lodge recently with members from around the state of Georgia attending. Some attendees included, from left, Beverly Dodd, Martha Radford, Miriam S. Witherspoon, Peggy Harrison, Adrian Capes, Samdu Stallcup, Linda Branham, Dianne Reagan, Amy McCrary and Miriam Wheeler. President of the State Auxiliary Sarah Hendricks of Savannah directed the meeting of new officers and members of various clubs. One of the club's main projects is Aidmore Children's Home in Conyers, said Miriam Wheeler, president of Covington Elkadettes. Vickie Hale of Aidmore spoke to the group about the home's residents and how the pandemic has affected Aidmore's operations, including being closed to visitors. The Elkadettes collect school supplies and other items for the residents throughout the year before sponsoring a Christmas party for them with games and stockings full of gifts.

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City and county officials gathered Tuesday morning for a ceremonial groundbreaking event to celebrate the beginning of construction of a Residence Inn by Marriott at Covington Town Center.

City of Covington



Ceremonial groundbreaking held for Residence Inn

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — More than one year after committing to being part of the major mixed-use development, construction of the first of three national, flagship hotels are officially underway at the Covington Town Center.

City and county officials gathered Tuesday morning for a ceremonial groundbreaking event to celebrate the beginning of construction of a Residence Inn by Marriott. Construction initially began in March, but a ceremony was not able to be held due to a spike in COVID-19 cases.

The Residence Inn is one of three national chain hotels, including a Courtyard by Marriott and a Staybridge Suites, planned for the Town Center, totaling a combined nearly \$100 million investment. Officials expect construction to begin soon for the Courtyard hotel.

Harry E. Kitchen Jr., who is president of The Foxfield Company, which is the master developer of the Town Center, said the quality of

hotels spoke to only a fraction of the entire project’s magnitude.

“This is a \$300 million project in total,” Kitchen said during a recent phone interview with The Covington News. “This is an incredible project ... I’ve been doing this for 32 years. This is the best and biggest we’ve ever done ... It’s an extraordinary project.”

In addition to hotels, an apartment complex called The Cove at Covington Town Center will provide 350 “Class A” apartments across 26 acres. There are also plans for 625 townhomes for the residential portion of the project.

As announced in early March, a Publix supermarket will anchor the retail area of the 180-acre development located off Alcovy Road. Kitchen said site work had started in August, and he anticipated the store could open by next summer.

Kitchen also said restaurants including Huey Magoo’s, Dunkin’ and Panda Express, and an Aspen Dental office are also committed to being part of the project, with many more “big names” and “junior

anchors” on the way. He mentioned some of those would include more restaurant and retail options, medical and business offices, and banks to be located on the outer parcels.

One of the more understated aspects of the project is the roughly 29 acres of the development Kitchen said would be dedicated to creating green space and preserving natural woodland.

“We have built around a ravine, so we’ve really done our best to incorporate it into the project and made it an amenity,” he said.

Kitchen also said there would be about five miles of walking trails and sidewalks.

Covington Town Center has been in development since 2016. After the project is completed, Kitchen has no doubt it would have tremendous impact on the area. He said more than 31,000 vehicle trips per day would be taken to Covington Town Center, based on a market study conducted by The Foxfield Company, and more than 1,500 jobs could be created.

Newton County unemployment rate, job seekers drop in August

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

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Newton County’s unemployment rate dropped from July to August as initial jobless claims decreased more than 25%.

The county’s unemployment rate was 3.5% in August, down three-tenths of a percent from 3.8% in July, according to the Georgia Department of Labor.

A year ago in August 2020, the rate was 7.9%.

Newton County’s rate was above the August rate of 3.1% for both Georgia and the 29-county Metro Atlanta region.

The county ended August with 50,856 employed residents. The number decreased by 336 in August but was up 4,337 as compared to last year.

The county’s labor force — the total number of residents either employed or actively seeking employment — decreased in August by 499 to 52,716. That number is up 2,226 from August 2020.

Commissioner Mark Butler of the Georgia Department of Labor said, “Although we are seeing fewer unemployed individuals now than before the pandemic started, we are also still seeing a decreased total number of people in the workforce when compared to numbers recorded prior to the pandemic.

“This will continue to cause a hiring crunch until we can attract more people back to the workforce to fill the record number of job openings,” Butler said.

Initial claims for unemployment benefits decreased 27% in August. When compared to August 2020, claims were down about 80%.

Employ Georgia, the GDOL’s online job listing service at employ-georgia.com showed 542 active job postings in Newton County for August, the department reported.

The Metro Atlanta region ended August with almost 2.8 million jobs. Jobs were up 2,300 (0.1%) over the month and up 124,300 (4.7%) over the year.

Since April 2020, 306,700 (80%) of the 381,500 jobs lost in March and April have been gained back.

The sectors with the most over-the-month job gains in Metro Atlanta included Local Government, 4,500, Administrative and Support Services, 2,600, Education Services, 2,300, Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, 1,900, and Health Care and Social Assistance, 1,800.

Jobs were down in Accommodation and Food Services, -4,800, Retail Trade, -1,700, Religious, Grants, Civic and Professional Services, -1,500, Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, -1,200, and Specialty Trade Contractors, -1,000.

There were all-time high job numbers in Financial Activities, 184,300, Professional and Business Services, 560,900, the Professional, Scientific & Technical sector, 236,800, and the Administrative and Support Services sector, 248,600 jobs.

Since April 2020, Financial Activities (176%) and Professional and Business Services (115%) gained back all jobs lost in March and April.

Other industries that have gained back the highest percentage of jobs include Education and Health Services, 88%, Information, 85%, and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, 84%, the department reported.

County Hwy. 213 bridge opens to traffic after 6 months

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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MANSFIELD, Ga. — A new County Hwy. 213 bridge in east Newton County was to be open to traffic by Friday night, a GDOT spokesperson said.

Crews finished cleaning the road surface Thursday to have it ready for striping Friday, said spokesperson Kyle Collins of GDOT.

The \$1.27 million project is replacing an outdated structure on Hwy. 213 crossing West Bear Creek 2.5 miles west of Mansfield near Dobbs Road.

Workers closed the old bridge in March and detoured Hwy. 213 traffic to the north along Dixie and Elks

Club roads.

Opening of the bridge comes after GDOT began assessing a daily charge on prime contractor Williams Contracting Company LLC for missing a July 20 deadline listed in a contract for completion.

The project is part of the GDOT Low Impact Bridge Program, which is designed to speed up work using prefabricated bridge components.

Projects in the Low Impact program must meet such criteria as no geometry or grade changes, low environmental impacts, and all detours off-site and approved by local entities, a GDOT news release stated.



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GDOT spent \$1.27 million to replace a bridge on Hwy. 213 crossing West Bear Creek 2.5 miles west of Mansfield near Dobbs Road.

Facebook accepting Community Action Grants requests through Oct. 15

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Applications will be accepted for Facebook Community Action Grants through Oct. 15 for projects in Newton, Walton, Jasper and Morgan counties, the company announced.

Projects are eligible that meet community needs by putting the power of technology to use for community benefit, connecting people online or off, or improving local STEM education.

For more information, visit <https://datacenters.fb.com/grants>.

The Community Action Grants program is an annual program funded by Facebook that benefits nonprofits and schools in communities where it has an online data center. It works with Charities Aid Foundation of America to award grants to successful applicants.

The social networking company funds projects that meet community needs by putting the power of technology to use for community benefit; connecting people online or off, or improving local Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education.

Community Action Grants are available to schools and registered nonprofit organizations in locations where Facebook has an online data center, including Jasper, Morgan, Newton and Walton counties.

To apply, visit https://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/ao_login.login?x_gm_id=8562&x_proposal_type_id=66168.

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GA Hwy 142, Covington, Georgia 30014. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend.
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THE CITY of Covington reserves the right to reject any and all bids

PUBLIC NOTICE #200912
10/3,17

Citations

CITATION

CHARLES ALLEN CARTER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **LEONA B. CARTER** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
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PUBLIC NOTICE #200914
10/3,10,17,24

CITATION

CONNIE USHER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ELMER USHER** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200916
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CITATION

JACQUELYN NEAL-BERRY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **WILLIAM RICHARDSON BERRY, JR** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/

or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200873
10/3,10,17,24

CITATION

JASMINE LAKITA USHER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **RHONDA HULL ARNOLD** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200876
10/3,10,17,24

CITATION

JASON IAN BINNS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **VICKIE LYNN BINNS** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200874
10/3,10,17,24

CITATION

JO LOUANNE NORWOOD STARGEL has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **JOE LANIER NORWOOD** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200917
10/3,10,17,24

CITATION

JOHN DAVID WILLS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **GLENDA JUNE HOLLAND** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200899
10/3,10,17,24

CITATION

KUINTA PARKER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ESSIE MAE SAXTON** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148 COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200919
10/3,10,17,24

CITATION

LAKISA GAITHER has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ANDREW GAITHER** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or

CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for the position of **Water/Sewer Line Worker** in the **Water/Sewer Maintenance Department** with a starting hourly rate of **\$13.21** to a maximum hourly rate of **\$20.40** depending upon qualifications. Qualified applicants may apply via our website by downloading an application packet at cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at the City of Covington, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 PM on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY! ALL TRAINING COSTS WILL BE COVERED! Public Works and Utilities Maintenance Worker I

Minimum Qualifications:

- Lineman certification preferred. If no Lineman certification upon employment, employee will be expected to earn the certification within a reasonable period of time.
 - Possession of a valid driver's license issued by the State of Georgia, with a 3-year clean record. CDL preferred; if no CDL upon employment, employee may be expected to qualify for CDL within a reasonable period of time.
 - Must have a valid driver's license issued by the State of Georgia, with a 3-year clean record.
- Top candidates will possess the following knowledge, skills, and abilities at a minimum:**
- Knowledge of the methods and practices involved in the design, operation, construction, maintenance, and repair of electrical utilities and water distribution systems.
 - Knowledge of water distribution operations.
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 - Skill in using a variety of hand and power tools and heavy equipment.

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

Completed job applications may be dropped off in person or mailed to:
Oxford City Hall
Attn: Jody Reid
110 West Clark Street
Oxford, GA 30054

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See LEGALS, B2

LEGALS:

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GRANT OF certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200878
10/3,10,17,24

CITATION

MARY DENISE PEARSON has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **THELMA PEARSON** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200915
10/3,10,17,24

CITATION

MORRIS SHEPHERD has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **FRANCES LOUISE SHEPHERD** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200877
10/3,10,17,24

CITATION

REGINA CONEY AND LAKEYSHIA CONEY has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ROSEMARY LOUISE SPRAUVE** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200831
10/3,10,17,24

CITATION

REPONZEL HARRIS has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **CHRISTINE ELLERBEE** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200875
10/3,10,17,24

CITATION

ROBERT EVERETT GOURLAY JR has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the Estate of **ANDREW LEE AUTRY, JR** deceased. (The applicant has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A 53-12-232). All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said application should not be granted. All objection must be in writing, and filed with this Court on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2021, next, at ten o'clock a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL, JUDGE
MARCIA WYNNE, CLERK PROBATE COURT NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

NEWTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET-148
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200918
10/3,10,17,24

CITATION

THE PETITION of **KATHRYN WILSON SPENCER** widow of **ROBERT ANDREW BROOKS** deceased, for Twelve Month's Support for having been duly filed, all interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections must be in writing and filed with this

Court on or before November 1, 2021 at ten o'clock a.m.,

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

NEWTON COUNTY Probate Court
1132 USHER Street -Rm 148
COVINGTON GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200900
10/3,10,17,24

NOTICE

RE: PETITION of Uroos Bibi Aryafar, for Letters of Administration, Estate of Behnam R. Aryafar, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THIS COURT ON September 22,2021

TO: PARICHER Aryafar and Behnam Aryafar, Jr.
THIS IS to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition of Uroos Bibi Aryafar for Letters of Administration of Estate of Behnam R. Aryafar.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. All objections must be filed by November 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL PROBATE JUDGE
BY: MARCIA Wynne
CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014
770 784 2045

PUBLIC NOTICE #200920
10/3,10,17,24

NOTICE

RE: PETITION of Sandra Wheelis Ames , to Petition for Leave to Sell Property, Estate of William Edgar Wheelis, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THIS COURT ON September 02, 2021

TO: WILLIAM Russell "Rusty" Wheelis
THIS IS to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition of Elaine Wheelis Ames for a Petition for Leave to Sell Property, Estate of William Edgar Wheelis.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. All objections must be filed by November 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL PROBATE JUDGE
BY: MARCIA Wvnnne
CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014
770 784 2045

PUBLIC NOTICE #200883
10/3,10,17,24

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GWINNETT COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
NASSER HEAVY EQUIPMENT, INC. v. **JAMES CAMPBELL**, Civil Action No. 21-A-01202-1 (Gwinnett County Superior Court)

TO: JAMES CAMPBELL, a/k/a James Campbell Gittens, Individually. **LAST KNOWN** Potential Address:100 Landon Way, Covington, GA 30016 (Newton County, GA)
TAKE NOTICE THAT Plaintiffs have filed in the Superior Court of Gwinnett County, Georgia, a Complaint for Damages on February 18, 2021. Plaintiffs are seeking damages for Breach of Contract, Quantum Meruit/Unjust Enrichment, Attorneys' Fees and Judgment against the Defendant which are the subject matter of the above-styled case which is also known as Civil Action File No.: 21-A-01202-1. Service by Publication is hereby perfected on **JAMES CAMPBELL**, a/k/a **JAMES CAMPBELL GITTENS**, Individually, Defendant, pursuant to applicable Georgia law and O.C.G.A. § 9-11-4(f)(1)(A) et seq. and that by reason of an ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION signed and filed of record by the Honorable Chief Judge George F. Hutchinson, III, of Superior Court of Gwinnett County, GA on SEPTEMBER 2, 2021, Defendants is hereby given notice that you are commanded and required to file with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Gwinnett County an Answer to the Complaint for Damages within sixty 60 days from September 2, 2021 in accordance with the Georgia Civil Practice Act.
ANY RESPONSIVE pleadings shall also be served on Plaintiffs by mailing a copy to Paul E. Andrew, Esq., Andrew Merritt Reilly & Smith LLP, Seven Lumpkin Street, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. Any failure to answer within the prescribed time period required by law may result in a default judgment against the above-named party Defendant, and all heirs, as to both liability and damages, for all relief sought in the Complaint.
WITNESS, UNDER penalty of law, the Honorable Chief Judge **GEORGE F. HUTCHINSON**, III, Judge of Gwinnett Superior Court.

THIS THE 21st day of September, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #200888
9/26-10/3,10,17

NOTICE

RE: PETITION of Nancy Elaine Johnson , to Probate Will in Solemn Form, Estate of Horace Eugene Johnson, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THIS COURT ON September 03, 2021

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Leg shank

5. A way to recognize

11. "VeggieTales" character

12. Getting out of by cunning

16. Mythological mountain

17. Atomic #18

18. Viscous liquid

19. 2010 Denzel film

24. 12th star in a constellation

25. Made better

26. Pouches

27. Nervous twitch

28. This (Spanish)

29. Tennis legend Bjorn

30. Hand (Spanish)

31. Afrikaans

33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)

34. Treated with kid gloves

38. Leaseholder

39. Frogs, toads, tree toads

40. Popular dance

43. Sailing maneuver: tack & _

44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)

45. Mark

49. Health insurance

50. Custom clothing brand

51. One who makes suits

53. Execute or perform

54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting

56. Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels

58. Blood group

59. Imaginary line

60. Hopeless

63. Darken

64. Spoke

65. Work units

CLUES DOWN

1. A way to fit out

2. Football carries

3. Force out

4. Maintaining equilibrium

5. Sealed with a kiss

6. Type of container

7. Hollyhock

8. We

9. Small freshwater ducks

10. Norse personification of old age

13. Says who you are

2021

TO: WILLIAM Eugene Johnson
THIS IS to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition of Nancy Elaine Johnson to Probate Will in Solemn Form, Estate of Horace Eugene Johnson.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. All objections must be filed by November 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL PROBATE JUDGE
BY: MARCIA Wynne
CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014
770 784 2045

PUBLIC NOTICE #200882
10/3,10,17,24

NOTICE

RE: PETITION of Jovce Ann Lewis , for Letters of Administration, Estate of Anthony E. Francis, UPON WHICH AN ORDER FOR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THIS COURT ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

TO: SANDRA Francis
THIS IS to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition of Joyce Ann Lewis for Letters of Administration, Estate of Anthony E. Francis.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. All objections must be filed by November 1, at 10:00 a.m.

MELANIE M. BELL PROBATE JUDGE
BY: MARCIA W yn ne
CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
1132 USHER STREET COVINGTON, GA 30014
770 784 2045

PUBLIC NOTICE #20087
10/3,10,17,24

Corporations

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME

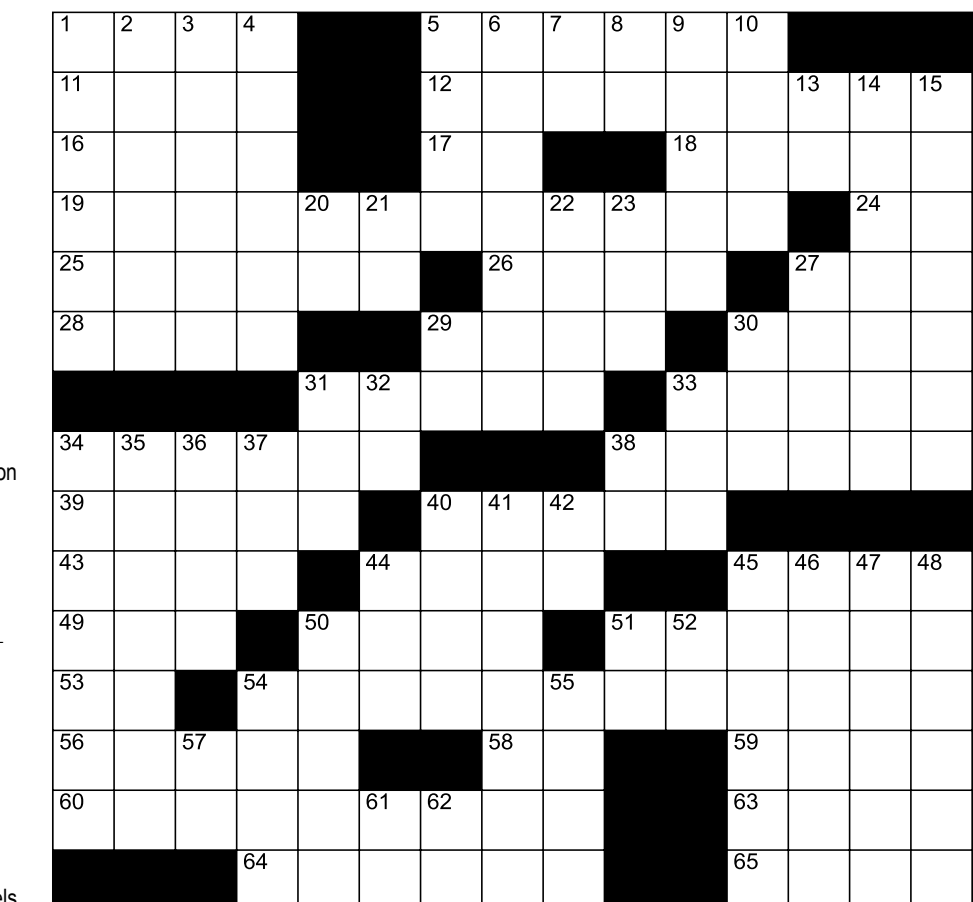
NOTICE IS given that articles of amendment which will change the name of **CARQUEST OF WINDER, INC.** to **RICKY BRUCE GENERAL CONTRACTOR, INC.** have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The registered office of the corporation is located at 4420 County Road 213, Mansfield, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #200871
9/26-10/3

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO Debtors and Creditors

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **William Charles Maxwell, Jr.** late of Newton County, deceased, 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 19TH** day of September, 2021
NAME: TAMMY Hodge and Cheyenne Belle Hodge
TITLE: CO-ADMINISTRATORS
ADDRESS: 118 Calmes Boulevard,



14. Candidate
15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
20. Defunct language (abbr.)
21. Take too much
22. Iranian province
23. Records electric currents
27. _ and feathers
29. Beloved Mr. T character
30. More (Spanish)
31. Beverage
32. Promotional material
33. Green vegetable
34. National capital
35. To any further extent
36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node
37. Anger

Winchester, Kentucky 40391

PUBLIC NOTICE #200790
9/19,26,-10,3,10

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **ARNOLD DALE TINGLER** 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 SEPTEMBER , 2021.

RITA TINGLER
5429 DAVID CIRCLE
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200834
9/12,19,26-10/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DANE SCOTT SCHNARR** 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 1ST** day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

FERN BYERLY
77115 TAUNTON DRIVE
GREENSBORO, NC 27410

PUBLIC NOTICE #200832
9/12,19,26,-10/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DEKINA OLIVER** 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 21ST** day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

JANICE VONNER
700 FLEETA DR
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200898
9/26-10/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **DONALD W. THOMAS** 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 21ST** day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

DENNIS THOMAS
957 MITCHELL RD
COMMERCE, GA 30529

PUBLIC NOTICE #200890
9/26-10/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EMMETT CHILDERS** 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 17TH** day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

PAUL ROWE
245 RAM DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200892
9/26-10/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate

38. Pound
40. Popular Yugo
41. Salt of acetic acid
42. Millihenry
44. Israeli city __ Aviv
45. Make wider
46. Drink containing medicine
47. Acknowledging
48. Private, romantic rendezvous
50. Calvary sword
51. Disease of the lungs
52. 2001 Spielberg film
54. Fleshy, watery fruit
55. In one's chambers
57. Set of information (abbr.)

of **ERNEST DUWAYNE BROOKS, III** 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 21ST** day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

NIKOLE S. BROOKS
160 AUTUMN COURT
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200897
9/26-10/3,10,17,24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EVA MARIE CROSBY-PARKER** 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 AUGUST, 2021.

ALETHA PARKER BOWEN
474 BOBCAT TRAIL
MANSFIELD, GA 30055

PUBLIC NOTICE #200837
9/12,19,26-10/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EVELYN BANKS** 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 21ST** day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

ANTHONY BANKS
90 HEATHER WOODS CT
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200891
9/26-10/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **EVELYN BELCHER** 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 2ND** day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

LISA BAKER
35 BROOKWOOD DR
COVINGTON, GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200835
9/12,19,26-10/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **FRED ODOM** 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 SEPTEMBER, 2021.

DEIDRE ODOM
180 LANELLA PKWY
CONYERS, GA 30013

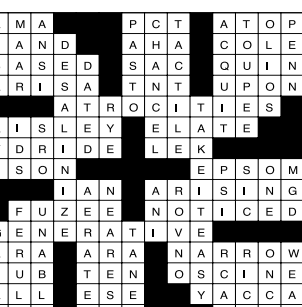
PUBLIC NOTICE #200894
9/26-10/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **HAZEL BAKER** 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 SEPTEMBER,

61. Dorm employee
62. Indicates position

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



2021.

GUSSIE O. BAKER
7142 GREEN ACRES COURT SW
COVINGTON GA 30014

PUBLIC NOTICE #200893
9/26-10/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JAMES CLAXTON 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 7TH** day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

MICHAEL K. JONES
1161 KATHRYN CIRCLE
FOREST PARK, GA 30297

PUBLIC NOTICE #200836
9/12,19,26-10/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JOANN FAVERO PRESTON** 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 1ST** day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

JAMES DANIEL PRESTON, JR
1 BEACH CLUB DRIVE
MIRAMAR BEACH, FL 32550

PUBLIC NOTICE #200833
9/12,19,26-10/3

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **JOANNE W. SYMMES** 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 SEPTEMBER, 2021.

EDWIN SYMMES
140 HICKORY LANE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200889
9/26-10/3,10,17

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **KURT DAVID FRAZER** 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 21ST** day of SEPTEMBER, 2021.

KEVIN M. FRAZER
646 FOREST PINE DR
CHEROKEE, GA 30107

PUBLIC NOTICE #200896
9/26-10/3,10,17,24

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **PATSY ANN BRITT** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the unders

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CREDITORS

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON
ALL CREDITORS of Estate of **JERRY JOE NEAL** of Newton County, Georgia, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payments to the undersigned.

THIS 9TH day of September, 2021.

TAMMY DENISE Neal
P.O. BOX 65
OXFORD, GA- 30054

PUBLIC NOTICE #200858
9/19,26-10/3,10

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

DAVID J. LEWIS
PLAINTIFF,
V
LOLITA B. LEWIS
DEFENDANT,

ACTION NO.2021-CV-2104-4

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO LOLITA B. LEWIS
65 HEATON TRAIL PLACE
COVINGTON GA 30016

BY NOTICE for Publication dated the 15TH day of SEPTEMBER 2021 you are hereby notified that upon the 9/15/21 the Plaintiff, **DAVID J. LEWIS** filed suit against you for Divorce. You are required to file an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Notice for Publication with the clerk of Superior Court of the 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 Cheveda D. McCamy , Judge of the Superior Court of Newton County.
THIS, THE 17th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #200905
10/3,10,17,24

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

JINO LUMPKIN
PLAINTIFF,
V
KAREN NELVIS LUMPKIN
DEFENDANT,

ACTION NO.2021-CV-908-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO KAREN NELVIS LUMPKIN
3127 PANTERS TRACE
DECATUR, GA

BY NOTICE for Publication dated the 16TH day of SEPTEMBER 2021 you are hereby notified that upon the 9/01/21 the Plaintiff, **JINO LUMPKIN** filed suit against you for Divorce. You are required to file an Answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the Notice for Publication with the clerk of Superior Court of the 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 of the Superior Court of Newton County.
THIS, THE 17th day of SEPTEMBER, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #200880
9/26-10/3,10,17

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY

STATE OF GERORGIA

DANYEL CARO LUGO
PLAINTIFF
V.
TERESA MALDONADO MUNOZ
DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-1232-4

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO:
TERESA MALDONADO MUNOZ
MEXICO, CUERNAVACA

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated MAY 27 2021 you are hereby notified that on MAY 25 , 2021 (date of filing) **DANYEL CARO LUGO** (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

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

WITNESSTHE Honorable **CHEVEDA D. MCCAMY**, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 8TH day of JNES 2021.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200906
10/3,10,17,24

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Dennis C. Ellis** to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. dated 6/25/2012 and recorded in Deed Book 3023 Page 47 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$53,561.00, 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 November 2, 2021 (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 Lots 192 and 189 of the 9th Land District of Newton County, Georgia, and being Lot 1 as shown on plat of survey for Frank E. Christian, dated May 18, 1978, prepared by William R. Simmons, RS, and recorded in Plat Book 15, page 40, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

TO FIND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, commence at the intersection of the southwestern right-of-way line of Henderson Mill Road with the eastern right-of-way line of Georgia Highway 36, thence in a generally easterly direction along the southwesterly right-of-way line of Henderson Mill Road a distance of 4,058.16 feet to an iron pin; thence South 29 degrees 54 minutes 29 seconds West a distance of 235.61 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; and from the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, thence continuing South 29 degrees 54 minutes 29 seconds West 120.0 feet to an iron pin; thence North 56 degrees 40 minutes 30 seconds West 335.87 feet to an iron pin; thence North 24 degrees 18 minutes 42 seconds East 120.42 feet to an iron pin; thence South 56 degrees 48 minutes 57 seconds East 347.58 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. **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 **10 Taylor Rd, Covington, GA 30014** 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): Dennis C. Ellis or tenant or tenants.
SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE Servicing is the entity or individual designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.
SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE Servicing
PO BOX 10826
GREENVILLE, SC 29603-0826
1-800-365-7107
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.
NEWREZ LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing as agent and Attorney in Fact for Dennis C. Ellis
ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.
1263-1426A

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 1263-1426A

PUBLIC NOTICE #200886
10/3,10,17,24

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed To Secure Debt given by **George W. Siders** and **Mitzie C. Siders** to First Georgia Community Bank dated 07/05/2006 and filed 07/12/2006, recorded in Deed Book 2230, Pages 563-567, Newton County, Georgia Records, (later assigned to Reliant Loan Servicing, LLC), conveying the after-described property to secure an Home Equity Line of Credit Agreement ("Agreement")/ Disclosure Statement in the original principal amount of Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$13,750.00), 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 Tuesday, October 5, 2021 the following described property:
TRACT 1:
ALL THAT Tract or parcel of land lying and being in land Lot 161, 10th District, City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 5, Block E of Brown Bridge Crossing, according to plat recorded in Plat book 23, page 245, 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.
TRACT 2: All that Tract or parcel of land lying and being in land Lot 161 of the 10th District, City of Covington, Newton County, Georgia, being Part of Lot 4, Block E of Brown Bridge Crossing, according to a survey for Chard E. Donaldson and Tina R.

Donaldson by Georgia A. Butcher GA R.L.S., no. 1903, dated May 30, 1991 and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING AT an iron pin found located on the Northeasterly right of way line of Melody Court said point being 345.63 feet northerly along the Easterly right of way line of Melody court from the Intersection of the Easterly right of way line of Melody court and the Northerly right of way line of Melody Circle; Thence Leaving the Northerly right of way line of Melody court and Running North 80 Degrees 32 Minutes 14 Seconds East a Distance of 57.96 Feet to an iron pin set; Thence Running North 20 Degrees 25 Minutes 02 Seconds East a Distance of 22.20 feet to an iron pine set; Thence Running South 49 Degrees 43 Minutes 45 Seconds West a Distance of 76.29 Feet to an Iron pin found and the Point of Beginning this being the same property deeded from Rotomco Inc to Chad E Donaldson and Tina R Donaldson by Warranty deed Dated May 31 1991 and recorded in deed book 398, page 194, public records of Newton County, Georgia.

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

SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), any unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not due and payable and which may not be of record, any 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 Deed To Secure Debt first set out above including but not limited to that certain Security Deed given by George W. Siders and Mitzie C. Siders to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Crescent Mortgage Company dated 05/22/2006 and filed 06/07/2006, recorded in Deed Book 2204, Pages 123-138, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the above-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$130,400.00.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is George W. Siders and Mitzie C. Siders or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **9202 Melody Ct SW, Covington GA 30014**.

IN COMPLIANCE with Georgia law, please find below the contact information for the entity who has authority to negotiate, amend, and modify the terms of the loan documents which may include a note, mortgage, security deed or deed to secure debt.

FAY SERVICING, LLC
1601 LBJ Freeway
STE 150
FARMERS BRANCH TX 75234
312-610-7096
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 Deed To Secure Debt. to any rights of rescission of the party conducting this foreclosure sale pursuant to Georgia law including, but not limited 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.

PLEASE NOTE that 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 and final review by the party conducting this foreclosure sale for compliance with contractual and legal obligations pursuant to the terms of the loan documents and State and Federal law, including but not limited to any and all rights of rescission.

RELIANT LOAN Servicing , LLC, as Attorney in Fact for George W. Siders and Mitzie C. Siders

BY:
ANDREW D. Gleason
ATTORNEY FOR Reliant Loan Servicing , LLC
LEFKOFF, RUBIN, Gleason, Russo & Williams, P.C.
5555 GLENRIDGE Connector
SUITE 900
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30342
(404)869-6900
(404)869-6909 (FAX)

PUBLIC NOTICE #200753
10/3,10,17,24

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 **Gaynell Freeman** to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, dated April 15, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 1896, Page 166, Newton County, Georgia Records and as modified by that certain Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Deed Book 3076, Page 589, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for the holders of MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-WF1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2874, Page 56, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$154,000.00), 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 November, 2021, 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.
MASTR ASSET Backed Securities Trust 2005-WF1, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee 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: Specialized Loan Servicing, 6200 S. Quebec St., Greenwood Village, CO 80111, 800-306-6059.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Gaynell Freeman and Estate of Gaynell Freeman or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **150 Camerons Way, 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.

MASTR ASSET Backed Securities Trust 2005-WF1, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee
AS ATTORNEY IN Fact for **GAYNELL FREEMAN**
MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce, LLC
1544 OLD Alabama Road
ROSWell, GA 30076
WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET
EXHIBIT "A"
ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 186, 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 224, Camerons Landing Subdivision, Unit Three, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 31, Page 44, Newton County, GA records, which plat is incorporated herein and made a part hereof by reference for a more particular and complete description.
MR/MEH 11/2/21
OUR FILE no. 52297608 - FT1

PUBLIC NOTICE #200901
10/3,10,17,24

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 Perdomo** to Bank of America, N.A., dated December 11, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 2345, Page 403, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in it's individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2019-GS1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3901, Page 15, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$68,000.00), 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 November, 2021, 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.

U.S. BANK Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2019-GS1 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, Inc., 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 Perdomo or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **237 Oxford Road, Oxford, Georgia 30054**.

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 Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust

2019-GS1

AS ATTORNEY IN Fact for **LISA PERDOMO**
MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce, LLC
1544 OLD Alabama Road
ROSWell, GA 30076
WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET
EXHIBIT "A"
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 289 OF THE 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 3, OXFORD ROAD SUBDIVISION. AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, PAGE 20, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA RECORDS, WHICH RECORDED PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION. SAID PROPERTY BEING KNOWN AS 237 OXFORD ROAD ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF NUMBERING HOUSES IN NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

MR/MEH 11/2/21

OUR FILE no. 5572619 - FT1

PUBLIC NOTICE #200922
10/3,10,17,24

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 **Kesia Maxwell-Hall** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Wilmington Finance, Inc., its successors and assigns dated December 22, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 2351, Page 201, Newton County, Georgia Records, as last transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the holders of the SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-BC2 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 3080, Page 427, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY AND 0/100 DOLLARS (\$125,120.00), 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 November, 2021, 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.
U.S. BANK National Association, as Trustee for SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-BC2 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: Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, 8950 Cypress Waters Blvd, Coppell, TX 75019, 888-850-9398x3705.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Kesia Maxwell-Hall or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **110 Dianne Trail West, 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 Trustee for SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-BC2
AS ATTORNEY IN Fact for **KESIA MAXWELL-HALL**
MCCALLA RAYMER Leibert Pierce, LLC
1544 OLD Alabama Road
ROSWell, GA 30076
WWW.FORECLOSUREHOTLINE.NET
EXHIBIT "A"

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 27 of the 10th District, Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 115, Phase Two of Country Roads Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 44, page 134, Newton County, Georgia Records, which recorded plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this description.
MR/MEH 11/2/21
OUR FILE no. 5217618 - FT2

PUBLIC NOTICE #200903
10/3,10,17,24

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER

GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Deed to Secure Debt given by **Courtney Burrell** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated April 27, 2006, and recorded in Deed Book 2176, Page 577, Newton County, Georgia records, having been re-recorded at Deed Book 2942, Page 162, aforesaid records, and as last transferred to The Bank

of New York Mellon as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-8, by Assignment recorded in Deed Book 2918, Page 289, Newton County, Georgia records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of \$171,750.00, with interest at the rate specified therein, there will be sold by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October, 2021, to wit: October 5, 2021, the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 40 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia, being Lot 59 of Glen Echo Subdivision, Phase One, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 42, Pages 195-198 (more particularly described in Page 197), Newton County, Georgia records, which plat is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

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

SAID PROPERTY is commonly known as **40 Glen Echo Drive, Covington, GA 30016**, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property. To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party (or parties) in possession of the subject property is (are): Courtney Burrell or tenant or tenants.

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

LEGALS:

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REFERENCE THERETO being incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular description of the captioned property. **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 **135 Jennifer Lane, Covington, GA 30016, 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): Dana A. Clark or tenant or tenants.

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

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1600 SOUTH Douglass Road SUITE 200-A ANAHEIM, CA 92806 (800) 561-4567

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.

BANK OF New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust as agent and Attorney in Fact for James Reed Blakeney ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

THIS LAW FIRM MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 2191-2157A

PUBLIC NOTICE #200923 10/3,10,17,24

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

PURSUANT TO the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **James Reed Blakeney** to Guaranteed Home Mortgage Company, Inc. dated 12/7/2008 and recorded in Deed Book 2679 Page 13 Newton County, Georgia records; as last transferred to or acquired by Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of \$562,500.00, 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 November 2, 2021 (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 148 OF THE 1ST DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 12, BLOCK B, UNIT ONE, SURREY CHASE SUBDIVISION, ON A PLAT OF SURREY CHASE SUBDIVISION, UNIT ONE, PREPARED BY ROBERT N. BUHLER, GA RLS NO. 1403, RECORDED APRIL 13, 1987, IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE 147, PUBLIC RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS REFERENCED HERETO INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR A MORE PARTICULAR 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 **25 Carolyn Court, Social Circle, GA 30025** 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): Deborah Gail Jones Executor of the Estate of James Reed Blakeney or tenant or tenants.

REVERSE MORTGAGE Solutions, Inc. is the entity or individual

designated who shall have full authority to negotiate, amend and modify all terms of the mortgage.

REVERSE MORTGAGE Solutions, Inc.

LOSS MITIGATION 14405 WALTERS Road, Suite 200 HOUSTON, TX 77014 888-918-1110

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.

BANK OF New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust as agent and Attorney in Fact for James Reed Blakeney ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 15 Piedmont Center, 3575 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30305, (404) 994-7637.

1386-018A

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PUBLIC NOTICE #200884 10/3,10,17,24

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

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

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed given by **Latricia Jones-Smith** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for FMF Capital LLC, dated 11/20/2006 and filed 12/07/2006, recorded in Deed Book 2336, Page 258-265, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Balloon Note in the original principal amount of Twenty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$28,200.00), last assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, Not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee of The Aspen Holdings Trust, a Delaware Statutory Trust 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 Tuesday November 2, 2021, the following described property:

ALL THAT tract or parcel of land, with house and all other improvements located thereon, lying and being in Land Lot 71 of the 10th District of Newton County, Georgia and being Lot 126 of Oak Hill Subdivision, Phase 2 as shown on plat of Oak Hill Subdivision - Phase 2 as same is recorded in Plat Book 39, page 285 Thru 288, Newton County Records. The description of said property as contained on said plat is hereby incorporated herein and made an essential part hereof by 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 Balloon 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 unpaid water or sewage bills that constitute a lien against the property whether due and payable or not due and payable and which may not be of record, any 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 including but not limited to that certain Security Deed given by Latricia Jones-Smith to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for FMF Capital LLC, dated 11/20/2006 and filed 12/07/2006, recorded in Deed Book 2336, Page 241, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the above-described property to secure a note in the original principal amount of \$112,800.00.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Latricia Jones-Smith or a tenant or tenants and said property is more commonly known as **75 Oak Hill Drive, Covington GA 30016.**

IN COMPLIANCE with Georgia law, please find below the contact information for the entity who has authority to negotiate, amend, and modify the terms of the loan documents which may include a note, mortgage, security deed or deed to secure debt.

ASPEN PROPERTIES Group, LLC CHARLES "JOHN" Brisenso,

CMBI Vice President
5700 W. 112th Street, Suite 110 LEAWOOD, KS 66211 TOLL FREE: 800-326-5799
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. To any rights of rescission of the party conducting this foreclosure sale pursuant to Georgia law including, but not limited 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.

PLEASE NOTE that 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 and final review by the party conducting this foreclosure sale for compliance with contractual and legal obligations pursuant to the terms of the loan documents and State and Federal law, including but not limited to any and all rights of rescission.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS Fund Society, FSB, Not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee of The Aspen Holdings Trust, a Delaware Statutory Trust, as Attorney in Fact for Latricia Jones-Smith ANDREW D. Gleason ATTORNEY FOR Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, Not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee of The Aspen Holdings Trust, a Delaware Statutory Trust

LEFKOFF, RUBIN, Gleason, Russo & Williams, P.C. 5555 GLENRIDGE Connector SUITE 900 ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30342 (404)869-6900 (404)869-6909 (FAX)

PUBLIC NOTICE #200910 10/3,10,17,24

Forfeiture Seizure

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA ALCOVY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF GEORGIA, EX REL RANDY MCGINLEY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ALCOVY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, PLAINTIFF, VS

1. THREE Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Six Dollars and Thirty Seven Cents (3,236.37) in U.S. Currency,

2. 5467 Hwy 162 South Covington, GA. 30016 Land Lots 161 and 162 of the 8th District, Newton County, Georgia, being tract 2"b",

3. 1994 Chevy Camaro VIN#2G1FP22P9R2106964,

4. 1999 Chevy C3500 Truck VIN#1GBJJC34R3XO68133,

5. CATIPILER Bulldozer Ser#8Y-9222,

6. 1940 Ford Sedan 2S SN#5507140,

7. 2002 Chevy Camaro Z28 VIN#2G1FP32G322126302,

8. FORD LGT Truck VIN#F10GEB29518,

9. 1965 Oldsmobile Cutlass VIN#338275M386918,

10. 1964 Chevy Truck VIN#4C633A116337,

11. BMW 550I VIN#WBANW53578CT54016,

12. CHEVY Truck VIN#C1546A153195,

13. RED and White Coupe (VN UNAVAILABLE),

14. REAR Engine Dragster,

15. BUICK Enclave VIN#5GAER23718J216933,

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19. 2008 Homemade Hauler Trailer VIN#T786591,

20. JOHN Deere Back Hole 3DVN#T0310DG783027,

21. RED Bigdog Motorcycle VIN#DKM23174,

22. 1987 Motorcycle with sidecar VIN#1HD1DGL10HY503545,

23. 1966 Harley Davidson VIN#1HD1BKL19TY032612,

24. 1993 Harley Davidson VIN#1HD1BJL48PY038847,

25. 1986 Honda Rebel VIN#JH2MC1327GK100372,

26. KIKKER Motorcycle VIN#200708000001830,

27. SACHS Motorcycle VIN#511060690,

28. ZHEJIANG MCF Mopod VIN#LFFWKT3C583001123,

29. WINCHESTER Firearm SN#6255881,

30. HENRY Firearm SN#179279H,

31. WINCHESTER Firearm SN#332882,

32. SAVAGE Shotgun SN#V25892,

33. MOSSBERG Shotgun SN#P812315,

34. MOSSBERG Shotgun,

35. TRADITIONS Panther Black Powder Firearm,

36. CHARLES Daly Firearm SN#2123073,

37. STEVENS Shotgun,

38. HERCULES Firearm,

39. SMITH & Wesson Firearm SN#UBV7062,

40. BRYCO Pistol Firearm SN#1578104,

41. SMITH & Wesson SN#AJB2199,

42. SIG Sauer Romeo Red Dot Sight SN#RD30CP,

43. PINTY Red Green Rangefinder Illuminated Optical Rifle Scope,

44. NITROGEN Scope,

45. LASERMAX Spartan Red Laser Sight,

46. TANNERITE,

47. 18 Wheeler Freighliner & Trailer VIN#1GRAA5215HS014101,

48. JUMP Box SN#372091941,

49. AIRBOAT and Trailer Watercraft SN#GA0898AF,

50. 1966 Ford Thunderbird VIN#6Y87Z147686,

51. 2004 Fort Lupton Trailer VIN# 4X4FSEF284J028147,

52. 1997 Homemade Utility Trailer VIN#T928757,

53. 1959 Chevy Elcamino VIN#A59K166999,

54. ARIENS Ikon X-42 SN#4913700963,

55. 1973 Volks Wagon Beetle VIN# 1132312424

56. 1965 Chevy Suburban

VN#MVIN162203IND, **57. FORD** Truck VN#F61CCJ43583, **58. MUMBI, DEFENDANTS IN rem, RE PROPERTY OF FRANK JOSEPH SETTAMBRINO, MIKELL SHANE BURROUS, HAROLD TERRANCE GUERNSEY, KAL RUSSEL BRANSON, HARLEY FRANKLIN LYNCH, RAMAL T HENRY, DONALIYA KIARA PORTER, TOOTS K MYMBI, LAWSON GUNTER CHAFIN, LONNIE J. CAMPBELL, JOSEPH FOWLER CHAPMAN, MARVIN MERRIT ASHMORE, GARY KEITH PHILLIPS, KIMBERLY ANNE PHILLIPS, RICHARD DARRYL JOHNSON, WILLIAM MARK WALKER, JOHN HINES, TERESA C SETTAMBRINO, HENRY E CHILDRESS, AND MELISSA JENNINGS PURPORTED OWNER(S)/ INTEREST Holders**

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021CV2003

COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE

COMES NOW THE STATE OF GEORGIA by and through Randy McGinley, District Attorney of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit or his lawfully appointed assistant, and files this Complaint for Forfeiture pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 16-13-49 and 9-16-1, et. seq., and shows the following:

1. THE PROPERTY sought to be forfeited is set out in the caption of this complaint and is hereinafter referred to as "The Defendant Property".

2. THE PROPERTY sought to be forfeited was located and found on or about January 14, 2021, during the execution of a search warrant that was issued for the property at 5467 Highway 162 South, Covington, GA 30016. Claimant Frank Settambino resided at this property. Law enforcement found over 1000 grams of methamphetamine. In addition, a large amount of cash and other items were found and seized by law enforcement. A full list of the property seized is attached as Exhibit A. Claimant Frank Settambino was arrested for Trafficking Methamphetamine.

3. THE SEIZED property is physically located in Newton County, Georgia and is currently in the custody of Special Investigations Unit of the Newton County Sheriff's Office. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the Defendants' Property and venue is proper in this Court.

4. ON JANUARY 14, 2021 members of the Newton County Sheriff's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and Monroe County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at the residence located at 5467 Highway 162 South, Covington, Georgia 30016.

5. DURING the course of the search of the residence located at 5467 Highway 162 South, Covington, Georgia 30016, TFO Cole found a gray plastic bag on the floor in the garage which contained two clear plastic bags that had 249.9 grams of methamphetamine and a digital scale.

6. DURING the search of the shed located at 5467 Highway 162 South, Covington, Georgia 30016, TFO Cole located a USPS box that contained a Folders classic roast coffee can with methamphetamine inside and a clear plastic bag that contained methamphetamine. Additionally, there was Kooler ice bag that contained 476.1 grams of methamphetamine. Both the USPS box and the Kooler ice bag was located inside the bed of a Chevrolet truck inside the shed.

7. DURING the search of a bedroom of the residence located at 5467 Highway 162 South, Covington, Georgia 30016 Newton County Sheriff deputies located five (5) counterfeit One Hundred dollar bills inside a dresser drawer.

8. INSIDE the same bedroom as the counterfeit money, deputies located Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Thirty-Seven Cents (\$3,236.37) in U.S. Currency.

9. THE REMAINING Defendant Property included in exhibit "A" was found throughout the property of the residence located at 5467 Highway 162 South, Covington, Georgia 30016.

10. THE EVIDENCE collected by law enforcement shows that the methamphetamine was possessed with the intent to traffic, in violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-13-30.

11. DEFENDANT PROPERTY is contraband subject to be forfeited to the State of Georgia pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 16-13-49(b) in that the Defendant Property was directly or indirectly used or intended for use to facilitate a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-13-30 and/or is proceeds derived or realized therefrom and/or was located in close proximity to methamphetamine and other contraband which is subject to forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §16-13-49(b).

12. THE NAMES and addresses of all known person who may, in whole or in part, be owners, and/or interest holders of the Defendant property, or any portion thereof sought to be forfeited to the State of Georgia are as follows:

FRANK JOSEPH Settambino
NEWTON COUNTY Jail
15151 ALCOVY Rd COVINGTON, GA 30014
MIKELL SHANE Burrous
755 MEADOWBROOK Drive MCDONOUGH, GA 30253
HAROLD TERRANCE Guernsey
740 ISLAND Shoals Road JACKSON, GA 30233
KAL RUSSEL Branson
755 ISLAND Shoals Road JACKSON, GA 30233
HARLEY FRANKLIN Lynch
21A WILDWOOD Circle GRIFFIN, GA 30223
RAMAL T Henry
655 LEXINGTON Ave SW ATLANTA, GA 30310
DONALIYA KIARA Porter
1657 TURNBRIDGE Lane LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30043
TOOTS K Mumbi
1657 TURNBRIDGE Lane

LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30043
LAWSON GUNTER Chafin
1496 MILLERS Mill Road
STOCKBRIDGE, GA 30281
LONNIE J. Campbell
35 DIXIE Drive STOCKBRIDGE, GA 30281
JO JOSEPH FOWLER Chapman
757 MURPHEY Street SCOTTDAL, GA 30079
MARVIN MERRIT Ashmore
371 MAYFIELD Road FORSYTH, GA 31029
GARY KEITH Phillips
4579 REIDSBORO Road WILLIAMSON, GA 30292
KIMERLY ANNE Phillips
4579 REIDSBORO Road WILLIAMSON, GA 30292
RICHARD DARRYL Johnson
201 TIMBER Lane STOCKBRIDGE, GA 30281
3415 PEEKSVILLE Road LOCUST GROVE, GA 30248
JOHN HINES
1030B MEADOW Lane SE CONYERS, GA 30012
9851 TIMBERCLAIR Way, Apt. A LITHONIA, GA 30058
TERESA C Settambino
5467 HIGHWAY 162 S COVINGTON, GA 30016
HENRY E Childress
5445 HIGHWAY 162 COVINGTON, GA 30016
MELISSA JENNINGS
260 OAK Hill Drive COVINGTON, GA 30016
WHEREFORE THE State of Georgia respectfully prays:

1) THAT all owners and interest holders listed herein be personally served with a copy of the Complaint and Summons;

2) THAT the custodian of the Defendant Property be personally served with a copy of the Complaint and Summons;

3) THAT this Court hold a hearing within sixty (60) days of the service of the complaint as provided by O.C.G.A. §9-16-12 (f);

4) THAT this Court enter a judgment in favor of the State of Georgia, declaring the Defendant Property forfeited to the State and enforce the forfeiture of the Defendant Property as provided by O.C.G.A. §§ 9-16-17 and 9-16-19;

5) THAT the Court retain jurisdiction to direct the proper disposition and distribution of the forfeited property as provided by O.C.G.A. § 9-6-19; and

6) THAT the State of Georgia be granted for due process to enforce the forfeiture, along with any other relief and remedies as are available under the law as this Court deems proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14th day of January, 2021.

RANDY MCGINLEY

Hunter McCreight
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Assistant District Attorney
GEORGIA BAR No. 535585
Georgia Bar

No. 728770
ALCOVY JUDICIAL Circuit

hmcrcright@pacga.org
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1132 USHER Street, Room 313
COVINGTON, GA 30014
PHONE: 770-784-2070; Fax: 770-784-2069

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48. CHARLES Daly Firearm SN#2123073,

49. STEVENS Shotgun,

50. HERCULES Firearm,

51. SMITH & Wesson Firearm SN#UBV7062,

52. BRYCO Pistol Firearm SN#1578104,

53. SMITH & Wesson SN#AJB2199,

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VERIFICATION PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, Hunter L. McCreight, who, after first being duly sworn, deposed and says that the statements contained in the within and foregoing Complaint are true and correct.

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2021 FOOTBALL
SCHEDULE

Alcovy Tigers

1-3 (1-0)

@ North Forsyth – 37-7, L
8/27-vs-Newton-
@ Eastside – 30-21, L
@ Rockdale County* – 24-6, W
@ Lowndes – 34-7, L
10/8 @ Colquitt County
10/15 vs. Grovetown*
10/22 @ Lakeside-Evans*
10/29 @ Heritage-Conyers*
11/6 vs. Evans*

Eastside Eagles

3-3 (1-2)

@ Winder-Barrow – 20-8, W
@ Newton – 27-7, L
Alcovy – 30-21, W
Johnson-Gainesville* – 65-0, W
@ Apalachee* – 22-21, L
Clarke Central* – 13-6, L
10/8 vs. Loganville*
10/22 @ Jackson County*
10/29 @ Walnut Grove*
11/5 vs. Greenbrier*

Newton Rams

3-1 (0-0)

@ Langston Hughes – 7-6, W/OT
8/27 @ Alcovy-
vs. Eastside – 27-7, W
@ McEachern – 39-21, W
Houston County – 20-13, L
10/2 vs. Parkview*
10/15 @ Brookwood*
10/22 vs. Mill Creek
10/29 vs. Grayson*
11/5 vs. South Gwinnett*

Social Circle Redskins

3-3 (0-1)

George Walton – 40-6, W
Providence Ch. – 21-0, W
@ Walnut Grove – 13-6, L
@ Putnam County – 42-22, L
Oglethorpe Co. – 21-14, W
@ Washington-Wilkes* – 40-6, L
10/8 vs. Lincoln County*
10/22 @ Commerce*
10/29 vs. Towns County*
11/5 @ Greene County*

* – denotes region game.
Schedules are subject to change.

Clarke Central Gladiators 13, Eastside Eagles 6

EAGLES FALL

Region rival Gladiators spoil Eastside's homecoming

Taylor Beck | The Covington News

Clarke Central running back William Richardson (24) tries to evade Eastside defenders D'Von Duplessis (16) and Clayton Schutte (58) during the first quarter at Sharp Stadium in Covington on Friday night.

By PHILLIP B. HUBBARD
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COVINGTON, Ga. — It's hard to win a game when the offense doesn't score a touchdown. Eastside proved that when it lost to Clarke Central 13-6 on Friday night at Sharp Stadium.

The defense did more than its share, only surrendering two touchdowns. It was the woes of the offense that was the Eagles' Achilles heel all night long.

That was made evident in the final two minutes of the contest.

Eastside's defense forced a turnover on downs when it stuffed Gladiator running back Kendrick Curry for no gain on a fourth and 1.

Trailing 13-6, the Eagles' offense returned to the field looking to score its first

touchdown of the night with a chance to tie the game.

The team got a few yards down field, converted a fourth and 5 but, yet again, the drive stalled.

This time it was stalled by Clarke Central's Bilal Jones when he intercepted E'Sean Arnold's third down pass.

Jones' interception put the game on ice with Lucian Anderson III kneeling to kill the clock.

For most of the night, Eastside's defense kept Clarke Central's offense guessing, but the Eagles' offense was left guessing when all was said and done.

By courtesy of two Clarke Central miscues, the Eagles put six points up on the board.

After the defense forced a fourth and 13, Cooper Evans fumbled the snap on the en-

suing punt giving the Eagles their best starting field position of the night at the 18-yard line.

Three run plays were stuffed and Eastside elected to go for the field goal.

Rodney Williams split the uprights from 28 yards out with eight minutes remaining in the third quarter to cut the Gladiator lead to 6-3.

Later, trailing 13-3 in the fourth quarter, Williams connected again, this time from 26 yards out. That field goal was set up by a 15-yard personal foul penalty against the Gladiators that advanced the ball inside the 20-yard line.

Only allowing one score in the first half, the Eagles' defense looked worn out when the second half commenced.

It was largely due to the rushing attack led by back-

up running back Jadayvion Adkins.

Particularly on its second drive of the second half, Adkins would chip away with some short runs. Those drew the Eagles defense close to the line of scrimmage.

The Gladiators took advantage with a deep pass from Anderson that ended up in the hands of Antonio Jewell Jr., for a 36-yard pass to the 3-yard line.

One play later, Jewell scored on a speed sweep to the right edge to extend the Gladiators' lead 13-3.

Concerning the Eagles' offense, they couldn't get anything going consistently all night.

It wasn't for lack of trying, though.

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EAGLES:

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Eastside attempted every way imaginable to get its star players into space. It called a few swing passes to Dallas Johnson, speed sweeps for Kenai Grier and even attempted a few deep passes to open things up a bit.

All of it was to no avail. Sometimes Arnold's passes wouldn't even make it past the line of scrimmage because the Gladiators' front

four would bat the ball down. And when Arnold could get a pass off, Clarke Central's secondary would break it up.

Moving forward, the Eagles have a lot of questions to answer on the offensive side of the ball. They'll need to answer them quickly as they welcome another regional opponent to town in the Loganville Devils next week.

EHS Homecoming King and Queen



Taylor Beck | The Covington News

Congratulations to Eastside's Homecoming King Hayward DeRouen (right) and Queen Kristy Alvarez (left). DeRouen and Alvarez were crowned tonight during the Eagles' region battle against Clarke-Central.

Washington-Wilkes Tigers 40, Social Circle Redskins 6

Tigers stripe Redskins in region battle



Cassie Jones | The Walton Tribune

Social Circle's K.J. Reid (8) races downfield against the Washington-Wilkes defense on Friday. The Redskins lost their region opener 40-6.

By **TROYCE GRANT**
Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Ga. — After Friday's 40-6 loss against the Washington-Wilkes Tigers, the Social Circle Redskins football still remains No. 2 in Region 8A-Public with a 3-3 record.

Turnovers told the story for the Redskins on offense.

Specifically, with just 32 seconds left in the fourth quarter, quarterback Logan Cross passed the ball to running back Amari-on Russell. The pair connected on the pass to advance the ball downfield. But the end of the

play resulted in a lost fumble that gave possession back to the Tigers.

The Redskins' defense remained tough, though. But it still wasn't a match for the Tigers as they were able to seemingly score with ease.

The only score of the night for the Redskins came in the second quarter. Wide receiver K.J. Reid, scored on a rushing touchdown to avoid a shut out.

This still wasn't enough to contend with the Tigers' offense as the Redskins were unable to maintain possession of the ball

for most of the night.

When halftime arrived, Social Circle found itself trailing 20-6.

By the third quarter, the Tigers scored another touchdown, widening the lead to 26-6.

As the third quarter came to an end, the Tigers held the Redskins outside of the red zone with Social Circle never posing another scoring threat.

The loss returns Social Circle back to .500 with a 3-3 record. It will be back next Friday, Oct. 8 at home, where they are 3-0, playing against the 3-2 Lincoln County Red Devils.

Lowndes Vikings 34, Alcovy Tigers 7

Alcovy comes up empty in nonregion road loss to Lowndes

By **SHANE THOMAS**
The Valdosta Daily Times

VALDOSTA, Ga. — A long drive home.

Alcovy's three-and-a-half hour road trip proved fruitless as the Tigers (1-3) fell 34-7 to the Lowndes Vikings (4-2) on Friday night.

The Tigers struggled to find traction throughout before junior quarterback Ashton Ashton Evans fired deep downfield to Mathias Height for a 56-yard touchdown to put the Tigers on the board with 3:48 remaining.

Miami commit Jacurri Brown threw four first-half touchdown passes as the Tigers trailed 34-0 at halftime.

The Alcovy offense struggled to get much going in the first half.

Evans connected with

receiver Bobby Smith for a 15-yard gain to set up an Alcovy first down.

The momentum was short-lived, however, as Evans was sacked by Lowndes' WC Fulton for a 14-yard loss. Evans then misfired on a pass intended for Tristan Mayweather. The woes continued on the drive as Evans shoveled a pass to Mayweather, but lost 4 more yards to bring up fourth down.

On the ensuing drive, Vikings quarterback Jacurri Brown found running back Javon Reynolds for 17 yards then Reynolds gained five more on a run to get the ball down to the Alcovy 27. Two plays later, Brown hit Justin Barron for 6 yards for a first down at the Alcovy 22.



Shane Thomas | Valdosta Daily Times
Alcovy tight end MJ Stroud (18) is brought down by Lowndes' Josh Pickett (14) after making a catch in the first half Friday at Martin Stadium in Valdosta.

Two plays later, on second and 13 from the 25, Brown fired a pass to Kevis Thomas

for a 25-yard pitch and catch to give Lowndes a 34-0 lead with 2:39 left in the half.

Following a botched snap by the Tigers on fourth down early in the second quarter, the Vikings took advantage of favorable field position. On second and 10 from the Alcovy 18, Brown's third touchdown pass of the half went to junior Cross Galbraith followed by a two-point conversion to Hunter Parker to make it 28-0 with 8:51 left in the second quarter.

After another stalled drive by the Tigers to end the first quarter, the Vikings wasted little time finding the end zone as Brown hit play-making running back Chase Belcher on a short pass that turned into a 60-yard touch-

down with 11:18 to go in the second quarter. The Vikings missed on the extra point, but opened up a 20-0 lead on the Tigers.

Following a three-and-out by the Tigers, the Vikings embarked on a long scoring drive that saw them pick up three first downs before punctuating the drive with a 1-yard push into the end zone by sophomore Jacarre Fleming to make it 14-0 with 3:32 left in the first quarter.

Lowndes won the toss and elected to take the ball first.

From there, they opened up a 15-play opening drive that culminated in a 7-yard strike from Brown to Barron for a 7-0 lead just 4 minutes and 21 seconds into the game.

Alcovy travels to Colquitt County next week.



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Prep Football

Newton takes on Parkview in rare Saturday matchup

By **PHILLIP B. HUBBARD**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Newton High School Rams play Saturday, Oct. 2 at Sharp Stadium against Parkview. The game will begin at 7 p.m.

It will be the Rams' region opener as they look to bounce back from their first loss of the season last week.

Since that's the case, the game story will be in the Wednesday, Oct. 6, edition.

In the meantime, follow CovNewsSports on Facebook and Twitter as we will provide in-game updates. There'll be a story posted online at covnews.com, too, immediately following Saturday's game.

College Football

Sims sparks Yellow Jackets to 45-22 upset of No. 21 UNC

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jeff Sims was really upset for a few days. Then he pulled himself together and waited for another chance.

When it came Saturday night, he sure took advantage of it.

Sims came off the bench to run for three touchdowns and pass for another, Georgia Tech's defense stifled Sam Howell much of the game and the Yellow Jackets beat a ranked team for the first time in Geoff Collins' three seasons as coach with a 45-22 upset of No. 21 North Carolina.

Sims played for the first time since he was injured in a season-opening loss to Northern Illinois and surrendered his starting job to Jordan Yates.

"I'm not gonna lie," Sims said. "I was really in a slump mentally for a couple of days. But I just talked to my family, blocked the outside noise, leaned in on God and my family and they really helped me get through it."

Sims replaced Yates late in the second quarter and ran for TDs of 11 and 1 yards that put Georgia Tech in control — the latter set up by his 38-yard scamper.

Sims threw a 27-yard scoring pass to Malachi Carter and finished off the game with a flourish, scoring on a 50-yard run with just over a minute remaining for Georgia Tech (2-2, 1-1 Atlantic Coast Conference).

He rushed for 128



AP Photo | John Bazemore

Georgia Tech quarterback Jeff Sims (10) throws a touchdown pass as North Carolina linebacker Jeremiah Gemmel (44) closes in during the second half of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, in Atlanta.

yards on 10 carries and completed 10 of 13 passes for 112 yards.

"There's no benefit to me being a pouter," Sims said. "I knew my time was gonna come."

North Carolina (2-2, 1-2) is shaping up as one of the nation's most underachieving teams after coming into the season ranked in the top 10.

Sam Howell was sacked eight times and fumbled the ball away three times, leading to 10 points for the the Yellow Jackets in the first half and setting up their final TD. He also was stuffed on a fourth-down run in his own territory, giving Georgia Tech another short field that led to a touchdown.

"I'm really, really disappointed in the way we played," coach Mack Brown said. "Sims came in and did a tremendous job

in the second half. We couldn't stop him."

Howell completed 25 of 39 for 306 yards and two touchdowns. He also scored the game's first TD on a 23-yard run but finished with just 8 yards rushing after back-to-back games with more than 100 yards.

Howell's chief tormenter was Georgia Tech linebacker Charlie Thomas, who had 2.5 sacks and 4.5 tackles in the Tar Heels backfield.

"We knew we had to put pressure on him," said linebacker Quez Jackson, who chipped in with 10 tackles including a sack. "He can beat you with his arms and his legs."

The Tar Heels didn't look anything like the team that blew away Virginia the week before, piling up 699 total yards in a 59-39 victory.

Instead, they reverted

to the shaky form of a 17-10 loss at Virginia Tech in the season opener, when Howell was sacked six times and threw three interceptions.

MAYHEM AT MERCEDES-BENZ

The Yellow Jackets played the first of six games in six seasons at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, about a mile from their midtown campus and best known as home of the NFL's Atlanta Falcons.

The retractable-roof facility was only about half-filled. The announced attendance was 37,450, and no tickets were sold in the upper deck.

Still, Collins considered it a success, saying it was the start of bigger things for his program.

"I have a lot of visions for what this program can be, should be, will be," the coach said.

"You got a glimpse of that tonight."

THE TAKEAWAY

North Carolina: The Tar Heels simply made too many mistakes to be considered among the nation's better teams. Among their seven penalties was one that wiped out a field goal. They rushed for just 63 yards and gave up 13 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. It's back to the drawing board for Brown and his staff.

Georgia Tech: Sims has surely regained the starting job that was his during a promising freshman season and the first game of 2021. Yates made his third straight start at quarterback even though Sims was healthy, but the offense didn't do much until Collins made the switch. Georgia Tech had just 71 yards on five possessions with Yates at quarterback but finished with 394 total yards.

SIGNATURE WIN

Collins came into the night with a record of 7-18 since taking over as Georgia Tech coach in 2019, including a 0-6 mark against ranked teams.

Make it 1-6.

UP NEXT

Tar Heels begin a stretch of three straight games in Chapel Hill when they host rival Duke next Saturday.

Yellow Jackets return to campus next Saturday to take on Pittsburgh at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

Football Schedule

NCAA

Saturday, Oct. 2

- Albany State @ Miles College at 6 p.m. (92.1 FM)
- Berry College vs. Trinity at 6 p.m.
- Clark Atlanta University @ Tuskegee University at 1 p.m.
- Fort Valley State @ Benedict College at 2 p.m. (ESPN+)
- Georgia vs. Arkansas at noon (ESPN)
- Georgia State vs. App State at 2 p.m.
- Georgia Southern vs. Arkansas St. at 4 p.m. (GaSo Sports Network)
- Georgia Tech vs. Pittsburgh at noon (ACC Network)
- Kennesaw State vs. Jacksonville St. at 3 p.m. (ESPN+)
- Mercer vs. Samford at 6 p.m. (ESPN+)
- Morehouse College vs. Edward Waters at 2 p.m.
- Point University vs. St. Andrews at 1:30 p.m.
- Reinhardt @ Ave Maria at 7 p.m.
- Shorter University @ Valdosta State at 7 p.m.
- West Georgia vs. West Alabama at 6 p.m. (102.7 FM)



NFL

Sunday, Oct. 3

- Atlanta Falcons vs. Washington Football Team at 1 p.m. (FOX / 92.9 The Game)
- Tampa Bay Buccaneers @ New England Patriots at 8:20 p.m. (NBC / 98 ROCK)
- New Orleans Saints vs. NY Giants at 1 p.m.
- Carolina Panthers @ Dallas Cowboys at 1 p.m. (FOX)

MLB

Braves beat Phillies for 4th straight division title, begin Brewers series Oct. 8

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Ian Anderson turned in another dominant pitching performance, Jorge Soler and Austin Riley homered, and the Atlanta Braves won their fourth straight NL East title by completing a sweep of the Philadelphia Phillies with a 5-3 victory Thursday night.

After an up-and-down season marred by injuries and legal issues but bolstered by a flurry of moves at the trade deadline, the Braves won their 21st division title since moving from Milwaukee to Atlanta in 1966.

They open the best-of-five Division Series at the NL Central champion Brewers on Oct. 8.

Soler hit the first lead-off homer of his career, going deep for the 26th time this season on a 3-2 pitch from Kyle Gibson (4-6).

Riley added to the lead with his 33rd homer in the fourth. He drove in another run with a broken-bat single in the fifth to extend the lead to 5-0.

That was more than enough for Anderson (9-5), who pitched six scoreless innings of one-hit ball before yielding a two-run homer to Andrew McCutchen in the seventh. A.J. Minter, Luke Jackson and Will Smith worked the final three innings, with Smith earning his 37th save.

By **GEORGE HENRY**
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — It wasn't pretty for much of the afternoon, but Matt Ryan proved he still has that magic touch.

The Falcons began their 17-14 win at the New York Giants with four consecutive punts, and vintage Matty Ice seemed like a thing of the past. By the end, however, Ryan had engineered his 39th winning drive and his 31st comeback in the fourth quarter. It was his first winning drive since 2019.

"Yeah, I thought it was a grind most of the day and I think it's a great learning lesson

for a lot of our young players that sometimes in this league that's the way

it is, and you've got to find a way to get the job done," Ryan said.

"I thought we battled and then when it was time, we stepped up and made the plays we had to make, and I thought the last two drives were clutch and really good for us. And a lot of different people making plays in those situations, which is going to bode well for



Matt Ryan

us moving forward."

Atlanta (1-2) also overcame New York's tying touchdown and 2-point conversion early in the fourth period. First-year coach Arthur Smith praised his players for not falling into a "here we go again" mindset.

After the game, Ryan enjoyed a big hug from Smith, who grew a beard last week to change the team's luck. Ryan thinks the team's collective belief in Smith and his staff helped the Falcons from sinking into

despair. Remember, this is a franchise that started 0-5 last year and 1-7 in 2019.

"Yeah, it's keep fighting and try and clean up the things we need to clean up and just keep battling, keep fighting, and I thought Art did a great job of that the entire day," Ryan said.

"We just had a belief that regardless of how tough it was going we were going to make the plays when we needed to, and that's a good thing for us moving forward."



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Correction

Alcovy's Player of the Week on page A7 of the Sept. 29 edition should have been spelled "Mathias Height."

G BULLDOGS Extra



Georgia Bulldogs tight end Brock Bowers (19) dives into the end zone over Vanderbilt Commodores cornerback Jaylen Mahoney (23) for a touchdown during the first half of a 62-0 win over Vanderbilt on Saturday, Sept. 25. Georgia returns home to host No. 8 Arkansas this weekend.

Christopher Hanewinkel | USA TODAY Sports

Dawgs battle Hogs

Georgia welcomes Pittman, Arkansas in top 10 SEC showdown

By CHARLES ODUM
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Arkansas coach Sam Pittman has been careful to keep his soaring Razorbacks grounded.

“It’s hard to get the big head because somebody is going to knock you out if you’re not prepared for them and our team understands that,” Pittman said this week with the Razorbacks off to a 4-0 start for the first time in 18 years.

That knockout alert is well-timed as No. 8 Arkansas prepares for Saturday’s visit to No. 2 Georgia in a matchup of undefeated Southeastern Conference teams.

Georgia (4-0, 2-0 SEC) has leaned on the nation’s top defense to outscore opponents 174-23. Like Pittman, Georgia coach Kirby Smart is wary that overconfidence could lead to an unpleasant reality check.

“I don’t know that we are playing to our full potential,” Smart said Wednesday when asked about the strong start by his defense.

“We are going to face better offenses than we have already faced, so we are not really buying into all that hype. We have to play. We have to play better. We are going to play better people than we have played, so I think that verdict is still out. These guys will either answer the bell or they

won’t because we are going to play against a really good team and a really good offense Saturday.”

Arkansas moved up the Top 25 poll after last week’s 20-10 win over No. 7 Texas A&M. The Razorbacks have emerged as a surprise of the SEC in its second season under Pittman, the former Georgia offensive line coach.

The Razorbacks didn’t win a SEC game in 2018 or 2019 before finishing 3-7 last season. Pittman’s Razorbacks already have claimed two wins over top 15 teams this season, including a crushing 40-21 defeat of No. 15 Texas that sent Arkansas fans rushing onto the field.

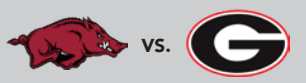
FEEL THE LOVE

Pittman worked four years on Smart’s staff before moving to Arkansas. The Bulldogs took a 37-10 win at Arkansas to open last season in Pittman’s debut, but this will be the first return to Athens for Pittman and his wife, Jamie.

“We’re sure looking forward to going back to Georgia,” Pittman said. “The people of Georgia were so kind to Jamie and I when we were there.”

Pittman said he has “a lot of good memories” about Smart “and the way he treated me.”

Smart said Pittman



The Matchup

Who: No. 2 Georgia (4-0, 2-0) vs. No. 8 Arkansas (4-0, 1-0)

When: Saturday, Oct. 2, noon ET kickoff

Where: Sanford Stadium in Athens.

Watch: ESPN

Listen: Georgia Bulldogs Sports Network (IMG)

Quick Facts

Saturday’s matchup will be the site of the renowned “ESPN College GameDay.” It will be only the 16th meeting between the two SEC schools. Georgia leads the series 11-4.

The Bulldogs won their previous contest in 2020 by a score on 37-10 in Fayetteville.

In 2010 — the last time the Razorbacks traveled to Athens — Arkansas went home with a 31-24 victory. But, Georgia is 3-0 at home against top 10 opponents under head coach Kirby Smart.

and his staff “have done a tremendous job

creating a new culture and energy there at

Arkansas. I would expect nothing less from him. I’m very thankful for what he did with our organization before he left.”

Georgia senior left guard Justin Shaffer said “I will always be grateful to coach Pittman. I would not be here today if it was not for him. He taught me a lot to get me where I am today. He had to move on. Business is business.”

INJURY REPORT

Georgia could be close to having several players return from injuries, including tight end Darnell Washington (foot), safety Tykee Smith (foot) and wide receivers Arian Smith (knee) and Dominick Blaylock (hamstring).

Meanwhile, Arkansas quarterback KJ Jefferson is expected to start after missing most of the second half the win over Texas A&M with a bruised knee.

BIG-PLAY THREAT

Jefferson threw an 85-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Treyton Burks, his favorite target, last week. Smart said the deep passes are set up by the Razorbacks’ running game.

“When you run the ball successfully, you create one-on-one opportunities and shots,”

Smart said. “They’ve done that well.”

“I also think their quarterback does an unbelievable job of throwing the deep ball. That is probably the best throw that KJ makes. Getting the timing on the deep ball. They have some really big wideouts that create matchup issues.”

Jefferson averages 18.4 yards per completion, the top mark of any FBS quarterback.

FIRST-QUARTER DEFENSE

Each team is accustomed to strong starts. Arkansas has outscored its opponents 34-0 in the first quarter. Georgia holds a dominant 76-6 advantage in the first 15 minutes.

The Bulldogs have not allowed any points in the second or third quarters.

CALLING ON DAWG NATION

Smart called on Georgia fans to show up early for the noon start. He said it’s easier for fans to be prepared for later games.

“Can our crowd impact the game at 12:01 p.m. like they could at 8:01 p.m.?” Smart said. “That’s the challenge that’s issued to our fans to prep for that and to be able to help us because you know we’ve got this game at home. So, that’s supposed to be an advantage and we’ve got to try and make it an advantage.”



vs. Clemson
FINAL: 10-3



vs. UAB
FINAL: 56-7



vs. South Carolina
FINAL: 40-13



@ Vanderbilt
FINAL: 62-0



Oct. 2
vs. Arkansas



Oct. 9
@ Auburn



Oct. 16
vs. Kentucky



Oct. 30
vs. Florida (Jacksonville)



Nov. 6
vs. Missouri



Nov. 13
@ Tennessee



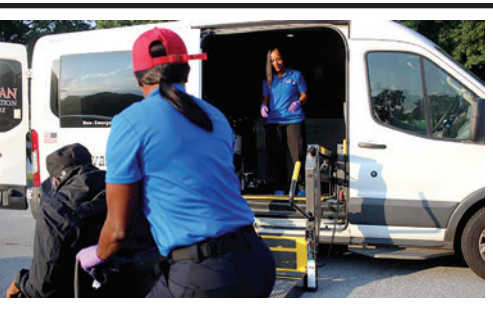
Nov. 20
vs. Charleston S.



Nov. 27
@ Georgia Tech



Dec. 4
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